

Student Handbook 2009-2010

Welcome to Calhoun Community College!

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Calhoun Community College is to ensure student success and promote community development and cultural enrichment.

Disclaimer Statement

This Handbook is intended for information purposes only. Requirements, rules, procedures, information statements set forth herein are subject to change.

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A message from the Dean for Student Affairs

We are delighted that you have chosen Calhoun as your school of choice for the 2009-2010 school year. This Student Handbook is a valuable tool and resource for you as you begin your important work of becoming a successful student.

Calhoun has earned the reputation for being one of the best colleges in the State, in part because of the dedication, commitment, and efforts of its faculty and staff. You too, however, play an important role in maintaining and enhancing the image of the college through your commitment and dedication to the values and mission of the college. Our goal is student success and we stand ready to assist you in any way possible to help you accomplish this goal.

Please take the time to review the information included in this Student Handbook to familiarize yourself with the various aspects of campus life and important student guidelines.

Welcome to Calhoun, and if there is anything that I can do to help make your stay better, please don't hesitate to contact me at klc@calhoun.edu, or just stop by my office in room 205 Chasteen Student Center. I wish you a very successful school year!

Kermit L. Carter
Dean for Student Affairs

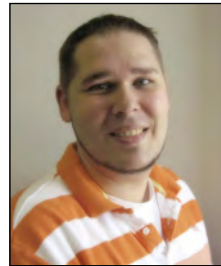


A message from the Student Activities Facilitator

There's more to college life than attending classes. The Office of Student Activities is here to help you thrive and succeed in your college life.

We want each student to get involved on campus. It's a great way to meet people, enhance your leadership skills, and make a difference. Maybe you'll discover a new interest or make new friends among the diverse array of academic and cultural events. So get involved by joining an organization or club and participating in activities and events. You'll be glad you did!

Kelly Hovater
Student Activities Facilitator



A message from the Immediate Past President of the Student Government Association

Welcome to Calhoun Community College! My name is Jesse Carpenter. As the immediate past President of the Student Government Association

(SGA) for 2008-2009, it was my pleasure to serve the students of Calhoun Community College. The new 2009-2010 school year will be filled with opportunities for you to get involved in student activities. It is my hope that every student will attend at least one activity/meeting during their time here at Calhoun. Your opportunities are nearly endless. Whether it will be SGA, BSA, PTK, BCM, or any of the other numerous clubs/organizations on campus, each student has the opportunity to participate and succeed in both the academic realm and through student activities.

As always, SGA is eager to talk with students on both campuses about their experiences. Feel free to stop by and visit the SGA Office in the Chasteen Student Center, room 220N.

Good luck during the 2009-2010 academic year, and may your time at Calhoun be as wonderful as mine was!

Jesse Carpenter
2008-2009 SGA President

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Academic Calendar	Job Listings
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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Located in Decatur, Alabama, a thriving community in north Alabama's high technology corridor, Calhoun Community College exemplifies the two-year college mission of commitment to excellence in teaching and service.

The largest of the two-year institutions comprising The Alabama Community College System, Calhoun is an open-admission, community-based, state-supported, coeducational, comprehensive community college dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality and accessible education to individuals in its four-county service area.

Offering 62 associate degree programs and 50 career/certificate programs, Calhoun serves over 9,700 students at its 110-acre Decatur campus, its Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus, and at the Limestone Correctional Facility. The college's faculty and staff are well qualified and remain current in their areas of expertise.

For over 60 years, Calhoun has been an active member of north Alabama. Graduates of the college permeate the community, and many of them have gone on to complete baccalaureate degrees at other institutions in the area, or have entered the work force after successfully completing programs of study and training.

Calhoun successfully continues to meet the educational and training demands of a unique and highly diverse population. The college also is committed to providing training and education for area business and industry through our Business and Industry Services program. Through these services, customized training programs have been developed for such companies as Adtran, Boeing, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.



Calhoun Fast Facts

- Over 9700 credit students – Alabama's largest two-year college
- College awarded close to \$12M from the Department of Labor for the creation of a regional Center for Manufacturing Innovation, for the development of Project AHEAD, a program offering training in several healthcare fields, and for the WIRED regional workforce initiative
- Over \$44 million in recent/current buildings and renovation projects including the 64,000 square foot Health Sciences Center and the 84,000 square foot Math/Science classroom administrative offices building
- State and nationally recognized programs in Dental Assisting, Nursing, Surgical Technology, EMT, Design Drafting, Air Conditioning, and Machine Tool Technology
- Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Phone – 404-679-4501)
- Only two-year college in the country with a campus located in a research park
- Workforce development training and assessments for over 100 businesses and more than 6,000 students
- Dual Enrollment program includes 74 area high schools and over 900 students
- Seven Calhoun students recognized as top two-year college students in the nation
- Surgical Technology program recognized among the top 10% of programs nationally, noting that 100% of program graduates passed the national certification examination for surgical technologists
- College's television station, 4CTV, provides programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

COURSE PLACEMENT TESTING

Applicants and students are required to complete a course placement examination prior to enrollment in any English, reading, or mathematics course unless the student qualifies for an exemption listed below. Course placement testing is mandatory; students may not enroll for any course above the level designated by the placement exam.

Placement testing is available using untimed computerized testing. Individual computerized testing appointments may be scheduled by calling the Advising Centers.

DECATUR CAMPUS

Monday - Thursday (**Appointment Necessary**)
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.
Chasteen Student Center
256/306-2648

HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK

Monday - Thursday (**Appointment Necessary**)
9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.
Room 101P
256/890-4770

1. A student has ACT or SAT 1 scores at a minimum level (see chart below). ACT/SAT 1 scores must be on file before an exception to the placement testing requirement will be approved. **NOTE: Placement testing scores from ACT, SAT 1, or COMPASS must have been within the last three years.**

ACT	SAT 1
English20	Verbal480
Mathematics.....20	Mathematics480

2. An ACT English score of 20 or better or a SAT Verbal of 480 or better is necessary for placement in English 101, and exempts students from taking the placement test. *A lower ACT score can be used for placement in a developmental English course.*

An ACT mathematics score of 20 or better or a SAT mathematics score of 480 or better is necessary for placement in MTH 110 or MTH 112, and exempts students from taking the placement test. An ACT score of 18 can be used for placement in MTH 100. *An ACT math score of 17 or below requires placement testing.*

3. A student has successfully completed (C or better) English, reading, and/or mathematics courses at a region-

ally accredited college or university. Transcripts must be on file before an exception to the placement testing requirement will be approved.

EXIT TESTING

Any student pursuing an Associate in Applied Science degree or a certificate may be required to successfully complete an exit examination before the degree or certificate will be awarded. Currently, the primary exit testing involves the use of ACT's WorkKeys.

ADVISING CENTERS

Advising Centers staffed by advisors and counselors are open and operational on the Decatur Campus and on the Huntsville/Research Park campus. The personnel manning the centers will help students plan their schedule, plan their program of study, and register for classes. New students are required to meet with Advising Center personnel. Students may stop by or call for an appointment at the numbers listed below.

DECATUR CAMPUS

Chasteen Student Center (256) 306-2648
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday

HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK CAMPUS

Room 101R (256) 890-4770
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday

WEB ADVISOR

www.calhoun.edu/webadvisor

Calhoun has installed a Web system, known as WEBADVISOR, accessible by the internet that allows eligible students to

- Register for classes
- View and print their schedule for a specific term
- Check their grades by term
- View and print a student transcript
- Drop and add classes during specific time periods
- Search for open classes
- Pay tuition and fees online
- Degree audit
- View financial aid status

In order to use Calhoun's Web system, eligible students must have

- An assigned username
- A password

- Access to the internet, and an e-mail address (students receive a free Calhoun e-mail account, SPACE)
 - No holds or restrictions that prohibit registration.
- Username and initial passwords are mailed to students. New students are not eligible for WebAdvisor registration until they have met with an advisor.

Access Calhoun's website by going to www.calhoun.edu, click on the WEBADVISOR link in the upper right-hand corner of the main page.

End of semester grades ARE NOT mailed. Students must use WEBADVISOR to check their grades.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student activities at Calhoun present various opportunities for students to participate in educational experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum. The student activities program at Calhoun Community College is the responsibility of the students through the Student Government Association. The purpose of the Student Government Association is to represent every student as a direct line of communication to staff, faculty, and administration. The Student Government Association operates under the direction and supervision of the Student Activities Facilitator and the Dean for Student Affairs.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The SGA is intended to provide for active student self-government; to encourage mutual respect among students, faculty, and administrators; to promote the involvement of students in community programs and projects; to provide social and recreational outlets for all students; to function as an organized and realistic laboratory through which students may acquire and "try out" those skills necessary for living in and improving their communities. Calhoun Community College encourages student participation in institutional decision-making. The SGA represents student views to the college administration through representation on the Discipline Committee and the Parking/Traffic Appeals Committee, as well as other special appointments. All students should take an active part in the SGA by (1) voting in every election; (2) taking the initiative to run for offices; and (3) conveying ideas and/or requests to elected student representatives.

The office of the SGA is located in the Chasteen Student Center on the Decatur campus, with regular hours maintained by the student government officials. All students are urged to meet with their representatives and to take an active part in the affairs of the student government. There are also officers (Vice President, Secretary and Campus Coordinator) located on the Huntsville campus.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Student Government Association Constitution is to provide a fair and just system of representation for every student at Calhoun Community College so that, through this representation, a direct line of communication will always be open from each student to Student Government officers and personnel, as well as from those officers and personnel to staff, faculty, and administration. These open lines of communication will foster a high degree of service to students and employees, as well as stimulate appreciation of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society.

ARTICLE I NAME, PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Calhoun Community College Student Government Association, hereinafter referred to as SGA.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the SGA shall be to serve the college by representing the student body and its concerns by communicating these concerns to the students, faculty, and administrators through representation in the Planning Council and various other college committees. Furthermore, the purpose of the SGA shall be to present various opportunities for students to participate in educational, social, and cultural experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum.

Section 3. Membership

The SGA shall be composed of all currently enrolled students. These students shall be represented by the elected Executive and Legislative branches.

ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. Branches

The SGA shall be composed of the Executive and Legislative Branches.

ARTICLE III POWERS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1. Executive Members

All executive powers of the SGA shall be vested in these members: President, 1st Vice President – for Decatur, 2nd

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Vice President – for Huntsville, Secretary – Decatur, Secretary – Huntsville, Campus Coordinator – Decatur, and Campus Coordinator – Huntsville.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of the President

- A. Administer and enforce the SGA Constitution, its by-laws, and student senate statutes.
- B. Appoint committee chairpersons and committee members, and make a recommendation for the removal of a committee chairperson or committee member.
- C. Instruct and require reports from executive officers and committee chairs.
- D. Call and preside over bi-monthly meetings of the SGA and the Executive Branch.
- E. Make recommendations for legislation to the Student Senate.
- F. Serve, or appoint a member of the elected body of the SGA to serve, on the Discipline Committee, Student Activities Advisory Committee, and other appropriate institutional committees.
- G. Keep regular, posted SGA office hours - three (3) to five (5) hours a week - approved by the SGA Advisor.
- H. Not holding the Office of President in any other Calhoun Community College club or organizations.
- I. Serve in all other proper and necessary capacities as assigned by the SGA Advisor.

Section 3a. Powers and Duties of the 1st Vice President

- A. In the absence of the President, assume the powers and duties of the President.
- B. In the event of the President's resignation or removal from office, assume the office of the President until the next regularly scheduled election.
- C. Serve in an advisory capacity to all SGA committees and require weekly, written reports from committee chairs on an as-needed basis.
- D. Keep regular, posted SGA office hours - three (3) to five (5) hours a week - approved by SGA Advisor.
- E. Attend one meeting per month on the Huntsville campus, if needed.

Section 3b. Powers and Duties of the 2nd Vice President

- A. Serve as executive member responsible for coordinating Huntsville campus SGA activities
- B. Serve as Huntsville liaison to the SGA Executive Branch
- C. Serve in an advisory capacity to all Huntsville SGA committees and require weekly, written reports from committee chairs on an as-needed basis.
- D. Keep regular, posted SGA office hours – three (3) to five (5) hours a week – approved by SGA Advisor.

- E. Attend one meeting per month on the Decatur campus as needed.

Section 4a. Powers and Duties of the Secretary – Decatur Campus

- A. Record and report the minutes of each meeting of the SGA and the Executive Branch.
- B. Submit to the SGA President, SGA Advisor, and Dean for Student Affairs, bi-monthly typed written minutes of the SGA and Executive Branch meetings.
- C. Serve as corresponding secretary for the Executive Branch.
- D. Call or check roll (or make provisions for the task) at each meeting and activity and keep a permanent record of attendance.
- E. Keep regular, posted SGA office hours – three (3) to five (5) hours a week – approved by the SGA Advisor.
- F. Keep the SGA Constitution updated as it is amended.

Section 4a. Powers and Duties of the Secretary – Huntsville Campus

- A. Serve as corresponding secretary for the Huntsville campus
- B. Call or check roll (or make provisions for the task) at each Huntsville meeting and activity and keep a permanent record of attendance.
- C. Keep regular posted SGA office hours – three (3) to five (5) hours a week – approved by the Huntsville SGA Advisor.

Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Campus Coordinator – Decatur and Huntsville

- A. Campus liaison between the SGA and the campus clubs and organizations.
- B. Bi-monthly report to the SGA officers and Advisor.
- C. Keep regular, posted SGA office hours - three (3) to five (5) hours a week - approved by the SGA Advisor.

ARTICLE IV POWERS OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1. Legislative Members

The legislative powers of the SGA shall be vested in

- Ten (10) representatives at the Decatur campus elected at large from the student body
- Five (5) representatives at the Huntsville campus elected at large from the student body.
- One (1) active member of each Calhoun club or organization with a demonstrable membership of at least 15 active members, having the appropriate SGA qualifications, who are elected by the membership of that club.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of the Legislative Branch

- A. Administer and enforce the SGA Constitution.
- B. Propose amendments to the SGA Constitution.
- C. Be responsible for attending all SGA meetings and participating in all SGA activities, unless excused by the SGA Advisor.

ARTICLE V QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES

Section 1. Qualifications of Executive Branch

- A. Any student running for SGA President must have prior Calhoun SGA experience.
- B. Officers shall be students in good standing taking at least 12 semester hours. Each officer shall maintain a 2.5 or better overall grade point average during his or her term of office.
- C. The Secretary and Campus Coordinator must have demonstrated computer skills.

Section 2. Qualifications for Legislative Branch

- A. All senators of the student body shall be students in good standing taking at least 9 semester hours. Each senator shall maintain a 2.5 or better overall grade point average during his or her term of office.
- B. First semester freshmen desiring to run for election shall do so on the basis of high school grades.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS AND SUCCESSION

Section 1. Election of Executive Branch

- A. All officers and two (2) senators of the SGA shall be elected and installed to assume office during the month of March.
- B. Any qualified student may be placed on the official ballot by submitting to the SGA Advisor an application fourteen (14) days prior to the election with a 2.5 grade point average verified by the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management.

Section 2. Election of Legislative Branch

- A. Eight senators of the SGA from the Decatur campus shall be elected and installed to assume office during the month of September.
- B. Five senators of the SGA from the Huntsville campus shall be elected and installed to assume office during the month of September
- C. Any qualified student may be placed on the official ballot by submitting to the SGA Advisor an application fourteen

(14) days prior to the election with a 2.5 grade point average verified by the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management..

Section 3. Election Procedures

- A. All elections shall be by secret ballot.
- B. Election winners will be notified by the SGA Advisor.

Section 4. Succession

- A. The President shall be succeeded by the 1st Vice President of the student body.
- B. The Vice President shall be succeeded by nominations from the executive board to be voted on by the SGA.
- C. All other vacancies of officers shall be filled by election within the governing body by 2/3 vote of the members present. (See Article XI, Section 2.)
- D. All senatorial vacancies shall be filled by the candidate with the next highest vote in the prior election. If the quorum of the original members isn't met, nominations will be taken from the floor and elected by a 2/3 vote. (See Article XI, Section 2.)
- E. If there is a quorum of the original members, then no new senators will be expected after the fall semester.

ARTICLE VII CONTINUITY OF SERVICE

Section 1. Executive Branch

- A. An Executive member in the SGA will be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the governing body only after the cause has been deemed just by the Student Senate.
- B. An executive member of the SGA will be removed from office for failure to uphold the oath of office.
- C. Any disciplinary action taken against an executive member of the SGA by the Discipline Committee may be deemed just cause for removal from office.
- D. An executive member of the SGA nominated for removal from office shall have the right to be informed in advance and be present at the meeting for the purpose of defending himself/herself.
- E. Without a vote of the Senate, an executive member of the SGA will be removed from office for failure to attend meetings, scheduled activities, or failure to meet the GPA requirements. Excuses for absences must be obtained from the SGA President or SGA Advisor. Any more than three (3) unexcused absences from meetings or activities will be deemed just cause for immediate removal from office by the SGA Advisor or Dean for Student Affairs.
- F. Legislative members can remove a committee chair or co-chair by a majority vote upon a recommendation from the SGA President or the SGA Advisor.
- G. If a legislative member is removed, he/she must be replaced within two (2) weeks.

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Section 2. Legislative Branch

- A. A legislative member in the SGA will be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the governing body only after the cause has been deemed just by the Student Senate.
- B. A legislative member of the SGA will be removed from office for failure to uphold the oath of office.
- C. A senator will be removed from office without a vote of the senate for failure to attend meetings, scheduled activities, or failure to meet the GPA requirements. Excuses for absences must be obtained from the SGA President or SGA Advisor. Any more than three (3) unexcused absences from meetings or activities will be deemed just cause for immediate removal from office by the SGA Advisor.
- D. Any disciplinary action taken against a legislative member of the SGA by the Discipline Committee will be deemed just cause for removal from office.
- E. A legislative member of the SGA nominated for removal from office shall have the right to be present at the meeting for the purpose of defending himself/herself.

cases in which these rules are not inconsistent with the by-laws and any special rules of order the SGA may adopt.

ARTICLE XI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments

- A. An amendment to the SGA Constitution may be proposed during a regular meeting by any SGA member.
- B. After review by an appointed committee, amendments to the SGA Constitution must be ratified by 3/4 of the active, elected membership.

Section 2. Quorum

A quorum shall be defined as 3/4 of the active, elected membership; a quorum must be present to vote on ANY official business.

Effective 10/00

NOTE: Each SGA member will be required to serve on committees, which include some listed below (subject to change):

- *Costume Contest*
- *Food/Hospitality*
- *Pool Tournament*
- *Disciplinary*
- *Spring Fest*
- *Parking Appeals*
- *Blood Drive*
- *Fall Fest*
- *Mr. and Ms. Calhoun Community College*

ARTICLE VIII OATH OF OFFICE

Section 1. Oath of Office

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office (Name of Office). I will act always in the best interest of Calhoun Community College and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and enforce the SGA Constitution of Calhoun Community College.

Section 2. Upholding Oath of Office

Any elected or appointed officer shall uphold the oath of office or shall be dismissed from the SGA.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. General Sessions

Bi-monthly meetings will be held in the SGA Meeting Room (202A), Chasteen Student Center, Decatur campus, and in the SGA Office on the Huntsville campus.

Section 2. Executive Meetings

The Executive Branch of the SGA shall meet once a week for the purpose of planning.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be called when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE X RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the SGA in all



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

Cocurricular organizations and clubs are recognized as an integral part of the total educational program of Calhoun Community College. Students are encouraged to participate in organizations and clubs in order to share their talents and ideas with classmates and college staff, to positively influence the total college program, to enhance personal skills through leadership experiences, and to enjoy a fuller social life through contacts made in cocurricular activities.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR FUNCTIONS.

Student Government Association - represents student views to the college administration and coordinates and carries out the Student Activities Program. Officers and two senators are elected in March. Senators are elected in September. Applications to run for SGA may be acquired from the Student Activities Facilitator or SGA office. The SGA President, Vice President, Secretary, and 2nd Vice President and Campus Coordinator may be eligible for a scholarship, but awards must be made within scholarship policies at Calhoun. See your advisor for more information.

Calhoun Community College encourages student participation in institutional decision-making. The Student Government Association represents student views to the college administration through representation on the Discipline Committee, Parking/Traffic Appeals Committee, as well as other special appointments. Kelly Hovater, Sponsor - Student Activities Facilitator (SA) (306-2640)

Warhawks (Hosts and Hostesses) – The Warhawks are Calhoun’s official hosts and hostesses. They represent the college at official functions, give campus tours, host student and faculty receptions, represent Calhoun Community College at various high school programs, assist with Scholars’ Bowl competitions, and lots of other exciting activities. It’s a great way to meet other students, faculty and administrators, and become involved in student activities. Some of the requirements for being a Warhawk are a positive attitude, a minimum GPA of 3.0, and nine hours. Sponsors: Janet Kincherlow-Martin, ext. 2561, Lanita Parker, ext. 2615. Meets: Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., Math/Science Building Conference Room.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CALHOUN’S CLUBS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR FUNCTIONS.

2CTV – Calhoun Campus Television (2CTV) is a campus-only television station that provides news, sports, weather, entertainment, announcements and other programs of interest to Calhoun’s students, staff, faculty and administrators. The station is operated by and serves as a real world laboratory for students in Television Production, Filmmaking and Mass Communications classes. 2CTV is displayed on dedicated viewing stations located throughout the campus and may also be received on any TV on the Calhoun Cable Television System. Suggestions for programming are encouraged and may be made by calling the 2CTV office at 306-2967. Sponsor – Dr. John Colagross, 306-2702.

Allied Health Students Assn. – gives students in the area of Allied Health a chance to meet, form new friendships, and learn more about the fields of Allied Health. Sponsor - Grant Wilson, 306-2950 Meets: TBA

Black Students’ Alliance Club – A one-of-a-kind group open to all students who want to get to know other students, talk about/plan activities, resolve questions or issues pertaining to Black students, respond to campus and community concerns, and enjoy college life together. Sponsors – Pamela Little, 306-2633; Ernest Williams, 260-2742; Mattie Burks, 306-2614 and Kermit Carter, 306-2613.

Campus Ministries - Baptist Campus ministries, Christian Fellowship, is a Christ-centered organization that offers students the opportunity to grow in leadership skills, discipleship, and personal relationships. Students will find worship, Bible study, music, food, fun, friends, mission trips and much more.

Dental Assistants Club – promotes education of dental assistant students, improves and sustains the profession, and advances the dental profession and the improvement of dental health. Meets: TBA.



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Drama Club - auxiliary to theatre program whose purpose is to foster student interest in theatre arts by attendance at off-campus theatre performances. Sponsor - William Godsey, 306-2701, e-mail: wmg@calhoun.edu, Fine Arts, Meets: TBA.

MENC (Music Club) - acquaints students with the privileges, responsibilities, and leaders of the music profession. Sponsor - Jim Crawley, 306-2691. Meeting dates and times: TBA.

Native American Club - This club is for students who are of Native American descent or for students who are interested in learning about the varied cultures that make up the Native American Community of North America. It is dedicated to preserving native American Heritage and educating the public at large about Native Americans and their rich cultural heritage. Sponsor: Keith Hallmark, 306-2652 and Dawn Hale, 306-2630. For meeting dates and times, please contact Dawn Hale at 306-2630.

Nursing Club - promotes citizenship, leadership and fellowship; encourages responsibility for maintenance of high ideals for the nursing profession; encourages future participation in professional nursing organizations. Freshman Sponsors: Susan Lawless, 306-2790 and Jennifer Loudon, 306-2808. Sophomore Sponsor: Beth Sasser, 260-2448. Meeting dates and times: TBA.

Phi Theta Kappa - Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society. Students who meet the requirements are inducted by invitation. Newsletters announce club meetings, i.e., date, place, and time. Phi Theta Kappa has many campus and community service projects throughout the year. The organization makes involvement in community service very accessible to our members by conducting projects in each of the surrounding counties. Members are encouraged to be active in the organization so they may fellowship with peers and other chapter members and enjoy a well-rounded college experience. Sponsors – Karen Bright (890-4722) Decatur campus, Felecia Ewing, 890-4798, Huntsville campus; Meeting dates and times TBA. Decatur campus meeting site, Chasteen Student Center; Huntsville/Cummings Research Park meeting site, Room 101 D.

Photography Club - The Calhoun Community College Photo Club meets monthly and features fun-filled activities for students with an interest in analog and digital photography. The club hosts special exhibits, seminars and gallery visits. Sponsor - John Davis, e-mail: jdavisphoto@yahoo.com

Psychology Club – The Psychology Club is an academic and social organization open to all students who have an interest in psychology as a major or minor, as well as any other student who wants to be involved in a dynamic, service-oriented, student-driven campus group. The group meets once a month and has one major activity during the fall and spring semesters. Sponsor- Kenneth Anderson (306-2756),

Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD – English) - Sigma Kappa Delta is the National English Honor Society for students in two-year colleges and was created by Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society for university students. Those who qualify are inducted by invitation. The advantages of SKD include life-long recognition for academic excellence; a chance to qualify for scholarships and to publish; the opportunity to participate in activities that celebrate theatre, art music, reading, and writing; and a chance to attend conferences both locally and nationally. Sponsors – Jill Chadwick (306-2721) and Leigh Ann Rhea (306-2940). Call for meeting times and locations.

SkillsUSA - SkillsUSA Is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skills and service occupations, including health occupations programs and tech prep. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 members in 13,000 chapters and 53 state and territorial associations. SkillsUSA was established in 1965 and has served more than 9.5 million students. Sponsors: Nick Agrawal (890-4751), Mark Rose (306-2814), and Tad Montgomery (306-2669)

Student Art Club - The purpose of the Student Art Club is to provide a creative environment for all Calhoun students who wish to pursue, develop and utilize their artistic abilities. Sponsor - Kristine Beadle (306-2703) and Kathryn Vaughn (306-2695).

Forming New Club- anyone interested in forming a new club should see the Student Activities Facilitator, Kelly Hovater, 306-2640, in the Chasteen Student Center on the Decatur campus.



TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS

Every effort is being made to help students have a place to park while attending classes. Complete cooperation among drivers is requested. **All students who drive motor vehicles on any of Calhoun Community College's sites are responsible for knowing and abiding by parking/traffic regulations.**

PARKING/TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Students who are enrolled at Calhoun Community College are required to secure parking permits for their vehicles regardless of class location.

Parking/Traffic Decals

1. Decals can be acquired at the switchboard in Chasteen Student Center at no charge. Permits also can be acquired from the security office at Huntsville/Research Park.
2. Decals must be hung on rearview mirror of automobiles/trucks or affixed where visible on motorcycles.
3. Open Parking

White Decals – Employee
Dark Blue Decals – Student

Student parking for the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus is in the open lots to the west and south of the building, **except against the curbs, which are reserved for emergency vehicles.**

4. If a student drives more than one vehicle on campus regularly, the student must have a decal for each vehicle.
5. In the event of car trouble or other extenuating circumstances, temporary decals may be obtained from Campus Police or Huntsville/Research Park Bookstore. Temporary permits must be obtained immediately upon arrival and displayed in vehicle.
6. Decals expire August 31 of each year.

HANDICAP PARKING POLICY

Eligibility to access available handicap parking on campus requires that a student, faculty or staff member show proof that they are the legally registered recipient of the state issued handicap parking placard. A valid Calhoun ID along with a state issued handicap registration form must be presented to the Disabilities Services Office when requesting a campus parking placard. The Calhoun handicap parking placard must be displayed on the dashboard of the eligible vehicle when parked on campus.

FINES

1. The following schedule of fee penalties will be applied to parking and traffic violations.
 - a. Failure to properly display parking decal in vehicle.....\$10.00
 - b. Speeding on campus10.00
 - c. Running stop sign.....10.00
 - d. Unauthorized parking in zones for disabled Decatur Campus50.00
Huntsville/Cummings Research Park Campus ...50.00
 - e. Fire lane violations, Cummings Research Park Campus.....50.00
 - f. Improper parking (example: taking up two spaces)10.00
 - g. Other violations (example: obscured decal, entering or exiting in the wrong direction)10.00
2. All fines must be paid within 7 days of ticketing. Fines that are not paid within the 7 days automatically double.
3. A student may not register for classes nor have transcripts released until all fines are paid.
4. Any student wishing to appeal a parking/traffic fine may do so by appearing before the S.G.A. Parking/Traffic Appeals Committee. This is a three-member committee made up of students appointed by the Student Government Association. It is charged with the responsibility of hearing and ruling on each case in which a student appeals having received a parking ticket. The committee meets on a scheduled basis in the Chasteen Student Center, Decatur campus. Parking appeals at the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park location should be made to the Dean for Huntsville/Cummings Research Park at that site.

ACCIDENTS

Students must report all campus motor vehicle accidents to a campus police officer.

NEED HELP?—CALL SECURITY

1. Extension 2575 on campus, (or)
2. Ask the Calhoun switchboard operator to contact Campus Police for you, (or)
3. Contact the Huntsville/Research Park Office personnel (256-890-4701).

CAMPUS POLICE COURTESY SERVICES

The Campus Police/Security Office is available to assist with a jump for dead batteries or ignition keys locked inside the car anywhere on campus. The Campus Police/Security Office will not be liable for any damage to vehicles caused as a result of these courtesy services. Because of extensive liability regulations, the Department cannot assist with tire changing. To reach an officer, dial 256-306-2575 for the Decatur Campus and 256-890-4701 for Huntsville/Research Park.

COLLEGE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES.

Calhoun Community College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admitting students to, providing access to, or in the operations of its programs, services, or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices.

Questions, concerns, complaints, requests for information, or requests for the provision of reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities should be directed to Calhoun Community College's ADA Compliance Coordinator, whose name, address, e-mail, and phone number are shown below:

Dr. Kermit Carter
Dean for Student Affairs
Chasteen Student Center, Room 205
P.O. Box 2216
Decatur, Alabama 35609-2216
klc@calhoun.edu
Phone: (256) 306-2613
Fax Number: (256) 306-2948
Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday

Students who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in participating in the programs and services of Calhoun Community College should make these needs known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator or designee.

This notice is provided pursuant to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It is also available in larger print, on audio tape, and in braille from the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Conduct Expectations

The College assumes that entering students are adults who have developed mature behavior patterns, positive attitudes, and conduct above reproach. Students are treated in accordance with this belief. The College reserves the right to dismiss any student whose on- or off-campus behavior is considered undesirable or harmful to the College.

Children are not allowed to attend classes with students or faculty. No minors should be left unattended in any building

of Calhoun Community College.

No animal or pet may be brought on campus. Exceptions to this policy include guide dogs for the disabled, laboratory animals, and animals to be used for previously-approved instructional or special programs.

DRUG POLICY

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment passed by the U.S. Congress in 1989, Calhoun Community College has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. This publication contains information concerning standards of conduct – legal sanctions, health risks, available treatment and disciplinary sanctions for violations of the policy.

Drug Policy Standards of Conduct and Enforcement

Calhoun Community College is a public educational institution of the State of Alabama and, as such, shall not permit on its premises, or at any activity which it sponsors, the possession, use, or distribution of any alcoholic beverage or any illicit drug by any student, employee, or visitor. In the event of the confirmation of such prohibited possession, use, or distribution by a student or employee, Calhoun Community College shall, within the scope of applicable Federal and State due process requirements, take such administrative or disciplinary action as is appropriate. For a student, the disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension or expulsion. For an employee, such administrative or disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, reprimand, or suspension or termination of employment, or requirement that the employee participate in and/or successfully complete an appropriate rehabilitation program. Any visitor engaging in any act prohibited by this policy shall be called upon to immediately cease such behavior. If any employee, student or visitor shall engage in any behavior prohibited by this policy which is also a violation of Federal, State, or local law or ordinance, that employee, student, or visitor shall be subject to referral to law enforcement officials for arrest and prosecution.

Legal Sanctions

There are legal sanctions on the local, State, and Federal levels regarding unlawful use, possession, and distribution of alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs. An outline of these sanctions is currently published in a document titled "Legal Actions Regarding Unlawful Use, Possession, or Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages and Illicit Drugs." Copies of this document can be found in the Albert P. Brewer Library, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, and in all counselors' offices at the Decatur and Huntsville campuses.

A. CODE OF CONDUCT

All students of Calhoun Community College shall be expected to conduct themselves in an honorable, ethical fashion. However, in the event of proven misconduct, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The following sections address the Student Code of Conduct, as well as the College's disciplinary procedures.

Misconduct Defined. A student shall be subject to disciplinary action by the College, up to and including dismissal, for misconduct on any property owned or controlled by the College, or off campus at any function which is authorized, sponsored, or conducted by the College or in parking lots adjacent to areas or buildings where College functions are being conducted. Such misconduct shall include the **commission of**, the **attempt to commit**, or the **solicitation of** any of the following offenses:

1. Any form of dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, or furnishing false information to the College.

Cheating is defined, for academic purposes, to include, but not be limited to, the use of unauthorized aids (such as crib sheets or other items such as written materials; drawings; lab reports; discarded computer printouts, stored information, or programs); unauthorized assistance on take-home exams or projects; copying, or copying from, another student's work; soliciting, providing, and/or receiving any unauthorized aid or assistance (whether orally or in writing); or similar or equivalent acts contrary to the principles of academic honesty.

Plagiarism is defined to include the act of using in one's work, or as one's work, the work of another without clearly indicating that the work is someone else's and stating the source of the other's work.

2. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, records or identification.
3. *Intoxication from, or the use, display, or possession of, alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance (drug), as outlined by the *Code of Alabama*, unless the student has a valid prescription for the use of the respective controlled substance.
4. Use, possession, or distribution of firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or any type of explosive or incendiary device or material. Only duly constituted law enforcement officers may possess firearms on campus.
5. Disorderly or disruptive conduct, including rioting, inciting to riot, assembling to riot, raiding, inciting to raid, and assembling to raid college properties. This offense also includes in-class behavior, which, in the opinion of the respective instructor, unduly disrupts the order of a class.

6. Lewd, indecent, obscene, or unduly offensive behavior or expression. This offense includes, but is not limited to, the usage of verbal or symbolic expressions, which would tend to be reasonably interpreted as insulting to one's race, gender, religion, age, national origin, or disability.
7. Participation in any form of gambling.
8. Unauthorized entry to College facilities.
9. Unauthorized possession of a key to College facilities.
10. Unauthorized interference with the use of or access to a College facility.
11. *Theft of, or intentional damage to, property of the College or to the property of any member of the College community or visitor to the College.
12. *Intentional misuse of any College fire alarm or fire-fighting equipment.
13. *Actual or threatened physical abuse of any person, including hazing or any other act, which would tend to endanger the health or safety of any person.
14. *Failure to promptly comply with directions of college officials or law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties as such officials and officers.
15. The wearing of attire which, in the opinion of the administration of the College, is lewd or immodest to the extent that it would tend to disrupt the educational process and/or infringe upon the rights of any other student or employee of the College.
16. Violation of any College policy or regulation as published or referred to in the College catalog or student handbook, including, but not limited to, those governing the time, place and manner of public expression; the registration of student organizations; and use of parking of motor vehicles on the campus.
17. Violation of any Federal, State, or local law or ordinance.

***The commission of any of these particular offenses will subject the student to immediate, automatic disciplinary suspension or expulsion from the College, if the Dean for Student Affairs has probable cause to believe that the respective student committed such an offense. In such case, the Dean for Student Affairs will set a hearing for the earliest reasonable date after the alleged occurrence of the violation.**

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B. STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Students are guaranteed procedural due process in all cases involving formal discipline charges. College disciplinary procedures are designed to assure a student's right to procedural and substantive due process and to the fullest extent feasible, safeguard personal and confidential information concerning the student.

Disciplinary Action by Instructor. With regard to a matter of academic dishonesty in taking a college course, the College's respective faculty members are authorized to administer certain appropriate disciplinary action. If a given faculty member has substantive evidence of a student's having committed, attempted to commit, or solicited an act of cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty, the faculty member shall have the authority to (1) impose a grade of "F" for the respective assignment or test; (2) impose an "F" for the respective course; (3) require that an assignment be redone or a test be retaken; (4) impose other similar sanctions designed to preserve academic integrity. The faculty member shall not have the right to suspend or expel a student. That authority is reserved for the Dean for Student Affairs and the College Disciplinary Committee. If the faculty member believes that the improper conduct should be subject to greater punishment, or additional punishment, then the case should be referred to the Dean for Student Affairs for disciplinary review.

In any situation where a student is alleged to have committed academic dishonesty of any nature, the faculty member making the allegation shall, within three (3) business days after the alleged wrongful act or the faculty member's first knowledge of the act, give the student written notice of the allegation and give the student the opportunity to respond to each allegation made. The student shall have a maximum of (3) business days to respond to any allegation made. No disciplinary grade imposed by a faculty member shall be considered final unless and until the student has been given written notice of the alleged wrongdoing and the opportunity to respond. It is not necessary that the student give a response for a grade to be finalized, only that the student has been given an opportunity to respond and that the instructor give due consideration to any response which is made. Each instructor shall keep a confidential file of any and all written allegations of academic dishonesty and all actions taken with regard to such allegations.

Any student against whom a sanction is imposed by a faculty member as a result of an allegation of academic dishonesty shall have the right to appeal the sanction to the Dean for Student Affairs. The appeal must be filed with the Dean within five (5) business days after the student is first made aware of the date that the decision has been made to impose a sanction and must include: (1) a copy of the faculty member's written allegation of academic dishonesty; (2) a statement of the sanction imposed; (3) the dates on which the student received the written allegation and on which the student responded to the allegation; (4) the nature of the student's response to the fac-

ulty member concerning the allegation; and (5) the rationale for the appeal of the sanction. The student shall have the option of admitting to the Dean the act of academic dishonesty and proposing an alternative sanction.

The Dean for Student Affairs shall, within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the appeal, issue a report by which the Dean will (1) affirm the sanction; (2) overrule the sanction; or (3) modify the sanction. The Dean shall not overrule or modify any sanction imposed by a faculty member except where there is a compelling and substantial academic or legal reason for doing so.

The decision of the Dean shall be final and binding as to each party, and any grade affected by the Dean's decision shall be recorded so as to reflect the Dean's decision.

Disciplinary Action by Dean or Disciplinary Committee. With regard to all alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct other than those handled at the faculty level, the Dean for Student Affairs shall have the authority to make disciplinary decisions at the administrative level and shall refer appropriate appeals to the College Disciplinary Committee who shall ensure that the fundamental elements of due process are followed through a fair and reasonable hearing. The Dean shall also have the discretion of referring a case to the Disciplinary Committee for the initial hearing. The Dean shall maintain appropriate records of all reports of student misconduct and all disciplinary proceedings.

Alleged violations of College regulations must be filed, within sixty (60) calendar days of their respective occurrence or the first discovery of their occurrence, in writing with the Dean for Student Affairs in order to initiate a disciplinary review. Any student, faculty member, or staff member may register a complaint with the Dean for Student Affairs. The Dean for Student Affairs will then inform the accused in writing, will request a conference, and will render a decision to the student regarding the case in question. The decision will be one or more of the following:

1. Find the accused not guilty and dismiss the case.
2. Refer the student to a counselor for personalized assistance.
3. Find the student guilty as charged and apply the appropriate penalty stated under "Disciplinary Actions."
4. Refer the case directly to the College Disciplinary Committee for a hearing and determination as to disciplinary action.

Upon communicating his/her decision to the student, the Dean for Student Affairs will also explain the student's right to appeal to the Disciplinary Committee any disciplinary action

imposed by the Dean. If the student wishes to appeal a decision by the Dean, he/she must file a written request, stating the reason(s) for the appeal, with the Dean for Student Affairs within 48 hours. The Dean for Student Affairs will then have 48 hours to refer the case to the Disciplinary Committee along with his/her recommendation for disciplinary action. The Committee will schedule and conduct a hearing under the guidelines specified in "Hearing Procedures," and will submit its decision in writing to the Dean for Student Affairs and the accused student.

College Disciplinary Committee. Recognizing the right of students to be granted due process in all matters of a disciplinary nature, the College assures due process through the authority and activities of the College Disciplinary Committee.

The College Disciplinary Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the administration, faculty, library or counseling staff, appointed by the Dean for Student Affairs (at least two of the three should be teaching faculty) and two students appointed by the President of the Student Government Association in consultation with the Student Activities Facilitator. If the Committee is selected at a time when there is no sitting SGA President, or when the SGA President is unavailable, then the two students shall be selected by the Dean for Student Affairs.

The purposes of the Disciplinary Committee are as follows:

1. Hear charges and evidence concerning alleged student misconduct and direct action to be taken in cases appealed by students referred to the Committee by the Dean for Student Affairs.
2. Impose appropriate disciplinary action when such action is warranted by evidence presented in a disciplinary hearing.
3. Review and make recommendations to the Dean for Student Affairs on student disciplinary policies and procedures.

HEARING PROCEDURES

Each party to a disciplinary hearing shall be given prior written notice by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee of the date, time, and place of the hearing. Whenever feasible, this notice shall be at least 72 hours in advance. The notice will be by personal service or certified mail. If the Committee determines that a party is intentionally avoiding service, the Committee may elect to hold the hearing in the absence of such party upon a majority vote of the Committee members.

Attendance at Hearing.

1. Disciplinary Committee hearings shall be private and confidential and will be limited to persons officially involved. Persons present shall include Disciplinary Committee

members, the Dean for Student Affairs or his/her designee, the student who is the subject of the hearing and his/her advisor, appropriate staff members, a recorder, and witnesses for both parties. Nonparty witnesses will be present only when giving testimony. The Dean for Student Affairs, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for preparing and presenting the College's case. NOTE: All references in these hearing procedures to the "Dean for Student Affairs" shall also apply to any designee of the Dean.

2. The student shall have the right to have one advisor, who may be, but does not have to be, an attorney, present during the hearing. The advisor may not address the hearing to give evidence on behalf of the student. In answering or asking questions, the student may seek advice from the advisor before proceeding.
3. In the event that a disciplinary hearing is scheduled for a student, and the student has been made aware of the date, time, and place, but fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing may be conducted in the student's absence.
4. The hearing will be recorded by either a certified court reporter or on audio or videotape. The record of the hearing, including a copy of all evidence offered, whether admitted or not, will be filed in the office of the Dean for Student Affairs and will be kept confidential.

Order of Hearing.

1. Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee.
2. Review of charges and any action previously taken in the case by the Dean for Student Affairs.
3. Opening statement by Dean or his/her designee (not more than ten minutes).
4. Opening statement of not more than ten minutes by the accused student.
5. Presentations of evidence by the parties, including testimony and questioning of witnesses. Witnesses for the College will present testimony first. Following the testimony of all College witnesses, the student may call his/her witnesses. Both parties to the action and the members of the Disciplinary Committee have the right to question all witnesses. The Committee shall not have the authority to compel an accused student to testify against himself/herself; but the Committee may take the failure of the student to testify when deliberating the evidence.
6. Closing statement (not to exceed 20 minutes) by the student.

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7. Closing statement (not to exceed 20 minutes) by the Dean for Student Affairs.
8. Deliberation by the Disciplinary Committee.
9. Report of Committee Findings.

The Disciplinary Committee will conduct its deliberation in closed and confidential session and, after reaching its decision, will orally inform the parties of the decision. Each party will subsequently be provided a written rendition of the findings of the Committee.

Prior to beginning any hearing, the Disciplinary Committee shall make an assessment as to what would be a reasonable amount of time to be allotted for a hearing and may limit the time for any or all aspects of the hearing so as to conform to the allotted time.

Rules of Evidence.

The evidentiary standard to be used by the Committee shall be the "Preponderance of Evidence" standard, rather than the "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" standard. That is to say that the Committee shall determine, strictly upon the evidence presented, whether it was more likely than not that the allegation(s) made against the accused student was (were) true in terms of which of the evidence was more credible and convincing to the reasonable mind.

The Committee shall inform the parties that the rules relating to the admissibility of evidence shall be similar to, but less stringent than, those which apply to civil trials in the courts of Alabama. Generally speaking, irrelevant or immaterial evidence and privileged information (such as personal medical information or attorney-client communications) shall be excluded. However, hearsay evidence and unauthorized documentary evidence may be admitted if the hearing chairperson determines that the evidence offered is of the type and nature commonly relied upon or taken into consideration by a responsible, prudent person in conducting his/her affairs.

In the event of an objection by any party to any testimony or other evidence offered at the hearing, the chairperson shall have the authority to rule on the admissibility of the evidence, and this ruling shall be final and binding.

Disciplinary Action

The following disciplinary actions will be administered according to the severity of the infraction as determined by the Dean for Student Affairs and/or the Disciplinary Committee:

1. *Disciplinary Reprimand.* This may be an oral or written warning. It notifies a student that any further violation of College regulations may subject the student to more

severe disciplinary actions.

2. *Disciplinary Probation.* This is designated to encourage and require a student to cease and desist from violating College regulations. Students on probation are notified in writing that any further misbehavior on their part will lead to more severe action.

Disciplinary Probation will be for the remainder of the existing semester and for all of the following semesters of attendance.

3. *Disciplinary Suspension.* This excludes a student from the College for a designated period of time, usually not more than two semesters. While on suspension, a student will not be allowed to take any course at the College. At the end of the designated period of time, the student must make formal reapplication for admission.
4. *Class Suspension.* A student may be suspended from attending one or more specified courses for improper behavior. Class suspensions are for the remainder of the semester, and the student will be assigned a letter grade of "F" for each course from which he/she is suspended.
5. *Library Suspension.* A student may be suspended from using the library for improper or disruptive behavior in the library. Library suspension will be for a period of time not to exceed the remainder of the semester.
6. *Disciplinary Expulsion.* This is the strongest disciplinary action. This category of severe penalty generally indicates the recipient may not return to the College. Disciplinary expulsion normally would be the least-used disciplinary action and would be applied only to students who are guilty of chronic misbehavior or a major breach of conduct. The College reserves the right, but has no duty, to lift the probation against re-enrollment upon its consideration of a written application for readmission evidencing that the student has demonstrated an ability and readiness to comply with all College rules and regulations. The College will not consider such a request until at least one year from the date of expulsion.
7. *Payment of Damages.* Payment will be assessed against a given student or students for the amount necessary to repair damage caused by student or students' behavior.

Factual findings of the Disciplinary Committee shall be deemed correct and shall not be subject to appeal. Nor shall disciplinary actions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee be subject to appeal, except upon a written demonstration to the President of the College that the Committee: (1) was not formed in accordance with the above-described selection process or (2) acted blatantly contrary to the above-stated provisions for disciplinary action in terms of the type and/or

severity of punishment imposed. In any case where the President determines that either of the two foregoing conditions was present, the President shall have the discretion of either affirming the disciplinary action, reversing the action, or dismissing in part and affirming in part the subject disciplinary action.

A disciplinary suspension or expulsion shall not result in a notation on a student's permanent record. A notice that a student is currently on suspension or expulsion and ineligible to return to the College until a certain date shall be attached to the student's file. In the event that the student becomes eligible to re-enroll, the notice shall be removed.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

Calhoun Community College has a specific computer use policy. Students are expected to know the policy and to strictly follow said policy. Any student who violates that policy will be formally charged in writing by the Dean for Student Affairs.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Individuals are Fully Responsible for their own actions while using Calhoun Community College's (Calhoun) "computer technology" (defined as Calhoun computers and computer-related equipment, programs, supplies, and network communications, including Internet access gained through Calhoun's computer network). Users must respect the privacy and rights of others, and the integrity of both the hardware and software being used. Accordingly, users must assume responsibility for making the best possible use of access privileges and for not abusing them. Employee questions concerning access, acceptable and unacceptable use, should be directed to the Director of Information Technology. Student questions should be directed to the appropriate instructor or the Campus Dean or designee.

Limited Access: Calhoun reserves the right to limit the access of any and all employees and students to certain software programs or directories. Each user is provided with a certain access level. A user may not access a computer without authorization or exceed authorized access. A user's activity is restricted to access of only those programs or directories in that user's respective access level. Likewise, a user may not obtain access to another level by means of another user's access. Any user who exceeds his/her respective level, assists another user to gain access to an otherwise inaccessible level, or allows another user to gain access to an otherwise inaccessible level will be held accountable for the violation of this policy. A user may not continue to enter an access level which was previously assigned to the user, but which has since been suspended, revoked, or otherwise continued.

No user may knowingly:

- Use either Calhoun computer technology or personal technology to "break into" or "hack into" college or other computers and storage devices for the purpose of reading, copying, deleting, modifying or distributing data and/or information of others, or any other purpose;
- Give passwords, access codes or other security level access information to others;
- Share personal E-mail accounts.

Internet Access: Any employee or student access to the Internet through Calhoun's computer network is limited to the acceptable use as set out below. Likewise, any employee or student who accesses the Internet through Calhoun's computer network for an unacceptable use as defined above or causes an unacceptable result will be held accountable for the violation.

The use of the Internet must be in support of education, research, college-related service activities, or college administration and consistent with the mission of Calhoun Community College. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Any use of the Internet through Calhoun's computer network for political advertisement or political lobbying is also strictly prohibited.

Users of the Internet through Calhoun's computer network are expected to abide by the rules of network etiquette. Any swearing, vulgarities or other inappropriate language is prohibited. Users are also prohibited from revealing personal addresses or phone numbers of students or colleagues.

Users are hereby warned that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

Acceptable Use: It is acceptable to use Calhoun computer technology for purposes relating directly to education, educational research, college-related service activities, and administration of Calhoun.

Examples of acceptable use are:

- Using the software/hardware only in the condition and settings provided by Calhoun. Users may not modify software settings, to add or delete hardware components or modify software features, unless so instructed by appropriate college officials.
- Using the network for the purpose of instructional support. This may include class assignments, research, skill

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development, and/or the production of materials used in the educational process.

Unacceptable Use: It is unacceptable to use Calhoun computer technology for any illegal purpose or to interfere with or disrupt other users, services or equipment. Such unacceptable use includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Engaging in activities to damage or disrupt computer, computer system, network information, data or a program by such acts as virus creation and propagation, wasting system resources, or overloading networks with excessive data.
- Engaging in activities for the purpose of promoting personal gain and/or profit or use of college technology for organizations other than Calhoun.
- Engaging in any activity which is in violation of the Code of Alabama (1975) §§36-25-1 through 36-25-30, as amended (the "State Ethics Law"), or which, in the opinion of the Calhoun administration, may be contrary to such law.
- Using any computer technology in a manner that violates patent protection or license agreements.
- Engaging in any activity that violates any and all copyright laws. Such activity may include utilizing Calhoun technology to copy and/or distribute copyrighted materials of any type that the user does not have a valid and legal right to copy.
- Engaging in any use that is illegal or results in the commission of any illegal activity.
- Using Calhoun computer technology to support or oppose any candidates or candidates for public office, or for any other political purpose. (Use of State property for political purposes is against Alabama law.)
- Transmitting messages of a romantic or sexual nature to any person or persons.
- Creating, displaying, transmitting or making accessible threatening, racist, sexist, offensive, annoying or harassing language and/or material.
- Knowingly accessing or transmitting information which contains obscene or indecent material as defined by law.
- Knowingly performing an act, which will interfere with the normal operation or use of computers, terminals, peripherals, or networks.
- Creating copies, or taking into the user's personal possession copies of Calhoun owned software and/or hardware technology such as computers, components, disks, or peripherals.
- Using another person's computer account or allowing someone else to use your account (e-mail, secure systems, etc.).
- Sharing personal e-mail accounts.
- Masking the identity of an account or machine or in any manner misrepresenting your identity in e-mail or other electronic communication.
- Communicating any information concerning password, identifying code, personal identification number or other

confidential information without the permission of its owner.

- Creating, modifying, executing or re-transmitting any computer program or instructions intended to obscure the true identity of the sender of electronic mail or electronic messages, collectively referred to as "Messages," including, but not limited to, forgery of Messages and/or alteration of system and/or user data used to identify the sender of Messages.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to any information facility, whether successful or not. This includes running programs that attempt to calculate or guess passwords, or that are designed and crafted to trick other users into disclosing their passwords, and any attempts to circumvent data protection schemes or uncover security loopholes. It also includes electronic eavesdropping or communication facilities.

Access is a Privilege, Not a Right: Calhoun reserves the right to deny the privilege of the use of any or all types of computer technology to individuals who violate this Acceptable Use Policy. Users may also be held accountable for violations of Federal and/or Alabama Laws (i.e, Computer-Related Crime, etc.). Violations of this policy may result in the termination or suspension of employment, suspension of computing privileges, disciplinary review, any other forms of employee or student discipline, and/or financial restitution to Calhoun for any damages and costs related to inappropriate or unacceptable use, and/or criminal or civil legal action. Calhoun reserves the right to modify or clarify this policy at any time.

Computer Crimes: The Alabama Computer Crime Act, codified at Code of Alabama (1975) §§1 3A-8-101 - 13A-8-103, makes it a crime for a person to damage, or without authorization to modify computer equipment, computer networks, and computer programs and supplies or without authorization to access, examine, or use computer data and programs, and provides for punishment up to a Class B Felony (imprisonment for 2-20 years and/or a fine up to \$10,000 or double the damage or loss to the victim). Federal law also makes it a crime to without authorization access level to computers or computer networks devoted in part to Federal purposes. Any violation of such State or Federal laws respecting computers shall also constitute a violation of the Calhoun Computer Technology Acceptable Use Policy. Furthermore, this policy prohibits various actions (described above) which may or may not constitute a crime.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND RIGHTS OF THE DISABLED

INTRODUCTION

Calhoun Community College promotes the exchange of ideas among all members of the college community including students, faculty, staff, and administration. An environment conducive to open exchange of ideas is essential to intellectual growth and positive change. However, the College recognizes that, at times, people may have differences which they are unable or unwilling to resolve themselves. Calhoun Community College offers the following grievance procedures as the appropriate course of action for settling disputes and resolving problems. Students and members of the Calhoun faculty, staff, or administration are guaranteed procedural due process.

INITIAL STEPS

Any student of Calhoun Community College who has a grievance against another student or a member of the Calhoun faculty, staff, or administration concerning any form of discrimination (Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964), sexual harassment (Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972), or violation of the rights of the disabled (Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) should first attempt to resolve his/her situation with the individual involved. However, a student who believes herself or himself to have been subjected to sexual harassment is not required to first speak to or attempt to resolve the situation with the perpetrator of sexual harassment before filing a complaint. If for some reason resolution of the grievance is not possible, the student should make his/her grievance known to the immediate superior of the individual against whom the student has a grievance, and/or to the Dean for Student Affairs in order to seek an informal resolution to the problem. If, after the discussion between the student and the respective College official or representative, it is determined that the complaint is valid, the College official or representative will take appropriate action to resolve the complaint using a formal "plan of resolution."

If the student's complaint requires a formal "plan of resolution," a written report must be submitted to the Dean for Student Affairs. The report shall be submitted by the College official or representative within ten business days of the initial complaint and shall detail the complaint and the plan to resolve the complaint. If a student's complaint cannot be resolved in the manner described above, an unresolved complaint shall be termed a "grievance."

INTERIM RESOLUTION

If the Dean for Student Affairs should determine that the grievance is of a nature that there should be imposed an interim

resolution pending the outcome of the grievance procedure, the Dean for Student Affairs shall recommend such an interim resolution to the President or designee. The President or designee shall have the discretion to impose or not impose an interim resolution.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

A student who submits a complaint to the appropriate College official or representative in the manner described above and who is not informed of a satisfactory resolution or plan of resolution within ten business days after the complaint's initial submission shall have the right to file, within ten business days, a formal grievance statement. The written grievance statement shall be filed using Grievance Form A, which will be provided by the Grievance Officer and shall include the following information:

1. Date the original complaint was reported;
2. Name of the person to whom the original complaint was reported;
3. Facts of the complaint; and,
4. Action taken, if any, by the receiving official to resolve the complaint.

The grievance statement shall also contain any other information relevant to the grievance the Grievant wants to be considered by the Dean for Student Affairs. Any grievance must be filed within 45 calendar days of the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory act or the date of which the Grievant became aware that the discriminatory act took place.

The Dean for Student Affairs will notify the student or a member of the Calhoun faculty, staff or administration of the charge(s) against him/her within five business days of receiving the formal grievance statement. If after a reasonable attempt to notify the student, faculty member, staff member, or administrator of the charges against him/her, the Dean for Student Affairs is unable to do so, then the Dean for Student Affairs may suspend the student, or the President of the College or his/her designee may suspend with pay the faculty member, staff member, or administrator until a hearing is held and decision rendered.

The College shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt by the Dean for Student Affairs of the grievance to conduct an investigation of the allegation(s), hold a hearing on the grievance, and submit a written report to the Grievant of the findings arising from the hearing. Grievance Form A shall be used to report both the grievance and the hearing findings.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The Dean for Student Affairs shall have the right to conduct such preliminary hearing(s) as the Dean for Student Affairs or designee shall deem necessary to complete his/her investigation. The Dean for Student Affairs shall conduct a factual investigation of the grievance allegations and shall research

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each applicable statute, regulation, and/or policy, if any. The Dean for Student Affairs shall determine, after completion of the investigation, whether or not there is substantial evidence to support the grievance. The factual findings in the investigation and the conclusion of the Dean for Student Affairs (Grievance Officer) shall be stated in a preliminary written report which shall be submitted to the Grievant and to the party or parties against whom the complaint was made and shall be made a part of the hearing record, if a hearing is subsequently conducted. Each of the parties shall have the opportunity to file written objections to any of the factual findings and, if there is a hearing, to make their objections part of the hearing record. If the Grievance Officer finds the grievance is supported by substantial evidence, he or she shall make a recommendation in the report as to how the grievance should be resolved. Upon the receipt of the Grievance Officer's preliminary report, the Grievant and the Respondent shall have three (3) business days to notify the Grievance Officer of the respective party's request for a hearing. The Dean for Student Affairs may, nevertheless, at his/her discretion, schedule a hearing on the grievance if to do so would be in the best interest of the College. In the event that no hearing is to be conducted, the Grievance Officer's report shall be deemed a final report and shall be filed with the President, with a copy to be provided to the Grievant.

HEARING PROCEDURE

In the event that the Dean for Student Affairs schedules a hearing, the Campus Dean or designee will appoint a qualified five-person committee. The Dean for Student Affairs shall serve as the nonvoting chairperson. A quorum shall consist of four members of the committee and the chairperson. Unless the President or Dean determines otherwise, or both parties agree in writing for the hearing to be public, the hearing shall not be open to the public.

At the hearing, the Grievant and the Respondent(s) shall be read the grievance statement. After the grievance is read into the record, the Grievant shall have the opportunity to present such oral testimony and offer such other supporting evidence as he/she shall deem appropriate to his/her claim. Each Respondent shall then be given the opportunity to present such testimony and offer such other evidence as he/she deems appropriate to the Respondent's defense against the grievance. In the event that the College, or the administration of the College at large, is the party against whom the grievance is filed, the President shall designate a representative to appear at the hearing on behalf of the College.

Any party to a grievance hearing shall have the right to retain, at the respective party's own cost, the assistance of legal counsel or other personal representative. However, the respective attorney or personal representative, if any, shall act in an advisory role only and shall not be allowed to address the hearing body or question any witness. In the event that the College or its administration at large is the Respondent,

the College representative shall not be an attorney or use an attorney unless the Grievant is also permitted to be assisted by an attorney or other personal representative.

A student does not forfeit any of his/her constitutional rights upon his/her admission into Calhoun Community College, nor does a faculty member, staff member, or administrator forfeit his/her constitutional rights upon employment with Calhoun Community College. The Committee shall not have the authority to compel any witness to testify. However, insofar as it is not contrary to law, the Committee may take into account the refusal of a witness to testify when deliberating the evidence.

With regard to a College employee, the President shall have the authority to direct the employee to testify at a hearing if, in the discretion of the President, such testimony could be material to an accurate determination of the facts in the case.

The hearing shall be recorded by either a court reporter or on audio or video tape or by other electronic recording medium. In addition, all items offered into evidence by the parties, whether admitted into evidence or not, shall be marked and preserved as part of the hearing record.

REPORT OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Within five (5) working days following the hearing, there shall be a written report from the chairperson on the findings of the hearing committee (with a copy forwarded to the President, the Grievant, and each Respondent). The report shall contain at least the following:

1. Date and place of the hearing;
2. The name of each member of the hearing committee;
3. A list of all witnesses for all parties to the grievance;
4. Findings of facts relevant to the grievance;
5. Conclusions of law, regulations, or policy relevant to the grievance;
6. Recommendations(s) arising from the grievance and the hearing thereon.

RESOLUTION OF GRIEVANCE

In the event of a finding by the Committee that the grievance was supported, in whole or in part, by the evidence presented, the Dean for Student Affairs shall meet with the Grievant, the Respondent(s) and the appropriate College representative(s) and attempt to bring about a reasonable agreed-upon resolution of the grievance. If there is no mutual resolution, the President shall impose a resolution of the grievance which shall be final and binding.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

The President of Calhoun Community College shall be the appeal authority in upholding, rejecting, or modifying the rec-

ommendations of the Grievance Committee. The President shall not be bound in any manner by the recommendation(s) of the hearing committee, but shall take it (them) into consideration in imposing his/her decision.

The charged student, faculty member, staff member, or administrator may file a written request with the Vice President for Instruction and Student Services of the College and Dean for Student Affairs requesting that the President of the College review the decision of the Grievance Committee. The written request must be filed within 15 calendar days following the party's receipt of the hearing report. If the appeal is not filed by the close of business on the fifteenth day following the party's receipt of the report, the party's opportunity to appeal shall have been waived. If the appeal does not contain clear and specific objections to the hearing report, it shall be denied by the President. The President of the College shall issue his/her opinion to accept, reject, or modify the decision of the Grievance Committee within 15 calendar days of the initiation of the appeal process.

If the decision of the Grievance Committee does not satisfy the complainant and should the grievance allege discrimination (Title VI), sexual harassment (Title IX), or violation of the rights of the handicapped (Sec. 504), the complainant may file a written grievance with:

1. The Alabama State Board of Education pursuant to Alabama State Board of Education policies and procedures, with respect to Title IX violations;
2. The regional office of the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education within 180 days of the discriminatory act;
3. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission within 180 days of the discriminatory act.

EXCEPTION

When a complainant or grievant complains of, asserts the existence of, or indicates the possibility of sexual harassment violation of law, Calhoun Community College policy, or standards of appropriate conduct, the President may, in his/her discretion, determine that the matter will not be resolved through procedures set forth above, but will be reasonably, appropriately, and promptly investigated and resolved by the College pursuant to such process as the President determines in accordance with the College's objective of maintaining a work and educational environment free from sexual harassment.

REFERENCE:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, "No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, "No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1974, "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States, as defined in Section 706 (6) of this title, shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

It is the official policy of the Alabama State Department of Education, including Postsecondary institutions under the control of the State Board of Education, that no person in Alabama shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.



STUDENT AFFAIRS

PHILOSOPHY

The belief of each member of the Student Affairs staff at Calhoun Community College is that all people should have the opportunity to reach their maximum potential. Dedicated to this belief are the functions which comprise Student Affairs: Admissions and Records; Advising Services; Career Services; Counseling Services; Judicial Services; Services for Persons with Disabilities; Student Support Services; Minority Student Affairs; Upward Bound; Student Activities/Student Center; Student Orientation; Student Recruitment; and Testing Services.

The message from the Student Affairs Division to students and area residents is, "Calhoun cares about you." The following explain how Student Affairs programs work.

STUDENT SERVICES

ADVISING CENTERS

Academic advising for students at Calhoun Community College occurs in the Advising Centers. The Centers are located on the first floor of the Chasteen Student Center at the Decatur campus and at the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus. The Centers are staffed by counselors and academic advisors. Advisors receive training in all areas of academic advising including admissions and records, placement testing, computer training, interpersonal/communication skills, and program/scheduling.

Also available in the Advising Centers is access to the Alabama Articulation Program (also called STARS - Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System). STARS is a computerized articulation and transfer planning system designed to inform students who attend Alabama community colleges about degree requirements, course equivalents, and other transfer information pertaining to specific majors at each state funded four-year institution and ensures transfer of all two-year college credits if a predescribed course of study is followed. STARS is an efficient and effective way of providing students, counselors, advisors, and educators with accurate information upon which transfer decisions can be made. Students who are interested in receiving STARS information should log on to the STARS home page at <http://stars.troy.edu>. Students who do not have internet access need to visit one of the Advising Centers.

Incoming students meet with Advising Center personnel prior to or during their initial semester. Subsequently, students with declared academic programs may be advised within academic departments. Students who have not declared an academic program, who are changing academic programs, or who choose for personal reasons to do so, may continue to be advised through the Advising Center.

CAREER SERVICES

The Career Services Center, located on the first floor of the Chasteen Student Center, provides career information for all interested community residents as well as all Calhoun Community College students. This information includes career interest inventories, career guidance, career information, educational information, and job search skills information. Also available is ACT's Discover, a computerized system which provides information about career and educational opportunities. This can be accessed via the web by calling Calhoun's Career Services Office for a password. All of these services are provided free of charge to all interested persons. An appointment may be necessary.

Assistance is available for those seeking part-time, full-time, or summer employment. Many area businesses and industries contact the Career Services Center concerning their employment needs. Employers from other areas are invited to recruit on our campus to interview students in various disciplines. A Career Information Fair is held each year during the spring semester.

EMERGENCIES

In case of medical emergencies, the college's Security/Police Department will have the student, at his/her expense, transported by ambulance to a nearby emergency room for treatment.

SERVICE LEARNING CENTER

The Office of Student Affairs is responsible for the administration and implementation of Calhoun's Service Learning Program. The college has established partnerships with approximately 95 community agencies for the purpose of placing Calhoun students in service learning project assignments on a semester-by-semester basis. A listing of these agency agreements is maintained by the Dean for Student Affairs and is updated on a monthly basis. The Dean for Student Affairs serves as the liaison person between the college and all community agencies. The dean is the primary person responsible for developing and maintaining agency agreements, along with faculty participation in the service learning program.

Several courses now offer service learning as an option on the course syllabus.

Should you have questions about the program, please contact Dr. Kermit Carter, Dean for Student Affairs, at (256) 306-2613.

SERVICES FOR SPECIAL STUDENT POPULATIONS

Calhoun Community College has established a central office to coordinate matters pertaining specifically to the needs, problems, and/or concerns of minority students including Black, Hispanic and international students, displaced homemakers, single parents and others desiring special attention. Persons desiring information or assistance are invited to contact this office. The office is located on the second floor of the Chasteen Student Center.

SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Calhoun Community College provides environmental and programmatic access for persons with documented disabilities as defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any student, who desires information about or assistance in arranging needed services for a disabling condition should contact the office of Services for Special Student Populations, located on the second floor of the Chasteen Student Center.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student activities at Calhoun present various opportunities for students to participate in educational experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum. The student activities program at Calhoun Community College is the responsibility of the students through the Student Government Association. The purpose of the Student Government Association is to represent every student as a direct line of communication to staff, faculty, and administration. The Student Government Association operates under the direction and supervision of the Student Activities Facilitator.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Support Services, also called the TRIO Emerging Scholars Program, is one of the three original TRIO programs. The goal of the Emerging Scholars Program is to increase the postsecondary persistence and graduation rates of low-income, first generation college students and students with disabilities and to facilitate these students' transition from one level of higher education to the next. Activities and services offered by the Emerging Scholars Program include, but are not limited to, tutoring, academic advising, mentoring, financial aid, career and personal counseling, transfer counseling, cultural events, and grant aid. The program is housed in the Chasteen Student Center on the campus of Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Alabama. Services for the program are also provided at the Huntsville location.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The SGA is active student self-government. Its purpose is to encourage mutual respect among students, faculty, and administrators; to promote the involvement of students in community programs and projects; to provide social and recreational outlets for all students; and to function as an organized and realistic laboratory through which students may acquire and "try out" those skills necessary for living in and improving their communities. Calhoun Community College encourages student participation in institutional decision-making. The SGA represents student views to the college administration through representation on the Planning Council, Discipline Committee, and the Parking/Traffic Appeals Committee, as well as other special appointments. All students should take an active part in the SGA by (1) voting in every election; (2) taking the initiative to run for offices; and (3) conveying ideas and/or requests to elected student representatives.

The office of the SGA is located in the Chasteen Student Center, with regular hours maintained by the student government officials. All students are urged to meet with their representatives and to take an active part in the affairs of the student government.

Muse, an annual journal that highlights student poetry, prose, art, photography, and student opinions is a project of the Language Arts Department. The chairperson of the Humanities Division appoints a committee to oversee the product. Funding for Muse is provided through the Language Arts budget.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

Campus Organizations

Student Government Association
Warhawk Hosts and Hostesses
2CTV

Clubs

Allied Health Students Assn.
BACCHUS/SADD
Black Students' Alliance Club
Campus Ministries
Criminal Justice Club
Dental Assistants Club
Drama Club
I.A.A.P. (International Association of Administrative Professionals)
MENC (Music Club)
Native American Club
Nursing Club
Phi Theta Kappa
Photography Club
Practical Nursing Club
Psychology Club
Sigma Kappa Delta (English)
Student Art Club

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

An Intramural Sports Program is offered through the Physical Education Department during the fall and spring semesters. Students currently enrolled in the college are eligible to participate. Contact the Physical Education Department for more information.

WELLNESS CENTER

The Wellness Center offers a variety of cardiovascular machines: computerized treadmills, stairmaster, stationary bicycles, Nordic Track machine, and Reebok Body Trec elliptical machine. The center also offers a variety of strength training equipment: Nautilus equipment, Universal weight machine, and free weights. Full dressing rooms and shower facilities are available. Students have access to the Wellness Center by enrolling in a variety of Physical Education courses:



Fundamentals of Fitness, General Conditioning, and Personal Fitness. If not enrolled in a physical education class, students may purchase a Wellness Center membership for \$25 per semester. Pay fee in the Calhoun Business Office and verify enrollment with receipt in the Wellness Center. Hours of operation vary each semester. Contact the Physical Education Department for additional information.

TESTING SERVICES

Testing is a Student Affairs function composed of the following:

Placement Testing

All students are required to complete a Placement Test in English and mathematics prior to registering for a course in these disciplines (see exemptions below). The placement test is administered by appointment throughout each semester at the Decatur campus, at the Huntsville/Research Park campus. No fee is charged for this test. Students should contact the Advising Center on the Decatur campus, the Huntsville/Research Park location to schedule an appointment for the test.

NOTE: Students who score at or below 64 on the Compass Reading Test will be required to take RDG 085 during their first or second semester at Calhoun.

Exemptions

Any student who has taken the ACT/SAT within the last three years and has his/her SAT or ACT scores on file with Calhoun may be exempt from the placement testing requirement if the following minimum scores are met: 480 SAT writing, 480 SAT math or 20 ACT English or 20 ACT math.

ACADEMIC TESTING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER

Calhoun Community College Testing and Assessment Center is open Monday-Thursday. For more information and hours of availability, please contact 256-306-2520. The assessment center provides WorkKeys assessments and assists academic faculty in providing academic credit testing. Student testing is available on a first come-first served basis. WorkKeys assessments are by appointment only.

UPWARD BOUND

Upward Bound is a federally-funded program designed to encourage high school students to complete their secondary education and pursue higher education. Approximately 85 high school students from Lawrence County are selected to participate in this program.

The Upward Bound Program provides free tutorial services, personal and academic counseling, cultural opportunities, college visitations, and enrichment classes throughout the school year and during a six week period in the summer. Seniors in the program may also attend regular summer school classes at Calhoun Community College free of charge the summer immediately following graduation from high school.

Lawrence County students in grades 9-12 may be eligible to take advantage of opportunities available through Upward Bound. To be selected, students must have an interest in attending college, and/or be a first generation college student or exhibit economic need.



CAMPUS/SITE INFORMATION

DECATUR CAMPUS

Calhoun's Decatur campus offers classes from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday. Most student support offices are open from 7:45 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday. The Decatur campus includes classrooms; Brewer Library; labs for technologies, sciences, and allied health; physical education facilities and the Wellness Center. Directions and information are available 24 hours a day at the Security Building, located at the main entrance on the Decatur campus and on the Calhoun website at www.calhoun.edu.

Evening classes are available for students who have special scheduling needs or who prefer to attend classes in the late afternoon or evening. These working and motivated students are considered a vital part of Calhoun Community College. The evening program is governed by the same policies and procedures as day classes. Student services and academic requirements are also the same for all students at the college.

HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK

For students who wish to take Calhoun classes in the Huntsville area, Calhoun offers courses each semester at its Huntsville location in Cummings Research Park at 102 Wynn Dr. The Huntsville/Research Park location provides day and evening classes in most general education subjects. Weekend classes are also offered on Saturdays. Classes are offered on Monday-Wednesday, Tuesday-Thursday or one day a week schedules. Students wishing further information about classes available at the Huntsville/Research Park location should call (256) 890-4747. Huntsville offices are open Monday - Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - 9:45 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

LIMESTONE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Calhoun Community College offers certain technical/vocational programs for inmates at the Limestone Correctional Facility at Capshaw. Available only to the incarcerated who have appropriate educational credentials, programs include Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Design Drafting, Horticulture, Masonry, Upholstery, and Welding. Adult literacy and Adult Basic Education classes are offered, which can lead to passage of the GED test. For further information about the Limestone Correctional Facility programs, contact the Director for LCF Calhoun, (256) 216-2207.



