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Sparks fly with new Swift Society

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A new club has recently been introduced to Jackson Prep-- the Taylor Swift Society. Sponsored by senior English teacher Mr.

Devine and led by avid Taylor Swift fans seniors Lilly Lockett and Josie Essary, this new club has already made memories this year. They organize the meetings, fundraisers, and events that will occur. Lilly Lockett and Josie Essary have been following the artist since they were little and their appreciation for her music has only grown as they have gotten older. Lockett talks about how her love for Swift started when she was 7 years old. She said that she "named [her] first guitar Abigail based on Taylor

Swift's song "Fifteen." Ever since, she has been the "biggest fan" of Swift. Lockett has even been to three of her concerts: 1989, Reputation, and the Eras Tour. She is planning on attending the Eras tour a second time in 2024. She describes the craziest thing she has done for Swift: "I left my mom pages and pages of instructions for her in order to get tickets for the Eras tour on Ticketmaster. I spent two hours on it and ended up getting really close seats on the floor." Lockett and Essary are even dressing up as Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez for halloween.

Lockett was initially inspired to create this club because of her visit to Clemson University in South Carolina. They had their own club dedicated to Swift, which made her want to make her own. They even told her that Swift noticed them and sent them signed

merchandise--which made Lockett desire to establish the society even more. She knew how many people at Prep would join her club, so she immediately got to work with Essary.

Mr. Nathan Devine, a Taylor Swift enthusiast, was also recently surprised with Eras Tour tickets. Several teachers and staff members raised funds together and signed up for presale in order to get a ticket for him. He will see Taylor in person when her tour comes to New Orleans in 2024. When asked why he loved Swift so much, Devine stated, "Because she's awesome. Why wouldn't someone like her?" Like Lockett, Devine has been a devoted fan for many years. It all started when he heard her album *Red* for the first time. That began his appreciation for Swift. He also mentions how folklore is his favorite album.

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Student publications celebrate awards and Coffeehouse

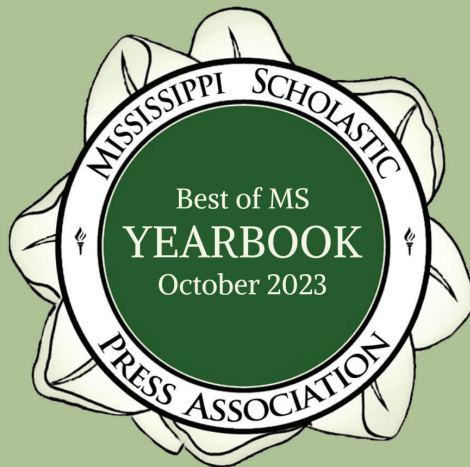
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Outside on October 16 at Patriot Avenue, *Earthwinds* relaunched Coffeehouse after a one-year gap. Despite the break, Coffeehouse returned with a twist. While the event consisted of an array of poetry readings and music while hot chocolate and coffee were being served, Coffeehouse took place in the fall rather than the spring.

Sara Beth Henson, *Earthwinds* 2023 Editor, explained the change by saying, "For anyone that has been here previous years, they might remember that that *Earthwinds* coffeehouse has typically been held

during spring as a way to hand out the fully printed magazine. This year, however, we decided to do it a little differently and use it as a promotional event. By doing this, we were able to highlight students' poetry and musical talents while simultaneously promoting creative writing, art, or photography to be submitted to the magazine."

Earthwinds will continue compiling art, poetry, and photos throughout the remainder of the school year to put in the magazine at the end of the school year. If any students are interested in submitting their works to *Earthwinds*, they can email them to earthwinds@jacksonprep.net



Congratulations to 2023 student publication staffs for receiving the following awards at the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association fall conference at the University of Southern Mississippi:

Precis Yearbook:

- Best Yearbook: Finalist
- Best Photography: Winner
- Best Copy: Finalist
- Best Design: Finalist

- Best Alternative Copy: Jane Ann Sumrall - Finalist
- Best Feature Writing: Katherine Cole - Finalist
- Best Student Life Spread: Katherine Cole - Finalist
- Hannah Polk - Finalist
- Best Sports Spread: Evans Reynolds - Winner
- Reid Vineyard - Finalist
- Jane Ann Sumrall - Finalist

Mindprints Literary Magazine

- Best Literary Magazine: Finalist
- Best Layout and Design: Finalist
- Best Continuity of Theme: Winner
- Best Quality of Visuals: Finalist
- Adviser of the Year: Finalist

- Best Poem Finalist: Miriam Caballero's "Poetry, I Love"
- Best Photo Winner: Gray Hawkin's "Ominous Signs"
- Best Graphic Illustration Art Finalist: Kennedy Buchanan
- Best Spread Design Winner: Kendrick Rogers "Grief"



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