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WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELMA



## VISION, MISSION, AND LEADERSHIP



## VISION STATEMENT

The College shares a vision of a learning-centered education that is responsive to the needs of our service area and is manifested by quality teaching, opportunities for learning, effective educational support services, and access to a quality education. Challenged by change and innovation, the College will move forward to create a future responsive to the diverse needs of students, community, and state.

## PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of Wallace Community College Selma is expressed in the following beliefs: Education is essential to the economic, social, environmental, and political well-being of the citizens of West Central Alabama; Education should be made academically, geographically, physically, and financially accessible to all students; Wallace Community College Selma is uniquely qualified to deliver excellent and equitable educational opportunities and services; and Quality education requires unity and cooperation of all stakeholders who work together toward a common goal.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Wallace Community College Selma is to provide high-quality learning-centered educational opportunities and services through varied instructional-delivery modes that are responsive to individual, community, and state needs.

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# COLLEGE GOALS

## **Quality Teaching & Learning**

Promote and provide teaching and learning environments and experiences that encourage the development of knowledge, skills, behaviors, and values for students in order for them to be successful in the workforce or subsequent education.

## **Access**

Provide and promote accessible, affordable quality education and training

## **Technology**

Expand the development of educational and administrative technology that enhance student learning and improve college management processes and functions.

## **Workforce and Economic Development**

Provide high quality workforce development programs that meet the demands of local employers and enhance the economic development efforts of the state and the region.

## **Professional Development**

Provide development and training opportunities that encourage faculty and staff to become more proficient in the delivery of student services, instructional services, and operational services.

## **Student Focus & Services Success**

Promote student success and development through services consistent with student needs, interests and abilities.

## **Diversity**

Provide access to programs and services that strengthen the educational, social and economic life of the diverse community served by the College

## **Community Development and Lifelong Learning**

Provide educational opportunities that support a culture of lifelong learning.

## **Public Relations**


Expand and enhance the image and reputation of the College through ongoing public and communication effort.

## **Efficiency of Operations**


Improve efficient operations of the college.

## **Enrollment Management**

Maintain an ongoing program for the recruitment, retention and graduation of students.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on what has surely been the most unusual semester of my 30-year career in education, I am immensely proud of our students, faculty, and staff for everything we have accomplished together.

In spite of the global challenges we all faced, this academic year marked another year of accomplishments for the College. It was a significant year in terms of academic accomplishment, student initiative and faculty development.

In 2002, when online education was not popular for traditional colleges, I clearly understood that online education would provide access to more students in the Black Belt and surrounding areas where transportation was often a barrier. Because of this transition, the college was able to make a seamless transition during the COVID-19 outbreak. Because a well-established online infrastructure was already in place, the faculty was able to place emphasis on making student engagement the top priority in this transition.

This past semester brought unprecedented challenges our way, but our students were able to sprint to the finish line—even in the most difficult times. We are so proud of you and confident that you will continue to inspire us all.

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I also want to take the opportunity to recognize the outstanding graduates of our Class of 2020. They graciously accepted and adapted to the unprecedented challenges this past semester brought us, but and their resilience and perseverance was evident—even in the most difficult times.

On behalf of our students, full and part-time faculty and staff, we thank you and all our friends, colleagues, associates, partners, business and industry for your continued interest and support to the programs and services we offer at this institution.

We hope you will enjoy reading about our significant milestones and I wish you and your families a safe year.

Best Regards,



James M. Mitchell, Ed.D.  
President





## WCCS PRESIDENT HOSTS BOOK SIGNING

President Dr. James Mitchell signed copies of his biography, "A Touchstone of Determination - True Grit: The Dr. James Mitchell Story" on Wednesday, November 6. Mitchell was accompanied by the book's author, Linda Eatmon-Jones.

The two signed copies of the book at the Barnes and Noble Student Center on WCCS's campus from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Eatmon-Jones said she interviewed over 40 people within the community about the impact of Mitchell on their lives. While everyone she spoke with was impacted by Mitchell in a different way, they all spoke of his dedication to higher education.

"James will leave no stone unturned to ensure that every student that wants an education gets one," said Eatmon-Jones. "I'm very humbled," said Mitchell on the publication of his story.

Eatmon-Jones, who is a cousin of Mitchell's, said her cousin was hesitant about having a book written about him. "He'd say that there's a million people who do what he does," she said. Despite Mitchell's reservations, Eatmon - Jones talked him into the process.

The author felt it was important her cousin's story be told - she referred to Mitchell as an "unsung hero," the kind of person who becomes a role model for so many people. Mitchell hopes that others are inspired by his story to help others. "If you have the opportunity to help, help," he said.

A black and white photograph of the Wallace Community College Selma building. The building is a large, single-story structure with a prominent portico supported by several columns. A small cupola sits atop the roof. A flagpole stands to the left of the entrance. Several cars are parked in the lot in front of the building. A large tree is on the right side of the frame.

## WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELMA EXPANDS SERVICE AREA

Community and state leaders welcomed Wallace Community College (WCC) to the Demopolis Higher Education Center on July 18 in an announcing ceremony. WCC will continue the education efforts of Shelton State Community College with academic, certified and non-certified training and dual-enrollment courses. The move from SSCC to WCC is rooted in the city's attempts at placing a greater emphasis on workforce development and was supported by the Alabama Community College System.

Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy Baker said bringing WCC to the community was a positive move towards bringing in opportunities and helping residents take advantage of those opportunities by expanding what is offered and where. "I feel good about where we are in terms of expanding opportunities," he said. He also said that WCC was given an extra \$1 million to support the college's expansion. President of Wallace Community College James Mitchell, PhD, said WCC is committed to serving the community, whatever it may entail. "Tough work comes from tough people, and that means that we do what's necessary to make this work," he said.

Other community and state leaders who welcomed Wallace Community College Demopolis to the area includes Marengo County Commissioner Jason Windham on behalf of Commissioner Freddie Armistead, Black Belt Outreach Coordinator Robert Stewart on behalf of U.S. Rep. Terry Sewell, State Senator Bobby Singleton, State Senator Malika Sanders-Fortier, State Rep. A.J. McCampbell and Marengo County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, Jo Ellen Martin.



## WCCS ANNOUNCES APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Wallace Community College Selma held a press conference to announce their partnership with the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship to WCCS students. Patsy Richards, Alabama Office of Apprenticeship Project Manager, explained the program during the conference. To join an apprenticeship program, a student must apply at a participating business. If hired, the student will be enrolled in WCCS where they will receive technical training while they learn and earn progressive wages.

The new program only has one partner so far, GD Copper of Pine Hill in neighboring Wilcox County. GD Copper Vice President of Human Resources KC Pang was in attendance Monday morning to share his excitement to be the first business partner in the program. Pang said that GD Copper plans to hire on three to four apprentices per semester and six to eight apprentices per year.

"This is an exciting time," said WCC President Dr. James Mitchell. "I always get excited when I see that we have expanded opportunity and access for our students. This announcement today, obviously, is a shining example of how we continue to ensure that our students have greater access and greater opportunities as they enter the world of work. That's what's most important and that's what we continue to work to do."



# WCCStrength

## WCCS UNIQUELY PREPARED TO TEACH AMID QUARANTINE.

The current coronavirus crisis has left school systems across the nation scrambling to figure out how they will educate students who are no longer allowed to enter a classroom – while all have had to develop new methods for teaching remotely, some have had to create entirely new infrastructures where once there was none. Not Wallace Community College, who shifted its attention to adding online instruction in 2002.

“Although during that time online education was not popular for traditional colleges, I clearly understood that online education would provide access to more students in the Black Belt and surrounding areas where transportation was often a barrier,” said WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell.

For WCCS, the variety and frequency of its online offerings continued to increase and in 2008 it was given approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to fully transition its Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degrees online.

The popularity of online courses continued to grow over the years and, to date, more than 95 percent of WCCS students are enrolled in online courses – the college further embraced online culture by requiring that all courses have an “online shell.”

“It was this early planning that set the stage for a seamless transition during the COVID-19 [outbreak],” said WCCS Dean of Instruction Dr. Tammie Briggs. “Because a well-established online infrastructure was already in place, the faculty was able to place emphasis on making student engagement the top priority in this transition.”

The college has also taken aim at addressing needs that go beyond academics, according to WCCS Dean of Students Dr. Donitha Griffin – because outside factors play a large part on students’ success, the school has launched a robust offering of online support services. “Student support has become an integral part of student success at WCCS,” Griffin said. “We have to deal with academic and non-academic issues.”

Though students generally accustomed to more traditional modes of learning were wary at first, the pandemic has forced students to adjust and most have done so quickly. “After I heard the news about switching to online learning, I was a little worried,” said WCCS freshman Semira Jones. “I am only used to taking on-campus classes, so I didn’t know how this would affect me, but my professors were extremely understanding by giving the class several ways to contact them at any time of day.”





# + HOPE

## WCCS NURSING GRADUATES SERVE IN NY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Two nurses from the Queen City recently packed their bags and headed north to Brooklyn, New York, right into the hotbed of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States, to assist in combating the pandemic. Theresa Terry and Lesia Eddins, both whom are WCCS graduates and former employees at Vaughan Regional Medical Center (VRMC), decided their talents would be better served where they were needed more, at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Before leaving for Brooklyn, for eight weeks, followed by a two-week quarantine period, VRMC had furloughed several employees, and Terry and Eddins were looking at having their hours cut drastically. "It was something me, Lesia and I always wanted to do and the opportunity was there and Vaughan didn't really need us so we decided to come," said Terry.

Eddins said the most thanks she's received since she arrived has come from Maimonides Medical Center's nurses. "'I'm so glad you guys are here. We haven't had any breaks or time off. We haven't seen our families. Our bodies are exhausted. Thank y'all so much,' they said.'" Eddins said. "They've treated us like they really wanted us here. It makes me feel like a hero. It makes me feel wonderful."

The nurses said support from back home has been equally surprising.

"We are just overwhelmed from the support that everybody back home has shown," said Terry "We didn't expect all this."

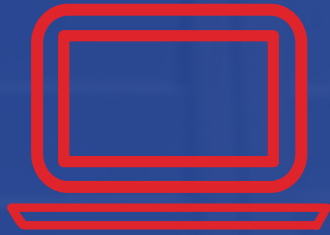


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# COVID- 19 RESPONSE



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Dr. James Mitchell, WCCS President



## WCCS WORKS AROUND COVID FOR SUMMER CAMP

Educational Talent Search (ETS) Summer Camp once again took place July 13-24 at Wallace Community College Selma, though the program has been adjusted due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Program Coordinator Corey Bowie said the program consists of two groups.

One is a STEM camp for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders that includes a coding class, which earns the participants a WCCS college credit, and the other is a camp for 6-8th graders with a focus on improving reading, writing, mathematics, career tech, and enrichment skills.

Bowie said while the focus of the camp will be the same, it will now be conducted virtually, via Zoom. He stressed the importance of developing critical skills among students, even during the current COVID-19 circumstances. Bowie said the program also includes ACT prep for 9th and 10th graders.



## AMSTI-WCCS DONATES SUPPLIES TO VRMC

The Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative at Wallace Community College Selma, AMSTI-WCCS/ASU, recently donated 2,000 gloves, 500 masks, and 50 goggles to the Vaughn Regional Medical Center in Selma to support employees, doctors and nurses during the coronavirus pandemic.

## WCCS CELEBRATES GRADUATION VIRTUALLY WITH PARADE

Wallace Community College Selma hosted a virtual graduation ceremony on May 29 as a measure to accommodate current social distancing practices implemented in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

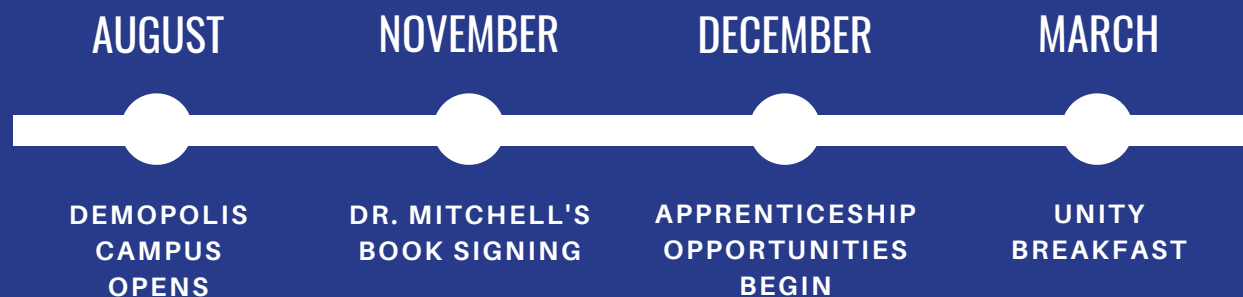
"This decision was made in the best interest of the health and well-being of our entire WCCS family and our local community," said Dr. James M. Mitchell, WCCS president.

Sabrina Davidson was the recipient of the James M. Mitchell Award during the virtual graduation ceremony. 2020 marks the ninth year this award has recognized the greatness of Alabama's students of the Black Belt region. Also during the ceremony, Lashonda Carter received the Technical Award and Maria Heywood received the Academic Excellence Award for graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

The morning before the ceremony, members of WCCS's graduating class celebrated their accomplishments through a Graduation Parade with faculty and staff and the community cheering them on along a ten-mile route beginning on campus. 371 spring and summer graduates participated in the ceremony.

The ceremony can be viewed at: <http://www.wccs.edu/2020-virtual-ceremony-parade/>

## MAJOR MILESTONES





# DEMOPOLIS HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)

### PROGRAM APPROVAL/ REGULATORY BODIES

Alabama State Board of Nursing

Alabama Department of Public Health

Alabama State Board of Cosmetology





# WCCS CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY. SERVICE. ENGAGEMENT.

## ABRAMS HONORED AT MARTIN AND CORETTA KING UNITY BREAKFAST

The Martin and Coretta King Unity Breakfast took place at Wallace Community College Selma on Sunday morning, March 1, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. as part of the weekend's Bridge Crossing Jubilee commemorations.

Awards were presented at the event, including the National Unity Award to Stacey Abrams, the International Unity Award to Coumba Toure, the International Peace and Justice Award to Leymah Gbowee and the Family Unity Award to Martin Luther King III, his wife Arndrea King and his daughter Yolanda King.

After receiving the Award, Abrams took the opportunity to speak to the audience about unity. "Unity is not simply about justice," she said. "Unity is about perusing justice, even when justice is hard to come by."



## WARREN, KLOBUCHAR HEADLINE WCCS FORUM

Following the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge Sunday during the annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, Wallace Community College Selma and MSNBC hosted a presidential forum featuring Democratic presidential hopefuls U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-MA, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-MN.

Rev. William Barber, leader of the Poor People's Campaign, opened the event by discussing a part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy that is often overlooked - in his final days, as he was calling for the establishment of the Poor People's Campaign, King focused intensely on the need for poor black and white people to unite in pursuit of their rights, an action he opined would truly bring the powerholders to their knees.

Following Barber's remarks, MSNBC host and civil rights activist Mark Thompson took the stage to interview both hopeful candidates.





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## SEWELL'S ANNUAL JOB FAIR RETURNS TO SELMA

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell's, D-AL, 8th Annual Job Fair drew a diverse crowd of job seekers and employers alike to the campus of Wallace Community College- Selma. Job seekers in attendance ranged from recent college graduates to those looking for a midlife career change.

Over 70 employers from 14 industries set up shop at the job fair including law enforcement agencies, branches of the U.S. military and corporations like Regions Bank. "This is the second time we've been in Selma in eight years," said Sewell. "We were here six years ago in the height of the recession and had over 2,000 job seekers. We know that we're doing better in the Black Belt, and nationwide, but we also know that this economic boom, if you will, has not been evenly distributed. There are still pockets of vulnerable communities that have some ways to go."

"I'm honored that Dr. Mitchell let us have this space here at Wallace Community College," she said. "Wallace Community College is a crown jewel of the Black Belt and it's a place where people can get certifications in everything from welding to nursing."

"Wallace is an excellent resource for the Black Belt," said Mitchell. "That is why we couldn't be happier in welcoming Congresswoman Sewell's job fair to our campus."

### Why rural healthcare is important?



## U.S. SENATOR DOUG JONES, D-AL, HOSTS HEALTHCARE FORUM AT WCCS

U.S. Sen. Doug Jones, D-AL, hosted a healthcare forum at Wallace Community College Selma, in which he updated those in attendance of his ongoing efforts to expand access to the healthcare in Alabama and hear from a panel of rural healthcare providers on the difficulties they face in serving their communities.

A sizable audience turned out for the event, including local leaders like Dallas County Commissioner Valerie Reubin, Edmundite Missions President Chad McEachern, Dallas County Extension Coordinator Callie Nelson and Selma-Dallas County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sheryl Smedley.

"We have common challenges all over this state," Jones said at the beginning of the forum, noting that the problem is particularly acute in rural areas, which have seen a slate of hospital closures over the last few years.

# WCCS AND UWA ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

WCCS President, Dr. James Mitchell, and University of West Alabama President, Dr. Ken Tucker, sign a collaborative articulation agreement between the two schools.

WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell and Dr. Ken Tucker of the University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama gathered at WCCS on June 12 to sign a collaborative articulation agreement between the two schools.

Tucker expressed his excitement about the agreement and that the partnership would provide great opportunity for WCCS students. "I very much appreciate the opportunity to work with you and with all our colleagues here at Wallace Community College to create this articulation agreement," said Tucker. "We hope that it will create a pathway for your graduates to be able to complete their bachelor's degrees with us and then be able to continue on in serving this part of the country."

"We are also very excited," said Mitchell. "We feel that this articulation agreement with UWA offers our students even greater access and opportunity...We are quite honored to be a part of this and feel that this partnership will be quite fruitful."

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A pathway for graduates to complete their bachelor's degrees.





The Edmundite Missions took another step in their partnership with WCCS by presenting President James Mitchell with a check for \$5,000.00 to endow a fund that will be overseen by a committee at the College to help students succeed in the classroom and begin their careers.

The Missions will provide ongoing support so that the fund will grow and continue to help students in need for many years. "We are so excited to be able to help. When we hear from students who need one or two classes to graduate and they have no idea how they will come up with the resources to pay for it, we are compelled to help them overcome this challenge. It's exciting to see a student be able to finish their education and break the cycle of poverty," said Chad McEachern, President and CEO of the Edmundite Missions.



## EDMUNDITE MISSIONS MAKE DONATION TO WCCS



## EVENT BOLSTERS FOUNDATION WORK

Roughly 100 people attended the Wallace Community College Selma Foundation's annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, chipping in just under \$15,000 to bolster the foundation's work. According to WCCS Foundation Board Chairman Chad McEachern, that number nearly doubles the amount raised at last year's event. Funds raised for the foundation help roughly 120 students each year.

"This event is important because, as we know, education is the foundation for success," McEachern said. "For many of our students in this community, going to Wallace is that first step to a better life and a stepping stone towards a positive change for themselves, their families and the entire community."

Among those in attendance for the event were WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell and his wife, Pricilla, Vaughan Regional Medical Center (VRMC) President and CEO David McCormack and Darrell Steward of Steward Construction. Steward Construction and VRMC were among the sponsors for the night's event, along with International Paper, Dave's Mart, First Cahawba Bank, the Edmundite Missions and others.

"This is one of the major annual fundraising events for WCCS," James Mitchell said. "An event which helps increase the scholarship awards to our students who are in need. Under Chad McEachern's leadership, this foundation continues to grow and get even stronger."



## DELTA PI LAMBDA AWARD WCCS FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The men of the Delta Pi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Delta Pi Lambda Educational Fund presented Dr. James Mitchell and Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) with funds for the Dr. James Mitchell Scholarship Fund.

"This year we are pleased to give away \$1,000," Young said. "We're proud because of our community partners we are able to give more. The community has helped us to help others with the scholarship."

He said collaborating with Mitchell and WCCS has proven how essential working together can be for the community. "Throughout the year we hold a lot of our projects at Wallace and we feel that this is proof that we truly are stronger when we work together," Young said. "When we come together we can do something that makes even a larger impact to improve Selma-Dallas County."



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

INNOVATION. EDUCATION. HEALTH.



## TEEN TECH CENTER BENEFITS FROM MJ 93-90 DONATION

Representatives from the MJ 93-90 Foundation made a visit to the Best Buy Teen Tech Center on the WCCS campus to donate 22 computers for students to use while distance learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Foundation secretary and treasurer Thomasine Johnson said the computer contribution was a way for the organization to continue to give back, even amid the current health crisis.



## WCCS LAUNCHES MOBILE COMPUTER LAB AT MEADOWVIEW ELEMENTARY

Wallace Community College-Selma officially launched its mobile computer lab at Meadowview Elementary School. Twenty students from the third to fifth-grade were chosen for the project at Meadowview Elementary. Students explored the mobile lab and began Apple coding classes creating computer programming projects.

Meadowview Elementary Principal Pamela Rackley said WCCS is partnering with the school's Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lab. "WCCS is a vital part of our program," Rackley said. "It's part of the STEM initiative. WCCS will come to Meadowview monthly." Dr. Marilyn Hannah, WCCS Chairperson and Instructor of Business and Computer Science, said Meadowview Elementary is the first Black Belt School to participate in the Mobile lab demonstrations. "Our purpose is to introduce the students to coding," Hannah said. "Students will get a chance to build an apple or android application."



## EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH HOLDS MAN-UP MENTORING PROGRAM AT WCCS

The Educational Talent Search hosted a Man-Up Mentoring program at Wallace Community College-Selma on Friday, February 21, 2020. Male students in the program from Keith Middle School, R.B. Hudson, School of Discovery and Tipton-Durant Middle School attended the event. Montgomery S.T.E.P. Foundation Executive Director, Sederick Fluker, was the guest speaker. Everything Matters was the theme in Fluker's powerful speech: education matters, identity matters, relationship matters, freedom matters, life matters and legacy matters.



## SHIFT2SUCCESS PREPS STUDENTS FOR JOBS

Wallace Community College and the Demopolis Higher Education Center celebrated the success of the first class to complete the Shift2Success program. Shift2Success is an education program designed to train students for jobs in the technical and industrial fields. Eighteen students from three high schools — Demopolis, A.L. Johnson and Greensboro — participated in Shift2Success. Those students were either rising seniors or recent graduates. The three-week program provided the students with certifications and training in manufacturing standards and OSHA.

The Shift2Success program in Demopolis is one of two in the state with the other being in Huntsville. Students completing the program included: Ahamad Allen, Sha'Tyra Bell, Robert Catlin, Jamichael Edwards, Maurice Harris, Derrion Hogan, Maurice Jones, Unique Jones, Skylar Lewis, Javontae Long, Terry Richards, Taylor Sams, Tyler Sams, Demetrius Scott, Eric Smith, Rontrerre Smith, Quindarius Ward and Traymon Webb."



## EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH HOST CULINARY PROGRAM AT WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELMA

The Educational Talent Search hosted a culinary program at Wallace Community College-Selma. Students in the program from Keith High School and Tipton-Durant Middle School were treated to a delectable spread of Fettuccini Alfredo, tossed salad and garlic bread cooked by The Sandbar's Chef Harry Dominick.

Educational Talent Search Acting Coordinator Corey Bowie said the goal is getting kids in the program another career option. "I'm trying to change the narrative of the program," Bowie said.

Clifton Reeves, a sixth-grade history and math teacher at Tipton-Durant Middle School, said he enjoyed the event. "It shows our students there are more jobs they can accomplish beside sports," Reeves said. "The kids can have a career in culinary."



## GET FIT 2019 SERVES SELMA COMMUNITY

Get Fit Selma, 2019 took place at Wallace Community College Selma providing the community with several activities and health screenings.

Hamm said that the Get Fit Health Fair is a great asset to the community, providing people with limited healthcare access the opportunity to be checked out as well as informing them about commonly faced diseases in the area like Type II Diabetes.

Hamm said that doctors set up at the health fair inside WCCS were providing screenings and consultations until noon. While the health fair was going on inside, a 5K kicked off Saturday morning, with many participants running to end Type II Diabetes.





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

 STUDENT. FACULTY. STAFF



# WCCS EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT 2019 ACCS CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY

Four Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) employees were recognized at the 2019 Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Chancellor's Awards ceremony Sunday, November 18, 2019, in Montgomery. Chancellor's Awards are given annually to each community college in four categories: Administrator of the Year, Academic Faculty Member of the Year, Technical Faculty Member of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year. The 2019 award winners for WCCS were:

## **Administrator of the Year:**

Raji Gourdine  
Dean of Technical Programs and Workforce Development

## **Academic Faculty of the Year:**

Robert Sims  
English Instructor

## **Technical Faculty of the Year:**

Matilda Williams  
Welding Instructor Support

## **Staff Member of the Year:**

Laura Vance  
Comptroller

The Chancellor's Awards began 31 years ago in the ACCS as a way to reward and encourage those who have exemplified outstanding performance, creativity and dedicated service to their college.



## PLANS ANNOUNCED TO CREATE FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR DEMOPOLIS AREA

### WSCC NAMES HATHCOCK DIRECTOR OF DEMOPOLIS CAMPUS



Officials with Wallace Community College announced parts of its long-term vision for its Demopolis campus, beginning with the hiring of Blaine Hathcock as campus director. Hathcock has served the past four years as the principal at Demopolis High School. Prior to that he was the principal at Demopolis Middle School.

Since announcing WSCC would move into the Demopolis Higher Education Center last summer, Mitchell said the groundwork was being established to create a “full-service” community college in Demopolis. Along with naming Hathcock as the local campus director, it was also announced that the old National Guard Armory building would be renovated to host the college’s technical programs as well as a nursing program.

“This will be a first-class facility that our region will be proud of and provide needed job training,” Hathcock said.

Hathcock has served for over 25 years in K-12 education, ranging from classroom teacher, coach, athletic director, transportation director and assistant principal. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama and graduate degrees from the University of North Alabama and the University of West Alabama.



### WCCS FALL 2019 FACULTY-STAFF ORIENTATION AND QEP KICK-OFF

Wallace Community College Selma held its Annual Fall Orientation for full-time faculty and staff on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The college officially kicked off the QEP: Wallace Avenues to your Success (WAYS). After several informational sessions, Dr. Mitchell ended the opening session with his annual “State of the College” address.

After lunch, all faculty and staff participated in concurrent sessions entitled: Rock Star Traits of High Performing Teams, Excellent Customer Services, and New Realities in Higher Education.



## WCCS Former masonry students excel in world competition



Two former WCCS Masonry students placed in the World of Concrete Masonry Skills Contest in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jake Freeman won first place and TyShawn Pettway won 3rd place. Both men are presently working in Tennessee for different masonry companies. Freeman as a third-year apprentice and Pettway as a first-year apprentice.

## WCCS students named to All-Alabama Academic Team and awarded transfer scholarships



Wallace Community College Selma students Maria Heywood and Ja'Kira Simmons were selected to represent WCCS on the 2020 All-Alabama Academic Team.

Forty-six students from Alabama Community College System (ACCS) institutions make up the All-Alabama Academic Team. Members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the international honor society for community colleges, select two students from each of Alabama's community colleges. Both Heywood and Simmons will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Three WCCS honor students were also recently awarded transfer scholarships to the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB). Recipients were: Courtney Chandler, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship; Samira Chandler, Transfer Presidential Scholarship; and Ja'Kira Simmons, Transfer Presidential Scholarship.





## WCCS 2020 HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

WCCS sophomores TeShawn Shuford and Moesha Chandler were named homecoming king and queen during the WCCS Homecoming Basketball Game held on February 9, 2020.

Others named during the ceremony were: Miss WCCS 2019-20 Runner-up: Ja'Kira Simmons; Mr. and Miss Sophomore Rep.: LaMarcus Robinson and Calandra Morrow; and Mr. and Miss Freshman Rep.: Mason Williams and Ca'Chasity Lewis

## WCCS HOLDS PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY

Wallace Community College Selma held its Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Induction Ceremony for its Alpha Eta Tau Chapter on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hank Sanders Technology Center on the WCCS campus. Mrs. Becky Davis and Mrs. Kerry Henderson both coordinated the event and are the advisors for Alpha Eta Tau.

The following students were inducted into Alpha Eta Tau: Katrina Atkins, Taylor Biggs, Heather Bradley, Alexis Butler. Moesha Chandler, Sydney Chestnut, Jamiah Cleveland, Peyton Cothran, Tyler Elliott, Sheritrice Evans, Alexis Forbes, Shamiyah Hall, Marcia Johnson, Semira Jones, Shaniyah Jones, Chasity Lewis, William Lyon, Zully Montero, Brittany Nelson, Breuana Perkins, Anna Reaves, Shawna Skelton, Emily Strickland, Hannah Till, Janiya White, Daniel Winfield, and Eric Woods.

## WCCS NAMES NEW SGA OFFICERS

Wallace Community College-Selma recently named its Student Government Association (SGA) officers for the 2019-2020 school year.

The new officers are Tiffany Howard, President, Trinity Carter, Vice-President, Jorge Undra Dower, Secretary, Clint Rose, Treasurer, Kaymon McGuire, Sergeant at Arms, Jarica Duyer and Jaleria Gibson, Public Relations, Shamiyah Hall, Freshman Representative, Lydia Hendrieth, Sophomore, Kianna Thomas, Activities Coordinator, Shania Hall, Assistant Secretary and Ja'Kira Simmons, Technology Coordinator.

The non-SGA officers are Gabriel Crum, Jalon Holmes, Christina Martin, Justin McGuire, Zully Montero, Calandra Morrow, Al'Taviion Rucker, Bruce Swain, Alisha Thomas, Kianna Thomas and Denetra Whitlock.



# ATHLETICS

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## WCCS HONORS SOPHOMORES

Wallace Community College-Selma honored its sophomore basketball players during its 2020 homecoming celebration. Marlon Sharp, Michael Kirkland, Corey Thomas, Synia Chatman and Amber Richardson played their final home game. WCCS also celebrated winning the Alabama Community College Conference's Southern Division championship, defeating Enterprise State Community College 110-86.



## WCCS STUDENT-ATHLETES DONATE TO PATRIOT FOOD PANTRY

During the Annual Student-Athlete Orientation, WCCS student-athletes donated food and water to help supply the pantry, which provides food for WCCS students who identify as food insecure. Members of the Patriot basketball, volleyball, and baseball teams participated in collection.



# WCCS PATRIOTS HONORED BY ACCC



The WCCS men's and women's basketball teams both fell at the ACCC/NJCAA Region 22 basketball tournament at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa. Snead State Community College upset the Patriots 73-69 in overtime of the quarterfinals. The Lady Patriots fell to eventual champions Shelton State 106-68.

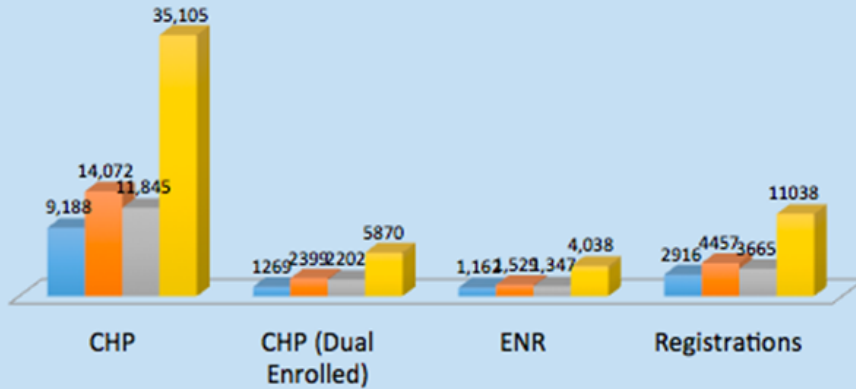
One of the greatest seasons in WCCS' history ended at 27-5, but the Patriots had several bright spots. Duane Evans was named South Division coach of the year. Rodney Battle made the All-Region 22 Second Team and First Team All-South Division. On the women's side, Amber Richardson was named All-Region 22 and All-South Division, both first team selections.



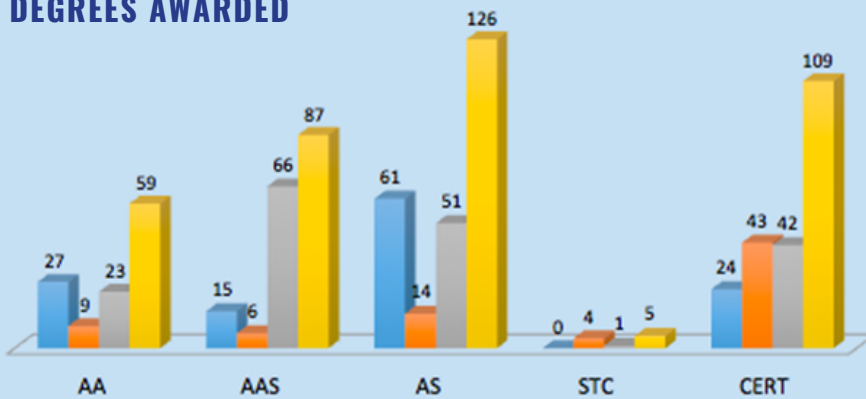


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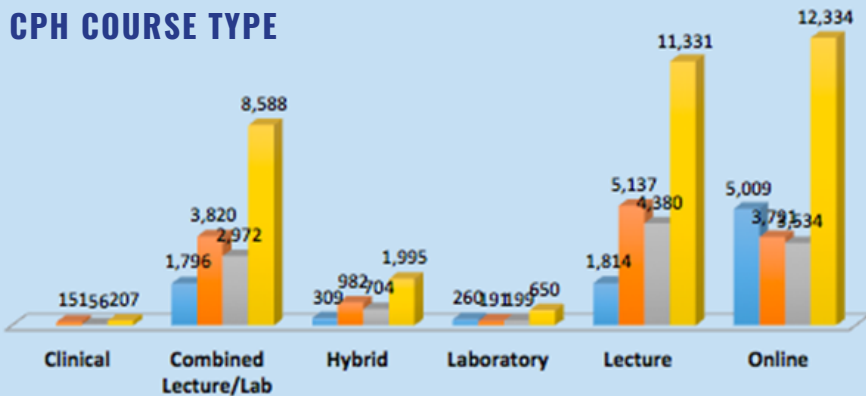
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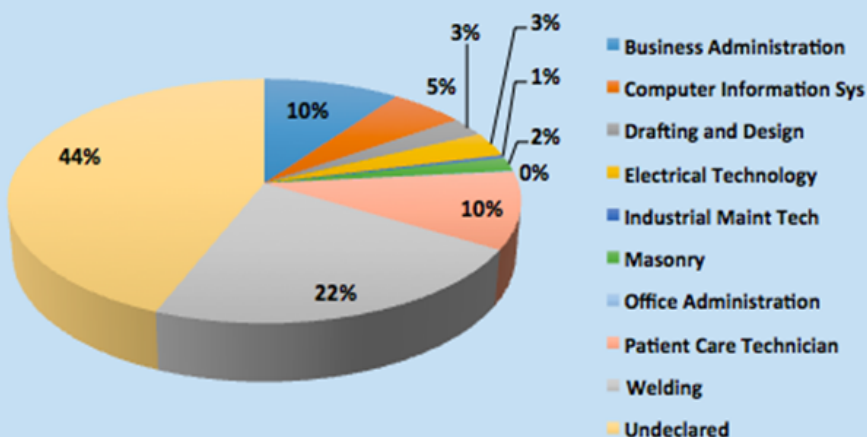
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## CPH COURSE TYPE



## DUAL ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAM



# GROWTH BY THE NUMBERS

Based on credit hour production, degrees awarded, and student enrollment, our presence is growing tremendously.

Our vision to educate Alabama's Belt Belt is being realized



# OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

## REVENUES (2015-2018)

	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017-2018*
State Appropriation	\$7,857,190	\$8,195,618	\$8,080,315
Tuition & Fees	\$1,921,343	\$1,868,889	\$1,997,565
Fed'l/State/Local Grants & Contracts	\$10,245,920	\$10,322,495	\$9,769,062
Sales & Service	\$5,947	\$3,901	\$2,387
Other	\$240,686	\$257,836	\$179,060
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$20,271,086</b>	<b>\$20,648,738</b>	<b>\$20,028,389</b>

## EXPENDITURES (2015-2018)

	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017-2018
Instruction	\$6,230,678	\$7,018,879	\$6,692,068
Public Service	\$28,320	\$8,696	\$20,473
Academic Support	\$1,505,989	\$1,510,785	\$1,005,028
Student Services	\$3,719,821	\$3,838,341	\$3,882,091
Institutional Support	\$2,904,682	\$3,482,663	\$3,388,547
Operation & Maintenance	\$1,888,505	\$1,998,480	\$1,841,048
Scholarships & Fellowships	\$2,681,984	\$2,256,426	\$2,807,498
Depreciation			\$1,790,639
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$18,959,978</b>	<b>\$20,114,271</b>	<b>\$21,427,393</b>

\*Accounting Rule Change: GASB Statement Number 75: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB). The adoption of this statement has a significant impact on the College's financial statements. For fiscal year 2018, the College made prior period adjustments due to the implementation of GASB Statement Number 75 which required the restatement of the September 30, 2017, net position. The result is a decrease in Net Position at September 30, 2017.



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