



Community Connections

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Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS), established in 1966, is a vital part of the communities it serves in the Black Belt Region of the state. As a primary postsecondary education and training resource, it also serves as a cultural center, major employer and an economic catalyst providing employers with an educated and well trained workforce.

This document has been prepared to show the involvement of the College with its community partners from 2016-2018. While it does not detail every event, it does represent a small sampling of the significance of WCCS to the business, industry, school, and community organizations in our six county service area comprised of Autauga, Chilton, Dallas, Lowndes, Perry and Wilcox Counties.

For almost a century WCCS has helped individuals improve their lives and the lives of their family members by offering adult continuing education classes, GED testing, job readiness, and other services of local interest and need. Additionally, the college gives financial support and lends its facilities to many community activities such as health fairs, industry employee trainings, social and civic meetings, camps, and other events of cultural significance. Whether through our own or collaborative efforts, WCCS is fully committed to improving the educational, economic, cultural, and overall health conditions of the people it serves by providing programs of awareness that present the most accurate and up to date information.

Wallace Community College Selma will continue to develop and nurture the relationships among the College, the People, and the Communities it serves.



WCCS Mission & Goals

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

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ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM*

This document addresses the following College goals:

COLLEGE GOALS 2017-2020

- 4. 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. (Workforce and economic development)*
- 7. Provide access to programs and services that strengthen the educational, social and economic life of the diverse community served by the College. (Diversity)*
- 8. Provide educational opportunities that support a culture of lifelong learning. (Community Development and Lifelong Learning)*
- 9. Expand and enhance the image and reputation of the College through ongoing public and communication effort. (Public Relations)*



Health

Programs that protect the environment and safeguard the health of students and community partners.

- Hazmat – Countywide Preparation for Disasters Site – Dallas County EMA
- Dallas County Relay for Life – American Cancer Society
- Family Fun Day – Countywide Health Fair
- Paint the Town Pink – 5K Run/Walk – Breast Cancer
- Can Good Collection in collaboration with local Bosco Center
- Disaster Shelter Site
- Blood Drives – American Red Cross
- Health Wellness Screenings
- United Way Selma-Dallas County
- Emergency Preparedness Forum – AL Dept. of Public Health, Dallas Co. EMA
- Patriot Pantry Food Bank
- Bloom House - Phi Theta Kappa Pajama Drive
- Get Fit Selma Health Fair

Meetings: Rural Health Medical Program, Dallas County Relay for Life





Education

Service learning opportunities that enhance lifelong learning and community involvement.

- STEAM Conference (Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Math) – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Project Alpha - Delta Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Selma Youth Leadership – Leadership Selma
- College and Career Readiness Standard Training
- AMSTI - Alabama Math Science Initiative
- Youth Forum – Leadership Selma-Dallas County/WCCS
- Camp WCCS
- WCCS Annual ACE Competition (Academic Challenge for Excellence)
- BEST Robotics Competitions- Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology

Meetings: Dallas County School System, Selma City Schools, Selma-Dallas Co. Education Association, Black Belt Arts and Culture, Alabama Counseling Association

Speakers: Zillah Fluker, Social Media and Higher Education Brand Architect; Larry K. Mack, Deputy Director, Marshall space Flight Center, NASA; Kwame Fluker, Human Resources Leader, Sikorsky, Lockheed Martin; Dr. Rolundus Rice, Assistant VP – Student Affairs, Alabama State University





Business & Industry

Services to various business and industry partners to enhance the economic development of the service area.

Meetings/Trainings: Crown Healthcare Laundry Service – Employee Leadership and Development Training; Alabama Certified Workforce & Economic Development Program; 34th Annual Intensive Economic Development Training; Dallas County Legal Secretary Association Training; Mary Kay Consultant Training; Bush Hog – Employee Training; International Paper - Employee Training; RAYCO Industrial – Employee Training; Walmart – Employee Training; Deep South – Employee Training

Welding Training: Bush Hog, RAYCO, Burkes Mechanical, Jordan Welding, Lavender Construction, International Paper

- Belt Community Foundation
- Black Belt Action Commission
- Selma Exchange Club
- Region 6 Workforce Development Board
- Selma-Dallas Economic Development Authority
- Black Belt Career Fairs - WCCS
- Save First-Tax Preparation Initiative - University of Alabama
- Job Placement Seminars – WCCS
- Rural Health Medical Program





Social & Cultural Events

Events that enhances interaction, develops competition, and influences the social roles and status of the diverse communities we serve.

WCCS Sports: Baseball, Volleyball, Men and Women Basketball

Community Sports: Volleyball Camps, Basketball Camps, Basketball Tournaments, Special Olympics – Cahaba Mental Health Center

- Michael Johnson Fun Fest – MJ93 Foundation
- Jubilee Parade and Street Festival – National Voting Rights Museum & Institute
- Cotillions/ Founders' Day – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- WCCS Aviation Day
- WCCS Foundation Annual Wine and Cheese Scholarship Fundraiser
- WCCS Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Banquets, Reunions, Showers, Campus Tours, etc. – Civic Groups/Churches/Individuals





Cultural Awareness

Cultural enrichment and educational opportunities to its students as well as the community through a variety of arts and humanities.

Annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee – Martin & Coretta King Unity Breakfast – WCCS/NVRMI
Speakers: Former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Doug Jones, Congresswoman Terri Sewell, Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Corey Booker, Rev. Dr. William Barber, President of the North Carolina NAACP

- Black History Presentations and Panel Discussions
- Student Symposiums – WCCS/Concordia College/Selma University
- Juneteenth Celebration – National Voting Rights Museum & Institute
- Battle of Selma – April 1865 Society, Inc.
- Annual Student Leadership Conference





Partnerships & Collaboration

WCCS engages in partnerships with educational institutions, businesses, industries, governmental and community organizations to further the mission of the College.

- ACCS Instructional Leadership Academy (ILA)
- Apple Technical Coding academy
- Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Ready to Work Program
- Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center
- Alabama Math Science Technology Initiative (AMSTI) AL Dept. of Education/Alabama State University
- Alabama Technology Network (ATN)
- U.S. Dept. of Labor - Better Occupation Outcomes with Simulation Training (BOOST)
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- JOBS – Department of Human Resources
- National Voting Rights Museum and Institute (NVRMI)
- Central Region 6 Workforce Development and Selma-Dallas Economic Development Authority- Central Alabama Gateways to Opportunities
- Dallas County Schools
- Selma City Schools
- Selma Police Department
- Articulation Agreements – Auburn University Montgomery, Alabama State University, Spring Hill College

