

Lawson State Community College

Cougar Chronicle

E-NEWS

December 5, 2008

CAMPUS NEWS LINE...

Seasonal Celebrations... *Choir Director, Ms. Bessie Shelton and The Lawson State Choir* will present the Annual Lawson State Christmas Concert on December 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the A.G. Gaston Auditorium on Birmingham's West Campus. This show is one not to miss as there will be a performance by the Lawson Staff faculty and staff. The Choir also performed on the stairs of the Jefferson County Courthouse for Commissioner Shelia Smoot's Christmas party on Tuesday, December 2. They will perform live on Good Day Alabama on December 12 from between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Illuminating the season... The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Birmingham Campus will be held immediately after the Christmas Concert in the A.G. Gaston Auditorium. 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. If you are interested in singing with the faculty and staff, it's not too late, contact Ms. Shelton at (205) 929-2066 or bshelton@lawsonstate.edu.

Wrapping for angels... *Mrs. Venita Tubbs and the Psychology Club* cordially invite you to participate in the gift-wrapping festivities being held on Friday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in room B105. They ask that you please bring your gifts and they will cheerfully wrap them for you. Donations will be gladly accepted and proceeds will go to an "Angel Tree" recipient. There will be refreshments served along with lots of holiday cheer. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your services, please contact Mrs. Venita Tubbs at (205) 929-2005.

With so much to be thankful for... This year, with the economy in such an unstable jeopardy and our nation in positive transition, The Lawson State family remained thankful for the things that matter most in life...

"I am thankful for my family and my health." –*Helen Mitchell*

"I am thankful for the opportunity to reach out to our residents on a personal level to strengthen their ambitions and dreams beyond what they imagine." –*Sonya Williams*

"I thank God for allowing me to be in this beautiful world for one more year."

–*Wynda Owens*

"I am thankful for my life. I have very supportive family and colleagues."

–*Gwendolyn Finch*

"I am thankful for the Tide finally beating Auburn and a new beginning for our nation on inauguration day." –*Randy Fail*

The 17th Annual Golf FORE Progress Tournament was held on October 23 at Brent Brook Golf Course. The competition was fierce and the networking was top notch. Lawson State's own Albert Duff, Jim Mankowich, Tommy Hobbs and Jeremy Hobbs comprised the top team; coming in on top of second place, Buffalo Rock and third place, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. With the weather holding off until the tournament play was completed, the only worries were the wind and the cold. Most golfers faced this challenge by moving quickly and wearing extra clothing. If you missed this year's tournament, don't miss next year on October 8, 2009 when the teams will again tee it up at Brent Brook. Congratulations Duff, Mankowich, Hobbs and Hobbs!



The 17th Annual Golf F O R E Progress Tournament Winning team from Lawson State, from left, Albert Duff, Jeremy Hobbs, Tommy Hobbs and Jim Mankowich. "It was a lot of fun. I can't wait to play again next year," said Mankowich.

Lawson's Logs At a Glance

December 5
Annual Christmas Social, room B009, 12:00 p.m.

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

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Birmingham Campus immediately following LSCC Choir's Christmas Concert, 5:00 p.m.

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

December 9
IAAP Seminar, "Retirement Planning" with Ameriprise Advisor, David LeCompte, ACATT, 12:00 noon

December 10
Last day of classes

December 11
Basketball Game, Cougars vs. L.B. Wallace, Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m.

December 11-15
Final Examinations

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Education continues... The Professional Development Workshops held on November 24 – 25 provided something for everyone.. Lawson State faculty and staff were enlightened by the information shared by Delta Airlines Interim GM, Mr. Carl Anderson, and informed by the educational workshops regarding topics from professional etiquette to instructional strategies that work. "I enjoyed the workshops that I attended. They were beneficial both days. The Blackboard 08 session was particularly helpful because we'll be using it next semester," said Ms. Ruth Hannon, vocational education instructor. *Kudos to the organizer—Mrs. Vernona Williams.*

People Making News... Dr. Cynthia Anthony, Dean of Students, was nominated and will serve on the 2009 Bessemer Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Dr. Anthony will serve a three year term with nine others from the Bessemer Chamber who will join the outstanding volunteers already serving on the board on January 1st to direct the activities of the Chamber. Congratulations to Dr. Anthony and best wishes as you work toward making Bessemer a better place to do business... **Ronald Higtower**, Cougar basketball player, was awarded the Eddie Mae Johnson Recreation Scholarship on December 4. The award was originally \$5,000.00, but due to the magnitude of the essay Higtower submitted, "The Importance of Recreation," he was awarded \$10,000.00 instead. Congratulations Mr. Higtower!

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.edu, gmallisham@lawsonstate.edu or sgraham@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.

Special toys for special kids ...will present its annual Christmas presentation of gifts on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the A. G. Gaston Auditorium (Birmingham East Campus). The program will feature Senator Linda Coleman (District 20) as guest speaker and include performances by the Birmingham Sunlights and the Lawson State Choir. Now in its fourth year, the *Special Toys for Special Kids* project provides special toys and educational devices during the Holiday season for elementary and middle school with special needs, multiple handicaps or chronic disabilities. *Special Toys for Special Kids* will gratefully accept any unwrapped donations for the children through the Office of Public Relations and Community Affairs on the Birmingham or Bessemer campuses. Lawson State is a supporting organization.

Cougar Basketball Scene ... The Cougars are 6-3 on the season. In their last game before the break, the Cougars suffered a five point loss to Atlanta Metropolitan College. The team was off for the Thanksgiving Holiday but returned to action on December 4th at home versus Wallace Selma Community College winning 100-66. The Lady Cougars are 6-3 on the season. Before leaving for Thanksgiving, the LSCC women visited Alabama Southern CC where they came away with a 75-60 win. After taking a break for the holidays, the Lady Cougars returned to action on December 1, visiting Enterprise Ozark. The team's hard play was rewarded with a 61-57 hard fought win. The women will also competed on December 4th with Wallace Selma Community College. The Lady Cougar's suffered 75-60 loss to the Patriots.



The LSCC Golden Essence Dance Team, performed at the 4th Annual Miles College World AIDS Day Basketball Game on Sunday, November 11. The team entertained a packed gymnasium on the Miles College campus. "World AIDS Day is December 1st and its purpose is AIDS awareness. A college campus is the perfect place to hold such a assembly," said Katrina Dudley, College Recruiter and Sponsor. The girls also perform in local parades as well as at each Cougar basketball game under the leadership of Mrs. Katrina Dudley and Ms. Andria Smith (a former "Golden Essence" Dancer) .

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December 12
The LSCC Choir will perform live on Good Day Alabama between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Fox 6.

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

December 16
Men's Basketball Game, Cougars vs. Motlow State, 7:00 pm.

December 17
Special Toys for Special Kids presentation of gifts, A.G. Gaston Aud., 6:00 p.m.

December 18
Grade reports due

Women's Basketball Game, Cougars vs. Alabama Southern, 6:00 pm.

December 19
Faculty Duty Day

December 23-26
Christmas Holidays (school closed)

December 29-31
Duty Days (12-month personnel)

January 5
Duty Day (12-month personnel)

January 6 - 7
Registration

January 8
Faculty Duty Day

January 9
Classes Begin