

Andalusia Campus has new Mac Lab

In the creative world of digital color, fast-paced graphics, and animation, a set of newly-acquired Apple Mac computers at LBWCC in Andalusia is providing students hands-on learning with SWIFT application development through the computer science program and graphic design work in art classes.

The 10 computers were purchased through a grant from the Workforce Development Division of the Alabama Community College System.

“One of the benefits for students is the exposure to the Apple operating system and being able to experience the differences between Mac and PC systems,” said John Bess, coordinator for distance education and computer science and economics faculty.

App development classes are



Misti Purvis, art faculty, and John Bess, computer science and economics faculty, work with students in the newly-opened Mac Lab.

offered in Opp, so the Andalusia lab offers expanded opportunities for project work.

Misti Purvis, art faculty, said

art students benefit from the rich graphic capabilities of the IOS system and better prepare them for transfer.

LBWCC Foundation funds several projects

In 2010, the LBWCC Foundation established an annual Mini-Grant Program for projects or programs that enhance student learning or enhance the college.

All faculty and staff, provided they have been employed at LBWCC for at least one year, are eligible to apply for funding.

Applicants must apply each year by an established deadline. A committee of the Foundation then reviews the applications and makes awards.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the LBWCC Foundation’s



Rachel Boothe, mathematics, physical science, and physics faculty, was awarded funding for a SMART podium for the division. This podium projects what is written on the screen, has software for interactive participation by students, and a high quality microphone for recording online sessions.

Mini-Grant Program is funding a total of six projects in the aggregate amount of \$13,607.25.

Included in the funded projects are human

hair manikin heads and a speaker for cosmetic arts; a smart podium and hardware components for the math/science division; digital microscope for the biology department; two portable hydration stations for athletic programs; heat pumps for the air conditioning/refrigeration labs; and financial assistance for a multicultural luncheon in Luverne.

Since 2010, the Foundation awarded more than \$122,555 in this program.



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Jessie completes CCPFP fellowship program

LBWCC Dean of Student Affairs Jason Jessie recently completed the Community College Policy Fellows Program (CCPFP), a 10-month professional development program sponsored by the Alabama Community College System and the Mississippi Community College Board.

“It was an honor to be selected to participate in the program and to represent Lurleen B. Wallace Community College,” he said. “This experience allowed me to learn more about the community college systems in Mississippi and Alabama and gave me the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues across both states. I was able to broaden my professional skillset and will hopefully be able to use those skills to benefit LBW and our students.”



U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, left, met with members of the Community College Policy Fellows Program while in Washington D.C., including Jason Jessie, LBWCC dean of student affairs.

Jessie was one of 14 representatives from Alabama and 13 from Mississippi. The group met throughout the academic year to discuss state and national policies on education and to determine successful ways to

advocate on behalf of college students in both states. The fellowship culminated with a trip to Washington, D.C., for the Washington Advocacy Seminar and meeting with education policymakers.

“The particular issue our cohort focused on was the protection of the Federal Pell Grant. It was exciting to take the lessons we learned about policy and advocacy and put them into action on Capitol Hill,” he said. “I was proud to be able to promote the importance of the Pell grant program not only for our students but for students across the state of Alabama.”

While in Washington, the fellows met with every member of the two state’s congressional delegations. They also visited the U.S. Department of Education, Association of Community College Trustees, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Enterprise Institute, the Center for American Progress, and the Vera Institute of Justice.

Foundations merge, College manages Saints Hall

Following months of discussions, meetings, and planning, two supporting foundations are now merged into one.

The Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Foundation and the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College Foundation joined boards of directors and assets in July.

“The new merged foundation will build on the strengths of the DMSTC Foundation and will have far greater resources to support each campus,” said LBWCC Foundation President Wayne Bennett.

Mark Parker, former president of DMSTC Foundation, will take the helm of the LBWCC Foundation as president in January.

“The completion of the merger has provided us the opportunity to form one unified foundation working together for all the students at LBWCC,” said Parker.

Bennett said those involved in the process were diligent in making sure all agreements are

kept as intended at the time scholarships were created for each organization.

“We were particularly careful to preserve the integrity and structure of all scholarships created through the years. Each scholarship maintains the original intention of the donor, including recipients meeting specific criteria established at the time of the donation.”

Existing directors for each previous foundation continues service in the new organization with staggered terms.

“While there are a lot of directors initially, the numbers will adjust as time proceeds and terms expire.”

The LBWCC Foundation raises funds through a variety of efforts, with the express intention of supporting LBW Community College, its mission, programs, activities, and scholarships. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Services, and donations are tax deductible.



An additional change occurred in June when LBW Community College entered a long-term lease agreement with LBWCC Foundation to manage Saints Hall, a student housing complex built in 2013 adjacent to the Andalusia Campus.

Following the approval of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees, the lease allows the College to manage all aspects of Saints Hall, including housing applications, lease agreements, and property management. At

the end of the lease, LBWCC has the option to purchase the property for a nominal cost, gaining a valuable capital asset.

“We believe that College personnel, because of their daily interactions with the student residents of Saints Hall, are better able to provide quality services and be quickly responsive to students’ needs,” said Bennett.

“The Foundation, as owner of Saints Hall, will continue to foster a great relationship with the College going forward.”

Shaw Industries donation



LBWCC Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement Dr. Arlene Davis and LBWCC Acting President Bryan Helms recently accepted a generous donation from Shaw Industries Plant #65 Site Manager Paul Rushing and Ron Fantroy, twisted heat-set plant manager.

Rotary Club makes donation



The Andalusia Rotary Club recently made a donation to the LBWCC Foundation. Pictured are Rotary Foundation Board Member Barry Outlaw, left, and LBWCC Foundation President Wayne Bennett.

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DMS program gets new ultrasound equipment

LBWCC's Diagnostic Medical Sonography students now have a new machine to gain hands-on experience, purchased with funds provided through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Act.

The Acuson Juniper machine in the DMS lab is capable of performing general studies such as abdominal and superficial parts, as well as obstetrics and gynecological ultrasounds. It also includes a package geared for vascular and echocardiographic ultrasounds.

An introduction of the last two components are now included in the final semester of

the program since knowledge of those skills is in high demand by employers in the immediate and surrounding areas.

LBWCC's DMS program is one of four programs in Alabama accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), and the only one available for Southeast Alabama.

Students completing the program are prepared to take the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) exam and become a credentialed professional sonographer.



CLEAN *Home* ALABAMA *Keeping Alabama Beautiful*

LBWCC participated in the Alabama Community College System's "Clean Home Alabama" initiative in support of Alabama's bicentennial by adopting a mile of roadway along U.S. Hwy. 84 in front of the Andalusia Campus entrance, and the nature trail around campus.

The initiative, announced by Chancellor Jimmy Baker, was a statewide college-led effort to help beautify the state's natural landscapes,

growing infrastructure, and expanding communities.

"Alabama's community colleges are located within every region of the state, which means we are perfectly positioned to organize and execute an effort of this magnitude to help maintain 'Alabama the Beautiful' during our state's bicentennial year," said Baker.

LBWCC's students and staff gathered 58 bags of trash in three afternoons in early November.

