



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION:

Calhoun Community College promotes student success and community development through quality education, cultural enrichment, and workforce training.

VALUES:

Accountability - Collaboration - Diversity
Equity - Innovation - Integrity

VISION:

Success for every student, the community, and the College.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Calhoun Community College Family and Friends,

As we embark upon the new year, we are thankful for all that has taken place in 2022 as we celebrated the college's 75th anniversary. I am especially thankful that Chancellor Jimmy Baker and the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees named me the sixth permanent President at Calhoun. I am committed to doing my very best to represent the college in the most esteemed way, and leading the institution in carrying out the mission of promoting student success and community development through quality education, cultural enrichment and workforce training.

In this annual report, you will see that we are off to an excellent start in achieving our goal to equip students with the training and education needed to seek quality employment or transfer to a four-year university to continue their education. This would not be possible without all of us working together as a village and applying the team approach to addressing problems and finding solutions.



In 2022, we held Calhoun's first ever National Signing Day for students majoring in technical careers like aerospace, electrical, robotics, welding, and design drafting. We received a half-million dollar grant from the Gene Haas Foundation for Advanced Manufacturing. Construction began on a new three-story, 43,000-square-foot residence hall in downtown Decatur. It will attract more students and increase enrollment at the Alabama Center for the Arts. We moved commencement to the Von Braun Center in Huntsville allowing students to invite an unlimited number of guests to the ceremony without space restrictions. In Health Sciences, Calhoun joined with Decatur Morgan Hospital, Athens Limestone Hospital and South Hampton Nursing and Rehab to launch a new apprenticeship program addressing the statewide nursing shortage. And last but certainly not least, we restored our athletics programs. After more than 20 years, men's and women's basketball are back at Calhoun Community College, and we added the institution's first-ever women's volleyball team. These are just a few of the many accomplishments that will be highlighted in this annual report.

I would like to thank all of our students, faculty and staff for their hard work in 2022. I would also like to thank our foundation board members, our alumni, financial supporters, friends and all other stakeholders who supported us in 2022. Your contributions to the institution are a prerequisite to Calhoun's continued success. The college is blessed to be located in the heart of the Tennessee Valley, surrounded by communities that appreciate and value the good and important work we do each day.

Sincerely,

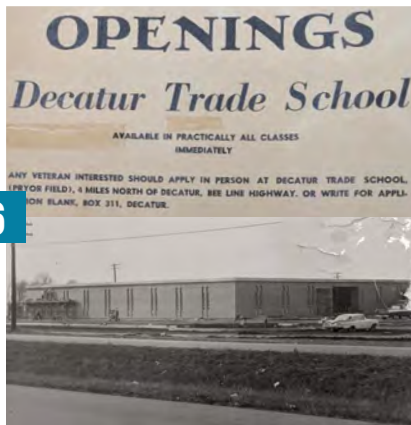
Jimmy Hodges
Jimmy Hodges, Ed.D.
President





1942

Calhoun's first president, Dr. Carlton Kelley, serves as head of the Decatur Trade school.



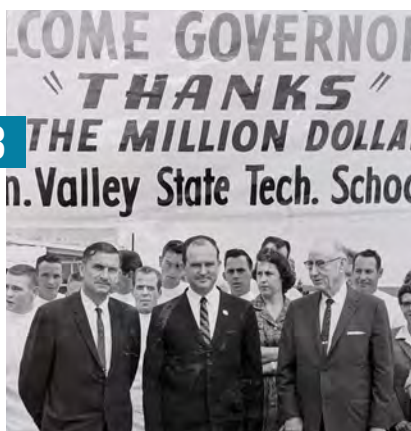
1946

The institution moved to its present location near Pryor Field and served as a war surplus project for training WWII vets.



1947

The College was created as the result of the consolidation of the Tennessee Valley State Technical School and John C. Calhoun State Junior College.



1953

Tennessee Valley State Technical received 1st appropriation funding from the state of Alabama for 1 million dollars.



1965

The school became a comprehensive institution and was renamed John C. Calhoun State Technical Junior College and Technical School.

1974

Construction on the Student Center (Decatur campus) was completed; the building would later be named the Chasteen Student Center in honor of the College's second president, Dr. James Chasteen.



1977

Dr. James Chasteen becomes the College's second president, serving the institution for 14 years. The Fine Arts Building opens.

1989

Calhoun student Todd Fentress is named the first American Association of Community and Junior College/Phi Theta Kappa National Student Scholar. At the time of Fentress' honor, only one student in the entire nation was recognized.



1992

Dr. Richard Carpenter is named Calhoun's third president, serving for close to 10 years.



1996

The Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus officially opens. Calhoun's first website goes "live".



1997

The College begins offering courses on-line via the Internet.



2003

Dr. Marilyn C. Beck becomes the College's fourth president and makes history as the institution's first female president. Beck rebuilds the entire college campus with the largest brick and mortar infrastructure campaigns in history. Enrollment tops 10,000 students.



2007

Math/Science/Administration Building opens.



2010

Groundbreaking event held for Phase I of the Alabama Center for the Arts



2015

Calhoun welcomes Dr. James Klauber, Sr. as its 5th president



2016

Ribbon cutting/grand opening held for new Math, Science and Computer Science building at Huntsville campus.



2016

Grand opening held for Alabama Center for the Arts, Phase II



2018

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey presents \$1M check to Calhoun and Huntsville Hospital to support creation of a new nursing simulation lab at the Huntsville campus.



2022

Dr. Jimmy Hodges is named 6th President of Calhoun Community College.



CALHOUN CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

2022 marked the 75th Anniversary for Calhoun Community College. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and community leaders gathered for a celebratory brunch to mark the milestone. In addition, the event also served to welcome newly appointed President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges.

The program included Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Chancellor Jimmy Baker, Alabama legislators as well as college presidents representing two-year and four-year systems from across the North Alabama region.

In 1942, the college was organized south of the Tennessee River in Decatur and was named The Decatur Trade School.

In 1946, the institution moved north of the Tennessee River in Decatur to its present location near Pryor Field, and served as a war surplus project for training World War II veterans.

In 1947, Calhoun Community College was created as a result of the consolidation of the Tennessee Valley State Technical School and John C. Calhoun State Junior College.

Our main campus is in the city limits of Decatur-Limestone County. The Huntsville campus is located across from the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Cummings Research Park. The Alabama Center for the Arts Campus is a unique partnership with Athens State University and is located in historic downtown Decatur.



DR. JIMMY HODGES NAMED PERMANENT PRESIDENT

JULY 2022

In July of 2022, the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Board of Trustees approved Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker's recommendation to appoint Dr. Jimmy Hodges as President of Calhoun Community College. Dr. Hodges served as Interim President at the College just over one year prior to the announcement.

"Madison, Morgan and Limestone counties are exploding in economic development, which means the residents and businesses there need to know now more than ever that a dynamic leader like Jimmy is at Calhoun Community College to ensure accessible, affordable and flexible education is right there to meet the needs of the community," said ACCS Chancellor Baker. "Calhoun Community College leads our System in so many areas. I'm excited to see how Jimmy will continue to strengthen direct ties to business and industry to maintain the college's standing," added Baker

Dr. Jimmy Hodges' 40 years of experience span higher education administration, manufacturing, and drafting and design technology. He began his career as a Machinist and served in various manufacturing industry roles for 20 years. In 2000, he utilized his experience to begin training the next generation as a Drafting Instructor at the Earnest Pruett Center of Technology. He then joined the faculty at Wallace State as Drafting Department Chairman and Instructor and was later promoted to Dean of Applied Technologies. Hodges earned a diploma in Machine Shop Technology from Wallace State and an Associate of Applied Science in Machine Tool Technology from Calhoun.

**"I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO
A LONG AND PROSPEROUS
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
CALHOUN FAMILY."**

Hodges holds a Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education and a Bachelor of Science in Management of Technology from Athens State University. He also earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama.

"For decades Calhoun Community College has been at the helm of workforce development in North Alabama, and I consider it a huge honor and a blessing to be able to lead such an excellent group of students, faculty and staff. I am also appreciative that Chancellor Baker and the ACCS Board of Trustees entrusted me to lead this great institution," commented Hodges.

"I appreciate Calhoun students and employees who have welcomed me. I am looking forward to a long and prosperous relationship with the Calhoun family," added Hodges. Hodges' appointment marks the first time in many years that all 24 colleges in the Alabama Community College System have permanent presidents.

CALHOUN'S ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ALABAMA TOPS **\$730 MILLION**

The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) released impressive results of an economic impact report and Calhoun Community College is proud of its numbers. The report shows Calhoun's total annual economic impact exceeded \$733 million, which supported over 9,754 jobs across the state. This value is approximately equal to 1.8 percent of the region's total gross regional product.

The news is good not only for Calhoun, but all 24 community colleges across the state of Alabama. Students and alumni of colleges within the ACCS add \$6.6 billion to Alabama's economy, supporting one out of every 27 jobs in the state.

Lightcast, a global leader in labor market analytics for colleges and universities, analyzed data using fiscal year 2020-21 academic and financial reports from Alabama's community and technical colleges, as well as industry and employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The independent, 102-page report estimates the ACCS directly impacts 98,923 jobs in the state, representing about 2.7 percent of Alabama's gross state product. Additionally, taxpayers see a net benefit of \$1.1 billion in added tax revenue from students' higher lifetime earnings and increased output to businesses.

To see the full report scan the QR code
or go to [ACCs.edu/impact/](https://accs.edu/impact/)



The Economic Value of John C Calhoun Community College

About CCC



12,424
Credit students



3,375
Non-credit students



754
Employees

The CCC
Service Area
Alabama



Economic impact analysis



1 out of every 40 jobs in the CCC Service Area is supported by the activities of CCC and its students.



Alumni Impact

Impact of the increased earnings of CCC alumni and the businesses they work for

\$669.9 million
Added income



An economic boost similar to hosting the World Series
103x

OR

8,708 Jobs supported



Operations spending impact

Impact of annual payroll and other spending

\$54.4 million
Added income

883
Jobs supported



Enough to buy **1,156** new cars

OR



Student spending impact

Impact of the daily spending of CCC students attracted to or retained in the region

\$5.5 million
Added income



Enough to buy **447** families* a year's worth of groceries

OR

113 Jobs supported



Construction spending impact

Impact of expenditures for ongoing construction projects

\$3.4 million
Added income

OR

51 Jobs supported

● = 100 jobs
* = family of four



Investment analysis



For every \$1...



Students gain **\$5.60** in lifetime earnings
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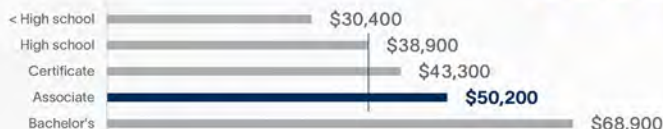


Taxpayers gain **\$4.40** in added tax revenue and public sector savings
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$



Society gains **\$10.90** in added income and social savings
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

The average associate degree graduate from CCC will see an increase in earnings of **\$11,300** each year compared to someone with a high school diploma working in Alabama.





RAKESTRAW CHOSEN AS NEW VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

DECEMBER 2022

Wesley Rakestraw was selected as the new Vice President of Academic Affairs. A native of Cullman County, Rakestraw comes to Calhoun by way of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, where he served as the Dean of Applied Technologies for the past three years.

"I am extremely excited about this appointment and joining the Calhoun family. I am so grateful to have been selected to serve in this capacity," commented Rakestraw. "I strongly believe through teaching you can have a direct impact on shaping and changing the lives of students. Education and high-quality training are the strongest tools in which we can equip our students to enter into the workforce or transfer to a four year university with confidence," he added.

Rakestraw holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology as well as a Master of Science in Zoological Science - both from Auburn University. He started his distinguished career in higher education as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Auburn. After completing his education, he taught as an adjunct instructor in the Biology Department at Wallace State. In 1993, he became a full-time instructor at Wallace, and continued to teach for twenty-four years. Rakestraw served

as Division Chair of Natural Sciences for three years before moving into the role of Director of the Oneonta Campus for Wallace State. His entire career has been characterized by a dedication for excellence in the classroom and a strong advocacy for student success.

"I am eager to see fresh and exciting ideas Mr. Rakestraw will bring to the college, along with a wealth of education and experience accumulated throughout his career as a faculty member," commented Calhoun President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "Academics is the vital component for every higher educational institution, and ensuring we have someone who understands that is essential to our success."

Rakestraw has a long list of honors and achievements. He is a graduate of the State of Alabama Master Teacher Program, a member of the National Center for Case-Study Teaching in Science, a graduate of Educator of Learning Centered Excellence, a member of the Alabama Biological Society, and a faculty leader for Guided Pathways' implementation. He was a recipient of the League of Innovation Award in 2010 for his work on the Gateway Initiative for First-Year Experience; and again, in 2016 for his work on Guided Pathways. Rakestraw also received the 2017 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award in Leadership: along with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Leadership that same year. Additionally, he was an Achieving the Dream core team member for Wallace State; elected by his peers to serve three consecutive terms as the faculty representative to the Administrative and Instructional Councils; and graduated from the Alabama Community College Leadership Academy.

Mr. Rakestraw's first day on the job was Thursday, December 1, 2022.

"...THROUGH TEACHING YOU CAN HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON SHAPING AND CHANGING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS."



ALABAMA CENTER FOR THE ARTS BREAKS GROUND ON FIRST RESIDENCE HALL

JUNE 2022

In June, Calhoun Community College and Athens State University hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in celebration of the construction for a new residence hall at the Alabama Center for the Arts (ACA) in downtown Decatur.

"Today is a great day for Calhoun, Athens State and the City of Decatur," commented Calhoun Community College President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "This was a project we foresaw working towards in the future, but today bears the fruit of the great work and dedication of our elected officials, city government and institutions who put forth the work to make it happen now, and for that I couldn't be any more proud," said Hodges.

According to Hodges, the 3 story, 43,474 square foot residence hall will be the ACA's first-ever dormitory for students. The new state-of-the-art living facility will feature 49 apartments with a mix of 11 studio, 19 one-bedroom, and 19 two-bedroom units for a total of 68 beds, which includes both ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and adaptable units. Students who live in the dorms will have amenities that include refrigerator, stove/oven, microwave, dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer, as well as high-speed internet. The building will also be equipped with a 250 mph rated storm shelter on the first floor to accommodate all residents. Interior common areas will include a post office, leasing office, as well as a study area with computer labs on all three floors. The building will be secured as keyless entry access cards are required to enter the building and will be provided to each student resident. Video surveillance cameras will also be placed on all exterior entrances and exits of the building to add an extra layer of security.

"I recall when I first interviewed to be the President of Athens State University," commented Dr. Phillip Way. "One of the things that stood out in my mind was the dynamic and close knit relationship between Calhoun and Athens State. It is one that I have watched continue to grow strongly and as

a result, our collaborative effort through the ACA continues to grow as well. It is so exciting that people from all over the world can now attend our Arts Center without the worry of where they will live. Our achievements today will only continue to expand our programs at the ACA and I couldn't be happier," added Way.

The Alabama Center for the Arts (ACA) represents a unique partnership between Calhoun Community College, Athens State University, and the City of Decatur. Individuals who are seeking a career or hobby in the arts are able to attend the ACA. Those who are interested in a career can seamlessly complete an associate degree from Calhoun and continue under the same roof to complete their bachelor's degree from Athens State.

"While visiting the ACA a few years ago, I ran into an Athens State instructor who happened to be walking through the halls. I casually asked her what we could do to make the ACA more prominent and attractive to future students, and the instructor simply replied by saying, dormitories," commented Alabama Senator Arthur Orr. "After thoughtful consideration, I knew what the instructor said was exactly what the ACA lacked among its competitors. It's difficult to attract individuals outside of North Alabama without providing convenient housing accommodations," said Orr.

The main goal and focus for all parties involved with the ACA is to attract more students and increase enrollment. Senator Arthur Orr, with the help of both institutions, put together a student housing proposal to present to Governor Ivey in January of 2020. The Governor approved \$15M towards the construction of residence halls at the ACA, which was a part of the Public School and College Authority (PSCA) Bond Issue. The funding for the PSCA was intended for public schools to use toward construction, safety improvement, or technology upgrades.



GRADUATION MOVES TO VON BRAUN CENTER

FEBRUARY 2022

For the first time ever, Calhoun Community College Commencement exercises moved to the Propst Arena at the Von Braun Center (VBC) in Huntsville.

Planning Calhoun Community College Commencement is a difficult task to say the least. First, the seating at Kelley Gymnasium on the main campus in Decatur is limited to 2,500. Often times, family and friends are turned away because each graduate only gets a limited number of tickets and there simply isn't enough room to accommodate everyone wanting to attend. The second issue is the logistics of an outdoor ceremony on the front lawn of the administration building, due to the uncertainty of the weather.

To solve the problem, the Calhoun Graduation Committee and the administration moved commencement to the Von Braun Center in Huntsville. The location change gives each graduating student the freedom to invite as many guests as they want. In addition, the administration agreed to drop

graduation fees removing all obstacles preventing students from participating. "We wanted to make it easy for students and their families to participate in commencement exercises. It has been difficult for our students, faculty, and staff, especially over the past two years during COVID restrictions," commented Calhoun President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "For 2022, we were able to celebrate the accomplishments of our students like never before," he added.

About 4,000 people attended the ceremony held at the VBC. Almost 1,500 Calhoun students qualified for graduation. The 2022 commencement speaker was Donna C. Coleman, CEO of Aeotos Systems, a company she founded in 2007, which serves both government and commercial clients. Coleman is a proud graduate of Calhoun Community College, where she earned an Associate of Applied Science degree, as well as Athens State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree.





CALHOUN'S TOP TEN STUDENTS AMONG THOSE TO BE HONORED DURING 53RD ANNUAL HONORS DAY

APRIL 2022

Calhoun Community College recognized its top students for the 2021-22 academic year during the 53rd Annual Honors Day program. Students were presented with local, state and national honors and scholarships during the program.

Among the honors awarded were the Athlete of the Year, James B. Allen Pin Award, Keith Wiley Sigma Kappa Delta Award, Sigma Kappa Delta National Awards, Most Outstanding Warhawk Student Ambassador, All-Alabama Academic Team Members, as well as the SkillsUSA State Winners. Academic awards were also given to students receiving Calhoun scholarships, and scholarships from four-year colleges and universities were awarded by representatives from those institutions.

Among other students to be honored were the college's "Top Ten Most Outstanding Students". These students and short bios are listed as follows:



CELESTE ADAIR is a Pre-Engineering major from Trinity, Alabama. She is a Presidential Honors Program student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Celeste is active in her community through her volunteer work at her local church where she developed a project to reach out to elderly members experiencing COVID isolation. She has also volunteered at the Daikin Festival, Osborne Animal Clinic, and community cleanup weekends. Celeste's



NATALIA CECILIANO MARTINEZ is a Chemistry major from Huntsville, Alabama. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta honor societies, as well as a member of Calhoun's International Club. Natalia contributes to the community in her home country, Costa Rica, by volunteering remotely at the Fundacion Nacional Pro-Clinica del Dolor Y Cuidados Paliativos (National Pro-Clinic Foundation for Pain and Palliative Care), which provides families of terminally ill patients with hospital equipment so they may spend their final days together at home. Natalia's goal is to become a chemistry instructor in Costa Rica and make chemistry an inclusive experience, especially for women in her community.



JOSH COUCH is a Dual Enrollment student from Huntsville, Alabama. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Cyber Patriots, which is a national competition that focuses on protecting computer systems from hackers. After high school graduation, Josh plans to attend UAH in the fall and will participate in the pilot program for Regions Investing in the Next Generation (RING), an online high

high school cybersecurity course developed and sponsored by UAH. He is involved in his local community through his volunteer service at his church's food pantry and tutoring children at the Inner City Learning Center.



DESTINI GRANT is a Social Work major from Madison, Alabama. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta honor societies. Destini has served in a Treasurer and Vice President role for Calhoun's

Black Student Alliance, where she helped organize multiple events and fundraisers. She is involved in her community through her local church, is a member of the dance team, and the praise and worship team. She helped implement her church's first food drive through a partnership with the Food Bank of North Alabama. Destini's goal is to become a youth social worker who counsels and equips teens with healthy coping mechanisms.



MEGAN HOLBROOK is a Visual Communications major from Decatur, Alabama. She serves as President of the American Advertising Federation Club, and she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta

honor societies. Megan was a co-captain and finalist in a First Tech Challenge robotics team where she also was responsible for all of the team's social media, website, and promotional materials. She and her team volunteered at various events, such as visiting children's hospitals, donating winter clothes to homeless Veterans, and hosting fundraising opportunities. Megan's goal is to transfer to Athens State University to obtain a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Graphic Design concentration.



VUONG NGUYEN is an Advanced Manufacturing, Electrical Technology major from Madison, Alabama. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Vuong was selected as the Most Outstanding Student in Electrical Technology in 2021

and has been awarded an academic scholarship twice during her tenure at Calhoun. She is involved in her community through service at St. John the Baptist Catholic School by providing lunch for kindergarten classes when needed. Vuong's career goal is to become an electrical engineer by obtaining a bachelor's and master's degree in the future.



COURTNEY NUCKOLS is a Nursing major from Huntsville, Alabama. She currently serves as the President for the Student Nurses Association, and she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Delta Nu Nursing honor societies. Courtney has

volunteered in several community events, including fundraising for Hope Place Domestic Violence Shelter and serving as a Board Member and Communications Director for the Whitesburg Recreation Association. She is passionate about Obstetric Nursing, and she is currently precepting on Labor and Delivery at Madison Hospital.



DANIELLE REED is a Psychology major from Harvest, Alabama. She serves as the Sigma Lambda Chapter President of Phi Theta Kappa, where she participated in an awareness campaign for the Limestone Foster

Care system and contributed to the sustainability of the Calhoun Cupboard. Danielle is also a Presidential Honors Program student, and she is involved in her local community through tutoring at the Madison County Virtual Academy. Danielle was also given the prestigious honor of being selected as a 2022 All-Alabama Academic Team member. Danielle's goals include establishing her own counseling practice, positively impacting the lives of others, and teaching at the collegiate level.



KATIE SPRINGER is a Theatre major from Decatur, Alabama. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Calhoun Theatre. She has performed in various plays throughout her time at Calhoun, and most recently starred in

Legally Blonde as Elle Woods. Katie's goal is to become a high school drama teacher and become a part of the thriving theatre community in Decatur. After Calhoun, she plans to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree at the University of Montevallo, where she has been offered the Transfer Academic Recognition Scholarship.



CHESNEY WIDNER is a Mathematics major from Elkmont, Alabama. She currently serves as Vice President for the Calhoun Warhawk Student Ambassadors. Chesney contributes to the community through her volunteer

service in various projects, like the Blanket Drive, Winter Coat Drive, and the MS Walk. She has also volunteered at Manna House, which provides food assistance to those in need. Chesney's goal is to become a teacher in secondary education; she plans to transfer to Athens State University.

CLASS OF 2022 CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

The 2022 Chancellor's Award honorees represent leaders from each of the state's 24 community colleges who make a significant impact on their campuses and within their communities. We congratulate employees recognized for their outstanding work as recipients for the Class of 2022 Alabama Community College System Chancellor's Awards!



Janet Burch
Staff Member
Administrative Secretary,
Mathematics



Lewis Nall
Technical Faculty
Instructor, Automotive
Technology



Dr. Ina Wilson Smith
Administrator
Director of Student Disability
Services/ADA



Ernest Williams
Academic Faculty
Instructor/Department Chair
Mathematics

EMMY-AWARD WINNING AUTHOR TIMOTHY ALEXANDER GUEST SPEAKER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS SYMPOSIUM

SEPTEMBER 2022



To rise like a phoenix from the ashes means to emerge from a catastrophe stronger, wiser and greater. No one knows that experience any better than Timothy Alexander, the Emmy award winning author, national speaker and life coach chosen to speak at the 14th Annual Student Success Symposium. Perseverance, faith, determination and beating the odds are a few words that describe the path Timothy's life has taken.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Timothy attended Erwin High School and was ranked the #8 high school football player in the state. Timothy had the opportunity to play for any college in the country; however, he was involved in a life changing car accident in 2006, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. From that point on, Timothy was left to find his purpose in life. He soon learned he didn't need things to be easy for him in his new life, he just needed them to be possible to attain.

Timothy's aspirations for attending college and playing football never ceased, but the path would look a little different. He attended Wallace State Community College, and upon graduation, enrolled at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he double majored in Criminal Justice and Communication Management. While at UAB, Timothy left a major impact by becoming the first paraplegic to receive a football scholarship. He was also runner-up for Mr. UAB, a member of Omega Psi Phi, and the former president of UAB Gang Green who set two school attendance records during UAB's Basketball season. Timothy received the Student of Excellence Award because of his academic/athletic performance.

He was also the leader of the 2014 #FreeUAB movement after the UAB Football, Bowling and Rifle programs were terminated on December 2, 2014. After receiving approximately 56 city and county proclamations supporting the reinstatement of the three teams, he joined with UAB Boosters and Birmingham city leaders/supporters to help raise over \$40 million in one year.

Timothy graduated from UAB with a Master's degree in Communication Management. His proudest moment came on July 18, 2016 when he was able to stand up on his own for the first time since being paralyzed. The video of him standing went viral, catching the eye of ABC National News, TMZ Sports, and other news stations worldwide.

"The first time I heard Timothy Alexander's story was during one of the college's professional development sessions, and to say I was blown away by his positive demeanor and strong will to overcome the tough obstacles life has thrown at him would be a complete understatement," commented Calhoun Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Patricia Wilson. "Timothy is one of those people that you naturally gravitate towards as he truly has a great outlook on life. He has a realistic story that doesn't always include the happy moments, but he shows what resilience looks like when he ensures any situation is possible if you try, and that is what our students need to hear."

More than two hundred students attended the Success Symposium. Some described it as the most inspirational speech of strength and resilience they've ever heard.



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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

MAY 2022

Earning a college degree is a defining moment for many students, as it opens the door to new career opportunities. But for 81-year-old Gayle Young, it's much bigger than that; it is a lifelong dream fulfilled.

One Sunday, Young was talking with her daughter by phone, and as she had done many times before, expressed regrets at not attending college. A few minutes later, her daughter told her that she had just enrolled her at Calhoun at the age of 78. "That Sunday on the phone, Donna said, why not do it now, mom? I responded as usual and said, well, I'll look into that. Before I knew it, she had me signed up for classes and I was on my way, a little scary, but I was on my way," said Young.

The culmination of that conversation and those dreams came in May 2022, when Young graduated at age 81 with a 3.7 GPA, receiving her diploma from her daughter, Dr. Donna Estill, Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences at Calhoun. Gayle's husband, children, grandchildren, friends and all the Calhoun family celebrated with her on that special day.

"We are so proud of her," said Estill. "To see my mother walk across the stage fulfilling a lifelong dream was so emotional and heartwarming for us. Not only that, but I never wanted to hear about her having regrets again."

Along the way, Young found herself growing and changing through diverse classes such as English, Physical Science, and Psychology. "I am changed by college; it changed me in ways that I didn't think it would," said Young. While completing her coursework, Young continued her lifelong passion for writing and published two books, a memoir entitled *Redbirds, Roses, and Ghosts*, which won a national

award, as well as a novel entitled *Dirty Pink*. A Birmingham, Alabama native, Young found her calling as a natural-born writer in fifth grade when her play was chosen for a school production by her teacher. Although she enjoyed school while growing up, Young decided not to pursue college after graduation. Instead, she married, raised four children, and worked as a legal secretary for most of her career. Young continued to write stories of all sorts throughout her life and was able to become a full-time writer after retirement, and published stories and essays in newspapers and anthologies.

With so many interests such as literature, psychology, and history, Young decided to pursue a General Studies degree as it allowed her the freedom to take multiple courses. Getting acclimated to not only going back to school, but to college life, Young realized that a lot had changed since the last time she attended school. She found herself becoming discouraged when she had to learn to use the computer. Her lack of efficiency in technology made her weary, but she never gave up.

"I won't use my degree in a career or job making money, but it has been immensely satisfying and helpful in my efforts to keep my mind young. I hope to encourage other older people to do the same. My mind works in different ways now, and I am still planning to take classes in the future. Who knows? Maybe I will earn a bachelor's degree," added Young.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. said, "A man's mind (or woman in this case), stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions." And 81-year-old Gayle Young is proof of just that. The moral of the story is IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!



HE EARNED A COLLEGE DEGREE BEFORE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

MAY 2022

Many may wonder how 18 year old Lucas Hasting of Decatur, walked across the stage to receive a college degree, before walking across the stage to receive his high school diploma. How is that possible? Well, it's simple, and it's called dual enrollment.

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, Lucas Hasting put on his blue cap and gown at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville and received an Associate of Applied Science degree from Calhoun Community College in Cyber Security and Information Technology. Two weeks later he wore his orange and black to receive his high school diploma from Austin High School in Decatur.

"While sitting in my advanced freshman English class at Austin High School, we were told by our teacher that representatives from Calhoun Community College wanted to speak with us," commented Hasting. "My classmates and I assumed it was just general information in regards to attending the college after graduation, but that wasn't the case. The representative explained how we could attend college while still going to school at the same time. I was already enrolled in AP courses, but this was different. They explained that the college courses we would be taking could be used towards a degree and that not only could I finish high school with an advanced diploma with my AP courses, but I could also receive a college degree. At that point, I was sold," said Hasting.

Calhoun's Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program allows eligible high school students to enroll in college courses concurrently with their high school classes. Students have the option to attend these classes at their high schools or one of Calhoun's campuses, and they receive both high school and college credit for those courses.

"We can't stress enough to parents and students how important and vital it is to understand what an awesome program this is," commented Calhoun Dual Enrollment Director, Gwen Baker. "Not only are you helping your child to advance, but they could enter into the workforce with a great

paying career at 18 and little to no student loan debt at all," added Baker.

Hasting enrolled at Calhoun the summer after his high school sophomore year. He wasn't quite sure what he wanted to major in as he was still a high school student thinking about college. After completing a research paper for one of his high school classes, he decided he wanted to pursue a Computer Information Systems degree as he loves Cyber Security.

"I knew how important this would be for not only my high school goals, but also my future career in Cyber Security. So, I set aside time throughout the day to concentrate on completing my college work for the week in advance and kept up with any other tasks by keeping lists," says Hasting. "It wasn't too hard for me. I would say the hardest part was when I entered my junior year of high school and I had to take AP Computer Science A, which required more work outside of class. It became difficult to juggle those projects, but I am proud to say, I made it through," he added.

The Dual Enrollment program at Calhoun allowed Hasting to earn college credit, get ahead, save money, and graduate college early.





CIVIL RIGHTS EXPERT DR. ROLUNDUS RICE FEATURED FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2022

Calhoun Community College hosted Dr. Rolundus Rice, aka “The Dapper Dean”, for its annual Black History Month Program.

From overcoming tough obstacles in his personal life to his current success, Rice has no ordinary story. The Atlanta, GA native had firsthand experiences with hardships as a troubled youth who spent his elementary years in the behavior and learning disorders programs in the Dekalb County School System in metropolitan Atlanta. Having made it to high school, Rice continued to give school a chance until he received his cumulative GPA, which was 1.42. That is when he immediately became defeated and decided to drop out of school in the 9th grade.

His story did not end there. Rice became determined to pursue school again and started with obtaining a GED. Inspired by the power of learning, he enrolled at DeVry University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He also graduated Magna Cum Laude from Alabama State University where he obtained a Master of Arts in History. His collegiate endeavors continued as he obtained the Doctor of Philosophy in History from Auburn University, making him the first GED recipient to earn a Ph.D. in Auburn’s 163-year history.

“Dr. Rice is a friend, and we worked together at the Alabama Community College System. His life story is such an amazing example of hard work and success,” said Calhoun Community College President, Dr. Jimmy

Hodges. “I knew he would be the perfect speaker at our annual Black History Program. I was moved by his personal testimony and I knew others would enjoy him as well.”

Rice continued to achieve great milestones in his life, entering into university leadership at the age of 33. He was appointed Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, and was recognized as one of the youngest academic deans at an accredited four-year institution in the United States. The “Dapper Dean,” as he was affectionately referred to by his students, was responsible for leading the reorganization of the History, English, Music, Mass Media, and Fine Arts curricula. He was also instrumental in securing a \$1.25 million implementation cluster grant from the United Negro College Fund’s Career Pathways Initiative to fund projects to increase Talladega College students’ chances of finding meaningful employment upon graduation.

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CALHOUN WARHAWKS





WARHAWK BASKETBALL IS BACK AND VOLLEYBALL TAKES FLIGHT

OCTOBER 2022

It only took newly appointed President Dr. Jimmy Hodges a few months after arriving, to make a decision about Calhoun Athletics. He conducted a community-wide survey to get public input and soon after announced plans to not only bring back men and women's basketball, but to add the college's first ever volleyball team as well.

"The survey confirmed what we thought we already knew, but we wanted to be sure we had the community's support before moving forward to expand our athletics. I'm excited about where we're headed. I believe the expansion of our sports programs will help grow the college and have a positive impact on the lives of our students. We also look forward to providing opportunities for athletes in our area, as we have made a commitment to recruit a percentage of our players from the local communities," said Hodges.

Calhoun Community College Athletics Director, Dr. Nancy Keenum never gave up. "This has been a long time coming! This is something I've advocated for since the college suspended athletics due to budget cuts 21-years ago in 2001. We have gradually brought back our programs a little at a time," said Keenum.

The survey included input from Calhoun students, employees, foundation, alumni, and the community at large. More than 96% of those surveyed believe athletic programs are important in the college setting and have a positive influence on student success. Basketball and volleyball were the top choices.

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"Now, with the reinstatement of basketball and the addition of volleyball, I think we will present more of a collegiate atmosphere and attract new students," said Keenum.

At times she thought bringing back athletics was next to impossible, but Keenum says she never stopped believing. "After 21-years, our school spirit is back and it just feels right. We now have 11-sports programs and 169 student athletes competing," she added.

The new Calhoun Warhawks basketball and volleyball teams are in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Alabama Community College Conference. The basketball program will compete in Division I and the volleyball program will compete in Division II.



NAVY VETERAN DERRICK POWELL HIRED AS MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

FEBRUARY 2022

Derrick Powell, Jr. is announced as Calhoun's head men's basketball coach. Powell most recently worked as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Tuskegee University. Prior to Tuskegee, Powell was the head basketball coach for the Montgomery Knights Minor League Basketball team, Wetumpka High School, and The Calhoun School in Lowndes County Alabama.

"I am super excited that the administration at Calhoun believes my education, training and basketball expertise is a good fit for the college. I am committed to working hard to make our program the best it can be and our players the best they can be. Character development is important to me, and I believe in coaching the whole person, not just the basketball player," commented head men's basketball coach, Derrick Powell.

In addition to head coaching experience, Powell was also a basketball coaching assistant at Faulkner University, Prattville High School and Jefferson Davis High School.

A native of Lowndes County Alabama, Powell played for Jefferson Davis High, Faulkner University and

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Marion Military Institute in the Alabama Community College System.

Coach Powell is a recipient of The Excellence in Teaching Award, the 2021 Fall Initiative Beautification Service Project Honor for being an efficacious educator. He was granted the Central Alabama Basketball Official Association Coaching Sportsmanship Award for his sideline professionalism and has coached many successful players like; Cortney Forston, Dione' Ferguson, Clifford Thomas, Gregg Boyd, and two-time Mr. Alabama, Jaderious "JD" Davison.



CANDACE BYRD-VINSON LEADING LADY WARHAWKS

APRIL 2022

The Calhoun Community College Athletics Division announced Limestone County Sports Hall of Famer Candace Byrd-Vinson, as the new Women's Basketball Coach. Getting hired in April of last year, Byrd-Vinson did not have very much time to put a team together. She had to hit the ground running by holding tryouts for Women's Basketball right away. It all came together on the fasttrack and now the Lady Warhawks are competing impressively across the region.

"I am so honored and blessed to be named the head women's basketball coach at Calhoun. Our President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges and the Calhoun family has received me with open arms and we have been able to do a lot in a short period of time. There is still much work to be done, but I believe we are off to a great start," commented Byrd-Vinson.

The Tanner, AL, native was a basketball superstar during her time at Tanner High School where she played multiple positions. She was named All-County five times and was a four time All-State selection by the Alabama Sports Writers Association from 1997-2000. She was also recognized as 2A Player of the Year, as well as The Decatur Daily Player of the Year. She averaged 21.3 points per game and 14.2 rebounds per game during her high school career, totaling 2,065 career rebounds and 2,795 career points.

Byrd-Vinson played in the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star game while in high school, and became the leading

rebounder in Alabama high school history once she graduated. Her lasting effect on the Tanner High School Women's Basketball Program helped pioneer a movement in the Tennessee Valley that helped recruit high-quality players.

After high school, Byrd-Vinson went on to play college basketball and graduated from Birmingham-Southern College, where she was a starter. After college, she was hired as the Head Girls Basketball coach at East Lawrence High School in Trinity, AL, and lastly R.A. Hubbard High School in North Courtland, AL where she led the team to a Class 1A State Championship in 2017 and multiple Regional Championships and appearances. She was also named AHSAA 1A Coach of the Year by the Alabama Sports Writers Association.

In 2018, Byrd-Vinson was inducted into the Limestone County Sports Hall of Fame.



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JAMIEE FREEMAN TO LEAD CALHOUN'S FIRST EVER VOLLEYBALL TEAM

APRIL 2022

Calhoun Community College hired Jamiee Freeman to be the college's first-ever head coach of its new volleyball program. Prior to Calhoun, Freeman was the head varsity volleyball coach for Decatur High School.

The 2008 Sparkman High School graduate was named all-county, all-area, received an all-metro honorable mention, as well as led the school's volleyball team in kills and digs. She went on to compete at the collegiate level, starting all 4 years at Georgia State University. Freeman ended her volleyball career with a total of 803 kills, 124 service aces, 1,372 digs, and 139 blocks. She still holds the record in multiple categories, such as the Colonial Athletic Association Defensive Player of the Week, Member of All Rookie Team (2009), All Tournament Team Wisconsin Cowgirl Tournament (2011), and All Team Georgia State Tournament (2012), she led her

in aces, and ranks 7th in digs and 10th for attack attempts in Georgia State University's athletics history.

Freeman brings over a decade of coaching experience and has served as an assistant volleyball coach for the Tsunami Volleyball Club, Alabama Elite as well as at Wallace State Community College where she led the team to two conference championships in 2014 and 2015. In 2014, the team finished with a 35-10 record going undefeated in their conference. She also served as the junior varsity volleyball coach for James Clemens High School as well as Arab High School. During her first year at Arab, she led the school's varsity team to a 31-15 record and placed first in the Good Hope Tournament, as well as landing a spot as runners-up in the County Tournament. In her second year at Arab, she led their varsity team to a 19-20 season record and was 3-0 in area play to host the Area Tournament.

"I AM EXCITED TO TAKE ON THIS CHALLENGE, AND AM GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF HISTORY WITHIN CALHOUN'S ATHLETICS DIVISION."

"I am extremely humbled, to say the least," commented Freeman. "Most people who are taking a new role hear, 'you have big shoes to fill'. The realization for me is that there were no prior shoes to compare or fill, so I am ready to get the ball rolling quickly. I am excited to take on this challenge, and am grateful to be a part of history within Calhoun's Athletics Division," added Freeman. Calhoun held its first ever volleyball game featuring the newly organized Lady Warhawks competing against Snead State Community College on Monday, August 29, 2022 in Kelley Gymnasium on the Decatur campus.



CALHOUN ALUMNUS SAM MURPHY COMPETES IN PGA TOUR EVENT

SEPTEMBER 2022

Calhoun golf alumnus, Sam Murphy was named among those to compete in the Sanderson Farms Championship, on the PGA Tour. According to Calhoun Men's Golf Coach, Richard Morgan, the Hartselle, Alabama native had a stellar athletic career during his time at Calhoun and was named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American.

"This is a proud moment not only for Sam but for myself and the entire Calhoun family," says Morgan. "Nothing is more rewarding than seeing my former athletes excel in the game of golf. It not only speaks volumes about Calhoun's golf program, but it also shows our level of support in training our students into becoming professional athletes if they so choose."

"Murphy has always been an impeccable player to watch," commented Morgan. "His golf skills and swing were precise. In the spring of 2018, he led our golf team to the NJCAA National Championship in Texas." Murphy brought a lot of excitement to Calhoun's golf team as he led them to a championship during the fall of 2018. The team competed in Wallace State's two-day Fall Invitational at Cross Creek Golf Course with Murphy scoring a 13-under, 203.

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RECOGNIZING OUR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

A Calhoun Student Success Story In Memory of Clifford Steven “Steve” Smith

Steve was a native and longtime resident of Athens, Alabama. His early education was in Elkmont, followed by Athens City Schools. Upon his graduation from Athens High School in 1968, Steve attended Calhoun Community College while working full-time. He later transferred to Florence State University, receiving his bachelor's degree in business management in 1972. Steve had a 40-year career in Banking and Finance. He received a Professional Master of Banking degree from the LSU Graduate School of Banking. He was a member of the Rotary Club, and received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. Steve was a founding member of the Athens Limestone Hospital Foundation Board, the same hospital in which he was born. He served for 24 years, with 7 years as Board Chair of the Hospital. Over his life and career, Steve also served as Athens-Limestone Chamber of Commerce President, Calhoun Community College Foundation Board member

and numerous other boards that made a huge impact on North Alabama communities.

Outside of community involvement, Steve was an avid golfer and enjoyed nothing more than spending the day on the golf course with family and friends.

It was Steve's 'passion' for golf and healthcare that inspired the family to create an endowed scholarship at Calhoun Community College in Steve's name. Proceeds from the annual Steve Smith Memorial Golf Tournament funded the Steve Smith Memorial endowed and annual scholarships benefitting Nursing, Surgical Technology, and Paramedics areas of study. The family was beyond pleased to be able to establish scholarships with both immediate and perpetual impact for deserving students in celebration of Steve's life.

BUCHHEIT APPOINTED NEW DEAN OF BUSINESS & CIS

APRIL 2022

Calhoun Community College is pleased to announce the appointment of Cynthia Buchheit as its new Dean of Business and Computer Information Systems (CIS).

"We are so excited that Cynthia will now serve permanently in the Dean's position," commented Calhoun Community College President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "Since October 1, 2021, Cynthia served as the Acting Dean of Business/CIS and hit the ground running on day 1. We appreciate the passion and support she provides to not only that department, but to our students as well," added Hodges.

The Gadsden, Alabama native brings over 25 years of higher education to this role and has taught on the K-12 and collegiate levels. As the Dean, she will oversee and support the faculty members within her division, as well as help position Calhoun students with high-quality training and education to fulfill open positions within the workforce.

"I am the proud product of the Alabama Community College System, and am very grateful for the education I received at Gadsden State Community College," commented Buchheit. "I am honored to have been chosen to serve in this role, and can't wait to help our students discover their educational goals and succeed in them. A continuous task of mine is to ensure we are providing the most up-to-date and current training and education the industry is seeking in their candidates. Our Systems Engineering

Technician (SET) Program is one of my first big tasks, and my goal is to fill those courses and help train future engineers through our dynamic program," added Buchheit.

For the past 11 years, Buchheit has been employed at Calhoun and most recently served as a CIS Instructor and Department Chair. She holds a Master of Arts in Business and Computer Education and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Education from The University of North Alabama. Buchheit also doubled majored at Gadsden State Community College earning an Associate of Applied Science in Office Administration and an Associate of Science in General Education.

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GRAMMY-RECOGNIZED MUSICIAN TO LEAD CALHOUN SHOWBAND

OCTOBER 2022

Calhoun announced plans to create a new showband and hired a GRAMMY Quarterfinalist to lead the way.

Dr. Matt Leder, a 20-year professional musician who studied with jazz legends such as Ellis Marsalis, Clyde Kerr, Irvin Mayfield, and many others, will lead Calhoun's new band. The musical veteran has performed throughout the United States, and was a member of the "Louis Armstrong Quintet," funded through the Armstrong Foundation. Leder served over eight years as a Navy musician and four years as an Air Force musician. While a member of the armed forces, he performed for five US presidents. Dr. Leder had a wide variety of experiences, including selection into the International Association of Jazz Educators All Star Collegiate Big Band, performances at Carnegie Hall, Birdland, and Boston's Symphony Hall; a theater stint in Myrtle Beach that included shows with Steve Gatlin and the Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show, a national tour with "In the Mood," and has performed in supporting ensembles for Bob Mintzer Benny Green, Melton Mustafa, Nicholas Payton, Ellis Marsalis, Ana Popovic, Tasha Taylor and several others.

"I am very humbled and excited to be a part of Calhoun's music faculty," commented Dr. Leder. "Music of all genres is my passion, and I can't wait to recruit new members to join the band. We are looking for vocalists, drummers, pianists, guitarists, and horn players, as well



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sound crew. Not only can individuals join the band, but we will offer scholarships as well to either pay or help pay for their education."

Prior to this appointment, he served as Music Director/ Instructor at Gadsden State Community College and was the director of the award winning GSCC Show Band. Dr. Leder was Chair of the Music Department at Northern New Mexico College and also has served as faculty at Brown University, University of Colorado at Denver, Community College of Rhode Island, and St. George's School. He has notations in "Ala Breve," Downbeat, All Hands Magazine, and ITG Journal. Leder is a current member of the Jazz Education Network, International Trumpet Guild, and NAFME. Dr. Leder was also named as a GRAMMY Educator of the Year Quarterfinalist for 2021 and 2022.



JAZZ MUSICIAN JASON MARSALIS VISITS ALABAMA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

OCTOBER 2022

Dr. Matthew Leder and The Calhoun Community College Fine Arts Division invited famous jazz musician, Jason Marsalis, as its special guest for the 'New Orleans, Then and Now' Concert. Hundreds of people were in attendance for the October free event held at the historic Princess Theatre in downtown Decatur. Earlier in the day, Marsalis conducted a musician's workshop for students at the Alabama Center for the Arts.

From a young age, it was clear that Jason Marsalis had what it took to be great. Jason is the son of pianist and music educator Ellis Marsalis, and the youngest sibling of Wynton, Branford, and Delfeayo. Together, the four brothers and their patriarch Ellis, comprise New Orleans's venerable first "family of jazz".

At age 6, Marsalis took lessons from legendary New Orleans drummer James Black and later made his recording debut as a teenager on Delfeayo Marsalis' 1992 release, Pontius Pilate's Decision. He graduated from the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) and studied percussion at Loyola University New Orleans. He worked as a sideman in mainstream jazz, funk, and jazz fusion groups, and played Celtic music with Beth Patterson. He introduced percussionist Bill Summers to trumpeter Irvin Mayfield, and they founded Los Hombres Calientes. Marsalis has also played with John Ellis, Dr. Michael White, and the Marsalis family.

In 2011, Marsalis and his brothers Branford, Wynton, Delfeayo, and their father Ellis were named Jazz Masters by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

"We are shaking things up here at the College, and I thought what better way to do that than to bring my long-time friend, Jason, as well as some very special surprise music guests to put on an amazing concert for the community," commented Dr. Matt Leder, Calhoun music instructor. "As a new instructor to this program, I am tasked with recruiting new talent for Calhoun's new showband. There are many talented musicians and aspiring musicians in this area and I'm looking forward to getting to know them."

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KIM LEWIS TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF CALHOUN FOUNDATION BOARD

JUNE 2022

The Calhoun College Foundation is pleased to announce Kim Lewis has been named President of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Making history as the first African American to serve in this role, Lewis will succeed outgoing President, Rex Cheatham.

"On behalf of Calhoun Community College and the foundation's board of directors, we appreciate Rex for his leadership and direction of the foundation while serving during a difficult time, such as the COVID-19 pandemic," commented Calhoun Foundation Director, Johnette Davis. "We know it was an unordinary time to serve, but we are thankful for his contributions. As we move forward into our 2022-2024 presidential cycle, we look forward to the great things Kim will do not only for the college but for our students as well."

Not only is Lewis a graduate of Calhoun, but her name is also recognized among business and industry leaders across North Alabama. As the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of PROJECTXYZ, Kim helped position her company to provide services such as engineering, logistics, technology, manufacturing, alternative energy, as well as international foreign military sales. Under her leadership, ProjectXYZ supports federal and commercial customers across seven diverse subsidiaries, with locations across the globe. Her company has been recognized by Inc. magazine as one of the fastest growing privately held companies in the US.

A Huntsville, Alabama native, Kim has shown her strong commitment to community service and currently serves on several local, regional and national boards such as Huntsville Association of Small Businesses in Advanced Technology (HASBAT), Women in Defense (WID), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA), Huntsville Utilities, Cummings Research Park Board, Crestwood Medical Center Board,

The Shoals Chamber of Commerce, Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA), Women's Economic Development Council (WEDC) Foundation, University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) Foundation, Calhoun College Foundation, Health Establishments at Local Schools (HEALS), the National Children's Advocacy Council Board Chair, and the United Negro College Fund Committee (UNCF) Chair. Lewis hit remarkable milestones when named the first African American female elected as Board Chair of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and most recently, the first African American female owner of North Alabama's only locally owned broadcast television station, WTZT-TV. She was also nominated by President Joe Biden and serves on the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Board of Directors.

"I feel truly honored to have been selected as the new incoming board president for Calhoun's foundation," comments Lewis. "This appointment is very near and dear to my heart, as Calhoun provided me with the stepping stones I needed to be where I am today. Without the computer science courses I took at Calhoun, I don't think my love, drive and passion for what I do today would be possible. So for that, I am truly grateful."

The foundation board also named Anita Walden, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Decatur Morgan Hospital (DMH), as the 2022-2024 Vice President. She is also a graduate of Calhoun Community College and has spent the last 35 years of her career in healthcare at DMH. She has been an ICU staff nurse, a charge nurse and a director of multiple clinical departments. During her tenure at DMH, Walden has effectively established trusting, respectful relationships with physicians and other professionals throughout the organization and community. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at UAH and a Master of Management in Health Care at Vanderbilt University.

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A BIG CHECK AND A NEW NAME FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY LAB

NOVEMBER 2022

Calhoun Community College and the Gene Haas Foundation announced the renaming and official ribbon-cutting ceremony for a lab in the Advanced Technology Center. The new name for the high-bay area inside the center is now the Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The lab renaming and renovations were made possible through a \$550,000 grant presented to the College from the Gene Haas Foundation.

"Machining is both extremely important and vital in not only North Alabama, but across the country as well," commented Calhoun President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "I made the choice to go to college because I knew I wanted to be a machinist, which is why this announcement is so personal to me. Our college is privileged to be selected for such an opportunity where our students will benefit tremendously. Our manufacturing students compete nationally in various advanced manufacturing competitions, and one of the reasons they have a track record for success is from training on Haas equipment. The generosity of the Gene Haas Foundation will forever be etched in our hearts as we will be able to train the next generation of manufacturers with state-of-the-art equipment."

According to Calhoun Foundation Director, Johnette Davis, the funds were awarded by the Gene Haas Foundation in exchange for naming rights to the college's Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Lab inside of its Advanced Technology Center on the Decatur campus. The CNC high bay is now officially the Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing. In conjunction with renaming the lab, the grant will also help fund expansion plans, as well as create more training opportunities for future manufacturing technology students.

"The Gene Haas Foundation has been a consistent supporter of our advanced manufacturing students through scholarships over the years," commented Calhoun Dean of Technologies, John Holley. "Calhoun's technologies programs are recognized across the region as one of the best workforce development training facilities, and by partnering with The Gene Haas Foundation, this will only strengthen our efforts."

Gene Haas is the American founder, president, and sole stockholder of Haas Automation, a CNC machine tool manufacturer. Haas Automation is the largest machine tool manufacturer in the United States. With over 45 state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing learning labs at top-level institutions across the nation, its ultimate goal is to provide the best CNC training and advanced manufacturing education possible. The training is designed to increase the supply of highly skilled graduates available to meet the needs of local and regional industries. "It is an extraordinary honor for Calhoun's Advanced Manufacturing Center to bear the Gene Haas name, and we are deeply grateful to The Gene Haas Foundation for its partnership and shared vision," commented Davis.





THE FIRST-EVER SIGNING DAY FOR STUDENTS IN THE TECH INDUSTRY

APRIL 2022

We hear about “Signing Day” for athletes committing to play sports at colleges and universities. We also celebrate students who make plans to study medicine, law, education, finance and other important professions. But often times the students who plan to work in technical fields don’t always get the accolades they deserve.

To change that, Calhoun Community College Technologies Division teamed up with the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) to host its first-ever National CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day. This special signing was held in conjunction with Senior Day and will feature students who have committed to pursuing their college degrees and future career in the technical industry. Technical Programs at Calhoun include welding, aerospace, electrical, machining, HVAC, robotics, automotive, design drafting and many others.

“These are the jobs and the people that I often call the backbone of the country and our workforce. Yes, all careers are important and vital to the big picture, but I wanted to do something to celebrate the students going into these technical fields that are often overlooked and by all means underestimated,” said Calhoun President Dr. Jimmy Hodges.

This special and unique event mimicked an athletics signing day where students signed their letter of intent to work for one of our many business and industry partners as well as their commitment to pursue their Associate of Applied Science Degree.

“As everyone knows, we are enjoying the benefits of a good economy and low unemployment. There continues to be a labor shortage. There are more jobs in these fields than there are skilled workers to fill them. The technical fields offer an opportunity for students to get educated and trained in areas that will allow them to make a good living. I’m proud to recognize them during this Signing Day event,” said Dean of Technologies, John Holley.

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CALHOUN STUDENTS WIN BIG AT STATE SKILLSUSA

MAY 2022

Calhoun students won BIG at the 2022 Alabama SkillsUSA State Competition, which was held in Birmingham and advanced to compete nationally.

"This competition is near and dear to my heart," commented Calhoun Community College President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges, "As a machinist by trade, it is absolutely amazing to watch so many young people take an interest in technical training, and participate in competitions that expand their minds to the magic they can make with the skills they are learning."

24 Calhoun students battled head to head with other students from across the state in various technical contests. Of those competitions, Calhoun won 7 gold medals, 11 silver medals, and 2 bronze medals. The 7 students who won gold medals advanced to represent Alabama in the National SkillsUSA Competition.

"Some may argue that sports competitions are the most exciting competitions, but I would beg to differ," said Calhoun Design Drafting Technology Instructor, Nina Bullock. "There is nothing more rewarding than watching our students work extremely hard preparing for these types of competitions and bringing back gold, silver, and bronze medals. It is all about applying the knowledge and skills gained from our Calhoun instructors, and we couldn't be more proud."

The competition consisted of over 1,500 attendees with 1,071 competitors in over 85 contests. Alabama SkillsUSA competition awarded 435 gold, silver, and bronze medals. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Calhoun is proud of these students for their hard work.

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Instructor: Nina Bullock

Gold Team - Candace Sanchez from Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Bradley Heichelbech from Springhill, TN

Silver Team

- Ryan Frost from Killen, AL
- Shyanne Warren from Moulton, AL

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING

Gold - Lenwood Cochran from Auburn, AL

Bronze - Chelsea Duford from Rogersville, AL

TECHNICAL DRAFTING

Gold - Delroy Tulloch from Decatur, AL

Silver - Lloyd Birdwell from Athens, AL

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

Instructor: Lewis Nall

Gold - Heath Berry from Hazel Green, AL

Silver - Austin Fortin from Colorado Springs, CO

CNC MILLING SPECIALIST

Instructor Tad Montgomery

Silver - Carson Walker from Harvest, AL

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION

Instructor: Tony Pack

Silver - Evan Mitchell from Elkmont, TN

Bronze - Jessie Woods from Ardmore, AL

INDUSTRIAL MOTOR CONTROL

Instructor: Collis Sims

Gold - Francisco Gonzalez from Decatur, AL

Silver - Wesley Irish from Decatur, AL

ROBOTICS & AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY

Instructor: Shaun Atkins

Silver Team - Christopher Horne from Madison, AL

- Josh Suggs from Huntsville, AL

Instructor: Matt Jones

Welding

Silver - Triston Evanko from Madison, AL

Welding Sculpture

Gold - Kyle Stark from Huntsville, AL



CALHOUN STUDENT RECEIVES LOCKHEED MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

OCTOBER 2022

Paying for college just got easier for Calhoun student, Michael Kerr. He was recently named among the 2022 students receiving the Lockheed Martin Vocational Scholarship.

"This scholarship means the world to me," said Kerr. "As a husband and father, self-financing my way through college became expensive and burdensome, especially when my goal was to graduate debt-free. This scholarship couldn't have come at a better time as I am nearing my last 10 classes, and will now have enough money to complete my Associate of Applied Science degree in Machine Tool Technology," he added.

Lockheed Martin designed the scholarship to help lift some of the monetary burdens students face, but in particular, those who are pursuing a degree in a STEM-related field. Recipients can not only use the scholarship for school-related expenses such as tuition and books, but also for other expenses that could pose a hindrance to arrive to class such as transportation.

"My stress levels are lowered, and now I can focus on my education, as well as spending more time with my family instead of working two jobs to pay for school. Lockheed Martin has not only invested in my education, but my life and future. I owe this degree not only to myself, but to my family and Lockheed Martin for making this possible," said Kerr.

Calhoun and Lockheed Martin created a partnership to provide training to future pre-apprentice aerospace electrical assembly technicians.

"The gap between open pre-apprentice aerospace jobs and trained technicians has become a growing trend in this industry," commented Houston Blackwood, Calhoun's former Director of Workforce Solutions. "My job is now with the Alabama Community College System and we help industry partners close that gap by providing them with training solutions to their internal problems, and creating opportunities to train individuals to enter the workforce and fill those positions."

Individuals who complete this training will also earn an IPC 620 certification, OSHA 10 certification, J-Standard Module 1 certification, and will be guaranteed an employment interview with Lockheed Martin.

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CALHOUN AND DRAKE STATE TO PROVIDE FREE MANUFACTURING TRAINING

MARCH 2022

Calhoun Community College and Drake State Community and Technical College announced a free manufacturing program, STEPS (Students Taking Effective Pathways to Success). The program is offered through the institution's GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) Program, and provides its students with the knowledge and certifications needed to enter the manufacturing industry as a pre-apprentice.

According to GOAL Instructor Phyllis Atwood, the 8-week program combines curriculum from the MSSC (Manufacturing Skill Standards Council), industry desired soft skills, and the Ready to Work curriculum into one streamlined program. The courses are conducted through a combination of self-paced

independent e-learning, asynchronous classwork as well as synchronous lecture classes. Requirements for the course include 8-hours a week through the online platform with the remainder of the material being completed independently by the student.

Currently, the GOAL team works with many manufacturing companies to train individuals in their program to work directly for YKTA, Mazda/Toyota, and many more. In addition to the STEPS certifications, adult learners can also receive continued training through GOAL with certifications such as OSHA 10, White Belt of Six Sigma, Certified Logistic Technician (CLT), and Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) certifications.





CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE LITERACY

SEPTEMBER 2022

The Calhoun Community College Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL) Program, Boys and Girls Club-Northwoods, Huntsville/Madison County Public Library-Downtown Huntsville, and Decatur Public Library partnered to celebrate National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

In response to Governor Kay Ivey's signed proclamation declaring September 18-24 as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, the team began working together to provide free services and fun activities that help promote the importance of reading to community members.

In the proclamation, the Governor stated more than 51.4 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level, while 75 million lack basic math skills and the credentials necessary to succeed in post-secondary education. Currently, there are 379,000 Alabamians over the age of 18 who do not have a high school diploma.

"This is alarming and quite heartbreaking," says Wendy Roberts, GOAL Director. "Our goal as adult education professionals is to not only help to fix this problem but to also provide free and convenient services to do so."

GOAL is a joint partnership between Calhoun Community College and Drake State Community and Technical College, which was designed to specifically assist adult learners



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with obtaining their high school diploma or GED, learning English as a second language, improving their reading, math, and language skills, as well as their computer skills. The program also offers training in manufacturing and logistics, which provides an opportunity to earn a certification once completed, as well as opportunities to work for companies such as Mazda/Toyota, YKTA, and many others.

"Adult Education and Literacy Week provides Calhoun and Drake along with other local organizations an opportunity to shine a light on the importance of not only being able to read but also being able to comprehend what you have read," commented Calhoun President Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "We hope that the community will come out and take advantage of these free services, but most importantly, take advantage of the opportunity to increase their skills, which will help them to earn higher wages for their families. GOAL is truly a life-changing program, and we don't want anyone to miss out."



CALHOUN LAUNCHES APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TO ADDRESS STATEWIDE NURSING SHORTAGE

AUGUST 2022

The Calhoun Community College Nursing and Career Services Departments joined forces with the Athens Limestone Hospital, Decatur Morgan Hospital, and South Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to create the college's first-ever Nursing Apprenticeship Program. To celebrate this milestone event as well as the students who were accepted into the program's first cohort, a signing ceremony was held on September 1 in the Health Sciences Building.

"Alabama's hospitals are grateful to community colleges and the Alabama Board of Nursing for their efforts to help meet a significant need for additional hospital nurses," said President of the Alabama Hospital Association, Dr. Donald Williamson. "Our hospitals look forward to working with their local colleges to provide hands-on experience and mentoring for these future nurses."

According to Calhoun's Nursing Department Chair, Dr. Lynn Hogan, this idea derived from a state-wide initiative by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Community College System to help train nurses more efficiently to enter

the workforce. The colleges worked with the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship, local and regional hospitals, and healthcare employers in a joint effort to help recruit and retain employees who have been oriented and worked in a facility during their career as a student to have a positive impact on the demand for nurses.

"Good healthcare begins with highly trained and compassionate nurses," Alabama Nursing Home Association President and CEO, Brandon Farmer said. "We're excited to see nurse apprenticeships begin because it will draw more people into Alabama's healthcare sector and will enhance the workforce development efforts of our association and its members. We will be active partners with the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship to help nursing homes employ and mentor nursing students."

Calhoun's Nursing Apprenticeship Program will not only provide students with the ability to receive hands-on training in nursing, but they will also get paid while working for one of our partner facilities. The program replaces traditional clinical hours with on-the-job learning with a nurse-mentor at the bedside for four semesters and upon completion, graduates will receive their associate degree in nursing.

"The nursing shortage has been an ongoing issue and has only gotten worse since the COVID-19 pandemic," commented Dr. Hogan. "Our goal is to provide quality training as well as on-the-job experience to our students while earning a paycheck as most of our students have households to maintain."

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CALHOUN OFFERS PAID CNA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 2022

The Calhoun Community College Workforce Solutions (CWS) team partnered with Senior Helpers, a local home healthcare company, to offer aspiring Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's) paid training opportunities.

According to CWS Project Manager, Diane Peck, the college's 6-week CNA training program provides real-world hands-on teaching. Students work on-site at an assigned long-term healthcare facility and are required to complete 20-hour clinical rotation shifts. They also receive lecture training that equips them with the knowledge and skillset necessary to immediately enter the workforce and provide direct patient care.

"CNA's are very hard to come by, with many senior citizens being directly affected by the shortage," comments Peck. "Sometimes it's months until some senior citizens are assigned an at-home CNA, which has only worsened since the COVID-19 pandemic."

In an attempt to assist with retaining and attracting new individuals to the nursing field, Governor Ivey reallocated \$12.3M in CARES Act funding to provide scholarships.

The \$799 Senior Helpers Scholarship covers fees such as

training, background check and drug screening, as well as the 2-part TB skin testing. Students who receive the scholarship automatically become employed with Senior Helpers. The only out-of-pocket cost to the students is \$75 for the state certification exam fee.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the state board exam, become certified, and be listed on the Alabama Nurse Aide Registry.

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CALHOUN HOSTS ROCKET CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 2022

The Calhoun Community College Health Sciences Division hosted the first in-person Rocket City Emergency Medical Conference on the Huntsville campus. Over 100 Doctors, Nurses, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel from across the southeast received simulated and lecture training.

According to Dion Schultz, Calhoun's Alabama Emergency Medical Services Region One (AERO) Director, this event was created 3 years ago through a state grant initiative funded by AERO to provide medical knowledge and new skills that improve patient care. "We were thrilled to have the medical community join us during this year's conference," said Schultz. "We had an exceptional line-up of speakers and key industry influencers who focused on tried and true medical techniques. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear directly from the pros," he added.

The conference kicked off with a mass casualty incident (MCI) event which consisted of over 70 patients who were transported via HEMS to Huntsville Hospital by several local EMS personnel, including Huntsville Fire and Rescue.

"This was one of the most elaborate MCI drills we've ever hosted," commented former Calhoun Dean of Health Sciences, Bret McGill. "We are very appreciative of the close working relationships the College has established with the medical services industry as teamwork is vital with the services and training we provide our

community. The loss of life during the pandemic due to COVID-19 was extremely devastating and a real eye-opener for healthcare workers. We do not claim to have magic powers to erase loss, but the training we are providing includes real-life simulations that will not only help increase health workers' awareness but will also provide necessary skills that could be vital in saving lives," added McGill.





CALHOUN PROVIDES FREE DENTAL SERVICES

JULY 2022

Calhoun announced a partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to provide FREE dental cleaning services to pregnant women, as well as children under the age of 17.

According to Dental Hygiene Program Director, Sunnie McWhorter, the partnership was established to help tackle the growing need for oral care among children and expecting mothers.

"We hope to bring in as many kids and expectant mothers as possible, and provide them with great oral care services before school begins," said McWhorter. "Dental hygiene is one of those things that gets neglected so often. People assume if they are brushing and sometimes flossing here or there that they are fine, but that is hardly true. Seeing a dentist and receiving a professional cleaning is vital, and that is where our clinic can help."

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Students enrolled in Calhoun's senior-level courses of the dental hygiene program performed teeth cleanings as per their curriculum's clinical requirements. Employees of ADPH performed dental services as well.

"Recent dental hygiene rankings for the United States have placed Alabama in the lower percentile," commented Calhoun's former Dean of Health Sciences, Bret McGill. "This means teaching children good dental habits must begin as early as possible, and that is the primary goal of our partnership with ADPH."

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Calhoun's new dental hygiene lab is equipped with state-of-the-art dental equipment and designed to provide private one-on-one dental care to the community at reduced rates. The services include cleanings, treatment of gingivitis and periodontitis, dental x-rays, dental sealants, fluoride treatments, and teeth whitening.



CALHOUN AND KOHLER LAUNCH THREE-YEAR WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

APRIL 2022

Calhoun Community College has been named among several organizations across the nation that will partner with Kohler Co. to launch a three-year workforce program.

According to Kohler Co., the new partnership will help the company increase efforts to support students, ranging from elementary school through their transition into the workforce. The community-based program will not only provide educational and workforce preparedness opportunities to local students in Calhoun's service area, but it will also provide exposure for them to learn which career paths they can pursue.

"The ultimate goal of this partnership is to reach young people at an early age, and begin framing their minds to focus on their natural-born skills, likes, and hobbies that can later translate into a job they can perform in the workforce," commented Calhoun Dean of Technologies, John Holley.

The partnership will cover high school and college scholarships, college and workforce readiness support, mentorship and internship opportunities, skills training, and

financial literacy for people of all backgrounds and financial needs. The partnership program is set to impact over 7,000 students across the nation annually.

"Right now, Calhoun's Machine Tool Technology program is greatly benefiting from this partnership. Individuals who hear about machining may think of old shops from years ago, but this trade has come a long way. We use the latest technology in our machine shops that include computerized numerical controls to handle jobs," says Holley. "There is a strong demand for machinists right now and many companies, such as NASA, Boeing, ULA, Brown Precision, Inc., and TVA, are desperately seeking to fill those positions. Machine Tool Technicians earn a salary ranging from \$31,200 to \$72,800, which doesn't include overtime or benefits."

"We imagine a future where everyone has the tools to succeed," said Kohler Senior Vice President, Laura Kohler. "We understand how critical education and training are when it comes to opening up opportunities for young people so that they have choices about where they want to take their future, and we are honored to work alongside community partners to make the biggest impact for these young people."

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CALHOUN AND SONOCO ANNOUNCE GRADUATES OF NEW APPRENTICESHIP

JULY 2022

Calhoun Community College and Sonoco celebrated the first graduates of the newly created Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Apprenticeship Program.

“Over the past several years, we have made significant investments in establishing programs to support the growth and development of our employees through collaboration with our local high schools, community colleges, as well as the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship,” commented Brian Kilpatrick, Sonoco Director of Operations. “This AOA Maintenance Apprenticeship & Pre-apprentice program is a perfect example of how a company ‘builds its own talent.’”

The initiative for this program began when several leaders from Calhoun, Sonoco, Cerro Wire, Hartselle City Schools, and the AOA met to strategize about workforce development. Discussions about how the team could enhance the existing Tiger Launch high school co-op program by creating pre-apprentice opportunities for the students were at the top of the agenda. After three years of navigating through the pandemic, the AOA maintenance apprenticeship was established to help set the stage for Sonoco to sponsor the pre-apprentice program.

According to Calhoun Director of Career Services, Kelli Morris, the college became a registered apprenticeship sponsor in December of 2020 through the AOA, making this apprenticeship a first with Sonoco and Calhoun serving in the technical training and sponsor role.

A graduation ceremony was held at Sonoco’s Tiger Launch Training Facility recognizing Bryan Lee Garber, Tyler Thomas Cartee, and Thomas Lamar Prus as the program’s first three of five graduates. The program plans to use its leverage to create a similar program that will assist in developing future operations management leaders.

“Many employers have apprenticeship programs with the college and can recruit, train, and retain highly skilled workers for their company,” said Morris. “Not only are our students able to combine paid-on-the-job learning through our apprenticeship programs, but they are also placing themselves in positions to find a career in which they can grow.”

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CALHOUN SUMMER CAMPS

Calhoun Community College is proud of its summer camps. They provide an opportunity for students to gain exposure that can create career paths in high-demand fields.

Cyber Camp



Best Robotics



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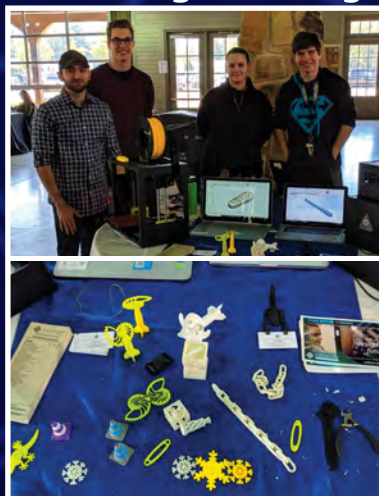
Automotive Camp



Let's Pretend Hospital



3D Printing and Design



The Project



GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

AWARDED JANUARY - DECEMBER 2022

PROJECT	FUNDING AGENCY	AMOUNT
Dual Enrollment	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$1,169,543
The ALAMAP Project	U. S. Department of Labor	\$475,075
Title III: Pathways to Success	U. S. Department of Education	\$311,062
CNC Multi-Axis Machining Equipment	State of Alabama, Region 1 Workforce, ACCS	\$305,400
Alabama Career Essentials (ACE)	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$96,000
CICT Pipefitting	Alabama Construction Industry Craft Training Board	\$81,376
STEAM - Cybersecurity Camps: Students & Teachers	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$41,937
STEAM - PLC Training Equipment for WiFi	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$34,868
Career Coach	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$30,000
STEAM - FlexFactor	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$20,000
STEAM - Tennessee Valley BEST Robotics	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$12,250
STEAM - SWeETy Camp	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$6,220
Open Educational Resources and the Transfer of Knowledge	Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE)	\$5,000
Calhoun Voter Registration Initiative	Ask Every Student (AES)	\$5,000

TOTAL: \$2,593,731

(New grants, does not include student financial aid)

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

2019-2022 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES (2019-2022)

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
State Appropriation	\$29,734,347	\$30,545,242	\$36,853,689
Tuition and Fees	\$22,413,746	\$20,541,572	\$19,799,439
Fed'l/State/Local Grants & Contracts	\$21,482,785	\$31,422,305	\$30,388,981
Auxiliary	\$513,373	\$316,870	\$370,689
Sales and Service	\$95,938	\$124,268	\$102,759.18
Other	\$1,109,182	\$718,386	\$160,256
TOTAL REVENUE	\$75,349,371	\$83,668,643	\$87,675,812.53

EXPENDITURES (2019-2022)

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Instruction	\$25,711,483	\$25,522,932	\$25,074,808.10
Academic Support	\$4,609,124	\$5,089,246	\$4,726,703.24
Student Services	\$5,957,845	\$5,974,711	\$5,876,305.31
Institutional Support	\$10,693,263	\$12,888,108	\$12,930,202.29
Operation & Maintenance	\$5,925,473	\$6,210,252	\$6,270,481.31
Scholarships & Fellowships	\$7,533,621	\$15,680,312	\$9,703,728.22
Auxiliary	\$ -	\$ -	\$155.47
Depreciation	\$5,617,692	\$5,160,949	\$5,854,341.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$66,048,501	\$76,526,510	\$70,436,725



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