

## LBWCC awarded \$2.25M grant

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College received a \$2.25 million, five-year Title III “Strengthening Institutions” Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, effective Oct. 1, 2016.

The grant provides \$450,000 each year for five years for curriculum development and funding for training, equipment and supplies, as well as professional development.

“We are so excited to have been selected to receive funding under the Strengthening Institutions Program,” said Peggy Linton, dean of instruction and leader of the successful grant writing process.

The grant allows for:

- Expansion of options in LBWCC’s industrial electronics program to add a networking option, an industrial systems option, and an electro-mechanical short certificate to the current program.

- Creation and implementation of programs to help student success by addressing retention and program completion. This includes a college-wide student success coaching program and improving student advising and orientation.

- Development of a new occupational therapist assistant (OTA) program to meet regional demand. The Associate



in Applied Science Degree program will prepare students to work with patients to follow a rehabilitation plan developed by an occupational therapist in treating injured, ill, or disabled patients to develop, recover, and improve the skills need-

ed for daily living and working.

“Starting a new program is expensive and we could not go forward without this grant,” said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. “We anticipate the first class in the OTA program to begin fall of 2019.”



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## January brings changes to nursing program

LBWCC’s nursing program is among several in the Alabama Community College

System to transition to a concept-based curriculum and changing admission requirements.

Beginning January 2017, students will enroll directly into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

work while completing the remaining two semesters, or sit out two semesters and work before completing the last two semesters.

Those who successfully complete the first three semesters will be eligible to take the practical nursing licensure exam.

Upon completion of the program, students will take licensure exams to enter the workforce as two-year registered nurses.

At the three-semester mark, students can choose to continue in the ADN program,

The changes will result in cost savings for students, such as decreased book costs due to usage throughout the curriculum, and decreased fees due to fewer semesters.



LBWCC nursing students recently assisted with a health fair for employees of Covington Electric Cooperative in Andalusia. Students worked alongside healthcare professionals as CEC employees rotated from station to station. Pictured are Amanda Henderson of Elba, left, and Courtney Long of Enterprise, right, as they administer an eye chart exam.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LBW Community College and the Alabama Community College System is set to prosper under the leadership of Acting Chancellor Jimmy Baker, who has had a long and successful career in education and public policy and is very familiar with LBW's service area. He took over after Chancellor Mark Heinrich went on extended medical leave due to complications from shingles.



**Dr. Herbert H.J. Riedel**  
LBWCC President

Our System's strategic priorities focus on workforce development, as we represent the greatest resource our state has for anticipating the rapid changes in the marketplace and developing a skilled workforce for high-tech, high-wage jobs and recruiting business and industry investment. This effort includes providing industry recognized credentials in each of our career and technical programs, as well as identifying educational pathways with industry-recognized portable, stackable credentials.

We also continue to work for student success, which is demonstrated by our choice of Quality Enhancement Plan as part of SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation: Optimizing the First-Year Experience. Helping us achieve our goals is a dedicated staff of highly qualified professionals and the best faculty you will find anywhere.

At LBWCC, we are also blessed with two outstanding foundations, whose sole purpose is to raise and manage funds to support the mission and activities of the College, to support students, and to provide a margin of excellence not possible with institutional funds alone. Our Foundation-owned student housing complex, Saints Hall, continues to be a source of pride and has proven to be a sound investment for the LBWCC Foundation, as

well as a source of additional student support, while filling a need for housing and serving as a recruitment tool to attract students outside of our immediate area. Other colleges in Alabama and outside the state continue to make inquiries about Saints Hall and strive to emulate its success.

Both foundations contribute to a mini-grant program, which awards \$15,000 every year to projects and enhancements for students that would be difficult to fund otherwise. A committee of board members from the two foundations reviews all applications and makes a decision on which projects to fund. Many students have benefited from foundation scholarships, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

My very best wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy, and spiritually uplifting Holiday Season, and a New Year filled with all good things!



Jennifer Hall in the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.

## Hall advocates for adult education

Jennifer Hall, LBWCC's adult education specialist and continuing education coordinator, visited Washington, D.C., as part of a delegation of educators to educate federal policymakers about the importance of adult education.

"Hill Day" was sponsored by the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE), a national education organization.

Hall spent a full day on Capitol Hill, spotlighting the work LBWCC is doing to improve the job readiness skills of students to change their lives, help their families, and strengthen their communities.

Meeting with staff from the offices of Sen. Richard Shelby and Rep. Martha Roby, Hall discussed the importance of federal funds through the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act in LBWCC's ability to help adults acquire the skills and knowledge needed to enter postsecondary education or employment and become full partners in the educational development of their children.

## LBWCC earns five statewide awards

LBWCC was recognized with five awards this year from the Alabama Community College System Public Relations Association (ACCSPRA), a statewide association for all two-year colleges in the state.

Renée LeMaire, public information officer and director of marketing, was recognized with two first-place Pyramid Awards and one Award of Achievement second-place award, all for news writing.

Heather Owen, director of recruitment, won two Award of Merit third-place awards, one for a postcard in the direct mail category, and one for a recruiting event.



Renée LeMaire, left, and Heather Owen are pictured with 2016 ACCSPRA awards.

# Scholarship recipient speaks to LBW, foundation donors

Roseann Riddle, a current ultrasound student, stepped far outside her comfort zone to publicly thank donors at the annual “Sunset at Springdale” donor appreciation event held in October.

Receiving a foundation scholarship eased the financial burden of attending college, she said, especially since her daughter is also enrolled at LBW.

“One day, I want to be standing where you are – to

give back, to help students as you are helping me,” she said.

“You may know that a scholarship was awarded, but you may not know the lives that are changed through your generosity.”

The event is held each fall at Springdale Estate in Andalusia to recognize those who have made significant donations to the LBWCC Foundation, the DMSTC Foundation, or the College.



LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel, left, listens as Roseann Riddle addresses those attending a recent event.

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## Agreement helps LBWCC welding graduates

LBW Community College welding program graduates now have an improved pathway to journeymen certification through the United Association apprenticeship program.

A September event sealed an articulation agreement, one of only seven in Alabama, giving them preference into the program of the United Association (UA) of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada.

“This is a huge day for LBW,” said Dr. Jim Krudop, LBWCC vice president. “We are excited about this participation and what it means for our graduates.”

The articulation agreement gives LBWCC welding graduates preference into the UA apprenticeship program, which ultimately leads to a journeymen certificate, and will credit one to two years off the apprenticeship length depending on the number and types of certificates and work experience, said Lance Albin, international representative.

“The typical apprentice has no experience and it takes five years in the program, 246 hours a year of technical instruction

in the lab and field work to complete the program,” he said.

“Types of work include construction, maintenance, and service work on commercial, industrial, manufacturing, and municipal projects. We offer a career in the industry, not just a job.”

Samuel D. Bankester, field

representative with South Central Pipe Trades, said the agreement is the result of two years of planning, comparing curriculum, and reviewing equipment and training to make sure they meet the UA standards.

The LBWCC welding program usually has up to 60 stu-

dents each semester and provides an opportunity to gain credentials along the way. As courses are completed, students earn a basic SMAW and cutting short certificate, followed by a short certificate in consumable arc welding processes, gaining field recognition and earning potential.

## Four recognized as ‘outstanding’



LBWCC employees recognized for their commitment to excellence at the 2016 Chancellor Awards ceremony were, from left: Outstanding Administrator, Dr. Shannon Levitzke, director of institutional effectiveness and quality; Outstanding Academic Faculty, Dr. Arlene Davis, history and psychology faculty and coordinator of international and special projects; Outstanding Technical Faculty, David Brawner, welding faculty; and Outstanding Support Staff, Ashley Bass, human resources officer.