MCC's Jazz Band is an instrumental ensemble with a long history.

Since 1981, the group has rehearsed in the fall as the Monday Night Jazz Band under the direction of former MCC Director Carey Smith. From playing at the World's Fair in New Orleans to appearing at Carnegie Hall in New York City, the MCC Jazz Band is noted for its musical legacy.

Today, MCC Director of Bands Jon Romero is leading the Jazz Band. And a new chapter of the Jazz Band opens with the next Arts & Letters Series Concert on Thursday, Jan. 21.

The concert gets under way at 7 p.m. in the McCain Theater. Tickets are $10, adults; $5, child, and may be obtained by calling 601-484-8696.

On the musical playbill include the songs In the Mood, Africa, MacArthur Park, Don't Get Around Much Anymore, Milestones, Tico Tico, Toothless Grin, All the Things You Are, Front Burner, Filthy McNasty, Always and Forever and Funky Chacha.

The Jazz Band lineup includes saxophones: Rick Bennett, lead alto; Maverick Hamilton, alto; Antwan Altman, tenor; Susan Alexander, tenor; Nichole Kadler, baritone; trombones: Ron Posey, lead; Evan Derrick, second; Antonio Altman, third; John McVey, bass; trumpets: Jeff Reiter, lead; Anne Berthold, second; John Griffith, third; Barry Branning, fourth; Austin Branning, fifth; and rhythm section: Patrick Hears, piano; Will Roland, bass; and Scott Kratzer, drums.
Taking another look

Events around campus

American Idol contestant and former MCC student Telvin Lewis visited the campus earlier in the week. He is on this season’s American Idol and has made it to Hollywood. He came back to his alma mater and shared with members of the College’s musical ensembles (and other campus visitors) about his experiences at MCC and paid tribute to his instructor Tammy Miles.

Vicksburg Mayor George Flaggs Jr. addresses the MLK Commemorative Celebration audience during the annual event held last week. This year’s celebration was dedicated to the memory of Billy Beal, associate vice president, who died late last year.
Legislative assignments

MCC has been assigned two weeks – Feb. 2-5 and April 5-8 - during which MCCers will visit solons in Jackson to express concerns for the upcoming Mississippi Legislature session.

Early next week, Al Mitchell, chair of the Student Success division, will ask for volunteers to travel to the Capitol and speak with lawmakers during that first week of February.

Wish to volunteer or want more details? Contact Mitchell at extension 802.

Driven

The new mileage reimbursement rate for private owned and school vehicles is 54 cents per mile, said Stephanie Holifield, accounting manager. “Please make this change on your travel vouchers, travel request and in-district mileage forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at extension 391,” she said.

Granted

Now’s the time to apply for a faculty course grant sponsored by the MCC Foundation. The deadline is Jan. 29. For details, contact Sally Morgan, administrative assistant, at extension 704.

Naming names

It’s not too early to think about outstanding students and the accolades they receive on Awards Night. Patrick Lovette, campus life coordinator, noted the deadline to nominate a student will be Friday, Feb. 12. For more information about changes in the Awards Night format, contact Lovette at extension 340.

Getting fit

Send completed Wellness forms electronically to Wade Heggie, Damon Fitness Center director, by Friday, Jan. 26.

More than fair

MCC Resource Fair will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Ivy Hall and will feature the agencies including Lauderdale County Department of Human Services, Multi-County Community Services, Weems Mental Health Center, Care Lodge, Boys and Girls Club and others.

Campus Policing

Faculty and staff are reminded to follow proper parking protocol while on campus – including having a parking decal on the vehicle you drive on campus.

Also, there are two new smoking areas on campus – one between Smith and Ivy Halls and the other near Riley Health Center.

Diversity Committee plans

The College’s Diversity Committee invites MCCers to attend the program, Echoes in Our Soul: MCC Honors Its First African-American Employees, Friday, Feb. 5, at 9:30 a.m. in McCain Theater. A reception will follow.

Members of the committee include Dr. Angie Carraway, Sandy Clark, Adrian Cross, Terry Cullum, Daniel Ethridge and Vinnie Guiterrez.

In addition, the Diversity Committee will again host its book club discussion this semester. Meetings are set for one Friday at 11 a.m. in February, March and April. For more information, contact Carraway at extension 660.

Racing for a cure

MCC’s Relay for Life team will host a garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 5 a.m. to noon in the Dulaney Center.

Donations will be taken from Wednesday, Jan. 20, through Friday, Feb. 5.

To learn more about this event or other college-related Relay for Life activities, contact Adrian Cross at extension 553.

Employee photo directory

Copies of the Employee Directory have been placed in the campus mailboxes. If you didn’t get a directory in your mailbox, stop by the Production Center and pick up a copy.
### Tuesday
- **Nursing 2110 A** 0900 AM - 0200 PM, Webb Hall DULANEY
- **Nursing 2110 B** 0900 AM - 0200 PM, Webb Hall GSR
- **Entrance Counseling Session** 0100 PM - 0300 PM, Todd Library CASTEEL
- **MCC vs. Jones County (Women & Men)** 0530 PM - 0930 PM, Ivy Hall GYM
- **GED Graduation** 0600 PM - 0800 PM, Webb Hall DULANEY

### Wednesday
- **Nursing 2110 A** 0800 AM - 0200 PM, Webb Hall DULANEY
- **Nursing 2110 B** 0800 AM - 0200 PM, Webb Hall GSR
- **BSU Noon Day** 1030 AM - 0130 PM, Chapel AR
- **MASEP** 0600 PM - 0930 PM, Health Center 221
- **MASEP** 0600 PM - 0930 PM, Health Center 240

### Thursday
- **Nursing 1110** 0800 AM - 1200 PM, Webb Hall DULANEY
- **Weems Training** 0800 AM - 0500 PM, Magnolia Hall
- **Russell Christian Academy** 0230 PM - 1000 PM, Ivy Hall GYM
- **MCC Jazz Band (Arts & Letters Series)** 0700 PM - 0900 PM, Ivy Hall THE

### Friday
- **Weems Training** 0800 AM - 0500 PM, Magnolia Hall
- **Entrance Counseling Session** 0900 AM - 1100 AM, Todd Library CASTEEL
- **Russell Christian Academy** 0230 PM - 1000 PM, Ivy Hall GYM

### Saturday
- **"The Well"** 0200 PM - 1000 PM, Tommy E. Dulaney Center

### CE Classes
- **Monday**
  - **Fitness - Water Aerobics** 0900 AM - 1000 AM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Pilates** 1230 PM - 0130 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Swimming** 0100 PM - 0200 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - YOGA** 0130 PM - 0230 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Cond-Cardi-Zumba** 0330 PM - 0430 PM Fitness Center
  - **LCSD Adult Detention Off Tng** 0400 PM - 0900 PM Webb Hall 129
  - **Fitness - Kickboxing** 0530 PM - 0630 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Strength Toning** 0630 PM - 0730 PM Fitness Center
- **Tuesday**
  - **Fitness - Water Aerobics** 0900 AM - 1000 AM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Body Sculpting** 1230 PM - 0130 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - YOGA** 0130 PM - 0230 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Power Hour** 0230 PM - 0330 PM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Power Yoga** 0330 PM - 0430 PM Fitness Center
  - **IBEST Network Security** 0500 PM - 0900 PM Annex D 401
  - **Basic Electricity I** 0600 PM - 0900 PM Workforce Development Center 108
  - **CE Boy Scout Woodworking** 0600 PM - 0800 PM Reed Hall
  - **MPD MPSA Part Time Acad** 0600 PM - 1000 PM Webb Hall GSR
  - **Manufacturing Skills** 0600 PM - 0900 PM Annex E 101
  - **Fitness - Strength Toning** 0630 PM - 0730 PM Fitness Center
- **Friday**
  - **Basic Welding** 0700 AM - 1200 PM Structural Steel Welding Bldg
  - **Forklift Training** 0800 AM - 0500 PM Structural Steel Welding Bldg 101
  - **Fitness - Lifeguard Training** 0900 AM - 1000 AM Fitness Center
  - **Fitness - Scuba** 0900 AM - 1100 AM Fitness Center
- **Saturday**
  - **ServSafe Food Trng** 0800 AM - 0500 PM Culinary Building
  - **ServSafe Food Trng - RETEST** 0800 AM - 0500 PM Culinary Building