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THE DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS HOSTS ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Department of Fine Arts held its annual Christmas Concert, inviting the community to join in on the Christmas caroling festivities. The event, which took place on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., was hosted at the Pinnacle on campus. The concert featured a performance by the Memphis Chamber Orchestra, along with the CCC group, which added to the event's charm. High school choirs from across the MS Delta also took the stage.

Kelvin Towers, the choir director and Department of Music chairperson, shared that this concert has been a tradition for the past 18 years, with the very first concert dating back to 2002.

Despite the holiday cheer, students had to turn the page on literary works and focus on preparing for the concert by practicing in two daily sessions and studying in between.

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Coahoma Community College Hosts Annual Christmas Luncheon

Coahoma Community College hosted its Annual Christmas Luncheon for the Crossroads Economic Partnership/Industrial Foundation (Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce) on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. At the event, CCC shared all of the college's achievements and huge milestones completed during the year. Departments such as Workforce, Academics, Career & Technical Education (CTE), and Health Sciences were highlighted.



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Celebrating Campus Leaders: Coahoma Community College's 2023–2024 Student Government Association (SGA) Officers

The Coahoma Community College Student Government Association (SGA) pinned their officers for the 2023–2024 academic year on November 15th. This annual campus event serves as a rite of passage for SGA leadership positions. The pinned officers were recognized and celebrated in the Zee A. Barron Student Union in front of their family, friends, and fellow students.

Dr. Rolanda Brown, Dean of Academics, was the guest speaker at the ceremony and shared words of encouragement with the officers. Brown emphasized the importance of this leadership role, encouraging the officers to make the most out of this experience and represent the voice of their fellow students.

The SGA organization is dedicated to advocating for the student body, ensuring that the students' voices are heard. The elected officers each have a dedicated role to improve the Coahoma experience for students. In her speech, Brown urges the officers to utilize the relationships they'll build as student leaders and to be committed to fulfilling their campus duties.

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A CLOSER LOOK: STUDENT SURVEY



Survey Conducted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching Reveals Valuable Insights

The Center for Excellence in Teaching conducted a survey in Canvas among students, garnering 190 responses in 2023, compared to 250 responses in the previous year. The survey results revealed that students prefer an appropriate workload for online courses and timely feedback. Interestingly, students expressed a newfound interest in discussion boards, a trend that differed from the previous year. Additionally, Taliyah Young, a dual-enrollment student from West Bolivar High School, won a CCC cardigan in a drawing that served as an incentive for completing the survey.



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Celebrating Short-Term Program Completers at the Division of Health Sciences Graduation Ceremony

The Division of Health Sciences held its graduation ceremony inside the CCC Pinnacle, where they recognized those who completed their short-term programs. These programs include Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical Technician Refresher Course, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic Refresher Course, Phlebotomy, EKG, and Nursing Assistant Programs. To explore the short-term programs available at CCC, click the button below.

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THE HBCU CHORAL FESTIVAL



Department of Fine Arts Hosts Annual HBCU Choral Festival

The Department of Fine Arts recently hosted its yearly HBCU Choral Festival, which showcased guest choirs from numerous colleges and universities throughout the region. It also shined a light upon the CCC choir whose repertoire includes classical and arousing concert spirituals along with contemporary and traditional gospel. The participating schools included Alcorn State University, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, and Mississippi Valley State University. Each participating choir brought their unique sounds and styling for attendees to enjoy. For the grand finale, Coahoma's Concert Choir joined their sister-choirs in delivering joyful noises.



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Spotlight

Introducing Gwendolyn Johnson: Title III Director of Federal Programs



Who is the Title III Director of Federal Programs

Gwendolyn Johnson has been a valuable member of the institution since 2019. In 2022, she became the Title III Director of Federal Programs. She attributes her success in life to God, believing that anything is achievable with prayer and faith. She also believes that everyone has a God-given purpose which they should strive to discover and give back in the process.

Securing Funding

Mrs. Johnson has played a crucial role in assisting the institution to secure funding. Under her leadership, the institution obtained a \$672,000 grant from the Office of AccelerateMS, which was used to acquire equipment for healthcare student training. Johnson was also instrumental in securing a Congressional Grant worth \$1,664,000 for Surveillance. She worked with a dedicated team to make the funding possible, including Cynthia Roberson, Research Assessment and Strategic Initiatives Director; Margaret Dixon, Special Projects Director, and Dr. Chequita Dixon, Dean of Health Sciences.

Future Goals

Mrs. Johnson is optimistic about the future funding possibilities for the institution. She is collaborating with Dr. McAfee, Director of Teacher and Learning, who is also seeking grant funding. She is dedicated to ensuring that Federal Programs department becomes even more efficient, securing additional funding resources, and ensuring federal compliance. She is dedicated to ensuring that the Federal Programs Department becomes even more efficient.

HEERF Funding

Johnson has also ensured that the institution fulfills the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) federal reporting requirements in a timely manner. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant barriers to education, and the institution received approximately \$37 million dollars in HEERF funding to help students with Emergency Financial Aid Grants and other tuition-related offsets. Johnson worked alongside both Mrs. Margaret Dixon and Mr. Andre Curry of the institution to manage the funding.

Experience

Johnson has also evaluated grants as a Peer Reviewer for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families, as well as the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Mrs. Johnson states that scoring grants for funding allowed her to broaden her experience.

Background

Johnson is an alumna of the institution, having graduated from both Coahoma Agricultural High School and Coahoma Community College. She received an Associate of Arts degree in Accounting from Coahoma in 1993 and went on to acquire a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and an Executive Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Delta State University. Johnson has a background in Accounting and Education, having worked for eleven years as a Senior Accountant for Aaron E. Henry Community Health Center and later pursuing a career in education with the Coahoma County School District.

Personal Life

Mrs. Johnson is married to Lance Johnson, who is the Lead Instructor for Adult Education at the Workforce Development Center at Coahoma Community College. They have two sons and two daughters. Johnson's oldest daughter is the Chief Communications Officer for the institution and was formerly the Press Secretary for Congressman Bennie Thompson, House of Representatives, in Washington, D.C. All of their children attended the institution, which speaks to the affinity in which they have for the college. As a member of Clarksdale-Marks Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Mrs. Johnson understands the importance of giving back and works diligently to give back to students at the institution whether it is her time or other resources.

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Introducing Brittany Stewart: Miss Coahoma Community College

Meet Brittany Stewart, a sophomore from Greenville, MS, who is currently majoring in Marine Biology at Coahoma Community College. Brittany is not only a cheerleader but also serves as Miss Coahoma Community College. She is proud of her decision to attend CCC, as it allowed her to continue pursuing her passion for cheering. In her free time, Brittany enjoys excelling in her leadership roles and keeping up with her studies. Want to learn more about Brittany? Click the “play now” button.



Meet Kendrick Matthews Jr.: A Talented Sophomore at CCC

Kendrick Matthews Jr. is a rising star at CCC, holding two key leadership positions. He is currently the president of the Phi Theta Kappa campus chapter, as well as the Student Government Association. Kendrick is also a talented track athlete with plans to transfer to Alcorn State University. When he's not busy leading and excelling academically, Kendrick enjoys spending quality time with friends. To discover more about Kendrick, click the button below.

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Introducing Breana Fields: A Campus Leader and Dancer

Breana Fields is a sophomore on campus who has already made an impact as the Vice President of the Student Government Association and Captain of the Precious Jewels Dance Team. She loves spending time with her fellow band members, who are like family to her. Breana is determined to pursue her dream of becoming a professional dancer and using her talent to inspire others. For more information about Breana, click the link below.



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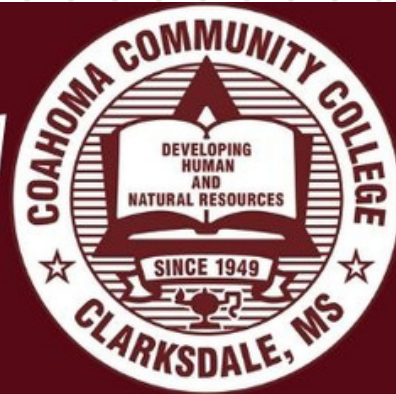
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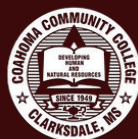
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