Student Activities

GSCC is committed to producing well-rounded, socially adept students. The College recognizes that valuable student learning and growth occur through non-academic activities, as well as through classroom pursuits. Gadsden State students are encouraged to participate in numerous non-academic activities designed to enhance intellectual and social development. Gadsden State offers a variety of cultural, recreational, political, and entertainment experiences so that every student can find something appropriate to his/her needs. For more information about student organizations, students should contact the Coordinator of Student Activities, 108 Inzer Student Center, Wallace Drive Campus or 256.549.8329. More information about specific organizations, athletic teams, and activities is available from the faculty sponsors or coaches responsible for them.

Gadsden State A Cappella Choir and Gadsden State Singers
The A Cappella Choir and Singers offer students the opportunity to sing a diverse musical repertoire and perform for audiences throughout Etowah and surrounding counties. These group provides entertainment for college functions as well as community events. For more information, contact the Choral Director at 256.549.8391 or visit the office located in Wallace Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus.

Gadsden State Community College Alumni Association
All former students and friends of Gadsden State, including former students of any of the three institutions merged to form the Community College, are invited to become members of the Gadsden State Community College Alumni Association. Dues are $20 per year or $300 for a lifetime membership.

At an annual event, members honor outstanding former students and outstanding faculty members and present distinguished service awards to community leaders. From dues and contributions, the association presents scholarships to deserving students. Anyone interested in the College or in supporting student scholarships can become a member of the Gadsden State Alumni Association. Checks may be sent to the Alumni Association Treasurer, Gadsden State Community College, P.O. Box 227, Gadsden, AL 35902-0227.

Gadsden State Show Band
Any Gadsden State student with the appropriate musical competence may audition for the Gadsden State Show Band. Students interested in auditioning should contact the Music Director at 256.549.8394 or visit the office located in Wallace Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus.

Honors and Recognitions
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Intercollegiate Athletics
As a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association, Gadsden State sponsors intercollegiate teams in men's tennis, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's softball, and women's volleyball. If a student is qualified for any of these teams and is interested in participating, contact the team coach or the Athletic Director in Beck Field House, Wallace Drive Campus, telephone 256-549-8310.
Miss Gadsden State
Female students meeting the appropriate criteria are invited to participate in the Miss Gadsden State Pageant, a preliminary for Miss Alabama. For more information see http://www.gadsdenstate.edu/college-life/miss-gadsden-state.php or call 256.549.8329.

R.O.T.C.
The Department of Military Science is a cooperative venture between the United States Army and Colleges and Universities across the country. The program provides a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program with the mission of commissioning students as officers in the Army upon completion of a baccalaureate degree. Classes are offered at Gadsden State in conjunction with the Jacksonville State University (JSU) Department of Military Science. The program provides students an opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills necessary in society and as an officer in the Armed Forces. The emphasis of the program is on leadership development. Students are challenged to apply accepted leadership theory to practical situations. A theoretic basis of knowledge is developed through attendance in military science classes and courses offered in other academic departments. Satisfactory completion of the program may lead to a minor in military science. Courses are open to all registered, full-time GSCC students. More information on those programs is available through the JSU ROTC Department at 256.782.5601.

ROTC Scholarships
Competitive scholarships are available to Gadsden State students upon transfer to JSU. Currently, scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, and books and provide a monthly living expense. Additionally, JSU provides selected student dorm fees. The Army National Guard and Army Reserve also offer tuition assistance and other benefits in conjunction with ROTC. Students interested in scholarships or other assistance should contact the Department of Military Science at 256.782.5601 for specific details.

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Student Government Association
The Student Government Association (SGA), a body of student representatives and officers elected by the students, is the coordinating body for student activities and special events approved by the College. Its purposes are to foster interest and involvement in all aspects of college citizenship, to encourage involvement in important decisions affecting students, and to afford students opportunities for leadership development.
Appendix C
Honors and Recognition

Gadsden State recognizes both academic and non-academic student achievement in a variety of ways during the graduation ceremony and on Honors Day, usually in April. Listed below are the awards and scholarships typically presented to Gadsden State students throughout the year. More information appears in this catalog under the sections entitled “Academic Honors” and “Scholarships.”

**James B. Allen Award** — presented to an outstanding student nominated by faculty and then selected by a faculty committee

**President’s Cups** — presented to students who have demonstrated unique success in all academic and technical phases of college life

**Outstanding Achievement Awards** — presented to students who have excelled in their fields of study

Outstanding Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology Students
Outstanding Ambassador(s)
Outstanding Art Student
Outstanding Auto Collision Repair Technology Students
Outstanding Automotive Manufacturing Technology Student
Outstanding Automotive Services Technology Students
Outstanding Carpenter Student
Outstanding Civil Engineering Technology Student
Outstanding Computer Science Student
Outstanding Cosmetology Esthetics Technology Students
Outstanding Cosmetology Nail Technology Students
Outstanding Cosmetology Technology Students
Outstanding Diesel Technology Student
Outstanding Drafting and Design Technology Student
Outstanding Electrical Technology Students
Outstanding Electronic Engineering Technology Students
Outstanding Engineering Student
Outstanding Industrial Automation Technology Students
Outstanding International Student
Outstanding Machine Tool Technology Students
Outstanding Math Major Award
Outstanding Mechanical Design Technology Student
Outstanding Music Student
Outstanding Paralegal Student
Outstanding Physical Education Student
Outstanding Realtime Reporting Technology Student
Outstanding Science Student
Outstanding Student Government Association Officer(s)
Outstanding Welding Technology Students

**All Alabama Academic Team**

**Alpha Beta Gamma Scholarship** — presented to an Alpha Beta Gamma member for outstanding academic achievement and service to the College and the community

**Cam Menzies Award of Excellence** — presented to the outstanding second-year Realtime Reporting student

**Chad Hawkins Educational Foundation Scholarship** — presented to an outstanding freshman

**Circle K Awards**

**Dr. Lucian Newman, Jr., Award** — presented to an outstanding student in Emergency Medical Services

**Jacksonville State University Scholarships**

**James L. Brown Free Enterprise Scholarship** — presented to an outstanding business student to continue the sophomore year at GSCC

**Lambda Epsilon Chi** — (Paralegal Honorary Society)

**Larry Chesnut Award**

**Leading Edge Institute Representatives**

**Linda Roberts Memorial Award** — presented to an outstanding office administration graduate

**Nightingale Award** — presented to an outstanding nursing student from the technical campus

**Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship** — presented to a Phi Beta Lambda member for outstanding academic achievement and service to the College and the community

**Phi Theta Kappa Awards**

**Troy University Transfer Scholarships**
University of Alabama Transfer Scholarship
University of Alabama at Birmingham Transfer Scholarship
University of Alabama in Huntsville Transfer Scholarship
University of Montevallo Transfer Scholarships

VICA Awards

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges — presented to students who have distinguished themselves in various areas of campus life, selected by faculty committee
Various scholarship recipients are recognized.
## Appendix D
### Student Organizations

GSCC encourages students to organize clubs for entertainment, recreation, networking, and community service, as well as for interaction and learning beyond the classroom experience. If students and/or faculty members wish to create a new club and if sufficient student interest in such a club exists to sustain the organization, the group must obtain a faculty/staff sponsor and approval of the Coordinator of Student Activities. Following such approval, the group must present its constitution or bylaws to the Coordinator of Student Activities within a year of probationary status before it is recognized as a sustainable campus organization. Membership in a student organization can be restricted if qualifications are clearly spelled out in the bylaws of the club so long as these restrictions do not violate the College’s policies on discrimination.

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