

THE SAINTS EXPRESS

The Employee Newsletter of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College

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DAY of GIVING *This year, help us*

FUND the BUS

Make your donation before midnight

MARCH 4, 2019

to help us reach the \$140,000 goal!

LBWCCF's inaugural 'Day of Giving' is March 4

The Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Foundation is holding an inaugural "Day of Giving" on March 4, 2019, with a goal of raising \$140,000 for a 35-seat bus to transport LBWCC students to athletic and skills competitions, leadership development

events, and cultural enrichment opportunities.

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– Wayne Bennett, LBWCC Foundation President

nett. "This inaugural event is the Foundation's only spring fundraiser to help support the needs of students."

This one day of giving will shape student experiences at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, he said.

"Donations to the LBWCC Foundation are critical investments that enhance the ability of the College to provide the very best educational opportunities possible," said Bennett. "This will benefit all students at LBWCC with the combined support of alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends. This year, there

"Funds received through midnight on March 4 will count toward meeting the goal," said LBWCC Foundation President Wayne Ben-

is the option to direct a gift to impact students and fund the bus."

LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel said this type of philanthropic drive is often conducted by institutions of higher education throughout the country.

"We are so grateful for the volunteer directors of the LBWCC Foundation and the decision to undertake this inclusive way of providing a margin of excellence for all LBWCC students," he said. "We hope all the alumni in the area, businesses, organizations, and friends of the College will help us meet our goal."

LBWCC Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement Dr. Arlene Davis said any amount is appreciated.

"One of the major goals of this fundraiser is to provide an opportunity for everybody to partici-

pate at any amount. Every gift in any amount will make a difference in making this goal a reality," she said.

Any gift can be made online using a credit or debit card through LBWCC's website, www.lbwcc.edu, using a secure PayPal link. Checks made payable to LBWCC Foundation should be mailed to P.O. Box 1311, Andalusia, AL 36420.

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– Dr. Arlene Davis, Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement

"We would love to see everyone in the community show their support of the College and the students by giving something," said Davis. "This community college has a rich, 50-plus

year history with alumni stretching back for generations. We need your help to make this drive successful. We can't do it without you."

For more information, call extension 2390 or email adavis@lbwcc.edu.

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The Saints Express is produced quarterly to recognize the accomplishments of LBWCC employees. Submit information to Renée LeMaire, public information officer/director of marketing



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Springtime in South Alabama begins in February and lasts until April. It is a time of renewal and new life. We traditionally have a week of Spring Break for students and faculty in the month of March and when we return, it will be just a few short weeks to final exams and graduation—the culmination of long held dreams for many of our students.

This time of year also includes the legislative season. The Board of Trustees has approved the Alabama Community College System's legislative agenda. This year, for

the first time in many years, there is sufficient revenue in the State's finances to support and adequately fund us. Of course, other sectors of education increase their requests for funding from the same source. Nevertheless, we are optimistic that funding will increase to allow us to better meet the needs of our students.



Dr. Herbert H.J. Riedel
LBWCC President

One of the most important tasks for the College is strategic planning, which we are currently undergoing. Our Strategic Planning Steering Committee, under the competent leadership of Associate Dean Dr. Shannon Levitzke, is doing a commendable job. For the first time, the College will explicitly state our values, to go along with our mission and vision statements. The com-

mittee has identified five Strategic Planning Topic Clusters, which I believe are the key to moving forward. This is the third five-year strategic planning process that I have been a part of at LBWCC and I look forward to working with you, my valued colleagues, in continuing to move us forward towards our vision:

“As a leader in accessible, innovative education and training for a diverse community, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College will be the institution of choice for student success.”

LBWCC employees volunteer in their communities

Several LBWCC employees participate in volunteer activities, such as local community projects and membership in service organizations.

LBWCC's Strategic Plan encourages employees' involvement in their community:

Goal 5.4 Foster individual relationships for sustainable community building, to include volunteerism, participation in local projects, and membership in service organizations.

The following individuals submitted information about their volunteer work:

Donna Bass – Publicity Chair for Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA); volunteer with Candyland Christmas half-marathon and 5K runs.

Randi Bozeman – Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA) electronic services committee chair; Covington County Relay for Life event coordinator.

Diaon Cook – Andalusia Ballet board of directors, Andalusia Health Services board of directors, Inter Se Club, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators local chapter, Covington Arts Council.

Virginia Compton – Crenshaw County Spelling Bee word announcer.

Mary Cross – Treasurer for the Alabama Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges.

Dr. Arlene Davis – Andalusia Rotary,

Greenville's Healthy Kids board of directors, Pleasant Home PTO, and Council for Alabama Resource Development president.

Matthew Dittmann – Greenville Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America

Laura Petrey Elliott – Petrey Mayor Pro Tem, Luverne Chamber of Commerce member, Crenshaw County Career Tech Program advisory member, Crenshaw County Head Start advisory board, Petrey Methodist Church member, Quest speaker at Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Crenshaw County Retired Teachers Association.

Wendy Johnson – Opp City Downtown Redevelopment Authority vice-chairperson, Opp Vision and Action Committee

Peige Josey – Butler County Commission for Economic Development board of directors, Rotary Club of Greenville board of directors.

LeAnn Judah – Camellia Civitan Club, Fort Dale Academy PTA.

Dr. Shannon Levitzke – Treasurer of Coterie Club of Andalusia.

Peggy Linton – Pilot Club of Andalusia secretary.

Richard McCuistian – Weekly Sunday morning class at Kelley Place and Madison Heights.

Brenda Mooney – Andalusia Manor volunteer, Joni & Friends-Wheels for the World chaircorp representative.

Kelley Nolen – Civitan Club, Coterie Club of Andalusia.

Tori Norris – Rotary Club of Greenville past-president, Butler/ Lowndes County

Distinguished Young Women board of directors.

Katie O'Neal – Andalusia City Schools Foundation board of directors, Truth Initiative committee member.

Melissa Reeves – Industry Community Center, Hank Williams Festival, District IV Garden Club, Garden Club of Alabama, Alabama Community Education Association, and Mid-South RC&D.

Denise Sauls – SkillsUSA advisor, Taylor Mill Oaks Assisted Living Facility Sunday school teacher, First Baptist Church Children's Choir Director, Elba Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Elba Athletic Club vice president, Elba High School Advanced Ed committee, Elba High School Advisory Committee.

Jacqueline Sport – Crenshaw County Arts Council, Crenshaw County Chamber of Commerce volunteer, Luverne Business Christmas Contest volunteer artist.

Maria Thigpen – Andalusia Study Club, Rotary Club of Andalusia, Lower Alabama Arts Coalition, Gregorian Chant Choir, Andalusia City Schools/ACT I "Mamma Mia."

Mollie Waters – Pioneer Cemetery Preservation Association, Fort Dale Cemetery Association secretary/treasurer, Greenville Historic Cemetery Walking Tours founder, Greenville Community Theater past president.

Ashley Williamson – Coterie Club of Andalusia.



COLLEGE NEWS

Help needed for April 6 ‘The Big Event’

On April 6, 2019, we have a chance to serve others for a few hours through The Big Event. You are needed to make this year’s event a success. Consider volunteering your time and service on this day and enjoy this unique opportunity to interact with students. Promote The Big Event to your students so that they will volunteer. Help us identify potential jobs to complete.

The Big Event is different from other service projects because it is not based on socioeconomic need. The Big Event is a way for an entire student body, faculty, and staff to express their gratitude to residents of Covington County community who support LBWCC. Whether it is painting, raking yards, or washing cars, the type of job is not important. The Big Event is not about the type of job or

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

– Mahatma Gandhi

number of students who participate. Rather, it is the interaction with the residents and the resulting unity in the community that make The Big Event so BIG!

It’s with that goal in mind that LBWCC will participate in The Big Event this year. Started in 1982 at Texas A&M University, The Big Event was created as a way to say “Thank You” to the

surrounding community. Since its beginning, the event has grown to over 70 colleges and universities across the country and tens of thousands of student volunteers.

“As we all know, this is an important time in the lives of our students,” said Diaon Cook, director of student activities. “Some are growing, hopefully maturing, and searching for their place in the world. Others may be at a point where they are returning to school to begin again. We serve an important role in this process. Not only are we helping them to achieve a degree or credential to allow them to find work or to transfer to the next phase, but I also feel it’s also our role to help them become better people and good citizens. I firmly believe that one of the

best ways to do that is through intentional community service.”

On the website are the Job Site Application, Job Site Guidelines, Volunteer Form, Volunteer Guidelines, and Liability Release form for volunteers. Feel free to make many copies and distribute. For additional information, contact Cook at extension 2256 or email dcook@lbwcc.edu, or Dean of Student Affairs Jason Jessie, extension 2245, or jjessie@lbwcc.edu.

“Help us say ‘Thank you.’”

Pictured volunteering in 2018 are, clockwise from right, **Dr. Herb Riedel, Tori Norris, Pat Senn, Sonia Kilpatrick, and Jason Jessie.**



EMPLOYEE NEWS

Scott Cooper, welding faculty, is now an Authorized Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) 10/30 Hour Instructor. With this credential, Cooper is authorized to provide 10-hour OSHA construction training for students, improving their marketability in the workforce. According to Cooper, 95 percent of construction jobs require workers to have a minimum of the OSHA 10 training. He is also qualified to provide 30-hour OSHA training.



Scott Cooper

Donna Bass, director of financial aid, recently earned a professional credential on "Student Eligibility" through the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) for successfully completing online training.



Donna Bass

Mollie Waters, English, speech, and theatre faculty, is published in the winter issue of *Alabama Heritage* magazine. Her article, "Francis Bartow Lloyd: The Sage of Rocky Creek," focuses on the writer and politician from Greenville who was shot down in the streets in 1897.



Mollie Waters

In addition, Waters recently directed the Greenville Community Theaters Valentine's dinner show, "Love is in the Air," a series of one-act comedies about love. Waters wrote two of the skits performed in the show.



Jennifer Hall

Jennifer Hall, associate dean of adult education, workforce development, and continuing education, served with the Alabama Community College Association as co-chair of the Commission on Workforce Development.



Jason Jessie

Jason Jessie, dean of student affairs, also served the Alabama Community College Association as co-chair of the Commission on Students. In addition, he was selected to participate in the Community College Policy Fellows Program (CPFP). This group was formed as a partnership between the Alabama Community College System and the Mississippi Community College Board.



Tiffany Bradshaw

Tiffany Bradshaw, administrative assistant for Title III Grant, completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Faulkner University in December.



Olivia Bush

from the University of Alabama.

Olivia Bush, diagnostic medical sonography faculty, completed a Master of Arts in Health Studies

NEW EMPLOYEES

ANDALUSIA CAMPUS

William Hines was selected to fill the position of director of the Apex Program, which helps prepare high school students for college.



William Hines

He earned a Master of Education in Special Education from Grand Canyon University and a Master of Science Management from Faulkner University.

His background includes more than 12 years experience in an education setting and previous experience working the LBWCC Upward Bound program.

His office is located in the Conference Center building on the Andalusia Campus.

MACARTHUR CAMPUS

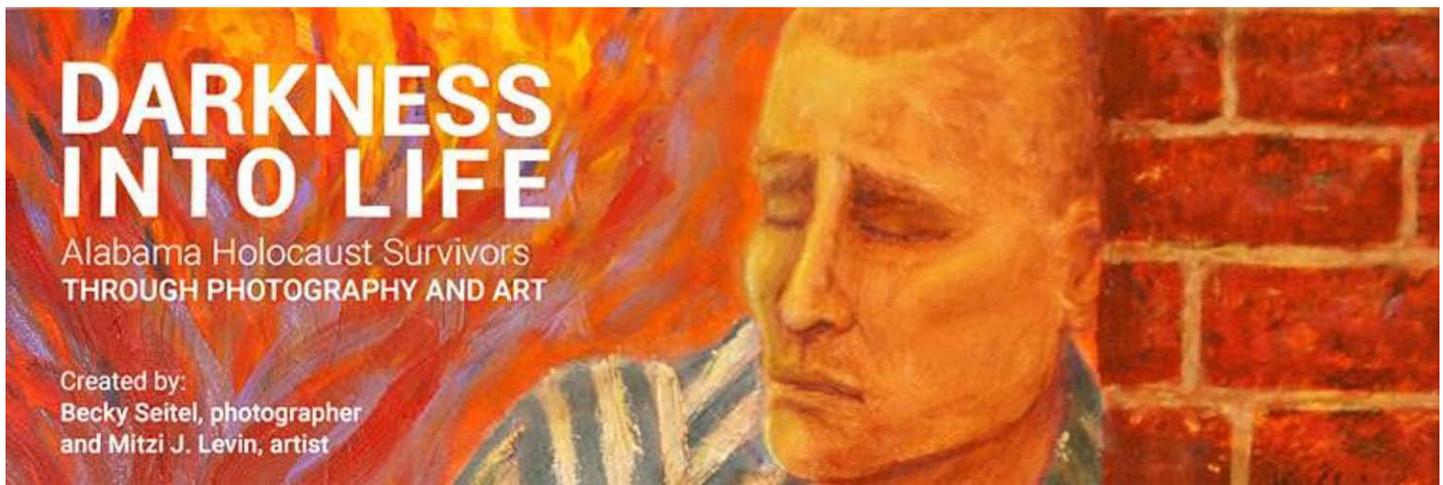
Michael Pridgen is a full-time member of the nursing faculty.

He earned a Master of Science Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama. He also holds an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and a Practical Nursing Certificate from LBWCC.



Michael Pridgen

His background includes more than eight years of nursing experience, including serving as clinical instructor for LBWCC and most recently serving in a one-year, temporary position of nursing instructor.



Alabama Holocaust survivor art exhibit in March

LBW Community College in Greenville is hosting an exhibit of photography and art from the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center March 11-14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and March 15, 8 a.m.-noon, in the Wendell Mitchell Con-

ference Center.

“Darkness into Life: Alabama Holocaust Survivors Through Photography and Art” is a sensitive exhibit that offers a special glimpse into the private memories of 20 Alabama Holocaust sur-

vivors, revealing stories of childhoods past, lost family and friends, despair and sadness, cruelty beyond belief, bravery, the joys of liberation, and new lives in Alabama.

Exhibit admission is free

and open to the public. Upon request, group tours and special evening tours will be available.

An opening reception is planned for March 10, 2019, at 2 p.m., WMCC at LBWCC Greenville Campus.

FOUNDATIONS

◆ ATAF annual scholarships



The Alabama Trucking Association Foundation established annual scholarships through the DMSTC Foundation to help two students in the diesel and heavy equipment mechanics program. Pictured at the official signing ceremony are, seated from left, DMSTCF Vice President Laura Norris; Terry Kilpatrick, ATAF board chairman; LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel; standing, Shaun Moore, diesel program faculty; Tim Frazier, Alabama Trucking Association director of safety and member services; Dr. Arlene Davis, LBWCC associate dean of institutional advancement; and Peggy Linton, LBWCC dean of instruction.

◆ Shaw Industries donations



Shaw Industries in Andalusia recently made an investment in the future of the community's workforce by making donations to both LBW Community College and the DMSTC Foundation. Pictured are, from left, LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel; Ron Fantroy, Shaw Industries extrusion plant manager; and Dr. Arlene Davis, LBWCC associate dean of institutional advancement.