MONDAY MORNING
MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER
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Back to School @ Meridian Community College
Fday, Aug. 7 • 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome!
Ivy Hall
Your one-stop shop for all things MCC!
Getting ready for fall

**MCC hosts annual Back to School event**

It’s not too late to get back in the swing of academic things when MCC hosts its Third Annual Back to School on Friday, Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Ivy Hall.

“We want to let the community know of our various career and technical education programs offered at MCC as well as the traditional University Transfer Program option,” said Adrian Cross, MCC recruiter.

College personnel from advising, Single Parent-Displaced Homemakers, support services, The Phil Hardin Foundation Honors College, adult basic education and GED, e-learning, bookstore, financial aid, career center, admissions and programs will be on hand to field questions about Meridian Community College.

An added component to this year’s Back to School with MCC is a mini-orientation, Cross noted. “This is being offered for those individuals who didn’t get the chance to attend one of our freshman orientation sessions held earlier this summer.”

Scholarship giveaways, scavenger hunts and refreshments are also planned for this one-stop-shop style event, Cross said.

To learn more about the Third Annual Back to School with MCC, contact Cross at MCC at 601-483-8241 or 1-800-MCC-THE-1.

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*on the cover:*
Rolling out banners for the MCC Back to School event are Adrian Cross, MCC recruiter; Patrick Lovette, campus life coordinator; Jasmine Collins, an MCC sophomore from Meridian majoring in pre-pharmacy; and William Griffin, an MCC sophomore from Meridian majoring in athletic training.
MCC Division of Fine Arts Chairman Dr. Todd Brand received the Excellence in Higher Education award from the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) during its 2015 Arts in Education Awards.

The award was presented at a special Awards Ceremony during the Mississippi Arts Commission Whole Schools Institute at the Mississippi State University Riley Center for Education and Performing Arts in Meridian.

In addition to being the chair of the Fine Arts division, Brand also directs the Arts & Letters Series and teaches. He also volunteers his time with the Lauderdale County School District to direct and/or produce a musical theater production involving all four district high schools. One nominator wrote, “Dr. Brand truly values arts education and its impact on everyone involved, from the youngest child to the oldest adult. This community would not be as involved in the arts with his persistence and hard work.”

Offering advice — Dave Thomas, a coach in the Southern Zone of USA Swimming, gives youths suggestions on how to be a better swimmer during a recent session held in the MCC Damon Fitness Center. Thomas, who has logged in more than 25 years of on-deck coaching experience, spoke to both swimmers and parents from the Meridian Swim Association about the importance of good nutrition, consistent sleep and positive attitudes. USA Swimming is the national governing body for competitive swimming in the U.S.
**BRIEFLY SPEAKING**

**JULY 20**  
Wade Hollingsworth  
Angela Payne  
Kimbly Sutton  
Timothy Foreman

**JULY 23**  
Billy Beal

**JULY 25**  
Joseph Mosley

**JULY 21**  
Christopher Williams  
Melody Pennington  
Margarette Cole

**JULY 26**  
Terry Simmons

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**Making plans**  
MCC’s Back to School event is set for Friday, Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Ivy Hall, said Adrian Cross, student recruiter. For more details, contact Cross at extension 553.

**Booking it**  
The Eagle’s Nest Bookstore will begin selling texts for fall classes on Tuesday, Aug. 11. That date will also be the first day for charges. Other bookstore dates include: Tuesday, Sept. 29, last day for financial aid charges; Friday, Oct. 23, last day to purchase textbooks.

The bookstore will have extended hours from Aug. 17-20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Regular store hours resume Aug. 24.

**Play ball**  
The MCC Eagles annual Kids Baseball Camp will be July 22-24, from 9 a.m. to noon at Scaggs Field for youths 5-14 years old. The cost is $100. MCC employees receive a 20 percent discount. For details, contact Coach Dillon Sudduth.