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College to Partner with Local Company in Creation of State's First Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Center

Calhoun Community College President Richard Carpenter recently announced details of a partnership between the College and Soldering Technology International, Incorporated (STI) of Madison to create the state's first Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Center, to be located at Calhoun's Decatur campus.

The Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Center will be located in Calhoun's Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab, Phase II of Technology Park. Construction of Phase II is currently under-

way and is scheduled for completion later this year. The Center will house the state's first academic program in advanced electronics manufacturing. STI is assisting Calhoun in developing the curriculum for the program and has committed to provide the manufacturing lab instructors to support its success.

"This partnership and the creation of our Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Center represent a major initiative for the state's economic and workforce development activities," said Carpenter.

The partnership be-



tween Calhoun and STI provides for the development of a new associate's degree and certificate program in advanced electronics manufacturing. The programs will provide workforce development support for electronics manufacturing throughout the region by training students in modern electronics industry concepts.

"STI is dedicated to the advancement and training of soldering technology in the electronics industry and feels that this partnership with Calhoun is truly a win-win situation for everyone involved," commented Mark McMeen, STI Vice President.

Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab
Phase II of Technology Park



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Calhoun Student Honored as One of Nation's Best

For an unprecedented sixth time, a Calhoun Community College student has been recognized as one of the top two-year college students in the entire country. Joseph "Chad" Kelsoe, who recently graduated from the College this spring, was recognized in April as one of 20 students named to the prestigious and coveted USA TODAY's 2001 Academic All-USA Community and Junior College Second Team.

The formal announcement of the members of the 2001 All-USA Academic Teams was made during the American Association of Community College's Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Chad, along with the students comprising the Academic First, Second and Third teams, was featured in a full-page article published in the April 5 issue of USA TODAY.

A resident of Danville, Alabama, Chad was recently honored as a member of the All-Alabama Academic First Team. While at Calhoun, he served as president of the Warhawks, Calhoun's official student ambassadors, and was a five-star (highest level) member of Phi Theta Kappa. A former Student Government Association senator, Chad also served as a member of Baptist Campus Ministries and was active with BACCHUS/SADD. He has been included on the National Dean's List and Calhoun's President's List and has been recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and as a "Top Ten" Student at Calhoun. Chad plans to pursue a master's degree in Biology and attend medical school.

In addition to Chad, other Calhoun students who have been honored among the nation's top two-year college students have been Todd Fentress, recognized in 1989 as the nation's first ever National Student Scholar among two-year college students when only one student from the entire country was recognized; Kelly Cain, a 1991 Academic All-American First Team member; Sharon Owens, a 1992 Academic All-American Second Team member; Cynthia Holden, a 1993 Academic All-American First Team honoree; and Mary Tate, a 1998 Academic All-American First Team member.



Chad Kelsoe

Graduation 2001



Calhoun's Public Relations Department Receives National Award

The Public Relations department at Calhoun Community College has again been recognized nationally for its outstanding marketing initiatives. Recently, the college was awarded a first place Paragon Award by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) in the Electronic Schedule/Catalog category. The college received the award for its on-line class schedule.

"Very easy to navigate. Easy to read. Great to have classes listed by sites/campuses!" were among the judges comments provided on the entry.

The 2001 Paragon Awards competition included over 1000 entries in 51 different categories. Calhoun was the only college in the state of Alabama to receive an award in the competition. The awards program is held each year to recognize outstanding achievement in communications at community, junior and technical colleges across the country and is the only national competition of its kind that exclusively honors excellence among marketing and public relations professionals at two-year colleges.

College Recognized for Outstanding Military Education Program

The College has been awarded the 2000 Ray Ehrensberger College of the Year Award, presented jointly by the Commission on Military Education and Training and the Council of College and Military Educators. Specifically, Calhoun's academic program at Redstone Arsenal was singled out for having served "on the cutting edge in blending military workplace learning with a college degree program for soldiers."

Clinton L. Anderson, senior academic advisor, and Steve F. Kime, director, of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges nominated the College for the award. "Calhoun's active outreach to soldiers is indicative of the college's broader dedication to adult learners in general wherever they may be located throughout the world," commented Anderson and Kime.



First Annual "Let's Pretend Hospital" For Area First Graders Held

This spring, Calhoun's Nursing Department, in partnership with Decatur General Hospital, hosted "Let's Pretend Hospital", a mock hospital for area first graders.

According to Jan Peek, chairperson of the Nursing Department, "Let's Pretend Hospital" is a project to provide first graders with 'friendly' information about what actually

happens when someone is admitted to the hospital, has surgery, etc. "All the information presented in this mock hospital setting was done so on a non-threatening, first grade level," said Ms. Peek.

Close to 800 first graders from Decatur City, Morgan County, and several local private schools participated in this activity, touring the various areas of the mock hospital. The "hospital" included an admissions office, ER, hospital room, operating room, and discharge area. An ambulance was also available for the students to view.

"This project was a great opportunity for Calhoun's Nursing Department to partner with one of our largest nursing employers, Decatur General," commented Ms. Peek. "It also provided an opportunity for our associate degree nursing students to participate in health teaching and be actively involved in a community pediatric experience," she added.

"This project was a great opportunity for Calhoun's Nursing Department to partner with one of our largest nursing employers, Decatur General," commented Ms. Peek. "It also provided an opportunity for our associate degree nursing students to participate in health teaching and be actively involved in a community pediatric experience," she added.



Calhoun Foundation Director, Cathy Hansberry, Announces Retirement



Dr. Cathy Hansberry

Calhoun Community College President Richard Carpenter recently announced that the college's Director of Development, Dr. Cathy Hansberry, is retiring after 30 years of service in the field of education, 22 of those years at Calhoun. According to Carpenter, Dr. Hansberry will remain in her position until August 2001, or until her successor is named.

Dr. Hansberry was originally hired at Calhoun in March 1979 as Director of the Office of Institutional Research. In 1980, she began assisting with proposal development for federal funding, while concurrently working with the Calhoun Foundation Board to broaden the base of support for the college. In 1985, she was named Director of Development and Executive Director of the Calhoun College Foundation.

"Dr. Hansberry has had a remarkable impact on Calhoun over the years," said Carpenter. "She was responsible for generating millions of dollars in grants and private support,

and most recently, completed the college's Partners in Progress Campaign, raising \$4.7M in pledges and support. Dr. Hansberry's influence was felt, not only in the enhancement of funding to Calhoun, but also in the leadership role she played in campus beautification, signage, and special events on campus. She serves in a key liaison role between the college and community and will be missed," Carpenter added.

"Working at Calhoun Community College has been a rewarding, meaningful experience for me," said Dr. Hansberry. "The institution is such a wonderful asset to our community. It has provided educational and training opportunities for over 145,000 individuals and is enhancing economic development in our area. The Aerospace and Advanced Technology Complex, to be complete in Spring 2003, will ensure continued capability to meet future workforce development needs in North Alabama," she said.

"So many people deserve accolades for Calhoun's success today,

including college leadership; faculty and staff; local, state and federal elected officials; Calhoun

Foundation Board members and staff; and friends and supporters of the Calhoun Foundation. Without that support, all the good things that have happened would not have been possible. I thank everyone involved for the investments they have made in the college, and I am confident that this support will continue into the future.

"I will miss all of my colleagues and friends at Calhoun, especially the Foundation staff, and being part of the day-to-day operations of the college," said Hansberry. "However, the time has come for me to pursue other interests. This was not an easy decision for me, but the timing is right."

A national search for Dr. Hansberry's successor is currently underway.

3M Donates \$160,000 To College's Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab

The 3M Foundation has announced a \$160,000 donation to the College to aid in the construction of the Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab and to support manufacturing-related programs at the college.

The donation consists of cash grants and in-kind gifts of 3M Volition Fiber Optic Cabling Systems, which will increase the speed of data transmission and the data-carrying capacity to desktop computers throughout the Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab, Phase II of Calhoun's Technology Park.

Manufacturing in the north Alabama region has significantly increased

over the last 10 years. This growth has created numerous jobs that require new training, new skills and higher levels of education. The construction of the Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab will allow Calhoun to continue to effectively meet the educational and training needs of the community.

"We are excited about the economic growth of this area," said Calhoun President Richard Carpenter. "Economic growth of the magnitude that this community has experienced in the last few years presents some exciting educational opportunities. Calhoun is delighted to have partners like 3M to help us in meeting training

and workforce development needs and to create training models that can be used in community colleges across the country," Carpenter added.

"3M is thrilled to join Calhoun Community College in expanding educational opportunities in the north Alabama region," said Jim King, 3M Decatur plant manager. "The Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab will help 3M and other companies in the region remain competitive by continuing to produce highly-trained and skilled workers. This is a great opportunity for the college, the community and industry."

Scholarship Updates

- The Foundation has announced support by The Boeing Company to the Calhoun Foundation scholarship program through the company's recent establishment of four new scholarships. The Foundation will match The Boeing Company Scholarships in a joint effort to help deserving students further their educational goals. As requested by The Boeing Company, each scholarship will be granted to a full-time student majoring in one of the following disciplines: Aviation, Maintenance, Business Related Technologies or Disciplines, Manufacturing or Engineering Technology, Electronics, Machining, or Information Technology.
- Anonymous donors recently established the Dr. Mary M. Yarbrough Perpetual Scholarship in respect and admiration for Dr. Yarbrough's excellent work at Calhoun Community College. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Business Division student beginning fall 2001. In addition, these anonymous donors also enhanced the Charles A. Gober Honorary Perpetual Scholarship, allowing the annual payout to be doubled. The Foundation appreciates the support of these donors.
- Long-time supporters, Wayne and Dr. Alice Villadsen, have fully funded a perpetual scholarship in the memory of Wayne's mother, Jacquelin Woolley Villadsen. The Bell South Corporation provided matching gifts in support of this scholarship. The Jacquelin Woolley Villadsen Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Horizon High School in Decatur. Mr. Villadsen, who taught math at Horizon for more than eight years, was one of the first teachers at the school. This is the second per-

petual scholarship that the Villadsens have endowed through the Foundation. The first, an endowed scholarship in memory of Alice's parents, Paul and Susie Dell Wildes, was established and funded by the Villadsens and the Bell South Corporation in 1991.

- Redstone Federal Credit Union (RFCU) has pledged to provide \$2000 each year for one deserving student, beginning fall 2001. RFCU has invested in the education of worthy Calhoun students in the past with contributions to the scholarship program. This year, RFCU has committed to continue these gifts on an annual basis with the establishment of the Redstone Federal Credit Union Scholarship Fund. "We want to make a more profound and continuous offering by establishing a scholarship fund in our name," wrote Pamela Donald, Marketing/PR Program Coordinator for RFCU.
- The estate of Mrs. Nina Hodges Cline has established two new perpetual scholarships: the Carl and Florin Hodges Memorial Scholarship and the J. Russell Noble Memorial Scholarship. Both scholarships will be awarded beginning fall 2001. Mrs. Cline had already established two



L-R Mr. Gerald Toland, President of Redstone Federal Credit Union; Dr. Richard Carpenter; Mr. Joe Newberry, 2nd Executive Vice President of Redstone Federal Credit Union

other perpetual scholarships at Calhoun during her lifetime. The Willie Esma Hodges Memorial Scholarship was funded in 1986 and the Nina Hodges Cline Scholarship was funded in 1985. Mrs. Cline's scholarships assisted over 30 students with tuition and book expenses at Calhoun during her lifetime and will continue to serve as lasting reminders of her investment in education in our community.

- Appreciation is also expressed to Dr. Mike and Susie Wang, who have completed the funding of the S.S. Wang Perpetual Scholarship. The Wangs established the scholarship as a tribute to Mr. Wang's father, Shih-Sung. The S.S. Wang Perpetual Scholarship will be awarded for the first time this fall.

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Foundation Board Welcomes New Member

Mike Bunney, general manager for the Boeing Delta Launch Vehicle Factory, is the newest member of the Calhoun Foundation Board of Directors. Bunney oversees the operations for the \$500 million, 1.5 million square foot rocket facility in Decatur.

Previously, he served as Director of Business Resources for the Delta Launch Vehicle Factory, where he was responsible for the business operations of the factory. Before relocating to Decatur, Bunney served as Senior Manager of Business and Facilities at the Delta Rocket Production Facility in

Pueblo, Colorado.

Bunney joined The Boeing Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1974. Beginning as a manufacturing employee while attending college, he was promoted to professional status in 1978. In 1991, Bunney was named Director of Financial Management for the company's Tulsa operation.

He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree from the University of Tulsa and is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.



(L-R) Dr. Richard Carpenter, Mr. Glen M. (Mike) Bunney, and Decatur Mayor Lynn Fowler.

Foundation Receives Notification of Grant Awards

The Foundation recently received notification that the College has been awarded three grants totaling \$335,000 for the Advanced Manufacturing/Information Technology Center (AMITC), Phase III of Technology Park.

The Daniel Foundation of Alabama was the first foundation to contribute to the project. In his letter announcing the award, Executive Director Garry Smith wrote, "We are delighted to be in a position to assist your organization in the good work that you are performing."

3M's Corporate Contributions Com-

mittee approved a cash and product donation for Technology Park. Barbara Kaufmann, Manager Education Contributions for the 3M Foundation, wrote, "3M is pleased to support this initiative that will contribute to the economic vitality of the area. We commend your efforts and hope this grant will help you involve others. On behalf of 3M and our employees – especially those in the Decatur area – our best wishes to you for every success with this endeavor."

At their March 20, 2001, meeting, the trustees of the Steelcase Foundation of Grand Rapids, Michigan, awarded the Calhoun Foundation a grant to support the AMITC. Local support provided by Dave Blanchard, plant manager of the Athens facility, and Sandy Locke, Human Resources manager, was instrumental in the proposal being funded.



On May 7, the Calhoun Foundation hosted an appreciation luncheon for 3M representatives. Jim King, Plant Manager of 3M Decatur, presents Dr. Richard Carpenter with a check from the 3M Foundation.



Dr. Carpenter thanks (L-R) Brian Schoeberl, Doug Hicks, and Jim King for their tireless efforts on behalf of Calhoun. Also attending the luncheon, but not pictured, was Wanda Griffin of 3M.

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match your contribution to the Calhoun Community College Foundation.***

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Machine Tool Technology Students Create Awards

During its June 7, 2001, Board meeting, Foundation Executive Director Cathy Hansberry presented board members with special statues in appreciation of their dedicated service to the Foundation.

Machine Tool Technology instructor Mike Blizzard and his students created these statues for the Foundation. The cleverly designed desk ornament can be used as a pencil holder and is engraved with the Calhoun Warhawk image and a special message to each board member.

Carl Greer is one of the students who worked on the statues. His story, which follows, is a tribute to the Calhoun Machine Tool Technology program and to his own courage and perseverance.

"If I can graduate from college, anyone can," said Carl. This May, his whole family was at graduation to cheer when he walked across the stage to get his diploma. It was a long and worthwhile walk for Carl and his family and a journey that he says has just begun. Having learned many lessons along the way, he speaks openly about his life in the hope that others will believe that they can do it, too.

Raised by his mother in downtown Wichita, Kansas, Carl describes himself as a wild teenager – "a rebel without a cause." He began hanging out with neighborhood gang members. Away from the house for days at a time, Carl's mother often did not know where he was. In school, says Carl, "I was one of those kids that teachers would point out as an example to other kids and say, "Don't be like Carl. He'll never amount to anything." Somehow, despite the fact

that he never passed a class but PE, the school system promoted Carl through every grade. Unbelievably, Carl received a high school diploma with only a 0.84 GPA.

Carl's mother was sure that soon he would be involved in a serious incident with gang members, something that might leave him permanently injured or even dead. Their church offered to pay to send him to Huntsville, to attend college. Carl moved to Huntsville with little more than the clothes on his back. He visited several area colleges and was denied admission based on his low GPA. Discouraged, and with nowhere to turn, he was offered a chance by Oakwood College to prove he could make it. Carl lived on campus, worked hard, and obtained a 2.02 GPA. During his stay, he grew to love and appreciate Alabama and wanted to move the rest of his family here. Again, their church pitched in and moved the entire family to Huntsville.

While enrolled at Calhoun, Carl took a full load of classes and worked full time to pay for his education. Leaning towards a career in nursing, he worked at Three Springs, a juvenile detention center for boys. "I was just like those kids," said Carl. "They took the same road I did, and I wanted to change them." Soon, Carl was working at Huntsville Hospital, then at HealthSouth. Realizing his love for the elderly, he worked as a home health aid caring for patients in their own homes.

His interests changed to engineering, and he pursued a degree in industrial maintenance. Working full time at Engelhard Corporation from 4PM until 4AM and coming to Calhoun at 8AM four days a week



(L-R) Mike Blizzard and Carl Greer

became part of Carl's routine. His hard work paid off. This May, Carl graduated from Calhoun with a 2.79 GPA. "Quite an accomplishment for someone who learned nothing in junior high and high school," admits Carl.

While taking machine tool courses at Calhoun, Carl met Mike Blizzard, "the best teacher I ever had in my life," he said. According to Carl, Mike encourages his students in a way that earns their respect and admiration. "Mr. Blizzard doesn't just teach a class. Everyday he tries to teach us something about life. He takes time and goes out of his way to help students and tries to steer us in the right direction."

Carl does not plan to end this journey now. "Education has put me in charge of my life. I have skills and I can take them with me wherever I go. I can do whatever I want to do, and I want to do everything!" he says. At the age of 28, Carl has many goals and aspires to attend Athens State

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University to gain an Engineering degree. "I will always go to school. I can't stop now," he said. For now, Carl hopes to take a short break from college this summer to spend more time with his wife of seven years, Tracie, a nurse at Huntsville Hospital.

"The main thing," says Carl, "is that I had a chance to go to college. I came from the very bottom of the bottom and I made it. If I can do it, anyone can."



Foundation Board Members display their awards with Calhoun President Dr. Richard Carpenter. From l-r (starting to Carpenter's immediate right) are Barrett Shelton, John Cook, Jimmy Smith, and Dr. George Hansberry.

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Calhoun VP Named to North Carolina Presidency

Dr. Gary Green, formerly Calhoun's Executive Vice President, recently left the college to accept the position of President of

Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Green's appointment becomes effective July 1, 2001.

"Gary Green has done a wonderful job for Calhoun in the eight years he

has been with us," commented Carpenter. "He will truly be missed by the college and the community, and his shoes will be hard to fill," Carpenter added.

A veteran educator with over 25 years of administrative and instructional experience in the field, Green joined the Calhoun staff in January 1993. Before coming to Calhoun, he served as Dean of Academic Affairs for Owensboro Community College. He also served as administrator for Continuing Education and Business and Industry Services as well as associate professor of English at Elizabethtown

Community College in Kentucky.

"The invaluable experience I have gained while at Calhoun has helped to prepare me for the challenges and opportunities this new position will bring," said Green. "While I am excited and enthusiastic about this new opportunity, it is with a great deal of sadness that I leave my friends and associates at the college and in the community."

As president of Forsyth, Green will be responsible for leading the fifth largest community college in North Carolina.

Adjunct Instructor Donates Work to Library of Congress

A copy of the video documentary, "A Civil Rights Journey", based on and including original footage of the civil rights movement in Huntsville captured by retired physician and Calhoun Community College adjunct instructor Dr. Sonnie Hereford, has been donated to the United States Library of Congress.

The documentary, produced in conjunction with Calhoun, had its world premier at the college in 1999. The video recounts the course of activities during the early 1960's which led to a peaceful end to segregation in Huntsville, and includes scenes of lunch counter sit-ins, boycotts, picket lines, and footage from a visit to Huntsville by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hereford, who captured the original footage using an 8mm camera, said he had no idea these scenes would become the subject of a documentary some 40 years after they were recorded.

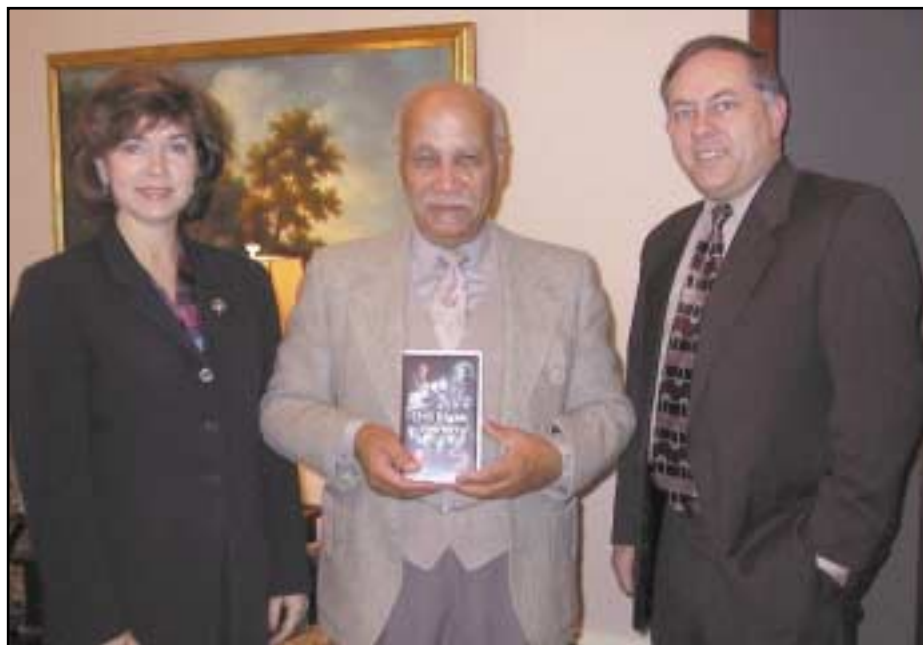
"We are proud of Dr. Hereford's accomplishment with this documentary and extremely pleased to have played a role in its development," commented Calhoun President

Richard Carpenter.

Copies of "A Civil Rights Journey" are housed at a number of locations, including the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum, both the Decatur campus and Huntsville/Cummings Research Park site of Calhoun, the University of Alabama in Huntsville,

Alabama A&M, Samford University, the University of Memphis, and Auburn University.

The video is also available for purchase. For more information, contact the Calhoun Public Relations Office at 256/306-2561.



Left to right: Dr. Theresa Hamilton, Dean for Instruction and Student Services; Dr. Sonnie Hereford; Dr. Richard Carpenter.

Other Faculty/Staff News of Note:

- Jerrod Young, assistant to the President, and Denny Smith, ACT Center director, were among the 26 members of the inaugural class of the Certificate Program for Dynamic Community College Leaders, offered by the Alabama Community College Leadership Academy at the University of Alabama. Jerrod, Denny and their fellow classmates graduated from the program earlier this spring. The Academy is a year-long program designed to identify, develop, train and nurture Alabama's next generation of community college leaders.



Jerrod Young



Denny Smith



Sandy Caudle



Charles Kara



Judy Johnson



Deborah Byrd

program, retired Calhoun music instructor Joan Goree was honored with a special resolution from the Alabama Legislature, presented by Rep. Bill Dukes.



Joan Goree receives resolution from Rep. Bill Dukes.

- Each year as part of the College's Annual Honors Day program, outstanding faculty, support staff and administrator awards are presented. Recipients of the 2001 awards were Sandy Caudle, chairperson of the Natural Sciences department, presented the Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award for Full-time Faculty; Charles Kara, part-time instructor at the Decatur campus, Outstanding Teaching Award for Part-time Faculty; Judy Johnson, secretary in the Social Sciences division, Outstanding Service Award for Support Staff; and Deborah Byrd, director of Student Financial Services, Outstanding Service Award for Administrators. Also during the

- Wyla T. Washington has joined the staff of the College's Business and Industry Services division as the new Interim Director of Professional Certifications. Washington also serves as a part-time developmental Algebra instructor for Calhoun, a position he has held since 1994. Washington comes to Calhoun from Alabama A&M University, where he most recently served as Coordinator of Information Technology for A&M's J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center. He has also held positions as a systems engineer for Computer Science Corporation (CSC); as a software engineer for Rockwell International; and worked as a computer programmer for the Army Missile Command (MICOM). Washington earned both his bachelor's degree in Mathematics and his master's degree in Industrial Technology Education from Alabama A&M. He is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.



Wyla Washington

Calhoun Students Named To All-Alabama Academic Team



Chad Kelsoe

Calhoun Community College students Joseph "Chad" Kelsoe and Aeryn "Brooke" Earley were among the 56 students included in the 2001 All-Alabama Academic First Team and Second Team Recognition Program.

On Thursday, March 15, 2001, these 56 students representing Alabama's 32 two-year colleges were honored at the All-Alabama Academic Team Ceremony held in Birmingham. The All-Alabama Academic Team was established in 1995 as a joint effort

between the Alabama College System, the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Each team member was recognized and awarded an All-Alabama Academic Team medallion and a legislative resolution. First team members received a \$600 stipend and second team members received \$300.

Calhoun's First team member was Chad Kelsoe and

the College's Second Team member was Brooke Earley. Rankings for All-Alabama Team members are determined by the scores the nominees receive from judges selecting the winners for the Academic All-American Team program. The top-ranked student from each college in the Alabama College System comprises the All-Alabama First Team, and the second ranked student from each college is included on the Second Team.



Brooke Earley

Patterned after the USA Today/Phi Theta Kappa/American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Academic All-American Team program, the All-Alabama Academic Team program recognizes and honors the most outstanding students within the Alabama College System for academic and leadership performance. Students selected for the state recognition have been ranked nationally among community college students throughout the country.

2001 "Top Ten"

In April, the College held a reception to recognize our Top Ten Students for 2001. These students were chosen on the basis of their college and community service and academic achievement.



Pictured left to right, back row: Chad Kelsoe, Julie Sherrod, Brook Earley, Tammy Huggins, Gail John, Devon Draine. Left to right, front row: Holly Zumbro, Wanda Butler, Jamie Brazier, Rachel Craft.

- Several Calhoun students have been selected as recipients of the 2001 National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award (NCMLA). NCMLA standards include a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, dependability, citizenship, leadership, support of the College, enthusiasm, and responsibility. Calhoun students recognized as National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award honorees this year are Aaron R. Brown of Taft, Tennessee; Krishna V. Coffey of Hillsboro, Alabama; Devon Draine of Huntsville; Chenequa L. Farrar of Athens; Annette Hayden of Huntsville; Christopher Johnson of Normal, Alabama; John Rencher of Decatur; and Tenecia Smith, also of Decatur. In addition, Angela Edmondson, Audrey Snell, Eddie Summerhill, and Calvin Minor, all of Huntsville; Brenda Rewan of Tanner, Alabama; and John Rencher of Decatur have been named All-American College Scholars and were featured in the 2001 edition of the United States Achievement Academy Yearbook. USAA All-American Scholars must earn at least a 3.3 grade point average and be nominated by a college administrator, instructor or coach.



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