

October 24, 2016

***President Perry W. Ward officially announces and extends congratulations to the Lawson State personnel named to the Class of 2016 Chancellor's Awards.***

### **Class of 2016 Chancellor's Awards**



**Dr. Shelia Marable**  
Administrator



**Brian Moore**  
Technical Faculty



**Weymon Holloway**  
Academic Faculty



**Carol Champion**  
Staff

The prestigious Chancellor's Award nomination was conferred upon personnel representing four areas of the college. **Dr. Shelia Marable**, associate dean of Health Professions, was selected as Administrator of the Year; **Brian Moore**, ACR Instructor, was honored as Technical Faculty of the Year; **Weymon Holloway**, mathematics instructor and Honors College Director, was nominated as Academic Faculty of the Year; and **Carol Champion**, administrative assistant in Human Resources, was recognized as Staff Member of the Year.

Each, as a member of the Class of 2016, will be recognized at the Alabama Community College System Conference (ACCS) on Tuesday, November 22 beginning with an 8:30 a.m. awards breakfast. The breakfast is open to all registered attendees of the ACCA conference

The Chancellor's Awards began about 30 years ago to reward and encourage outstanding performance, creativity and dedicated service in the ACCS.

### **Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence Hosts Propane Training Workshop**

Lawson State's Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence (ACAE), one of the largest student, instructor and technician training centers in the southeast, was the host site for a three-day course which focused on servicing and maintaining propane autogas vehicles safely. The National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC) conducted the Propane Autogas Vehicle Technician Training utilizing an award-winning curriculum that recently earned NAFTC its 5<sup>th</sup> National Excellence in Training Award from the Automotive Training Manager's Council (ATMC).

The course provided education, training and preparation to pre-service and in-service automotive technicians on the rapidly expanding field of propane vehicle diagnostics and repair. Instruction topics included propane characteristics, fuel systems, vehicle compatibility, system components, and safety. Participants attended from various locations including Texas, Canada, Mexico, Alabama, Georgia, Montana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

## **Jordan Watkins Crowned Miss Lawson State Community College**

***BESSEMER, Alabama –***

- ***The Harlem Renaissance*** – a time between the end of World War 1 and the mid 1930's when cultural, social and artistic expression exploded
- ***The Harlem Renaissance*** - a time in Harlem, New York, when as the symbolic cultural capital for this new consciousness or awareness - black writers, artists, musicians, photographers, poets and scholars gathered
- ***The Harlem Renaissance*** – a time when music reflected the revolt from customs and confinement



***It was an evening of Harlem Renaissance relived - full of music, song and artistic atmosphere of the 1920's-30's - but the night and all that jazz belonged to the one crowned Ms. Lawson State Community College at Coronation 2016 – Jordan Alexandria Watkins.***

The new Ms. Lawson State is a sophomore business administration major with a 4.0 grade point average. Her numerous campus activities include the Student Government Association, Lawson State Ambassadors, Phi Beta Lambda, Kappa Beta Delta, Phi Theta Kappa, Peer Mentors and the Lawson State Choir. Upon graduation from Lawson State in May 2017, Jordan plans to continue her education at the University of Alabama and major in accounting. Her career goal is to become a certified public accountant. Jordan, a 2015 graduate of Hoover High School, is guided by John 16:33 as a motto: “Have peace in spite of the tribulations and be of good cheer for God has overcome the world.”

“This is truly an honor for me. The crowning of Miss Lawson State enhances and broadens the opportunity to be a role model and an ambassador for the college which I anticipate on doing with pose, class and integrity,” said Watkins. “I plan to uphold the standards of the previous Miss Lawson States by volunteering my time, my talents and my teamwork through participation and involvement. I want young girls who come after me to know that anything can be accomplished with a modest and humble spirit. I sincerely look forward to the experiences and everlasting joy that will come from representing the college and being an outstanding and influential role model.”

Selected as first attendant to Ms. Lawson State was Adreonna Summerville...

***Read more:***

<http://www.lawsonstate.edu/sites/www/Uploads/PDFs/Public%20Relations/coronation2016Fin.pdf>

***View departmental representatives:***

<http://www.lawsonstate.edu/sites/www/Uploads/PDFs/Public%20Relations/Coronation2016.Departmental%20Representatives.pdf>

***See pictorial gallery:*** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lscprca/albums/72157674094202122>

## **ACCS Introduces New Workforce Development Head**

### *Dr. Perry W. Ward Addresses Community Impact*

MONTGOMERY, Alabama – October 12, 2016 - At a press conference held by the Alabama Community College System, Jeff Lynn was introduced as the senior executive of workforce and economic development. With a focus more toward economic development, he is expected to enhance efforts between the system and the private sector.

"So my job right now is to go around the state, listen to all the great companies around the state, work with our partners in our colleges, our presidents of our colleges, work with our chambers across the state, other workforce development councils," Lynn said. "Understand what the true needs are."

"Workforce development is a multi-tiered collaborative effort," Lynn said. "Our success depends on our ability to work together to meet the collective needs of our state – residents who need good jobs, employers who need skilled workers, and communities that need business and industry in order to thrive. We must listen to the needs of our industries and provide world-class workforce solutions."

"The right skills are critical to the success of business, industry and the community," said Dr. Perry W. Ward, president of Lawson State. "Workforce development provides businesses and industries the employees they need, and it provides those employees better opportunities for a better quality of life."

Noting that the college has been recognized by the White House for its workforce development initiatives, Ward presented some of the major initiatives taking place at Lawson State that include the Special Populations Homeless Shelter Training Program, the Trane/Ingersoll Rand partnership with the City of Birmingham, The Mechatronics Center of Excellence, The Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence and a recent Environmental Protection Agency grant that will provide job training in the local communities.

#### ***Read more:***

<http://www.lawsonstate.edu/sites/www/Uploads/PDFs/Public%20Relations/ACCSIntroducesWorkforceHead.pdf>

## **"Sloss Furnaces: Then and Now" Exhibition Opens at Lawson State**

BIRMINGHAM, AL | Lawson State Community College has brought a part of major industrial history to campus and will house the Sloss Furnaces Exhibition: Then and Now, that depicts the rise of the industrial district in Birmingham, Alabama.

"This unique exhibition is part of a collaboration between Lawson State Community College's World History classes, Red Mountain Park, and Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark," said Gregory Wilson, adjunct history instructor, that uses the concept of 'Place-Based Public History' and seeks to encourage awareness of the rich and diverse local history surrounding Lawson State Community College and the region's impact on national and world history.

#### ***Read more.....***

<http://www.lawsonstate.edu/sites/www/Uploads/PDFs/Public%20Relations/SlossFurnacesExhibitionOfficiallyOpens.pdf>

***See slide show:*** <http://www.photoshow.com/watch/ak8JR3uQ>

## **Lawson State's Career Pathway Program Becomes National Prototype**

BESSEMER, Alabama - October 18, 2016 - Gwendolyn Ekundayo, Nancy Wilson and Lorenza Thomas presented at the National Career Pathway Network Conference (NCPN), which was held October 5 – 7, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team's presentation titled, ***It Takes a Village: High School Equivalency to High – Tech Programs***, focused on Lawson State Community College's Adult Education Career Pathway program and its success with adult education students simultaneously enrolled in a GED class and a high tech/high demand career tech program.

"This is another example of Lawson State Community College taking the lead," said Lorenza Thomas, director of SPACE and Community Initiatives. "We're happy to say that this was the first program of its kind in the state of Alabama."

Read more...

<http://www.lawsonstate.edu/sites/www/Uploads/PDFs/Public%20Relations/LSCC%20Career%20Pathway%20Program%20Becomes%20National%20Prototype.pdf>

## **Lawson State Offers Special Populations Homeless Shelter Training Program**

BIRMINGHAM, AL | This program provides Welding, Electrical, and PLC training to individuals currently residing in the various local homeless shelters; The Foundry, Jimmie Hale Mission, Changed Lives, and the Firehouse Shelter.

This entry-level workforce development training program prepares individuals to re-enter the workforce with a valuable skill set that can be built upon allowing the individual a meaningful, well-paying career. This training is five weeks in length with students attending class Monday-Wednesday. To date, we have served over 85 students that have completed the training programs with 100% receiving a job offer of employment from our partner, Birmingham Electrical, which is a local union organization that supplies electricians and welders to residential and commercial companies in, and around, the Birmingham area.

### ***In the News.....***

#### **Lawson State a leader in workforce development training**

Workforce development provides businesses and industries the employees they need, and it provides those employees better opportunities for a better quality of life, Perry Ward, president of Lawson State Community College, said recently.

Speaking during a gathering of business leaders, Ward said the right skills are critical to workers' success, businesses' and industries' success, and a community's success.

He mentioned a few examples of workforce development at Lawson State including a Homeless Shelter Training Program that provides welding, electrical, and PLC training to individuals currently residing in local homeless shelters.

<http://www.birminghamtimes.com/2016/10/lawson-state-a-leader-in-workforce-development-training/>

[Planting ceremony held for community garden in southwest Birmingham](#)

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The vegetables that are grown there will also be used by culinary students at **Lawson State Community College** and Wenonah High School, the group ...