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GSSCC 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 Advising Center at the One Stop Center on the East Broad Campus or 256.549.8307. 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

See Appendix D.

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, 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.

ROTC

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.

Student Organizations

See Appendix M.

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.