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Hinds Community College honors foundation scholarship recipients

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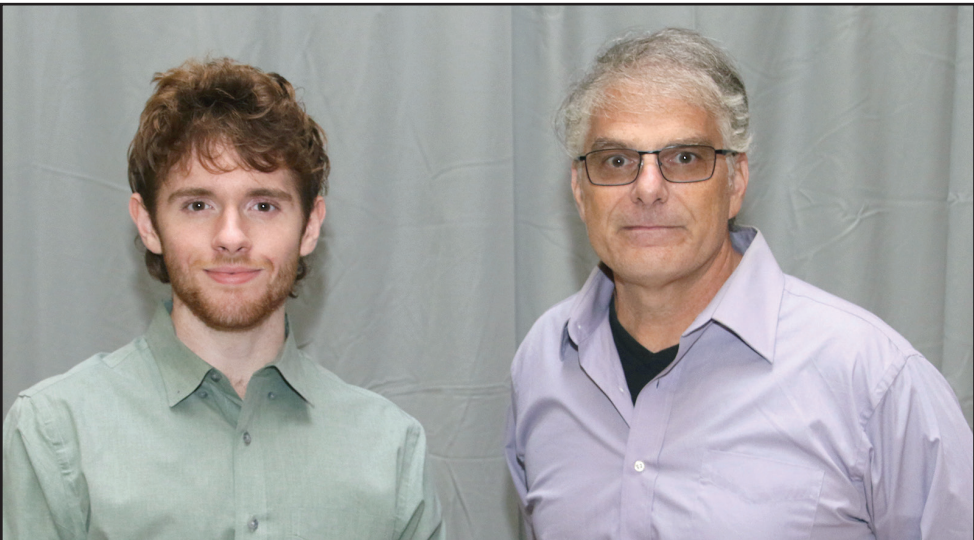
The Hinds Community College Foundation recognized 2022-2023 scholarship recipients, donors and other honorees at a recent reception at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus.

The following scholarship recipients were recognized at the reception:

- **Vito Patti Scholarship recipient** - Elijah Rowell of Pelahatchie.
- **Mullins Family Scholarship recipient** - Grant Hinton of Picayune.

- **Jessie McLendon Thrash Scholarship recipient** - Levi Goldman of Pelahatchie.
- **Carol and Cathy Martella Scholarship recipient** - Justin Beeman of Pelahatchie.

The Hinds Community College Foundation will award more than 900 scholarships during the 2022-2023 academic year. The deadline to apply for a scholarship for academic year 2023-2024 is Feb. 15, 2023. For more information, visit www.hindscc.edu.



Elijah Rowell of Pelahatchie (left) received the Vito Patti Scholarship. Pictured with Rowell is Michael Patti of Jackson (right).



Grant Hinton of Picayune (middle) received the Mullins Family Scholarship. Pictured with Hinton are Bob Mullins (left) of Raymond, and Amy Mullins Lyle (right) of Pelahatchie.



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Levi Goldman of Pelahatchie (left) received the Jessie McLendon Thrash Scholarship, and Justin Beeman of Pelahatchie (right) received the Carol and Cathy Martella Scholarship.

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Hurst receives white coat from MC

and to hear all the things she has accomplished in a short amount of time," said Martin, who is pursuing a doctorate in public health. "Each ceremony, we also anoint and bless each student's hands, highlighting the importance of the nurse's therapeutic, healing touch."

After Pendergrass' address, the participants ascended to the platform in pairs, where a senior nursing student helped them into their new coats. Each pair of students were met by a School of Nursing faculty member at the bottom of the platform stairs to receive a blessing of the hands before returning to their seats.

"The blessing of the hands is to ask for God's protection, guidance, and wisdom as the students move into the profession of nursing," said Kimberly Sharp, dean of the MC School of Nursing. She said the White Coat Ceremony creates a bond between the students and

the profession of nursing.

The first MC School of Nursing White Coat Ceremony took place in the fall of 2014 and was supported by grant funds from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, made possible through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The foundation, an international, non-profit organization, works with physicians, nurses in training and in practice, and other members of the healthcare team, to instill a culture of respect, dignity, and compassion for both patients and professionals.

The following year, Sharp re-centered the focus of the ceremony on the University's core values of faith and caring.

"Students are ambassadors of MC when they are in clinical agencies, and we challenge them to live out Christian caring in their clinical practice," Sharp said.