



2022-2023 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Message from the President...

I have been blessed with a 34-year career, mostly in higher education in Mississippi. I have worked in K-12, the Mississippi Department of Education, one university, and three Mississippi Community Colleges, with 23 of my years being here at Co-Lin. During that time, I have experienced a whole lot of ups and downs that have made me into the leader that I am today. I have worked in academics, career-technical, workforce education, adult education, and administration. I can even sweep the floors and serve food in the cafeteria if needed.

But, without a doubt, the pinnacle of my career has been the incredible opportunity to serve as president of Co-Lin for the last five years, following some phenomenal leaders. My time as president was guided by the presidential priorities I had each year, all centered around making this awesome college an even better place for our employees, our students, and the citizens we serve in our seven-county district.

In my career, and especially in my presidency, I have tried to move in a positive direction, to do things that really matter like improving buildings, programs, services, scholarships, and faculty/staff raises, when possible. We've navigated uncharted waters during the last five years, including a global pandemic that caused a nation-wide decline in enrollment. Because of the dedicated work of our faculty and staff, Co-Lin has remained a special institution where students come to be successful, knowing they will receive



the highest quality instruction and care.

As I enter into this next chapter of life, I feel especially grateful for the many members of the Co-Lin family who have been a part of my life for over 20 years. To my family and me, Co-Lin will always be The Place To Be. May God continue to bless Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Jane Hulon Sims





PTK Academic Team

Co-Lin students selected to the 2023 Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team were honored at a luncheon in Jackson. Pictured are advisors Etienne Oatis and Cheryl Hunt, honorees Justin Ware, Ramsey Jones, Ty'China Byrd, President Dr. Jane Hulon Sims, honorees Isaac Sivils, Ciera Demby, Gerald Monroe, and advisors Mary Warren, Amber Bowman, and Janie Blakeney



◆ Co-Lin Natchez Campus student Ni'Lah Jones was accepted into the NEW Leadership Mississippi Summer Institute, a prestigious program that involves hands-on projects, panel discussions, and workshops in the areas of research and public policy.

◆ Medical Laboratory Technology student Kaitlin Wallace for being selected the Mississippi MLT Student of the Year.

◆ Sophomore Larson Lewis of Wesson was awarded the Mississippi State University Presidential Partnership Scholarship, a transfer scholarship that covers the cost of tuition at MSU for two years.



Bio-Medical Research

Three May 2022 Co-Lin graduates and biomedical research students had the opportunity to participate in highly competitive, paid summer research opportunities. Kiera Hemanas of Wesson worked at the MDI Biological Lab in Bar Harbor, Maine; Zachary Felton of Roxie was at Jackson State University, and Nezhiah Smith of Sontag conducted her research at The University of Southern Mississippi.

◆ Ty'China Byrd of Brookhaven was awarded the prestigious Coca-Cola Silver Scholarship out of over 2,400 applications, only 50 students nationwide were selected as Silver Scholars.

◆ Co-Lin Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate claimed 25 total awards at the 2023 State competition.

◆ Akura Brown of Hazlehurst was awarded the University of Southern Mississippi Community College Presidential Scholarship.

◆ William Winter Scholars Ty'China Byrd (WC), Tavia Morris (NC), and Anna Wood (SCC) were recognized at the 34th annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration.

Ramsey Jones, a 2023 graduate of the Simpson County Center, was named a prestigious Lycem Scholar at Ole Miss, earning him a scholarship for full tuition for two years.



Culinary Arts Technology sophomore Sara Catherine Potter of Benton has earned a paid internship at Disney World as part of the Disney College Program. Sara Catherine is the second culinary arts student to earn a place in this prestigious program in the past year.



Harris Humanities Award

Dr. Dewayne Middleton, Betty Jo Harris, and Dr. Sandra Barnes attended the Humanities Award ceremony held at the Two Museums in Jackson, MS in Betty Jo's honor as Co-Lin's Humanities Teacher of the Year. Harris serves as a History Instructor on the Natchez Campus and coordinator of the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration (NLCC). She presented on her chosen topic: 34 Years of the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration.



Duguid Policy Fellowship

Dr. Stephanie Duguid, Dean of Academic Instruction, recently traveled to Washington D.C. as part of the Community College Policy Fellowship Program where she and representatives from the 15 community colleges had the opportunity to meet with Mississippi Legislators to discuss and encourage support on important educational legislation. The Mississippi Community College Policy Fellows Program, which began in 2012, has more than 120 alumni. It is sponsored by the Mississippi Community College Board in partnership with Washington, D.C.-based AdvocacyBuild. The program focuses on leadership, networking, policy and advocacy.



◆ Lady Wolves Softball Coach Meleah Howard was honored as Region XXIII Coach of the Year, District A Coach of the Year, and Coach of the Tournament at the DII National Tournament after leading the Lady Wolves to the win the national championship.

◆ Co-Lin Early Childhood Education program coordinator Felisha Hampton received the 2023 NISOD Excellence Award.

◆ Associate Degree Nursing Instructor Rachelle Hackney received the Wesson Chamber Educator of the Year and Science Division Chair and Physics Instructor Dr. Kevin McKone was honored as Brookhaven Lincoln County Educator of the Year.

◆ Dr. Amanda Hood, Co-Lin Director of eLearning, accepted a nomination to serve on the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation.

◆ Scarlett Hart, Corey Hart, and Jimmie Cain in the Office of Public Relations claimed first and second place awards from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi

◆ Coach Gwyn Young hit career win number 1,000 becoming just the third coach in NJCAA basketball history (men's and women's) to hit this career milestone.

◆ Nicole Cheramie, Director of Student Services at the Simpson County Center, and Jordan Stephens, Director of Enrollment Services on the Wesson Campus, completed the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy.

◆ Men's Basketball Head Coach David Sanders was named MACCC Coach of the Year.



Institutional SUCCESS



- ◆ Co-Lin was ranked No. 1 out of the 15 community colleges in Mississippi by Intelligent.com on their 2023 ranking of the best community colleges.
- ◆ The Medical Radiologic Technology Program received full accreditation for eight years, the maximum years awarded.
- ◆ A new commercial drivers license program was started through Workforce Education at the college's Simpson County Center.
- ◆ Co-Lin's Workforce Education Division received approximately \$1.2 million dollars from AccelerateMS. The funds will be used to enhance in-demand workforce education programs including industrial welding, commercial truck driving, and electrical lineman. These programs saw upgraded equipment and offerings at current locations and expansion to new locations, including the college's Natchez Campus and Simpson County Center.

Community Partnership

The Co-Lin Simpson County Center was named Community Partner of the Year at the Simpson County Development Foundation's Annual Membership Luncheon. We are honored to receive the recognition and are thankful for the opportunity to serve and partner with our local community.



Grit & Grace

We hosted our annual Grit & Grace Women's Conference with a wonderful lunch and message on 'Clothing Yourself in Strength & Dignity' from guest speaker Miss Mississippi Emmie Perkins.

50 Years in Natchez

Co-Lin's Natchez Campus celebrated its 50th anniversary of serving the Miss-Lou in August of 2022! The college celebrated with a luncheon welcoming many elected officials, partners, and friends of the campus, a reflection brunch to welcome back retirees and current faculty and staff, and a student event on campus. The Natchez Campus has seen tremendous growth since its early beginnings in the fall of 1972, first being housed in rented buildings in Duncan Park and Natchez-Adams High School, then moving to the town of Washington, Miss., before finally settling on the 165-acre site that is home to the campus as we know it today.



Wolves Claim Conference Title

The Co-Lin Men's Basketball team wrapped up the 2022-23 regular season with a road game against Meridian on Saturday, February 25. The Wolves beat the Eagles, 70-58, to increase their season-long winning streak to 11 games.

The Wolves outscored the Eagles in the first half, 35-28, to hold a lead by that margin at the end of play. The Wolves then came out in the second half and kept the Eagles at-bay while holding on to their lead. Despite being outscored by the Eagles in the second half, 33-32, the Wolves secured the 70-58 win.

Sophomore guard Cowandric Samuel had a big game for the Wolves as he led all scorers with 21 points along with four rebounds, a game-leading seven assists, and two steals. Freshman forward Dylan Canoville continued his monster season for the Wolves as he had his fifth straight and 12th overall double-double performance of the season with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore forward Kaeden Laws had 12 points with three rebounds and five assists.

Sophomore guard Jemario Hersey had nine points with six rebounds, one assist, and two steals while sophomore forward AJ Warnsley had seven points and made his impact felt on the boards with a game-leading 16 rebounds. Freshman guard Anterrian Hawkins had five points to round out the scoring for the Wolves.

Co-Lin finished the regular season 18-5 overall, 12-2 in conference play, and as the MACCC Champions. The Wolves also earned the No. 1 overall seed in the Region 23 Men's Basketball Tournament as the MACCC Champions.



- ◆ Dylan Canoville of Plantation, Fla., was named NJCAA Third Team All-American, NJCAA All-Region 23, First Team All-MACCC. Additionally, Canoville was the MACCC Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year.
- ◆ AJ Warnsley of Byram was named First Team All-MACCC and NJCAA All-Region 23.
- ◆ Jemario Hersey of Brookhaven was named Second Team All-MACCC.
- ◆ Cowandric Samuel of Jackson was named Second Team All-MACCC.



Lady Wolves... National Champs!

The Co-Lin Softball team entered the final day of the 2023 season knowing one thing... a familiar foe stood in their way from winning the first national championship in school history as they faced off against Jones one final time. The Lady Wolves were up to the task in front of them as they handed the Bobcats just their second shutout of the season winning, 7-0, on Saturday, May 27.

The game was scoreless through the first two innings, but the Lady Wolves scored their first two runs in the top of the third as Zykeria Cole and Josie Meggs hit back-to-back singles with one out to get the offense going. Cole then scored on an RBI single by Madison Moak (Brookhaven) while both Meggs and Moak advanced to third and second respectively on the play. Meggs later scored in the inning on a wild pitch making the score, 2-0.

The Lady Wolves then exploded for another five-run inning against the Bobcats, their second in as many games, as Meggs hit a leadoff single then Moak drew a walk. Maddie Weeks drew another walk to load the bases with no outs. Then Abby Grace Richardson stepped up, took one swing of the bat, and smashed a grand slam to give the Lady Wolves a 6-0 lead. Belle West then hit a single, took second on a wild pitch, advanced to third on a single by Faith Kivett and then scored on a sacrifice bunt by Leia Phillips making the score, 7-0. The Lady Wolves then allowed just one hit over the final two innings securing the 7-0 win and the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship.

“This team was just on a whole other level this whole week. Playing all these games against the best competition in the country and we never backed down,” added Howard. “Every single player on our team contributed in a major way all week and I am just so proud of every single one of them. I love them all and I am just so happy to be able to say that we are National Champions!”

Co-Lin finishes the season with a program record for wins at 49-10 overall in addition to winning the first Region 23 Championship since 2008.



- ◆ Abby Grace Richardson of Brookhaven was named Most Outstanding Offensive Player and Most Valuable Player, First Team All-MACCC, NJCAA All-Region 23, and NJCAA Third Team All-American.
- ◆ Madison Moak of Brookhaven was named to the All-Tournament Team, First Team All-MACCC, and, NJCAA All-Region 23.
- ◆ Faith Kivett of Tallulah, La., was named Most Outstanding Defensive Player and Second Team All-MACCC.
- ◆ Cara Biswell of Brandon was named Most Outstanding Pitcher of the Tournament and NJCAA All-Region 23.
- ◆ Maddie Weeks of Byram was named First Team All-MACCC and NJCAA All-Region 23.
- ◆ Belle West of Byram was named NJCAA All-Region 23.
- ◆ Josie Meggs of Kosciusko was named Second Team All-MACCC.



Athletic SUCCESS



Co-Lin Golfer Alex Navarro of Valencia, Spain finished 15th in the NJCAA Division II Golf Championship out of 130 golfers. Navarro was named to the All-Tournament Team and NJCAA 2nd Team All-American.



For the first time in school history, both men's and women's soccer earned a place in the Gulf South District Tournament quarter finals. Hardy Lewis of Brandon earned the top honors of the season being named NJCAA Third Team All-American, NJCAA All-Region 23 and First Team All-MACCC.



The Co-Lin Archery Team performed well at the Mississippi Collegiate Indoor Archery Championship with Preston Morgan and Cole Singleton earning first place, and Hunter Wilson and Dewaynee Holloway earning second place.



Lady Wolves Soccer player Charlie Cooper of Corby, England earned NJCAA All-Region 23 and First Team All-MACCC.

Women's Basketball Zykeria Anderson of Edwards earned World Exposure Report Honorable Mention All-American, NJCAA All-Region 23, First Team All-MACCC.

- ◆ Wolves Soccer players Eli Harrist of Brandon and Solomon Naylor of Madison earned First Team All-MACCC and NJCAA All-Region 23.
- ◆ Three members of the Co-Lin Baseball team earned All-MACCC Honorable Mention.
- ◆ Lady Wolves Tennis player Ally Everett of Wesson was named MACCC First Team All-Conference.
- ◆ The MACCC recognized 44 Co-Lin student-athletes for Distinguished Academic All-State and 53 student-athletes were named Academic All-State.
- ◆ Co-Lin sophomores golfers Navid Mousavi of Castellon, Spain and Alex Navarro of Valencia, Spain were named MACCC Second Team All-Conference.
- ◆ Twelve members of the Wolf Pack football team received All-MACCC South Division honors with three earning first team distinction, three earning second team, and six earning honorable mention.



Expanding Services & Facilities

Continually improving, renovating, and updating facilities on all three campuses is always a priority as we want to offer the best to our students and community. The Wesson Campus saw many improvements for Campus Dining options. PJ's Coffee of New Orleans opened a franchise in the back of the Co-Lin bookstore offering specialty coffee, lattes, and tea, pastries, beignets, and more. The Wolf Den Grill and Smoothie Bar is a new and improved version of the old Grill. The Wolf Den offers lunch items including smash burgers, shrimp and pulled pork tacos, truffle fries, and more; while the Smoothie Bar serves hand dipped ice cream, milkshakes, smoothies, loaded teas, and acai bowls. Pool tables, flat screen TVs, reclining chairs, and a gaming area have drawn students to this fun hangout on campus.

Big Wolf Terrace at Stone Stadium was officially opened in the fall of 2022. This large patio area at the entrance of the football stadium has proven to be a much-needed space to host events like the annual High School Senior Tailgate Party and Homecoming. Phase One of renovations at Sullivan Baseball Stadium were completed in January of 2023. The renovation included new dugouts, new black fencing, the installation of Shaw turf infield, a new sidewalk entrance to the stadium as well as the addition of state-of-the-art Musco lighting LED system. Finally, the cafeteria on the Natchez Campus was officially re-opened in February of 2023. This long-awaited re-opening was well-received by faculty, staff, students, and the community. Co-Lin also partnered with Alcorn State University to provide meals for their dorm residents living adjacent to the Co-Lin property.







— Homecoming Scenes —

Homecoming each year is a special time in the life of the college, with a full week of activities, celebrations, reunions, and honoring our distinguished alumni. Homecoming week 2022 kicked off with a community wide movie night, then a Glow Run 5K, bonfire, live music, and s'mores on Tuesday, followed by a campus wide pep rally on Wednesday featuring our Blue Wave Show Band, Colettes, and Cheerleaders.

Homecoming day began with a retiree

brunch at the president's home where nearly 100 former and current employees were present to enjoy food and fellowship. The day continues with alumni chapter meetings, an alumni awards reception, and a community-wide tailgate at Stone Stadium which was packed with Wolf Pack fans. Homecoming Queen Ty'China Byrd and her court were presented during halftime and the Wolf Pack defeated East Central to put the cherry on top of a great Homecoming week.





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Building Dedication

A dedication ceremony was held in April for the newly named Thomas Sasser Early Childhood Development Center in honor of long-time Co-Lin Board of Trustees member and former board chairman Mr. Tommy Sasser. A large group of family, friends, and colleagues gathered for this exciting event in honor of a truly special member of the Co-Lin family.



Foundation SUCCESS

The Co-Lin Foundation inducted six new members into its Hall of Fame at a banquet held in March to honor these generous donors. The Foundation also contributes to the needs of our students in a multitude of ways, including purchasing a set of four Timpani drums for the Blue Wave Show Band. Many endowed scholarships were established with the Foundation throughout the year, including The Rhonda Posey and Don Smith Technology Scholarship endowed by long-time instructors Rhonda Posey and Don Smith.





A Presidential Scholarship reception was held at the college president's home for the 14 high school seniors receiving top scholarships.



The Precision Machining and Manufacturing Technology program received a \$10,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation that was used to fund student scholarships. Georgia Pacific donated equipment to the Automation & Control Engineering program to be used for troubleshooting and calibration.

REVENUE FUNDS

Tuition and Fees	\$ 8,552,183.00
State Appropriations	\$11,980,178.00
County Appropriations	\$ 5,254,593.00
Federal Grants/Contracts	\$ 8,666,250.00
State Grants/Contracts	\$ 3,869,345.00
Local Grants/Contracts	\$ 504,143.00
Sales and Services	\$ 4,905,407.00
Other Revenues	\$ 7,224,864.00
Total	\$50,956,963.00

EXPENSES (by Function)

Instructional	\$16,558,575.00
Instructional Support	\$ 814,151.00
Student Services	\$ 4,153,241.00
Institutional Support	\$ 5,783,347.00
Physical Plant	\$ 9,967,499.00
Auxiliaries	\$ 4,299,588.00
Debt Services	\$ 1,386,405.00
Financial Aid	\$ 7,733,463.00
Transfers	\$ 260,693.00
Total	\$50,956,963.00

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