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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

*A*s we reflect on the achievements and milestones of 2023, it is with great pride that I share the highlights of our incredible journey in the pages of this year's Annual Report. It has been a year of growth, resilience, and success, and I am honored to acknowledge the unwavering dedication of our students, faculty, and staff.

Throughout the report, you will find stories showcasing some of the many accomplishments. These stories include the groundbreaking for construction of a state-of-the-art 57-thousand square foot Advanced Technology Center, marking the beginning of a new chapter for Calhoun. This facility represents our commitment to cutting-edge training and education.

The unparalleled success of our Dual Enrollment program, sets the standard in affordability, flexibility, and customer service. In 2023 we saw more students than ever before achieving the remarkable accomplishment of earning college degrees from Calhoun before receiving their high school diplomas.

We celebrated a partnership with Huntsville Utilities and the Tennessee Valley Authority that provides scholarships for utility lineworkers. This collaboration underscores our dedication to fostering relationships that benefit both our students and the community.

Construction is nearing completion of the new residence hall at the Alabama Center for the Arts (ACA). We also launched a new user-friendly website designed to enhance the student experience.

We are proud of all of our coaches and student athletes, but acknowledge two of our coaches that

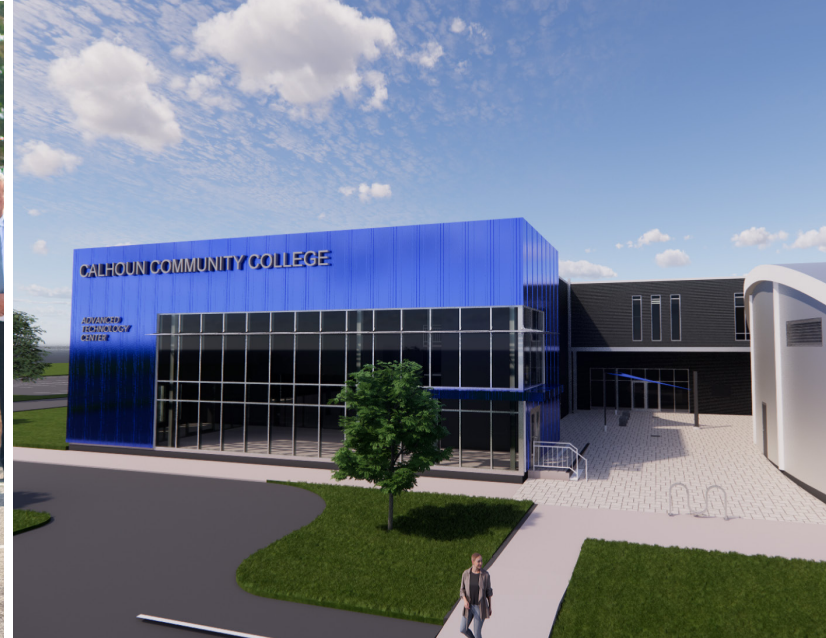
received Coach of the Year Awards, exemplifying the excellence and dedication within our athletic programs.

Our esteemed faculty and staff have played a pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape at Calhoun. Their commitment to providing a nurturing and innovative learning environment has contributed significantly to the increase in student enrollment. I believe this is a clear reflection on the trust and confidence our community places in Calhoun Community College.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the Calhoun community. Your passion, dedication, and hard work have been the driving force behind our success in 2023. Together, we have built a community thriving on excellence while embracing the spirit of continuous improvement. GO WARHAWKS!

Jimmy Hodges
Jimmy Hodges, Ed.D.
President





CALHOUN BREAKS GROUND TO CELEBRATE BUSINESS EXPANSION

OCTOBER 2023

Calhoun Community College officials celebrated a milestone, breaking ground on the expansion of its cutting-edge Advanced Technology Center (ATC), located on the college's Decatur campus.

According to Dr. Jimmy Hodges, President of Calhoun, this expansion project was identified as a critical need through the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) ASPIRE 2030 initiative. This initiative engaged local and state legislators, college stakeholders, and the broader community to enhance Calhoun's focus on workforce training. Generously funded by ACCS, the project is being undertaken by all 24 ACCS community colleges across the state as a commitment to improving education by directing resources into essential upgrades and new constructions statewide.

"As a representative of the Alabama Community College System, we would like to express our gratitude to Calhoun for taking a leadership role in initiating the expansion of the ATC. Additionally, we commend Calhoun for selecting an architectural team capable of creating a blueprint that aligns with the requirements of our training programs. This building will enhance the college's existing training initiatives, and we at ACCS are grateful for the support of Senator Orr and his team in making this project possible," commented Mark Salmon, ACCS Chief Facilities Officer.

The new 57,200-square-foot building has a primary mission: To support training programs that will drive the growth of North Alabama's aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries.

"Recognized as the #1 advanced manufacturing degree-awarding institution, Calhoun remains a powerful workforce training entity in North Alabama," commented Hodges. "We are beyond grateful and excited to be chosen to house such a facility for our students, faculty, and staff, and could not have done it without the support of our ACCS team and local legislators."

"It takes a dedicated team of individuals to bring about significant milestones, and that's precisely how this building project came to fruition. I'm tremendously proud to have an outstanding team by my side and the opportunity to sponsor the \$30M bill, turning today's vision into a reality. These milestones genuinely excite me, as I firsthand understand the dynamic impact they will have on Calhoun's

students. Not only will they receive some of the best industry training in this region, but they'll also become skilled workers with valuable, lifelong skills that will keep our area's aerospace, engineering, machining, and manufacturing industries thriving for years to come," stated Senator Arthur Orr.

"The new state-of-the-art facility stands as a testament to Calhoun's Technologies Division's unwavering commitment to providing innovative training to our students and meeting the demands of our industry partners who seek specialized training for their future workers," says John Holley, Calhoun Technologies Dean. "The building is designed to accommodate specialized spaces for Calhoun's machine tool technology, welding, aerospace training, industrial systems and technology, Calhoun Workforce Solutions, and CDL training programs. Additionally, it will feature high-tech lab spaces, well-equipped classrooms, and modern administrative offices, all meticulously designed to facilitate optimal learning experiences."

"Thank you, Dr. Hodges, for your leadership and direction in working hand in hand with the community to prepare the workforce and fill jobs that are in great need of skilled workers," commented Representative Anthony Daniels. "During your short time at Calhoun, you have made significant strides in the community through training, providing opportunities for those who cannot afford to attend college and maintain their households through co-operative learning opportunities as well as through job placement. This is another feather in Calhoun's cap, and I am happy to have witnessed this event."

The Advanced Technology Center addition will equip Calhoun students with the vital skills needed to secure high-paying careers. This expansion also opens up the opportunity for students to earn nationally-recognized certifications at an affordable cost, further enhancing their professional prospects.

Goodwyn Mills Cawood will be responsible for providing architectural, interior design, civil engineering, and landscape architecture services for the new facility, while the actual construction will be undertaken by Bailey Harris Construction. The project is scheduled for completion by the spring of 2025.

2023 TOP-10 STUDENTS



DEVIN CAPASSE General Studies, Pre-Nursing major from Huntsville, AL. She is a driven and compassionate individual who has dedicated her career to supporting children and families going through traumatic experiences. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from Auburn University in 2020, Devin became a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) and has since been actively

involved in a range of organizations and initiatives related to child welfare, including disaster relief efforts and emotional intelligence teaching for families. Devin is also an active member of her local church and community, volunteering her time and services to support families struggling with psychosocial disorders. While Devin has already had a successful career as a CCLS, she is now pursuing her nursing degree with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner and furthering her impact on the community. Her GPA is 4.0.



TATIANA CHERRY General Studies major from Madison, AL. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as the Chapter President and Alabama Regional President. In addition, she is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta, the Black Student Alliance, and the Calhoun Cares Club. Tatiana has been recognized for her academic achievements, receiving the Presidential Honors

Program scholarship, Dean's List, President's List, Calhoun Bookstore Scholarship, and an Academic Scholarship. Outside of her academic pursuits, Tatiana has undertaken research projects, organized fundraisers, and participated in community-outreach activities. She is currently advocating and empowering openness surrounding menstruation awareness and raising money for scholarships for deserving students who require financial assistance. Tatiana plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and aspires to become an MD-Ph.D. physician-scientist. Her GPA is 3.9.



MATTHEW CLARK General Studies major from Huntsville, AL. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta and has volunteered with the Calhoun Cupboard to help students in need. Matthew was a recipient of the Principal's Choice scholarship, and he has made both the Dean's List and President's List during his matriculation at Calhoun. Matthew has also volunteered his time and

skills in various community events and charities, including the Madison Academy Varsity Football and JV and Varsity Basketball teams, Santa's Village, Asbury Thrift Store, the Mana House, and his church. Matthew's ultimate goal is to become a sports videographer and capture major sporting events using the latest broadcasting technology. His GPA is 3.9.



KATIE FREDERICK General Studies major from Athens, AL. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta and Phi Theta Kappa and has been actively involved in both organizations for the past two years. Katie is currently serving as the chapter president of Sigma Kappa Delta and has been instrumental in organizing club and campus activities. She has also been recognized for her academic achievements by being

named on the President's List for the past three semesters and is a full scholarship recipient as part of the Presidential Honors Program for both her freshman and sophomore years. Katie is also active in her community, volunteering at her church, assisting with poetry competitions, and dog-sitting at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society Dog Ball. In addition, she was selected to present her paper "Strength Through Adversity" at the International Sigma Tau Delta writing competition at their 2023 convention. Katie is passionate about helping the veteran community, and she was instrumental in assisting with Calhoun's 2022 Veterans Day Program. She plans to pursue a kinesiology degree at the University of North Alabama to become an occupational therapist to rehabilitate wounded veterans. Her GPA is 4.0.



FAITH MCATEER General Studies major from Huntsville, AL. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a student-athlete who has been a part of the Calhoun Community College Women's Cross-Country team for the past two years. Her team placed second in their division in the state, and they were afforded the opportunity to race

at a national competition in Florida. Faith has also served as the team manager for Calhoun's Men's and Women's Cross-Country teams. Beyond athletics, Faith has contributed to her community by serving on the ACCC Student Athlete Leadership Council. Her passion for volunteering has led her to serve at Grace Community Church in Huntsville, where she is actively involved in the church's nursery and volunteers for various events. Faith's goal is to finish her prerequisite courses so that she can apply to Calhoun's Physical Therapist Assistant program and work in pediatric physical therapy. Her GPA is 4.0.



RILEY TRAMMELL General Studies major from Huntsville, AL. Riley is a student in the Presidential Honors Program on full scholarship, and he has been included on the President's List for multiple semesters. As a founding member and president of the Calhoun Band Club, he has brought together like-minded individuals to create a

musical community that has performed at various events on campus, as well as at senior living homes. In addition, he has been an active volunteer with his church's student ministry, working with young boys to help build them up into strong, faith-driven men. He plans to transfer to the University of Alabama in Huntsville to pursue a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering, with the ultimate goal of working full-time for Aerojet Rocketdyne. His GPA is 4.0.



HEIKE NOLAN General Studies, Business major from Owens Cross Roads, AL. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta. Heike was born and raised in a country that did not allow her to attend college, but she was determined to pursue her dreams after moving to the United States. After achieving

her GED in December 2020, Heike enrolled at Calhoun Community College. Heike was named Most Outstanding Student in Literature in Spring 2022 and has established a study group for her American Literature class. Heike's goal is to earn a degree in Business Administration and obtain a better-paying job with benefits, while also helping those in need and staying humble and kind. Her GPA is 4.0.



TY WHITSON

Advanced Manufacturing, Machine Tool Technology major from Moulton, AL. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Project MFG, a Machining Team, where he practices bi-weekly and on weekends in the ATC building as a machinist and programmer. Ty's academic achievements include being

placed on the President's List for the Fall 2022 semester and being in the Top 10 of the Graduating Class of 2022 from Austin High School. He has also received scholarships from the Calhoun Foundation and the Career Academies of Decatur. Outside of his academic pursuits, Ty is an active member at Speake Christian Fellowship and has participated in community service projects, such as delivering meals to families in need during the holiday season. His GPA is 4.0.



WILLIAM WYATT TOMLIN

General Studies, Pre-Engineering major from Falkville, AL. He has been on the President's List all four semesters that he has attended Calhoun, and he is also in the Presidential Honors Program and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. William is a talented angler and boat captain who has been a member

of Calhoun's fishing team for two years, attending on a fishing team scholarship. Along with his academic pursuits and fishing, he is also actively involved in community service. William has volunteered at his local library, helped organize and run booths at fall festivals and homecoming events, assisted with candy drives and Thanksgiving meals for needy families, and worked on Christmas programs and card drives for local nursing homes. His GPA is 4.0.



LILY WINBORN

General Studies - English major from Huntsville, AL. She has been actively involved in various student organizations, including Phi Theta Kappa, Warhawk News, Sigma Kappa Delta, and Joie de Livres. Lily began attending Calhoun Community College as a dual enrollment student

in the spring of 2022 and has been taking classes ever since. Despite working an average of 24 hours per week as a Guest Services Representative at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Lily has managed to maintain an impressive academic record, earning a place on the President's List twice. Additionally, Lily has volunteered her time with Mana House and Asbury Church College Ministry. She plans to transfer to Athens State University to pursue her bachelor's degree in English/ Language Arts Education and hopes to inspire younger generations to appreciate and enjoy literature. Her GPA is 3.9.

STUDENTS EARN COLLEGE DEGREE BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

MAY 2023

This year, Calhoun Community College saw four students who graduated with Associate of Science degrees from the College before obtaining their high school diplomas. An additional fifty high-schoolers earned short-term certificates in various disciplines from Calhoun also before obtaining high school diplomas.

"This should come as no surprise that the power of dual enrollment is truly undeniable," commented Dr. Jimmy Hodges, Calhoun President. "Each year, our dual enrollment numbers increase within our area high schools, and each year we produce work-ready students to industry before they are

even able to finish their high school diploma. These young people are learning hands-on skilled trades in all areas of technology, engineering, business, healthcare as well as cyber security and are ready to enter the workforce immediately."

According to Gwen Baker, Calhoun's Director of Dual Enrollment, during the 2022-23 academic year (summer, fall and spring) the College's dual enrolment program included over 2,050 students. Of that number, the following four students from Limestone and Morgan Counties qualified for graduation from Calhoun and earned an associate of science degree in the following disciplines:



BENJAMIN BLAKELY
ATHENS BIBLE SCHOOL

Associate of Science Degree in General Studies;
Short-Term Certificate in General Education



SPENCER HOLLEY
BREWER HIGH SCHOOL

Associate of Science Degree in General Studies;
Short-Term Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing and General Education



BRYLEE LAKE
AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Associate of Science Degree in General Studies;
Short-Term Certificate in General Education



LACI PARHAM
AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Associate of Science Degree in General Studies;
Short-Term Certificate in General Education



HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES AND TVA LINEWORKER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERSHIP

MAY 2023

Huntsville Utilities and the Tennessee Valley Authority partner to provide \$100,000 in scholarship funding for training and educating utility lineworkers. Calhoun College Foundation, in cooperation with Calhoun Workforce Solutions, will manage the scholarships and enrolling students in the college's Pre-Apprentice Lineworker Program. The partnership was created to address the growth in the Huntsville-Madison County population, which led to a demand for services resulting in an increased need for utility.

"We have an immediate need for lineworkers and we need to get them trained right away," said Dr. Harry Hobbs, Vice President for Employee Engagement at Huntsville Utilities. "Workforce development is a priority for Huntsville Utilities as we continue to grow. We are excited about this opportunity to provide a path for individuals in our service area to receive training that could lead to a career in the utility industry."

TVA is the largest public power company in the United States providing electricity to 153 power companies like Huntsville Utilities. "TVA has over 16,000 miles of power lines that crisscross seven states plus approximately 263,000 miles of

lines that our 153 local power companies have. As electricity demand grows, we need a skilled workforce to provide clean, low-cost, reliable power," said Jared Mitchem, Regional Vice President for TVA South Region. "Partnering with Huntsville Utilities and Calhoun Community College ensures that we can recruit and train the workforce we need as we build the energy system of the future."

Huntsville Utilities and TVA contributed \$50,000 each to the scholarship. The training takes place at the Calhoun Lineworkers Pole Yard on the main campus in Decatur. The Madison County Commission provided a vehicle and a driver to transport students from Huntsville Utilities to the training site. The scholarships are earmarked specifically for the Huntsville Utilities service area, with the Calhoun College Foundation managing the funds.

"We are excited about this initiative and the impact it will have on the need for lineworkers," said Calhoun Community College President, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. "Our program provides the necessary skills and training desired by utility companies and contractors across North Alabama. In fact, most of our students have jobs waiting for them when they complete the program."

The scholarship recipients receive free tuition for the seven-week lineworker course, including daily lunches. Upon graduation, students also receive a free tool bag equipped with climbing gear and basic lineworker tools. Calhoun's lineworker program course is offered five times per year.

**OUR PROGRAM PROVIDES THE NECESSARY
SKILLS AND TRAINING DESIRED BY UTILITY
COMPANIES AND CONTRACTORS ACROSS
NORTH ALABAMA.**



CALHOUN ALUM CREATES ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM

MAY 2023

Calhoun Community College alum Holly Foshee worked with the college's foundation team to create a new annual scholarship that will help ease some of the financial burden for Calhoun students living with autism spectrum disorder.

"Being autistic almost crippled me from living a regular life," recalls Foshee as she spoke with foundation and college officials about her personal story. "I never thought I was excelling as a normal human being until my diagnosis".

Her college journey at Calhoun began in the spring of 1994 when she enrolled in a few classes, one being chemistry, as the goal was to take a few courses at Calhoun and then later transfer to The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). Having a past history of struggling with standardized tests in high school, she remembered how patient the instructors were with her at Calhoun, making the transition into college testing somewhat a breeze. She was provided the opportunity to figure out calculus equations in a way that was comfortable with her learning style during coursework and tests resulting in her making A's. Upon obtaining her associate's degree in computer science at Calhoun, she became confident and went on to complete her bachelor's degree in computer science at Athens State University.

"A break was what I needed. I was burnt out and overwhelmed both physically and mentally with navigating through college," says Foshee. Her brother had taken a similar break while in college and it helped him. As she felt she was so much like him, she thought a break would help her too. During the break, she decided to work, which was a challenge. She found herself being fired from every job she had for having various autistic traits, with one huge red flag being constantly disengaged. At this point, Foshee explains she felt like a failure in life as she was unable to hold down a steady job, thus causing her to become homeless and down on her luck. So she felt enrolling back into college was the answer.

Back to where she felt comfortable, she enrolled at Calhoun in 2004 and took a few courses that would help her obtain a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at UAH, which she later earned in 2011. Still in between jobs as well as being homeless, Foshee immediately enrolled back into UAH to earn her master's degree in mechanical engineering with a concentration in biomechanics. Six years later, she earned her degree in 2017, but the excitement of finally obtaining that degree after such a long journey, suddenly turned dim and Foshee knew she really needed to seek answers that would solve the mystery of why she thought and felt differently than others. "There were times I had many thoughts such as why I existed or what I needed to

survive day to day," Foshee says. "Those daunting questions I needed answers to and quick. Struggling to feel comfortable enough to share with people that I was homeless while in college made my life very, very difficult."

Things began to look up for her as she became gainfully employed with a full-time job. One day, her employer asked to have a conversation with her, which made her nervous as she thought she was on the verge of being fired as she had been from every other company where she worked. This time, the conversation was different. It was one of both genuine concern and compassion about her work habits. That conversation along with the many other life events and challenges encouraged her to get tested for being autistic. In 2017 she received a confirmed diagnosis as well as the appropriate paperwork to provide to her employer.

"I needed that diagnosis not only to ensure I would receive the accommodations I needed as an autistic person to excel in my job but for my own inner peace. And on the day of my diagnosis, that is what I received," she said smiling. She currently speaks at various organizations, including her current employer, to educate and spread awareness to individuals about autism and those who may be on the job or in the classroom living with it.

Foshee believes that many individuals struggling with autism may not understand what types of financial aid are available to help them obtain their college degree, and doesn't want them to go through what she did financially, which is why she decided to create the scholarship. "I was so determined to create this scholarship that I sold many of my personal belongings and received help from a few other individuals living with autism who believed in my mission and wanted to help me come up with the first \$1,000 dollars to begin the annual scholarship. In order for this scholarship to accomplish the goal of helping autistic individuals who won't qualify for academic scholarships that require a certain ACT or GPA, we need business leaders and individuals in the community to help contribute. This scholarship could be someone's lifeline to not give up on their dreams of graduating from college."

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CALHOUN ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES



KENNETH KIRKLAND

Kenneth served a short time as the Dean of Health Sciences at Gadsden State Community College before returning to Calhoun as the Dean of Health Sciences. Kirkland's career journey began in 2003 when he served as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in Falkville, AL. A year after taking on this position, he enrolled in Calhoun's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program, where he developed a strong connection with the exceptional faculty and staff. As he prepared to graduate from Calhoun, Kenneth served as an EMT/Driver and worked in various healthcare roles, including Paramedic/Driver, Registered Nurse, American Heart Association Training Center Coordinator, and EMS Adjunct faculty member at Calhoun. Kirkland obtained multiple healthcare licenses, certifications, and honors while continuing his education, earning an Associate of Nursing degree from Calhoun, a Bachelor's in Nursing at Jacksonville State University, and a Master's of Nursing Administration from The University of Alabama. His career brought him back to Calhoun, where he served as a full-time EMS faculty member/clinical coordinator and EMS program director, eventually leading to his role as the Alabama Community College System's (ACCS) Director of Health Programs. Currently pursuing a Doctorate in Human Capital Development at The University of Southern Mississippi, Kenneth is happily married to his wife, Lesli. They have two children, Madelyn Laine (10 years) and Liam James (5 years).



WESLEY HARRIS

Wesley Harris has been appointed as the Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Calhoun Community College. In this capacity, he acts as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Institutional Accreditation Liaison, overseeing institutional effectiveness and research initiatives. Prior to this role, Wesley dedicated 7 years to Calhoun's Distance Learning Department, serving as the Director of Distance Learning and an instructional designer. He also contributes to the academic community as an adjunct instructor here at the College, where he teaches history and religion. Before his duration in distance learning, Wesley spent 5 years in student services at Calhoun, where he served as the lead freshman seminar instructor and an advisor. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Alabama and a Master of Arts in interdisciplinary studies (history and religion) from Liberty University. Wesley's professional interests encompass leveraging data for effectiveness measurement, formulating strategies for enhanced student success, exploring educational technology, and advancing teaching and learning methodologies. Wesley has been married to his wife, Carmen, for 6 years and they have 2 children, Charlotte (22 months), and Wren (3 months).



DR. BRANDON BROWN

Dr. Brandon Brown has joined Calhoun Community College as the Director of Student Disability Services and ADA. His extensive background includes roles such as Community Director at the University of South Alabama, Residence Life Coordinator & Student Conduct Officer at the University Alabama at Birmingham, and various positions at Birmingham Southern College. Holding a Doctor of Education in Leadership & Professional Practice, a Master's in Higher Education Administration, and Bachelor's in English, Dr. Brown brings a wealth of academic knowledge. With diverse experiences in managing Student Accessibility Services, Brandon is well-equipped to provide ongoing support and guidance to our students with disabilities. His responsibilities include ensuring ADA compliance, developing accommodations based on medical documentation, determining student eligibility, and establishing partnerships with off-campus agencies for academic accommodations. Additionally, Dr. Brown has a comprehensive understanding of Title IX regulations, having adjudicated cases and proactively implemented prevention and education programs related to Title IX compliance in higher education.



MALEA MILSTEAD

Malea Milstead has been appointed Director of Admissions and Records/College Registrar at Calhoun Community College. In this role, she will oversee the day-to-day operations of the office and serve as the administrative officer responsible for admitting and registering students, as well as maintaining all official student records. Additionally, she will supervise the office staff and provide support to current students, prospective students and parents, secondary school counselors, principals, superintendents, deans, department heads, individual faculty, alumni, and friends of the College. Milstead spent the first ten years of her career in the private sector with Rolls Incorporated before joining Northwest Shoals Community College (NWSCC). Her tenure at NWSCC was marked by a steady progression to positions of increasing responsibility. Positions held include part-time

Computer Instructor for workforce training, Training Specialist providing business and industry leaders with specialized training, Advising Center Coordinator, Coordinator of Advising and Graduation, Manager of Degree Works and Assistant Registrar, and Assistant Director of Enrollment Management and Registrar. Milstead's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama and a Master of Education in Career and Technical Education from Athens State University.



TYLER RODEN

Named Calhoun Community College new Chief of Police, Roden began his law enforcement career in 1986 as a deputy with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. He obtained his APOST certification from the Northeast Alabama Policy Academy in February 1987. During his tenure as a deputy sheriff, Tyler served in roles such as patrol deputy and criminal investigator. Later, he became a Child Sexual Abuse Investigator with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office before being elected as Sheriff Cullman County in 1994. He held this position until 2011. Throughout his tenure as sheriff, Tyler attended the F.B.I. National Academy and graduated from the 183rd Session. After his term, he worked as a Law Enforcement Professional for L3 Communications in Afghanistan alongside the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division. Upon his return, Tyler assumed the role of Chief of Police at Wallace

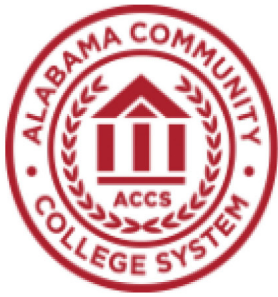
State Community College, where he served for 11 years. Tyler has been married to his wife, Sonja, for 33 years, and they have 2 children, Mary Grace and Sam.



DOUGLAS BRAZIER

Doug Brazier has been named the Director of Workforce Solutions at Calhoun Community College. In his role, he collaborates with local businesses, assessing their workforce needs and aligning them with Calhoun Community College's contract training options. Doug is a proud graduate of the esteemed "Best Class Ever," Leadership Greater Huntsville, L26. His commitment to community leadership is evident through his service on the Board of Directors of Leadership Greater Huntsville in various capacities. Actively engaged in the community, Doug participates in events aimed at providing educational support to those in need. Beyond that, he dedicates time to coaching his sons' youth sports teams, ranging from soccer and basketball to T-ball, and is also the familiar voice behind the Grissom Tigers football and basketball teams. His mission revolves around facilitating a connection

between businesses and students, aiming to positively impact the community. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Athens State University and a Master of Science in Adult Continuing Education and Student Affairs in Higher Education from the University of West Alabama.



ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

2023 CHANCELLOR'S AWARD WINNERS



VALERIE COX
ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
SUCCESS



TANJA MITCHELL
SUPPORT STAFF AWARD
SITE COORDINATOR
HUNTSVILLE RESEARCH PARK



GRANVILLE OLDHAM JR.
ACADEMIC FACULTY AWARD
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
INSTRUCTOR



LARRY OWENS
TECHNICAL FACULTY AWARD
MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY
INSTRUCTOR



CALHOUN PR CAPTURES STATE AND REGIONAL AWARDS

Calhoun's Public Relations and Digital Media Team celebrated a spectacular shoring at the Regional Conference for their work during the 2022-23 school year. They snagged a total of eleven awards at the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) District II Conference. The awards included gold, silver, and bronze medallions.

Congratulations to our outstanding team for their dedication and hard work! These accolades are a testament to their exceptional skills and commitment to making the college look great both online and in print media.

In addition to the NCMPR awards, the Calhoun Public Relations and Digital Media team shined at the annual Alabama Community College System Public Relations Association's Pyramid Awards event.

The team brought home twelve awards, including four top-honored Pyramid Awards. Also, Calhoun's own Sherika Attipoe received the prestigious Communicator of the Year Award.





CIS INSTRUCTOR HONOR WITH 2023 CYBERSECURITY AWARD

SEPTEMBER 2023

During this year's National Cyber Summit, held on September 20-21 at the Von Braun Center (VBC), Calhoun's very own Jeremy Blevins, Computer Information Systems Instructor, was honored with the prestigious Huntsville 2023 Cybersecurity Academia Leadership Award for "Sustained Excellence in Cybersecurity."

Jeremy Blevins, a past speaker at the National Cyber Summit, has made significant contributions to the cybersecurity field. In 2019, he presented "Healthcare as a Cyber-Contested Environment" as a Lightning Round presenter, and in 2022, he delivered a presentation titled "Getting Off on the Wrong RAMP - Deconflicting Emerging Compliance Regulations" for the Policy/Governance/Compliance track.

The journey towards recognizing cybersecurity excellence in Huntsville began in 2010 when Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle initiated discussions among government, industry, and academic leaders to harness the city's technical expertise for addressing local, regional, and national cybersecurity challenges. In August 2010, Mayor Battle formally announced the commencement of the Cyber Huntsville initiative. Since its inception, this organization has played a pivotal role in advancing cybersecurity initiatives in the Tennessee Valley region.

The National Cyber Summit (NCS) stands as the nation's foremost cybersecurity and technology event, providing unparalleled educational, collaborative, and workforce development opportunities for industry leaders and emerging talents. NCS distinguishes itself by offering a diverse array of focus areas, featuring premier speakers, and ensuring accessibility that surpasses similar cybersecurity conferences.

Taking place in Huntsville, Alabama, a hub of technological innovation, the Summit attracts participation from both government and commercial sectors. Huntsville, renowned for hosting Department of Defense organizations and civilian departments and agencies such as DHS, NIST, NASA, TVA, NSA, and DOE, is also home to a wide spectrum of industries, including healthcare, automotive, energy, academia, genetic research, and high technology.

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CALHOUN AND ATHENS STATE SIGN MOU ON ACCELERATED NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

APRIL 2023

On April 24, Calhoun Community College and Athens State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a new fast-track BSN program that will allow students to receive their Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree simultaneously. In addition to better serving students, the program's benefits will extend to the consumers of healthcare and professional nursing workforce across the nation.

"With the nursing shortage crisis continuing to rise in North Alabama, it made perfect sense for Calhoun and Athens State to team up and establish a program that will not only help our students to earn their nursing credentials, but to earn them as quickly as possible," commented Dr. Lynn Hogan, Calhoun Nursing Department Chair.

Students completing the program will be enrolled in nursing courses concurrently at both institutions and will graduate from both Calhoun with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and Athens State with a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) in separate ceremonies with separate diplomas.

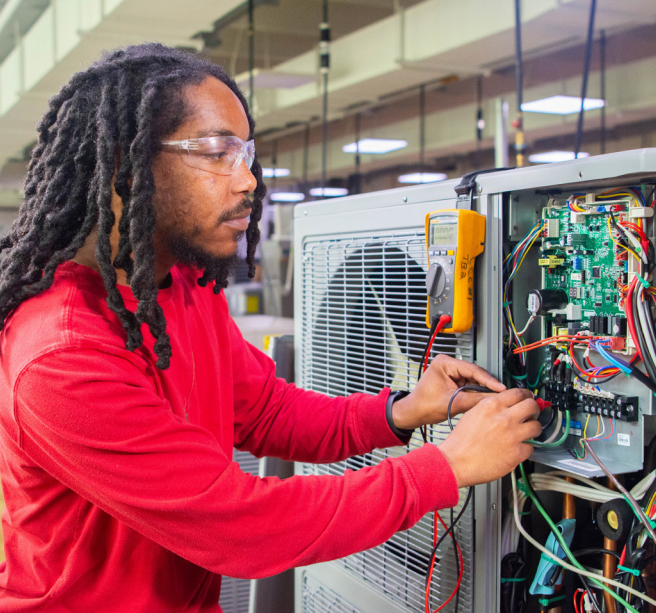
"The Fast-Track BSN is an excellent option for motivated nursing students at Calhoun Community College," said Dr. Mark Reynolds, Chief Nurse Administrator at Athens State. "This option provides both a time and cost-saving for the nurse to gain additional skills and expertise along with the ability to move into advanced-practice education expeditiously.

The collaborative efforts between both institutions indicates a commitment to the region to produce quality Registered Nurses who are prepared to provide quality patient care."

"Our community and nation needs highly trained nurses now more than ever," said Dr. Dave Ragsdale, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Athens State. "This partnership between Calhoun and Athens State responds to that demand by delivering more nurses to the workforce as well as enhanced patient care to our healthcare systems during this critical time."

"We are beyond excited to see the launch of this fast-track BSN program this fall," commented Dr. Jimmy Hodges, Calhoun President. "It's close knit partnerships such as this that not only makes limestone county better, but it has a ripple effect into the other counties in which our nurses go off to work, and for that we are extremely proud."

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CALHOUN, NC3 AND TRANE TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY GROWING INDUSTRY DEMAND IN HVAC

AUGUST 2023

According to recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) field is projected to experience a remarkable 5 percent employment growth over the next eight years. With an estimated annual average of 40,100 job openings for heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers until the year 2031. This new collaboration was strategically created and positioned to tackle this escalating demand in the HVAC industry, and signifies a crucial step towards preparing a highly-skilled workforce to help fill the shortage of a rapidly evolving sector.

"We are enthusiastic not only about this remarkable new partnership but also about the newly-installed equipment that our students will be able to train with. This equipment is top-of-the-line and is an exact replica of the equipment they will work on once they obtain employment in the HVAC industry," said Dr. Jimmy Hodges, Calhoun President. "At Calhoun, we take pride in this remarkable partnership and feel honored to collaborate alongside NC3 and Trane. This program will truly make a significant difference in the lives of our students, as it offers them an opportunity to gain the skills needed for a prosperous career in the HVAC industry," he added.

Students enrolled in the program will receive holistic, theoretical and hands-on training in the newly-updated state-of-the-art facility, which features equipment that helps teach energy-efficient heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, advanced controls, as well as the latest cutting-edge technologies used in current businesses.

"Trane is committed to uplifting and preparing people for in-demand careers in the HVAC industry – that includes working with leading organizations like Calhoun Community

College and NC3 to create effective learning environments that prepare students for real-world applications," said Brian Thorstad, Alabama area general manager, Trane. "We are proud to support Calhoun's new building automation system lab, which will help advance career and technical education in the community and further develop the next generation of building automation system experts." Said Thorstad.

This fast-track short-term certificate is designed to be completed in one academic semester, which allows those who successfully complete the program to enter into the workforce as quickly as possible.

"NC3 is proud to collaborate with Calhoun Community College and Trane to fill the gaps in skilled labor," stated Roger Tadjewski, Executive Director at the National Coalition of Certifications Centers (NC3). "By uniting academic institutions, industry leaders, and certification centers, we are providing students with the practical knowledge and hands-on training that will make them valuable assets to the workforce."

Representatives and students from Calhoun Community College will be present to speak, along with representatives from NC3 and TRANE.

ABOUT NC3 AND TRANE:

NC3, A VISIONARY ORGANIZATION PIONEERING THE FUTURE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AND TRANE, A WORLD LEADER IN AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS, SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS. NC3'S INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO CREATING JOB-READY PROFESSIONALS COMPLEMENTS CALHOUN'S COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, WHILE TRANE'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE ADDS A DIMENSION OF INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP TO THE TEAM.



CALHOUN RECEIVES OVER \$250K GRANT FOR MERGING ART WITH TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING PROGRAM

APRIL 2023

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded a grant in the amount of \$108,000 to Calhoun Community College for its STEAM Project. In addition to ARC funds, local sources will provide \$144,356 bringing the total project funding to \$252,356.

According to Dr. Debi Hendershot, Calhoun Dean for Planning, Research and Grants, the grant funding will be used specifically for the College's STEAM: Merging Art with Technology and Engineering project. The sole purpose of the project is to assist with reinforcing existing programs and developing new programs in STEAM at Calhoun that will help teach the skillsets desired by North Alabama businesses in Lawrence, Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties.

The STEAM project will also help to support Calhoun's existing Additive Manufacturing, Visual Communications, and Computer Information Systems programs, as well as the development of new Design Innovations and Video Game Design programs at the Alabama Center for the Arts in downtown Decatur. A challenge in the thriving, high-tech region of North Alabama is the need to fill an ever-growing job market. The area is diverse with aerospace and defense, manufacturing, cybersecurity, and healthcare industries. This project will focus on merging technology and engineering with arts to train students for current and future jobs in high-demand fields. The College has designed an Associate of Applied Science degree to interweave those fields together so

that students are employable upon graduation or are ready to matriculate to a four-year institution.

"We have to remain forward-thinking regarding how we educate and train our students," commented Dr. Jimmy Hodges, Calhoun President. "Students from this region find themselves having a love for engineering, but also a love for the arts. We've learned how to combine the two fields without the student having to sacrifice one for the other," he added.

This program will serve traditional, non-traditional and dual-enrolled high school students, as well as those students returning to college for a second career. The College will purchase the information technology supplies as well as state-of-the-art computers and software that are being used in today's market. This will provide students with a real-world training environment to learn and become comfortable in as if they were on the job.

ABOUT THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) IS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND 13 STATE GOVERNMENTS FOCUSING ON 423 COUNTIES ACROSS THE APPALACHIAN REGION. ARC'S MISSION IS TO INNOVATE, PARTNER, AND INVEST TO BUILD COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC GROWTH IN APPALACHIA AND HELP THE REGION ACHIEVE SOCIOECONOMIC PARITY WITH THE NATION. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.ARC.GOV.



CALHOUN AND UAH SIGN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING MOU

MAY 2023

Academic officials from Calhoun Community College and The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) signed an Advanced Manufacturing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

In the fall of 2019, Calhoun opened the Alabama Center for Additive Manufacturing Excellence (ACAME), which is a division of Auburn University's National Center for Additive Manufacturing Excellence (NCAME). This facility also has a host of partners such as Auburn University, GE, Huntsville City Schools, NASA, and UAH, who assist in curriculum development.

"As the only educational institution in the state of Alabama to offer an Additive Manufacturing Design degree, one of our goals was to collaborate with our ACAME partners. Thus, the MoU signing was a no-brainer after many discussions with the team," says Mrs. Nina Bullock, Technologies Department Chair and Design Drafting Technology Instructor. "The mission of the MoU is to create a seamless transferable career path for those students in the program to transfer to UAH."

While elements of manufacturing and design are regularly taught in classes at Calhoun and at 4-year universities, the interaction between students trained in different fields is currently lacking.

"This agreement not only offers a solution that spans cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary, but also with multi-disciplinary techniques for remediation," commented John Holley, Calhoun Dean of Technologies.

THE FOUR MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED PLAN INCLUDE:

- TEAMING STUDENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATE'S PROGRAM AT CALHOUN WITH BACHELOR'S-DEGREE STUDENTS AT UAH ON CAPSTONE PROJECTS INCORPORATING ADVANCED MANUFACTURING (AM) AS PART OF THE DESIGN REALIZATION;**
- ENGAGING GRADUATE STUDENTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF MODULES FOR INCORPORATING INTO EXISTING CLASSES TO CONNECT ENGINEERING CONCEPTS WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE AM ENVIRONMENT;**
- INSTALLING ADVANCED INSTRUMENTATION ON EXISTING AM EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT RESEARCH EFFORTS INTO QUALIFYING CERTIFYING AM COMPONENTS; AND**
- OFFERING A SERIES OF SHORT COURSES FOR LOCAL INDUSTRY TO DISSEMINATE THE LATEST TRENDS IN AM.**

This diverse, inter-disciplinary, and multi-disciplinary approach proposed will provide a direct pipeline of future employees to support Alabama industry from Alabama colleges and universities. Integration of activities with industry input provides the necessary link between theory and practice.



CALHOUN HOSTS MILITARY AND VETERANS COLLEGE AND CAREER WORKSHOP

JANUARY 2023

Calhoun Community College hosted its first Military and Veterans College and Career Workshop on February 21 on the college's Huntsville campus in the Sparkman Building Lobby.

According to Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS), this event was created in partnership with the ACCS and the Alabama Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC & D) and is one of many initiatives that will be created to serve the military and veterans' community. The goal of this event is two-fold; first to address the growing need for education, professional training and apprenticeship opportunities as well as mental health resources for our service members, veterans, and their families, and second, to provide information on how military benefits can be used in any of these areas.

"We offer all of those services and more at Calhoun," commented Stephanie Works, Calhoun VA Coordinator/Financial Aid Supervisor. "Many of our military service members do not realize the long list of things their benefits cover from an education and personal standpoint, which is why this event is extremely important. Dependents of parents who are either active duty or retired may also qualify for benefits as well and should consider attending. This event will cover all of those bases, as well as provide all attendees with lunch on us as a 'thank you for your service'," added Works.

The workshop included break-out sessions that covered the following topics:

- Veterans' Services (GI Bill, Financial Aid, VA Benefits, Military College Credit)
- Enrollment process and Campus Life
- Paid Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Opportunities
- Mental Health Support Resources and other student services
- Certifications and Training

"Being in such close proximity to Redstone Arsenal, Calhoun is committed to ensuring we keep our staff up-to-date on military and veterans benefits to better serve our students who fall into this population," commented Dr. Patricia Wilson, Calhoun Vice President of Student Services. "We are equipped to do the leg work for the brave men and women who serve this country by providing the answers, services, and research that will help them attain their personal and educational goals."

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ACA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

NOVEMBER 2023

The Alabama Center for the Arts, a partnership between Calhoun Community College and Athens State University, unveiled its new website, aimed at showcasing all of the offerings at the ACA, while also working to make the site easier to visit and navigate for students, parents, and those interested in the ACA.

The website features updates across the board, showcasing the ACA's growing, diverse campus, the more than six fields of study students can enter, while also highlighting student and staff works.

The new website shines light on what has been described as a, "Small, personal, and creative arts community, featuring a

beautiful campus, in the creative community of Downtown Decatur, Alabama."

The website's launch was the culmination of more than six months of research, planning, meeting, and designing between staff at the ACA, Athens State, and Calhoun Community College. Red Sage Communications, based out of Decatur, Alabama, was responsible for the design and implementation of the site.

For more information about the Alabama Center for the Arts, or to visit the new website, checkout www.alabamacenterforthearts.org.

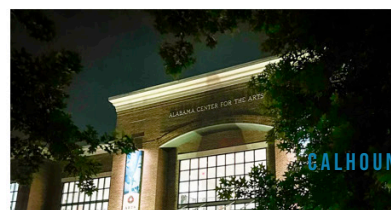


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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

STEVE PIRKLE

Steve Pirkle is former Vice President of the Student Government Association. While a student at Calhoun, he was very active in numerous organizations, including chorale and madrigal singers. He served as president of the Music Educator's National Conference Calhoun Chapter. He was the recipient of the Ada N. Moss Award as the most outstanding music student and the Albert P. Brewer Cup as Calhoun's most outstanding student in 1976. While at Calhoun, he met his future wife, Debbie.

Steve received his BS in Accounting, Business & Music Education, Magna cum laude, from the University of North Alabama in 1979 and his MBA with emphasis in Accounting and Finance, Summa cum laude, from Alabama A&M in 1991.

Steve retired as Decatur Utilities as CEO.

Steve is very active in the civic community of Decatur. He has previously served as President of the New Life Emmaus Community, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Morgan-Lawrence Counties and President of the Kiwanis Club of Decatur where he was awarded the clubs highest honor as a George F. Hixon Fellow. Steve currently serves as a Deacon and Church Treasurer for Central Park Baptist Church in Decatur.

Steve served on Calhoun Community College Alumni Association Steering Committee October 2020 and served as Board of Directors President 2021 and 2022. He was instrumental in amending the by-laws and beginning the new chapter of the association.

Steve and Debbie support students through scholarships.



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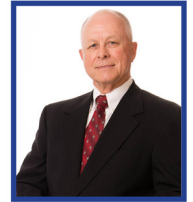
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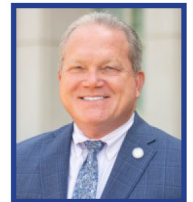
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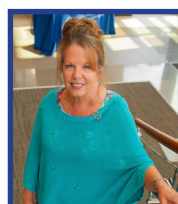
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SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL MLK PROGRAM SHARES PERSONAL MEMORIES OF DR. KING

JANUARY 2023

Calhoun Community College paid tribute to slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the college's annual celebration program held January 18. This year's program, hosted by the college's Black Student Alliance (BSA) Club, was held in the Student Center on Calhoun's Huntsville campus. This year's program speaker was Jawana V. Jackson, CEO of The Sullivan and Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Foundation and Museum, Inc.

To many, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is referred to as one of the nation's most significant civil rights leaders, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, or a Grammy Award-winning author. But to Jawana V. Jackson, he is affectionately referred to as 'Uncle Martin'. In Selma, Alabama, Jackson was born to the late Dr. Sullivan Jackson and Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson who were close friends to Dr. and Mrs. King. Growing up, Jackson recalls the Kings staying in her childhood home during 1964 and 1965 to plan the logistics of the historic Selma to Montgomery March. History reveals that her childhood home became the headquarters for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as many other prominent civil rights leaders.

As a young child, Jackson witnessed American history take place in her home as it relates to the voting rights movement in this country. Her parents' close association with prominent world leaders as well as their contributions to both civil and social rights forged her commitment to the principles of justice, peace and freedom. Her childhood home in Selma, Alabama contains original artifacts dating back to the mid-1800's which depict a rich narrative of African-American life in the south and the struggle for voting rights. The Juanita Richardson Sherrod Solitude Art Collection, which contains over 60 original oil paintings created by

Mrs. Jackson's grandmother, is also on display in the home. The Jackson Home is listed on The National Historical Register, The Alabama Register of History and Landmarks and The National Park Service's Selma to Montgomery Trail. Following in her parent's footsteps and the other great leaders she was influenced by during her childhood, Jawana attended Fisk University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology as well as completed some master's degree work in Gerontology. She went on to become the Director of Visitor Services for The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia, under the leadership of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and served for 10 years. In 1996 she accepted a position in Government and Community Relations with The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, which she held until 2007.

In 2011, Jackson's mother published a book titled *The House by the Side of the Road: The Selma Civil Rights Movement* to document the events that occurred in their home. Jawana later created The Sullivan and Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Foundation and Museum, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic home and her parents' contributions to our nation. She also serves as a gatekeeper for this home recognizing its invaluable history. She is deeply committed to the cause of social justice and wishes to promote positivity by encouraging others.

She considers it her mission "to find paths for people to build bridges of understanding thereby strengthening the fabric of our world community for humankind to exist in peace with justice and freedom."



STUDENTS, FAMILIES FILL VBC FOR GRADUATION

MAY 2023

Calhoun Community College conducted its 2023 graduation ceremony on May 11, in the Propst Arena at the Von Braun Center (VBC) in Huntsville for the second consecutive year.

According to Calhoun's Office of Admissions, more than 1,480 students qualified for graduation this year. Of that number, over 500 students participated in this year's ceremony.

Last year, the College decided to move its traditional graduation ceremony, which took place on one of the front lawns of its Decatur campus, to the VBC in downtown Huntsville. This change allowed graduates to be celebrated by their friends and families without the restriction of needing tickets due to building space issues.





LADY WARHAWKS BASKETBALL TEAM ADVANCES TO STATE TOURNAMENT MARCH 2023 AFTER 21-YEAR COMEBACK

The Calhoun Community College Lady Warhawks Basketball Team advanced to the 2023 Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) State Championship, held on the Campus of Alabama A&M. The Lady Warhawks would go on to defeat Bishop State in the opening round, reaching the tournament semifinals before seeing their season come to an end with a record of 17-12.

"This moment is surreal for the coaches, the students as well as our amazing Calhoun and community fan base. To say we worked hard to get to this place would be a complete understatement," commented Candace Byrd, Calhoun's head women's basketball coach. "After being hired as the new head coach, I knew time was not on my side, and that I had to begin recruiting very quickly. Recruiting late in the year can be extremely discouraging as many athletes have already decided where they wanted to go, but I truly felt in my heart that we still stood a chance with obtaining athletes that could help us have an amazing season."

For more than two decades, Calhoun had been without a basketball program. After surveying the community, the college acted on the results, and basketball returned. "There are many decisions that are made at the college, and this one is at the top of the list I deem as being a great decision," commented Dr. Jimmy Hodges, Calhoun President. "The college sports experience is just as important as the academic experience. And if there is an opportunity to provide both to a

student, I say go for it, which is what we did when we brought back basketball. This program has allowed students to attend Calhoun debt-free while enjoying the game they love and obtaining a high-quality education."

"This season has been magical! I have been blessed to be surrounded by talented and hardworking young women, who bought into the vision. This season has exposed what a team can do when everyone is on the same page, working together to accomplish the same goal. I am humbled that the college and athletes placed their faith and trust in myself as well as my amazing coaching staff to guide and direct the new program. My motto has always been that every person is important, regardless of their title or role. The continuous outpouring of support from my President, the faculty and staff at Calhoun, as well as our athletics Director, Dr. Nancy Keenum and fans has been nothing short of amazing."

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CALHOUN COACHES EARN TOP HONOR FOLLOWING HISTORIC SEASONS

A pair of Calhoun Community College coaches were given the Alabama Community Colleges Conference's top honor in 2023, following historic campaigns on the basketball and volleyball courts. Warhawk women's basketball coach Candace Byrd-Vinson and volleyball coach Jamiee Freeman were both named the ACCC Coach of the Year by their peers following the conclusion of the regular season in each sport.

In her first season in charge of the Lady Warhawks, Byrd-Vinson took over the program after it had been on hiatus for more than 20 years, and immediately led the team to success both overall and in league play. The Warhawks completed their first season with a record of 17-12 for the year, including a 13-6 mark in ACCC play, earning a spot in the ACCC Tournament in March, which was held on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

Prior to the start of the tournament, Byrd-Vinson was honored with the Coach of the Year award on the floor of Alabama A&M's new basketball arena.

The Warhawks went on to defeat Bishop State by a score of 83-74 in the quarterfinals, ending the season on a 9-3 stretch. In addition to Byrd-Vinson earning the league's top coaching honor, standout Kennedi Hawkins was named to the ACCC All-Region Team, earning a spot on the first-team, recognized as one of the five best players in the league.

Freeman, in her second season in charge of the Warhawk spikers, engineered one of the biggest turnarounds in league history on her way to being named the conference's volleyball Coach of the Year winner.

Freeman, who put together the first volleyball team in Calhoun history in 2022 on just a couple months' notice, jumped from a 7-17 mark in the first season, to a 31-11 mark in 2023, which included going 10-2 in ACCC matches, finishing in second place in the ACCC North Division.

The 24-win improvement was the largest in the conference, and the school's 31 wins were the second most among the league's 13 volleyball teams.

Under Freeman's guidance, the Warhawks qualified for the ACCC Tournament held at Coastal Alabama, where they won two matches, sweeping both Coastal Alabama-North, and Pearl River (MS) Community College on their run to the semifinals.

Calhoun saw three players earn All-ACCC honors for the season, Allyse Rudolph was named to the first-team, while Ariel Fuqua and Raegan James both earned second-team honors.



CALHOUN STUDENTS ADVANCE TO THE FINAL FOUR OF NATIONAL COMPETITION

APRIL 2023

Calhoun Community College saw its advanced manufacturing team has been named among the final four teams to compete in Project MFG's National Advanced Manufacturing Championship and was also featured in the reality web series, Clash of Trades.

According to Project MFG, schools from across the nation competed in a challenging season of Project MFG's Integrated Advanced Manufacturing Competition series. These competitions aim to change the perception of skilled trades and promote successful careers throughout the manufacturing industry. Manufacturing touches many aspects of our daily lives, which include transportation, medical, technology, and defense to name a few. These critical industries are facing a huge shortage in not only workers who are interested in the career field, but individuals who possess the skills needed to perform the jobs, thus potentially leaving more than 2 million positions unfilled across the nation. The lack of interest and engagement from the younger generations is an important factor in that statistic, and Project MFG has created this nationally-recognized competition to change that perception.

"I can't begin to explain how milestones such as these are testaments to the effectiveness of the advanced curriculum our technologies programs continue to produce for our students," commented Tad Montgomery, Calhoun Technologies Instructor. "Our students continuously go the extra mile in learning all the vital components of their programs and use

those skills to compete among the best of the best across the nation in these types of competitions. These platforms not only provide our students with real-life scenarios and teach them how to use the skills they've obtained in their programs, but also help us to improve our program training as well."

This past February, 16 teams competed in the regional rounds that took place at Calhoun Community College, Southwestern Illinois College and Wichita State University Technical College. Competing schools were faced with real-world scenarios and pressure tested to demonstrate the critical skills needed to succeed in modern advanced manufacturing. The teams were challenged to complete a project that consisted of machining multiple pieces on a 5-axis machine and welding a pressure vessel.

"Student teams who participate in these types of competitions give us hope, as we are watching the next generation of skilled trades professionals develop each time we make these types of events possible to attend," said Montgomery.

The final four teams who will battled head-to-head for the National title were Calhoun Community College, Minnesota State College Southeast, Southwestern Illinois College, and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. The competition took place at the Greenville Technical College Center for Manufacturing Innovation Center on May 8-12 in Greenville, South Carolina.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

GRANTS AWARDED JAN. 1 - DEC. 14, 2023

PROJECT	FUNDING AGENCY	AMOUNT
Dual Enrollment	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$1,368,365
The ALAMAP Project	U. S. Department of Labor	\$475,075
Title III: Pathways to Success	U. S. Department of Education	\$402,252
Career Technical Education	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$300,000
Aerospace: Electrical	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$147,436
Merging Art with Technology and Engineering	Appalachian Regional Commission	\$108,000
Health Science: Central Sterile Processors	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$103,517
Career Readiness ACE	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$96,000
Welding: Friction Stir	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$78,028
Success Coach, Workforce Solutions	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$67,900
Success Coach, Student Success	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$50,000
Cybersecurity Camps '24	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$41,426
Machine Tool Technology: Haas Mills	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$40,455
FlexFactor	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$40,000
CWS Electronic Assembly & Testing Curriculum	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$36,947
Health Science: Portable Radiography for Dental Assistants	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$28,602
Health Science: Special Populations Manikins	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$26,458
BEST Robotics	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$12,250
SWeTy Camp '24	State of Alabama, ACCS	\$6,500

TOTAL: \$3,429,211

(NEW GRANTS, DOES NOT INCLUDE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID)

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

2020-2023 FINANCIAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES (2020-2023)	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
State Appropriation	\$30,545,242	\$36,853,689	\$34,367,408.19
Tuition and Fees	\$20,541,572	\$19,799,438.85	\$19,698,712.3
Fed'l/State/Local Grants & Contracts	\$31,422,305	\$30,388,981	\$29,089,060.07
Auxiliary	\$316,870	\$370,688.54	\$333,157.87
Auxiliary	\$124,268	\$102,759.18	\$144,828.39
Other	\$718,386	\$160,256	\$668,705.63
TOTAL REVENUE	\$83,668,643	\$87,675,812.53	\$84,301,872.45

EXPENDITURES (2020-2023)	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Instruction	\$25,522,932.32	\$25,074,808	\$27,948,326
Academic Support	\$5,089,246.46	\$4,726,703	\$5,179,349
Student Services	\$5,974,710.8	\$5,876,305	\$6,328,021
Institutional Support	\$12,888,108.24	\$12,930,202	\$12,415,721
Operation & Maintenance	\$6,210,251.69	\$6,270,481	\$6,650,943
Scholarships & Fellowships	\$15,680,311.67	\$9,703,728	\$5,828,187
Auxiliary	-	\$155	\$13
Depreciation	\$5,160,948.87	\$5,854,342	\$6,206,216
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$76,526,510	\$70,436,725.88	\$70,556,775.19



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