Mr. Jonathan Alexander joins the Business and Engineering Technology Division as Diesel Mechanics Instructor. Jonathan lives in Ripley with his wife Savannah and son Jeramiah who is 4 years old. He earned his Associate degree in Automotive Technology from NEMCC and is a Detroit Diesel Master Certified Technician. Jonathan enjoys hunting, fishing, boating and drag racing. He was previously employed with Clarke Power Services.

Mr. Anthony Anderson joined Northeast as a Campus Police Officer in Spring 2015. He resides in New Albany with his wife Connie and they have 3 children, Ebony (31), William (26) and Jade (18). Anthony is a Northeast graduate who enjoys sports, fishing, and fitness. He was previously employed with Verona Police Department.

Ms. Morgan Arrington, a native of Coffeeville, graduated from Grenada High School and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Delta State University. She joins Northeast as an Athletic Trainer. Morgan enjoys hunting, Pinterest projects, and anything outdoorsy. She has a toy Aussie and has a great sense of humor. She previously worked at OCH Regional Medical Center.

Ms. Beth Benson, from Ripley, joins Northeast as a Recruiter. Beth holds a Bachelor’s and a Master’s in Student Affairs from Mississippi State University. She previously worked in the Student Athlete Academic Services at Utah State University. Beth enjoys telling jokes, painting and Netflix! She says she is glad to be back in Mississippi and excited about being a NE Tiger!

Mr. Will Bowlin, from Hickory Flat, joins the Social, Behavioral & Applied Sciences Division full time as a History Instructor. He holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from Mississippi State University. Will and his wife Sallye Clayton have one child, Carson Reid (6 months). He enjoys reading and biking. Will was previously employed as a conservation office for the MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Mr. Darrell Cartwright, from Booneville, joins the Facilities and Maintenance Division as a Custodian. He graduated from New Site High School and has worked in the construction industry as a self-employed roofer. Darrell and his wife Lisa have two daughters, Shelbie (16) and Lexie (11). He enjoys hunting, fishing, and working on mission trips through his church. Darrell also stays busy with his kids’ activities such as band and track.

The Facilities and Maintenance Division is proud to have Mr. Derek DeVaughn, from Marietta, as HVAC/Electrician/Plumber Maintenance Technician. He has degrees from Northeast in Forestry Technology and Electrical Technology. Derek is married to Misty DeVaughn, Administrative Assistant to Director of Finance, and has two sons, Webb (5) and Will (2). He enjoys golf, hunting, and fishing. He was previously employed with Advanced Technology Services at Caterpillar in Booneville.
Ms. Teresa Estes, from Booneville, joins the Facilities and Maintenance Division as a Custodian. She graduated from Booneville High School and has previously worked for the Baptist Hospital Cafeteria. Teresa and her husband Rockey have two children, Christy (32) and Shane (24). She also has one grandchild, Jaxon (16 months). Teresa enjoys fishing and camping with her family.

The Fine Arts Division welcomes Ms. Jenna Fincher as Art Instructor. Jenna comes to Northeast from Houma, Louisiana. She earned her BFA degree from Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA in 2012 and her MFA degree from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA in 2015. Jenna worked as a graduate assistant teaching at Louisiana Tech. She enjoys making art, reading, cross stitching, and exercising. She has traveled across America and several European countries, but this will be her first time to live in another state.

Returning to Northeast is Mr. Don Harrison, Jr. as Athletic Trainer. Junior, from Corinth, holds Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science with Sports Medicine Emphasis from Ole Miss and Master of Science degree in Health Education/Health Promotion from Mississippi State. Junior and his wife Rebecca have two sons, Jake (18) and Josh (16). He enjoys running, hunting, fishing, and shooting. He comes to Northeast from Magnolia Regional Health Center.

Joining Northeast this September will be Dr. Kelli Hefner, from Zachary, LA as Vice President of Planning and Research. Kelli holds a Bachelor’s in English/Creative Writing, Master’s in Curriculum and Instruction, and Doctorate in Human Resource Education Workforce Development from Louisiana State University. She enjoys traveling, reading, cooking, baking, cheering on the LSU Tigers, storytelling and writing. Kelli is married to Steven Hefner and has two step-daughters, Megan (26) and Jessica (22). She previously was the Dean of Academic Services at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. In October of last year, her husband relocated his financial services practice to Corinth, and so they are both excited about this opportunity to be involved in northeast Mississippi’s communities.

Northeast welcomes Ms. Anne Lampkin, from Ripley, as an English Instructor. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education (Magna Cum Laude) from Ole Miss and her Masters of Education from Ole Miss. Anne was awarded Outstanding Master of Education Student in 2012. Before coming to Northeast she was an English III & IV teacher at Baldwyn High School. Anne enjoys photography and creative writing.

Joining the Northeast Athletic Department is Coach Brenda Mayes, from Corinth, as Women’s Head Basketball Coach. She has a son, Terrance (30), one sister, Lisa and two brothers, Sandy and Ray. Brenda holds a Bachelor’s degree and Master’s degree from the University of North Alabama. She enjoys sports, singing, walking, jogging, running and hanging out with friends. Brenda has spent the last 27 years teaching physical education and coaching several sports at Muscle Shoals High School. She is looking forward to this new beginning here at Northeast.

The Math/Science Division welcomes back Mr. John Messer, from Iuka, as a Physical Science Instructor. He holds a Master’s degree in Physics from Ole Miss. John and his wife Shelia have five children, Neil (27), Maggie (18), Alex (17), Colby (10), and Jacob (5). He enjoys reading, fishing, hunting, and flying. For the last 12 years, John has been an instructor at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.
The Math/Science Division welcomes Mr. Jason Miller from Biggersville as a Chemistry Instructor. Jason and his wife Georgia have two sons, Owen (4) and Duncan (2). He earned his Bachelors degree from University of North Alabama and his Masters degree from Mississippi State University where he was previously employed. Jason enjoys hunting, hiking and anything outdoors.

Joining the Social, Behavioral & Applied Sciences Division as a HPR Instructor is Ms. Chasity Moore. Chasity resides in Iuka with her husband Kirk and son Jackson (9). She is a graduate of Mississippi University for Women and Mississippi State University. Before coming to Northeast Chasity worked at Tishomingo County High School. She will also be coaching the NE Cheer squad.

Ms. Melissa Moore, from Guntown, became a full-time Campus Police Officer for Northeast in Spring 2015. Melissa has two children, Mackenzie Holmes (8) and Blake Holmes (6). She graduated from Delta State Community College LETA in 2014. She was previously employed at Daybrite in Tupelo.

Ms. Nancy Nanney joined Northeast in January as Print Shop Designer/Operator. Nancy graduated from Mississippi State University with a BFA degree. Nancy, her husband Chip and two sons, Dawson (10) and James Dexter (12) reside in Booneville, MS. She was previously employed as the librarian at Anderson Elementary and a freelance graphic designer in Nashville, TN for 10 years. She enjoys reading, shopping, and art/painting/drawing. Nancy also serves as president of the Booneville Junior Auxiliary, Cub Scout Den Leader, and 1st and 2nd grade Sunday school teacher.

Joining the Health Sciences Division as Dental Hygiene Instructor is Ms. Nicole Pearce, from Fulton. She holds an AAS in Dental Hygiene from NEMCC, a BHS from UMMC, and an MAT in Biology from the University of West Alabama. Nicole and her husband Brock have two children, Hagan (8) and Molly Mae (5). She has been an adjunct instructor in biology for NEMCC and has worked at Main Street Family Dentistry in Tupelo. Nicole enjoys traveling, reading and running. She says she is a people person and genuinely enjoys being around others. She is passionate about her profession and looks forward to educating future dental hygienists.

Mr. Joseph Pennington, joins Northeast as the Fitness Center Director. Joseph, from Tupelo, with wife Erica have a daughter, Emma Grace (7). He holds a Master of Science degree in Kinesiology. Previously, he was employed with Healthways in Franklin, TN. He enjoys fitness, cycling, and being with family.

Mr. Coy Perrigo, from Jumpertown, joins the Facilities and Maintenance Division as HVAC/Electrician/Plumber Maintenance Technician. He earned his AAS degree in Heating and Air Conditioning Technology from Northeast. He previously was self-employed with Perrigo’s Heating and Air Conditioning.
Ms. Morgan Ricks, from Tupelo, joins the Social, Behavioral & Applied Sciences Division as a History Instructor. Morgan earned her Master of Education degree from Delta State University. She was previously employed at Tupelo High School. Morgan enjoys traveling and reading. She has on fur-child, Chesty, who is the most lovable mixed-breed she has ever met, and one very tall and handsome boyfriend who is the most lovable Physical Therapist she has ever met. Morgan says she is excited to be joining the staff at NEMCC (her home away from home).

The Division of Social, Behavioral and Applied Sciences welcomes Mr. Shane Scott, from Wheeler, as a Criminal Justice Instructor. Shane is married to Brianna Scott. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Ole Miss and a Jurisdoctorate from Mississippi College of Law. Shane enjoys hunting, fishing and physical fitness. He was previously employed with Avectus Healthcare Solutions.

A marketing graduate of Northeast, Ms. LaVaile Shields from Booneville, returns as Office Assistant, Student Support Services. LaVaile was previously employed as a Certified City Clerk for Booneville. She is active in her church at Gaston Baptist as Mission Friends Leader and Youth Leadership. She and husband, Johnny have three sons, Channing (15), Logan (9), and John Rylan (2). LaVaile enjoys spending time with family, shopping, and working on Pinterest projects. She is glad to be back home at NEMCC.

Coach Kunshinge Sorrell-Howard, a native of Booneville, joins the Athletic Department as Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach. Kunshinge holds degrees from Northeast MS Community College and Mississippi State University. She and her husband Vonnie Howard, Sr. have two children, Breanna Howard (23) and Vonnie Howard II (19). Kunshinge enjoys music, sports and church. She was previously employed with the Clinton Public School District.

The Workforce Training & Economic Development Division welcomes Ms. Janet Stacks, from Ripley, as WIOA Career Coach. Janet is married to Eddie Stacks and they have two children, Max (31) and Analee (28) and 5 grandchildren (all boys). She holds an AAS degree from Northeast and a Bachelor’s degree from Union University. Janet previously worked at Tippah County Hospital and Corinthian Inc. She enjoys reading and traveling.

Joining the Facilities and Maintenance Division as a Custodian is Mr. Keenan Thompson from Marietta. He recently married his wife Kacy on June 6, 2015. Keenan attended Northeast during the 2006-2007 school year. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and riding four-wheelers. Keenan was previously employed with FerrouSouth Steel Plant.

Joining the Athletic Department is Coach Ryan Trevathan, as Assistant Football Coach. He holds a B.S.E. degree in Physical Education from Arkansas State University. From Jonesboro, Arkansas Coach Trevathan and his wife Morgan have two sons, Kaden (7) and Hudson, born June 17. He comes to Northeast previously employed at the University of Mississippi.

Ms. Sandy Walton, from Wheeler, joins the Facilities and Maintenance Division as a Custodian. She graduated from Wheeler High School and worked for the Baldwyn School District before coming to Northeast. Sandy and her husband Gordon have two children. She enjoys going to yard sales.
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Mr. Ricky G. Ford
President
As Mr. Ford begins his thirty-fourth year of service to Northeast, he does so as its tenth president.

As we begin this new journey together, I want to extend the very best wishes to each of you. I’m dedicated to the success of the students and each of you. More importantly, I desire the total success of Northeast. Together, may we all enjoy this great journey! Thanks to each of you.

Mr. Craig-Ellis Sasser
Executive Vice President
Welcome back! The Latin root of journey means “daily portion.” The choices we make during each “daily portion” are cumulative, and those choices comprise our knowledge and character. Each day, work diligently to make choices to do your job well, to focus on serving other employees and students, and to maintain a positive attitude. I look forward to helping each employee on your journey as we collectively help students develop their knowledge and character. Thanks for what you do to make Northeast the premier community college in North Mississippi.

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