

# 2018

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## Annual Report

### Wallace Community College Selma Expanding Educational Opportunities





# 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 diverse instructional-delivery modes that are responsive to individual, community, state, and global needs.

## COLLEGE GOALS

1. 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. (Quality teaching/Learning)
2. Provide and promote accessible, affordable quality education and training. (Access)
3. Expand the development of educational and administrative technology that enhance student learning and improve college management processes and functions. (Technology)
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)
5. 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. (Professional Development)
6. Promote student success and development through services consistent with student needs, interests and abilities. (Student Focus/Services Success)
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)
10. Improve efficient operations of the college. (Efficiency of Operations)
11. Maintain an ongoing program for the recruitment, retention and graduation of students. (Enrollment Management)

## **PRESIDENT'S CABINET:**

Dr. James M. Mitchell, *President*

Dr. Donitha Griffin, *Dean of Students; Executive Assistant to the President;*

Dr. Rosa Spencer, *Dean of Business and Finance*

Dr. Tammie Briggs, *Dean of Instruction*

Veronica Brown, *Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness & Faculty Development*

Robby Bennett, *Director of Technology & Information Services*

Dr. Veronica Chesnut, *Director of Community Relations*

Raji Gouridine, *Assistant Dean of Instruction*

Keith Jackson, *Director of Facilities & Safety*

## **ACCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017-18**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This academic year marks another year of accomplishments for the College. It was a significant year in terms of academic accomplishment, student initiative and faculty development. In an effort to enhance teaching and learning, the College graduated 42 academic and technical instructors from the inaugural Alabama Community College System Instructional Leadership Academy's 2018 class. As we continually seek to provide excellence in instructional delivery, the Instructional Leadership Academy was an opportunity for our faculty to remain current in our quest to be more student and learning centered.



This spring we signed articulation agreements with two outstanding institutions of higher education, Alabama State University and Spring Hill College. These agreements are important because they further provide our students greater opportunity to achieve far reaching heights in their education and careers beyond WCCS.

In April, the College celebrated the opening of the new Patriot Food Pantry. Oftentimes we look at students as people who pay tuition, go to class and then graduate. For many students, food insecurity is a real issue. A 2018 study revealed that 36% of college students experience hunger and lack of stable housing. With tuition cost on the rise and financial aid on the decline, students are facing many financial challenges. The College desired to create a more focused learning environment by opening a food pantry on campus that will allow students to receive non-perishable, on-the-go, food items.

After working for many years to expand our service area, I am pleased to announce that effective fall 2019 we will be adding the following counties to our service area: Marengo, Sumter, Greene, Hale and Wilcox. These counties are located in the region known as Alabama's Black Belt. Although, the Black Belt is known for its "black soil and excellent cotton-growing conditions," poverty rates in the Black Belt are among the highest in the United States.

For any community to achieve or sustain economic growth, a sound educational system must be in place. We now have the opportunity to continue growth and providing educational opportunities to those counties that otherwise would not have access to higher education and innovative technical training.

This expansion will also allow us to expand our dual enrollment program. Dual enrollment is also a win for business and industry. In higher education, we are seeing a push from business and industry to get graduates in and out quickly. We can't supply labor fast enough. By 2020, 65 percent of jobs will demand a degree or some type of certification. Community colleges are a critical part of the solution to this challenge.

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.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Mitchell".

James M. Mitchell, Ed.D.  
President



## WCCS faculty complete Instructional Leadership Academy

To better assist individual colleges in developing a more unified instructional approach across the state using proven, high-impact strategies, the Alabama Community College System office began a year-long Instructional Leadership Academy (ILA) led by Dr. Tony Holland from ACCS. WCCS answered the call by graduating 42 academic and technical instructors from the Inaugural Alabama Community College System Instructional Leadership Academy's 2018 class.

"This strategic initiative has enhanced the college's growth as we continually seek to provide excellence in instructional delivery" said Dr. James Mitchell, WCCS President. "The Instructional Leadership Academy was an opportunity for our faculty to remain current in our quest to be more student and learning centered."

"Just as the name implies the intent is to not only develop enhanced instructional strategies, but to also develop the leadership mindset needed to magnify the results of this training across the colleges/state," said Dr. Tony Holland, ILA facilitator for ACCS. "The Chancellor's intent is to have all faculty across the state trained through this program within 5-6 years."



## WCCS #10 Ranked Nursing Program in Alabama

Per *registerednursing.org*, "A great way to measure this is through NCLEX-RN "pass rates." We have ranked the top 40 nursing schools in Alabama by analyzing current and historical NCLEX-RN "pass rates", meaning the percentage of graduates who pass the exam, out of the 40 RN programs in the state. Programs reviewed include both 2-year and 4-year schools in Alabama that offer an Associate in Nursing (ADN/ASN), BSN, or Direct-Entry MSN Degree. WCCS ranked number 10 of the 40 RN programs in the state.

The NCLEX-RN exam is used by all state boards of nursing across the United States to help assess a student's competency and is required for licensure. Also, many state boards of nursing use the total overall NCLEX-RN pass rates for a school as one of the main ways to approve a school's ability to provide a nursing education in the state.

For several years, the pass rate for first time test-takers of the WCCS nursing programs have exceeded both state and national first time test-taker pass rates on the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The 2018 pass rate for the WCCS ADN Program as compared to the national and state 2018 pass rate is as follows:

- ▶ National NCLEX-RN First Time Test Taker %      88.3%
- ▶ Alabama NCLEX-RN First Time Test Taker %      87.0%
- ▶ WCCS NCLEX-RN First Time Test Taker %      100%





# MILESTONES

## The Success of Student Coaching at WCCS

Helping students stay in school and completing their degree is at the heart of Wallace Community College Selma’s core mission. Due in part to campus-wide efforts, since 2013, fall-to-fall retention rates have improved by 3% and fall 2017 to spring 2018 retention rates of first-time full-time freshman increased to 83.1%.

Because Wallace Community College Selma is committed to completion, in fall 2018 WCCS officially opened the Student Success Center. The center’s mission is to partner and collaborate with students to: maximize their collegiate experience; follow through with their commitment to remain in college, and to realize their goal of graduation, transfer or job placement.

Gloria Simmons, the center’s lead success coach, says the program offers resources that benefit and support each student from admission through graduation. “The Student Success Coaching Program has empowered many students on this campus to exceed their own and others expectations,” said Simmons.



## WCCS reorganizes workforce development department



WCCS has rebranded the Workforce Development Department with the hiring of Dr. Glenn King, Jr. After a year of spearheading workforce development for WCCS, King is credited with key initiatives, including securing grant funding, bringing global-minded speakers, leveraging and integrating technology through cybersecurity and partnering locally and nationally with business and industry.

“The Workforce Development Department strives to improve workers within existing business and industry with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to be successful in today’s workforce. Additionally, we prepare students to become competitive in performing their jobs and securing high wages,” King said.

King has worked in various roles in business and industry but, his last role as Dean of the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems for Concordia College Alabama has helped to prepare him for his new role at WCCS.

To date the Workforce Development Department is responsible for: preparing individuals for the job market through the Ready to Work program, offering professional development training for employees within existing industries, non-credit course offerings, continuing educational programs, and being a catalyst for economic development.

## WCCS opens food pantry for students

Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) held a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of a food pantry on campus.

“It is another great day for Wallace Community College–Selma as we continue to be one of the best community colleges in the world,” said WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell. “Oftentimes we just look at students as people who come here who pay tuition, go to class and then graduate. At this college, we decided we needed to do more. We need to address the total student need meaning we understand there are needs outside of the classroom

as we can. This was a vision that I had because as a kid growing up I was hungry at times and I understand what that means. This food pantry is available for students free of charge.”



## Former Senator Hillary Clinton honored at Martin and Coretta King Unity Breakfast

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton highlighted the Martin and Coretta King Unity Breakfast on Sunday at Wallace Community College Selma. Clinton received the 2019 International Unity Award and was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame by former Senator Hank Sanders and his wife, Faye Rose Sanders.



The capacity crowd in WCCS Gymnasium gave a thunderous standing ovation for Clinton, a former U.S. Presidential candidate in the Democrat party. The former First Lady connected the two honors. "The two honors go hand in hand," Clinton said. "The fight for Civil Rights, Women's Rights and human Rights have been the driving force of my career. I'm humbled and honored to receive the award."

## New ASU - Wallace State Selma Agreement Assists Students in Furthering Their Education



Officials with Alabama State University (ASU) and Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) conducted a signing ceremony to announce and conclude an agreement that provides a pathway for qualified Wallace State Selma students to enroll for study at ASU to achieve a bachelor's degree.

Both ASU President, Dr. Quinton T. Ross Jr., and WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell, held a news conference and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony at Wallace Selma's Student Center to formalize an agreement that will allow all interested and qualified Wallace State Selma students who meet identified criteria an effortless transfer process to attend and obtain a degree from the four-year university.

*ASU President Quinton T. Ross Jr. (R) & WCCS President James Mitchell (L) after signing an MOU agreement on May 1, in Selma.*

Ross said that he has worked with Wallace State's president for well over a decade in many capacities and is confident that Mitchell's educational acumen and expertise helps make this a wonderful partnership, which is destined for success for all students who participate. "President Mitchell is among the very finest Community College presidents in Alabama, which helps assure that his Wallace State's Patriots will be great ASU Hornets," Ross said.

"By signing this agreement, ASU and Wallace State are promoting and providing its students with a great opportunity to achieve far reaching heights in their education and careers," said Ross. "After all, we are all about helping students."

## WCCS and SHC announce partnership

Leaders at Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) and Spring Hill College in Mobile gathered at WCCS on June 12 to sign a collaborative articulation agreement between the two schools. WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell and Dr. George Sims on behalf of Spring Hill College President Dr. Joseph Lee met with other officials to deliver official remarks and sign paperwork pertaining to the partnership. Sims expressed his excitement about the agreement and that the partnership would provide great opportunity for WCCS students.



*WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell and Spring Hill College Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. George Sims.*

"On behalf of Dr. Joseph Lee, 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 Sims. "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 Spring Hill College 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."



## Alabama Legislators visit WCCS



*(L to R): Sen. Malika Sanders-Fortier, Rep. Ralph Howard, Chancellor Jimmy Baker, Sen. Bobby Singleton, Dr. James Mitchell and Rep. Prince Chestnut*

Dr. James M. Mitchell welcomed a group of distinguished West Alabama legislators to campus, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

The group of lawmakers included Sen. Malika Sanders-Fortier, Rep. Ralph Howard, Sen. Bobby Singleton and Rep. Prince Chestnut.

The legislators had lunch with campus leaders as well as ACCS chancellor Jimmy Baker and ACCS staff.

Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Donitha Griffin, dean of students and executive assistant to the president presented an overview of the college and the chancellor shared the ACCS’s vision and mission.

## State Representative Chestnut awards grants to WCCS

State Rep. Prince Chestnut awarded Wallace Community College Selma with \$10,000 in grants from the State Executive Commission on Community Services Grants through the House Ways and Means Education Committee.

“I made a campaign promise to support institutions that prepared students for work. WCCS is a pillar in the community and the foremost collegial institution in Dallas County,” Chestnut said.

The awards will be split between two programs, Industrial Maintenance and the new Apple Coding program. Chestnut said workforce development and technical education is something he focused on when he campaigned. “Many people leave WCCS ready to work and contribute to the local tax base,” Chestnut said. “I will continue to do my part in helping to provide opportunities for the local student population to succeed.”



## Edmundite Missions make donation to WCCS



The Edmundite Missions took another step in their partnership with Wallace on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 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.

## WCCS Foundation hosts annual fundraiser

The WCCS Foundation held its annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 4th. The event was a “Wine and Cheese Social”, featuring wine and cheese tasting, heavy hors d’oeuvres and dessert. Numerous businesses and individuals donated to host the event. Gold Sponsors were: Edmundite Missions, Steward Construction, Alabama Institute for Social Justice, Vaughn Regional Medical Center, and Eovations. All of the fundraiser’s proceeds will go to provide scholarships to WCCS students.

## NFL star Michael Johnson hosts Youth Empowerment Summit



With the help of the dedicated MJ 93-90 Foundation team, NFL star and philanthropist Michael D Johnson hosted the Youth Empowerment Summit, on the WCCS campus February 7-8, 2019. The exciting event featured panels focused on social justice, self-esteem, money management and college preparatory. To top it off, ambitious high school students participated in a Shark Tank-style competition with prizes totaling \$10,000!

The two-day event impacted the lives of more than 400 Selma area high school seniors. The College Board hosted two panels on securing scholarships and students also learned about money management, self-esteem, and team building.

The Youth Empowerment Summit ended with a Shark Tank-style competition, set up much like the popular TV show! Mike's vision for this pitch series is to bolster interest in entrepreneurship and help jump-start their enterprising endeavors. Two very promising students won cash prizes totaling \$10,000; Kamau Little, owner of Highway 80 Productions won \$7,000 and Lakira Fails, owner of Luxurious Lengths was awarded \$3,000!

## Best Buy Teen Tech Center Opens at WCCS

WCCS in conjunction with the MJ 93-90 Foundation recently opened the Best Buy Teen Tech Center on the WCCS campus. Construction of the state-of-the-art Tech Center began in January and is located in the Library-Gymnasium classroom building. The Teen Tech Center is well-aligned with WCCS's mission: To provide educational opportunities that support a culture of lifelong learning.

"What we really see this center as is a safe space for kids to come in and learn about different technology they've never seen before," said Best Buy Teen Tech Center Coordinator Adam Pettway.



Like other Teen Tech Centers, the new space will offer teens access to creating art and graphic design; producing music and animation; designing science simulations; writing and illustrating poetry, stories, and film; and developing robotics, 3D applications, and electronic games.

## WCCS hosts 15th Annual Student Leadership Conference



In conjunction with the North Carolina Chapter on Black Affairs, WCCS held its 15th Annual Student Leadership Conference on February 28, 2019 which was entitled, "Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement." Conference attendees were community and university college students from North Carolina and Alabama. After a series of workshops and plays, the students toured Selma-Dallas county and participated in other Annual Bridge Crossing events.



# MILESTONES

## WCCS ACE Competition Serves as Incentive for Area Students

WCCS hosted its annual Academic Challenge for Excellence (ACE) on Friday, March 8. The purpose of ACE is to encourage academic excellence, provide an academic challenge to students, and to recognize students, teachers and schools that surpass the ordinary in academic and technical performance. WCCS honors ACE competitors with trophies, plaques, medallions and ACE T-shirts. First place technical competition winners are eligible for scholarships. This year WCCS hosted more than 651 high school students from 26 area high schools across Alabama.



## Project Alpha teaches responsibility to young men

The Delta Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc. continued its partnership with Wallace Community College Selma for the Annual Project Alpha event.

Entering its seventh year, the program provides young high school men with education on real-life situations. Classes include lessons on fatherhood, responsibilities relating to the law, such as how to act if pulled over, and college and career readiness.



According to chapter president Billy Young, the first Project Alpha started off with 20 kids. Now, they have almost 100 from four different schools- Keith High, Selma High, Southside High and Dallas County High. "We want these young men to understand the concept of service. They will need to look out for those who come after them as well," Young said. "Our motto is 'service is the price you pay for the space you occupy.'"

## Delta Academy sponsors STEAM Conference

The Selma Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy sponsored the 2019 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Conference at Wallace Community College Selma.

More than 300 girls from the sorority's service areas of Dallas, Lowndes, and Perry counties were provided a hands-on, fun and non-instructive introduction of STEAM. Participants ranged from grades 5-8, and ages 11 through 14.

"The idea behind the conference style approach is to expose the girls to a variety of learning experiences in a non-classroom format and utilize presenters without burn-out," said Athelstein Johnson, co-chairperson for the Delta Academy.



## WCCS "Best of the Best Summer Camp"

WCCS offered rising third to ninth graders a chance to have fun while learning during its Annual WCCS Youth summer camp. The "Best of the Best Summer Camp" was held from June 3- July 12, 2019 on the WCCS campus.

Funded through the required fees, the summer camp teaches the students reading, writing, math, English and other subject material for their next grade level, and instruction follows the Common Core standards.



Students also participated in five field trips to include: Launch Trampoline Park, Dave and Busters, Bama Lanes Bowling, the Equal Justice Museum, and Alabama Splash Adventure.



## WCCS Employees Recognized at 2018 ACCS Chancellor's Awards Ceremony

Four Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) employees were recognized at the 2018 Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Chancellor's Awards ceremony Sunday, November 18, 2018, 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 2018 award winners for WCCS were:

*Administrator of the Year:* Dr. Tara White, History Instructor/Science & Social Sciences Department Chair

*Academic Faculty of the Year:* Kerry Henderson, Instructor/Phi Theta Kappa Advisor

*Technical Faculty of the Year:* Calvin Griffin, Welding Instructor/Technical Department Chair

*Support Staff Member of the Year:* Brandi Abbott, Institutional Effectiveness Secretary

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.



## WCCS Fall 2018 Faculty-Staff Orientation

Wallace Community College Selma held its Annual Fall Orientation for full-time faculty and staff on Thursday, September 27, 2018. This year's theme was, "Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepanek.

Dr. Donitha Griffin presented a session on "Understanding WCCS Students" and Dr. Mitchell ended the opening session with his "State of the College" address. After lunch, all faculty and staff participated in a team building session with the team representing the Technical Division winning first place.

## WCCS celebrates graduation

Wallace Community College Selma held its 2018-19 commencement exercises on Friday, May 10, 2019. The commencement speaker was Larry Thornton, Owner of Thornton Enterprises, Inc. The overlying theme of Thornton's message was that the soon to be graduates were the master of their own destinies and that they have the power to achieve whatever they wish to. "It doesn't matter where you've been," said Thornton, "Or even where you are right now. It matters where you're going and what you're willing to do to get there."

A total of 375 students successfully completed requirements for associate degrees or certificates.

Dante King, Sr. was presented with the James M. Mitchell Technical Award and Jaycie McConnell received the James M. Mitchell Academic Award. Ashley Bayne received the Academic Excellence Award for graduating with a 4.0 GPA.





# Student, Faculty, and Staff Accomplishments

## WCCS students named to All-Alabama Academic Team

Wallace Community College Selma students Kevin Jones and Jaycie McConnell represented WCCS on the 2019 All-Alabama Academic Team. The two were honored at a banquet in Prattville, Alabama on April 19 with other team members selected from across the state.

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, selected two students from each of Alabama's community colleges. Both Jones and McConnell received a \$1,000 scholarship.



## WCCS celebrates academic excellence



Dr. James M. Mitchell addresses students who made the President's List. In a celebration of academic excellence from WCCS's top student's, the Student Government Association of Wallace Community College Selma hosted a luncheon for members of its fall, 2018 President's List on Tuesday, February 19, 2019

The "Strive for Excellence Luncheon" is a way to congratulate those being honored in an intimate, informal setting.

This is the third year that a luncheon has been hosted to commend those who made the list. Dr. Mitchell delivered a message commending those who made

the President's List and encouraged them to keep their hard work and dedication as they continued their education.

"It makes you special," said Mitchell of the students gathered at the luncheon. "It makes you special in the sense that you made a commitment to academic excellence. You made a commitment to do, and be, your very best."

WCCS publishes a President's List at the end of each regular term. Students making the President's List must attempt at least 12 semester hours and earn a 4.00 GPA.



## WCCS Students Honored at 2019 Academic Awards Ceremony



Wallace Community College Selma held its annual Honors Ceremony on Thursday, April 11, 2019. 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.

During the ceremony, six WCCS honor students were awarded transfer scholarships to the University of Alabama.

Recipients were: Tyala K. Bonner and Tayla K. Bonner, Community College Presidential Scholarship; Pun Bahadur-Chhetri, Capstone Transfer Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Scholarship; Kevin M. Jones, Community College Distinguished Scholarship, National Alumni Association Community College Honors Scholarship 2019-20, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Scholarship; Ashunte D. Pettus, Community College Achievement Scholarship; and Paul C. Williams, Community College Achievement Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Scholarship.



## Wallace Community College Selma duo honored by ACCC

Two freshmen women basketball players at Wallace Community College Selma were honored by the Alabama Community College Conference.

Forward Amber Richardson and guard Kahyanna Bolton both made the ACCC South Division teams.

Richardson collected the most honors, earning South Division defensive player of the year and making first-team All-Region 22 and All-South Division. Bolton made the All-South Division second team.

Richardson, who grabbed a ACCC-leading 13.6 rebounds a game, said she appreciates the recognition. The Linden native also averaged a team-leading 14.3 points a game.



Bolton, who played at Thompson High School, said the honor is a reflection of the Lady Patriots' squad. She averaged 14 points a game.

## WCCS Student Ambassadors

The WCCS Student Ambassadors were quite busy during the 2018-19 academic year. From providing campus tours, and serving as representatives at various WCCS campus and community events, ambassadors earned valuable leadership experience while serving and representing the College.

2018 WCCS Ambassadors are: Tyala Bonner, President; Tayla Bonner, Vice-President; Kimberly Thomas, Secretary; Khya Thomas, Student Activities; Te' Shawn Shuford, Campus Event and Recruitment; Jakira Simmons, Kevin Jones, Dontavious Jones, Marketing and Social Media; Jaylah Norris, Shawn Cole, Kianna Thomas, Lydia Hendrieth, Keonna Pope, Ashunte Pettus, Kaymon McGuire, Justin McGuire and Eric Jackson Jr.



## WCCS 2019 Homecoming King and Queen



WCCS sophomores Kimberly Thomas and Kevin Jones were named homecoming king and queen during the WCCS Homecoming Basketball Game held on Feb. 9.

Kimberly is the daughter of Drs. Herbert and Christine Thomas. Upon completion of her Associate in Science degree, she plans to attend Alabama State University and study business marketing.

Kevin is the son of Ms. Susie Jones. He is a Science major and co-president of Phi Theta Kappa. Upon completion of his Associate in Science degree, he plans to attend Alabama State University and major in physical education & coaching.

Front Row left to right: Khya Senclair Thomas, Miss Sophomore; Miata Smith, Miss WCCS Runner-Up; Kimberly Thomas, Miss WCCS; Kimberly Thomas, WCCS President, Dr. James M. Mitchell; Ja'Kira Simmons, Miss Freshman; Kianna Thomas, Miss Freshman Rep. and Tiffany Howard, Miss Freshman Rep Runner-up.  
Back Row left to right: Eric Jackson II, Mr. Sophomore; Kaymon McGuire; Kevin Jones, Mr. WCCS; Te'Shawn Shuford, Mr. Freshman and Justin McGuire, Mr. Freshman Rep.



# Student, Faculty, and Staff Accomplishments

## 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 Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hank Sanders Technology Center on the WCCS campus. Zachary Mangum, PTK Vice President, District 1 and Dr. Tomeko McPhillips, The Bloom House Board of Directors provided the keynote address to the honorees. 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: Caleb Alexander, Elizabeth Alexander, Ammer Almojadid, Sarah Almojadid, Angela Caver, Courtney Chandler, Samira Chandler, Pun Chhetri, Charles Dodd, Ishwor Gyawaii, Lorene Hardy, Kaelon Hinton, Roosevelt Johnson, Dauntae King, Glenda King, Manavwi Lugal, Latresa McGuire, Tiffany McLendon, Brittany Nelson, Garrett Norton, Takia Sanders, Tamia Sanders, JaKira Simmons, Spencer Simpson, Ivy Small, Kimberly Thomas, Jalisa Tolver, Colt Whitman and Paul Williams.



## Tuscaloosa City Council welcomes WCCS students on Government Day

The Student Government Association (SGA) at Wallace Community College Selma recently attended a Tuscaloosa City Council meeting to learn about political processes as part of Government Day. SGA Advisor and Selma City Council President Corey Bowie called the trip “enlightening and empowering.”

“As the leaders on campus, it’s pivotal that the SGA be a voice for the student body and their concerns,” Bowie said. “Working together for the betterment of the student body is true leadership.”



## WCCS Adult Education and Ready to Work 2018 Awards Program



Wallace Community College Selma’s Adult Education and Ready to Work Programs held its 2018 Awards Program on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earl Goodwin Theatre, located on the college’s campus.

The keynote speaker for this year’s graduation ceremony was Dr. Rolundus Rice, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at Alabama State University. Dr. Rice, a GED recipient, challenged the graduates, “No matter where you are or where you come from, you still can be successful.”

“I am extremely proud of our graduates as they have overcome many obstacles to accomplish their goals. I am also excited about their future and the future of Wallace Community College Selma’s Adult Education Program. The best is yet to come,” said Dr. James Mitchell, WCCS President.

## ENTER to LEARN, DEPART to SERVE

### Phi Theta Kappa lends a hand to Bloom House

Members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) recently completed a project to assist Bloom House, an adoption and foster care ministry in Selma, with an ongoing pajama drive.

As part of the effort, PTK members purchased and assembled containers for storing and organizing donations. Members also hosted foster families on the WCCS campus and treated them to a movie and lunch.



### WCCS diaper drive assists local families

The WCCS SGA and ambassadors recently completed their annual community service project, “Diaper Drive for Babies.”

The diaper drive began in November and in January the students delivered 4,000 disposable diapers and 1,136 wipes to the Dallas County Health Department. Priscilla Mitchell, wife of WCCS president James Mitchell, introduced the idea of the diaper drive because she was inspired by a similar effort she read about in a newspaper that distributed over 100,000 diapers in two years.

“It’s just been a vision of mine to do something like that here in Selma-Dallas County,” Mitchell said. “I decided to come to the college and approach the SGA advisor as well as the advisor for the ambassadors to see if it would be a project that they could get their student groups involved in.”



### WCCS’s SGA members serve meals to homeless day before Thanksgiving

Student Government Association (SGA) members of the Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) served meals to homeless at the Edmunite Missions Bosco Nutrition Center.

President Tayla Bonner, Activities Coordinator; Shawn Cole, Public Relations Coordinator; Tyala Bonner and members Kianna Thomas and Arcia Simpson joined SGA Advisor Corey Bowie in volunteering their time. Tayla Bonner said it was her first time serving meals and enjoyed herself. “Sometime in the spring, I’ll come on my own and serve food,” said Tayla.

Bonner’s twin sister, Tyala Bonner, also saw volunteering as a learning experience. “This is a time of giving and I had no problem giving my time,” Tyala Bonner said. “I wanted to help show that Wallace Community College is here for the community.”





# Student, Faculty, and Staff Accomplishments

## WCCS celebrates SGA grads

Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) Student Government Association (SGA) threw a farewell luncheon for the 10 graduating SGA officers at WCCS.

“I just wanted to express my appreciation,” said Bowie. The graduating WCCS SGA officers felt that their time at WCCS has greatly prepared them for the next step in their educations. “It’s given me leadership qualities in my life,” said graduating SGA officer Kevin Jones. “I’ve learned to step up and see things the way they are and try to make them better.”



Jones will transfer to Alabama State University (ASU) this fall where he plans to major in physical education and coaching.

“SGA has helped me better my communication skills and grown my confidence in talking to people,” said SGA Officer Janisha Church. “I didn’t really have that before.” Church says that the communication skills she learned at WCCS will be of use to her in her future – she plans to major in social work at the University of Montevallo.

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## WCCS launches Mobile Innovation Lab

Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the Alabama Community College System, it will be more convenient than ever for students to benefit from the new mobile classroom at Wallace Community College Selma.

WCCS began a new app-development curriculum in fall 2017. The program allows students to learn coding and app development using Apple’s Swift and Xcode programming language. The course takes students with no programming experience and enables them to build fully-functional apps of their own design. Students experience an authentic workplace environment applying the methodologies and practices of real-world developers, and acquire skills around teamwork, problem solving, collaboration, and communication.



## Coming Fall 2019 Wallace Community College Selma’s Demopolis Campus

Wallace Community College Selma is expanding its service area this fall to reach more of west Alabama. Marengo, Sumter, Greene, Hale, Lowndes and Wilcox counties will be added to the WCCS service area.

Wallace President Dr. James Mitchell says the expansion will provide greater access to a quality — affordable education — and help improve the quality of life for people in the region. “As Wallace Community College has over the years and we will continue to — making a difference in people’s lives,” he said.

The Higher Education Center will serve as a central location for offerings of academic, technical, dual enrollment and short term programs.



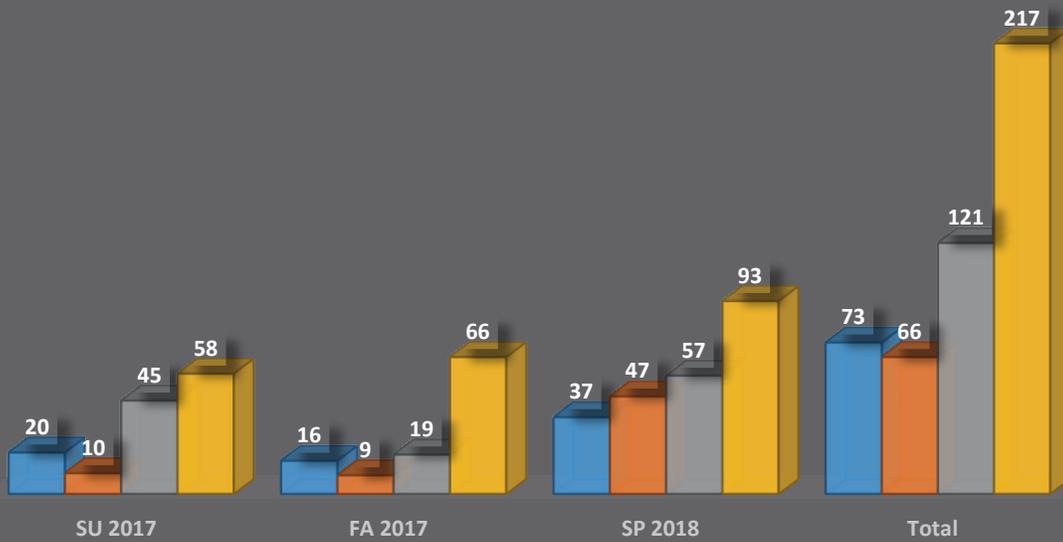
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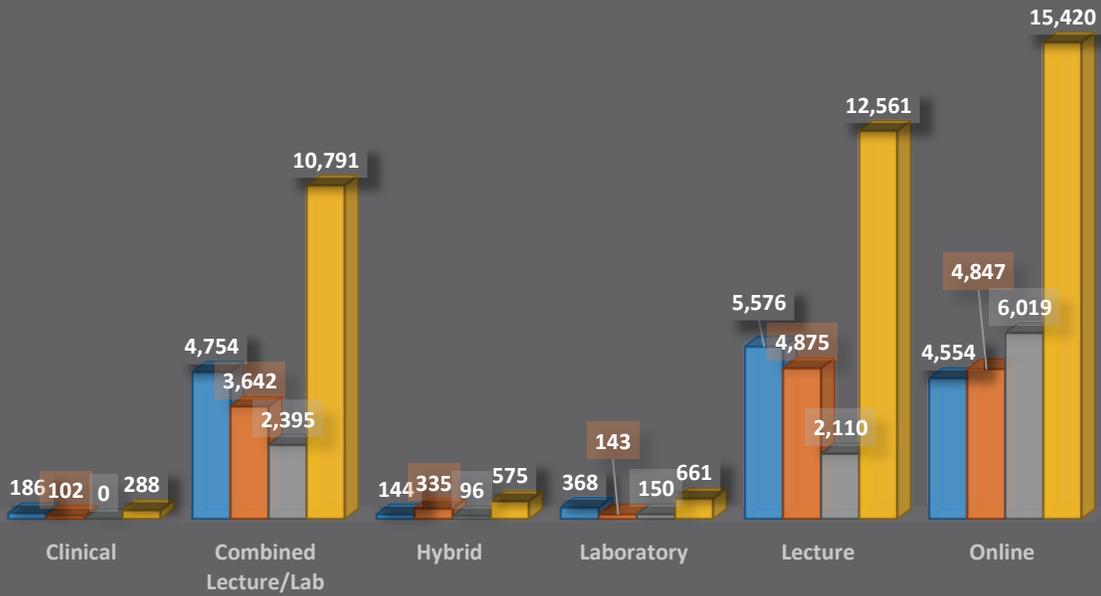
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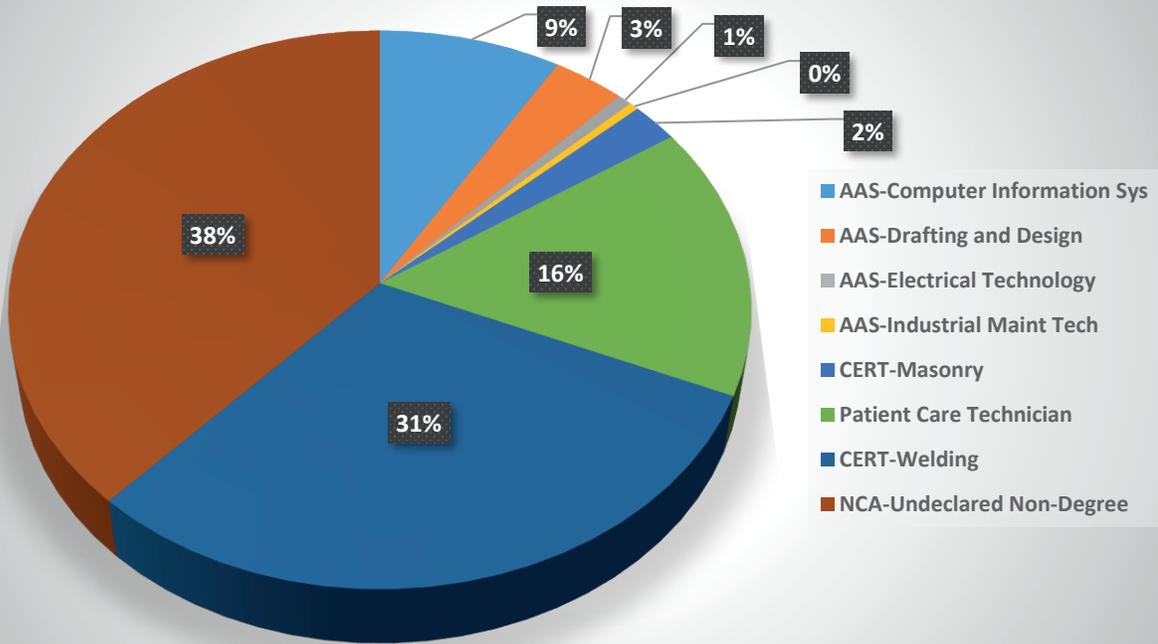


## CHP BY COURSE TYPE

FA 2017 SP 2018 SU 2018 Total



## Dual Enrollment by Program



# 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.



Wallace Community College Selma is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science Degrees.

Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4501 for questions about the accreditation of Wallace Community College Selma.

### **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