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2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

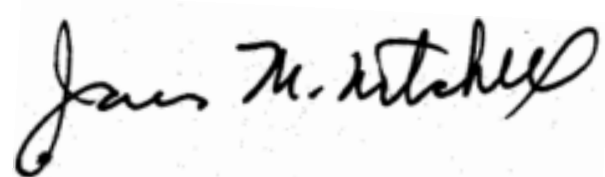
In spite of the global challenges we all faced, this academic year marked another year of accomplishments for the College. While we experienced challenges aplenty, it was a significant year in terms of academic accomplishment, student initiative and faculty development.

The health and safety measures we implemented — such as mask mandates, campus checkpoints, and vaccinations of faculty, staff, students and community members — supported a safer campus environment. Amid all this, we were able to provide high-quality education, create new and cutting edge college initiatives, strengthen community connections, and celebrate student and faculty accomplishments.

Within this report, we highlight what building a better normal looks like here at WCCS. We emerge from this year determined to deliver what our students and our communities expect and deserve. As we anticipate the fall, we are committed to fully open our campus with both traditional and online courses. We are committed to providing a high-quality educational experience in a safe environment for each of our students and it will remain our primary focus.

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,
President

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 WestCentral 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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The **Economic Value** and **Impact** of Wallace Community College

Students and alumni of colleges within the Alabama Community College System add \$6.6 billion to Alabama's economy, supporting one out of every 27 jobs in the state, according to a recent economic impact report.

The total added value of WCCS is \$47.5 million, equivalent to 0.8% of the GRP of the WCCS Service Area. By comparison, this contribution that the college provides on its own is as large as the entire Management of Companies and enterprises industry in the region. WCCS's total impact supported 845 jobs in FY 2020-21. For perspective, this means that one out of every 88 jobs in the WCCS Service Area is supported by the activities of WCCS and its students.

"Wallace Community College has and continues to have a major impact throughout our service area. We have often said that, but now the numbers affirm it. Our students and our community continue to be our top priority," said Dr. James M. Mitchell, President of Wallace Community College.

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

The independent, 102-page report by Lightcast estimates the Alabama Community College System's economic impact represents about 2.7% of Alabama's gross state product, which reflects 98,923 jobs in the state. Additionally, taxpayers see a net benefit of \$1.1 billion in added tax revenue from students' higher lifetime earnings and increased output to businesses.

To see the full report scan the QR code or go to
ACCS.edu/impact/





Reflects **FY 2020-21**

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The Economic Value of George C Wallace State Community College-Selma

About WCCS



2,104

Credit students



282

Non-credit students



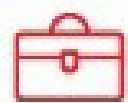
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Employees

The WCCS
Service Area
Alabama



Economic impact analysis



Alumni impact

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

\$34.2 million

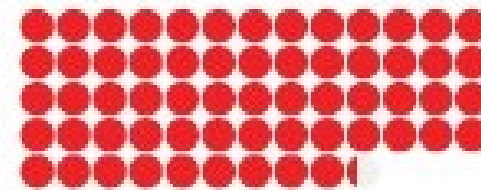
Added income

613 Jobs supported



An economic boost similar
to hosting the World Series

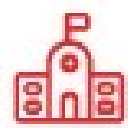
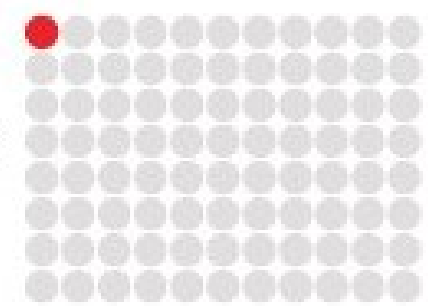
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5x

1 out of every **88**

jobs in the WCCS Service
Area is supported by the
activities of WCCS and
its students.



Operations spending impact

Impact of annual payroll
and other spending

\$12.8 million

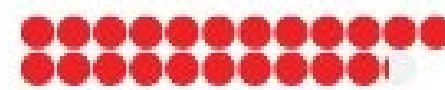
Added income

221 Jobs supported



Enough to buy
272 new cars

OR



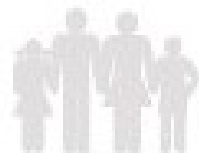
Student spending impact

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

\$490.5 thousand

Added income

11 Jobs supported



Enough to buy **40** families*
a year's worth of groceries

OR

11

Jobs supported

● = 10 jobs * = family of four



Investment analysis



For every \$1...



Students gain **\$9.00**
in lifetime earnings



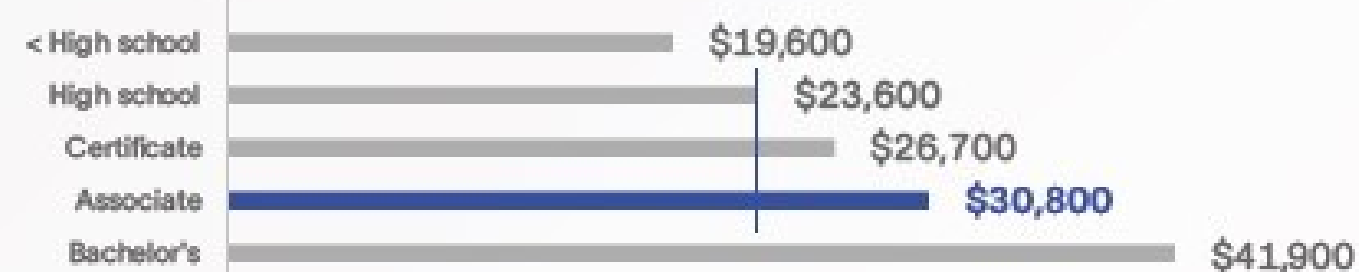
Taxpayers gain **\$1.50**
in added tax revenue and
public sector savings



Society gains **\$7.20**
in added income and
social savings



The average associate degree
graduate from WCCS will see an
increase in earnings of **\$7,200** each
year compared to someone with a high
school diploma working in Alabama.





2023 COMMENCEMENT

Wallace Community College Selma hosted the annual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 12, on the Selma campus of WCCS.

The ceremony was held outdoors at the front of the WCCS campus and graduates from the fall semester of 2022 through the spring semester of 2023 along with dually enrolled graduates were recognized.

"We are very proud of our 2023 graduates and know that they will represent WCCS well in their chosen career pathways," said Dr. James M. Mitchell, WCCS President. "To whom much is given, much is required."

A total of 423 students successfully completed the requirements for associate degrees or certificates.

Rodney McCarroll, a dual enrollment student, was presented with the James M. Mitchell Technical Award. Aja Wiltshire received the James M. Mitchell Academic Award and the Academic Excellence Award for graduating with a 4.0 GPA.





A Family Affair: Three first-generation siblings graduate from WCCS

WCCS believes in impacting not only our students but also their families. The Almojadid family is a shining example of that belief. Mohammad Almojadid moved from Yemen to New York City many years ago and began working at an early age because he believed success is achieved through hard work. He later married and had a family while in the United States.

Mr. Mohammad did not complete high school nor attend college but, he understood the importance of education and encouraged all six of his children to pursue their education at both the secondary and higher education level. On May 12, 2023, he witnessed three of his daughters graduate from Wallace Community College: Ammer (Associate Degree in Nursing), Sarah (Associate Degree in Nursing), and Suhail (Associate in Science). His son Yosef is currently enrolled at Wallace Community College.

Suhail, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, enrolled at WCCS as a dual enrollment student and credits the staff and instructors for her success. “Wallace granted me the opportunity to substitute some of my high school classes while attaining my associate’s degree,” said Suhail. “While participating in the Student Support Services Program, we have gone on many

amazing trips and the program provided us with the privilege of touring different colleges and universities to see what they have to offer. The college encourages students to succeed and has an intimate feel which creates a strong bond with inspiring instructors, counselors, and classmates,” added Suhail.

It takes a lot of courage to be a first-generation college student. Not knowing where to start or what questions to ask was very challenging,” said Ammer. “My initial plan was to obtain my basics at Wallace and then to transfer to a 4-year institution to obtain my bachelor of science in nursing. However, after obtaining my Associate of Science, my love for Wallace and its staff led me to obtain my nursing degree from there too.”

The graduates have not stopped here as they all plan on furthering their goals by attending colleges in the fall. Suhail is the recipient of a transfer scholarship to the University of Alabama Birmingham. Ammer and Sarah recently passed their State Boards of Nursing Certification and will attend the University of Alabama to obtain their bachelors of nursing while working as a labor and delivery/nursery nurse.



From Cosmetology to Volleyball – Billingsley excels at WCCS

Nylah Billingsley has always had an interest in owning a hair salon, and now two years later, she's closer to her dream. "I've always had a passion for hair and I knew cosmetology would give me an opportunity to become my own boss," said Billingsley. "Cosmetology also provides an opportunity to serve others and help them feel better about themselves," she added.

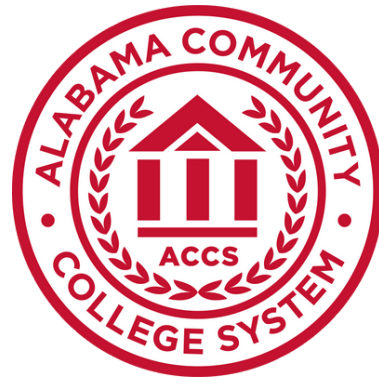
Billingsley, who graduated in May with her associate degree, obtained her Cosmetology Certificate in May of 2022 and earned her state license in January 2023. Billingsley returned to play an additional year of volleyball because of the bond she established with WCCS Head Coach Wanda Tyler. "Nylah was not only a skilled player but, her character speaks volume. She embraced the vision of leadership and she will be hard to replace," said Tyler.

At WCCS, Billingsley served as Co-Captain of the volleyball team for the past two years all while excelling in the classroom. "Whatever the task was, Nylah aced it," said Lawanna Quarles, WCCS Cosmetology Instructor. "She was an exceptional

student, balancing volleyball and studying. Because of her volleyball schedule, if she needed additional time she would come in early or stay late."

On March 8, Billingsley signed a volleyball scholarship to continue her collegiate career at Stillman College. "Moving away from home to attend Wallace was challenging for me, but I knew there was business I had to attend to," she said. "Since Stillman is much larger than Wallace, I am a little nervous about the change, but I have confidence that God will guide me in the right path, and I am excited to see what the future holds."

At Stillman College, she plans to study Elementary Education and minor in Business Administration and after graduation, she wants to teach and open her own salon. She also wants to coach softball and volleyball. "Nylah has the personality and drive to succeed," said Quarles. "She will be an asset to our industry because of her exception gift and her excellent customer service skills."



CLASS of 2022 CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

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



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Learning



Jerome Thames
Technical Faculty
Instructor, Welding
Technology



Kaleda Zanders
Academic Faculty
Instructor, English



Healthcare authority gets \$1.1 million to help Black Belt

Health care in Alabama's Black Belt region, one of the poorest areas of the state, could soon change with help from the federal government. U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, D-District 7, has secured \$1.1 million for the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority, which operates Whitfield Regional Hospital. She said the money would go toward providing more resources for education for current and future healthcare professionals.

"Not only do we need people, but we need a facility where they don't have to travel to be trained," said Blaine Hitchcock, Demopolis campus director for Wallace Community College Selma.

The hospital will partner with Wallace Community College Selma to train workers in a clinical and nonclinical setting. "It will allow us to create an opportunity, a school that would become a pipeline for health care professionals," said Sewell.

Whitfield Regional Hospital CEO Douglas Brewer said healthcare workers will eventually help other hospitals in the Black Belt region. "These nurses will train, be able to work with our patients, then go to Thomasville and go to Sumter County over to York Hospital and go up to Hale hospital," Brewer said, "We work closely with those hospitals in trying to create the kind of care that the Black Belt deserves."

Wallace Community College Demopolis Campus offering a Surgical Tech program

The Wallace Community College Demopolis Campus is now offering a Surgical Tech program. The 70-hour course will cover the surgical technician's role beginning with pre-op preparation, during the operative procedure, and finishing with postoperative room breakdown. Before an operation, surgical technicians help prepare the operating room by setting up surgical instruments and equipment, sterile drapes, and sterile solutions.



WINE & CHEESE



Annual Event Bolsters Foundation's Work

The Wallace Community College Selma Foundation held its Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at the Old Depot Museum in Selma. The event raised over \$10,000 to bolster the foundation's work. According to WCCS Foundation Board Chairman Chad McEachern, funds raised for the foundation help roughly over a hundred students each year.





Four WCCS Students Awarded Transfer Scholarships

Four WCCS students were recently awarded transfer scholarships to The University of Alabama at Birmingham. The recipients are Stephen Hunt, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship; Raniya Brockington, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship; Sa'Mya Tompkins, Transfer Excellence Scholarship; and Suhail Almojadid, Transfer Excellence Scholarship.

“As part of our mission, we strive to transition students into the world of work or four-year colleges and universities,” said Dr. James M. Mitchell, WCCS President. “These are just a few of our students that have received transfer scholarships to other four-year institutions of higher learning.”

Wallace Community College Selma’s Minority Outreach and Student Support Services sponsored a week-long First Year Experience and Transfer Trip to New York, NY, and Washington D.C. The students were greeted by U.S. Congresswoman Terri Sewell as they toured the United States Capitol.



Workforce Development



On Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, WCCS offered two Short-Term Heavy Equipment Skid Steer Skill Training courses in two different locations, Demopolis and Selma. Twelve participants took advantage of the opportunity and are now job-ready. The training was sponsored by the ACCS Innovation Center and the WCCS Workforce Development Department. The following weekend, many of these students participated in and completed the Heavy Equipment Bull Dozier class.

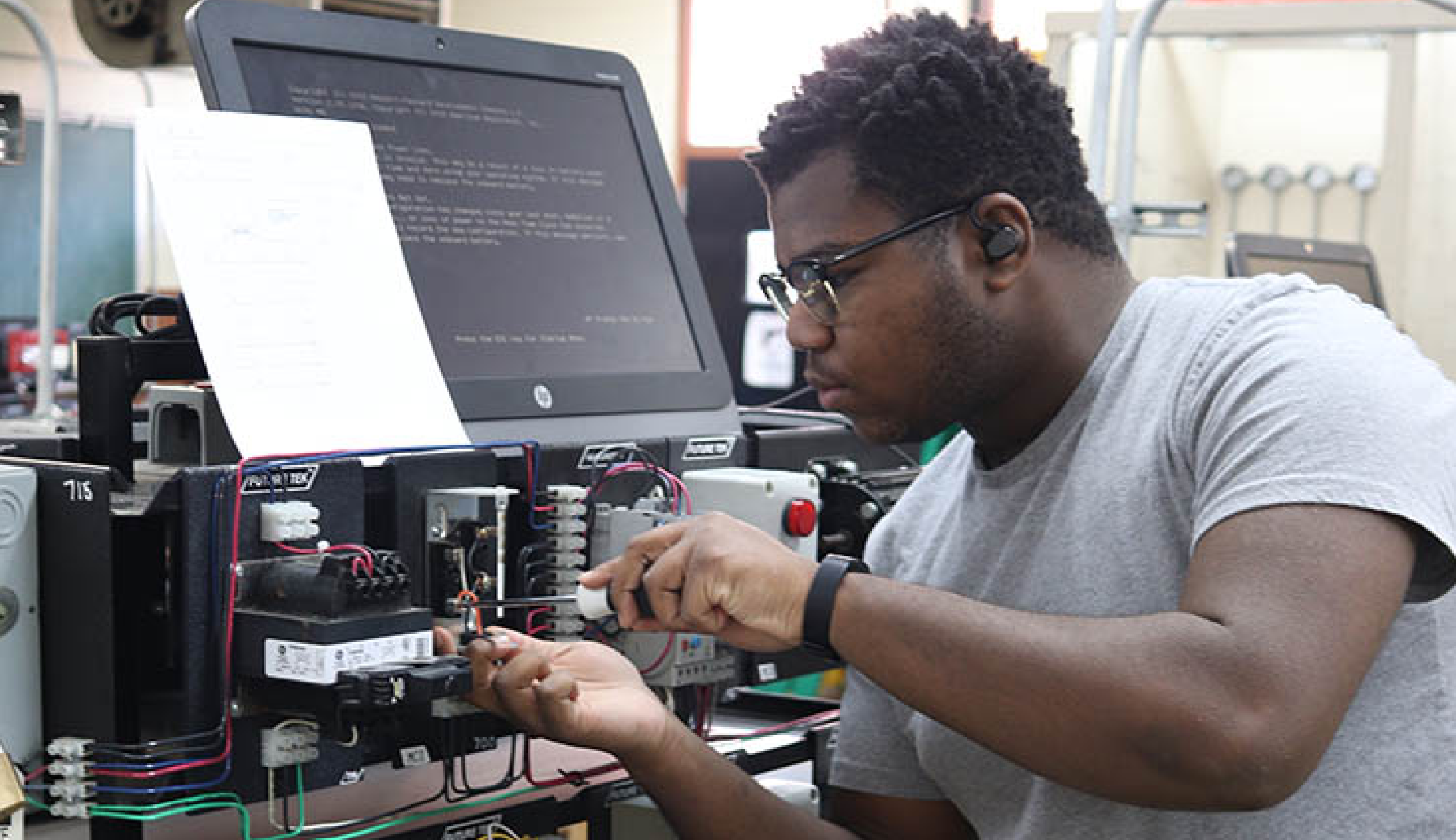
Employees of Diversicare completed a Medication Assistant Certification Program via a partnership between the WCCS Workforce Development Department and Trenholm State Community College.



Alabama Career Essentials (ACE) is course designed by the Alabama Community College System to provide Alabamians with relevant, cutting-edge, and industry-driven employability skills training to better prepare individuals for the Alabama workforce. Below are several of our PCT (Patient Care Technician) students who completed the program in 2022.

Wallace Community College Selma recently completed MSSC training in Region 5 with several employees from Turbine Worx (Craig Field). individuals (previous year) and is continuing to expand this year.





WCCS Student Featured in Community College Daily WCCS Student Featured in AACC Newsletter

Although it operates in one of the state's most rural and high-poverty regions, Wallace Community College Selma is helping students find pathways to successful and life-changing career opportunities through gaining NCCER credentialing.

"NCCER credentials allow students to see a way out from where they are," said Wallace Selma electrical instructor Eric Rogers. "A lot of our younger kids are economically stressed, so for them to talk to their friends and see how their lives were changed for the better because of credentials that boosted their careers, it's something they respect and look towards. These students are learning a skill that can help them grow a family."

Rogers said a significant benefit of NCCER is that the credentials don't expire. That fact, coupled with giving students new skills to build their futures, particularly helps young adults take the time they need to find their passion and direction in life.

"I wanted to pursue something other than the family nail salon," said Jeremiah Huynh, an electrical student at Wallace Selma. "I heard about electrical and the good prospect for jobs. With the NCCER credentials it was a lot of information and a lot to learn about safety, and because of that my options are open with some great companies."



WCCS named in top 10% most affordable schools in the nation

Wallace Community College is among the top 10% of most affordable schools in the nation, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Education's College Affordability and Transparency Center. The report says that WCCS's low net costs land the college in the top three most affordable community colleges in Alabama and 15th in the country.

WCCS's net price is \$2,247, which is based on tuition and fees and the average net price (the cost of attendance after considering all grant and scholarship aid) charged to students. The national average of net price is \$8,046 for two-year public institutions and \$12,425 for four-year public institutions.

"We continue to do all we can to make our college more affordable so that it isn't another barrier for our students," WCCS President Dr. James M. Mitchell, said. "We continue to be a college where our students come first."

98% of WCCS students receive some form of financial aid or scholarships to help them complete their degrees.

The College Affordability and Transparency Center was established to help prospective college students understand the true cost of higher education. Lists are updated annually from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

WCCS student selected to serve on the Complete College America (CCA) HBCU Digital Learning Infrastructure (DLI) Student Advisory Council

WCCS student DeAndre Washington was selected to serve on the Complete College America (CCA) HBCU Digital Learning Infrastructure (DLI) Student Advisory Council. The event was held on April 28 – 30th in Birmingham, AL.

Washington, a freshman Drafting and Design student, was selected along with 14 others from other HBCUs, Predominately Black Community Colleges (PBCCs), and Historically Black Community Colleges (HBCCs). "I am very excited to be a part of the HBCU Digital Learning Infrastructure (DLI) Student Advisory Council and have the opportunity to show my talents and share my thoughts with other amazing students and faculty alike," said Washington.



WCCS Signs Two Memorandums of Understanding with Miles College and South University

The road to obtaining a bachelor's degree just got a little easier for some community college students in Selma. Wallace Community College Selma signed memorandums of understanding with Miles College in Fairfield — and South University in Savannah, Georgia on .

“It means greater access and opportunity for our students who choose to go on to earn a four-year college degree,” said WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell.

“Everybody doesn't want to do that. But if they do we're going to make it easy for them to do that at Miles College,” said President Bobbie Knight.

WCCS freshman Jaril Raysor says he's glad to hear about the arrangement. And he plans to take full advantage.

“In my opinion it's good. It's actually good to have someone help us go all the way. Not just halfway — but all the way,” he said.

Additionally —school officials say the aftermath of the January 12th tornado — makes these kinds of partnerships just as important for the Selma area — as they are for individual students. “Selma's at a rebuilding stage,” said Dr. Gilbert Singletary of South University. “And what better way to rebuild than by providing the opportunity for students to have access to quality education.”

“It's a great partnership because it offers them advantages as far as scholarships, as far as admissions, as far as admissions to specific specialty programs,” said Mitchell.



WCCS students named to ACCS All-Alabama Academic Team

Aja Wiltshire and Janet Flemmon were recently named to the ACCS All-Alabama Academic Team. Members of the All-Alabama Academic Team were selected for their demonstration of academic excellence and intellectual rigor, leadership and service, and a commitment to extending their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

Wiltshire and Flemmon were honored at the 2023 All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition Program at the Embassy Suites in Birmingham on Friday, April 14.

WCCS Cosmetology Department Hosts Styling Competition



The WCCS Cosmetology Department held a Student Styling Competition on Thursday, April 21 in the Earl Goodwin Theatre. The competition entitled, "Spring is in the Hair," featured hairstyles by the students.

The following week, students donated 35 handmade wigs to the area cancer center.



WCCS Holds Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Wallace Community College Selma held its pinning ceremony to recognize the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing graduates on Thursday, May 11, 2023. The ceremony was held in the Earl Goodwin Theatre, located on the WCCS campus. The ceremony, which is a traditional service for nursing graduates, included pinning lapel pins, lighting nightingale lamps, and taking the Nightingale Nurses' Pledge.

Mrs. Veronica Brown, former nursing director and Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness, provided the ceremony address and WCCS Health Sciences faculty members assisted in the program.

Dr. Pearlie Miller, Director of Health Science Programs, saluted the graduates for completing a very challenging course of study and encouraged them to continue to pursue their educational dreams.

"The Faculty and staff of the Health Sciences Programs are very proud of these graduates. We thank them for allowing us to play an important part in their educational success. We also acknowledge the graduates' families and support groups. Thanks for your encouragement and sacrifice," she said.

WCCS Students Honored at the 2023 Academic Awards Ceremony

Wallace Community College Selma held its annual Honors Ceremony on Thursday, April 13, 2023. This ceremony recognizes the academic achievements of students in a number of organizations. The following awards were presented: Academic Achievement, Academic Excellence, All-Alabama Academic Team Members, Most Outstanding Academic Athletes, and Phi Theta Kappa; Alpha Eta Tau Chapter.

"The students being honored tonight represent what is right with education in America. I applaud them for their academic achievement and encourage them to give back to their community," said Dr. James M. Mitchell, WCCS president.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society



inducted 91 new members into its Alpha Eta Tau Chapter during the ceremony. Aja Wiltshire and Janet Flemmon were both selected as All-Alabama Academic Team Members and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The Most Outstanding Academic Athlete awards were presented to Aja Wiltshire and Cody McCrary.

Community Focused

WCCS honored military veterans

Wallace Community College Selma honored the veterans of Selma and promoted the college on Monday, May 8 during their Military and Veterans College and Career Workshop. The goal of the workshop was to give Veterans the opportunity of local services and programs available through WCCS.

After a moving rendition of The Star Spangled Banner by Dr. Alisa Smiley, the audience participated in a Panel Discussion. Retired Major Tony Richardson of the United States Air Force was the moderator of the panel. Dallas County Sheriff Michael Grantham was joined by Selma Career Center Manager Clifford Hunter and Alabama Power Workforce Development Coordinator Jason Watters on the panel. Grantham said he was honored to be a part of the panel and was thankful for the Veterans in Dallas County.



WCCS spent the second half of the day talking about the step-by-step instructions should someone want to enroll and what was offered for military families which includes Veteran Services, Disability Services, and College Credits for Past Military Experience. Families then had an opportunity to look around at some of the local agencies that were present for the workshop to see what added assistance they provided for them and their families.

WCCS Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society contributes to the Selma-Dallas County YMCA youth basketball program



Wallace Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recently contributed need-based scholarships for the Selma-Dallas County YMCA youth basketball program. The scholarships were the result of the chapter's Honors in Action project where the chapter develops an action-oriented service project each year to address real-world challenges in our community. The study topic this year involved delving into the importance of play in the development of young children.

Phi Theta Kappa advisor Kerry Henderson stated, "We are excited that these scholarship funds will allow children in income-restricted families to participate in the youth basketball program and hopeful that the experience will have a positive impact on their lives."



WCCS Partners with Local Agencies in an Active Shooter Training Exercise

WCCS, in conjunction with first responders from Selma and Dallas County, concluded an active shooter exercise at the College's Selma campus on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Led by the WCCS Police Department, dozens of law enforcement personnel participated in an active shooter scenario that was followed by a briefing from law enforcement officers from surrounding departments.

"With so much chaos in society today, I think it is

really important to enhance our preparedness through training so that we are able to respond appropriately during real-life situations," said WCCS Dean of Students Dr. Donitha Griffin. "I am grateful to the WCCS Police Department for heading up this training and to all other agencies involved in making sure Wallace students and staff are safe."

Wallace Community College Selma Campus Police Department, Selma Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's Department, Dallas County EMA, and ALEA assisted in the training.

WCCS Participates in "Don't Drop it on Alabama" Spring Cleanup Initiative

In celebration of "Community College Month" and the state's "Don't Drop It on Alabama" Spring Cleanup initiative, WCCS formed a team to join efforts across the state. Students, Faculty, and Staff of the College met on Tuesday, April 11 to clean up the perimeter of the campus along the front, and the one-mile stretch along the front of campus (Earl Goodwin Parkway).





WCCS hosted a VEX Robotics Competition

50 teams gathered for a VEX Robotics competition at Wallace Community College Selma on Saturday, January 7, 2023. There were teams from all over the state, including teams representing schools, and home-schooled students. The events were split into two different age groups. The competition at WCCS was the culmination of many different events since October in various places across the state.

Auburn University SCORE program was a main co-sponsor of the event. The group's main goal is to show students the possibilities that robots can bring to this world. "When I was growing up we heard that robotics was our future," SCORE representative Jennifer Spencer said. "We are at the point now where they are the present. So everywhere you go, every industry you go into from fast food to Sam's Club, they are running robotics somewhere. So, these kids need to have these skills, and the only way to do that is to introduce them to it."

Dallas County was represented at the competition by teams from R.B. Hudson, School of Discovery, Selma High School, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, and Meadowview Elementary.

Selma High pulled off an impressive day getting their robot ready for the competition in just three days. "This takes a long time," Selma Coach Kristy Bettis said. "But, due to issues we could not control, the students just built this robot on Wednesday and Thursday."

Despite not having much time to prepare and a few minor problems, Selma High's robot performed well in its events. "I think the robot is doing way better than I expected," Selma High Student Ashton Young said. "I didn't even know we had gotten it finished coded this morning until Alexis got here, so it's doing way better than I expected." Young, along with the rest of the team, worked extremely hard in the three days leading up to the competition to get the robot ready for action.

At the end of January, the points from all the competitions since October will be tallied before the beginning of the national competitions. Bettis said that despite getting a late start her team will compete in other competitions this month. "As a matter of fact, we are not waiting until next year," Bettis said. "We are going to compete more this year as well."



Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke speaks at the Martin and Coretta King Unity Breakfast held at WCCS

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division traveled to Selma, Alabama, to commemorate the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and meet with local organizations about the Justice Department's commitment to civil rights and racial justice.

Sunday morning, Assistant Attorney General Clarke spoke at the Martin and Coretta King Unity Breakfast at Wallace Community College Selma reflecting on the painful history of Bloody Sunday and enumerating the Justice Department's recent enforcement work to defend the civil rights of all people.

She said: "To quote Dr. King: 'Selma, Alabama, became a shining moment in the conscience of man. If the worst in American life lurked in its dark streets, the best of American instincts arose passionately from across the nation to overcome it.' The Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department is driven by that same belief. We are committed to defending the civil rights of all people in our country."

Later that morning, she spoke at a worship service hosted by the historic Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She said, "John Lewis may not be with us today, but ... we all know that he fought the good fight. Today, our charge – indeed our sacred mission – is to pick up the baton that he has handed us and continue the fight for justice. The commemoration of Bloody Sunday is a moment to redouble our efforts to ensure that every American has a voice in our democracy."

Later during the day, WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell spoke at the Bridge Crossing Ceremony.





WCCS and Miles College Celebrate Women's History Month

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The celebration of Women's History Month aims to recognize the significant contributions that women have made to society throughout history. The month is dedicated to raising awareness of the achievements of influential women in both the past and present.

Women's History Month theme in March 2023 is 'Celebrating Women Who Tell Stories.' This theme honors and recognizes the critical role that women have played in telling their stories throughout history. It highlights the countless women who have used their voices and creativity to tell stories that can educate and inspire people worldwide.

Wallace Community College Selma and Miles College joined forces on March 30, 2023, in the Earl Goodwin Theatre to pause and reflect on female leadership and challenges faced by women in the professional world. The six panelists participated in an open discussion entitled "Women Who Tell Their Stories."

Panelists were: Bobbie Knight, J.D. President of Miles College; Myla E. Calhoun, Vice President of the Birmingham Division of Alabama Power; Catrena Norris Carter, Co-Founder and CEO of SALUTE SELMA Inc.; Pam Cook, Director of Multicultural Marketing and Community Affairs; Dr. Donitha Jones Griffin, Dean of Students and Executive Assistant to the President at Wallace Community College Selma; and Moderator, Dr. Joan Harrell, Director of Inclusive Excellence, College of Liberal Arts Auburn University.





Cougar Oil, Inc. and P&CMA make donations to the WCCS CDL Program

Cougar Oil, Inc. and the Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama's Educational Foundation (P&CMA) recently donated \$32,000 to assist with scholarships for the WCCS CDL Program. Cougar Oil's Area Manager, Rex Jones, presented the check to WCCS President Dr. James M. Mitchell on Monday, February 27 at the Selma High School's CTE Career Fair.

"At Cougar Oil we see the opportunities that CDL careers present. We are excited to be able to help ten CDL drivers start new careers and become assets to their communities," said Jones. "We look forward to continuing to work with the Selma City Schools to help recruit new CDL students to Wallace Community College Selma and their CDL program and watching the program grow."

"We are very honored to receive this very generous gift from Cougar Oil and P&CMA. Our CDL students will benefit greatly from the scholarships," said Dr. Mitchell.

P&CMA President Bart Fletcher said, "We are excited to work with Cougar Oil Company on this outstanding program. The Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama's Educational Foundation has awarded more than \$450,000 in scholarships since its inception and we believe programs like this are an excellent fit for our industry and for the students." He went on to say, "Careers in the trades present excellent opportunities for students. CDL drivers are in high demand and earn a healthy salary, so it only makes sense to invest in the students who see this as a potential career path."



WCCS holds annual tree lighting ceremony

On Thursday, November 17, WCCS held its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony surrounded by faculty, staff, and students. Special guests were students in the four-year-old class from the McRae-Gaines Learning Center. The scene was festive and the audience was entertained by the McRae students singing Christmas carols.

NASA and IBM host STEM camp for teens at WCCS Best Buy Teen Tech Center

The first NASA-IBM STEM Camp orientation successfully began on June 22 with over ten high school students from Selma High, Southside High, Dallas County, and Prattville High School.

The STEM Camp was hosted by the Wallace Community College Selma Best Buy Teen Tech Center June 22-28 on the campus at the Teen Tech Center.



Professionals from NASA and IBM hosted live virtual sessions as well as hands-on activities with the participants, facilitated by Teen Tech Center Coordinator Kaymon Mcquire, Teen Tech Center College 2 Careers Coordinator Letti Hasberry, and Teen Tech Center Supervisor Chardae Austin.



WCCS President Dr. James M. Mitchell greets students and faculty members from Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College during the Annual 16th Student Leadership Conference held on the WCCS campus on March 2.

WCCS held its Annual Black History Month Celebration on March 2 in the Earl Goodwin Theatre. The keynote speaker was Alabama State Senator Robert L. Stewart, District 23.



WCCS Student Services Division held the first session of “LIFE 101,” which is a workshop series that will provide guidance to students on need-to-know life skills outside the classroom. The guest speaker was Dr. Tommie Mabry, founder of Tommie Mabry Company and Best Selling Author of "A Dark Journey To A Light Future and Perspective: The Secret To Student Motivation And Success."

The Auburn University College of Human Sciences' Cary Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies partnered with WCCS to present a training day for nonprofits in the Selma area. The program, titled “Grow Your Nonprofit: Resources to Maximize Impact,” included sessions on building community partnerships, starting a nonprofit, and grant writing.



"Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve"

During the tragic tornado on January 12 that affected thousands of Selma and Dallas County citizens, Wallace Community College Selma served as a shining light in the community. Among the service efforts, the college recently provided meals and supplies for those impacted in our community. To show our appreciation for first responders, WCCS and All-In-One Restaurant served nearly 150 meals to our area police officers, firefighters, and EMT personnel as part of our "First Responders Appreciation Luncheon."



Shelton State assists WCCS in the recovery effort for Selma

WCCS teamed up with Shelton State Community College on Wednesday, March 1 to give away supplies to local residents. Shelton State President Dr. Brian Cox said it was a no-brainer for him and his staff to donate to Selma.

"Tuscaloosa is very familiar with tornadoes and devastation," Cox said. "When it hits somewhere else, especially a college that is our neighbor and we work well with Dr. James Mitchell and his team. So, it came from our team. Our team decided they would come in and that we wanted to do something."





ATHLETICS

2022-23



37 WCCS Student-Athletes named to ACCC Fall 2022 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

The following WCCS student-athletes named to the Fall 2022 Commissioner's Honor Roll by achieving a 3.00 GPA or higher. "These student-athletes should be proud of themselves, as they have balanced academics with practice and games," stated Commissioner Dean Myrick. "I am very proud of them, along with the faculty and staff at our amazing colleges for the work they do in preparing our student-athletes for life outside of athletics."

Rachel Acreman, Volleyball; Alex Brown, Baseball; Harris Burns, Baseball; Garrison Coleman, Baseball; Ethan Davis, Baseball; Isaiah Davis, Men's Basketball; Austin Evans, Baseball; Kadarius Foster, Men's Basketball; LaDarius Furlow, Men's Basketball; Jeffery Garrette, Baseball; Keleci Hicks, Volleyball; Peyton Hood, Baseball; Stephen Hunt, Baseball; Grant Ingram, Baseball; Janiya Jones, Women's Basketball; Katlyn Lawson, Volleyball; Alayna Lockhart, Volleyball; Christopher Mancill, Baseball; Logan Martin, Baseball; Cody McCrary, Baseball; Donovan McIntosh, Men's Basketball; Deniyah McMillian, Women's Basketball; Erin Nelson, Volleyball; Emily Powell, Volleyball; Ty Pruitt, Baseball; Beau Sanders, Baseball; David Sanders, Baseball; Cody Simmons, Baseball; James Slaughter IV, Baseball; Baylor Sullivan, Baseball; Colby Thacker, Baseball; Jalin Thomas, Men's Basketball; Zekel Toles, Baseball; Braxton Turnbow, Baseball; Ashley Washington, Women's Basketball; Aja Wiltshire, Women's Basketball; Aziyah Winn, Baseball.

WCCS Baseball and Men's Basketball Teams also received the honor for teams who achieved a 3.00 GPA or higher. The Baseball Team had an GPA average of 3.25 and the Basketball Team averaged 3.02.



DENIYAH MCMILLIAN

All-South Second Team



Two WCCS volleyball stars sign scholarships to Stillman College



Two Wallace Community College volleyball players received scholarships to play at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa.

Sophomores Nylah Billingsley and Emily Powell will be transitioning to a four-year program in the Fall to continue their studies and play volleyball. In a room with family, friends, teammates and coaches, Billingsley and Powell signed their scholarships to seal the deal to become Stillman Tigers.

Three WCCS basketball stars sign scholarships to play at the next level



Three Wallace Community College basketball players received scholarships to continue playing at the next level. Jamal Albritton, University of North Alabama; Jarvis Moss, University of Mobile; and Jalin Thomas, Rust College, were members of the 2022-23 Patriots Basketball team.

Albritton averaged 7.4 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. He also led the conference with 94 blocks. Moss averaged 15.5 points per game and Thomas averaged 6.8 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.



WCCS Lady Patriots host 2nd annual volleyball camp

Wallace Community College Lady Patriots volleyball program hosted its second annual volleyball camp on Saturday, June 3 with attendance from girls all over the Black Belt. The 50 athletes came from Selma High, RB Hudson, Southside High, Tipton Middle, Dallas County, Martin Middle, Keith Middle-High, R.C. Hatch, Floyd Middle Magnet School, Huntsville High School, Francis Marion, and Autaugaville High School.

WCCS hosts kiddie volleyball camp

Wallace Community College Lady Patriots volleyball program hosted a kiddie volleyball camp that included girls from all over the Black Belt, including Meadowview Elementary, Sophia P. Kingston, Bruce K. Craig, Southside Primary, Payne Elementary, and Edgewood Elementary. Over 35 campers showed up on March 18 to be introduced to the basic skills and fundamentals of volleyball.

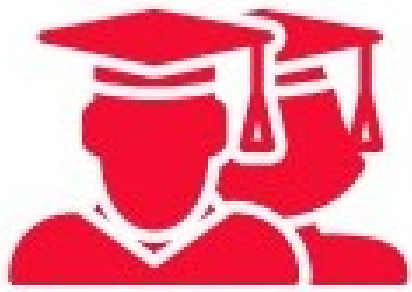




WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELMA

FAST FACTS FALL 2022

OUR STUDENTS



1860
ENROLLED

42%

MALE

58%

FEMALE

27

VETERANS

RACE/ETHNICITY

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN 72%

WHITE 22%

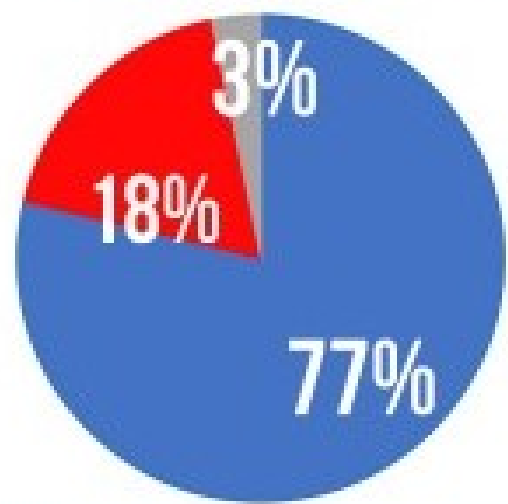
TWO OR MORE RACES 3%

HISPANIC 2%

NON-RESIDENT ALIEN 1%

ASIAN 1%

AGE GROUP



<22

22-39

39+

FULL TIME VS. PART TIME

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN 15%

OTHER FRESHMAN 7%

SOPHOMORES 25%

DUAL ENROLLMENT 53%



LOCATIONS

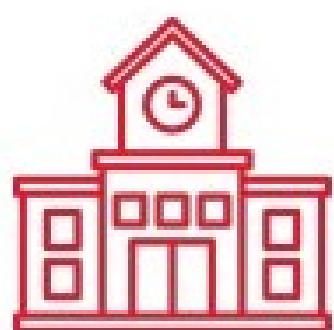
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CAMPUSES

4

SITES

19 BUILDINGS



ENROLLMENT

ASSOCIATES IN ARTS 37

ASSOCIATES IN APPLIED SCIENCE 237

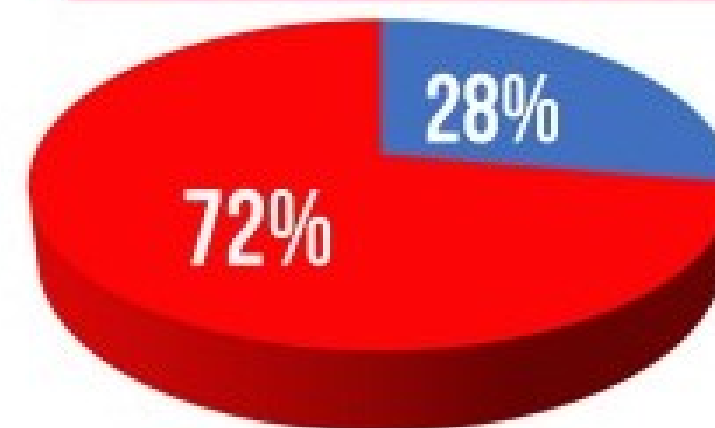
ASSOCIATES IN SCIENCE 374

CERTIFICATE 206

NON-DEGREE SEEKING 1004

SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE 2

FULL TIME VS. PART TIME



FULL TIME

PART TIME

CREDIT HOUR PRODUCTION

14,632

TOTAL CREDIT HOUR PRODUCTION

FULL TIME: 7,306 PART TIME: 7,326

RETENTION RATE

57%

OF OUR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT
YEAR OR RECEIVE AN AWARD



TRANSFER STATS

TOP FOUR-YEAR TRANSFER SCHOOLS
1. AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY
2. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
3. TROY UNIVERSITY

49% OF OUR STUDENTS TRANSFER

Our Financial Picture

REVENUES (2018-2021)

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
State Appropriation	\$9,371,100	\$8,930,208	\$9,185,705
Tuition & Fees	\$1,525,315	\$2,307,345	\$1,924,420
Fed/State/Local Grants & Contracts	\$9,336,115	\$9,168,540	\$12,618,354
Sales & Service	\$1,477		\$95,118
Other	\$152,068	\$148,744	\$126,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$20,386,075	\$20,554,837	\$23,949,597

EXPENDITURES (2018-2021)

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Instruction	\$6,658,841	\$6,433,383	\$6,451,299
Public Service	\$101,009	\$56,721	\$112,106
Academic Support	\$910,104	\$974,369	\$1,101,357
Student Services	\$3,779,227	\$3,212,674	\$3,764,658
Institutional Support	\$3,487,437	\$4,148,571	\$3,371,699
Operation & Maintenance	\$1,846,165	\$2,099,639	\$2,198,899
Scholarships & Financial Aid	\$2,472,360	\$2,845,105	\$7,312,462
Depreciation	\$1,818,467	\$1,630,606	\$1,677,264
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$21,073,610	\$21,401,068	\$25,989,744

