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MAINSTREAM COLLEGE NEWS

Walker's Artwork Displayed by BCRI

Art from the works of Instructor **Stephen Walker** has been selected by the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) to be displayed as part of its Special Exhibitions Fine Arts Collection. Most notably, a 15 foot banner of Walker's painting, "The Third of May 1963," now hangs outside of the BCRI Building.

Walker's sculpture of Shirley Chisholm will also be on display during the "Vision: Works from the BCRI Fine Arts Collection 1992-2012." Rep. Chisholm was the first black woman elected to Congress and the first woman to run for the Democratic presidential nomination. She was also a member of the Lawson State Community College Foundation Board.

According to Walker, "The Third of May 1963," his 4' x 4' acrylic painting, was an enhancement of a famous black and white photograph. "This represents a moment in history that actually happened. It had an emotional impact on me and the Spirit spoke and said to do this painting," he said. "If I do no other, this one I want to be remembered for."

"Vision: Works from the BCRI Fine Arts Collection 1992-2012" will be on view through March 11, 2012.
http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/pdf_files/shirleyChisholmBust.pdf

http://www.lawsonstate.edu/welcome/pr06/pdf_files/theThirdDayOf1963.pdf

Students Prepare to Travel to Wiley College for Leadership Conference

Dr. Cynthia Anthony, dean of students, will escort a team of our student leaders to the Wiley College Ethical Student Leadership Conference which will be held January 26-29, 2012 in Marshall, Texas. Several students participated in the leadership conference last year and returned with enhanced leadership skills, new ideas, and a desire to do more as student leaders. "We plan to bring this information back to share with other students," Anthony said. "We are looking to continue this level of student development and motivation to further expand the student activities dimension of the college."

Ready or Not - It's Tax Time!

Lawson State Community College has begun its free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) that runs on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Gaston Building (Room 208) on the Birmingham East Campus. The tax sessions are scheduled at the same time and location on the following Saturdays: January 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 31; & April 7, 2012.

Through the Internal Revenue Service's (VITA), Lawson State instructors and certified students assist in the preparation of basic state and federal tax forms and offer electronic filing.

For additional information, contact **Alfreda King or Brenda Thomas** (ext. 2075)
<http://www.lawsonstate.edu/announcements/freeincometaxassistancespring2012.pdf>

By the Numbers...News from the Department of Nursing

The final 2010-2011 statistics for the Department of Nursing:

94.7% - LPN graduates passed NCLEX-PN

83.8% - ADN graduates passed NCLEX-RN

Highlights on Student Support Services

The Fall Installation Program that took place on November 9 brought many promising new student leaders to the threshold. **Jeremy Hopkins** was inducted as SGA Vice– President, **Justin Cosby** was inducted as Freshman President. **Wendell Hull** and **Charlester Wims** will serve as sophomore Class Senators. **Debra Jones** and **Charlester Wims** were inducted into Kappa Beta Delta International Business Honor Society. **April Cole** and **Jacques Steele** were inducted as LSCC Ambassadors, and **Taylor Sullivan** and **Robert Williams** were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. These students have demonstrated a desire to be leaders and sustain academic success. They have also proven their loyalty to Student Support Services by being active participants as well as role models for the students at Lawson State Community College.

Hobbs Abstract Accepted for Workforce Summit

An abstract titled “Lawson State Community College Alternative Fuels Training Proposal” submitted by **Mr. Tommy Hobbs**, Business & Industry liaison, has been accepted for the National Transportation Workforce Summit which will be held in Washington, DC, April 24-26, 2012. More than 100 abstracts covering the full range of topics related to transportation workforce pathways were received. Based on a review of the abstract submitted, the Summit Planning Committee has invited Mr. Hobbs to submit a full paper.

The goal of the National Workforce Summit is to set a national framework for workforce development in the transportation sector and the continued development of collaborative and coordinated policy setting between Transportation, Education and Labor Departments at the federal and state levels.

Tommy Hobbs secured a contract that requires Lawson State to be the training provider for Walter Coke’s Mutli - Craft Program. This is a twelve month training program that will be conducted on the Bessemer Campus and teaches employees welding, electrical, PLC’s, Safety, Blue print reading.

He also secured a contract with U.S. Steel to provide 6 weeks of training on the 2011 National Electrical Code for 15 of their employees.

COUGAR SPORTS

The Cougars Men’s basketball team is coasting through the season with 15-4 overall wins and 1-3 in the ACCS conference. Sophomore forward, Coty Clark (#4) holds a 15-point season average with 14 rebounds 5 assists. He ranks second in the nation in rebounding and maintains a 3.1 GPA. Clark has received offers from Middle Tennessee, Central Michigan and many other colleges throughout the country. Power forward, Arthur McMillan (#1) is already promised to Appalachian State. [Juco Recruiting](#) has Lawson State ranked 46th in the nation.

The Cougar Women are 5-11 in overall wins with no conference wins to date. Leading the ladies in points scored is #30 Morgan Rogers, who scored 13 points in the match again Southern Union on January 12. Both Cougar teams will face off today at Gadsden State Community College. For more schedules, stats and other info, visit [The Cougar Sports Website](#).

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Katrina Swain, PN chairperson, is on track to complete the Ed D in Instructional Leadership with a specialization in Nursing Education at the University of Alabama.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Regina Doriety, administrative assistant to the President, has been selected as the Executive Publications Director for the Birmingham Chapter of Executive Women International....**Cedric Burden**, English instructor, has entered the race for the Alabaster Board of Education....

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lawson State will be the host site for “An Evening of Solutions” Town Hall Meeting sponsored by Birmingham City Councilor Jay Roberson (District 7) this Thursday, January 26 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Ward Building. City of Birmingham department heads will address issues on the 311 Call Center; Code Enforcement; Community Development; Economic Development; Fire, Mayor’s Office of Citizen’s Assistance (MOCAO); Planning, Engineering & Permits; Public Works; and Police. The meeting is open to the public.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

What works—and what doesn't—in online learning

In today’s world of virtual course delivery, we are finding that what works for students is both easy to use and free, or if not free, then easily affordable. We live in a time of 99-cent apps and \$20 software, and we no longer tolerate products that are difficult to use, expensive and quickly outdated.

West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) has been in the online learning business since 1991, when the college introduced an English composition course with an enrollment of 12 students. The course could be taken from home using a virtual bulletin board in a system limited to one login at a time. ...

Clearly, things have changed. Twenty years later, students can enroll in online classes at multiple campus sites and institutions. More than 60,000 online classroom seats are filled each year in Kentucky alone. Course management systems (CMS) provide frameworks that allow students to participate in class virtually at any time, from anywhere and using a variety of devices. ...

[What works and What Doesn't](#)

From the Office of Congresswoman Terri A Sewell

Welcome to the ***Guide to Grants!***

I am honored to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities.

Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th

Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the **Guide to Grants**.

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