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MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

The State of the College report is an opportunity for us to share our achievements and our challenges from the previous year while looking forward to our vision for the College.

We have become a destination college for many. We’re their first, and thereby their most important, step on their journey to a bright future.

In this report, you will glimpse the successes of our students, employees and alumni. In this report, you will learn more about how we’ve grown and in what direction we will continue to grow. In this report, you will see the evidence of the commitment by the Snead State family to achieve a higher level of excellence.

We invite you to join us in sharing this news and our achievements with others. We want it known that Snead State Community College is a premier college that prepares students to become better citizens and world changers.

Dr. Robert Exley
President, Snead State Community College

Our MISSION

Snead State Community College, a member of the Alabama Community College System, is dedicated to excellence in meeting the educational needs of those we serve through the completion of degree and certificate programs, workforce development, and community engagement.

Our VISION

Snead State Community College is recognized as an outstanding comprehensive college of distinction where caring faculty and staff serve to awaken students’ passion for learning. The College is a destination of choice known for its historical and state of the art facilities, excellence in education, civic engagement, and citizenship development. Snead State is responsive to community needs by offering high quality, relevant educational programs and fosters educational innovation through cutting edge teaching-learning strategies and platforms. Through immersion in a welcoming learning environment that values diversity, experiential learning, and leadership development our graduates become productive and engaged citizens who make a positive difference in their community.
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Alabama Community College System’s 2014 Chancellor Awards winners from Snead State Community College were recognized in November at the annual awards ceremony.

The recipients were Business and Fine Arts Division Director and Business Instructor Vann Scott and Director of Online Education John Haney in the faculty category, Vice President for Student Services Jason Cannon in the administrator category, and Assistant Baseball Coach Casey Underwood in the support staff category.

Mr. Cannon began working at Snead State in February 2011 and currently serves as the Vice President for Student Services at the college. He has over 14 years’ experience working in college student services. He is a member of several professional organizations and serves as the Secretary for the Alabama Deans of Student Affairs Association.

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Coach Underwood came to Snead State as a walk-on baseball player from Glades Day School in Florida in 2003 and earned a baseball scholarship after one semester. He is a current board member of the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association and is an associate scout for the Atlanta Braves. This year, he was named the Assistant Coach of the Year from the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association. As the assistant baseball coach, Coach Underwood is responsible for training, motivating, coaching and recruiting athletes to play at Snead State. For the first time in the history of the Snead State baseball program, all 20 sophomores graduated in 2014.

Mr. Scott is in his 18th year as an instructor at Snead State Community College where he also serves as the Director of the Business and Fine Arts Division. In addition to teaching business, geography and political science classes at the college and overseeing the day-to-day activities of the Business, Office Administration, Music, Art and Theater departments, he also serves as advisor for the Phi Beta Lambda Business Society and as coach of the College Bowl competitive academic team. Mr. Scott has twice been recognized as PBL Advisor of the Year in the State of Alabama, is a certified Zinger-Miller Business Education Facilitator, and completed the National Geographic Society’s Summer Geography Institute for Educators.

Mr. Haney accepted a full-time faculty position at Snead State Community College in 1992. Twenty-two years later, he now works as the Director of Online Learning at the College, which allows him to exercise his course design techniques, management skills, and technical skills. He has been recognized as an “Innovator of the Year” and received a NISOD Award of Excellence and an Expert Level Instructor Excellence (Top 10 percent in the world) Cisco Award.
Among a record number of entries, the Snead State Community College Public Relations Department was awarded six Medallion Awards during the annual District 2 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Conference.

The NCMPR District 2 Medallion Awards – the only regional competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among Marketing and PR professionals at two-year colleges – recognizes outstanding achievement in communications at community and technical colleges in NCMPR District 2.

Snead State earned:
- Gold in the Viewbook category for the 2013-2014 Viewbook
- Gold in the College Branding Initiative category for promotional materials developed for the new Academic Success Center
- Gold in the Website category for www.snead.edu
- Gold in the Video Advertisement category for the commercial titled “Start Here, Go Anywhere.”
- Silver in the Sports Brochure category for the 2013-2014 Media Guide
- Bronze in Original Photography for a baseball game photo taken by Graphic Design/Web Specialist and Sports Information Officer Miranda Collier

The Snead State website won a Pyramid Award and Best in Show during the 2014 Pyramid Awards Ceremony at the annual Alabama Community College System Public Relations Association Conference in September.

One Snead State Community College instructor returned to Oxford, England this spring to conduct research for a new upcoming work.

Dr. Jonathan Watts, the religion and ethics instructor, spent four days at the University of Oxford conducting his research at the Bodleian Library, the second oldest library in Europe.

Dr. Watts is an Oxford Foundation Fellow through the Graduate Theological Foundation. Oxford Foundation Fellowships are designed as short-term, independent study opportunities for established academics desiring to take advantage of residency and research facilities in Oxford, England. The Foundation has been offering research fellowships since 1997.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

BASEBALL COACH GETS 500TH WIN

Snead State Baseball Coach Gerry Ledbetter was recognized for winning his 500th baseball game.

Ledbetter was recognized at the last regular season home game of the 2014 season against Calhoun Community College.

His 500th win came on Feb. 18 against Shorter College. The Parsons defeated Shorter 10-1.

“Winning 500 games is great. It means I have been here a long time,” said Coach Ledbetter. “It wasn’t me; it was the boys that got me to 500. I’ve enjoyed being around the kids all these years.”

Coach Ledbetter has been at Snead State since 1992. During his tenure at Snead State, he has had eight players sign professional contracts and over 135 players sign four-year scholarships.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES AWARD

Snead State Community College President Dr. Robert Exley was one of 14 college presidents/campus CEOs to receive the 2014 Shirley B. Gordon Awards of Distinction at Phi Theta Kappa’s 96th Annual Convention.

College presidents and campus CEOs are selected for this award on the basis of outstanding efforts given toward promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa. The award is named for the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, Phi Theta Kappa’s longest serving Board of Directors Chair and President Emeritus of Highline Community College in Des Moines, Washington. Dr. Gordon was named Phi Theta Kappa’s Most Distinguished College President in 1984.

Dr. Exley has enjoyed a lifelong relationship with Phi Theta Kappa. He served as the National President for Phi Theta Kappa in 1979-80. He is a member of the Alumni Hall of Honor for the Phi Theta Kappa National Alumni Association and he has served a member of the National Alumni Council.
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

DIRECTOR RANKS AMONG TOP 10

Snead State Community College Director of Online Learning John Haney was recognized as one of the top 10 networking instructors globally by the Cisco Networking Academy.

Mr. Haney received the Expert Level Instructor Excellence Award based on his accomplishments with the Cisco Networking Academy. The areas considered by the Academy for the award include participation in professional development opportunities, attention to student needs, student performance, and use of resources.

Mr. Haney has been with Snead State since 1992, most of which he served as a Computer Science Technology instructor before accepting the position of Director of Online Learning. He earned Bachelor and Master degrees from Jacksonville State University and holds certifications in Microsoft, Cisco, American Design Drafting Association, CompTIA, International Society of Certified Electronics Technicians, Certiport, and NCCER. He is also the newest member of the Alabama Consortium for Technology and Learning Executive Board.

“John Haney is a proven, long-term instructor for Snead State. During the nearly seven years that I have been at Snead State, I have consistently been impressed with his ability to connect with his students in a way that always brings out the best. He has had students win national awards for innovation and excellence, and it is high time that we recognize him for his own accomplishments. He is a key member of our team and provides outstanding leadership within the realm of our ever-growing online educational program,” said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley.

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well. For the first time ever, each sophomore on the baseball team graduated with their Associate degree from Snead State. There were 20 sophomores this year.

He has been involved in sports camps and numerous community service activities as the leader of the Parsons. He is a member of the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame.

Ledbetter graduated from Boaz High School in 1965. He is a 1969 graduate of Jacksonville State University. During his high school career, Coach Ledbetter played football, baseball and basketball for the Pirates. He signed a baseball scholarship to Jacksonville State University.

At JSU, Coach Ledbetter was one of two Gamecock players to be named to the NAIA Little All-American Team. In his Little All-American year, he excelled on defense and batted .406 for the season. He hit .320 or better each year of the four years he played at JSU, a school record.

Upon graduation, Coach Ledbetter accepted a coaching position at Sardis High School. He also had a brief stint at Cleburne County High School and taught at Douglas High School from 1972-1992.

At Douglas, his varsity boys’ basketball team won the area tournament four years and finished in the finals three more years. He also coached football and initiated a new varsity baseball program.
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation for Snead State Community College for the next 10 years.

"Many people aren’t aware of the amount of work that goes into a reaffirmation process, but I commend our faculty and staff for going above and beyond to make sure the College is in compliance with the standards set by SACS," said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley. "For us, the reaffirmation is a great reward for the hard work. For our students, it says that Snead State continues to strive for excellence in all we do."

The SACS-COC review committee visited the campus in October to review documentation and meet with the college’s leadership.

Official notification of the reaccreditation came July 15. Snead State was required to submit a “Fifth Year Interim Report, but the next reaffirmation will not take place until 2024.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER OPENS

The Open House held by Snead State Community College in August went just as most open houses do. Employees and students toured the new Academic Success Center and reviewed material describing the services offered by the ASC.

But what set this Open House apart from others just like it was the vision and planning that went into the development of the ASC.

The plan for the ASC may have begun as part of a strategic planning meeting at the College, but it has become the focus of the College’s Quality Enhancement Plan required through for reaccreditation with SACSCOC.

The role of the ASC is to provide tutoring support for students with one goal in mind – student success. The ASC houses a learning resource lab that includes a computer lab, access to online tutoring, course syllabi and review materials for select courses. Small and large group tutoring sessions will be led by peer tutors and are structured to give students individualized attention. One-on-one tutoring is also available.

Snead State Community College students look on as Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley, QEP Coordinator Dr. Dustin Smith and Vice President for Student Services Jason Cannon complete the planting of the symbolic “tree of knowledge” to signify the opening of the College’s new Academic Success Center.

The Open House for the ASC closed with the symbolic planting of a tree in front of the center located on Usry Avenue on the Boaz campus. The “tree of knowledge” represents the College’s commitment to promoting students’ academic success.
2014 HIGHLIGHTS

January
- Tracy Grindrod has been appointed as the new softball coach at Snead State Community College.

March
- Months of work and collaboration came to fruition this week for Snead State Community College with the launch of a new design for www.snead.edu. The new site provides user-friendly organization of information that is most sought for by potential students, current students and visitors to the College’s site.
- With the close of registration for the Spring Semester, Snead State Community College reaches a milestone for the second time. Credit hour production – the numbers of courses taken by students – exceeded 25,000 credit hours in a spring term for the second time in Snead State’s history. The credit hours for this spring totaled 25,092, a 1.3 percent increase over last spring. About 2,100 students enrolled for the Spring Semester.
- The Arab Instructional Site also experienced growth in enrollment for the Spring Semester. The headcount was up 28.4 percent.

May
- Snead State Community College has named Hannah Blackmon as its new dance team coach.
- Snead State and the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education held a press conference to discuss the Legislature’s approval of the new Alabama Future Workforce Initiative to create a $10 million scholarship program for high school students to participate in career-technical dual enrollment programs in the Alabama Community College System.

October
- The Snead State Alumni Association celebrated the dedication of the new Alumni Walk as part of the annual Alumni Homecoming festivities. The Snead State Alumni Association launched the Alumni Walk paver project at the 2013 Homecoming event. The project was a means for the Association to raise money to boost the scholarship fund.

December
- Snead State Community College hosted the 2014 Gerhart Chamber Music Festival.
- Snead State Community College launched a new certificate program for the field of Logistics, Distribution and Purchasing at the Arab Instructional Site.
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

January

- The Snead State College Bowl Team won first place at the NAQT Sectional Championship Tournament held at Jefferson State Community College’s Shelby County campus in Birmingham.
- Snead State Community College’s student ensemble, the College Street Singers, earned a superior rating at the Second Annual Alabama ACDA Show and Jazz Choir Festival, held at Vestavia High School.

February

- McKayla Edmonds of Grant and Riley Jones of Boaz were crowned the 2014 Homecoming Queen and King.

March

- McKayla Edmonds of Grant and Daniel Garcia of Albertville were named 2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholars.
- The Theta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor received special commendation during the Alabama Regional Convention for fulfilling all requirements to be named a “Five Star Chapter.”

April

- The Snead State Fine Arts Department presented the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “Once Upon A Mattress” as the spring theatre production.
- The Fine Arts Spring Concert featured performances by the Concert Choir, the College Street Singers, the Jazz Band, the Guitar Ensemble, and Snead State students Leah Wiginton of Cleveland, Kristen McHenry of Boaz, David Wooten of Fyffe, Chris Flores of Boaz and Lea Hitchcock of Guntersville.
- The Presidential Scholars from Snead State Community College learned practical leadership lessons from some of the Nation’s greatest leaders during a trip to Washington D.C.
- McKayla Edmonds of Grant and Daniel Garcia of Albertville represented Snead State Community College during the All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition Luncheon.
- The Snead State Lady Parsons Tennis Team captured their seventh consecutive Alabama Community College Conference title over the weekend, winning eight of the nine championship matches.
- Snead State Community College’s chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society, inducted approximately 57 new members during a spring installation ceremony.
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The College Bowl Team at Snead State Community College completed its 2013-2014 competition season at the Alabama College Bowl League State Championship Tournament at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. The team finished the tournament in second place, compiling six wins and one loss. Team captain Tiffany Rainwater was named Tournament MVP as the top individual scorer and was also named the League’s Most Valuable Player based on her outstanding scoring and leadership for the entire season.

- Snead State Community College students achieved success at the Phi Beta Lambda State Conference in Birmingham recently. The following students placed in their respective competitions: Kaitlyn Fox of Springville – second place in both Accounting for Professionals and Accounting Principles; Kelsey Jolley of Crossville – third place in Business Communications; Daniel Garcia of Albertville, Dalton Farmer of Allgood, and Daniel Gomez of Albertville – first place in Business Presentation group event; Gomez – second place in Information Management, Garcia – third place in Public Speaking; Glorie Zirkelbach of Albertville – first place in Entrepreneurship Concepts; Shari Swain of Geraldine – third place in Help Desk; Jessica Lee of Boaz and Caitlin Motes of Boaz – second place in Hospitality Management group event; Lee – third place in Retail Management; Motes – first place in Retail Management; and Tiffany Stevens of Boaz – third place in Human Resource Management and third place in Organizational Behavior and Leadership.

- Phi Theta Kappa member Tiffany Stevens of Boaz received the Distinguished Member Award at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention.

May

- Snead State Community College pinned 37 students as members of the 2014 class of Registered Nurses.
- The baseball team set records on the field and in the classroom. For the first time ever, all 20 sophomores graduated with their degree and 11 signed to play at four-year schools.
- For the first time in program history, the Snead State softball team went to the ACCC State Tournament.

July

- Six Snead State Community College students competed at the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference. Snead State’s Business Presentation team earned fourth place at the national competition. Team members included Daniel Gomez of Albertville, Daniel Garcia of Albertville and Dalton Farmer of Allgood. Gomez also competed in Information Management. The other PBL members who competed included Glorie Zirkelbach of Boaz – Entrepreneurship Concepts; Kaitlyn Fox of Springville – Accounting for Professionals and Accounting Principles; and Caitlin Motes of Boaz – Hospitality Management and Retail Management.
The annual Spring Commencement Ceremony brought students, faculty and staff, family and special guests together to share in the successes and accomplishments of approximately 260 graduates.

Cindy H. Sparkman, the Director of the Marshall Cancer Care Center, served as the Commencement speaker for Thursday’s ceremony, held in the Plunkett-Wallace Gymnasium. She provided the graduates with advice of making the most of the opportunities they will have with their lives.

Snead State Community College President Dr. Robert Exley recognized a few of the graduates for their accomplishments while dealing with challenging circumstances. Emily Cravens and her brother, Adam Cravens, both graduates of Albertville High School, were honored for their devotion to excellence while at Snead. Dr. Exley shared with the audience and the graduates Emily’s own words about her time at Snead:

“Working two jobs and taking six classes each semester was by far not easy, there were many times where I thought I could not do it. Then I started to think about my lifelong dream of being a pediatric nurse. I could not let discouragement and hard times make me fail. My brother and I applied to the University of Alabama In Huntsville’s nursing program. This is a very competitive school to get into; however we did it!”

Honoring success and achievement continued not only with the presentation of certificates and degrees but also with the presentation of student awards.

Marcos Cruz of Collinsville received the Civitan Best All-Around Student Award. The Civitan Award is presented annually to the Best All-Around Student of the graduating class. To be eligible for this award, the student must have attended Snead State for at least three semesters and attained a minimum cumulative academic average of 3.0 on a four-point scale. In addition, the student should have participated in extracurricular and community activities. The student is elected by a vote of the faculty from a list of eligible graduates who are participating in the graduation ceremonies.

Glorie Zirkelbach of Albertville was awarded the James B. Allen Award presented annually to the Outstanding Student of the graduating class. This award is a gift of the late James B. Allen, United States Senator from Alabama. To be eligible for this award, the student must have exhibited outstanding qualities of leadership and service, attained a minimum cumulative academic average of 3.5, and attended Snead State for at least three semesters.
Eight students were named to the 2013-2014 NJCAA Academic Student-Athletes Awards. Shanena Blankenship, a member of the Lady Parsons softball team, received the NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence. Basketball player Monica Cooper and softball player Caitlyn Roe received the Superior Academic Achievement Award. Receiving the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award were Samantha Dooley, Zachary Dugas, Mary Graves, Meagan Johnson and Ayla Kirby.

Stephanie Roberts of Carbon Hill was the first recipient of the Jennifer Garmany Hallmark Scholarship. Ms. Roberts is pursuing an Associate degree in Registered Nursing and anticipates graduating from Snead State in May 2015. Her goal is to become a cardiology nurse.

The History@Snead student organization presented a special presentation during Constitution Day.

The Snead State Community College Health Sciences Division and the Student Nurses Association hosted the third annual Jennifer Garmany Hallmark 5K Memorial Scholarship Run.

Snead State sophomore Mikhail Cazenave has signed a scholarship to Samford University in Birmingham. The right-handed pitcher from Rainbow City was, at the time, the only junior college signee in this year’s recruiting class at Samford.

The Snead State Community College Theater Department’s presented its fall production of William Inge’s “Bus Stop.”

The History@Snead student organization visited the Guntersville museum. The group viewed the museum’s exhibits. They were presented a program on the history of Guntersville as part of the visit. Local historian Larry Smith, a Snead alumnus, discussed his upcoming book with the students. The book features the Monorovian missionaries who came to the area to minister to the local American Indians.
2013-2014 ENROLLMENT
FALL 2013 ................................................................. 2,295
SPRING 2014 .......................................................... 2,114
SUMMER 2014 .......................................................... 1,121

STUDENT PROFILE
FEMALE ................................................................. 60.4%
MALE ................................................................. 39.5%
AVERAGE AGE .................................................... 23

INSTATE TUITION
PER CREDIT HOUR ............................................. $113
FEES PER CREDIT HOUR .................................... $31
TOTAL PER CREDIT HOUR .................................. $144

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
STUDENTS PER CLASS ........................................ 23
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO ..................................... 23:1

2013-2014 GRADUATES
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES ..................... 264
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES .......... 126
CERTIFICATES ..................................................... 18
SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATES ............................... 147
TOTAL AWARDS .................................................. 555

READY TO WORK
FREE CLASSES AWARDED ................................. 75
ADDITIONAL CLASSES TAKEN BY RTW GRADUATES .... 873
DEGREES RECEIVED BY RTW GRADUATES ................ 15
CERTIFICATES RECEIVED BY RTW GRADUATES ........... 8

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FISCAL YEAR 2014

REVENUES
38% Student Tuition/Fees
30% Federal/Other Grants
28% State Appropriations
2% Auxiliary Enterprises
1% Other
1% Independently Funded Scholarships

EXPENSES
22% Instruction
20% Scholarships
15% Student Aid
13% Institutional Support
8% Student Services
8% Operations/Maintenance
5% Academic Support
2% Other
2% Depreciation
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION

Snead State Community College President Dr. Robert Exley chose the 2014 Commencement ceremony as an opportunity to present an honorary Associate Degree to a former Snead student. Zadie Nell Wells Amberson of Boaz attended Snead as part of the Class of 1944 but married her husband, Bill, before she could receive her diploma.

“There are very few people I have met during my time as President who have cared more about Snead than Zadie Nell Amberson. In honor of her love for this college and her lifelong commitment to service to others, I present to her this honorary degree,” Dr. Exley said.

ALUMNUS STUDIES ABROAD

A Snead State Community College alumnus spent time studying abroad in Florence, Italy.

Sardis native Landon Naylor is participating in a study-abroad program available through Georgetown University. Landon arrived in Florence on Jan. 11 and is scheduled to return to the United States on April 26.

Landon graduated with his Associate degree in 2012 and enrolled in Georgetown as an art history major. Georgetown is known for its School of Foreign Service and is very focused on its study-abroad programs.

“The university tries to encourage all students to think of themselves in a global context. The Villa Le Balze program in Florence was one of the first I applied to because the classes I take at the Villa are not considered transfer courses, which is great for me since I transferred the maximum amount of credit from Snead,” Landon said.

The Villa Le Balze program allowed Landon to enhance his study of art history through his personal experiences of the Italian culture and civilization. A Tuscan villa in the hills of Fiesole just above Florence, Villa Le Balze means House of the Cliffs and was built for Charles Augustus Strong in 1911. Strong married Elizabeth Rockefeller in 1889, and their daughter, Margaret Rockefeller de Larrain, donated the Villa to Georgetown in 1979. The Villa Le Balze program has hosted between 10-40 students each semester since it began in the 1980s.

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

2014 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

The 2014 Alumnus of the Year award was given Mr. Pat Courington Jr. of Albertville.

“Mr. Courington is someone who supports the College and the Alumni Association in so many ways. If he knows of a need we have, he will find a way to fill it. We can always call on him, and he never hesitates to help. He is someone who has supported me, personally, over the years, so it was my pleasure to present this honor to Mr. Courington,” said Snead State Alumni Director Shelley Smith.

After graduating from Albertville High School, Mr. Courington attended Snead Junior College in 1959 and 1960. He transferred to Birmingham Southern College where he earned a Bachelor degree in Business Administration in 1970. That same year, he received the Wall Street Journal Award in Business. His education and skill for business led him to pursue ventures in a variety of fields, including broadcast media and real estate.

Mr. Courington is currently the President of Courington Real Estate and of Sand Mountain Broadcasting Services, which includes WQSB and WAVU radio stations in Albertville and WKXX in Gadsden. He was once the President of Sand Mountain Publishing, which printed The Sand Mountain Reporter. He was also formerly president of Al-Bo Travel Agency.

He currently serves as the President of the Snead State Foundation. He has established two scholarships through the College in honor of his parents, Dorris Williams Courington and Pat M. Courington Sr.

Mr. Courington was on active duty with the United States Army from 1962-64. He was then part of the Active Reserves from 1964-66 and Inactive Reserves from 1966-68.

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“(Villa Le Balze) is an incredibly beautiful place to live, and I am making the most of the experience because I know I’ll never have another one like it,” said Landon.

“Italy is an amazing country, and it will be very hard to leave it. I’ve spent the first half of the semester getting to know the city of Florence and saved a majority of my travel until after spring break. So far, the most beautiful things I’ve seen have been in Florence-Brunelleschi’s Dome of the Florence Cathedral, Botticelli’s Birth of Venus and Primavera, and, of course, Michelangelo’s David. I look forward to seeing Venice, Milan, Rome, and, most of all, the Vatican and its museums.”

When he returned from Italy, Landon planned to apply what he learned about the Italian culture and history to his life and studies at Georgetown University, a school where he has already had new and great experiences.

“I think that’s something special about the university that I couldn’t have gotten anywhere else,” he said. “I’ve loved getting to know the students at Georgetown because they’re all amazing.”
25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Snead State Community College Foundation may be a well-kept secret in that much of its activities are not well known. But there’s no doubt that the Foundation has spent the last 25 years supporting Snead State’s mission to provide excellence in education.

Founded February 1, 1989, the purpose of the Snead State Foundation is to raise and invest funds that provide assistance to the initiatives that support the College. The Foundation is honoring its silver anniversary by celebrating a major milestone.

“This is the first day since its inception that the Foundation’s investment portfolio has exceeded $1 million,” said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley. “By fundraising or capital campaign standards, this amount may not seem like much, but it’s a positive step in the right direction. The portfolio will substantially increase the means by which the Foundation can support the College, and that support is more critical now than ever.”

Since 2011, the Foundation has disbursed approximately $133,000 to the College for scholarships, capital improvements and special events to bring people to campus. Support for the Foundation has come in the form of planned gifts, monetary contributions, pledges and matching gifts.

Contributors to the Foundation were invited to celebrate the Foundation’s achievement and the vision for the future during a special Legacy Celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The Foundation is launching a special Capital Campaign to continue its work by providing scholarships and funding capital improvements for the College.

“There is so much more that can be achieved to provide the best possible education and environment for our students. The support of the Foundation is integral for our success with future initiatives, such as implementing new programs of study or renovating classroom space. I talk about the great work of our Foundation every opportunity I have because I’m surprised that so many people are unaware of its existence and of the positive impact it’s having on our College,” said Dr. Exley.

The Foundation Board of Directors consists of citizens of the College community. Members are nominated by the President for confirmation by the Foundation Board.

Members of the Snead State Foundation Board of Directors include President Pat Courington Jr. of Albertville, Secretary Craig Wilks of Albertville, Harold Chitwood of Albertville, Treasurer Jack Hancock of Guntersville, Dean Strickland of Boaz, Vice President Sharon Ainsworth of Guntersville, Vice President Randy Jones of Guntersville, Frank McDaniel of Albertville, Bob Weathers of Boaz, Clay Scofield of Arab, Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley, and ex-officio members from Snead State, Chief Financial Officer Mark Richard, Alumni Director Shelley Smith and Vice President for Student Services Jason Cannon.
SNEAD STATE FOUNDATION

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