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Hello, Cardinals!

I hope you enjoy our very first Alumni yearbook. It gives us the opportunity to look back on our many successes during the 2018-19 academic year. The Alumni Association takes pleasure in recognizing the perfect candidates from our faculty and staff who received one of four awards we give each year. Find out who they are on page 8. However, our greatest pleasure is awarding two students annually with \$1,500 scholarships. Go to page 21 to meet them. Remember, your membership dues fund the scholarships and, without you, we could not help these two students pursue their career goals.

Also, we are proud to offer our Alumni, students, family and friends the opportunity to leave their lasting legacy with the purchase of a commemorative brick. The bricks are installed in the Wallace Drive Campus courtyard area which leads you to one of the entrances of Allen Hall, a newly-renovated building. The grand opening is projected later this fall and we look forward to seeing you at our celebration.

The legacy of your brick is a visual commemoration and dedication to our students as they walk through the quad, the heart of the Wallace Drive Campus that is surrounded by Allen Hall, Helderman Hall and Inzer Student Center. Please find purchasing information at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, the Alumni Association invites you to all of our Gadsden State events this upcoming year and we look forward to getting to know you better as our association and campuses grow!

Justin Hayes,

J. Hayes

Alumni Association President



Hello!

Every day we have an opportunity to observe our students as they bring their dreams to fruition! This yearbook documents their journey, their accomplishments and the legacy created by our faculty, staff, programs and services. Our students overcome many challenges to successfully compete for high-wage, high-demand careers that change their lives and puts them on a new path – as first-generation college graduates.

Their experiences are characterized by a commitment to personal excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, service to our communities and dedication to lifelong learning inspires other members of their family and their friends to pursue their own journeys.

As you peruse this yearbook, I hope you will enjoy knowing your support of our students as well as this College make opportunities possible for those who choose to set goals, pursue their dreams and make them a reality.

It is a privilege to present our story to you! If you haven't been to one of our campuses recently, we invite you to take a virtual tour on our new website – gadsdenstate.edu – or visit today. We make a difference – one student at a time!

Dr. Martha Lavender

Martha G. Lavender

Gadsden State Community College President

AN OUTSTANDING FINISH FOR AN OUTSTANDING ALUM

by Jackie Brehm Edmondson

Tim Green has been a part of the Gadsden State family since he entered as a student in the late-1970s. Now, it's time to bid farewell to an institution that has been important to him for most of his life. Green has announced he will retire in October after 33 years of service.

"I can honestly say I had a wonderful time as a student and an even better time building a career that exceeded my expectations," said Green, who is the dean of Technical Education and Workforce Development. "I have thoroughly enjoyed life at Gadsden State."

Green earned his Associate in Applied Technology degree in 1977 from Alabama Technical College, now Gadsden State's East Broad Campus. After several years in architectural design, Green began his career at Gadsden State in 1986 fulfilling a dream to commit his talents to educating others. He started as the senior instructor for the Civil Engineering Technology program. In 1989, he was awarded a Bachelor of Technology from Jacksonville State University followed by a Master of Education 10 years

later from Alabama A&M University.

During his 16 years of instruction, he had the largest class in history to graduate 19 students in one semester from the Civil Engineering Technology Program. Green eventually advanced to division chair in 2001 and then associate dean for Technical Programs. In 2005, he was promoted to dean.

"Throughout my time as dean, I have been a proponent of technical careers," he said.

"I have a wholehearted belief in the value of career and technical education. My passion is helping students succeed. The students have been the driving force behind the College's technical education advancements that have directly benefited our students."

As the dean, Green's duties included and were not limited to the following:

- Applied Technologies Division (nine programs over three campuses)
- Engineering Technologies Division (16 programs over





- three campuses)
- Corrections Education Division (four programs)
- Adult Education Division
- Skills Training Division
- Workforce Development Liaison
- Continuing Education
- Training for Existing Business and Industry/Alabama Technology Network-Gadsden (TEBIATN-Gadsden)

Starting in an architectural and engineering background, it is no surprise for Green to have a vision for the technical programs and their instructional facilities.

“As division chair, I had to balance advancement

between instructional improvements and instructional facilities improvements,” he said.

Green pursued improvements by combining a mission to maintain industry standards with a collaboration with workforce development in Gadsden State’s service area, which includes Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah and a third of St. Clair counties.

In 2002, he was instrumental in establishing a Skills Training Division to offer intensive non-credit, short-term skills training. This open-entry/open-exit, competency-based training was designed to allow students into the workforce more quickly as well as immediately respond to industry’s workforce needs.

Gadsden State’s Skills Training Division was the first fully-functioning division in the state. The division has served approximately 3,500 students and has generated \$3.3 million in revenue since inception.

Green also co-authored the Alabama Fatherhood Initiative (AFI-Gadsden), which is a partnership of state and federal agencies and grantees to provide opportunities for unemployed or underemployed non-custodial parents to



obtain dependable employment to meet their child support obligations. The program is administrated through the Skills Training Division and has assisted in collecting \$1.5 million in uncollected child support and has secured \$1.9 million in grant funds used primarily for student scholarships.

Green initiated and supervised improvements at the following facilities on the Ayers Campus: Adult Education Services, Electronic Engineering Technology and Electrical Technology, Welding Technology Lab, Salon and Spa Management, Drafting and Design Technology and Auto Collision Repair.

The Electronic Engineering and Electrical Technology, Welding Technology Lab and the Salon and Spa Management programs required relocation or renovation due to consistent high enrollment. The renovation doubled the instructional space and providing state-of-the-art equipment was essential in maintaining industry standards.

Green worked alongside Michelle Conger, Ayers Campus director, and Don Smith, maintenance, to maximize efficiency for the Adult



Education Services program on the Ayers Campus by moving the academic instructional space into the Cheaha Career Center. He also initiated renovations for the Drafting and Design Technology program on this campus with a newly - furnished classroom and a fully equipped computer lab as well as reopen and equip the Auto Collision Repair building to restart instruction.

Green started instructional improvements with renovations at the Bevill Center consolidating the Automotive Manufacturing, Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Design and Civil Engineering Technology programs in one location, which further led to national certifications for each program. The renovations are centrally located at the Alabama Technology



Network – Gadsden facility allowing all GSCC and ATN students to share advanced training equipment.

Green continued initiating improvements at the East Broad Campus for the technical programs with reconstruction of current buildings and new construction for specific programs by collaborating with community partners and stakeholders.

The renovation of a vacant building resulted in a spa-like facility for Salon and Spa Management. The building was designed to give the students a real-world experience during instruction. The new facility doubled the instructional space and provided space for the Gadsden City High School Cosmetology Program. Both the Ayers and East Broad facilities were furnished with all new equipment including client workstations, pedi-spas, manicure tables and more.

Green was also the project manager for the renovations to the East Broad Administration building, which included re-engineering and value-engineering to keep within the \$500,000-and-under project classification. To finish the renovations, he utilized the Carpentry, Electrical and

Maintenance departments to complete improvements and minor renovations to the Administrative building.

Green secured equipment funding to establish the first automated orbital welding facility located on a college campus. This ensured that Gadsden State maintained industry demands while providing highly-advanced skills sets for students based on the practices of the Alabama Regional Center for Welding Automation.

He continued development and improvements for the Welding Technology Program by initiating minor renovations to an existing 6,000 square-foot building to establish an additional Welding Technology facility on the East Broad Campus. He utilized \$230,000 of grant money to purchase high-tech welding equipment including welding booths and multi-processor welders.

Green also initiated the renovation of the old Upholstery Technology building to accommodate the Electrical Technology and Industrial Maintenance programs providing additional instructional space and equipment. In addition, a new wing was constructed to accommodate the Gadsden City High School Electrical program and, to date, provides classroom space for the Auto Collision Repair program.

The renovations continued with Ralls Hall to initially

accommodate the Electronic Engineering Technology program, equipping it with the modern instrumentation equipment and a multi-media classroom and lab. This building now accommodates the Adult Education Division for the East Broad Campus.

One of his community partnerships was with the Anniston Army Depot (ANAD) to construct educational facilities for the Diesel and Machine Tool Technology programs at no cost to Gadsden State. The new construction included academic classroom space for math, English, speech and computer science.

ANAD procured all of the equipment and furnishings estimating the donation at approximately \$500,000.

Green negotiated a \$2.2 million co-op education contract with the Anniston Army Depot to provide Diesel Technology, Industrial Automation, Machine Tool, Electronic Engineering and Welding Technology program instruction. The co-op program contract covered tuition, books and tools for qualifying students.

Most recently, Green was the project manager for the construction and renovation of a high-bay in the Bevill Center to relocate the Precision Machining program. As part of a team, he helped reduce the pre-construction estimates by well over \$100,000. The project

upgrade for the instructional lab area includes a new CAD lab, a 16-station Haas simulators lab and an additive manufacturing lab. This project established an environment much more conducive to learning industry practices for Precision Machining Program.

It is his hard work and drive that earned Green the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award.

"The Gadsden State Alumni Association was honored to recognize Tim Green with this award," said Heather New, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. "You can see that over the last 30-plus years, Tim has shown outstanding dedication to the students and their professional development. As a lifetime Alumni Association member, he has served his community through the advancement of technical education for the workforce in our surrounding industries."

Green admitted that all the accolades, awards and successes recognized during his tenure at Gadsden State is largely due to teamwork.

"No one person can claim credit for what happens or what does not happen in the Technical Programs and Workforce Development division," Green said. "It takes all of us."



"It takes all of us."

GADSDEN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS HONORING FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI

The Gadsden State Community College Alumni Association honored several individuals at the annual Christmas luncheon held in December at the Beck Conference Center. Justin Hayes, president of the association, gave certificates and recognized outstanding academic faculty, technical faculty, support staff and alumni. The honorees also received a personalized brick that will be placed in the courtyard on the Wallace Drive Campus.

William "Sonny" Kirby Jr., a math instructor was chosen for the **Outstanding Academic Faculty Award**. He has been in education for over 45 years with his last 20 years on Gadsden State's math faculty.

Kirby attended Gadsden State in 1967 and 1968 before going to Jacksonville State University, where he earned a degree in math education. He started his career as a teacher and coach at Glencoe High School, a position he kept for 25 years. During his time at Glencoe High, he began serving as an adjunct math instructor for Gadsden State's McClellan Center and was eventually hired full time in 1997.

While at Gadsden State, Kirby served on the Alabama Education Association and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools committees as well as the sponsor for the Math, Science and Engineering Club. He officially retired in 2008 but continues to work as an adjunct math instructor due to his unwavering dedication to students and his profession.



Deborah "Deb" Reynolds was the recipient of the **Outstanding Technical Faculty Award**. She grew up wiring with her dad at Reynolds Electric and knew she wanted to follow in his footsteps. She earned her first degree from Gadsden State in 1993. She continued her training to obtain her Journeyman and Masters License while working part time at Gadsden State from 1993 to 1997. In 1997, Reynolds completed requirements for her bachelor's degree while raising a child as a single parent. That same year, she became a full-time employee at Gadsden State.

Reynolds, an advisor of the National Technical Honor Society, received the NTHS Recognition Award for being an outstanding advisor for 16 years. She has served on the Honors Committee, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and coordinates the annual coat drive every year collecting over 4,000 coats. She is active in placing students in school-to-work programs at Honda and Tier I plants.



The **Outstanding Support Staff Award** was presented to Kathy Brown, administrative assistant in the Gadsden State Public Relations and Marketing Department. Brown has worked at Gadsden State for 23 years.

Brown attended Gadsden State, graduating Summa Cum Laude with an Associate in Applied Science. She holds a BS in psychology and sociology from JSU. She is a graduate of Leadership Etowah, and she has served on the Gadsden State Presidential Search Committee and SACS Accreditation Review Committee for Gadsden City School System.

She is a member of a number of organizations, including the ACCS Public Relations Association, the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Reaching a Generation Mentoring Program.



“ The Gadsden State Alumni Association is happy to recognize those who support the association as well as provide support to our students who are our future alumni. ” -Justin Hayes

Congratulations STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



Congratulations to the 2018 Gadsden State Homecoming King & Queen, Michael Morrison and Nadia Katbi! They were elected by their peers and crowned at the Homecoming game Nov. 13, 2018 at Beck Field House.



“ We were fortunate to have Caely Williams, 2019 Spring graduate, as a student and leader at Gadsden State for the last two years. As the Ambassador Student Leader, she was a leader among leaders. Her communication skills and outgoing personality were truly exemplary and both her peers and prospective students benefited from her leadership. ”

- Laura Swann,
Director of Enrollment Services



L to R: **Caely Williams**, Alumni Association member, **Laura Swann**, Alumni Association Lifetime member, and Rachel Mayo pose for a picture at the Gadsden Honors Day program for the recognition of the Ambassador Leadership Award.

Making the Grades **WITH HONORS**

Congratulations to our Alumni Association members for their academic success!

Alexandra Booker

Rho Rho Chapter | Spring 2019

Daijah Collins

Dean List | Fall 2018

Rho Rho Chapter | Spring 2019

Kaitlin Davidson

President's List | Fall 2018

Rho Rho Chapter | Spring 2019

Graduate of the 2018 class

Brian Galimore

President's List | Spring 2019

Rho Rho Chapter | Spring 2019

Helenia Hess

President's List | Summer & Fall 2018

President's List | Spring 2019

National Technical Honor

Society | Spring 2019

Toddeasha Johns

Deans List | Fall 2018

Lauren Martin

Rho Rho Chapter | Spring 2019

Riley Payton

Deans List | Fall 2018

Deans List | Spring 2019

Brynnan Pettus

President's List | Fall 2018

Manoj Sharma

President's List | Spring 2019

Angel Weimer

President's List | Fall 2018

Rho Rho Chapter | Spring 2019

President's List

Full-time students who earn a semester grade point average of 4.0 and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of college-level work are named to the President's List.

Dean's List

Full-time students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above but below 4.0 and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of college-level work are named to the Dean's List.

Rho Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

Members of the Rho Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa must be enrolled in an accredited institution offering an associate degree program and have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree with a grade point average of 3.5. Students must receive an invitation to membership from the chapter at Gadsden State.

Work in Progress!



ALLEN HALL

Wallace Drive Campus



CHEAHA CENTER

Ayers campus



NEW SCIENCE BUILDING

Gadsden State Community College hosted groundbreaking ceremonies for construction projects taking place on three of its campuses. The projects are being funded by a \$25 million bond issue approved by the Alabama Community College System in March 2017.

"We are excited about the new construction and renovation projects, which are aligned with Gadsden State's strategic plan," said Dr. Martha Lavender, president of Gadsden State.

"The projects address the College's infrastructure needs of aging facilities so that our students have a comfortable environment conducive to learning."

There were two groundbreaking ceremonies on July 26, 2018, with the first one being at the Ayers Campus, where an addition to the Cheaha Career Center is being constructed. The second ceremony took place at the East

Broad Campus for the construction of a new science building and the renovations at Allen Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus.

"The addition to the Cheaha Career Center addresses the need for additional general education classes that support our technical and transfer programs," Lavender said. "We are adding eight classrooms, six offices and a 140-seat lecture hall that will double as a tornado shelter."

The new science building will replace the 51-year-old Browder Hall, which is located on the Wallace Drive Campus. Browder Hall has space and technology limitations.

"The new building will have over 57,000-square-feet of classrooms, laboratories, offices, an auditorium and a tornado shelter," she said. "In addition, the science building essentially unifies the Wallace Drive and

East Broad campuses."

Renovations to Allen Hall, the oldest building on the Wallace Drive Campus, include upgrading bathrooms, electrical plumbing and heating/cooling systems. It will serve students in 22 classrooms and labs and two student gathering areas. There will also be 42 offices and three reception areas.

"The renovation also enhances energy efficiencies of Allen Hall," Lavender said.

All three projects should be completed by the end of 2019.

"At Gadsden State, we focus on the 3 I's – instruction, infrastructure and institution," Lavender said. "Our priorities are not only quality educational programming but also continuous improvement. The construction projects are just one way we continue to improve the educational experience for our students."

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Succeeding AT WORK



BROOKE DAVIS
2018 Staff Excellence
in Service Award

Brooke Davis is a court reporting instructor, a position she has held since 2014. The Gadsden State graduate co-authored the state court reporters exam and serves as a proctor for the exam. At the College, she is a member of the Court Reporting Advisory Board, the Faculty Development Institute and the Gadsden State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Brooke is a member of the National Court Reporters Association and the Alabama Court Reporters Association. She serves her community through her church by participating in fundraising activities for families in need, and she is involved in Southside High School Athletics, where her husband is a coach.

"Brooke has consistently shown the initiative to independently solve problems and create new learning environments that will meet the needs of our students in

the Court Reporting Department," said Michelle Roberts, court reporting instructor. "She has consistently proven herself to be a loyal and dedicated individual."

MELISSA DAVIS

Graduated from Leadership Etowah, a program through The Chamber of Gadsden/Etowah.

LANCE GILLILAND

Elected vice chair of the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy and serves on the Federation of Massage Therapy Boards Eligibility Review Panel



MICHELLE ROBERTS
Eugene Prater Exceptional
Achievement in Teaching
Award

Michelle Roberts has been an instructor at Gadsden State since August 2012 when she was hired part time. Two years later, she earned a full-time position as the court reporting instructor.

At Gadsden State, Michelle serves on the Court Reporting Advisory Committee and the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She has served on the Hospitality Committee, the President's Advisory Council and the Faculty Development Institute Committee.

Michelle is the co-author of the state court reporters exam and serves as a proctor and co-dictator of the audible exams. She is a graduate of the Faculty Development Institute and a member of the national and state Court Reporters Association. Michelle has been published twice in the Journal of Court Reporting. She is a graduate of Gadsden State with an associate degree in Court Reporting.

"Michelle always goes above and beyond the call of duty in the classroom," said Brooke Davis, court reporting technician. "She is a compassionate and understanding instructor who works with students to ensure they get the best education possible."

"The dream to being great at what you do begins with an instructor who believes in their students and who tugs, pushes, leads and encourages their students to the next stage," said Logan Hale, Gadsden State student. "Michelle Roberts has shown to be that instructor that brings the best out in all of her students."

The Chamber of Gadsden/ Etowah hosted the Teachers of the Year and Excellence in Education Awards Luncheon on May 9 at The Venue. Gadsden State was honored to serve as the signature sponsor of the event that honored all of the Teachers of the Year from all school systems and private schools in Etowah County. It also honored 18 deserving Excellence in Education Award winners, four of which are from Gadsden State.

for spearheading the annual Coat Drive.

time. The award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions to higher education and student assistance programs in Alabama.



D'eath has been the financial aid director at Gadsden State since 2006. She has been recognized for outstanding service many times. Most recently, she received the Chancellor's Award for Administrators and the Excellence in Service to Students Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success.

D'eath, Alumni Association member, participated in the Gadsden State Leadership Development Institute and the Alabama Community College System Leadership Program. She has served as the president of AASFSA and chairperson of its Legislative Relations Committee. She also served on the executive board for the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. D'eath has presented at AASFSA, the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Alabama Banner Users Group.

A resident of Riddles Bend, D'eath has a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Human Resource Management from Jacksonville State University and a master's degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama.



KELLY D'EATH
Padgett Outstanding Achievement Award

Kelly D'eath, financial aid director at Gadsden State, received the M. Cecil Padgett Outstanding Achievement Award, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

"I'm honored to be recognized by my colleagues," she said. "I love my job and I love doing what's best for our students. For many students, financial aid is the only way they can continue their education. It's so important to make sure we help them achieve their educational goals."

The M. Cecil Padgett Outstanding Achievement Award is named for the late financial aid director at Spring Hill College. It is presented to an individual who has provided exemplary service in the area of student financial aid over a sustained period of

DEB REYNOLDS

Instructor Deborah Reynolds, Alumni Association member, was awarded the Excellence in Career Tech-Post-Secondary Award. She was honored for "taking her time with her students from recruitment to advisement to job placement."

She was recognized for her placement rates and her hard work in developing successful co-op and apprenticeship opportunities with local industries. She was also lauded

ALUMS MAKING A *Difference...*

Willie and Charlotte Maise of Hokes Bluff commissioned the Big Oak Garage to build a 1965 Dodge Dart SL that was later sold at the prestigious Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Previously, the car was shown at the Detroit Autorama and qualified for the Great 8, which is the Top 8 first-year cars at the show. It was a finalist for the Ridler Award, the best of the Great 8. The Dart was also named to the Top 5 for both the Barrett-Jackson Cup at the 2015 Hot August Nights Show in Reno, Nev., and the 2015 Street Machine of the Year.

Willie and Charlotte are lifetime members of the Gadsden State Alumni Association.



The Good Roots Grant was presented to Gadsden State by the Alabama Power Foundation. The funds were used to purchase trees for a new green space being developed between Bevill Hall and Beck Field House.

Dr. Teresa Rhea, dean of Enrollment and Retention, spearheaded this project with a small committee.

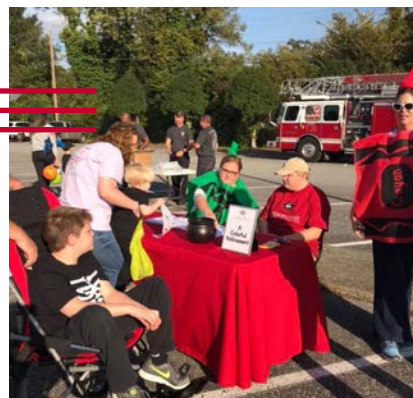
"We are excited to offer a new space where students can socialize and a learning space for instructors," said Rhea.

The trees planted were Alvin C. York Dogwood and Henry David Thoreau Red Maple.



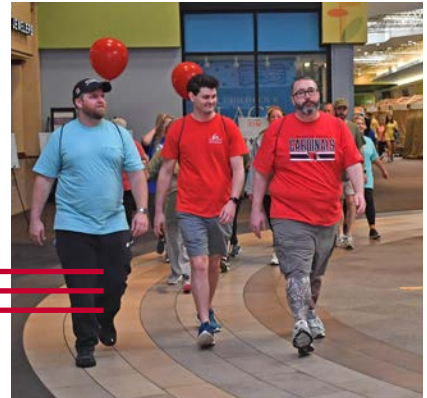
L to R: **Michelle Roberts**, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors; Audrey Webb, instructor, and **Gerri Langley**, Alumni Association Lifetime member, take a break at the Gadsden State Faculty Development Institute.

Alaina Lett, Alumni Student Chapter representative, and **Patti Wilborn**, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, hand out Halloween coloring sheets and crayons to the trick-or-treaters at Candy with the Cardinals 2018 at the Alumni Association booth. This year's Candy with the Cardinals is from 3 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 on the Wallace Drive Campus.





L to R: **Alaina Lett**, Alumni Student Chapter representative, and **Daijah Collins**, Alumni Association student member, participated in the American Heart Association Gadsden Heart Walk 2019 at the Gadsden Mall.



L to R: Kerry Griffith, Justin Bradley and **Brian Galimore**, Alumni Association student member, raised funds and are walking the course at the Gadsden Heart Walk on May 4, 2019.



L to R: **Justin Hayes**, Alumni Association president, **Baisha Woody**, Alumni Association treasurer, Farrah Hayes and **Tabitha Bozeman**, member of the Alumni Association board of directors, manage a water and pickle juice station for the Inaugural City of Champions Half Marathon supporting the United Way on Nov. 23, 2018.

L to R: Tommy Hartline, division chair of Technical Programs/ Gadsden and **Jacob Vanderford**, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, pose for Jacob's recognition at Honors Day 2019.

Congratulations to Jacob for receiving an award for being an outstanding mentor for an Automotive Student Excellence (ASE) student in Automotive Service Technology for 2018!



... IN OUR *Community*

Who's Who IN OUR COMMUNITY

Michael Barton was appointed director of the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency in November. He also serves as the county's Homeland Security coordinator. Before his new position, he was the chief deputy sheriff in Etowah County as well as a member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and was appointed special duty U.S. marshal in the northern district of Alabama.

Barton earned an associate degree from Gadsden State before receiving a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University and a certificate in graduate studies in Criminal Justice Leadership from the University of Virginia.

On Jan. 14, **Probate Judge Bobby Junkins** retired after being on the bench for three decades.

Prior to becoming a judge, he worked as a "clean-up boy" at the Gadsden Public Library, where he worked for 18 years and was eventually named the library director. He also served two terms in the Alabama Legislature.

Judge Junkins is a member of the first class at then - Gadsden State Junior College. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a member of the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors.

Heather New was named the 2019 Chamber Professional of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama. The award is given to a Chamber professional in Alabama for exemplary performance, professional achievements and leadership.

New, who is the president and CEO of The Chamber of Gadsden and Etowah County, has served two terms as CCAA president.

She is a graduate of Gadsden State Community College and a member of the Gadsden State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Lt. Carl Hairrell is serving as the interim assistant fire chief for the Jacksonville Fire Department, where he has worked for 11 years. He also works as a full-time paramedic for Piedmont Rescue Squad and part-time firefighter for the Piedmont Fire Department.

Lt. Hairrell earned his paramedic certification from Gadsden State after graduating from Spring Garden High School in 2004.



Up-and-comers **AT THE COLLEGE**

Kevin McFry

Dean of Financial and Administrative Services

Kevin McFry is the new dean of Financial and Administrative Services at Gadsden State/ He started working at the college May 6 and reports directly to Dr. Martha Lavender, president.

Kevin earned an Associate in Science in Business Administration from Gadsden State Community College in December 1985. He enrolled at Jacksonville State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration. He is a certified public accountant in the state of Alabama.



Kevin began his career in 1989 as a staff accountant at Kemp & Associates in Anniston. He later became the assistant controller at the Nolen Companies before serving as a staff accountant and controller at Bostrom Seating Inc. in Piedmont. After a stint as a staff accountant at the Sanders Company, Kevin returned to the Nolen Companies as the controller. In September 1998, Kevin was hired as a bursar at JSU. He moved up the JSU ranks as financial systems manager and assistant controller. In June 2015, he was promoted to JSU's controller. In addition to working in finance and accounting, Kevin worked as an adjunct instructor at Gadsden State

teaching Principles of Accounting at the McClellan Center from 2005 to 2011.

Kevin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member as well as past president and past secretary/treasurer for the Alabama Association of College and University Business Officers. He is vice president of the Alabama Banner User Group and serves on the Piedmont Health Care Authority Board of Directors. He is graduate of Leadership Calhoun County and College Business Management Institute.

Some of Kevin's responsibilities as dean of Financial and Administrative Services include:

- Provide executive oversight and innovative leadership of all financial and administrative service areas
- Oversee development and implementation of strategic planning and assessment of operational performance
- Serve as chief financial officer and treasurer ensuring compliance with state and federal guidelines and ACCS fiscal procedures
- Serve as chief energy officer ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in energy usage at all College locations
- Provide oversight for the physical plant to include operations, maintenance and preventative maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment, housekeeping, central receiving and inventories
- Manages auxiliary services to include operations and management

BRYAN PHILLIPS Head Coach Lady Cardinals

Bryan Phillips has been promoted to head coach of the Lady Cardinals Basketball Team. He previously served as the assistant coach. His new position became effective Sept. 1. He reports directly to Mike Cancilla, athletic director.

Coach Phillips graduated from Etowah High School in 2008, where he was a stand-out on the basketball team. He is currently working towards his bachelor's degree in Sports Management at Columbia Southern University.



In 2012, Bryan started coaching as an assistant for the Etowah High School Basketball Team. During his time there, two Etowah teams went to the Northwest Regionals of the 5A State High School Tournament. In 2013, he assisted in coaching a school-record team with Etowah finishing 27-3. In 2016, he became a volunteer assistant coach at Gadsden State before being hired as the assistant coach last season.

In 2017, he helped develop Diamond Jolly, the first Gadsden State player to be named an All-American in over 30 years. Last season, he helped coach the Lady Cardinals to the quarterfinals of the ACCC

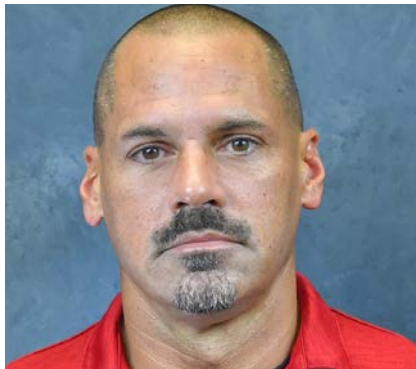
Conference Tournament. His promotion to head coach was announced May 9.

Some of Bryan's duties as the head women's basketball coach are:

- Coach the team under the direction of the athletic director
- Recruit quality student-athletes
- Conduct academic follow-up activities for student athletes
- Maintain records or submit reports as required
- Conduct fundraising activities and supervise assistant coach

RYAN FORE
Assistant Coach
Lady Cardinals

Ryan Fore has been named the assistant coach of the Lady Cardinals Basketball Team. His new position became effective Sept. 1. He reports directly to Head Coach Bryan Phillips.



Coach Fore attended Gadsden State in 2001 and 2002, where he maintained a 4.0 GPA. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Social Science from Jacksonville State University. In 2010, he became certified in Physical Education. Ryan received his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership last year from the University of Alabama and is now working toward his Ed.S in Educational Leadership at UA. His anticipated graduation is in May 2020.

Ryan is employed full time by the Attalla City Board of Education as a secondary social science teacher. He has a vast coaching experience, including head coach of the varsity girls basketball team and the junior high girls and boys basketball teams at Weaver High School. Since 2010, Coach Fore has held a number of coaching positions at Etowah High School, including head varsity girls basketball coach; assistant varsity softball coach; head junior varsity basketball coach; assistant varsity girls basketball coach; head middle school baseball coach; and assistant varsity football coach.

Some of Ryan's duties include:

- Coach intercollegiate athletic team under the supervision of the head coach
- Recruit athletes under the supervision of the head coach
- Conduct academic follow-up activities for student athletes

TARINA BALDWIN
Industrial Automation
Technology Instructor

Tarina Baldwin was hired as the new Industrial Automation Technology instructor on the Ayers Campus on Jan. 28. She reports to Audrey Webb, division chair.

In 2011, Tarina graduated Summa Cum Laude from Gadsden State Community College with an associate degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Technical Honors Society.

Tarina started her career as a technician assembling electronic boards at SCI Systems. She then was hired as an engineering assistant for Dovatron/Flextrionics. In 2008, she worked as a lab assistant and

electronics lab technician at Alspi. Three years later, she was hired as a maintenance technician at Southwire. During her five years at Southwire, she became certified by Motion Industries, Rockwell Automation, Siemens and Modicon for troubleshooting industrial automation equipment. Since 2016, Tarina was self-employed in the automotive resale and repair business.



Some of Tarina's job duties include:

- Instructing core curriculum courses in Automotive Manufacturing, Electronic Engineering Technology, Electrical Technology and Industrial Automation
- Conducting instruction in a wide variety of settings and time frames
- Assisting in the planning for instruction
- Preparing course materials, objectives, syllabi and curriculum design
- Organizing and maintaining instruction equipment as required
- Serving as faculty advisor to an assigned group of students
- Participating in assessments at both the course and program levels and conducting duties in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and laws

2018 – 2019 MEMBERS!

Welcome to the Family!



ANNUAL

Linda Abernathy
Jimmy Bridges
Nona Bridges
Mack Butler
Keli Feely
Theresa Gilley
Cindy Greer
Beverly Hicks
Ladonna Jones
Tina Pendley
Angela Ross
Valera Sanders
Baisha Woody

STUDENT

Arminda Alverson
Kellye Blanchard
Alexandra Booker
Michelle Cardenas
Amy Carver
Daijah Collins
Jennifer Daniel
Sydney Davey
Kaitlin Davidson
Frank Esono
Angel Eyang
Caleb Freeman
Brian Galimore
Shannon Gladden
Noah Grady
Rylie Hermance
Helenia Hess
Lorne Blake Jenkins
Toddeasha Johns
Mackenzie MacDowell
Lauren Martin
Jenna McKnight
Azario Morris
Riley Payton
Brynnan Pettus
Brittany Rhinehart
Haley Rollins
Caleb Rogers
Manoj Sharma
Jenna Smith
Tyler Tibbitt
Angel Weimer (Wiggins)
Alexia Wood

LIFETIME

Dawn Dunaway
Jaqueline Edmondson
Brandy Hyatt
Dave Hyatt
Gerri Langley
Laura Swann

Hang out with us! UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Matt Leder, Gadsden State Show Band music director, performs LIVE Jazz every third Tuesday of the month at Blackstone Pub & Eatery. He welcomes you to bring your instrument and sit in! Jazz sessions are from 6 to 9 p.m.

Alumni Association Juried Alumni Art Exhibition submission deadline is Sept. 20. First prize is \$100, and other prizes will be awarded. The show seeks sponsors for special prizes. Exhibit, reception & awards ceremony is Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Walnut Gallery.

The 2019 Gadsden State Jazz Festival is a free event for those who play jazz and those who love to listen to jazz. The 2019 event is scheduled for Nov. 7 at the Wallace Hall Fine Arts Center. The theme for the third annual event is "Celebrating Women in Jazz" and will feature some of the greatest female jazz musicians in the country. The Jazz Festival is hosted by the Division of Fine Arts and the Music Department and is held in cooperation with the Jazz Education Network. It includes clinics, regional jazz ensemble performances, concerts featuring guest artists and an after-party jam session.

The Salon & Spa Management program is accepting appointments for hair, nail and skin care services. Call 256.549.8625 (Gadsden) or 256.832.1231 (Ayers) to make your appointment today! You receive 50% off with your Alumni Association membership card. Present your card when you pay for your services at the Business Office.

Get your Christmas festivities planned out in advance by booking the Gadsden State A Cappella Choir and Singers at your Christmas party or church service. They still have a few dates available for this holiday season! All you have to do is contact JT Harrell at 256-549-8391 or jharrell@gadsdenstate.edu.

Gadsden State is excited to partner with Alabama AHEC and Gadsden Regional Medical Center to offer the 2019 Continuing Education Mental Health Conference, a conference designed to help communities. Pre-registration is \$25. Register at gadsdenstate.edu on the Continuing Education page. CEUs are available for nurses, social workers, nursing home administrators, assisted living administrators and licensed professional counselors. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 in Helderman Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus. For more information call 256-549-8462.

This year's Candy with the Cardinals will be held on from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 on the Wallace Drive Campus. This event is FREE to the public and Gadsden State clubs and organizations will have carnival games and candy. Costumes are encouraged.

Support Gadsden State's Athletics by coming to the game and cheering on our teams! As an Alumni, you have free entrance to all athletic games. Just present your membership card for entry.



**CARDINAL
ATHLETICS**

HOME GAME SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL 2019

Sept. 19 | Coastal South | 6 pm
 Sept. 25 | Lawson State | 6 pm
 Oct. 1 | Snead State | 6 pm
 Oct. 2 | Wallace Selma | 7 pm
 Oct. 9 | Southern Union | 6 pm
 Oct. 11 | Coastal East | 5 pm
 Oct. 14 | Beville State | 6 pm
 Oct. 16 | Wallace State | 6 pm
 Oct. 18 & 19 | GS Tournament | TBD

MEN'S TENNIS

Sept. 14 | Piedmont College | 1 pm
 Sept. 21 | Shorter University | 1 pm
 Oct. 26 | ALUMNI Tournament | 9 am
 Nov. 2 | Wallace Hanceville | 11 am

BASKETBALL WOMEN

Nov. 2 | Bishop | 2 pm
 Nov. 4 | Andrew College | 5:30 pm
 Nov. 14 | Wallace-Selma | 5:30 pm
 Nov. 19 | Chattanooga St. | 5:30 pm
 Nov. 23 | CVCC | 2 pm
 Dec. 5 | Itawamba | 5:30 pm
 Dec. 12 | Enterprise | 5:30 pm
 Dec. 14 | Cleveland St. | 2 pm

BASKETBALL MEN

Nov. 2 | Bishop | 4:00 pm
 Nov. 4 | Stillman JV | 7:30 pm
 Nov. 14 | Wallace-Selma | 7:30 pm
 Nov. 23 | CVCC | 4:00 pm

Memberships matter...

2019 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The Gadsden State Alumni Association gives \$1,500 student scholarships each year. In 2019, the Alumni Association awarded scholarships to two currently-enrolled Gadsden State students. The scholarships are applied toward tuition, fees and books for the 2019-20 academic terms at Gadsden State. The scholarships are given at the annual Gadsden State Honors Day.

The 2019 winners are Riley Payton, an Electrical Technology student from Hokes Bluff, and Alexandra Booker, a general studies major from Springville. They are pictured with Justin Hayes, the president of the Gadsden State Alumni Association.

Scholarship applications will be accepted in January. Check back for a link to the application for the 2020-21 Gadsden State Alumni Association Scholarships.

Membership Details can be found at gadsdenstate.edu > Alumni

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Fill out a membership application at:
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LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY!

All proceeds will be used to fund scholarships to deserving students at GSCC!



The Gadsden State Alumni Association is selling commemorative, personalized bricks that will be placed in the newly-renovated courtyard at the College's Wallace Drive Campus to raise funds for student scholarships. The bricks are \$100 each and include three lines of 16 characters or spaces per line.

Brick Order Forms can be found at gadsdenstate.edu > Alumni



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