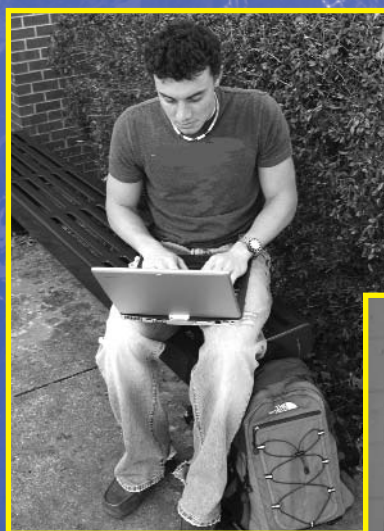


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The Alabama College System: Rising to the Challenge

President's Message



*Ms. Jackie Screws,
2007 ACA President*

Michael F. Staley once said, "There is no challenge more challenging than the challenge to improve yourself." Through challenges, we focus on goals, discover opportunities, and receive inspiration in order to reach our potential. As employees of the Alabama College System, we are fortunate to be afforded the opportunity to rise to the challenges we face through focus, discovery, and inspiration.

Assisting us in this process is the knowledge and expertise presented at the Alabama College Association conference. This year's conference, scheduled for November 18 through 20, is taking shape and being developed to address the knowledge and skills needed for us to rise to our challenges.

In this edition of the ACA Journal, you will find information about the keynote speakers selected to enlighten us at the 2007 conference. Once you have reviewed each speaker's highlights, I am sure you will want to join us for this informative professional development opportunity. I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's conference and I am convinced that the information presented will enhance the Alabama College System as we strive to meet our challenges.

Wallace-Dothan Honors Hugh Wheelless Jr.

Wallace Community College-Dothan recently recognized Dothan businessman **Hugh W. Wheelless Jr.** by naming an instructional facility in his honor. WCC President **Dr. Linda C. Young** and WCC Foundation Chairman **Charles E. Coggins** joined several WCC scholarship students to unveil the lettering of the Hugh W. Wheelless Jr. Auditorium, which is located inside Michael G. Rane Hall. Rane Hall houses the College's practical nursing program.

Wheelless, president of Wheelless Development Ltd., was co-chairman of the WCC Campaign for Excellence, the institution's first major gifts campaign in its 58-year history. Under the leadership of Wheelless and campaign co-chair **Keith L. Granger**, CEO of

Flowers Hospital, the campaign exceeded its \$4 million goal for a total of \$4,385,535.23.

The funds will be used to implement four initiatives: 1) development of a rapid response fund to strengthen and expand the College's workforce development services; 2) expansion of the capacity to train nurses and allied health technicians; 3) establishment of an endowment fund for scholarships, capital improvements, and other College needs; and 4) development of a humanities initiative.

In keeping with his commitment to the students of Wallace, Wheelless requested that scholarship recipients participate in the day's ceremony. To date, 61 students have received

Foundation assistance for the 2006-07 academic year.

Addressing the students, Wheelless said, "You're the reason that we're here, because you chose to change your lives and make positive changes for your families. It's not about money; it's about changing lives, and that's the way I know I'll look at all future campaigns."

Wheelless is a lifelong resident of Dothan and an advocate for his community. He currently serves on the boards of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Wallace Community College Foundation. He co-chaired the Wallace Community College-Dothan capital campaign.

ACA Elections

Ballots for the positions of Second Vice-President and Treasurer for the Alabama College Association will soon be distributed to ACA member institutions. The candidates are:

Treasurer

Ben Jordan, Southern Union State Community College

Second Vice-President

Amelia Pearson, Central Alabama Community College

Alesia Stuart, Reid State Technical College

Candidate Information — Treasurer



Ben Jordan is the Business Manager at Southern Union State Community College, a position that he has held for 11 years. Prior to assuming this position, he served as a full-time instructor at the college for three years. He worked in public accounting before joining the Southern Union staff. Jordan's educational background includes an A.S. from Southern Union State Community College, a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from The University of Alabama, and a M.B.A. from Auburn University. Jordan also has a license as a State of Alabama Certified Public Accountant. Jordan's activities include being a standing member of Southern Union's administrative council, serving on the Southern Union steering committee for SACS reaffirmation, serving as the treasurer of the Alabama College Association, and serving as president of the Alabama College System Financial Management Association. Ben is also active in numerous civic and professional groups.

Candidate Information — Second Vice-President



Amelia Pearson is the College Provost and Dean of Instruction at Central Alabama Community College (CACC.) Originally from Chattanooga, TN, she attended the University of Tennessee where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She attended graduate school at Auburn University where she received her Master's Degree in Counseling and later received her Doctorate in College Student Development. She began her professional career in 1975 as a mental health counselor in Student Development Services at Auburn. In 1982, she was hired at Alexander City State Junior College as the Director of the Career Center and as Psychology Instructor. She became a Chairperson for the Liberal Arts Division and Self-Study Director in the late 1980s when ACJC merged with Nunnelle State Technical College to become CACC. In 1994 she became the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and was promoted to Dean of Student Affairs in 1996. In 1999 she was named to her current post.

She was elected twice as president of the Alabama College Counseling Association and has served four terms on the Executive Council for the Alabama Counseling Association. She has chaired several state level committees such as the one on auditing and the committee on attendance policy. Pearson has served as secretary, vice president, and president of the Instructional Officers' Association where she currently serves on its Executive Board as the Immediate Past President. She has served on the All-Alabama Academic Team Board of Directors for two years and on the Planning Committee for that event for the past six years. Pearson also serves on the Steering Committee for the NSF funded CARCAM consortium involving five colleges. She has been a club sponsor for over 20 years and is currently a sponsor for Phi Theta Kappa.

Pearson is active in her community having served on the Leadership Lake Martin Board for four years and having served in various capacities within her church such as a Sunday School Teacher, WMU Director, Discipleship Training Director and Discipleship Training Leader. She especially enjoys going on mission trips with college age youth.



Alesia K. Stuart is the Associate Dean for Community Development at Reid State Technical College. Her responsibilities include public relations and marketing and supervision of adult education, recruitment, college reception area, and Focused Industry Training instruction. During her twenty-one years at Reid State, prior positions included public relations marketing director, admissions clerk, financial aid assistant, and business office clerk.

In addition to completing degrees at two colleges of the Alabama College System, Reid State and Jefferson Davis Community College, current educational pursuits are at the University of Alabama as a doctoral student in the Executive Ed.D. Program. Prior degrees are a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Auburn University at Montgomery and a Bachelor's in Business from Faulkner University in Montgomery. Continuing Education includes the Economic Development Course Training at Auburn University and Basic Economic Development Training at Georgia Tech.

Included among her community and professional interests are the Alabama College Association, Region 9 Workforce Development Council, Manufacturing Alabama Postsecondary Representative, RSTC Executive Council, Alabama Workforce Development Youth Council, Conecuh County Children's Policy Council, Conecuh County Economic Development Council, and Economic Development Authority of Alabama. She was the 2003 Chancellor Awards Administrator of the Year for RSTC; Secretary/Treasurer for Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions; Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admission Officers - Local Arrangements Chair; Alabama College System Public Relations President, Vice President, and Treasurer and Pyramid Award winner; Chamber of Commerce President; Alabama Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers - Professional Development Chair and Local Arrangements Chair.

LBWCC Leads in Community Involvement

An upcoming event shows how Lurleen B. Wallace Community College leads in community involvement. LBWCC will serve as the site of the 15-year-old Babe Ruth World Series in August. All games will be played on the LBWCC's Andalusia Campus.

Ten teams will take part in the tournament, including one made up of representatives from Covington County. **Steve Helms**, LBWCC Athletic Director and Baseball Coach, has been chosen to coach the Covington County team. The team, selected from the top 15-year-old Covington County baseball players, under Helms' direction will compete in the World Series against teams from across the nation.

Dr. Ed Meadows, LBWCC President said, "This world series will not only showcase Andalusia and Covington County but also our college. This is a unique opportunity for our community and the College to partner in economic development, especially eco-tourism."

Betts Names Athens State VP



Dr. Denver Betts has been named the new Vice President of Academic Affairs at Athens State University. He began his duties in May.

The announcement was made by Athens State President **Dr. Jerry Bartlett**. "After a nationwide search, we narrowed our selection to three very qualified candidates," said Bartlett. "Due to his exemplary service in the position as the interim, it became clear that the appointment of Dr. Betts was the right choice for Athens State."

Prior to his appointment, Betts served as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant Professor of Business at Athens State University, and also the Special Assistant to the President for Minority Relations.

Betts, a native of Louisville, KY, received a B.S. degree in Commerce from the University of Louisville, a M.A. in Business from Central Michigan University, and a Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Betts was commissioned in the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He retired after achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In academia, Betts has served as a Human Resources Administrator, Physical Plant Director, Guest Lecturer in the College of Business and Urban Planning, University Extension Director, Student Support Services Administrator, and as Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director for University Centers.

WCCS Names Griffin Dean of Students



Donitha Jones Griffin has been appointed the new Dean of Students at Wallace Community College Selma.

Prior to her appointment, Griffin served as the Director of Admissions and Records as well as counselor. During her career at WCCS, Griffin has held several positions including recruiter

and Student Support Services Asst. Director /Counselor. Griffin presently coordinates the College Course Schedule, serves as Director of Continuing Education, and Academic Advisor for Selma Early College High School.

"As a graduate and employee of the College, Mrs. Griffin possesses a great deal of knowledge and experiences which will strengthen and enhance our student services programs," said President **Dr. James Mitchell**.

Griffin received her M.S. degree in Counseling and Human Development from Troy State University in Montgomery, B.S. degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama, and Associate's in Science from Wallace Community College Selma.

"My goal for the division is to assist students in achieving their academic goals and to enhance their personal, social, and intellectual development through the provision of a broad range of programs and services," said Griffin.

Byrne Assumes Post as Chancellor



The Alabama State Board of Education voted May 10 to appoint **Bradley Byrne** as the Chancellor of the Alabama College System.

Byrne received his undergraduate degree from Duke University, magna cum laude, and his law degree from The University of Alabama School of Law. He has practiced law for more than 25 years, primarily in the areas of business and employment litigation. From

1994 to 2002, he served as the representative of District I on the Alabama State Board of Education. In November 2002, Byrne was elected to the Alabama State Senate, where he served on the Education Committee.

"I am looking forward to spending the next few years working with the State Board of Education and the employees of the system to deliver the highest quality services we can to the people of this state. While I know there are and have been some problems, I am confident that we will solve them and I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve the people of Alabama," said Byrne.

Calhoun President Beck Honored

Calhoun Community College President **Dr. Marilyn Beck** received an Honorary Membership of Distinction Award from Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD), the National English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges during Calhoun's Annual Honors' Day Ceremony in May. Citing Dr. Beck's "exemplary standard of supporting the national English honor society," Sigma Kappa Delta's National Executive Board bestowed the award on Dr. Beck for her continued support of the organization.

Dr. Beck is the first college president in the entire nation to receive this distinguished award. The Sigma Kappa Delta National Headquarters has

been housed at Calhoun Community College since 2001; this year, SKD marks its 10th anniversary. "Thanks to Dr. Beck's vision and commitment, Alabama and Calhoun Community College are leading the way nationally in academic excellence," commented **Dr. Sheila Byrd**, SKD executive director.



Dr. Sheila Byrd (left), executive director of Sigma Kappa Delta, presents honorary membership to Dr. Marilyn Beck.

Burrow Appointed to Commission

Bevill State Community College Associate Dean **Susan Burrow** was appointed to serve on the Alabama Rural Action Commission as one of three co-chairs for Workforce Development for the North Alabama region by Alabama Governor **Bob Riley**.

The Alabama Rural Commission is divided into eight divisions across the state with local leaders being invited to serve on the portion of the board specifically chosen to study the needs in the North Alabama region.

The program, patterned after the highly successful Black Belt Action Commission, will begin by focusing on improvements in healthcare, education and local economic development in small measurable ways. The purpose is to improve the quality of life for all of rural Alabama.



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MMI Cadets Receive Appointments

Marion Military Institute held its annual Service Academy Preparatory Convocation Apr. 30 in the MMI Chapel.

The Director of Admissions of the United States Military Academy at West Point, **Col. Michael Jones**, USMA, was the guest speaker. **Captain Susan Bibeau**, Director of Admissions of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, also made remarks at the program honoring the 63 graduates.

Fifty-five cadets received 22 appointments to West Point, 3 to the Naval Academy, 8 to the Coast Guard Academy, 21 to the Air Force Academy, and 1 to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Bishop Students Win Awards

Three Bishop State Community College students placed in the 2007 Alabama SkillsUSA Association Awards Competition held recently in Birmingham. Automotive Body Repair Technology students **Steven Long** and **Jason James** were winners of the Silver and Bronze medals, respectively, in their area of competition. Masonry student **Rashun Wilson** was first place winner in the Masonry Division of the competition.

A partnership of students, educators and industry, Alabama SkillUSA brings together students, who compete against their peers.

NACC Students Visit Capitol

Northeast Alabama Community College Criminal Justice students recently attended the National Peace Officers Memorial Service for 2007 held in the nation's Capitol. The students were allowed to participate in the 19th Annual Candlelight Vigil honoring those police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. While in Washington, the students toured the DC Police Department, visited Ford's Theater, toured the Spy Museum, did a night tour of the National Mall area, and toured the FBI Academy. Students were shown the nation's Capitol by Congressman **Robert B. Aderholt**.

On the return trip home, the NACC students stopped by Virginia Tech University to present the Virginia Tech Police Department with a card showing

support of all they did during the recent tragic events that occurred on the VT campus. The card was signed by all the students. "After the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech the students and I decided that we should do something to show our support of these men and women of law enforcement," said **Brent Satterfield**, NACC Criminal Justice Advisor and Instructor.

"We would like to thank **Dr. David Campbell**, president of Northeast Alabama Community College, for this trip," said Satterfield. "For many of these students it has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was truly an honor for my students and me to have had the opportunity to represent Northeast College and the North Alabama region at the Law Enforcement Memorial. In class I try to explain the 'brotherhood' that is shared in Law Enforcement but I think this trip gave them the opportunity to experience it on a personal level."



Brent Satterfield and the NACC students who visited Washington D.C.



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ASCC Students Receive Scholarships

Jay Kaminsky, Vice President and General Manager of International Sign and Design, presented certificates and award monies to four students at Alabama Southern recently for excellence and achievement in the field of graphic arts and fine arts.

Diamond Solomon, of Monroeville, was recognized in the fine arts category with a scholarship for approximately \$8,000 per academic year to cover costs related to tuition, books and fees.

Jessica Minchew, also of Monroeville, was recognized in the graphic arts category with a scholarship for approximately \$8,000 per academic year to cover costs related to tuition, books and fees.

Wesley Gallery and Brad Pugh, who recently grad-

uated from Alabama Southern with associates in arts degrees, were recognized with Outstanding Merit Awards for their designs which were chosen to be produced as ISD light-boxes.

"We were very impressed with the artwork that was turned in by all the students at Alabama Southern, said Kaminsky. "These students are very talented and we look forward to following them through their educational years. We expect great things from all of them.



Alabama Southern Students with representatives of International Sign and Design

FSCC Students Perform at Carnegie Hall

Faulkner State's Faulkner Singers participated in the Mid-America Productions Carnegie Hall Concert Series presentation of the *Faure Requiem* in New York City this past April. During their four-day stay, the singers rehearsed with other choral groups from around the U.S. in preparation for the April 24, 2007 concert in the renowned Isaac Stern Auditorium accompanied by orchestra and soloists. When not in rehearsals, they were able to do some sightseeing and attend other concerts and musical productions.

Before arriving in New York, the Faulkner Singers stopped in Washington, D.C. where they had been invited by Alabama Senator, the Honorable **Jeff Sessions** to sing in the Russell Senate Building. After this performance, the singers had the opportunity to tour the Capitol and visit the National Cathedral.

Former Miss Southern Union Named Miss Alabama

Jamie Langley, a Southern Union alumna who held the title of Miss Southern Union 2002, was recently crowned Miss Alabama. Langley, a native of Wadley, is a senior at Jacksonville State University and majors in communications with a minor in music.

She chose as her platform, "Cardiac Care: From the Heart." Langley has been promoting cardiovascular awareness and working with the American Heart Association each year she's competed in the Miss Alabama pageant.

According to Langley's Web site, "Since my father's heart attack in 1989, I have taken action in educating the public and myself on this terrible killer."

Langley will go on to represent Alabama at the Miss America pageant.

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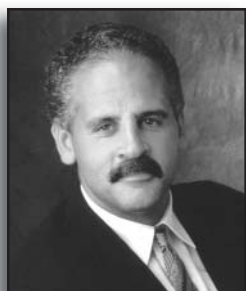
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Stedman Graham to be Keynote Speaker at 2007 ACA Conference



Stedman Graham, chairman and CEO of S. Graham & Associates (SGA), a management and marketing consulting company that specializes in the corporate and educational markets, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the Alabama College Association conference. The conference is scheduled for Nov. 18 through 20 at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel and Birmingham Jefferson Civic Complex.

As a businessman, educator and speaker, Graham presents, consults and conducts training with corporations, organizations and nonprofits on the topics of maximizing leadership, achieving success, growing a business, embracing diversity, achieving optimal health, and personal and professional branding. He has authored ten books, including two New York Times bestsellers, *You Can Make It Happen: A Nine-Step Plan for Success* and *Teens Can Make It Happen: Nine Steps to Success*. His latest release *Diversity: Leaders not Labels* includes his unique approach to eliminate barriers to success.

Actively involved in education, Graham is a former adjunct professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago where he taught a leadership course based on his Nine-Step Process. At the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, he taught a management strategy course entitled "The Dynamics of Leadership." He also founded and directed George Washington University's Forum for Sport and Event Management and Marketing – the first of its kind in the country.

Graham holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Hardin-Simmons University. He received a master's degree in Education from Ball State University and an honorary doctorate in Humanities from Coker College, where he is also a distinguished visiting professor.

Commission Speakers



Commission on Administration Speaker —

Dr. Tony Zeiss, President, Central Piedmont Community College

Rising to the Challenge of Leadership and Talent Shortage—This presentation will describe and address the growing labor and skill shortage that is affecting every organization in America including community colleges. Key points from two of Dr. Zeiss's recent books will be featured including how to attract, develop, and retain peak performers and how to build them into effective leaders. The latest research on how to motivate employees and how to become an outstanding leader will also be provided. This is a valuable career development opportunity that you won't want to miss. Dr. Zeiss will provide a follow-up workshop on succession planning for colleges after his keynote.



Commission on Faculty Speakers —

Dr. Rena Palloff and Dr. Keith Pratt, Managing Partners, Crossroads Consulting Group

Best Practices in Online Teaching—The online classroom is a potentially powerful teaching and learning arena in which new practices and new relationships can make significant contributions to learning. In order to successfully navigate the power of this medium in education, faculty must be trained not only to use technology, but also to shift the ways in which they organize and deliver material, maximizing the potential for learners to take charge of their own learning process and facilitating a sense of community. This session focuses on what constitutes best practices in the online classroom to best achieve learning outcomes. Participants will leave the session with new ideas for facilitation of online courses.



Commission on Students Speaker —

Ralph L. Hatley, President/CEO, Security Operational Solutions Inc.

Preparation for the Campus Community Unthinkable—The session will address emergency management planning, recognition, response and recovery, with regard to natural and man-made emergency situations on a college campus, including "Active Shooter" responses by civilians and police.



Commission on Support Speaker —

Bobbe White, President, Try Laughter! Inc.

My Life's Out of Balance...and It's Worse Than My Checkbook!—Are there really people who have a balanced life? Is it a myth, oxymoron or even a remote possibility for you? White, like all of us, has tried to master it all, and at times, has failed miserably. During this session, she will share her many tried and true strategies for finding balance in your personal and professional lives. You'll discover why her approach for incorporating humor and laughter as tools in the work place (and the home place!) to improve overall performance, has been covered by the New York Times, Newsweek Japan, Family Circle and the Chicago Tribune.



Commission on Workforce Development Speaker —

Dr. Frederick Kendrick, Director of HR/NAFTA Talent Management, Bayer Material Science

Talent Management—Dr. Kendrick will describe how global change and related implications to talent management have demanded organizations to re-think existing human capital systems within corporate America. While organizations know the implications for failing to change, many human capital practitioners lack competencies required to close critical skills gaps, specifically in manufacturing. Dr. Kendrick will provide a case for Alabama colleges, specifically those trained in WorkKeys, to form partnerships with businesses to assist efforts in deriving value from the human capital asset model. Such a relationship will not only strengthen the manufacturing base within Alabama, but it will create strong ongoing partner relations with business.

JDCC Staff Aids Needy

The nursing department at Jefferson Davis Community College organized a service project that gives the phrase "food drive" a new twist.

"Backpacks for Kids" is a project designed to supply needy children in the college's service area with snacks and easy-to-prepare lunches over the weekend.

Ann Mantel, director of nursing, heard of the project and passed the information along to other faculty members and nursing students. Ann Lambert's maternal child class spearheaded the project and determined how the program could be implemented. As news of the program spread across the JDCC campus, other faculty members and students expressed an interest in becoming involved in the program.

Plans are being made to continue the project. Collection boxes have been placed in local grocery stores as well as the nursing department on the Brewton and Atmore campuses.

Wallace State Instructor Receives Grant



Leigh Ann Courington, history instructor at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, was awarded a

National Endowment for the Humanities grant to attend a workshop at The Alamo in San Antonio, TX, June 17-23.

The grant was awarded to American community college history faculty who demonstrated plans to use the workshop experience and knowledge gained to enhance classroom teaching.

Approximately 25 teachers from across the country were selected to take part in the workshop, and Courington was one of three representing the South.


In her grant application, Courington emphasized Wallace State's learning college objectives and the relation between the Endowment's goals and the learning college mission.

During the course of the week, she received direct experiences in interpretation of historical events and archival data by attending seminars, researching historical archives, and traveling to historical sites in and around San Antonio.

"We heard lectures from various scholars on different aspects of the history of the area and received an after-hours tour of the Alamo," said Courington.

Courington has been a member of the Wallace State history faculty since 1993.

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Shelton Staff Members Published

Three staff members from Shelton State Community College have had an article published in the June/July 2007 issue of *Reading Today*.

Authored by **Dr. Fran Turner**, Director of Adult Education; **Thomas J. Taylor**, Dean of Student Services; and **Julia Chancy**, Literacy Coordinator of Adult Education, the article, entitled "At Your Service," focuses on a program founded last year in cooperation with the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Alabama.

Several courses at UA have a service learning component that can be met by working with adult learners to earn credit.

"Service learning can be loosely defined as a way of integrating community service with academic instruction, research and educational practice," said Dr. Turner.

The UA students served as tutors in Shelton State's adult education classes in GED and Career Readiness Credential preparation, graduation exam help and skills remediation.

"Currently, the estimates are that approximately 30,000 individuals in West Alabama struggle with low literacy skills. The service learning program allows us to make a tremendous impact in the lives of these individuals in a cost-effective manner and train students to be tutors – all at the same time. It's a win/win for the individuals, the students and our community," said Thomas J. Taylor.

Reading Today is the bi-monthly publication of the International Reading Association which focuses on news about pressing issues in literacy education and features on trends influencing the field.

Trenholm Instructor Named CIMM

Henry Tylicki, Trenholm State Technical College's Division Director of Manufacturing Technology was named CIMM of the Quarter by the ISA Certified Industrial Maintenance Mechanic. The ISA established the CIMM program to recognize and document mechanics' knowledge, education and experience in industrial maintenance. A minimum of five years of education, training and/or work experience in industrial maintenance is required to sit for the CIMM exam.

Tylicki has taught industrial maintenance and a multi-craft curriculum at Trenholm Tech for the past 18 years. He holds a Bachelor's degree in industrial

engineering from Mississippi State University and a Master's degree in adult education from Troy State University. Tylicki's other certifications include Master Trainer by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and ISA's Certified Control Systems Technician (CCST) Level I.

CIMMs are multi-skilled individuals whose expertise is primarily mechanical in nature as opposed to instrumentation or electrical. They are responsible for preventive, predictive and corrective maintenance. They perform troubleshooting and analysis, and they apply sound maintenance practices in all aspects of their work.

EOCC Chair Retires

A career that began with singing in public at the age of five will end in August with **Dr. Richard Snyder's**, retirement. Snyder is the chairperson for Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Fine Arts Division. In addition to serving as division chairperson at EOCC since 1978, he also directed a very popular dinner theatre program for the College, the Community Chorus, the Singers, and the Entertainers.

The Entertainers have earned a sterling reputation for being the best in Alabama's two-year college system and in the region. They consistently earned superior ratings and Best in Category awards while under his direction. The Entertainers perform as many as fifty concerts a year.

Throughout his career, Dr. Snyder has been active in the development of music curriculum. In Alabama he served on numerous state curriculum committees and chaired the committee that rewrote the freshman and sophomore music curricula for Alabama colleges and universities.

Dr. Snyder's education background includes a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Troy University where he attended on scholarship and graduated with music honors. He earned Master's and Doctoral degrees in music education from The University of Alabama.

"Dr. Richard Snyder has been an outstanding music instructor and leader in the field of music," says **Dr. Judy Miller**, dean of the College. As both a valued colleague and friend, Dr. Snyder will be greatly missed."

NWSCC Offers Program Via Distance

Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) has long sought to provide its students with a superior education by the most convenient means possible. Beginning this August, students will have the opportunity to enroll and complete their Associate degree requirements without ever stepping foot on campus to attend class.

The Associate in Science - General Education degree program through Distance Education, prepares students to transfer to a four-year college/university and is very beneficial for students who are undecided on their field of study.

Dr. Glenda Colagross, NW-SCC's Dean of Instruction, says flexibility is the key. "Using a mix of face-to-face, online, evening and weekend formats, it's possible for students to fit college into an already busy schedule," she said.

Students will take the majority of course exams in one of the testing centers located on either the Phil Campbell or the Muscle Shoals campuses of NW-SCC. Students are able to make appointments to take exams on dates and times convenient for them. Courses required for the degree program will be offered in one of the following formats: Web (online), telecourse, teleweb, or blended.

Lawson Program Ranks in Top 10

Lawson State Community College's Toyota T-TEN program is one of the top ten programs in the nation for 2007. T-TEN, an acronym for Toyota - Technician Training and Education Network, was established by Toyota in 1986 for collaboration between educational leaders and Toyota dealers. To achieve the Recognition Award, programs must adhere to numerous guidelines and policies in the implementation of the T-TEN training module.

LSCC was honored at a Toyota Conference in Dallas. **Keith Littleton**, the College's T-TEN Coordinator/Instructor, was

recognized for the program's achievements.

The T-TEN program at Lawson State is part of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence, housed on the college's Bessemer campus. The Center provides technician training for three manufacturers - Toyota, General Motors, and Ford, along with programs for high school automotive students, collision repair, and medium and heavy truck technology. Lawson State Community College educates more automotive and truck technicians each year than any other institution in the state.

Drake Receives Technology for Grant

J. F. Drake State Technical College recently received a Hewlett-Packard Technology for Teaching Grant in the amount of \$68,000. The grant consists of \$19,000 cash and \$49,000 worth of HP technology in the form of laptop computers.

Drake will be using the laptop computers in its Summer Bridge outreach program for high school juniors and seniors. The Summer Bridge program was developed through a National Science Foundation grant designed to expose underrepresented populations to the science, technology,

engineering, and mathematics (STEM) career fields.

"The grant from Hewlett-Packard will provide our students with the best computer technology currently available," stated **Dr. Helen McAlpine**, president of Drake State.

Drake is one of 42 higher education institutions to be selected for the grant. The grant initiative is designed to support innovative and effective uses of technology in collegiate learning environments with an emphasis on science, engineering, computer science, and mathematics.



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GSCC Increasing Nursing Graduates

With the demand for health care workers increasing, the nursing faculty at Gadsden State Community College has developed a new option aimed at increasing the number of graduates from both the RN and the LPN programs referred to as the "alternate track". One big plus for the "alternate track" is that it hasn't increased the number of faculty or resulted in additional costs.

Connie Meloun, GSCC Assistant Dean for Health Services, says "the alternate track was established because of the large number of students who were struggling with courses or were being forced to drop out because of the intensity of the nursing program. This new option meets the needs of the students, and keeps them in the program, and is also beneficial to the community by providing better trained health care providers."

The "alternate track" gives students in both the RN and LPN programs more time to complete their required courses with an additional one or two terms available. Under the old system, a student would have to wait for up to a year before he or she could reenter the program. Now in most cases, the student can petition for re-admittance almost immediately if he or she is forced to drop out. Students have the option of entering the alternative track option when they first begin their course of study if they so desire.

Meloun estimated that approximately 35 students have already taken advantage of the option, and there are at least 18 who are enrolled in courses this summer that they normally would not be able to take until the fall or spring semester.

RSTC Seeks Certification

Reid State Technical College is seeking certification from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) to provide training in two areas. Welding instructor, Andy Sessions, and Industrial Electricity/Electronics instructor, Kyle Null, will provide NCCER training in conjunction with program requirements.

NCCER is a standardized training process in partnership with the construction, maintenance, and pipeline industries. The process develops specialized knowledge and skills required of craft workers and technicians employed in the construction, maintenance, and pipeline industries.

CACC Hosts Science Academy

Central Alabama Community College staff and faculty recently conducted the inaugural STEM Summer Academy for area high school students.

The goal of the STEM Academy is to recruit and raise awareness of current 10th and 11th grade students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are related to automotive manufacturing.

According to **Michael Lovett**, coordinator for Advancement and Community Affairs, this initiative will afford the college an ability to affect local high schools in a significant way.

During the two-week event, students had the opportunity to participate in experiments that illustrate the science behind the modern manufacturing processes used in the automotive industry.

The STEM Academy is funded through a National Science Foundation grant, CARCAM (Consortium of the Alabama Regional Center for Automotive Manufacturing). Representing CACC on the development of the CARCAM grant were Lovett, **Michael Mann**, director of Technical Instruction for the Alexander City Campus, and **Dr. Amelia Pearson**, Provost and Dean of Instruction.

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Snead State Program to be Featured on APT Program

A pilot program at Snead State Community College will be the focus of a new Alabama Public Television show called "On The Job."

The new program will begin airing this September, but a film crew will be on campus in August producing a segment about the High School Licensed Practical Nursing Program. The model program, currently offered to Arab High School, Boaz High School, and Blount County Career Technical Center students, offers a bridge between a high school level Health Science curriculum and the postsecondary LPN program. High school students are able to take the college-level courses using

dual enrollment and articulation models.

"Students who complete the High School LPN Program will have to complete one semester following their high school graduation, and they will be eligible to become licensed as practical nurses," said Dean of Academic Services, **Dr. Greg Chapman**.

The training offered through the High School LPN Program is an example of the topics to be featured by "On The Job." The target of the show is to highlight what is available and special about Alabama. In addition to colleges and companies, various jobs will also be featured on the new program, which is sponsored by

Alabama Industrial Development Training.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only what is unique in Alabama but what is special at Snead State. Viewers will see the quality instruction and training our students receive through this one-of-a-kind program," said Interim President **Lavell Thrasher**.

"On The Job" provides an educational and informative outlet designed to reach the unemployed and underemployed citizens of Alabama and give them a look at the types of jobs available to them. The show will also provide information about the education and skills required to master the highlighted jobs.

Jefferson State Begins Construction on New Location

Jefferson State will break ground this fall on the college's new Chilton County-Clanton location. The new facility will be located on sixty acres of land donated by the City of Clanton on Highway 145 near an I-65 off-ramp.

"The citizens in and around Chilton County deserve all the educational opportunities and services Jefferson State can provide," said Jefferson State Vice President **Joe Morris**.

Plans for the new building consist of

two parts. The first is a two-story, 32,000 square-foot multipurpose building containing classrooms, computer labs, science/biology labs, a library, and faculty offices. The second is a 54,510 square-foot multipurpose economic development center containing an 1800-seat auditorium, classroom and meeting space, office space and an industrial kitchen to be shared jointly with the college.

Phase one of the construction will be the multipurpose classroom

building. Plans call for the classroom building to be ready for the 2008 fall semester.

"The new Jefferson State campus in Clanton will greatly expand educational opportunities in the area," said Congressman **Spencer Bacchus**.

The State Board of Education recently gave unanimous approval for Jefferson State to begin construction on a multi-purpose classroom building in Chilton County.



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Wallace Assists Displaced Workers

Wallace Community College-Dothan is hosting a series of on-site information sessions as part of its rapid response effort to assist 575 employees who will be displaced with the closing of the WestPoint Home textile plant in Abbeville this summer.

WestPoint Home, Inc., recently announced it will shut down operations at the Abbeville facility as well as several others in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Approximately 1,000 workers will lose their jobs, with the majority coming from the Abbeville plant.

In keeping with its mission to improve the quality of life of local constituents, Wallace is offering counseling to assist the affected Abbeville workers in retraining and moving into new jobs.

In addition to its credit programs, Wallace also provides a variety of short-term, non-credit services through its Center for Economic and Workforce Development. These programs are specifically designed to help job applicants

compete in the existing job market.

"The WestPoint closing will have a major impact on families in Abbeville," said **Amy Brabham**, WCC workforce development coordinator. "Although this is a stressful time for these workers, Wallace is prepared to help them quickly move into new jobs with greater earning potential and job stability."

Wallace offers free adult education services, including literacy and GED preparation classes, to help adult learners reach their educational goals. Upon successful completion of the program, these students are prepared to enroll in one of the college's credit programs, or they may choose to complete a short-term training program and move more quickly into the workforce.



Gwyn Galloway, division director of practical nursing counsels Regina McRae who is among the 575 employees who will lose their jobs at WestPoint Home Factory.

ATN Hosts Training Meeting

The Alabama Technology Network's Alexander City Center was the site of a Honda suppliers training event. The center is located on the campus of Central Alabama Community College.

The training event was sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) agencies in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee. MEP is a nationwide network whose sole purpose is to provide small- and medium-sized manufacturers with the services they need to succeed. ATN is Alabama's affiliate of the MEP.

During the event, participants had the opportunity to attend sessions on Lean manufacturing, quality systems/ISO, process automation, environmental safety and OSHA regulations, and leadership management and development. The sessions were conducted by representatives from each of the MEPs.

"We are very excited to have been able to host an event like this," said **Jeff Graham**, director of the Alex City ATN Center. "We look forward to more opportunities to partner with Honda and its suppliers to develop training that benefits them."

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Tentative Conference Agenda

Sunday, November 18, 2007

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Facilitators Workshop
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Cosmetology Workshop
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Association Meetings
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Chancellor's Awards
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Chancellor's Reception

Monday, November 19, 2007

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Facilitators Workshop
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Expo
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Light Breakfast Provided
8:20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Newcomers' Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Workshops
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Vendor Expo/Break
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	First Plenary Session
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Light Lunch Provided
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Commission Meetings
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Workshops
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Workshops
8:00 p.m. - Midnight	ACA Dance

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Light Breakfast Provided
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Vendor Expo
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Workshops
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Second Plenary Session ACA Business Meeting

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