



Calhoun VP Theresa Hamilton Serving as Interim President

Search for permanent president begins August 1

Alabama College System Chancellor Dr. Roy W. Johnson recently announced that Calhoun Community College Interim Vice President Dr. Theresa Hamilton will serve as the College's interim president until a permanent president is appointed.

Hamilton's appointment as interim president began on August 1, the same day nationwide ads kicked off the search process for applications for a permanent president. Johnson expects to recommend a permanent president to the State Board of Education in November.

Dr. Ed Hartsell, a former community college president, had served as Calhoun's interim president since May 1. According to Johnson, Hartsell agreed to a short-term appointment at the request of former Alabama College System

Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous. Hartsell took over after former Calhoun President Dr. Richard Carpenter resigned to become president of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

"I am grateful to Dr. Ed Hartsell for coming out of retirement to share his wealth of leadership experience with Calhoun Community College," Johnson said. "Now that we have set a timeline for the presidential search process, it becomes obvious that we will need an interim president for at least three more months.

"Dr. Hartsell has done a wonderful job, and we are certainly grateful for his help. However, Dr. Hartsell's agreement was based on a short-term arrangement, and he has fulfilled that arrangement and has made other plans. I have every confidence that Dr. Hamilton can provide outstanding interim leadership for Calhoun Community College during the search for a permanent president."

SACS Reaffirms College's Accreditation

The College recently received official notification from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges of Calhoun's reaffirmed accreditation. The re-accreditation status is effective through 2012.

As part of the re-accreditation process, a SACS visiting team toured all Calhoun campus sites last November to determine how well and to what degree the College was meeting its stated mission. Assessments were completed in the following categories: (1) providing accessible, quality educational opportunities; (2) promoting community and economic development; and (3) enhancing the quality of life for those the College serves.

In addition to Calhoun's traditional SACS review, the College also conducted a strategic focus assessment in the area of workforce development. The report entitled, "The Evolving Role of the Community College in Workforce Development and Advanced Technology" allowed the

College to examine the various ways its academic and technical units participate in workforce development planning and the meeting of local workforce development needs.

"We are extremely pleased to receive notification of Calhoun's reaffirmation of accreditation," said Interim President Dr. Theresa Hamilton. "Under the direction of our SACS co-chairs, Drs. Dena Stephenson and Jerry Armor, many hours of hard work by many Calhoun faculty and staff went into this process. The success of this effort can be attributed directly to the commitment of those involved, and I want to personally thank each of them for their dedication and support of this very important endeavor," Hamilton added.

To complete the re-accreditation process, the College submitted a follow-up report in early September.

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Calhoun Part of National Community College Technology Consortium to Receive \$3 Million NSF Grant

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently announced the awarding of a \$3 million, three-year grant to the Community Colleges for Innovative Technology Transfer (CCITT), of which Calhoun is a member, to establish a National Aerospace Science Technical Education Center (SpaceTEC™). The grant award will run from summer 2002 - through the summer of 2005.

The CCITT is a national consortium of community colleges with direct links to NASA centers located adjacent to the respective college.

In addition to Calhoun, other CCITT mem-

ber institutions

involved in the

SpaceTEC™

initiative are

Allan Hancock

College, Santa

Maria, CA; Bre-

vard Community Col-

lege, Cocoa, FL; College of

the Mainland, Texas City, TX; Com-

munity College of the Air Force, Mont-

gomery, AL; Cuyahoga Community

College, Cleveland, OH; Pearl River

Community College, Poplarville, MS;

Prince George's Community College,

Largo, MD; San Jacinto College Dis-

trict, Pasadena, TX, and Palm Beach

Community College, Lake Worth, FL.

According to Jim Swindell, assis-

tant dean for technology education at Calhoun and co-principal investigator for the NSF grant, SpaceTEC™ will set a national direction and focus for space technology education through the development of an industry driven, government endorsed, national program to train aerospace technicians. "SpaceTEC™ will serve as a national resource to strengthen the nation's technical education base and motivate interest in academics," said Swindell.

The goals of SpaceTEC™ are to foster interest in science, mathe-

matics, and technology

education in the U.S.

and to provide

education for the

technical work-

force using a

national alliance

of representatives

from business and

industry, government

agencies, and academic insti-

tutions. "We share in SpaceTEC's™

vision to become a focal point for

technical education resources fea-

aturing aerospace, providing motiva-

tion for academic studies and

professional development services

for faculty, students, and aerospace

employees," commented Calhoun

Interim President Dr. Theresa Hamil-

ton.

Among the benefits to be provid-

ed by SpaceTEC™ are the following:

graduates will receive nationally-rec-

ognized competencies for employa-

bility; academic institutions will

receive additional funding, access to

relevant curriculum, program articu-

lation, and faculty development; and

business and industry will be provid-

ed with a dependable source of well-

trained, well-educated entry-level

technicians.

In July, Calhoun hosted the first

national meeting of the consortium

to establish the agenda for carrying

out the activities of the grant.



Dr. Al Koller, PI, SpaceTEC

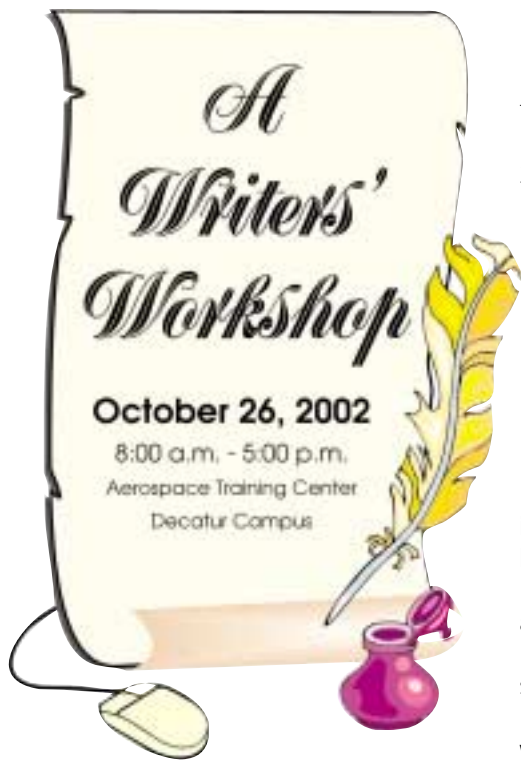
Record Enrollment Announced for Calhoun's 2002 Fall Semester

Dr. Theresa Hamilton, interim president of Calhoun Community College, has announced that with a total of 8774 students enrolled for the college's 2002 fall semester, Calhoun has the largest fall semester enrollment in the school's history.

The 8774 fall semester enrollment number represents an increase of 500 students over last fall's enrollment numbers. According to Dr. Wayne Tosh, Calhoun's admissions director, the most significant increase was experienced at the College's Decatur campus, "due primarily to the addition of early afternoon classes to meet student demand," Tosh said.

"We are extremely excited about our enrollment increase this fall," said Mrs. Hamilton. "Also of note is the fact that we experienced an increase of more than 5000 credit hours over last year. This is important because credit hour production (the total number of hours students register for each semester) is one of the areas considered in our funding."

"As the largest of the state's 29 two-year colleges, Calhoun continues to offer a quality education to our students at an affordable cost, which is indicated through our continued enrollment increases," said Mrs. Hamilton.



First Annual Writers' Workshop to be Held

Calhoun Community College and the Calhoun Foundation will host *A Writers' Workshop* on Saturday, October 26, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Aerospace Training Center on the Decatur Campus. The workshop will include three tracks of six sessions, optional one-on-one critique sessions and a writing contest.

Hands-on sessions with publishing professionals such as Beth Thames, Jim Murphy, Dr. Jimmy Carl Harris, Carroll Dale Short, Dr. Hans Watford, Ruth Cook, Donna Holt, Marianne Moates, Martha Krieger, Susan Murphy, Bonnie Gardner, Peggy Webb, Dianne Hamilton, and Darren Butler are also planned for the workshop.

The workshop sessions will cover several aspects of writing such as beginning a novel; journalism/feature writing; the truth about E-publishing, using POV (point-of-view) to identify

your characters; writing & publishing poetry; plotting; writing humor; turning a novel into a screenplay; writing narrative history and biographies; and writing for children and young adults. There will also be an on-going book fair & author signing throughout the sessions.

The workshop has a \$75 registration fee, which includes choice of sessions, a continental breakfast and luncheon. There is also an optional \$20 critique session fee, and \$15 optional writing contest fee. Registration and payment must be received by October 10, 2002. For more information on session descriptions, writer bios, or to obtain a brochure and registration form, contact Terri Hildreth, Calhoun Community College Public Relations, at 256-306-2560 or via email: tmh@calhoun.edu or visit the website at www.calhoun.edu and click on the Writers' Workshop icon.

State Grants Approval for New Associate's Degree Program

On Friday August 9, 2002, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved a proposal submitted by the College to begin offering an Associate of Applied Science degree in Advanced Electronics Manufacturing (AEM) beginning this fall.

According to Jim Swindell, assistant dean for technology education at Calhoun, the program was developed in response to a clear regional need for Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Process Technicians as defined in an industry survey of seventeen regional electronics manufacturers. "This new, two-year program progresses from fundamental knowledge and skills in math, science and electronics manufacturing through advanced state-of-the-art electronics manufacturing process and packaging technologies," said Swindell. Courses throughout the program will prepare students for related

industry certifications.

The first course in the program, "Introduction to Electronics Manufacturing (AEM-100)" is currently being offered in conjunction with other math and science courses. AEM 100 is an introduction to electronics manufacturing and covers basic electricity concepts, through-hole and surface mount component identification, electrostatic discharge, materials and processes and visual inspection and basic rework techniques.

All classes in the new program will be taught in Calhoun's recently completed Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab, Phase II of the College's Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park. Anyone interested in learning more about the Advanced Electronics Manufacturing program should call 256/306-2666.



Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab

"Paint the Town" Event Unites College, Local Community Volunteers

Late last year, The Corporation for National and Community Service awarded Calhoun a \$5,000 grant for use in promoting *A Day On, Not a Day Off*. To carry out the grant, the College planned three different activities.

The first event was a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 17, 2002, with a breakfast in the College's Aerospace Training Center. The celebration program included presentations by Dr. Frank Toland of the Alabama Humanities Foundation and Dr. Sonnie Hereford, III, retired physician, local civil rights leader, and Calhoun adjunct instructor. Local senior citizens who witnessed first hand the civil rights movement were invited as guests of the program to share their experiences with Calhoun students.

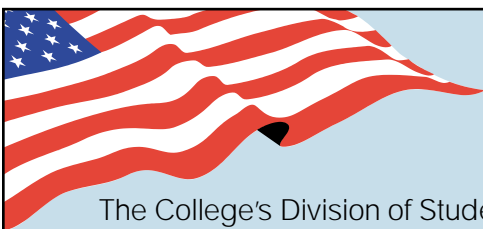
The second activity of community service was a Health Awareness Day, which was open to Calhoun faculty, staff, and students as well as the local community. The event, which was held in February in the Kelley Gymnasium on the Decatur campus, featured 32 health care providers.

The third and final event was last month's "Paint the Town." Approximately 100 volunteers participated, helping with exterior painting and clean up of nine homes belonging to elderly citizens in the community. The citizens were identified through the Volunteer Center of Morgan County, NARCOG and the Morgan County Commission on Aging. The volunteers were assigned to teams to work at the homes. In addition to Calhoun employees, other groups participating included



Central Baptist Church, Autumnwood Baptist Church's youth group, First Independent Methodist Church, and individuals from the community.

Supplies for the project were provided by the participating groups, grant funds, and donations from organizations. The Decatur Banker's Association sponsored an outdoor lunch from Big Bob Gibson's; Pepsi provided water and soft drinks; Blue Bell Creamery donated popsicles and Delphi Automotive furnished paint rollers, covers, trays and brushes. Decatur Mayor Lynn Fowler allowed dumping of debris from work sites free of charge, and Dean Mitchell Tree Service agreed to pick up brush and cut down some trees at a later date due to a scheduling conflict.



College Conducts September 11 Tribute

The College's Division of Student Affairs sponsored a special commemorative event honoring the victims, families and heroes of September 11 on Wednesday, September 11, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chasteen Student Center on the College's Decatur campus.



Activities during the event included musical performances by Calhoun students and faculty and words of inspiration provided by instructors Nancy Keenum and Ernest Williams. Approximately 150 persons, most wearing red, white and blue, attended the tribute. Miniature American flags were presented to all in attendance.



Calhoun Child Development Center Receives National Accreditation

The Child Development Learning Lab at Calhoun has been granted re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This prestigious recognition has only been achieved by approximately 7% of early childhood programs nationwide.

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they can meet national standards of excellence. Childcare centers, preschools, kindergartens, and before and after school programs are eligible to seek NAEYC accreditation. Approximately 15,000 programs are engaged in seeking accreditation.

"High quality childcare programs are essential to our children's future," said Lucy Cohen, Calhoun Child Development Center manager. "I am very pleased that our staff and facility have achieved this most prestigious award," Cohen added.

Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teach-

ers, administrators and classroom observations. They receive an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals specially trained by NAEYC, to validate their self-study results. A team of national experts who grant or defer accreditation independently reviews all of this information. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Cohen. "The process carefully considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally."



College Launches Alumni Association

Calhoun has launched an Alumni Association program that will enable current and former students and friends of the College to actively participate in the development of programs related to the College. The program is being guided by the Calhoun Community College Alumni Association Steering Committee which is comprised of Mattie Burks, executive secretary, Student Affairs; Kermit Carter, assistant dean, Student Affairs; Jane Houston, interim executive director, Foundation; Belinda Lane, administrative secretary, Government Relations & Grants Administration; Janet Kincherlow-Martin, director, Public Relations & Alumni Services; Rosalind McGinnis director, Government Relations & Grants Administration; and Mary Yarbrough, dean, Huntsville Research Park Site.

A meeting was held, at which approximately thirty individuals participated. Many of the participants had several degrees or certificates from the College. Others were alumni who are working for the College. All shared their thoughts about the importance of establishing an Alumni Association and the impact that they believe such a program will have on them and future students.

The Alumni Association will conduct its first formal meeting in late September 2002, and it is anticipated that officers will be elected at that time.

If you are, or know of someone who is interested in being a part of the Calhoun Community College Alumni Association, please contact Belinda Lane at (256)306-2582.

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Calhoun Dean Recognized as State's Top Business Officer



Donald Davis, Calhoun's Dean for Business and Finance, has been named Business Manager of the Year by the Alabama Association of College and University Business Officers (AACUBO) and the Alabama College System Financial Management Association (ACSFMA).

A Calhoun employee since 1983, Davis became the College's chief financial officer in July 1998. Prior to assuming this position, Davis served as Calhoun's Assistant Dean of Business Operations/Treasurer. A resident of Athens, Alabama, he has also served in

other positions at Calhoun, including Director of Physical Plant and Security, Director of Auxiliary Services, Interim Director of Human Resources, and Interim Dean of Business Operations.

In addition to his tenure at Calhoun, Davis has served in business/ financial positions with the State of Alabama Department of Revenue and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

A graduate of Auburn University, Davis holds professional memberships with such organizations as the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers, and the National Association of College Buyers.

- Dr. Michael Kinney, history/political science instructor, has announced the publication of his new book on Joseph Wheeler. The title of the book is *Joseph Wheeler: Uniting the Blue and the Gray*, and the publisher is Writers Club Press/iuniverse.com of Lincoln, NE.
- Deborah Byrd, Calhoun's financial aid director, was recently elected to the position of President-Elect for the Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Her term as President-elect began July 1, 2002, and she will take over as president on July 1, 2003.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Major Gifts Received

The Foundation extends sincere appreciation to Lloyd and Betty Dinsmore and Local Mortgage Company for their recent major gift to the annual fund. Their generous support will help the Foundation maintain and expand programs.

The Foundation also thanks Big Bob Gibson's Bar B Que, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, and Athens Broadcasting Company for once again sponsoring the Student Government Association and BAC-CHUS/SADD for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Thanks go to the following businesses, clubs, churches, and individuals for their recent contributions to the Foundation's scholarship program: 3M Foundation, Inc., Athens-Limestone Retired Teachers Association, American Legion Post 15

Auxiliary, BellSouth, Bobby Terry Company, The Boeing Company, Golden K Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, MEWS, Moulton Church of Christ, The National Association for Youth Leadership, Private Duty Nursing, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Rising Sun Masonic Lodge #29, Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Alabama, and the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church. Foundation scholarships assisted 127 deserving students with tuition and books for fall semester 2002.

The Foundation appreciates the investment that businesses and individuals have made in the construction of Phase III of Technology Park. These businesses and individuals recently continued their support of this project:

Athens Broadcasting Company, Mr. and Mrs. David Austin, Amsouth Bank, EBSCO Industries, Inc., Regions Bank, Dr. and Mrs. Mike Ridner, and Mr. and Mrs. Britt Sexton.

The Foundation has been a recipient of recent funding from the following trust funds: Robin H. Milam Charitable Trust, Sexton Family Charitable Trust, and the Lexie Ellis Williams Charitable Trust.

The following businesses have supported Calhoun programs and academics through recent in-kind donations of equipment and materials: Automatic Screw Machine Products Company, James Carpets, NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center, Vought Landscaping & Design and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wallace.



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