Following the 2015 Honors College Induction Ceremony on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Lawson State, Honors College and 2-PI STEM students set out to visit the third most populous city in the United States: Chicago, Illinois. Sites visited included the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), Millennium Park, and Navy Pier. While traveling back to Birmingham, Alabama, scenic routes were taken through Nashville, TN to see several historically black colleges and universities to include: Tennessee State University, Fisk University, and Meharry Medical College. Pictured above are Honors College and 2-PI STEM students during a campus tour of University of Illinois at Chicago on a very cold and rainy morning. Left to right: Dinah Hollingshead, Walter Agee, Tiaira Trammell, Jakya Reynolds, Jacquelyn Boyd, Randall King, LaJasmine Andrews, Mitchell McCreary, Terry McCollough, and Taylor Pruitt.
Mr. Weymon Holloway—Director, LSCC Honors College

Spring is often considered a season of growth and anticipation. Likewise, I believe the Honors College at Lawson State is in the “spring” of its development. We are beginning to see early signs of this new program “bearing fruit.” This spring, we had the pleasure of acknowledging two of our Honor students for being selected to receive Presidential Scholarships from the University of Alabama. Furthermore, this summer, seven of our Honor Students will embark upon internships and research experiences throughout the state while two other members of the program will be participating in the Summer Leadership Institute in Hanceville, AL. However, the experiences that our students enjoyed during the course of the spring semester were not limited to the state of Alabama. We were fortunate to take several students to Chicago, Illinois to tour some of the prestigious universities in the city and to experience some of the rich culture and history that city provides. We are hopeful that these are the types of learning experiences that will stimulate our students to be seekers of knowledge well beyond the confines of a textbook or classroom. Overall, we are excited about what we have been able to accomplish thus far, and we are motivated to continue our efforts to ensure that the Lawson State Honors College flourishes to its maximum potential.

Dr. Shawanda Thomas—Co-Director, LSCC Honors College

I am so excited to share this edition of The Honorarium with you. Not only does this issue include the awards and scholarships received by our Honors College students this year, but it also provides a glimpse into our first out-of-state trip to Chicago, Illinois. What a great experience it was for us all! As a result, we have gone to new heights. It has been an amazing year for Lawson State as well as the Honors College. President Obama visited our campus, and in this issue, you will sense the effect it had on our students from reading their reflections on page 5. In addition, we participated in numerous community service opportunities including Habitat for Humanity, Better Basics, and MLK Day of Service. Further, we inducted 16 students at this year’s induction ceremony, many of whom exemplify leadership qualities well beyond their years. At the induction ceremony, our Academic Dean, Dr. Sherri Davis, charged us with exploring opportunities for research and international travel. We accept the charge knowing that the sky is not the limit for what we can accomplish if we put our minds to it. We are excited about the challenge knowing that it is just another opportunity to grow as a program.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to acknowledge Dr. Perry W. Ward, President of Lawson State Community College, for providing the vision for the Honors College and his unyielding drive to provide our students with programs of the highest caliber. We also commend the Honors College faculty for their unwavering commitment.

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Honors College Mission

Lawson State Community College Honors College aspires to offer an engaging educational experience that cultivates academic excellence to ultimately produce a student who is culturally diverse and civic-minded with a global perspective. The Honors College is dedicated to providing an atmosphere that promotes critical thought and team-building through a variety of collaborative experiences. Through these initiatives, the Honors College empowers the student to embrace intellectual challenges, to champion civic responsibilities, and to actively participate and positively contribute to a global society.

We would like to recognize and thank our Honors College faculty members who have demonstrated tremendous commitment to our goals and aims.

Honors Faculty
- Dr. Rhonda Branch, Spanish
- Dr. Calvin Briggs, Mathematics
- Ms. Jo-Lynne Clayton, Nursing
- Ms. Rebecca Duncan, English & Literature
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Honors faculty receive honors training before teaching honors courses. The honors curriculum is specifically centered around problem-based learning techniques designed to equip, engage, and empower the 21st century student, in support of our QEP. Emphasis is placed on technology use, collaborative assignments, communication skills, and global connections through social media.
According to the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), one of the basic characteristics of a fully-developed Honors Program is "the honors program, in distinguishing itself from the rest of the institution, serves as a kind of laboratory within which faculty can try things they have always wanted to try but for which they could find no suitable outlet. When such efforts are demonstrated to be successful, they may well become institutionalized thereby raising the general level of education within the college or university for all students. In this connection, the honors curriculum should serve as a prototype for things that can work campus-wide in the future."

**Honors Course Highlight**

**Course:** HPS 103 (Honors) Foundation Competencies for Health Sciences  
**Instructor:** Jo-Lynne Clayton  
**Written by:** Ashley Chamblee | Sophomore | Nursing

Many pre-nursing students come to Lawson State with the hopes of graduating from its excellent Nursing program offered. The program is competitive and requires the use of a point system. LSCC has developed a class that adds an edge to its pre-nursing courses called, Foundation Competencies for Health Sciences, or HPS 103. This course is designed to take students one step further in their preparation of nursing school. It not only provides extra points but is extremely beneficial. I recently participated in the Spring 2015 course with Ms. Clayton. She is an above average instructor in all aspects.

The course truly prepares you for what is expected of a nursing student, not only in knowledge, but attitude as well. Our class learned quickly that deadlines are to be kept, and lateness is not acceptable in the nursing field. Ms. Clayton immediately jumped into lessons relating to blood pressure and the regulation of the heart. After coming out of my Anatomy classes, I assumed I already knew the answers. I realized, however, that I could not put my answers into layman's terms. We were taught how to truly understand the body and its many systems.

Throughout the course, we were worked on challenging projects that centered around blood pressure. Three groups worked together to set up a Blood Pressure Evaluation event. Nursing students came to evaluate our ability to consistently check blood pressure and pulse. Each group was assigned to either food, educational materials, or general set up of the event. Overall, it was a very informative day that taught us how to work in groups to get many tasks done.

Our next event brought us to the Career Fair at the Bessemer Civic Center. We had a booth set up to take blood pressures and hand out flyers to individuals attending the fair. Ms. Clayton was there to supervise us, but made it clear we were to do this alone. We had to call to reserve our booth, schedule our group members in shifts, and setup our area.

Lastly, our class gave Tegrity presentations on what we did throughout the course in relation to the projects above. I can honestly say it was one of my most valuable classes. My bookshelf holds six health-related books that I will certainly need during nursing school. Ms. Clayton also recommended that we purchase stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, a watch, and CPR certifications. These items would not seem necessary when we are not in nursing school yet, but again, she was teaching us another lesson. Don’t Procrastinate! I highly recommend HPS 103 to any student attempting to get into a nursing program. It taught me more than just book knowledge about nursing. I will take the skills that I learned on to become a Clayton nurse in the future.
A HISTORIC VISIT
FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

Lawson State Community College received a visit from POTUS himself on Thursday, March 26, 2015. The excitement was contagious on campus. Observing secret service search the campus was even exciting for some. Others seemed confused as to why the President chose Lawson State. Perhaps, it is because Lawson State is the Top 5 community college in the nation. Or, possibly because our President, Dr. Ward, is a Champion of Change. The questions mounted. Employees were giddy with anticipation, but the effect it will have on Lawson State students will be everlasting. Below are reflections from honors college students regarding this historic visit.

President Obama’s Visit—My Experience
By Jasmine Moore | Sophomore | Major: Mathematics and Psychology

I am a work-study student for the Public Relations Department, and I was there when the White House called the office. Ms. Caroline White, an assistant, answered the call, and we both sat in disbelief as the call continued. At that particular point, we did not know who the special guest would be. We were simply told it would be a senior personnel from the White House. When word began to spread that President Obama would possibly be speaking at Lawson, I was still in disbelief. I figured due to some sort of protocol or something more important, President Obama would not be there. Fortunately, I was wrong. I was blessed with the opportunity to serve as a White House Ambassador for the event. It was a joyous yet hectic environment. There were thousands of people trying to receive tickets and hundreds were pleading to be in the section I was over: floor level and lower level. I proudly stood as the director for the VIP personnel, disabled individuals, and military veterans. Once everyone was seated, Ms. Martha Lein, the acting White House Coordinator, escorted me and a few of the volunteers to a secret level of the building. From there, we were told we would be sitting behind the President. I was absolutely elated. Honestly, I was still in disbelief until he actually came out. I cried, I smiled, I laughed, I cheered, and I continue to thank God for allowing me to be a part of history. This was an experience that I will cherish for a lifetime. I not only got the chance to see a president, I was in the presence of the first African American President. His message that day was amazing, and I took away a great deal of knowledge. He spoke on stepping out on change and not waiting for someone of importance to make things happen. I am on the verge of making a lot of things happen, so I definitely needed to hear those words. I am honored to have served and watched our President and thank him.

Reflections from the President’s Visit
By Claire Emuron | Freshman | Major: Psychology

“Having the president (here) was very inspiring. He chose one of the smallest schools in a neighborhood that is not the wealthiest. He said anyone can be something if they put their mind to it. That was so encouraging to me because as a committed and hard working student, I know my work will pay off one day only if I don’t give up.”
The Honors College at Lawson State Community College (LSCC) seeks students who have an awareness of the plight of others and desire to make a difference through community service projects. The Honors College at LSCC has established partnerships with community organizations in the efforts to serve the community. Students also may endeavor to make an impact on-campus through numerous mentoring, tutoring, and teacher-assisting opportunities.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, the Honors College partnered with Better Basics to provide reading mentors for students at Tuggle Elementary School in Birmingham, Alabama. The goal of the Better Basics Reading Intervention Program is to help students reach their potential as successful readers.

Reading Mentors serve children who are identified by school staff as needing reading support but who do not meet the criteria for inclusion small group tutoring. Volunteer reading mentors are trained to provide engaging, one-on-one reading experiences with their readers with the goal of inspiring an enjoyment of, and an interest in, reading while ultimately enhancing their independent reading ability. The graphic “Cumulative Language Experiences” (on the right) was included during the training session for Better Basics. The data show the differences in reading ability among students based on economic background.

Honors college students who participated in the Better Basics program were the following: Ashlee Chamblee, Sonya Haines, Justin Bryant, Dinah Hollingshead, Shirlacia Gray, and Jasmine Moore.
For the second year in a row, the Honors College participated in the national day of giving back, the MLK Day of Service. Citizens from all 50 states unite on this day to serve the community. In Birmingham, HandsOn Birmingham sponsored the event and students from Lawson State Community College, Miles College, and UAB participated in the event.

The day begins with participants meeting at University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) recreational center where participants choose their preferred project site. Sites included Bessemer City Middle School, Fairfield Community Center, and Grace House. After lunch is served at UAB, volunteers disperse to their prospective sites. At the Brookside Boys & Girls Club, volunteers were tasked with wiping down and sanitizing the inside of the building and club van, organizing snack packs, and creating Valentine’s Day cards.
The Honors College and 2-PI STEM partnered up to provide an exceptional educational experience for students of Lawson State Community College. Following the Honors College Induction Ceremony and as a celebratory treat, students were “whisked away” on an expedition to the “Windy City” from April 24-27, 2015. The objective was to expose students to out-of-state institutions and diverse cultural experiences.

The trip was a success beginning with an exploration of University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to visiting the most popular sites in the city, such as the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower). The faculty and staff at UIC were very hospitable, even offering the group Starbucks coffee on a cold day for Alabamians and Chicago-style pizza during lunch. Additionally, their enthusiasm for recruiting students from Lawson State and their commitment to establishing relationships between the two institutions were appreciated.
Day 2: Exploring the City of Chicago

Activities were planned to explore the Windy city. Here is what the students had to say about their experiences in Chicago.

Randall King
“...having the opportunity to travel to a school in Chicago was an eye-opening experience. I was exposed to information that allowed me to explore different career avenues. In addition, I had the opportunity to network with individuals that may prove beneficial throughout my career.”

Mitchell McCreary
“This tour was great. We got to experience the life of a college kid in Chicago. The School of Engineering was very helpful. It helped me decide what my minor will be. I could’ve gone without the rain and cold, but overall it was pretty good.”

Terry McCollough
“The city tour was my favorite part of the whole trip. Learning about ...the agriculture and construction... is still unbelievable. What stuck out to me the most was how the Chicago river was reversed. It’s thrilling to know how they did it with the technology difference versus what we have today.”

Sonya Haines
“UIC was such an AMAZING experience! Being able to listen to the School of Engineering made me so excited to start my own research. Also, visiting the Honors College gave me so many ideas to bring to our Honors College. They were all so nice and helpful to us and did an amazing job accommodating our group!”

Jakyra Reynolds
“I really enjoyed myself in Chicago. At first, I was skeptical about going to Chicago, but when I got there, I was so amazed by everything I saw. All of the buildings were so tall and amazing. The people were mixed with different ethnicities, and the different restaurants offering different types of food were great! I enjoyed UIC because the campus was located in the heart of the city, and the people were so culturally diverse.”

Taylor Pruitt
“The tour of the city was the most interesting event of the trip. It was my first time on a boat, so that was fun. I also enjoyed the visit to the Hancock Tower and participating in “Tilt.” The skyline was beautiful. I was also glad to visit Navy Pier. The food was great, and I loved all the souvenir shops.”

Day 3: Making stops in Nashville, Tennessee

Several historically black colleges and universities are located in Nashville, Tennessee, namely Fisk University, Meharry Medical College, and Tennessee State University. A brief stop was made at Fisk University to walk on campus.
The University of Alabama hosted their very first transfer day. The Honors College would like to think we had something to do with it. We visited the campus on two separate occasions for the 2014-15 academic year. As a result, UA representatives seemed to recognize our efforts by awarding two of the Honors College students with transfer scholarships. Congratulations to Jasmine Moore and Shirlacia Gray who both received the Presidential Scholarship which covers full tuition. Below is an excerpt from Dinah Hollingshead, an Honors College Student, regarding her experience visiting the campus.

By: Dinah Hollingshead | Sophomore | Major: Criminal Justice

The University of Alabama is best known for its football team; however, it has more to offer for everyone. There are over 36,000 students that attend the University yearly with a variety of majors ranging from educational professions to engineering. Established in 1831, the University of Alabama was the first of its kind to offer higher education in the state of Alabama. The University covers 1,970 acres and has over 100 buildings full of knowledge and opportunities. On November 21, 2014, Lawson State’s Honors College and STEM students visited the University of Alabama exploring the depths and insights of all it had to offer. As an Honors College student, I have found the University of Alabama to be what I am looking for in an institution: sociable, creditable and honorable.

As the students arrived, we were all greeted with friendly smiles from the students and faculty. The campus gave off a historic vibe which was meaningful to me. As we met our tour guide and some of the staff, I began to feel like I was finally at home. Students on campus seemed so happy and in tune with their surroundings so much so that college life there seemed fantastic! In addition, observations suggest that students are so comfortable on campus that they can cross the road while never looking up! Furthermore, the University of Alabama holds an excellent learning environment that allows students to not only learn together but learn from each other.

The University of Alabama offers over 100 majors and is accredited. For example, my major is Criminal Justice and my goal is to work for the FBI which could allow me to be placed in Atlanta Georgia at the FBI headquarters. GPAs and extracurricular activities have also been known to play a major role in one’s success. I heard one faculty member explain that volunteer work and participation in clubs showcases one’s personality and contributes to experience and dedication. Furthermore, with hard work and commitment, the University has the ability to position students in his or her field of study through an internship. The University has proven to be a stepping stone to a successful career, opening opportunities that were once limited.

The University of Alabama holds a unique legacy. From Paul Bear Bryant to Dr. Shawanda Thomas, Alabama has empowered, equipped, and encouraged their students to strive for excellence. In addition, fulfilling dreams and reaching lifelong goals can be accomplished through Alabama no matter where one comes from. As a visitor to the campus, I have discovered that the university is a source of success. Moreover, the University is an honorable institution of learning.

In conclusion, the University of Alabama is an incredible institution and my first choice. Accepting of new faces and ideas, the university is diverse to the fullest. The university is creditable throughout the nation and proves to be a worthy choice while opening up job opportunities. Students from the University of Alabama seem to become the best that they can be. The University of Alabama has my main interest, and with their resources, I will also be the next legacy.
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
TRANSFER DAY

Friday, February 20, 2015

11:00-11:30 a.m. Welcome/Admissions

11:30 a.m. Information Presentations
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Honors
- Study Abroad
- Greek Life
- First Year Experience

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1:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch @ The Ferguson Center
- Big AL Photo Op!

2:00-2:30 p.m. Campus Tours

2:30-4:00 p.m. Departmental Advising Sessions

Corderryn Warren | Sophomore | Major: Biology

“I learned so very much from each session. It was like I was a sponge absorbing all of the information. All of the advisors, session mediators, and faculty were professional and well prepared yet fun and entertaining. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience and big thanks to all of the amazing people for their effervescent enthusiasm. Everything worked together to make UA a very desirable place to continue my education.”

Special Note

After UA’s Honors College presentation, Dinah Hollingshead applied to UA’s honors program and was accepted. She plans to attend UA beginning Spring 2016.

Left to right: Terry Wright, Corderryn Warren, and Jakyra Reynolds wait in anticipation for the opening session at UA’s Transfer Day.

In the Ferguson Center at UA. Left to right: Terry Wright, Dinah Hollingshead, Big AL, Jakyra Reynolds, and Corderryn Warren

Left to right: Terry Wright, Corderryn Warren, and Jakyra Reynolds wait in anticipation for the opening session at UA’s Transfer Day.

UA’s Honors Program representative talks about the many benefits of being in the honors program.

Advisors from the College of Arts and Sciences give advice to prospective students about possible career routes.
As the Honors College at LSCC has only been in existence for two years, we are proud of our student’s efforts to obtain awards, internships, and scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. Brittney Terry, an Honors College student, shares her experience at the 2015 Honors and Awards Day: “The scenery was amazing. The most memorable moment was when the representative from Birmingham Southern came and made history with a dear friend named Kwesi Butler. It inspired me. I saw first hand that history is made every single day, and all you have to do is stay positive, work hard, and believe.”

Congratulations to all recipients!

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Ms. Alice Gordon presented a very engaging talk on the effects of social media in today’s society with Honors College students on February 3, 2015.

Ms. Gordon is an award-winning former communications and media veteran, corporate manager for the electric and nuclear industry and supply chain leader turned business entrepreneur. She is the Executive Problem Solver of Skye Connect, Inc.

Ms. Gordon discussed various Web 2.0 technologies and how to utilize social media to one’s advantage. She created scenarios in which students collaborated in groups in order to resolve a particular conflict. This exercise allowed students to use their verbal and written skills.

She did such a great job that she was selected to speak again for upcoming Lawson State events. As such, Ms. Gordon was the keynote speaker for the 2015 Honors College Induction Ceremony on April 24, 2015 and did an absolutely outstanding job.
## 2015 Honors College Inductees

**Introducing the Beta Cohort!**

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<td>Always do your best, what you plant now you will harvest later.</td>
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<td>Just because you fail once, doesn’t mean you’re gonna fail at everything. Keep trying, hold on, and always, always, always believe in yourself, because if you don’t, then who will, Sweetie? – Marilyn Monroe</td>
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<td>Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. - Barack Obama</td>
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Brittney Terry’s passions include tutoring and singing. She sang a snippet of “Hero” by Mariah Carey at the 2015 Honors College Induction Ceremony.

Mayowa Otuada is from Nigeria and has an interest in the biomedical sciences. She maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Jakyra Reynolds is a criminal justice major who plans to work for the FBI someday.

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

One of the expectations of the LSCC Honors College is that our Honors College students transition successfully into the honors programs of 4-year institutions.

In the second year of our program, we have begun to accomplish that goal.

Congratulations to Dinah Hollingshead for applying and being accepted into The University of Alabama Honors College!

Dinah enjoying the view from the skydeck in Chicago

Dear Dinah,

We are delighted to accept you for membership into The University of Alabama Honors College! You will receive an official letter of acceptance within the next few weeks. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with our requirements, follow us on Twitter, and like us on Facebook.

As you prepare to begin your experience as an Honors student at UA, please let us know if we may assist you in any way. Feel free to contact us at 205.348.5500 or by email at honors@ua.edu.

Sincerely yours,

Shane Sharpe, Ph.D.
Dean, Honors College

**Student Highlight—Pillars of Excellence Award Winner — Sonya Haines**

Sonya Haines is an English/Language Arts education major at Lawson State Community College and works diligently to maintain her 4.0 grade point average. Sonya demonstrates strong leadership ability in and out of the classroom. She is the current President of the Honors College and was recently awarded the ASSIST scholarship. Sonya states, "My passion is teaching. I want to impact the world in a positive way by helping shape the kids who will be our future. My goal is to teach middle or high school students English. I feel too many people go into college not knowing how to write a paper or fill out a job application because they are not able to describe in words why they are qualified for a job. I feel as an English teacher I would be able to change this for hundreds of students. My plan is to receive my Associate’s Degree in the spring of 2016 and then transfer to UAB where I will graduate with my bachelor's degree. I then want to teach in Title I schools where the need is greater, where there are more kids who need encouragement and need someone to believe in them, where more than anything they need someone to care enough to push them and make them succeed, therefore changing the path of their life."
Join the HONORS COLLEGE at Lawson State!

Students must apply to Lawson State Community College and the Honors College in order to be considered for admission into the program. The program is open to first semester freshmen at Lawson State with no prior history of disciplinary issues. The admissions criteria are listed below.

**Eligibility:**
- 3.3/4.0 GPA
- 20 ACT score (comparable SAT/COMPASS scores accepted)
- Maximum of 1 developmental education placement only
- Student may take “accelerated” developmental education course(s) in summer bridge program
- Absolutely no history of disciplinary issues in high school or in college
- Active involvement in extracurricular activities
- Personal interview

*To apply online, access the application by going to www.lawsonstate.edu, click on “Quick Links” and then “Honors College.” Tip! If you are serious about joining the Honors College, you must follow through with all application requirements which include an essay, interview, and faculty recommendation.*

TO ALL STUDENTS (Not Just Honors College Members):
Did you know that you can take an Honors Class at LSCC? Honors classes are open to all students, not just students who are enrolled in the Honors College. Here is a list of some of our offerings:

- English Composition I & II
- World Literature I & II
- Biology I & II
- Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- General Microbiology
- Psychology
- Foundation Competencies (HPS)
- Intro to Inorganic Chemistry
- Western Civilization I & II
- Human Growth & Development
- Critical Reading
- Orientation
- Sociology
- PTK Honors Course
- Microcomputer Applications
- Intermediate Algebra
- Finite Mathematics
- Pre-Calculus
- Humanities
- Spanish

TO EVERYONE: Consider investing in the Honors College at Lawson State Community College and making a difference in the lives of students. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Mr. Weymon Holloway, Director of the Honors College, at 929-3454. Your contribution will help provide opportunities for our students to go on college field trips and other cultural excursions which will broaden their awareness and expose them to unique experiences in Birmingham and beyond.