

Students design, create sundial



A newly-installed sundial at LBWCC in Opp was officially dedicated during a public ceremony.

“This sundial is dedicated to the enjoyment and edification of all our students on the MacArthur Campus and for the benefit of the community,”

said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. “May it be an inspiration for many years to come.”

LBWCC graduate Thomas Hale stands with the sundial he designed, now on display in Opp.

The creation of the sundial is the result of collaboration between LBW students in Andalusia and Opp and combines art, design, and science.

The students involved were Thomas Hale, a 2014 graduate of LBW who recently completed a four-year degree in materials science engineering at Auburn University, and Cody Catrett, a graduate of LBW’s welding program now employed at a nuclear power plant in Georgia.

“While at LBW, Thomas became involved in the Science and Engineering Club on the Andalusia campus with Dr. Brian Cushing serving as advisor,” said Riedel. “Eventually, he enlisted the help of the welding department in Opp. Cody, then a welding student, assisted in manufacturing the piece, and it sits on a concrete base constructed by the College’s facilities and maintenance department.”

Precision machining and laser cutting were used to construct the sundial from aluminum. The concrete base was formed from a mold of stacked plywood sheets cut in concentric circles with a steel grid frame inserted, providing a central cylindrical hole for a chain to lift the finished base into place. Hale’s design is a type known as an equatorial sundial and is configured for the specific latitude of Opp.



Hains walks border

Mark Hains, LBWCC forest technology faculty, plans to be the first person to walk the entire length of the U.S.-Mexico border and he’s writing a book about his journey.

Of the 2,000-mile route, he walked 1,010

miles in 2014. Two years later, he covered 300 miles during December 2016 and returned where he left off during March 2017.

With only 400 miles left to go, he hopes to achieve his goal before the end of this year.



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LBWCC and CARCAM educational partners

LBW Community College is now partnered with the Consortium for Alabama Regional Center for Automotive Manufacturing (CARCAM).

CARCAM is one of 42 regional National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Centers and offers an outreach model beginning in the secondary education system to attract, enroll, and gradu-

ate a diverse population of students in manufacturing careers, said Allen Teel, LBWCC’s advanced manufacturing division chair.

“This partnership developed through LBW’s award of the National Science Foundation grant to educate technicians in energy efficiency,” he said.

“It gives us a wider platform in which to network and provides oppor-

tunities for experienced faculty to work with regional industry partners in recruiting and educating highly-skilled technicians within the state of Alabama.”

CARCAM engages with other partnerships to share best practices and advance automotive education in other regions.

It works with the Alabama Industrial Development Training

(AIDT), an industry leader in education for start-up companies, and the Alabama Technology Network, which addresses the ongoing education needs of Alabama’s companies.

“We are pleased to be one of 15 Alabama community colleges involved with the CARCAM network,” said Teel.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is not often that one gets to congratulate a colleague on his retirement after close to 40 years of dedicated employment. It is that much more gratifying to be able to present him with a resolution by the Board of Trustees conferring on him the honor of Vice President Emeritus status. This is what we were privileged to do for Dr. James D. Krudop, who began his work at LBW in 1978. His accomplishments were also recognized by a special commendation passed by both houses of the Alabama legislature. Congratulations, Dr. Krudop — and thank you! The College will host a reception in his honor on Friday, August 18, to which you and the community are warmly welcomed. Details will be forthcoming.

The College has begun implementing the federal Title III grant, which will expand options in Industrial Electronics and create a new Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program. Several new faculty and student support positions have been created and funded by the grant. This fall, we will employ



Dr. Herbert H.J. Riedel
LBWCC President

a director for the OTA program — a requirement before the lengthy program accreditation can begin. Although budgets are again extremely tight this year, the College was able to post a new faculty line in mathematics and plans to employ the new faculty member beginning in the fall.

LBW is in the midst of its ten-year reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). We received outstanding initial

feedback from the off-site review committee. Part of the process is the development of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which is a major multi-year plan to improve student learning. LBW chose to focus on the first-year experience. We will completely revise our mandatory orientation course for first-time students, implement an intrusive advising model, and partner with the Title III grant with success coaches to assist students. The College recently employed Ms. Tori Norris (formerly with our Student Support Services program) as the Director of Student Success to head up these new efforts.

Ms. Peige Josey has assumed new responsibilities as Dean of Administrative Services and Director of the Greenville Campus. She has proven to have capable leadership and organizational skills during her previous 14 years at LBW and three years as executive director for human resources in the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) office.

Dr. Arlene Davis will begin her new role as associate dean

of institutional advancement in August. She was previously a faculty member in history and psychology and coordinator of international and special projects. She will be working closely with our foundations, as well as with our public information and marketing department.

I am glad to report that the legislature passed the governance bill that was foremost on the System's legislative agenda. This puts our System on the same level as the state universities with regard to governance by our board. Our new chancellor, Mr. Jimmy Baker, is providing good leadership for our System and I am pleased that he was our commencement speaker in May.

As you can see, much has been happening at LBW! These are exciting and promising times. Our many friends and donors have really made a big difference in providing direct support for students through scholarships, as well as providing means to achieve a margin of excellence, not obtainable with institutional funds alone. Thank you!

Trustees name Krudop VP Emeritus



Dr. Jim Krudop, second from left, was named by the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees as Vice President Emeritus of LBWCC. Joining Dr. Herb Riedel, LBWCC president, far left, in congratulations were ACCS Chancellor Jimmy Baker and ACCS Trustee Ron Fantroy, right.

Share it!

We are always seeking LBW alumni success stories!

If you are a graduate of LBW (or MacArthur State Technical College), tell us how the College made a difference in your life and career goals. The information can be submitted via email to rlemaire@lbwcc.edu or mailed to LBW Alumni News P.O. Box 1418 Andalusia, AL 36420

LBWCC's two PTK chapters earn 'REACH' awards

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges, named both the Alpha Beta Eta Chapter in Andalusia and the Beta Pi Nu Chapter in Greenville as "REACH Award" recipients for recruitment efforts in 2016.

REACH, which stands for Recognizing Excellence in Acceptance and Completion with Honors, was created by PTK to encourage membership and reward chapters achieving

or exceeding 15 percent for their membership acceptance rate.

"We are extremely pleased that our chapter advisors successfully relayed the benefits of PTK membership and so many of the eligible students chose to join their respective chapter," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel.

Both the Alpha Beta Eta and Beta Pi Nu chapters achieved 37.24 percent acceptance rate of all eligible students. Based on a

calendar year, the awards are calculated using number of new members, acceptance rate for the chapter, and the graduation rate for the institution.

Membership benefits include scholarship opportunities, job skills development, honors recognition, and PTK community involvement.

LBWCC's two are among 422 chapters earning free graduation regalia due to their recruitment achievement. The Alpha

Beta Eta chapter received 21 graduation stoles while the Beta Pi Nu chapter received seven.

The membership growth was made possible, in part, due to the generous support of the LBWCC Foundation in providing half the cost of membership dues. This allowed many students to accept the invitation to join PTK who otherwise would not have been able to join. Each recipient expressed appreciation to the Foundation in a letter.

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Jones is LBW's 2017 Outstanding Alumnus

LBWCC's 2017 Outstanding Alumnus is Rep. Mike Jones Jr. of Andalusia.

"We are pleased to recognize Rep. Jones for his accomplishments, both during his time at LBW and all he has achieved after graduation," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel.

Jones was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives for Dist. 92 in 2010, and serves as chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

He completed an Associate Degree at LBW in 1987. While attending the Andalusia campus, he served as president of the Student Government Association.

He continued his studies toward a Bachelor's Degree at Birmingham Southern, which he completed as an honors graduate in 1989. He then attended the University of Alabama School of Law and earned a Juris Doctorate Degree in 1989.

Jones is also a past president of the LBWCC Foundation Board of Directors, served as



Mike Jones Jr.

Andalusia City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem, and is past chairman of the Southeast Alabama Gas District Board of Directors.

He has been recognized as an Eagle Scout; named as a "Rising Star among Alabama

Legislators" by the

Mobile Press Register in 2011, and attended the 2012 Emerging Leaders Conference at the University of Virginia.

Jones is a member of Alabama Law Institute Family Law Committee, Alabama State Bar Family Law Section, Covington County Bar Association, Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce, South Alabama Gun Club, and First Baptist Church of Andalusia where he is a deacon, trustee, and chairman of the building fund committee, and is past chairman of the Family Ministry Committee.

He has volunteered with such organizations as the Andalusia Youth Soccer League, Andalusia Downtown Redevelopment Authority, and Covington County Sheriff's Posse.



LBW alumnus speaks on behalf of TRIO

Joseph Longmire of Greenville, 2016 graduate of LBWCC currently attending Alabama State University, spent a few days of spring break in Washington, D.C., advocating for the eight programs under the Federal TRIO umbrella.

The programs are designed to identify and provide services for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, beginning in the middle school years through college. LBW offers two of the programs – Upward Bound for high school students and Student Support Services (SSS) for the college level.

Eligibility for TRIO programs include being a first-generation college student, low income, or having a disability.

Longmire told members of

Congress that he not only benefited from grants, tutoring, counseling, social and vocational support through LBWCC's SSS program, he gained an educational family that wanted to see him succeed.

"Federal TRIO programs help thousands of students graduate and better themselves," he said. "They make the difference between failing or passing classes; dropping out or persevering, succumbing to overwhelming pressures or learning to thrive amidst adversity."

Longmire is pursuing a degree in Health Rehabilitation with the ultimate goal of becoming an occupational therapist.

"When I graduate, I will be the first person in my family to earn a bachelor's degree."