

### CAMPUS NEWS LINE...

**Lawson State becomes newest member of NAFTC.** Lawson's Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence is the newest member of the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC). The NAFTC is a pioneer and a national leader in promoting programs and activities that will lead to energy independence and the greater use of cleaner transportation in the United States. Tommy Hobbs, Business and Industry liaison, will accept the College's membership plaque in Dallas, Texas on December 12, 2008 while attending the Consortium's newest training on hybrid vehicles. "The College is diligently working to bring the leading transportation technology to Alabama," said President Perry Ward. "The National Alternative Fuels Training Center and the Snap-on Diagnostic Training Center are our two newest training opportunities at the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence."

**A Dream has Come True...** It was magical. It was mystical. It was the land of enchantment at Lawson State Community College where young ladies dreams and wishes can come true. And for one, it did! Amid a fairytale backdrop, Joia Lynn Allen was crowned Miss Lawson State by President Ward during the 2008 Coronation activities. The crown was passed down from Miss Zantae Evans, Miss Lawson State 2007. Joia will serve for the next year and is sure to represent the school spectacularly.

**And the nominees are...** The LSCC Chancellor's Award nominees this year are: Ms. Gwen Finch, Student Life Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Lori Chisem, Registrar; Mr. Jeff Sweatmon, ACR Instructor/Career Technical; and Dr. Tracey Wilson, Biology Instructor. The Chancellor's Award Recognition Program will be held on Sunday, November 23 in Mobile at the Alabama Community College Association Conference. *Congratulations to all of our Lawson State nominees and best wishes for top honors!*

**Education Rocks!!** The Social and Behavioral Sciences Department presented an American Education Week observance on Thursday, November 20 in the Ward Building. The theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," set the tone for the inspiring speeches given by those who participated in the presentation. Key note speaker, Dr. Dimple J. Martin, Birmingham City Schools Director of Reading/Language Arts K-5 motivated those present by having them stand and collectively quote, "I am not poverty. I am not crime. I am your next door neighbor. I am the future and I am educated." The Golden Key Club and Ambassadors were ushers.

**Linking partners for community advancement...** As educational partner to the community, President Ward shared news and progress on the College at the Western Quarterly Forum, held this Thursday in the Kennedy Center Cafeteria. Commissioner Shelia Smoot addressed current economic issues and community concerns and then introduced financial advisors who could consult on respective issues. Mr. Damien Gilbert of Wells Fargo commented on the current sub-prime mortgage matter effecting many Americans today. Mr. Cardell Davis, a Lawson State alum and member of The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA), educated community representatives on alternative and effective solutions for at-risk homeowners. For information regarding NACA, call 1-888-302-NACA or go to [www.NACA.com](http://www.NACA.com). Gilbert can be reached at 327-4154 and/or [damian.c.gilbert@wellsfargo.com](mailto:damian.c.gilbert@wellsfargo.com)

**Lawson State is on the air...** Radio's hit morning program, "The Buckwilde Morning Show," airing daily on 95.7 JAMZ visited the College this past Monday. The entire show was broadcast live from the Kennedy Student Center. Various departments of the college were given an opportunity to publicize current events and new programs available at the college including: Mr. Randy Fail, Recruitment; Coach Barry Dean, Athletics; Mrs. Gwen Ekundayo, Adult Education; Dr. Sherri Davis, Academic Dean; Mr. Craig Lawrence, Financial Services; Ms. Bessie Shelton, Choir/ Music Department; Joia Allen, Miss Lawson State; Ms. NKenge Hudson Student Support Services; Ms. Rachel Morgan, R/TV; Mr. Hank Wade, Drafting; and Mr. Mark Whigham, Computer Science. Ms. Geri Albright, Public Relations, welcomed the crew to Lawson on behalf of the President and college family.



### Lawson's Logs At a Glance

**November 22**  
*Men's Basketball Game*  
Cougars vs. Atlanta Metro, Home at 7:30 p.m.

**November 24**  
*Women's Basketball Game*  
Cougars vs. Alabama Southern, Away at 7:30 p.m.

**November 24 & 25**  
Professional Development Activities in the ACATT bldg. For schedule see email from Dean Crews or contact Vernona Williams.

**November 24-28**  
Thanksgiving Holiday ~ No classes for students.

**November 29**  
*Women's /Men's Basketball Game*  
Cougars vs. L.B. Wallace, Away at 7:30 p.m.

**December 1**  
*Women's Basketball Game*  
Cougars vs. Enterprise-Ozark, Away at 5:30 p.m.

**December 2**  
LSCC Choir performs on the JeffCo Courthouse staircase at 6:0p.m. for Commissioner Smoot's Christmas Party

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**Grant from Governor to help Robotics...** Governor Bob Riley's Office of Workforce Development has awarded a \$193,900.00 Robotics Grant to Lawson State Community College to be redeemed during the Summer of 2009. The grant will purchase two robotic trainers, an additional computer simulation classroom, and a Fanuc 430i Robotic arm online. Students in the industrial electronics, industrial maintenance, electrical engineering, welding, and auto body/collision repair programs will utilize the ARC.

**Beyond the coffee break...** Lawson State and UAB's Center for Clinical Translational Science and Public Health teamed up for an enriching conversation around the issues of research and community engagement on Thursday, November 20 in the Capstone Center in ACATT. Members of the community were invited to bring their favorite coffee mug and enjoy a hot cup of Joe and discussion. Dr. Max Michael, Dean of The School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Ms. Shauntice Allen, Program Manager II conducted this event in an effort to make our community a bigger part of research done by UAB and to retrieve more accurate data. "People who don't ordinarily communicate need to be brought together for discussion because, in the world of data retrieval, its important to communicate with those we normally don't talk to in the area," said Ms. Allen. The event was filmed to capture interaction and to help make action steps easier to plan.

**People Making News...** Mr. Mark Whigham of the Computer Science Department participated as a judge at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program National Research Conference in Atlanta , October 23-25.

**Briefly speaking... Alum Search Still On** The PR/CA Office is seeking to identify and/or locate notable Lawson State alum to be featured in newspapers, magazines as well as on the Notable Alumni and Student Success Story section of the ACCS website. Forward correspondence to galbright@lawsonstate, gmallisham@lawsonstate.edu or sgraham@lawsonstate.edu.... **A Celebration of Holiday Music** Ms. Bessie Shelton and The Lawson State Choir presents the Annual Christmas Concert on December 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the A.G. Gaston Auditorium on Birmingham's West Campus. The Choir will also perform on the stairs of the Jefferson County Courthouse for Commissioner Shelia Smoot's Christmas party and on Good Day Alabama on December 12 from between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.... **Annual Tree Lighting...** The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Birmingham Campus will be held immediately after the Christmas Concert on December 7. The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on the Bessemer Campus on December 8 in the Student Center Lobby at 5:00 p.m. and will feature caroling and refreshments. For more information regarding the Tree Lighting Ceremonies, contact Dean of Student Life, Mrs. Charlise Cook at (205) 929-6311 or dcook@lawsonstate.edu... **LSCC Booster Club Membership Drive** The LSCC Booster Club needs your support. The dues are \$35.00 per year. Your name will be listed in the 2008-2009 Media Guide as a supporter. Please forward checks made payable to: *Lawson State Community College Booster Club* to Eleanor Pitts, Director of Athletics.

**Cougar Sports Scene ...** The Cougars Men's and Women's basketball teams have gotten off to good starts this season. The Lady Cougars are 4-1 on the season, with the lone loss being a 59-53 decision versus Wallace State Selma. For the season the Lady Cougars are first in the conference in scoring, averaging 80 points per game. They have won with a balanced scoring attack, with three athletes averaging in double figures. The Men are mending a 91-89 nail biting loss to Wallace State Selma. The Cougars are 5-2 on the season. The men, like the women, are successful because of balanced scoring.



Ms. Lawson State, Joia Allen and Ms. NKenge Hudson of the Office of Student Support Services address listeners of the Buckwilde Morning Show on Nov. 17. "It's just such an honor and so exciting getting to be Miss Lawson State. Its already been a great experience," said Allen.



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**December 2**  
LSCC Choir performs on the JeffCo Courthouse staircase at 6:0p.m. for Commissioner Smoot's Christmas Party

**December 4**  
*Women's /Men's Basketball Game*  
Cougars vs. Wallace-Selma  
Away at 7:30 p.m.

**December 6**  
The LSCC Choir will perform on Good Day Alabama between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Fox 6.

**December 7**  
The LSCC Choir presents the Annual Christmas Concert in the A.G. Gaston Auditorium on the Birmingham West Campus at 5:00p.m.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Birmingham Campus immediately following LSCC Choir's Christmas Concert

**December 8**  
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Bessemer Campus in the Student Center lobby at 5:00p.m.

**December 10**  
Last day of classes

December 13  
Bessemer Christmas Parade, downtown Bessemer at 2:00pm.