

## Tech Park's Phase II Nearing Completion

Construction is rapidly nearing completion for the Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab, Phase II of Calhoun's Tech Park project. According to Jim Swindell, assistant dean for technology education and director of Tech Park, the project is on track and scheduled to open in early 2002.

The \$4.5 million facility will house the state of Alabama's first Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Lab as well as programs in electro-mechanical automation (robotics), and surface mount technology. In addition, the College's Distance Education program will be located in the building.

Phase II's development involves a number of community partners, which include Soldering Technology International, Incorporated (STI) of Madison. The partnership between Calhoun and STI provides for the development of new associate's degree and certificate programs in advanced electronics manufacturing, to be housed in Phase II. These programs will provide workforce development support for elec-



tronics manufacturing throughout the region by training students in modern electronics industry concepts.

"The completion of Phase II of Tech Park and the creation of the Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Center represent a major initiative for the state's economic and workforce development activities," commented Calhoun President Richard Carpenter.

Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab  
Phase II of Technology Park



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# College Announces Record Enrollment for 2001 Fall Semester

Dr. Richard G. Carpenter, president of Calhoun Community College, has announced that with a total of 8454 students enrolled for the college's 2001 fall semester, Calhoun has the largest enrollment in the school's history.

The 8454 fall semester enrollment represents an increase of almost 700 students over last fall's enrollment numbers. Of the students taking classes at Calhoun this fall, 4833 are enrolled at the Decatur campus; 2527 are taking evening and weekend classes at the college's Huntsville/Cummings Research Park site; 709 are in classes taught at the Redstone Arsenal extension; and 385 inmates are enrolled in certificate/vocational courses provided through the college's program at Limestone Correctional Facility.

According to Dr. Wayne Tosh, Calhoun's admissions director, increases were experienced across the board at all of the college's campuses and sites.

Carpenter attributes the enrollment

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increase in part to the college's continuing efforts to provide a variety of scheduling options for our students. “Our web-based and telecourse programs continue to be very popular with our students,” said Carpenter. “In addition, the college now offers our students the choice of registering on-line or by telephone which has greatly cut down on the lines during registration.”

“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 Carpenter. “Calhoun remains dedicated to providing the level of educational and training opportunities which the community demands, and we are proud to be an active partner in the North Alabama area.”

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## Calhoun Goes “Live” With New Cable TV Channel

On August 6, 2001, the College officially “flipped the switch” , going live with our first 24-hour cable access channel. A ribbon-cutting and reception were held to mark the exciting event.

The channel, known as 4CTV and developed in partnership with Decatur's Charter Communications, is being broadcast on Charter Cable Channel 4. According to Calhoun President Richard Carpenter, the channel will provide a new option for students enrolled in courses through the college's Distance Education program and who live in the Decatur area and subscribe to Charter Communications.

“Calhoun's Channel 4 will offer 24-hour distance education programming as well as community service announcements, Calhoun job announcements, and limited original programming,” said Carpenter. The channel is being broadcast from a studio located on the second floor of the college's Fine Arts Building.

“This new venture into cable television is allowing Calhoun to continue

our commitment to provide quality education ‘anytime, anyplace’,” commented Dr. John Colagross, chair of the college's Fine Arts Department and station manager.

“Both commercially-produced video instruction programs and class-

room instruction recorded at Calhoun will be broadcast. Also, the station will serve as a real-world laboratory for our Video and Filmmaking Program and Television Production courses,” added Colagross.



**College Receives Federal Grants Totaling \$1.75 M**

Calhoun has been awarded two grants to be used to complete Phase III of its state-of-the-art, \$41 million Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park. U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Ala, announced that Calhoun will receive \$1.5 million from the Economic Development Administration and \$250,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Calhoun is the primary educational and skill training facility for North Alabama's industrial community. Rep. Cramer noted, "Tech Park has long been a dream of the folks at Calhoun, and now the final phase of the project can get underway."

When completed, Tech Park will be a comprehensive job-training site designed to provide skilled workers for high tech aerospace, manufacturing, information technology and visualization technology jobs. Phase I opened



in 2000 and is currently being used by approximately 12 local companies, including The Boeing Company, to train their workers. Phase II is scheduled for completion in early 2002 (see related article on Page 1) and will house advanced manufacturing training laboratories.

Calhoun President Richard Carpenter said Cramer's announcement "puts us right where we need to be. Our hope is to break ground in late spring or summer of 2002 on Phase III," where information technology, the distance education studio and visualization technology center will reside.

**Calhoun PR Office Honored with State, National Awards**

The Calhoun Public Relations Office continues to be recognized for its outstanding marketing efforts on behalf of the College. Recently, the College's PR staff was recognized with awards from the Public Relations Council of Alabama (PRCA) and the National Council on Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR).

PRCA honored Calhoun in its annual Medallion Awards Competition with a *Certificate of Merit* for our entry, [www.calhoun.cc.al.us](http://www.calhoun.cc.al.us), in the



Interactive Media – Website category. According to organizers, PRCA's Medallion Awards Com-

petition gives the organization's more than 500 members an opportunity to have their work evaluated and recognized for excellence each year by a judging panel of public relations professionals who reside outside the state. This year's competition accepted 156 entries in 20 categories ranging from long-term public relations programs and magazine, tabloids and newspapers to speech writing and interactive media.

The College also was presented with a *Bronze Medallion of Merit* in the Poster Category from NCMPR during that organization's annual Medallion Awards Competition in October. NCMPR is a professional organization for individuals involved in marketing, communications, public relations and enrollment management at community, junior and technical colleges across the country.

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## Calhoun's EMS Program Among Nation's Best

Students graduating from Calhoun Community College's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program are among the nation's best prepared, based on recently released results from the state licensing exam.

According to statistics from the Alabama Department of Public Health's EMS Division, the passing rate of Calhoun EMS and Paramedic graduates was significantly greater than both the state and national averages. Comparisons are as follows:

	National Average	State Average	Calhoun Average
Basic EMS:	68%	62%	85%
Intermediate EMS:	63%	65%	95%
Paramedic:	65%	50%	80%



Calhoun's EMS curriculum for EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic follows the National Standard Curriculum as developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation and meets the approval of the Alabama Department of Public Health. EMS courses are open to any qualified student who meets the general admission and entry level requirements. All students must complete the ASSET Test. Required passing scores for all EMS courses is 75%. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for the

National Registry examination, successful completion of which is required for State Licensure.

"I attribute much of the success of this program and its graduates to our outstanding team of full- and part-time faculty," commented Brenda Beasley, chairperson of the college's Allied Health department. "We are also extremely fortunate to have tremendous support from our president, Dr. Richard Carpenter and the administration of the college," Ms. Beasley added.

While the college has offered courses in Emergency Medical Services for a number of years, approval to offer a program in Paramedic Certification was granted last year. "With less than three weeks from the approval date to actually get the program up and going, we were able to do just that and admitted our first students during the 2001 spring semester," said Ms. Beasley.

For more information about Calhoun's EMS Program, call 256/306-2861 or 306-2781.

## Child Development Program Receives Federal Grant

The Calhoun Child Development Center has been awarded a four-year, \$160,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's CAMPIS (Childcare Access Means Parents in School) program to support the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based childcare services.



According to Rosalind McGinnis, director of grants and governmental relations at Calhoun, the CAMPIS grant will be used to fund three primary activities. These activities include the following: (1) Increasing support for low-income eligible students/parents supported by the sliding fee schedule already in place at the child development center by providing scholarships to supplement existing Childcare Management Assistance scholarships; (2) Enhancing staff training programs for Calhoun students enrolled in the college's Early Childhood Development program by helping them to secure their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, child development certificate, or the child development associate's degree; and (3) Providing additional

personnel for Calhoun's childcare program.

"This grant is extremely important to the continued success of our Child Development Center and our Early Childhood Development program," commented Lucy Cohen, Child Development Center manager. "The grant provides support to those of our students who are preparing for professional positions in the area of childcare as well as providing increased funding for qualifying students/parents to place their children in the college's childcare center while they attend class," Ms. Cohen added.

The initial funding cycle for the grant runs October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002. For more information, contact Lucy Cohen at 256/306-2752.

## Calhoun Alum Donates Artwork to College

Former Calhoun Community College art student Ooyoo Augustine recently donated one of his original pieces of artwork to the college's permanent Fine Arts Gallery Collection.

The piece, entitled "Lyrical Leap" is an example of art from Kenya and is valued at over \$1600. It is currently on display in the President's Office at Calhoun. Ooyoo, who is well-known for his metal sculptures, has been recognized frequently for his work. He has sold many pieces and for the last two years was a First Place winner in the Alabama College System's Chancellor's Awards Art Competition. Last year, Ooyoo was commissioned to create a butterfly-inspired metal piece for the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

For more information, contact the Calhoun Fine Arts Department at 256/306-2703.



(l-r) Ooyoo Augustine and Calhoun President Dr. Richard Carpenter

## Dedication Ceremony Held for Child Care Development Center Library

On Wednesday, September 19, 2001, the Calhoun Community College Child Development Learning Lab held a dedication ceremony to officially name the center's library in honor of Dorothy B. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson retired from Calhoun last year, having served as chairperson of the college's Social Science division. She has also established the Dorothy B. Johnson Loan Fund for Calhoun students experiencing immediate cash flow problems. Monies from the fund may be used to pay tuition and/or purchase books.

During the dedication ceremony, Mrs. Johnson also presented a check for the purchase of two new computers and software for use in the Child Care Development Center.



Pictured are Mrs. Dorothy Johnson and Dr. Richard Carpenter at dedication ceremony.

## Student Affairs Receives \$760,000 Federal Grant

The College's Student Affairs Department has been awarded a four-year, \$760,000 Student Support Services (SSS) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant provides \$190,000 per year for each of four years and became effective October 1, 2001.

The purpose of the SSS grant is to enhance the academic success of disadvantaged students by providing remedial and other special services. According to Dr. Kermit Carter, Calhoun's assistant dean for student affairs, the grant will provide services for a minimum of 250 students who, by reason of their educational, cultural, economic background and/or physical disability, need such services to assist them in successfully completing their post-secondary education. Special emphasis will be placed on freshman students who are enrolling with Calhoun for the first time.

"This proposal supports Calhoun's mission and philosophy by helping fulfill our commitment to the education and retention of non-traditional students by successfully preparing them to obtain a degree or to transfer to a four-year institution," said Calhoun President Richard Carpenter.

Student Support Services is one of the Department of Education's seven TRIO programs. Calhoun also has in place an Upward Bound program, also a TRIO program. For more information, contact Earnest Davis, project director, at 256/306-2634.

## *Houston Named Interim Head of Calhoun Foundation*

Calhoun Community College President Richard Carpenter has announced the appointment of Jane Houston as Interim Director of Resource Development/Foundation. Ms. Houston replaces Dr. Cathy Hansberry, who recently retired after serving 22 years at Calhoun, the last 16 of those as Director of Development and Executive Director of the Calhoun Foundation.

Most recently, Ms. Houston served as Assistant to the Director of Development at Calhoun. She has been with the college since 1985, working in the Office of Public Relations and with the

Technologies 2000 Tech Prep Consortium. She has also served as an adjunct instructor in Calhoun's Social Science division, teaching psychology and sociology classes.

Ms. Houston earned both her bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Alabama and has completed additional graduate study at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, the University of North Alabama, and Alabama A&M University.

In her new position, she will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the college's develop-

ment office as well as the administration of the Calhoun Foundation. "I am extremely excited that Jane Houston has agreed to accept the responsibility of directing the college's Resource Development Office as we conduct a formal search for a permanent appointment for this position," said Carpenter. "I am confident that under her leadership, the Development Office and the Foundation will continue to move forward."



**Jane Houston**

## *Dr. Cathy Hansberry Legacy Fund Established*

In August 2001, Dr. Catherine C. Hansberry, executive director of the Calhoun College Foundation, concluded her distinguished 22-year career with the College. Under her leadership, the Foundation generated more than \$6 million in private support and in excess of \$15 million in federal/state grants for Calhoun. Dr. Hansberry helped to shape one of the most significant transforming events in the history of the College - the development of Calhoun's \$40 million Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park.

Dr. Hansberry graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa with a B.S. in Elementary Education and began a career in education that spanned over 25 years. She later received an M.A. and an Ed.D. from Alabama. Dr. Hansberry is credited with establishing the Office of Institutional Research at Calhoun, where she served as Director from 1979-1982. She became Director of Resource Development and Executive Director of the Calhoun College Foundation in 1985. In 1994 Calhoun colleagues honored Dr. Hansberry with the Outstanding Administrator of the Year award. During her career, Dr. Hansberry was a member and past presi-

dent of the Council of Alabama Resource Development, member and past treasurer of the Alabama Junior and Community College Association, and a member of the National Council for Resource Development. Other professional affiliations included membership in the Governor's Regional Economic Development Advisory Board and the Governor's Task Force on Employment and Training Initiatives for Alabama Women.

Dr. Hansberry's service extended beyond the Calhoun campus through her participation in numerous civic affiliations. She was the first woman Rotarian in Decatur and was a Paul Harris Fellow in 1990. Dr. Hansberry served as President of the United Way, the American Cancer Society, the Mental Health Association, and the Decatur Women's Chamber of Commerce. She was the recipient of the Athena Award in 1992 and was Chairwoman of various committees for the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. She served as a member of the Regional Council for the Boy Scouts of America and Vice-President of the Decatur Concert Association. Dr. Hansberry was honored with the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood/ Sisterhood

Award in 1997, was Morgan County's Volunteer of the Year in 1988, and received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Decatur Civitans in 1997.



**Cathy Hansberry**

In her roles as an educator, scholar, administrator, and mentor, Dr. Hansberry made profound contributions to Calhoun Community College and truly embodied the ideals of the institution. Because of her devotion and commitment to the College, Cathy Hansberry leaves behind a rich legacy. In recognition of her loyal service to Calhoun and her community, her friends have established the Dr. Cathy Hansberry Legacy Fund. Donations can be sent to:

Dr. Cathy Hansberry Legacy Fund  
Calhoun Community College Foundation  
P.O. Box 2216  
Decatur, AL 35609-2216

For more information, call the Calhoun Foundation office at 256/306-2579.

## Annual Foundation Scholarship Lunch Honors Donors and Students

On September 18, the Foundation held its annual Scholarship Luncheon in honor of scholarship donors and scholarship recipients. The Foundation also recognized several Calhoun faculty and staff who have assisted with the scholarship program over the years. Close to 90 people attended and listened to seven students express their heartfelt gratitude to the donors of their scholarships.

Phillip Smith, chairperson of Business and Industry Services, surprised his parents with an announcement that he is establishing a scholarship in honor of his father, Hollis Smith. The Hollis Smith Tribute Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is majoring in agricultural science or a related field and plans to transfer to Auburn University. Phillip Smith previously funded the Willie Sue Smith Tribute Scholarship in honor of his mother.



Deborah Byrd and Catherine Richardson, the recipient of the Florence Nicolette (Nikki) Byrd Scholarship.



Hollis Smith; Melissa Mann, recipient of the Willie Sue Smith Tribute Scholarship, and Willie Sue Smith.



Commander O. J. Hyde, scholarship chairman of VFW, American Legion, and DAV; and Kerri Nelson, Warhawk and recipient of the DAV Scholarship.



Joe Newberry, Executive Vice-President Redstone Federal Credit Union; Elizabeth Highsmith, recipient of the RFCU Scholarship; and Pam Donald, Program Coordinator Marketing/PR Department, RFCU.

### Dinsmores Endow Hansberry Scholarship

Lloyd and Betty Dinsmore, long-time supporters of Calhoun Community College, endowed a scholarship in honor of their friend, Dr. Cathy Hansberry. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Calhoun student beginning in fall 2002. In 1989, the Dinsmores established the Local Mortgage Company scholarship, an endowed fund named after their business. This scholarship has benefited eleven students with tuition assistance and will continue into the future. The Dinsmores are investors in our Partners in Progress campaign and current members of the Calhoun Foundation President's Club. The Foundation appreciates and recognizes the Dinsmores for their long-lasting dedication and generous contributions to Calhoun Community College.

**Let your employer join you as a giving partner! Check with your human resources department to see if your employer will match your contribution to the Calhoun Community College Foundation.**

**A gift included in your will or living trust can establish a lasting legacy.**

## FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

- Brenda Sibley, technical services/reference librarian in the College's Brewer Library, is the author of the new book, *Waiting for the Morning: A Mother and Daughter's Journey Through Alzheimer's Disease*. The book chronicles Brenda's experiences with her late mother's battle with Alzheimer's. Copies of the book can be purchased at Books-a-Million and through online bookstores such as *iUniverse.com*.
- Calhoun Physical Education instructor Nancy Keenum has been selected to be an Olympic Torch Bearer. She will carry the Olympic torch in the Nashville, Tennessee, area sometime during the month of December.
- Brenda Beasley, chair of Calhoun's Allied Health Department, has been selected to chair the national Emergency Medical Services (EMS) American Society for Testing Materials F-30 Committee for 2002-2004. The EMS F-30 is actively involved in the development of national consensus standards relative to the EMS profession. Other officers include EMS professionals from New Jersey, North Carolina, California, and Maryland.
- Calhoun adjunct History and Psychology instructor Theresa (Tess) Farris was one of six historians in the nation to receive an award from the National Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars. Her historical colonial research and the resulting book, *From England—to Barbados—to Carolina, 1670-1700: Recovering the Material Culture of First Generation Carolinians*, contains first time information on a rare group of 50 probate inventories belonging to early colonists at Charles Town.



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