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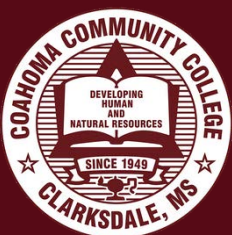


Celebrating the Class of 2025

Coahoma Community College honored over 400 graduates on May 10 with an inspiring Commencement Ceremony filled with pride and purpose. Dr. Donzell Lee, president of Tougaloo College, delivered a powerful keynote urging students to embrace life with intentionality and resilience.

The college also celebrated the Golden Class of 1975, welcoming back 73 alumni for special recognition, highlighting Coahoma's lasting legacy and community spirit. President Dr. Valmadge T. Towner praised both the graduates and returning alumni, emphasizing the college's enduring impact. "This moment is about looking forward and honoring those who paved the way," he said.

With more than 600 degrees and certificates awarded, graduates now head toward careers or further education across fields like healthcare, business, and engineering. Valedictorian Jeremiah Harris captured the spirit of the day: "Every challenge was worth it." Coahoma continues its mission to empower students and transform lives through accessible, high-quality education.



**May
Quote of the
Month**

**"An investment in
knowledge pays the
best interest."
— Benjamin Franklin**

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the official Coahoma Community College Monthly Newsletter – your go-to source for the latest campus highlights, student achievements, faculty features, and community engagement updates.

This publication serves as a vibrant platform to showcase the impactful programs, academic excellence, and Tiger pride that define the Coahoma experience. As champions of education, leadership, and service, we continue to uphold our mission of transforming lives and building stronger communities throughout the Mississippi Delta and beyond.

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed, connected, and inspired as we celebrate our growth and continue striving toward excellence.

Thank you for being a part of the CCC family. Let's continue roaring forward – together!

With Tiger Pride,
Office of Communications & Marketing
Coahoma Community College



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest events, campus news, resources, and more.

The Office of Communications and Marketing Team Wins Nine Awards at CPRAM Conference



The Coahoma Community College Office of Communications & Marketing (OCM) earned nine awards at the 2025 College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) Conference, showcasing their excellence in higher education marketing and media.

Despite being a smaller institution, Coahoma stood out statewide, winning in categories such as sports graphics, web content, video production, and annual reports. The OCM team, led by Chief Communications Officer Dr. Alexis Hunter, has strategically embraced creativity, innovation, and AI-driven storytelling to elevate Coahoma's brand.

Award Highlights

Dr. Alexis Hunter: 2nd Place for Game Day Graphics & Presidential Report

Ezra Howard: 2nd & 3rd Place for Web & Game Program Design

Andranita Williams: 1st Place for Sports Hype Video; 2nd & 3rd in Photography and Social Media

Jasalyn Lucas: 3rd Place for Social Media Post

Held in Starkville, the conference included sessions on AI in content creation, inclusive storytelling, and audience engagement. The OCM team continues to lead with purpose, blending tradition and innovation to reflect the energy and excellence of Coahoma Community College.



Health Sciences Division Celebrates Graduates with Pinning and Certificate Ceremonies

The Division of Health Sciences recently honored its graduating students with a heartfelt Health Sciences Pinning Ceremony held in the Pinnacle. The event recognized graduates from the Associate Degree Nursing, Polysomnography Technology, and Respiratory Care programs, celebrating their academic accomplishments and dedication to healthcare service.

Distinguished alumna Dr. Charledria McGee delivered the keynote address, sharing her inspiring journey from Licensed Practical Nurse to founder of Bloom Behavioral Health & Wellness. A proud CCC graduate, Dr. McGee encouraged students to pursue their calling with purpose and resilience, drawing from her own experience as a leader in mental health care across the Mid-South.

“Dr. McGee’s return to Coahoma served as a powerful reminder of what our students can achieve,” said CCC President Dr. Valmadge T. Towner. “Her story reflects the excellence and determination that define our graduates.”

In addition to the pinning ceremony, the Division of Health Sciences hosted a separate graduation ceremony for students in short-term certificate programs, honoring those who completed specialized training for immediate entry into the healthcare workforce. Both events highlighted Coahoma’s commitment to preparing compassionate, skilled professionals who are ready to make a difference in their communities.



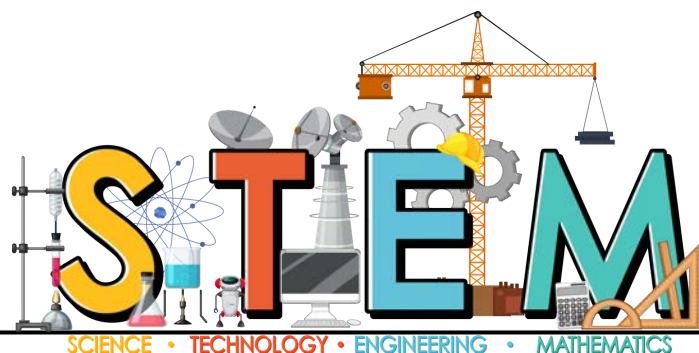
Download an application at www.coahomacc.edu/cte-stem

Free STEM Camp Returns to Coahoma for Grades 7–12

Coahoma Community College is hosting its annual STEM Camp from June 9–13, offering middle and high school students a fun, hands-on introduction to science, technology, engineering, and math. Open to students entering grades 7–12, the camp is completely free and packed with real-world activities in fields like aviation, welding, robotics, electronics, and automotive technology.

Led by expert instructors and industry professionals, campers will build skills through simulations, team challenges, and interactive workshops—all while exploring high-demand careers in STEM.

Lunch, snacks, and materials are provided, but space is limited. Apply now at www.coahomacc.edu/cte-stem or call (662) 621-4210 for more information.



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Dr. Cynthia Williams-Roberson Advances Community College Research with Doctorate in Higher Education

Coahoma Community College proudly celebrates Dr. Cynthia Williams-Roberson, Director of Research, Assessment, and Strategic Initiatives, for earning her doctorate in Higher Education.



Her dissertation, "Community College Faculty Perception of Guidelines for Promotions and Career Advancement," explores how institutional support impacts faculty engagement and student success.

Drawing from her own journey—from adjunct to leadership—Dr. Williams-Roberson highlights the importance of mentorship and transparent advancement pathways.

"This achievement feels like a continuation of my family's legacy," she shared, becoming the first known doctorate holder in her family.

Her research and leadership continue to strengthen Coahoma's mission and inspire others in the field of community college education.

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Summer WORK HOURS

BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

MONDAYS - THURSDAYS

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAYS - VIRTUAL

- Accessible/reachable during work hours via phone, computer, or mobile device.
- One person in each department must report to the office on Friday from 8 am to 4 pm on a rotating schedule.
- Not inclusive of buildings, grounds, maintenance and transportation staff

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