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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.

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.

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.

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WCCS dual enrolled students earn degrees

Through the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholars Program at Wallace Community College Selma, 22 Dallas County School System seniors graduated with associate's degrees. Students who are interested in pursuing science, technology, engineering and mathematics related fields joined the program during their sophomore year in high school to take college courses and gain real college experiences. The program is offered through a partnership with Tuskegee University and awardees of the MICRO Project, a grant aimed to get students more interested in research.

"The Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholars Program prepares students with the academic foundation they need in order to be successful in STEM programs," said Tammie Briggs, associate dean of learning at WCCS.

The program provides hands-on experience through residential programs that offer access to high quality scientific equipment. Students are mentored by researchers and other professional in STEM fields and partnered to complete projects and present them to classmates.

Southside High School senior Kiara Horton plans to study pre-pharmacy at Auburn University this fall. "It's been amazing. We have a lot of support. Whenever we need help or have questions, our instructors are here for us. I'm really grateful for the opportunity that the program has provided me," Horton said.

Her classmates Will Kendrick and Brain Crum both said they appreciate the program for how much it has helped them grow over the years. Kendrick will graduate from Dallas County High School later this month. He is a scholarship recipient of Auburn University and plans on attending this fall where he will major in pre-pharmacy. "I feel the stress this program has put me under while taking both college and high school classes strengthened me to be able to handle what college may present," Kendrick said.

Crum is a senior of Keith High School who has received a full scholarship to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. He will major in mechanical engineering. "I've learned some things that I am sure I will be able to take with me when I get to college," Crum said. "The program has been tough at times but we all help each other."



ACCS, WCCS & GUA Team Up to Host First Parent Scholars Night

Wallace Community College Selma (WCCS) showed great leadership by offering to host the first of many ACCS–GUA Parent Scholars Night events. These post-secondary preparedness workshops were designed to further introduce parents to GEAR UP Alabama and the pledge made by Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS), to provide the legal guardians of GUA students a tuition waiver to attend the ACCS school of their choice.

The WCCS event titled, "Parent Night Out: New Beginning," was held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in the school athletic building and brought in nearly 60 parents and over a dozen GUA students. A brief program overview and greetings were provided by Dr. James M. Mitchell, WCCS President; Ms. Donitha Griffin, WCCS Dean of Students; Dr. Russ Rothamer, ACCS Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer; and Dr. Veronique Zimmerman-Brown, GUA Project Director. The program continued with two rousing testimonials from non-traditional students at WCCS who offered words of encouragement to parents and challenged them to push beyond their fears. Fablion Flemming, who returned to school at WCCS after a 27 year hiatus, left many in the audience in tears, which resulted in a line of mothers, faculty and staff waiting to hug and thank her.

During the event parents had the opportunity to learn more about the tuition waiver and support systems in place to assist them with gaining admissions into the ACCS school of their choice, including GED preparation. A variety of booths were set up for one-on-one conversations with representatives from each technical and academic department, as well as admissions and financial aid staff. There were several computer stations set up by the Office of Admissions and counselors were on hand to assist parents in completing the online application process during the event. President Mitchell, Dean Griffin, Assoc. Dean Tammie Briggs, Felicia Pettway and Ebony Rose (among others from WCCS and ACCS) circulated throughout the event to answer questions, provide encouragement and make sure every parent was served.

Judy Frank, School Improvement Consultant with SREB, reflected: "The format was well thought out and provided the participants with lots of information in a fun and welcoming atmosphere. This event was a testimony to your dedication to improving the lives of GEAR UP families and creating positive change in our communities. I am always proud to be a partner with GUA, and appreciate all that you do!"

WCCS, Auburn University at Montgomery sign transfer agreement



Collaborative articulation agreement provides help, structure for community college students at WCCS to navigate transfer, transition to four-year degrees

The heads of Auburn University at Montgomery and Wallace Community College Selma signed an official articulation agreement between the two institutions that provides a pathway and support for WCCS students to navigate the transfer process and transition to four-year degrees at AUM.

Under the agreement, AUM faculty and advisors will be able to connect to WCCS student advisors for the benefit of students. AUM faculty also will guest lecture at WCCS. WCCS students transferring to AUM will also be eligible for scholarships.

"This agreement provides greater access and opportunity for our students to continue their educational goals. We are very honored to be a partner with AUM, as they are an outstanding university," said Dr. James M. Mitchell, WCCS president.

"Auburn Montgomery is pleased to have Wallace Community College Selma as a partner. WCCS plays a vital role in the communities it serves, preparing students to enter growing and emerging career fields," said AUM Chancellor Dr. John Veres. "This agreement will help build a more robust staging ground at WCCS for students to start their bachelor's degree while they're earning their associate degree."

The formal agreement includes transfer scholarships from AUM to WCCS students. Top recipients will be chosen by WCCS. Additionally, the agreement includes reverse transfer, which allows students to complete their associate degree and start building their careers while they earn their bachelor's degree.

WCCS students, faculty honored at annual convention of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



Wallace Community College Selma's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently received an international college project award for its collaboration with Impact Alabama to participate in the SaveFirst Tax Initiative. WCCS's Alpha Eta Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received the "Distinguished College Project" award. Out of 1,285 chapters, only 25 received this award.

The purpose of the initiative is to offer free tax return preparation to low-income working families. Six Phi Theta Kappa members participated in the required tax training and passed the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) exam.

The six VITA tax return preparers worked an average of 20 hours per week for six weeks to provide free tax return preparation to over 50 low-income families—helping them to secure \$119,000 in tax refunds and save approximately \$16,000 in commercial tax preparation fees.

Phi Theta Kappa member Michelle Spears said, "Through the SaveFirst Tax Program, I had the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge on tax preparation and make a difference in my community by helping citizens with their taxes."

Advisors Kerry Henderson and Becky Davis feel that there remains an immense need in our community for the free tax services offered by the SaveFirst Initiative and hope to continue the collaboration in the future. "I am quite proud of our Phi Theta Kappa Chapter as they continue to excel each year with various community service projects. These students continue to be shining examples of excellence at WCCS," said Dr. James Mitchell, WCCS President.

Students visit WCCS for Johnson's career expo

High school and college students spent Friday morning at Wallace Community College Selma for an opportunity that could impact their future professional careers. A career expo was provided by the Michael Johnson Foundation to give students a chance to network and discover future possibilities. "They may spark an interest in something that will spur you on to bigger and better things in life," said Cincinnati Bengals defensive end and foundation founder Michael Johnson. "We've got a lot of different people here from different backgrounds that are available for information."

The expo included various schools and businesses such as Auburn University, the University of West Alabama, Honda Lock, International Paper, Jacksonville State University and others. "It's amazing. For him to take time out of his day and his career what he does to give back to his community and where he came from is a really amazing thing to do," said Southside High School student Zy'Shawn James. Dallas County High School student Logan Damoth is planning to study nursing in college and said the expo was helpful in comparing programs. "I think it's great for kids to come to because it's a free opportunity for them to meet with different colleges and they get opportunities they might not have," Damoth said.



WCCS Students Honored at 2016 Academic Awards Ceremony

Wallace Community College Selma held its annual Honors Ceremony on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Earl Goodwin Theatre. 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, Phi Theta Kappa; Alpha Eta Tau Chapter, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "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 Mitchell, WCCS president.

To achieve Academic Excellence, a student must have taken at least twelve hours per semester and earned a 4.00 grade point average for two of the last three semesters (Spring through Fall Semester), or, a student must have been a part-time student, accumulated at least twenty-four hours, and maintained a 4.00 grade point average.

To achieve Academic Achievement, a student must have maintained a 3.50 - 3.99 grade point average for two of the last three semesters (Spring through Fall Semester). They have taken twelve hours each semester to qualify for the Dean's List or have been a part-time student, accumulated a minimum of twenty-four hours, and attended at least two semesters since the Spring of 2014-2015 through Fall of 2015-2016.

The All-Alabama Team is selected using the following criteria: A student must have completed 18 semester credit hours in pursuit of an associate degree, have a cumulative GPA of 3.25, show evidence of involvement in high school, college, and community activities, show evidence of public service activities, and show evidence of sharing their academic and technical skills with others. These students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for being selected as All-Alabama Academic Team Members. The recipients of this award were Willie Mason and Kiara Horton.

The Most Outstanding Academic Athlete awards were presented to Thomasha Davis and Corey Lowe. The recipients of this award are a male and female athlete who have completed at least 25 hours, have a high grade point average, and display outstanding sportsmanship and character of all WCCS participating athletes.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society inducted 43 new members into its Alpha Eta Tau Chapter this spring. Membership is by invitation only and after a student has completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of associate degree course work and earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.



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Unselfish WCCS sophomore among national stat leaders

By Justin Fedich, Selma Times Journal

Ki'Onna Likely spent plenty of time in the Southside High School gym this past offseason, shooting a stand-up jump shot over and over again. All that work has paid off quite nicely. Likely, a sophomore at Wallace Community College-Selma and Southside graduate, is shooting just over 64 percent from the field 13 games into the season for the Patriots. She leads her team in scoring with 22.4 points per game, which is good for sixth in the Alabama Community College Conference.

Head coach Herman Turner said that while her scoring has certainly helped Wallace in each of its games this season, it's a mixture of the off-the-court qualities from Likely that truly make her a valuable asset to her team. "Three things you want from a person: you want them to be a good person, you want them to be a good student and you want them to be a good athlete. She has all three qualities," Turner said.

On a roster of 15 players, Likely is the player each of her teammates look to make plays on the court. Likely said the team lost a lot of talent after last season and she has needed to step up in a big way. Last season, Likely led the team by averaging 10 points per game. This season only one other player, Frenika Craig, is averaging double figures.

Craig, a freshman, said it was Likely who convinced her to come to Wallace. Likely noticed the talent Craig brought, and she told Craig that if she came to Wallace, the Patriots were going to have a great team. Since Craig has arrived at Wallace, she has noticed many parts of Likely's game that she would like to emulate. "She's a good teammate," Craig said. "She gets a lot of put-backs and rebounds. She pushes the ball up the floor well. She takes her time and she's a good shooter."

While Likely always has a good chance to score with the ball in her hands, she's often more comfortable putting the ball in someone else's hands. Turner said Likely will often pass up a wide open shot just to give another teammate an opportunity to get some points. She hasn't attempted a 3-pointer all season for just that reason. If Turner ever has to tell Likely not to do something, it's usually to be less unselfish. "I'd rather give it up and let somebody else score so they have a better chance," Likely said.

Turner said Likely plays mostly guard, but she has played all five positions for the Patriots. In spite of Likely's high scoring outputs, the Patriots are just 5-8 this season. While not all games have come easy for Wallace, Likely said her ability to put points on the board has been a much simpler task this season. "My first year it was much harder," Likely said. "This year, it's easier my sophomore year to score than my freshman year."

The many hours Likely spent in Southside's gym working on her jump shot have clearly worked. But Likely is not satisfied with where she or her team currently sits. Just like the Southside gym in the summer, the Wallace gym is seeing plenty of Likely this season. "If the gym is open, she's here," Turner said.



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Wallace Community College Selma Awards Scholarships to 25 High School Seniors

Selma, AL – 25 High School seniors were awarded scholarships on April 8, 2016, at WCCS's Annual Senior Day. The students each received scholarships for tuition and fees for four semesters to Wallace Community College Selma valued at over \$8,000. Dr. James Mitchell, president and Donitha Griffin, dean of students presented the scholarships to the students.

"I am quite honored to offer scholarships to students from our service area and look forward to them having a very positive and successful matriculation at WCCS," said Mitchell.

The scholarship recipients are: Tyler Hughes, Meadowview Christian; Khayriyah Y. Aykins, Southside High; Kirsten Bing, Billingsley High; Gary Moss, Dallas County; Carmen Till, Lowndes Academy; Delando M. Atchinson, Jr., Dallas County; Benjamin H. Ferguson, Collinsville High; Jake O. Freeman, Collinsville High; Aleexia McConnell, Dallas County; Ty'Shawn Pettway, Selma High; Rodney T. Phillips, Ider High; Nicole Stewart, Dallas County; Jerome Allen, Keith High; Harrison Caver, Billingsley High; Allen J. Goodwin, Dallas County; Erica Hatcher, Keith High; Shaquira Jones, Keith High; Katelyn T. Little, John T. Morgan; Elizabeth McNeil, Meadowview Christian; Krystal L. Smith, Francis Marion; Trenton C. Smith, Maplesville High; Tamia Williams, Selma High; Chaquita Wilson, Selma High; Mary Clair White, John T. Morgan; and Ashley Young, Dallas County.



Wallace Community College Selma Student selected to attend C-DEBI Global Environmental Microbiology (GEM) course

Micah Durham, a sophomore at Wallace Community College Selma has been selected C-DEBI Global Environmental Microbiology (GEM) course this summer at the University of Southern California. The GEM course is designed to provide students interested in microbiology hands-on experience with professional working methods as well as a strong foundation in the concepts fundamental to contemporary research. GEM will last from June 5, 2016 through July 1, 2016 with the first week being held at USC's University Park Campus in Los Angeles, then on to the Eastern Sierra Mountains, and finally to the Wrigley Marine Science Center on nearby Santa Catalina Island. Course expenses, room and board, and travel to the Los Angeles area will be provided by C-DEBI.

Durham, who plans on becoming a nurse, was urged by her WCCS biology instructor Mrs. Antionetta Baldwin to apply for the program. After giving it some thought, Durham decided to apply "because it will be a great opportunity to further my career in nursing," said Durham. "I encourage my students to take advantage of every opportunity that provides exposure for new learning experiences. I am just elated that Micah applied and ultimately be chosen for a wonderful opportunity that will allow her to further her knowledge in microbiology," said Baldwin.

Wallace Community College Selma Masonry student becomes first female to win Skills USA Alabama Masonry competition

Jonniece Collins becomes the first female to win Alabama's SkillsUSA masonry competition. Collins, a 21 year old Demopolis High School graduate, said that she was initially interested in the welding program but, after learning of the semester long waiting list she had to find another program to enroll in.

"Mr. Hamilton, the evening masonry instructor, asked me to look into his program and after I saw some of the projects I became interested. I was a little nervous because I had no previous experience in masonry or construction but, I have family members that do brick work so it seemed like something I could do," said Collins.

"Jonniece is smart and self-motivated. I knew after a short period that she would be an asset to our industry," said Hamilton. "She has also made great achievements in academics; she was on the Dean's list once and the President's list twice," added Hamilton. "We are so proud of Jonniece and her accomplishments. She is another shining example of the excellence our students exemplify at WCCS. We continue to be a world class community college," said James Mitchell, WCCS President. Collins commitment is evident as she works for Masonry Arts and commutes to Selma to attend classes during the evening. "The fact that this young lady works hard all day and drives to Selma during the evenings to further her education and her craft is a testimony in itself," said Hamilton. Collins placed second in the 2015 competition but, she was determined to win this year. "I continued to work hard and I wanted to be the first female to win because this is a male dominated field. To be able to prove them wrong is truly a blessing."

When asked about her future goals Collins responded, "I want to eventually complete my four year degree in construction management and own a construction company someday. But, for right now I want to continue to get better and win the title at this year's national competition."

Ms. Collins will represent the State of Alabama in the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky in June 20-24, 2016.

The WCCS masonry program swept the competition with Roderick Perkins placing second and Terrence Campbell finished third. Cosmetology student Francis Phillips finished second in the Men's Hair Design Competition.

Picture caption left to right: Anthony Hamilton, masonry instructor; Jonniece Collins, Kenny Allen, masonry instructor



Allen named SkillsUSA Outstanding Educator

Masonry instructor Kenny Allen was one of three outstanding educators of the year at the 2016 SkillsUSA national championship. Allen has been a member of SkillsUSA for 18 years. During that time, he's been instrumental in the personal and professional success of many students. Along with teaching them what it takes to win medals at the local, state and national levels, Allen inspires them to become leaders in the community. His positive influence does not end with his students; many of Allen's fellow instructors credit him as a mentor who's helped guide their own teaching paths. Allen has been recognized as a state advisor of the year and received many other education awards for his masonry program. He's a true role model who's built a legacy worthy of celebrating.

George Corley Wallace State Community College

Selma, Alabama

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

revenue

2012 - 2013 through 2014 - 2015

REVENUES	2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015
State Appropriation	\$7,675,096.00	\$7,815,790.00	\$7,962,529.00
Tuition & Fees	\$2,073,632.11	\$1,776,908.94	\$1,912,916.53
Federal/State/Local Grants and Contracts	\$10,819,983.94	\$11,054,129.86	\$11,418,761.13
Auxiliary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales & Service	\$6,695.65	\$7,664.50	\$6,610.20
Other	\$192,397.10	\$218,426.48	\$160,873.14
TOTAL REVENUE	\$20,767,804.80	\$20,872,919.78	\$21,461,690.00

expenditures

2012 - 2013 through 2014 - 2015

EXPENDITURES	2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015
Instruction	\$7,279,668.03	\$7,006,802.34	\$6,382,470.71
Public Service	\$81,735.59	\$41,159.62	\$4,896.00
Academic Support	\$1,264,282.82	\$1,741,802.26	\$1,886,365.87
Student Services	\$3,524,950.96	\$3,468,474.83	\$3,612,438.96
Institutional Support	\$2,764,508.02	\$3,046,509.88	\$3,239,701.56
Operation & Maintenance	\$2,351,725.68	\$1,965,783.63	\$1,961,643.07
Scholarships & Fellowships	\$3,204,930.47	\$2,624,024.20	\$2,743,158.93
Auxiliary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$20,471,801.57	\$19,894,556.76	\$19,830,675.10

GEORGE CORLEY WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SELMA, ALABAMA

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

grants awarded

October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

PROJECT	FUNDING AGENCY	AMOUNT
Adult Education Regular State	Alabama Community College System	\$207,057.00
Dual Enrollment	Alabama Office of Workforce Development (OWD)	\$175,000.00
Career Coach	Alabama Office of Workforce Development (OWD)	\$35,000.00
Ready to Work	Alabama Office of Workforce Development (OWD)	\$50,000.00
AMSTI	Alabama State Department of Education	\$1,815,000.00
Howard Hughes Medical Institute	Howard Hughes Foundation (through Tuskegee University)	\$80,540.00
Adult Education Regular Federal	Alabama Community College System	\$156,201.00
Adult Education Employment Preparation Service (Jobs)	Alabama Community College System	\$60,729.00
Carl D. Perkins Act (Fed Voc)	U.S. Department of Education	\$162,052.00
The NanoBio Science Partnership for Alabama	Howard Hughes Foundation (through Tuskegee University)	\$30,000.00
Better Occupational Outcomes with Simulation Training	U.S. Department of Labor	\$1,183,250.00
Partnership for Accelerated Learning Through Visualization Engagement and Simulation (PAVES)	U.S. Department of Labor	\$309,000.00
TRIO – Student Support Services	U.S. Department of Education	\$438,809.00
TRIO – Educational Talent Search	U.S. Department of Education	\$316,897.00

TOTAL: \$5,019,535.00

(New and Continuation. Does not include Student Financial Aid.)