

Lawson State
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Workforce
Development**

NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Lawson State Workforce Development (LSWD) participated in the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix event hosted at Barber Motorsport on April 26th–28th. LSWD brought the Commercial Driver Simulator for students and adults to experience driving an 18-wheeler. The simulator was so well received that Audrey Webb, Project Director for ALAMAP at the Alabama Community College Systems (ACCS), has invited LSWD to return to next year's event.

On April 25th Kimekia Holifield, CRA Loan Officer at First Horizon Bank, presented valuable homebuyer information at the Lawson State Community College's Center for Community Development! She discussed the preliminary preparation required to purchase a home, and how credit status/history, employment, and student loan debt can impact the homebuying process. Attendants were also provided with additional information about programs that can assist potential buyers.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

On April 30th, Brighton Elementary School hosted a career day. Workforce Development Specialist, Tanisha Rankins provided students an experience in the day of a life of a medication aide technician. Students practiced reading charts with imaginary patients and identified the proper dosage for medicine.



WIOA

As of June 30 the most recent WIOA-approved program are as follows:

**Medical Radiologic
Technology/Technician**

**Automotive Service Specialties:
Ford ASSET
GM ASEP
Toyota T-Ten
Mercedes**

Lineworker - Preapprenticeship



SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

11th and 12th grade students at Mortimer Jordan High School participated in a Skid Steer Training on May 13-14.

This free training was developed through the Alabama Community College System's Skills for Success program. The students learned equipment applications, attachments, operating controls, preventive maintenance requirements, and basic operating techniques through online, self-paced coursework and hands-on lab training.



Buffalo Rock enlists the support of Lawson State's Workforce Development Specialist, Joshua Caton, to coordinate Class A CDL training for six of their employees on May 13 - May 24th.

The students practiced safely maintaining and maneuvering trucks into traffic, loading or unloading positions, and in and out of parking spaces. Additionally, they learned to apply the necessary protocol to transport various types of goods and materials, demonstrated how to operate important equipment, including truck cab computers, CB radios, and tools for basic maintenance conditions.



SKILLS FOR SUCCESS (CONTINUED)

On June 14, 2024, Lawson State partnered with Morrow Railroad Builders to provide asphalt roller training to their employees.

The students received hands-on roller operation, learning the basics of asphalt compaction. Additionally, they learned how to safely operate an asphalt roller machine, perform routine maintenance and service, diagnose engines, troubleshoot problems, and understand electrical systems and hydraulics.



CICT GRANT

Workforce Development Specialist, Joshua Caton, hosted a free Blueprint Reading and Procore training class for 10 students. The training was funded by the Alabama Construction Industry Craft Training Board (CICT).

The CICT provides grant opportunities for craft training programs within the commercial construction industry. Their mission is to support training programs in building a qualified workforce to meet the growing demand for skilled craftsmen and commercial construction workers in Alabama.



LINE WORKER PROGRAM



Summer 2024 Lineworker Graduates

*William Allison
Cole Edwards
Dylan Guyton
Daniel Ingram
Correll Jones
Jeffery Quick*

On June 10, 2024, Lawson State Community College held a graduation and reception for the most recent students who completed the Line Workers Training Program. The Lawson State Line Worker Program is a Fast-Track program consisting of 10 weeks of full-time training. The graduating students earned their OSHA 10 cards, CPR certification, CDL license, Fiber Optics Certificate, and 300+ hours of hands-on Line Worker Training. This program, in partnership with Alabama Power and other utility companies, offers students an opportunity to begin an exciting career with great pay.



ADULT EDUCATION



The Adult Education Program at Lawson State Community College recently celebrated the completion of its second ACE/MAPS Cohort in partnership with Renew Birmingham's Ready to Work Initiative. This collaboration, which includes the Birmingham Housing Authority, the City of Birmingham, Onin Staffing, and Renew Birmingham, highlights the community's dedication to workforce development. The five-week program, taught by Lawson State Adult Education Instructor Dr. Ylonda Gray, focused on equipping students with essential soft skills through Alabama Career Essentials (ACE) and introducing them to various industry clusters via Mobilizing Alabama Pathways (MAPS). Mr. Ricky Lee was the instructor for the first cohort, and he was instrumental in the implementation of the second cohort.

The program culminates in a 'Signing Day,' a ceremony that signifies the successful transition of students into the workforce. This year, the Adult Education Program proudly announced that all 15 participants who started the program successfully completed it and were offered employment. This 100% job placement rate is a testament to the effectiveness of the program and the dedication of everyone involved.

ADULT EDUCATION



Seth McCoy, a 2024 graduate of Lawson State Community College, attributes his success to the support and guidance he received from the Adult Ed program, which he began in 2020 after a tornado struck his home in Chattanooga, Tennessee and he relocated to Alabama for a fresh start.

Determined to continue his education, Seth immediately enrolled in the Computer Science Department at Lawson State Community College. His hard work and dedication paid off, as he graduated with an impressive 4.0 GPA. Seth's academic excellence and commitment to his studies earned him a place on the All Alabama Academic Team, a prestigious recognition of his outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements.

Seth's journey does not end with his graduation from Lawson State. His exceptional performance earned him the UAB Presidential Scholarship, and he will be enrolling at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the fall to pursue further studies.

ADULT EDUCATION

National Adult Education Honor Society

The mission of the National Adult Education Honor Society is to provide meaningful recognition to deserving adult education students, to improve student employment opportunities, to develop student ambassadors for local adult education programs and to create adult education awareness with school administrators and state legislators.

District 1

Jacie Prestage
Bevill State

District 2

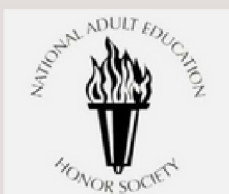
Dylan Resson
Amanda McKinney
Northeast Alabama

District 3

Dominique Carpenter
Lawson State

District 7

Courtney Minchew
Allison Ramirez
Coastal Alabama



Dominique Carpenter was selected into the first cohort of the National Honor Society for Adult Education for ALAPCAE. This notable achievement highlights the exceptional dedication and hard work demonstrated by Ms. Carpenter.

This accomplishment was made possible by the recommendation from her instructor, Terence Tubbs. Dominique was inducted on Friday, June 28, 2024 at the closing ceremony of the 2024 Adult Education Summer Conference.

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