

Lawson State Students Awarded EWI ASIST Scholarships

The Birmingham Chapter of Executive Women International (EWI) held the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition Scholarship (ASIST) Awards Dinner and three Lawson State Community College students were honored as scholarship award winners. **Ambre Coleman**, pre-nursing major, received the First Place award amount of \$5,000. **Patricia Jenkins**, pre-nursing major, received a scholarship amount of \$2,500 along with **Simjuan Jackson-Bonner**, drafting and design major, also receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. As the first place winner, Ms. Coleman's application will be forwarded to the EWI Corporate office to also compete for one of twelve corporate awards. Corporate candidates are selected from Chapter winners.

The Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, educational scholarship program for the benefit of non-traditional students. These include persons who are past high school age and who are entering a college, university, or trade school and/or the workforce for the first time. The program helps provide financial support to adult students in a variety of transitional situations. The goal of the ASIST Program is to enable recipients to improve their self-esteem and to have a positive impact on the recipient's personal life, employment, family, and community.

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of; promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

The 'Lawson Experience' Changes Lives

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA - Woodlawn High School students visited Lawson State Community College recently and participated in "The Lawson Experience." The event, held in various locations around the campus, provided students with a hands on experience of college including a campus tour, biology lab dissections, nursing simulations, and a forum on how to make full use of college resources.

A finale to the The Experience showcased students signing "Letters of Intent" to attend Lawson State, effective for the Fall semester and included a "Pseudo Class Registration" in preparation.

"The aim of this program is to give students the opportunity to experience what a college career at Lawson State would be like as well educating them on them on the many requirements that any college might demand," said Sandra Henderson, director of the Lawson State Learning Resource Center.

**Lawson State’s Calvin Briggs to present
at 2016 International Conference on Urban Education**

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA –Dr. Calvin Briggs, instructor of mathematics and director of the STEM Program at Lawson State Community Collee, has been selected to share his paper titled “Intrusive Advising as a Means to Increase Persistence of Underrepresented Minorities in STEM” at the 2016 International Conference on Urban Education in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Briggs was selected from what the ICUE Program Committee called “an extraordinary number of submissions.” The event will be held November 3rd-5th and feature speakers on topics like safety and violence prevention, civic and environmental responsibility, and education in urban contexts. The theme for the conference is “Building and Sustaining Global Partnerships for Learning and Development.”