

New fast-track training programs

LBW Community College recently started new, non-college credit training programs to prepare participants for the workforce in a short amount of time.

“LBWCC is partnering with Condensed Curriculum International to offer affordable training to help individuals get the rewarding career they want in a short amount of time,” said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. “The first four programs can be completed within three to four months.”

These fast-track training courses prepare assistants for several fields

through this partnership, which is offered within LBWCC’s Workforce Development Division.

“Participants in these courses are required to have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.”

Since the programs are approved for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding, students may qualify for tuition assistance. Training for these courses includes evening classes twice a week, with some courses requiring additional Saturday classes.

These programs include training for medical assistant, veterinary assistant, dental assistant, pharmacy



technician, and industrial welding. Call 334-881-2231 for more information.

College expo highlights engineering

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College partnered with the University of Alabama in an “Engineering the Future College Expo” at the LBWCC MacArthur Campus in Opp.

“We welcomed approximately 200 students in grades 7 through 12 from throughout Covington County,” said Dr. Arlene Davis, LBWCC associate dean of institutional advancement. “They were able to experience some of the exciting ways to apply technical and engineering skills through demonstrations of various LBWCC and University of Alabama products.”

The event was the brainchild of Steven King, local engineer with PowerSouth, wanting to inspire young people to prepare for an educational future in technical and academic careers that can



help propel the state forward.

“I recall being inspired by school programs that tracked the NASA shuttle construction,” said King. Through this type of expo, he said he hopes to “inspire, motivate, and give direction to young people early enough for them to get their study habits established before or in time to improve their grades for potential

scholarship opportunities or program placement.”

Such motivation could lead to more interest in aviation, automotive, manufacturing, and agricultural industrial efforts that will lift Alabama in national rankings of development and quality of life, he said.

In what is hoped to be an annual event, the expo

featured several ways students could get hands-on experience.

“This is the type of hands-on experience that can build excitement in young people, and we hope they are inspired enough to think about these types of career fields,” said Davis.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Philanthropic support remains vitally important for Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and our students. As this newsletter goes to press, our two foundations, the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Foundation and the Douglas MacArthur State Technical College Foundation are in the final stages of merging into one foundation.

Since 2004, we have been one College, but retained foundations for each of the consolidated institutions. It is time for our foundations to act with one voice and gain the greatest efficiency possible as one unified 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Dr. Herbert H.J. Riedel
LBWCC President

The economy of our state is doing extremely well, with historically low unemployment. With state coffers reasonably well funded and all state

reserves replenished, we expect adequate funding through state appropriations. For several years, we have tried to get a state bond issue for the two-year college system that would allow for much needed facility upgrades. I have been told that this is still possible for the current year, but it is likely to occur by next year at the latest.

The low unemployment has been putting downward pressure on enrollment numbers for all colleges in the Alabama Community College System, and indeed nationally. Nevertheless, LBW has been able to offer alternatives to traditional college certificates and degrees, through a number

of short-term skills training programs. Industrial Welding, Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Tech, Vet Tech, and Clinical Medical Assisting all provide industry-recognized credentials in only 3 – 4 months of training, with funding for qualifying students through the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA).

As a friend of LBW Community College, you know the exceptional work of our team members. You will not find a better, more caring group of faculty, staff and administrators than right here at your local College.

Best wishes for a safe, restful, and productive summer.

'Saints Circle' established for legacy gifts

"Saints Circle" is a new way to recognize individuals for their planned giving through a bequest in their will or trust.

"We are grateful to individuals for thinking ahead and planning for a future beyond their lifetime," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "Their gifts are extremely important to the mission of the College."

One example of such generosity is that of James Winston (Jim) Beasley, Sr., 1928-2017, who not only established a scholarship in memory of his wife, Mary Joyce Taylor Beasley, for nursing students, he also made arrangements through a bequest to donate a portion of his estate.

"Mr. Beasley took special interest in the success of each student selected for the scholarship he created. A few years before his death, he met with college officials to make sure we knew his intentions of how he wanted to continue to help through a portion of his estate."

Another example is the generous bequest of Colonel Miriam

Evers Donaldson, M.D. (USAF retired), 1933-2008, who also made provisions to help the College through a bequest.

"Col. Donaldson was an advocate for education. She lived an amazing life and left a generous bequest that will have a lasting impact for students."

Donaldson graduated Opp High School in 1950 and moved to Montgomery where she worked in commercial real estate. After a few years, she attended college and medical school, established a medical practice, then enlisted in the military. For the next 10 years, she served as a physician at various bases, including Crete, Greece. She also had 89 hours as a flight surgeon at the time she retired and moved back to Opp.

"Through such planned gifts, LBWCC can continue to grow, enrich programs of study, and educate generations to come."

Please remember us in your will and trusts. A bequest to LBWCC can be made for a specific amount, for a percentage of your estate, or for all or a portion of what is left after you

make bequests to your family. To make a gift from your estate, you must sign a new will or trust instrument, add a codicil to your present will, or make an amendment to your present trust instrument.

Alternatively, you can designate LBWCC as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. To do so,

contact the retirement administrator or life insurance company and complete the appropriate beneficiary designation form.

Please call Dr. Arlene Davis in LBWCC's office of institutional advancement at 334-881-2390 to further discuss planned giving and how your gift will be used.

Killian A. Soulé Scholarship



Stephanie A. Soulé, seated center, established two scholarships in memory of her son, Killian A. "Rambo" Soulé, to assist a student in diesel and heavy equipment mechanics and a student in the welding program. Included in the signing ceremony were LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel, left, and DMSTC Foundation Vice President Laura Norris.

Margaret Bennett Scholarship



Wayne Bennett of Andalusia, far right, endowed the Margaret Bennett Scholarship through the LBWCC Foundation in recognition of his wife's successful teaching career and to benefit students majoring in elementary education while pursuing a degree at LBWCC. Also pictured are LBWCC Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement Dr. Arlene Davis, President Dr. Herb Riedel, and Margaret Bennett.

ATAF creates two scholarships



The Alabama Trucking Association Foundation (ATAF) established annual scholarships to help two students in the diesel and heavy equipment mechanics program. Pictured are, seated from left, DMSTC Foundation Vice President Laura Norris; Terry Kilpatrick, ATAF board chairman; and LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel at the official signing ceremony.

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Sankey is LBW 2019 Outstanding Alumnus

LBWCC's 2019 Outstanding Alumnus is Charlie Sankey Jr. of Goshen, a 1991 graduate with an associate degree in pre-engineering.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of Mr. Sankey through the years and his dedicated, continuing service to his community," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "His leadership is a reflection of his commitment to family, community, and country, and we acknowledge the positive impact he continues to have with everyone around him."

Sankey said it was the fellowship he enjoyed most from his days at LBW.

"It was a close-knit campus where everybody knew each other. After two weeks, you knew everybody. It acclimated me to college life without the big stage."

Though of the cost of attending a community college compared to a four-year institution is substantially less, he said the value is priceless.

"When you come from a



CHARLIE SANKEY JR.
2019 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

rural household, like where I grew up, there is not a pot of gold. Your resources are limited. When you have a facility like LBW, it allows children to attend college who may not otherwise have an opportunity to further their education. It allows

us to have productive citizens."

Sankey said he wants to dispel misconceptions about the quality of education at community colleges.

"The quality of education I received at LBW was grade 'A.' I want to encourage any young person who wants to go to college to start at LBW."

He attributes much of his success to what he learned and the relationships he built while at LBW.

"God has blessed me to hold various leadership positions within my community, which is a direct result of me acquiring my education at LBW. I formed networks with other students,

faculty, and community people that I continued to communicate with to not only help myself, but other people who were under my umbrella. It was very impactful."

Sankey transferred to Auburn University where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. After entering the workforce, he attended John M. Patterson Junior College to complete a computer networking certificate. He also attended

banking school at the University of South Alabama.

He currently holds the position of loan officer with First Citizen Bank in Luverne, serves as Crenshaw County Commission Chairman, and is pastor of Rockwest Missionary Baptist Church in Goshen.

He also serves on the State Local Government Health Insurance Board and the Minority Steering Committee for county government.

Worley, Till named to 2019 All-Alabama Academic Team

Maycee Worley of Andalusia and Zachary Till of Minter are among those recognized as 2019 All-Alabama Academic Team members.

"We are extremely proud of these students for all they have accomplished both in and out of the classroom," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel.

Worley completed an associate degree at LBWCC in Andalusia and is a transfer student at the University of Alabama majoring in pre-law. She ultimately plans to become a district attorney.

Till, who finished an associate degree at LBWCC in Greenville, transferred to Auburn University with the



MAYCEE WORLEY



ZACHARY TILL

goal of becoming a physical therapist.

Worley served as vice president of scholarships in the Alpha Beta Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was involved with SGA, and served as president of Campus Civitan.

Till served as a campus Ambassador, was president of the Beta Pi Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and was active in SGA.