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Mainstream college News

Cougar News is on the Web
These campuses hum with commotion, and Cougar Tube is your new source for staying connected to the latest headlines, and receiving the most comprehensive college information. The goal is to increase awareness of campus events, spotlight achievements and keep you generally up-to-date on the program, events and activities at Lawson State.

The inaugural edition includes guests Blake Lewis, Cougar Baseball head coach; Tom Berryman, Director of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence; and Gwendolyn Ekundayo, Director of Adult Education. Meaghan Ward serves as one of the anchors and Felicia Murray provides quick and healthy food tips. Students on the Spot, a segment hosted by Miss Lawson State Charlester Wims will not only give you a good laugh but it will also help you stay up to date on new college policies and procedures. Check out the Cougar Tube on You Tube: http://youtu.be/Ar4I1Y1Lg20

Lawson State Commercial Art Student Takes 1st Place in UAB's School of Public Health National Competition
UAB’s School of Public Health recently hosted its annual Koronisfest awards ceremony and Forrest Cannon was awarded first place in the poster category for 2011. Following in that tradition, Jeffery Lilley, a freshman in the Commercial Arts department, took home 1st place in the 2012 PSA Animation Category for his 30 second animated spot on tobacco prevention.

Koronisfest is a national health communication competition where participants create campaigns for public health topics of their choice. Submissions are accepted in three categories: posters, live action public service announcements (PSAs), and animation PSAs.

In its 3rd year, the 2012 PSA and poster competition drew over 100 applicants and garnered over 4500 votes in the People’s Choice category. Several students in the Commercial Arts and Graphic Communications program at Lawson State Community College have participated in the Koronisfest competition in past years, submitting entries in all three categories.

Entries were screened at a public viewing, where Jeffery was recognized for his submission. Congratulations to Jeffery Lilley for his creativity!

For more information about Koronisfest or to view the winning entries, please visit: HYPERLINK "http://www.koronisfest.org" http://www.koronisfest.org http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/artStudents.html


**Canida Wins State Championship in Automotives in Skills/USA**

David Canida, of the Toyota TTEN program, won the State Skills USA for Lawson State in Automotives and is preparing to repeat this accomplishment for the state of Alabama at the National Skills USA in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-27. The SkillsUSA Championships is the showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation.

“We are very proud of David and highly optimistic about him becoming a national champion,” said Tom Berryman, director of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence. “David is the first Toyota T-Ten student to pass all parts of the ASE Certification exam and all advanced level ASE Certifications.”

At SkillsUSA, David will demonstrate his ability to perform jobs and skills based on the task list outlined by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

SkillsUSA is a multi-million dollar event that occupies a space equivalent to 16 football fields. In 2011, there were more than 5,700 contestants in 94 separate events. Nearly 1,500 judges and contest organizers from labor and management make the national event possible.

**Architectural Students Design Green Modifications to Restaurant**

In a special evening exhibition, students of Hank Wade’s Advanced Architectural Drawing class presented as an assignment, a proposed addition to the Dave and Buster’s chain of gaming restaurants. The mission was to design a 40,000 square foot commercial entertainment center located within the city of Bessemer.

The design development team, Danny Kohut, Brandi Steve, Robert Battle, Reggie Williams and Justin Austin created the floor plan, details and animation while the construction document team, Chavez Fuller, Scotty Dobbins, Patrick Robinson, Ricky Albright and Jonathan Armstrong had the responsibility of producing the structural and exterior elevations, site plan, foundation and roof.

[http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/hostDrafting.html](http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/hostDrafting.html)

**Cougars Submit Bid for 2013 ACCC Basketball Tournament**

Athletic Director Eleanor Pitts was pleased to submit a bid proposal for Lawson State to serve as host of the 2013 ACCC Basketball Tournament. “Lawson is committed to providing a location that will combine excitement and convenience for the teams, coaches, officials, parents, fans and the community,” Pitts said. “Because the college is in a central location with easy access to the interstate, hotels, restaurants and shopping, administration is hopeful that the bid will be accepted by the Alabama Community College Conference.”

A bid committee has been formed to review and address the requirements, including equipment, scheduling, accommodations and hospitality, for hosting. Several sponsors have been contacted including Lemak Sports Medicine & Orthopedics and Custom Trophies.

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM JOURNAL**

**Spring 2012 ACCA Journal Now Available for Viewing**


If you would like to submit a workshop proposal for the 2012 Annual Conference, please do so by July 6. Information on workshop submissions can be found in the Journal as well as on the ACCA website – [www.alabamacca.org](http://www.alabamacca.org).
IN THE NEWS

$337,500 Awarded for LSCC Upward Bound Program
WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announced that $1.59 million was awarded to four colleges in the 7th Congressional District for the Upward Bound Program under the U.S. Department of Education. Among the four was the Upward Bound Program at Lawson State Community College.

“We would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for her support of the Upward Bound program,” said Mattie Crawford, Director of the TRIO Classic Upward Bound Program at Lawson State Community College (LSCC). “This grant will afford LSCC the opportunity to continue developing students academically, culturally and socially while attending high school as well as prepare them to attend and complete college.”

The other college awards were to Miles College, Stillman College and the University of West Alabama. [http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/pdf_files/upwardBoundGrant5_14_2012.pdf]

Dollar General Grant awarded to Adult Ed
The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded the Lawson State Adult Education Program with a grant in the amount of $5,000.00 in recognition of their positive role in the City of Bessemer. Dollar General Literacy Foundation Community Initiative Director, Denine Torr, says she hopes that the funds will strengthen our literacy efforts in the community. [http://blog.al.com/businessnews/2012/05/on_the_move_with_jonathan_waug.html]

Lawson State wants to acquire the former Wenonah Elementary School in Birmingham
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama -- Lawson State Community College wants to acquire the former Wenonah Elementary School in southwest Birmingham.

"The college is growing, and it (the site) is needed for expansion," college spokeswoman Geri Albright said.
See more: [http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/pdf_files/acquireformerWenonahElementary5_2_2012.pdf]

Lawson State Students Recognized for Annual Achievements
BESSEMER, Ala. – As a special year-end celebration, Lawson State Community College held its Annual Honors and Awards Day to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and achievements of students in academics, service and leadership. [http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/pdf_files/studentsRecognizedforAnnualAchievements5_03_2012.pdf]

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Designing a Blueprint for Success
The National Sales Network (NSN), an organization formed to enhance the skill development of African American Sales and Sales Management professionals, hosted its Anniversary Celebration in the Alabama Center for Advanced Technology and Training last month. Author, philanthropist, corporate executive and inventor Jemal Omar Gibson provided the keynote address. President Perry Ward served on the panel of experts from the business/education community.

Several Lawson State students, who were recommended for NSN membership, also participated in the Anniversary Celebration. To learn more about the National Sales Network, visit [http://www.nsnbirmingham.org/].
HONORS

President Ward Becomes M.O.D.E.L. for 2013 Calendar
Dr. Perry W. Ward was selected by The Tri-County Chapter of the Links, Inc. as one of its 2012-2012 M.O.D.E.L. Stars and will be featured on its upcoming calendar gracing the month of April 2013.

M.O.D.E.L., an acronym for Men of Distinguished Exemplary Leadership, identifies men who have distinguished themselves by providing exemplary leadership in the growth and development of the cities, citizens and communities in the tri-county area of Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties. The national organization of the Link, Inc. is committed to Friendship and service and the Tri-County chapter’s primary focus is on youth empowerment.

http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/index.html

COMMUNITY NEWS

Check Online for Interstate Upgrades
The Progress 59 online information center developed to provide ongoing information about projects and improvements to Interstates 20, 59 and 65 in Jefferson County is available for all your traffic inquiries. Take a moment to review the information, maps and research that can help make your local commute more pleasant. Visit http://aldotapps.dot.state.al.us/progressprojects/index.html

Southwest Fresh Market
The weekly seasonal farmers market located on the Birmingham Campus is now open! In addition to vegetables, fruits and nutritional information, market vendors sell fresh fish, honey, sandwiches and even desserts. The Lawson State site of the Southwest Fresh Market will be open from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Wilson Road and Elmyra Street and be held each Thursday through October.

It's all part of an initiative called the Urban Food Project, which seeks to bring fresh food to urban "food deserts," areas that lack access to fresh food. And now, for the first time in Alabama, food stamp recipients can use their EBT cards at the farmers market. Main Street Birmingham, the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development and Lawson State Community College are some of the partners on the project.

Vietnam Veterans Honored for Service
The Lawson State Community College Ambassadors joined the Vietnam Veterans and Associates for their Inaugural Vietnam Veterans Memorial last month at George Ward Park in Homewood. Attendees remembered the struggle of our veterans with performances by gospel singers from More Than Conquerors Faith Church and speeches from civic leaders like Commissioner Bettye Fine Collins, Shelia Smoot, former Jefferson County Commissioner, and local Vietnam veterans who shared their experiences.

Kudos to Mr. Freddie Jones (LSCC alum), founder of Vietnam Veterans and Associates who not only arranged the celebration but also created a memorial replica to share with guests at the event. “This was an excellence tribute to our veterans. They really went through a struggle and being able to commemorate with them was honor,” said Ambassador Erica Glover.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st Century Robotics Academy
Area students entering the 10th, 11th or 12th grade this fall are invited to come and explore robotics and manufacturing at Lawson State this summer. A fun and educational camp will provide the chance to work with robotic arms, industrial robots, Manufacturing Product Line (MPS), Lego Mindstorm®, Wow Wee Robots and Lawson State’s own HE-RO-BOT.
The camp will be held on the **Bessemer Campus July 23 - 26 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Students may register by contacting Kamille Smith at 929-3432 Lunch will be provided each day and scholarships are available. This will be a rare chance to get hands-on experience in today’s most up-to-date robotics technology!

**Robotics Instructors Hands-On Seminar**

High School instructors from throughout the community are invited to attend a hands-on robotics seminar designed for teachers who would like to know more about robotics and manufacturing. The seminar will be held **July 30 and 31 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in the Ethel Hall Building on the Bessemer Campus. There are a limited number of seats, so instructors are asked to register as soon as possible by contacting Nancy Wilson at nwilson@lawsonstate.edu.