Lawson State Community College is a comprehensive, multi-campus college, which seeks to provide educational opportunities, promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life for people in its service area. The College is dedicated to providing affordable and accessible learning opportunities in order to prepare students for employment or career advancement, enable students to transfer to senior colleges and universities, and provide customized training needs for business and industry.

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The Alabama Community College System
“This is not only a mirror to the past but a reflection upon the future.”
Lawson State Community College is a thriving, multi-campus college, committed to serving the educational needs of a diverse community. Lawson State recognizes the need for enlightened leadership and is dedicated to individual success and social responsibility.

The 2006-2007 year has seen tremendous growth and change. It is not only a mirror to the past but a reflection upon the future. Thanks to all - faculty, staff and supporters, during the past year, we have seen a steady rise in the enrollment, power and prestige of Lawson State Community College. Records show that the Alabama Center for Advanced Technology and Training which provides highly developed training in existing and emerging technologies; the premier Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence - featuring its partnerships with Ford, Toyota and General Motors; an enhanced health care program; educational, business and community partnerships; and our new Living and Learning Residential Facility have all contributed to our increased student enrollment and productivity.

These with other programs and activities, including our innovative curriculum, continued technology updates, upgraded campus facilities and capital projects afforded our students with various opportunities. The benefits of our college are many and will continue to inspire and empower our students for a lifetime.

I present the 2007 Annual Report that highlights our goals and accomplishments for the year. We at Lawson State, know that our record will be conveyed to future generations and will be the monument by which Lawson State is remembered. It shall be our earnest commitment to hold the course, and to carry the obligations placed upon our shoulders.

Perry W. Ward, Ph.D.
President
Institutional Goals and Accomplishments

Each year, the College establishes institutional goals that are realistic and measurable as the means to attaining its vision and mission. The Strategic Plan, the blueprint for assessment, addresses planning and evaluation guidelines used by each area of the college to determine progress. Key outcomes for the 2007 year are shared in this section and throughout the report. The report also includes accomplishments that are reflective of the post-merger consolidation efforts of T. A. Lawson State Community College and Bessemer State Technical College.

EXEMPLARY WORLD CLASS INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- Expanded the college transfer curricular offerings at the Bessemer Campus
- Expanded successfully the Registered Nursing program on the Bessemer campus
- Offered a parallel student experience so students can take a course, regardless of campus, and have similar experiences
- Reviewed and revised degree plans as needed
- Assigned faculty teaching responsibilities across the college on both campuses
- Prepared for the start of the evening RN program on the Bessemer Campus effective summer 2007
- Infused the use of the Blackboard Course Management Software throughout the curriculum with over 15 training sessions held for full and part-time faculty
- Increased faculty use of technology – Access Web Suite, Tegrity, Criterion Online Writing, “I Can Learn” mathematics system, My Math Lab, and My Reading Lab
- Recommended reaffirmation of accreditation for the Business and Information Technologies Department by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Program
- Worked through Career/Technical Education Department to build strong working relationships with the following local school systems — Bessemer, Birmingham, Fairfield, Hoover, Jefferson County, and Shelby County
- Named one of the top ten programs in the nation for 2007 - Toyota T-TEN (Toyota-Technician Training and Education Network) The honor was given by Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.
- Became an authorized, 2007-Ready Autodesk Training Center, authorized to deliver hands-on, instructor-led training to design professionals who use Autodesk software
- Worked with Alabama Industrial Developmental Training Program to get over $1 million in new equipment for the machine tool program. The laboratory equipment included two Hass Mini Mills, two Hass SL 10 Turning Centers, and a Hass Control Simulator for classroom training and/or on-site control demonstrations
- Awarded a two-year grant by The National Science Foundation to equip an automated manufacturing lab and develop an industrial systems maintenance curriculum
- Designed and implemented the Pre-Engineering Academy for students interested in learning how engineers visualize, design and create objects
- Received funds from Community Foundation of Birmingham to purchase SolidWorks, a software package which employs project-based learning to stimulate and challenge thinking
- Obtained a Rapid Prototyping and Additive Manufacturing Lab with 3D printer and computer design software
- Unified selection criteria and acquisition of materials in Library and Learning Resources
- Merged data collection procedures and the addition of new electronic resources in LRC

COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION

Admissions/Records

- Implemented and integrated a document imaging system in conjunction with the college’s student information system (ACCESS)
Strategic Planning

- Increased utilization of pre-registration and other processes/functions available through the college’s web-based student information system
- Updated the Admissions Office Operations Manual including the extensive reference library
- Provided personnel in Admissions and Records ACCESS training and Degree Plan Management

Counseling and Assessment Services

- Modified and updated the current assessment rooms to include new computers, projection equipment, etc. to create multi-purpose facilities in order to cross-utilize these areas as computer labs for student use, training labs for staff, meeting spaces, etc.
- Continued implementation of a schedule for on-going COMPASS testing on the Birmingham campus which has lead to enhanced, more efficient student advising and increased the number of students pre-registering each term.
- Evaluated and identified protocols for direct importation of COMPASS score report data into the ACCESS system in conjunction with the admissions office
- Increased the number of testing sessions for GED, CPAT, CAAP, and Work Keys on the Birmingham campus; will begin administering the CAAP on the Bessemer campus as soon as appropriate approval is received; two additional Student Services staff members were certified to administer GED
- Continued implementation of the modified new student orientation (PSY 100) curriculum to integrate technology usage, student responsibility/decision making, and empowerment for student success; piloted teaching PSY 100 on the mini-term schedule
- Worked to enhance the academic advising and registration process in order to ensure appropriate course placement and advising; assisted the instructional services division with the “Help Desk” during peak registration periods; worked collaboratively with the instructional division to propose a comprehensive Student Advising Center. These were done in collaboration with the instructional division.

Student Financial Services

- Reviewed and monitored scholarship criteria as appropriate to comply with SBE scholarship guidelines.
- Conducted a very successful financial aid initiative/partnership with Birmingham City Schools whereby LSCC personnel provided all seniors with financial aid information and assistance with completing the FAFSA. This project was an outgrowth of the Birmingham City School’s Winner Fest program. During this program LSCC hosted approximately 1400 senior students as well as high school counselors on campus over a two-day period.

Student Recruiting

- Developed and continued to implement and modify as needed a recruiting plan/calendar outlining major recruitment strategies and activities
- Hosted the Annual Counselor’s Day Informational Workshop and Luncheon. This was a joint activity of the Recruiting and Counseling Services Department Student Life
- Celebrated grand opening of the Living and Learning Residential Facility
- Included health seminars, the Honors Program, Installation of Student Government Officers, the Coronation for Miss Lawson State, a Black History Program, L-Week activities, Inductions for Honor Societies and Graduation on the activities calendar. Two major events were sponsored by the Career Services area and included Career Days on both campuses and College Transfer Day.

INTEGRATED INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Customized the e-mail system
- Expanded the sharing of information based on Internet functions
- Implemented the VoIP telephone system on both campuses
- Assisted with the expansion of the use of Tegrity and Blackboard course management software
• Assisted with the implementation of technology for new buildings on campus
• Implemented imaging system for security of desktops and laptops on both campuses.

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**
• Unified Student Support functions, such as cashiers, bookstores and cafeterias and maintained synchronized hours of operations on both campuses
• Trained staff and budget managers to use the ACCESS System
• Maintained regular mail service between the campuses facilitated by the Campus Police Department
• See Financial Summary, page 16

**EXPANDED FACILITIES AND SERVICES**
• Celebrated grand opening of the Living and Learning Residential Facility
• Provided numerous activities to housing residents through direct involvement with the Student Government Association, Leadership Conferences with other state community colleges, through town hall meetings, intramural sports and other social activities
• Held Honeywell training for IAQ & Zoning for HVAC
• Renovated computer labs, LRC offices, and college bookstore
• Completed robotics lab area on Bessemer Campus
• Continued the upgrade of wiring and switches on both campuses
• Hired additional safety and security personnel
• Eliminated contracted security measures
• Integrated safety and security measures for a residential campus
• Upgraded security monitoring system

**ENHANCED FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
• Increased degree attainment - bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees
• Provided governance to faculty and staff through participation in standing committees
• Presented variety of professional development training sessions focusing on evaluation

**MODEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC TRAINING**
• Opened Geographic Information System Program, a certificate program to offer seminars and specialty training for business and municipalities
• Partnered with Alabama Power Company to provide a teaching program designed to assist prospective job candidates in obtaining the skills necessary to be successful on Alabama Power Company’s pre-employment assessments.
• Provided fleet training to the cities of Hoover, Birmingham, Auburn, Huntsville, Gadsden and Vestavia Hills
• Hosted numerous community activities in the Perry W. Ward Technology Building, designed to facilitate the development and implementation of advanced technologies and applications to impact workforce and economic development
• Sponsored a Tri-City Convocation for approximately 800 personnel from the school systems of Bessemer, Birmingham, and Midfield

**COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**
Hosted Birmingham City Schools visit of approximately 1500 students. The guest lecturer was noted playwright Nikki Giovanni.
• Hosted the Annual Pastor’s Scholarship Banquet with over 100 ministers in attendance
• Implemented the Computer Technology Seminars, a series of 20 intensive workshops, for the neighborhood and community
• Resumed the Beautification Program Phase II, a collaborative effort between the college and community to upgrade the appearance in our southwestern community and to enhance the safety and well-being for our school-aged children in the immediate vicinity
• Coordinated the Western Quarterly Forum breakfast meetings, informational sessions for the residents, business and government in the Western corridor
LAWSON STATE’S TOYOTA T-TEN PROGRAM RANKS IN NATION’S TOP 10

Lawson State Community College’s Toyota T-TEN program was named one of the top ten programs in the nation for 2007. The college was notified of the honor by Ms. Lorena Boughton, Southern Area Manager, Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. “The Toyota T-TEN Recognition Award was established to honor the highest performing T-TEN programs in the U.S.,” said Boughton.

To achieve this honor, Toyota – Technician Training and Education Network (T-TEN) programs must adhere to numerous guidelines and policies in the implementation of the T-TEN training module. Each program was judged on graduate objectives; placements at Toyota dealerships; instructor and program certifications and compliance with Toyota training requirements.

Ms. Boughton and other top Toyota officials were present at Lawson State’s Recognition Award Dinner for the T-TEN Program. “There are 55 programs in the nation. The Top Ten is really an elite group and to be considered you must have an excellent program,” said Boughton. “This whole program is about relationships. Objectives have to be met, including serving the dealer, meeting the needs of the technician and keeping the customers happy.”

The evening’s speaker, Bruce Limbaugh, dealer owner of Limbaugh Toyota, commended Lawson State on this excellent accomplishment. His remarks also focused on excellence and continuous improvement. “Having a clearly defined vision of excellence is very important. The quest for excellence comes a little at a time and never ends,” he said.

Lawson State President, Dr. Perry W. Ward stated, “There is no other program like this in the state of Alabama. In this partnership, we were looking for a true franchise player and seeking to make a difference in our community and in this state. A goal of our program has been to exemplify teamwork and togetherness, and that we have accomplished.”

Nationally, Lawson State was honored in Dallas, Texas when Keith Littleton, the college’s T-TEN instructor, was recognized for the program’s achievements. Mr. Littleton is an ASE certified, factory-trained automotive professional.

Toyota established T-TEN in 1986, collaborating with educational leaders and Toyota dealers. The innovative program has allowed more than 3,500 students to take advantage of T-TEN through the auspices of 55 hand picked vocational and community colleges nationwide. Lawson State’s T-TEN program accepted its first students in the fall of 1992.

The T-TEN program at Lawson State is part of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence, housed on the college’s Bessemer campus. The Center provides technician training for three manufacturers – Toyota, General Motors, and Ford. Also associated with the Center are programs for high school automotive students, collision repair, and medium and heavy truck technology. Lawson State Community College educates more automotive and truck technicians each year than any other institution in the state. All courses are certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and taught by ASE certified instructors.
NEW SYSTEM CHANCELLOR BYRNE VISITS LAWSON STATE

Alabama College System Chancellor Bradley Byrne hit the ground running fast - learning the intricate details of the Department of Postsecondary Education while completing the ambitious self-imposed task of visiting the system’s colleges and industrial training units within a short period of time.

As part of his strategic plan, Chancellor Byrne visited Lawson State Community College representing the 19th trip on a state-wide tour of sharing his vision, goals and expectations for the Alabama College System. “It’s good for me to learn about our colleges, but it is also important for me to know about us, so that I can deliver a message to our community, leaders and to our students and faculty and staff about where we are in our system and where we are headed,” said Byrne.

Key to accomplishing this delivery system is a three-part mission plan for the Alabama College System that Byrne addressed. “We have to be focused like a laser on our mission. Our mission is academic transfer courses, adult education and workforce development,” said Byrne. “If we deliver on that three-part mission, we’ll be able to get more business and industry here and continue to change those lives and generations of other lives.”

The Alabama College System and Lawson State have already impacted workforce development in the community. “Workforce development is very important to the business community for trained workers, therefore we rely heavily on Dr. Ward and Lawson State for assistance,” said Ronnie Acker, President of the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce.

STATE DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION LEADERS GATHER AT LAWSON

Educators from Alabama’s two-year colleges met for a second Developmental Education Summit this April at Lawson State Community College in the Perry W. Ward Advanced Technology Building. This Summit devoted part of the day to the examination of successes and challenges facing developmental educators in the Alabama College System. Both Summits, the first was in 2005, have been planned by the Developmental Advisory Committee which is comprised of developmental educators and administrators from colleges throughout the state.

Each college in the Alabama College System sent one instructor each in math, English, and reading, and an administrator responsible for developmental education. Guest lecturer, Dr. Jim Witte of Auburn University, spoke about adult learners; and engage with a faculty panel that will discuss the challenges and benefits of using self-paced, computerized software in the classroom setting. Participants were also updated on statewide developmental education research and projects and address some of the System’s best practices.
RADIO/TV STUDENTS COMPETE ON WORLDWIDE STAGE

Students of the Radio and TV program, Claudius Washington and Jon Whatley, had their short documentaries chosen as official selections at the 2007 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival.

Washington, a current student in the Radio & TV department at Lawson State and former RTV student, Jon Whatley, were accepted to the 2007 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival and screened their work at the Festival in September. Cladius’ documentary project was Struggles of Independent Artists and included an interview with Lawson State alumnus and recording artist Marlon Spears; and Jon’s documentary was called The Carver Theatre and the Black Experience.

This was the first time Lawson State students had been accepted to the Festival. Every year over 800 entries are submitted from all over the world and less than 100 are chosen to screen and compete. Sidewalk’s average attendance is over 10,000 and filmmakers from all over the country attend the Festival.

LAWSON STATE HOLDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TRI-CITY AREA

Lawson State Community College, as it continues to offer workforce skills and training programs, held professional development in a Tri-City Convocation for personnel from the school systems of Bessemer, Fairfield and Midfield. The Tri-City Convocation, sponsored by Lawson State’s Workforce Development and Gear-Up Project (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), was presented for the superintendents, administrators and instructors in the systems. Approximately 800 persons attended the seminar offering relative instruction and training.

Adhering to the theme of providing extended opportunities through cooperation, collaboration and communication, the Tri-City Convocation also addressed components of college readiness, including academic achievement, educational aspirations, and college awareness.

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW ADMINISTRATIVE RETREAT 2007

Left to right: Dr. Sherri Davis, Dr. Alice Milton, Dr. Myrtes Green, Sharon Crews, Tammi Turner, Dr. Shelia Marable

Second Row: Dr. Bruce Crawford, Sandra Henderson, Dr. Cynthia Anthony, Dr. Karl Pruitt, Dr. Randy Glaze, Mrs. Vergie Spears, Eleanor Pitts, Cassandra Byrd Matthews

Third Row: Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Donald Sledge, Dr. Charles Murray, Chad Yancy, Walter Williams, Craig Lawrence, Darren Allen. President Perry Ward

Behind cameras: Geri Albright, Nick Shields
IAAP CHAPTER PREVAILS IN FIRST PLACE OVER-ALL FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

MEADS WINS SEVERAL AWARDS

As a member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals Student Chapter, Shannon Meads was accompanied by Yolande Gardner CPS/CAP, Business and Information Technologies Instructor to the 2007 IAAP 3rd Annual Alabama Division Professional Education Student Conference. This is the third year that Lawson State—Bessemer Campus IAAP Student Chapter has won first place overall. Shannon, a Lawson State Ambassador, received the Outstanding Student Member Award, Certified Professional Secretary Preview Test Achievement Award, Administrative Skills Achievement Award, Computer Skills Achievement Award, as well as the $300 Scholarship Award. The competition was followed by a day and a half of workshops and networking.

AUTODESK® AUTHORIZED TRAINING CENTER SERVES SOUTHEAST

Autodesk and the Corporate Services Division of Lawson State Community College have created a partnership to provide seminars and classes on the latest computer aided design software.

As an authorized, 2007-Ready Autodesk Training Center (ATC®) the college offered classes on all Autodesk software. In order to achieve ATC status, Lawson State completed an extensive certification process. Autodesk, the worldwide, industry standard for computerized drafting and design, authorized the college to deliver hands-on, instructor-led training to design professionals using Autodesk software. The college is also recognized by Autodesk for its rigorous standards of excellence and is a 2007-Ready ATC®. “Being 2007-Ready means the center is up-to-date on the latest and greatest design technology and that it demonstrates superior product knowledge and shows that it has made state-of-the-art technology its highest priority,” explained Mr. Donnell Perry, an Autodesk instructor.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) PROGRAM OPENS

GIS helps companies and governments look for patterns in both the man-made and natural realms so they can better understand the world. This new technology in mapping is booming and Lawson State offers a program for both traditional students and employees needing to update or learn new skills.

The Geographic Information System takes the numbers and words from the rows and columns in databases and spreadsheets and places them on maps. This process highlights characteristics such as the location of new customers, where environmental degradation is occurring, the identification of roads and water systems needing repairs, and identifies ways to increase farm production and manage land more efficiently. Mapping geologic features and ground temperatures can assist exploration.
geologists look for minerals, gas, oil, and other materials underground. If companies can identify patterns of likely locations, they save money and reduce the environmental impact of drilling.

There is a quick certificate for students seeking college credit and the Corporate Services Division offers seminars and specialty training for businesses and municipalities.

**LAWSON STATE SETS STATE RECORD FOR CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAMS**

The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) has certified two additional programs at Lawson State Community College. The programs are Automotive Technology and Medium and Heavy Truck Technician. Both programs are part of the College’s Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence. These certifications bring Lawson State’s total number of certified programs to five. The other programs are Ford ASSET, General Motors ASEP and Toyota T-Ten, recently ranked as one of Toyota’s Top Ten Programs in the nation. “We are the only two-year college in the state to achieve this number of certifications,” explained Tom Berryman, Director of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence. “In fact, there are only four other certified postsecondary programs in Alabama,” he added.

**COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS OFFERED TO COMMUNITY**

A series of technology workshops were offered by the college in June and October for residents interested in learning or updating computer skills. The workshops, all free and designed for the community, addressed application and provided a “hands-on-experience.” Topics included computer information systems, Internet and e-mail, PowerPoint, desktop publishing, the digital camera and business finance, all instructed by instructors in the “They (workshops) were great. I learned a lot and need to learn more. I hope you will continue to have computer workshops,” said Doris Young, a participant in all nine sessions.

**ANNUAL IAAP MEETING HELD AT LAWSON STATE**

Annual IAAP Meeting Held at Lawson State Lawson State Community College was the host site for the 55th Annual Alabama Division meeting this June of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). Approximately 75 participants from various chapters around the state were in attendance for the three-day weekend event. In addition to the workshops and business sessions, other activities included the Administrative Professional of the Year Award on Friday evening, Saturday’s Recognition Luncheon and Installation and Awards Banquet, and a Leadership Advance Workshop on Sunday.

“Many participants commented that this meeting was full of applicable information,” said Claudia Burgin, a co-coordinator for the event. “I feel very honored that the Birmingham Division leadership selected Lawson State as the host site.”

**GAKUMO SELECTED FOR STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Kappa Beta Delta has selected the 2007 recipient of the Andrew V. Stevenson Merit Scholarship. Charles Gakumo, a member of Kappa Beta Delta,
received the $1,000 scholarship from funds donated to honor the memory of Andrew Stevenson. Gakumo was born in East Africa and currently resides in Birmingham. He is fluent in five languages: Kikuyu, Swahili, English, Luo, and Spanish. Since enrolling at Lawson, he has been active in other student organizations, including Future Business Leaders of America (Phi Beta Lambda) and the Affiliation of Kenyan Students at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. His personal goals include eventually receiving a Master’s degree with a major in finance.

Andrew Stevenson served as Associate Director of Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), working closely with associate degree schools until his death. He was instrumental in creating Kappa Beta Delta, an honor society for business programs which have ACBSP accreditation.

GROSS WINS ASIST AWARD

Alethia Gross was the top winner in the Executive Women International - ASIST scholarship competition. She received $4,000 in the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program. Out of 27 candidates, Lawson State had three students in the top ten finalist category. “Ms. Gross has a true overcoming adversity story and can be a role model for anyone,” said Mrs. Sharon Williams, Assistant Director of Financial Services. “Her goal is to complete the Nursing program, open a shelter, and work with homeless children.”

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AWARDS
GRANT FOR AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING

Lawson State Community College received a two-year National Science Foundation Grant to equip an automated manufacturing lab and develop industrial systems maintenance curriculum. The new lab contains a modular production line designed for high-tech training utilizing practical, real-world programs. The system provides the perfect platform for analyzing and troubleshooting the interaction between mechanical, pneumatic, electrical, control, and communications. The production line can reproduce most tasks found in today’s complex manufacturing. In addition to the production line, the college equipped a 15 station real-time simulation lab to enhance hands-on experiences.

THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Exceptional Athletics

- 4 All-Conference Women’s Basketball Players (2 First Team, Second-Team)
- 3 NJCAA Women’s Basketball Players of the Week (Monika Hilson (2) and Kendra Harris (1))
- 3 ACCC Tournament Appearances (Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, Volleyball)
- 9 Athletes have signed scholarships to 4 year universities
- First ever Women’s Basketball National Ranking
Honors, Awards and Recognitions

Hank Wade, Drafting and Design instructor, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC). He is a a Lawson State Community College. NCATC continues to increase the national awareness of the most current and emerging technology, processes, and equipment through its strategic alliance membership with corporations.

Stephen Walker, Art instructor, was selected by the Cotton Club Museum & Cultural Center to exhibit in the competitive fine arts area at the 1st Annual Juneteenth Festival & Juried Art Show (JFest) in Lincoln Park in Gainesville, Florida. Stephen Walker and Sharon Brazille, art student, placed for paintings submitted in the Chancellor’s Art Exhibition. Walker was awarded for Still Life with Duck, in the employee category and Brazille for All Nations Must Serve, in the student competition.

President Perry W. Ward was appointed to the 15 member Red Mountain Park Commission, a state agency created by state of Alabama. The Commission members, selected by 8 appointing agencies, will administer the proposed Red Mountain Park and Greenway Project, a 1,108-acre Red Mountain Park that will make Birmingham one of the leading cites in the country in total acreage set aside for hiking and green space activities.

Rachel Morgan, Radio and TV instructor, was chosen as a co-programming director for The Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, that receives entries from all over the world and attracts filmmakers from throughout the country.

Mark Whigham, Computer Science instructor, received the Microsoft Certified Professional Certification. He was profiled in the following Marquis Who's Who Publications: Who’s Who in America, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, and Who's Who in American Education.

Craig D. Lawrence, Director of Financial Services, was selected to attend the Postsecondary Education Emerging Scholars Pre-conference of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting. Lawrence’s name was placed in a candidate pool by two professors at the University of Alabama and then selected to one of 40 slots out of 75 nominees to the pool.”

English and reading instructor Tineka Peoples passed her National Boards for teaching.

Margaret Robinson, Computer Science instructor, received the Ph.D. in Instructional Technology from the University of Alabama. She also became a certified IC3 instructor.

Kristie R. Rankin, Coordinator of Career Services, received the Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. Her dissertation: Perceptions of Institutional Chief Executive Officers and Chief Academic Officers of Community Colleges Regarding Issues, Problems, and Challenges Related to Economic and Community Development.

Katrina Dudley, College Recruiter, and Lori Chisem, Registrar, received the Master of Science in Education from Alabama A & M University.

Jose’ Alvarado, Recruiter, received the Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from the University of Montevallo.

Lorenza Thomas, Interim Director of One-Stop Career Center, received the “Oscar of Awards” for community service from the Fairfield Army Recruiting Station. He also received the Outreach Education Program Award for 2006-2007 from Phillips Pre-K Program; and as a leader in community service, he was chosen by the United States Army to participate in its Educational Tour at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Class of 2007 Chancellor’s Awards representatives were: Dr. Sherri Davis, Academic Dean: Administrator nominee; Chad Yancy, Assistant Director of Facilities: Staff nominee; Shelly Millender, Educational Enrichment instructor: Academic Faculty nominee; and Donnell Perry, Drafting and Design instructor: Technical Faculty nominee.

Several faculty and staff members served as presenters for the Alabama College System (ACS) Conference in November. Presenters included: Geri H. Albright, Director of Public Relations and Community Affairs; Elijah Anthony, Student Support Services Director; Chantae
Calhoun, Biology instructor; Kesha James, Business Technologies instructor; Brian Moore, ACR instructor; Rachel Morgan, Radio and TV instructor; Margaret Robinson, Computer Science instructor, and Calvin Briggs, Mathematics instructor; and Mark Whigham, Computer Science instructor.

Special meetings representative/facilitators for the ACA Conference were: Dr. Bruce Crawford, Vice President for Instructional Services; Dr. Cynthia Anthony, Dean of Students and Charlsie Cook, Dean of Student Life; Gwen Ekundayo, Director of Adult Education; Sandra Henderson, Director of Learning Resource Center; Dr. Charles Murray, Associate Dean, Career Technologies; and Walter Williams, Chief of Safety and Security

ACA Executive Board Members: Geri Albright, Dr. Cynthia Anthony and Regina Doriety, Administrative Assistant to the President

Dr. Bruce Crawford was president of the Instructional Officers’ Association and Dr. Perry W. Ward served as president of the President’s Association.

Gwen Ekundayo, Director of Adult Education, was the keynote speaker at Grambling State University for its High School Day and was presented the Clayton A. Wiley Engineering Award. She also represented the college as a presenter at the National Literacy Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Zantae Evans was crowned Miss Lawson State by President Perry W. Ward during the 2007 Coronation activities. Excitement, scholarship, gifts, and all the glamour and fanfare befitting a queen were present and awaiting the newly crowned Miss Lawson State.

Ms. Evans, the daughter of Ms. Tracy Evans, is a sophomore enrolled in the Nursing program of study. After graduation, she plans to obtain a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Her professional goal is to become a pediatric nurse and seek employment by Children’s Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. During her limited spare time, she serves as an Ambassador, Secretary of the Student Government Association and student assistant in the Office of Financial Aid. She has a variety of hobbies including reading novels, participating in creative and praise dancing and with youth activities at Sixth Avenue Beulah Baptist Church in Bessemer.

The first runner-up to Miss Lawson State was Tawanda S. Phillips and the second runner-up was Deborah Michelle Tolbert. Phillips, who is a social work major, plans to pursue bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Jacksonville University. Her ultimate goal is to earn a doctorate in Social Work. Tolbert is a business administration and management major, who after completion of a bachelor’s degree in business administration and management, plans to open a plus-size designer and alterations shop.

The Pageant’s Master of Ceremony, Mr. Darren C. Allen, and Mistress of Ceremony, Mrs. Kesha James, also recognized the departmental queens.
REVENUES

- State Appropriations: $17,157,572
- Federal Grants & Contracts: 12,004,640
- Student Tuition & Fees: 2,604,194
- Auxiliary: 1,194,479
- State, Local & Non-Governmental Grants & Contracts: 439,263
- Sales & Services: 399,108
- Other: 1,131,153

TOTAL: $34,817,437

EXPENDITURES

- Instruction: $12,362,337
- Institutional Support: 5,172,061
- Student Services: 3,484,286
- Plant Operations and Maintenance: 3,676,669
- Academic Support: 2,532,850
- Auxiliary Enterprises: 2,502,069
- Student Financial Aid: 2,081,976
- Depreciation: 1,111,402
- Non Operating: 1,106,775

TOTAL: $34,030,425
Lawson State Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, telephone 404-679-4500, Web site: www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation of Lawson State Community College.

It is the policy of the Alabama State Board of Education and Lawson State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity, or employment.
GRANTS
OCTOBER 1, 2006 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Alabama Student Assistance $ 31,000
College Work-Study (CWS) 249,714
Pell Grant 6,817,000
SEOG 75,987
Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students 31,057
Federal Vocational Education (Perkins) Basic 458,011
Neglected and Delinquent Grant – Correctional 48,950
Title III, Part-B HBCU Program 2,340,311
Adult Education 1,129,276
Adult Education (JOBS) 144,690
Adult Education & Skills Training Program 14,400
ESL-BI-Lingual Second Language-Outreach Program 15,000
GEAR-UP 511,920
Low-Income Clinic 25,000
Tech Prep Projects (Perkins) 12,000
Housing and Urban Development Grant (HUD) 550,000
Upward Bound Program (TRIO) 329,329
Upward Bound Math & Science Program (TRIO) 222,916
Student Support Services (TRIO) 536,120
Bridges to Baccalaureate UAB/Lawson/Jefferson State 29,760
STEP-UP in STEM 271,188
Leadership and Educational Scholarship Initiative 17,000
Community Foundation of Birmingham 6,000
Targeted Infusion Grant: Advanced Technologies Laboratory 149,518

Total $ 14,016,147

STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORT

Total Enrollment ................................................................. 7,376
Credit .................................................................................. 3,035
Non-Credit ........................................................................ 4,341
Black .................................................................................. 72%
White ............................................................................... 18%
Hispanic ............................................................................ 1%
Other ............................................................................... 9%
Male ............................................................................... 49%
Female .......................................................................... 51%

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