

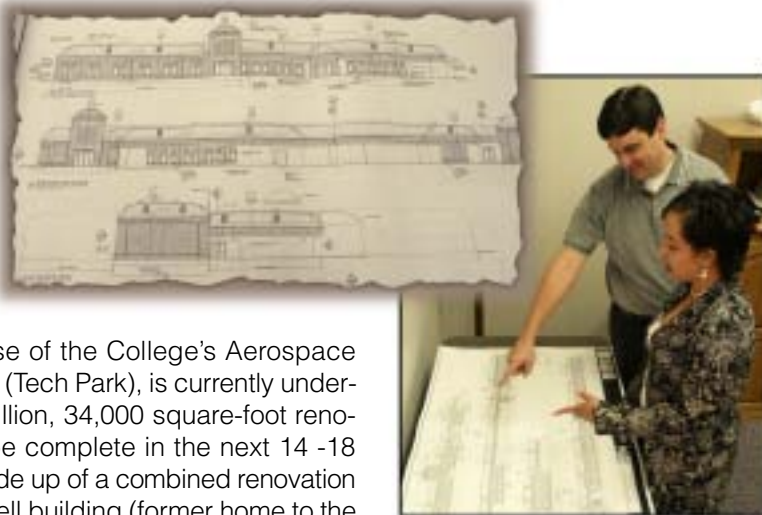
Construction Underway for Tech Park's Phase III

Construction of Calhoun's Information and Visualization

Center, the third and final phase of the College's Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park (Tech Park), is currently underway. Plans are for the \$4.75 million, 34,000 square-foot renovation/construction project to be complete in the next 14 -18 months. The building will be made up of a combined renovation of Calhoun's former Noble Russell building (former home to the barbering and cosmetology programs) and new construction. Last fall, the College's barbering and cosmetology programs relocated from Noble Russell to space in Phase II, allowing for the "groundbreaking" of Phase III.

Tech Park's Phase I, the Aerospace Training Center, officially opened in December 2000, and Phase II, the Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab, opened last year and now provides classroom and lab space for Calhoun's Advanced Electronics Manufacturing program, which began offering classes fall semester 2003.

Phase III will become home to the College's computer information program and graphics and design programs. Plans are for the new space to also house programs in networking, web design, automation, a multi-media and instruction design lab for faculty, a virtual reality theater, and the College's television station, 4CTV.



Jody Upchurch and Janet Kincherlow-Martin review plans for Phase III.

College Joins Partnership to Create Program Providing Training for Non-Custodial Parents

Among the areas in which Calhoun continues to have a positive impact are economic and workforce development. To that end, this spring the College announced the formal kick-off of the Alabama Fatherhood Initiative (AFI) of Morgan County, a program designed to provide short-term employment and skills training services to assist underemployed and unemployed non-custodial parents who have fallen significantly behind on their child support payments.

The courts are taking a much tougher stand in dealing with non-custodial parents who have fallen behind or fail to make mandated child support payments. However, in some cases, these parents have real obstacles in making support payments, and the courts have rec-

ognized this. In an effort to aide these individuals, the College partnered with the Morgan County Department of Human Resources, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Decatur Youth Services, Decatur CareerLink, PACT (Parents and Children Together) and Morgan County District Judges David Breland and David Bibb to provide this program.

Calhoun is one of nine community colleges in the state selected to pilot the Alabama Fatherhood Initiative program. Specifically, the program provides employment opportunities to under- and unemployed non-custodial parents through increased educational and short-term skills training opportunities, adult education classes, and pre-employment skills to get these individuals into the workforce sooner. In addition,

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it provides realistic alternatives to incarceration for non-custodial parents who want to work and meet their financial responsibilities to their children and training completion certification and assistance in obtaining viable employment opportunities. Funding for tuition for program participants is being provided through Welfare-to-Work and the Workforce Investment Act.

Calhoun's job training offers skills in Commercial Drivers' License (CDL), welding, health care programs (Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Billings Records Clerk, Certified Nursing Assistant), and computer application classes. The students have up to 12 weeks to complete the program (depending on work schedules). Angela Henderson is the program's Interim Case Manager.



NEWSBRIEFS

Surg Tech Program Receives National Recognition

Calhoun's Surgical Technology program recently received notification of a 2003 Merit Award from the Liaison Council on Certification for Surgical Technologist (LCC-ST). **The award notes that 100% of Calhoun's program graduates passed the 2003 National Certification Examination for Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).** This Merit Award places the College's Surgical Technology students in the top 10% of the graduates in the United States.

Certification as a surgical technologist provides evidence to employers, other health care professionals, and the public, that the certified individual has met the national standard for the knowledge that underlies surgical technologist practice. According to the LCC-ST's executive director, Dawn E. Vinson, "Certification is a symbol of credibility and recognition of competence for both knowledge and skills. It indicates that the practitioner has met or exceeded all

established standards for the position. Congratulations to all our new Certified Surgical Technologists and to the faculty who prepared them so well for this challenge." In addition to the 100% pass rate, Grant Wilson, Calhoun Surgical Technology program coordinator, also notes that all of this year's graduates have already been employed in the surgical technology field.

For more information on Calhoun's Surgical Technology program, contact Grant Wilson at 256-306-2950. For more information on the CST designation, contact LCC-ST at 800-707-0057.



Emergency Medical Technician Program Awarded Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs from the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) recently notified the College that the Emergency Medical Technician program has received its initial three-year accreditation status.

The nationally recognized accreditation process consisted of a self-study by the program, a site visit by CoAEMSP, and an evaluation of the results by CAAHEP. Calhoun's EMT program was commended for its preparedness and organization by CoAEMSP in its approval recommendation.

For more information on the EMT program at Calhoun, contact Jarrod Taylor at 256-306-2781 or via email at jwt@calhoun.edu. For additional infor-

mation on CAAHEP or CoAEMSP, visit www.caahep.org. or www.coaemsp.org.



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College “Paints the Town” to Assist Elderly/ Low-Income Homeowners

For the second year, Calhoun, in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service and several community groups, is “Paint(ing) the Town” at various locations in Morgan County.

“Paint the Town” is the fourth activity in a series of community-service projects funded this year by a grant to the College from the CORPORATION FOR



NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. The project identifies 10 local homes belonging to elderly and/or low-income homeowners in need of minor exterior improvements such as painting or yard maintenance, and performs the necessary repairs. Teams of Calhoun students, faculty and staff, and alumni are being joined by community volunteers from local churches, the City of Decatur, and Wolverine Tube to perform needed repairs on the selected homes. In addition, local businesses and individuals are donating paint, brushes, equipment, plants, and other needed items for the project.

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities through three programs: SENIOR CORPS, AMERICORPS, and LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA. Working with national and community nonprofits, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies, the Corporation engages more than two million Americans each year in meeting critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas.

Public Relations Department Recognized for Outstanding Marketing Program

The Public Relations department at Calhoun was recently recognized for its outstanding efforts by the Alabama College System Public Relations Association (ACSPRA).

During ACSPRA’s annual conference held June 1-3, the Public Relations department at Calhoun received five awards in ACSPRA’s Pyramid Awards competition. According to Calhoun Public Relations Director Janet Kincherlow-Martin, a past president of ACSPRA, Calhoun picked up two second place Pyramid Awards of Achievement and three third place Awards of Merit.

The College was presented Awards of Achievement in the Full-Color Catalog category and in the Newsletter, Full-Color category. Awards of Merit were awarded in the Class Schedule-In House Produced, Annual Report and Color Photography categories.

In addition to Ms. Kincherlow-Martin, other Public Relations staff are Beth Butler, graphic designer; Terri Hildreth, administrative secretary; and Lanita Parker, webmaster.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 15** 2004 Fall Semester Registration
Decatur campus only
9:00am-6:00pm
- 16** “Paint the Town” Community Service Project
(Call 256-306-2613 for more information)
- 19** 2004 Fall Semester Registration
Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus only
12:00 noon-6:00 pm

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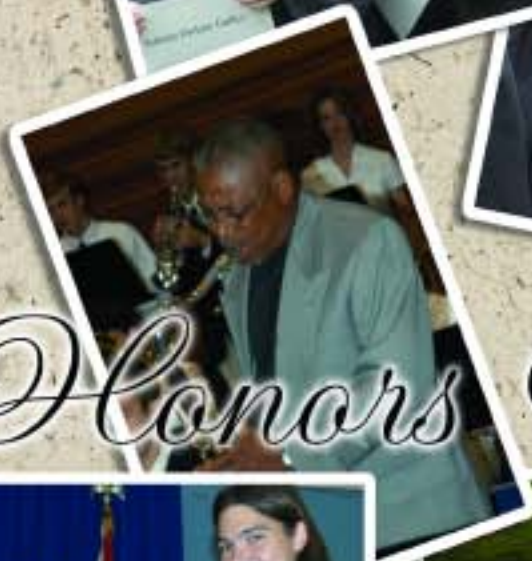
- 2004 Fall Semester Registration
Decatur campus
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus
Monday – Thursday, 2:00-6:00 pm

- 20** Manufacturing Technology Open House
Aerospace Training Center – Decatur Campus
6:00 – 8:00 pm
(Call 256-306-2666 for more information)

August

- 18** Regular Registration for 2004 Fall Semester
Decatur campus only – Kelley Gymnasium
10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- 19** Regular Registration for 2004 Fall Semester
Huntsville campus only
2:00 – 6:00 pm
- 21** Calhoun Alumni Association’s 2nd Annual
“Hot to Trot” 5K Race – Decatur campus
Race begins at 7:00 am
Registration begins at 6:00 am
(Call 256-306-2582 for more information)
- 23** First Day of Classes for 2004 Fall Semester

Graduation



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Graduation



Outstanding Faculty and Staff Honored

During Calhoun's 2004 Honors Day program, awards were presented for Outstanding Full- and Part-time Faculty, Outstanding Service



Deborah Miller

Award for Support Staff and Outstanding Service Award for Administrators. Individuals considered for the awards were nominated by students, faculty and staff of the College.



Margarita Valls De Quesada

This year's recipients were **Deborah Miller**, Nursing faculty, winner of the Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award for Full-time Faculty;

Margarita Valls de Quesada,

Fine Arts faculty, recipient of the Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award for Part-time Faculty; **Lana Powers**, Print Shop, recipient of the Outstanding Service Award for Support Personnel; and **Dr. Kermit Carter**, recipient of the Outstanding Service Award for Administrators.



Lana Powers



Kermit Carter

Calhoun VP Honored as Top Instructional Officer

Dr. Theresa Hamilton, Calhoun's Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, was recently recognized as the 2003-2004 Instructional Officer of the Year by the Alabama Instructional Officers Association. Dr. Hamilton was honored for her "outstanding contributions to the Alabama College System and her commitment to the instructional program at Calhoun."



Theresa Hamilton

Individuals considered for the award must be nominated by a member of the Instructional Officers Association.

Membership in the Association includes instructional officers serving at the 27 two-year institutions comprising the Alabama College System.

More faculty news...

- Several Calhoun adjunct faculty members have been honored by inclusion in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, a publication honoring a select 5% of our nation's teachers. Only students selected for the *National Dean's List* are invited to nominate a teacher from their academic experience for the honor. Adjunct faculty named to the list include **Reyman Schauer** and **Mrs. Dicie Craig**, both adjunct math instructors; **Pamela Patton**, adjunct child development instructor; adjunct English instructors **Nancy C. Julich** and **Karen Wilksman**; **Greg Day**, adjunct accounting instructor; **Richard Ferrara**, adjunct electrical technology instructor; and **Michele Kinney**, adjunct history instructor.
- **Dr. Izora Harrison**, director of Services to Special Student Populations, has also been nominated for inclusion in the eighth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.
- Several former Calhoun coaches have been honored by their induction into local Sports Halls of

Fame. **Myra King**, former women's basketball and softball coach, was inducted into the Limestone County Sports Hall of Fame on May 8, 2004. **James "Red" Coman**, assistant baseball coach, was inducted into the Colbert County Sports Hall of Fame, as was **John Douglas**, former Calhoun basketball standout and men's basketball coach. Former men's basketball coach **H.R. "Bob" Shuttleworth** was honored on June 12, 2004, by the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame. Coach Shuttleworth is also being recognized for his 26 years of coaching in the Alabama Junior and Community College Conference (AJCCC) by being inducted into the AJCCC Sports Hall of Fame.

- **Cassandra Moore** and **Vicki Ferrara**, adjunct English instructors, received the Nell Ann Pickett Outstanding Adjunct Presenter Award at the Two-Year College English Association-Southeast Winter Conference. Their presentation was entitled "Epic Strategies for Teaching the Epic Hero."

Calhoun Students Honored Among State's Best Two-Year College Students

Each year, the Alabama College System recognizes 54 two-year college students in the state by naming them to the All-Alabama Academic team. A banquet was held in April as the forum recognizing these outstanding students for their accomplishments this year. Among the students honored were two students representing Calhoun: **Andrew Lynn** of Athens and **Regina Watkins** of Trinity.

A Pre-Pharmacy major, Andrew graduated in May from Calhoun with a perfect 4.00 grade point average. While at Calhoun, Andrew was honored as one of the College's Top Ten Students two consecutive years and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* and the *National Dean's List*. He was also a five-star member of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of Sigma Kappa Delta English honor society, and a contributor of *The Muse*, Calhoun's literary magazine. This fall, Andrew plans to continue his studies at Athens State University.

A recent nursing graduate from Calhoun with a 3.77 grade point average, Regina was also recognized as a Top Ten student at the College this year. Before her graduation from the College this spring, she was named to *Who's Who Among*

Students in American Junior Colleges and was nominated for the National Spirit of Nursing Award by the Calhoun Nursing department. She also served as President of the Nursing Club, Vice-President of Phi Theta Kappa, and President of Sigma Kappa Delta. While at Calhoun, she was the recipient of the William Lee Jones Memorial Scholarship for outstanding achievement in English and outstanding service to Phi Theta Kappa. Both Regina and Andrew were Calhoun's nominees for the 2004 All-USA National Academic Team.

Each student named to the All-Alabama Academic team was honored with a medallion and a \$500 scholarship to any accredited institution of higher education in Alabama. The Alabama College System's All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition program was established in 1995 as an enhancement to the All-USA National Academic Team recognition, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the American Association of Community Colleges, and *USA Today*.



Andrew Lynn



Regina Watkins

Calhoun Theatre Grads Making News

Graduates of Calhoun's Theatre department continue to excel in their chosen profession, making a name for themselves and bringing positive attention to the College.

Recent Theatre grad Ashley Culpepper was awarded an Alabama Conference of Theatre Scholarship, one of only three awarded in the state each year. Ashley's win represents the sixth consecutive year that at least one Calhoun Theatre student has received the award.

Former Calhoun Theatre student Matthew Nolan has appeared in a number of films, including *Love Song for Bobby Long*, with Scarlett Johansson and John Travolta and the

recent Disney film, *Stuck in the Suburbs*, where he was cast as an actor for the "film crew" in the movie as well as a feature extra. According to the Matthew, *Stuck in the Suburbs* comes out later this summer on the Disney channel.

Calhoun Theatre grad and adjunct Graphic Design instructor Kim Parker has been teaching at the College for over four years. Kim recently played the role of Princess Alais,

paramour of King Henry II in James Goldman's hit play, *The Lion in Winter* at Huntsville's Renaissance Theatre. Other roles for which she has come to be known in local theatre are "Mag-

gie" from *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; "Kate" in *The Taming of the Shrew*; and "Rosalind" from *As You Like It*.



Matthew Nolan



Ashley Culpepper



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**Second Annual
Dumplin' Days
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Thanks to all of the Calhoun Foundation Board members, faculty, staff, students and friends who worked so hard, the second annual Dumplin' Days was a great success. The final tally shows that the event generated a \$26,000 profit. All proceeds will be used to fund Foundation scholarships and projects such as campus beautification and mini-grants.



Major Gifts Received

The Foundation extends our heartfelt appreciation to the following individuals and businesses that have recently contributed a major gift: *Mrs. Cathleen W. Anderson, Engelhard, First American Bank, Jimmy Smith Jewelers, and Mr. Arthur W. Orr.*

The following organizations, churches, businesses, and individuals recently made generous gifts to our scholarship program: *American Legion Post 15, Athens-Limestone Retired Teachers Association, Austinville United Methodist Church, Baker Family Charitable Foundation, The Boeing Company, Compass Bank, Decatur Jaycees, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dins-*

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