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Raymond DECA hosts high school conference

The Hinds CC Raymond Collegiate DECA Chapter and advisers Dana Bailey, hosted the High School District I DECA Conference on Jan. 20, at the Raymond Campus. Approximately 350 high school DECA members participated in 34 different competitive events. Twenty-five members from the Raymond Chapter assisted high school DECA advisers in managing or judging the competitive events. After students finished their competitive events, students enjoyed lunch on campus and touring various areas of the campus and the merchandising marketing and fashion marketing department.

Raymond Campus DECA members and advisers helping with the high school conference include, from left, Clay Wright, Clayton Marble, chapter co-advisors; Desiree Givens, Ashley Dunn, Melody Donald and Dana Bailey, chapter advisers; second row, Taylor Daniel, Saundra Marceaux, Felicia McFerrier, judges; Veronica Sanders, Marley Alldridge and Kaylee Moore; back row, Kenneth Woods, Krystal Greer, Leigh Ann Sims, Bonita Barnes, Greg Edmond, judges; Tyasia Cray, Wayne Millin, judge, and Mary Elberhart. Not pictured are Shannon Williams, Ursula Covington, Totally历史; Cory Hardy, Arielle Baggett, Victoria Covington and adjunct instructors Leslie Staring and Lynn Holladay.

By Victoria Covington

The Hinds CC Raymond Collegiate DECA Chapter recently sponsored a food drive for CARA – Community Animal Rescue & Adoption in Clinton. CARA is a non-profit organization that cares for an average of 300 dogs, 120 cats and other animals, serving more than 5,300 animals to date. CARA is operated by volunteers and part-time employees and it is supported by private donations from individuals, businesses and fundraising events and receives no funds from the city, county or federal government. Large amounts of supplies are necessary to properly care for the hundreds of animals at the animal shelter facility. Hinds CC Raymond Campus Collegiate DECA members placed donation boxes decorated in Christmas wrapping at various locations around the Raymond Campus.

The DECA efforts collected a total of 345 pounds of dog and cat food. In addition to food, animal toys and cat litter were also among the donated items. DECA members packed and delivered the much-needed donations to CARA led by Dana Bailey, chapter adviser.

DECA members also volunteered their services, which included socializing with the animals, walking the dogs, washing and cleaning out cages and kennels, handing out and counting the food, and cleaning out the cages and kennels. Victoria Covington is the chapter reporter for the Raymond DECA Chapter. DECA is an international association of marketing students that provides members and advisers with opportunities for development.
Academics stressed on baseball team

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“The purpose for having that sheet is so teachers will know exactly which students play baseball, he said.

“We do not allow our players to miss class so that they do not fall behind, because there are a handful of times that we must miss a class or two due to games,” Rowley said.

Freshman Hunter Davis said the policy is a good idea.

“We help the coaches require us to check in with our teachers. It helps you stay out of trouble. When teachers know that you play baseball, they tend to hold you to a higher standard,” said sophomore third baseman Ryno Martin-nez.

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Hinds Community College has a golf course on campus that is open to the public but is also the home of the Eagles golf teams.

Eagle Ridge Golf Course is located on the other side of Highway 18, across from the Raymond Campus.

“A five-mile commute to practice means we have less practice time,” said sophomore Brad Wimmer.

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**A Few Good Men** Lenten Players' new production

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Show time! The Hinds Community College Lenten Players are currently at work putting together their spring production. This semester, the talented actors of HCC will be putting on Aaron Sorkin’s play turned Hollywood Blockbuster hit “A Few Good Men.” This courtroom drama depicts the trial of two U.S Marines who have been charged with the murder of a fellow soldier. It follows not only their struggles, but it also revolves around their lawyer and the difficulties he has to face.

“Jenianna was great!” said Alison Stafford, Lendon native and first-year student at Hinds in Raymond. “It’s such a different take on a play,” said Colby Faulkner, also a freshman. “I get to play a character that is more and more serious.”

While this young lady is anxious to prove herself worthy of a man’s role, some of the guys are getting caught up in the excitement of such a dramatic play as well.

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Many Hinds Drama Department is scheduled to perform “A Few Good Men” during April 10-13.