Work has begun!

First goal for fundraising project exceeded

Work began the week of April 7 on the construction of the Alumni Walk, a project started by the Alumni Association to raise funds for scholarships. Temporary fencing went up around the gazebo on the Boaz campus as workers dug the holes where the brick pavers will be installed. “We began this fundraising project a year ago, and it’s exciting to see the first installment of brick pavers going in the ground. Students will cross this area of campus and see the evidence of the support they receive from our alumni, our employees and our community,” said Alumni Director Shelley Smith.

The Alumni Walk was introduced during Alumni Homecoming 2013. The purpose was to sell brick pavers that will become a permanent part of the campus as a courtyard surrounding the gazebo between the Administration Building and the Student Union Building.

The first goal for the Alumni Walk included two parts: to have the courtyard completed by Alumni Homecoming 2014 and to raise $10,000 before the College broke ground on the project.

The first engraving order for pavers was submitted April 4. At that time, funds raised from the Alumni Walk project exceeded $12,000. The construction on the project is also on schedule to be completed by Alumni Homecoming on Friday, May 2.

“Once we pay for the engraving of each of the pavers ordered, the remaining funds will go directly into our scholarship fund. The greater we can build the scholarship fund, the more scholarships we can award and the more Snead State students we can help,” said Ms. Smith.

Any brick paver orders received by the Alumni Office after April 4 will not be included in the first installment. A date has not yet been determined for the installation of the second installment.

“We will submit orders for engraving as we sell an additional 100. I’ve had several people to ask me if we are under a deadline to accept orders for brick pavers. The answer to that is no. The Alumni Walk is an ongoing project that will continually benefit our scholarship fund.”

Alumni Walk Dedication
During Alumni Homecoming
May 2, 2014
5 p.m.
Join Us For The

2014 Alumni Homecoming
We love the ‘80s!

Friday, May 2, 2014
Student Union Building
Snead State Community College
220 N. Walnut Street, Boaz

Featuring the inspiring comedy of

David Ferrell

Dedication of the Alumni Walk
5 p.m.
Gazebo
behind the Administration Building

Alumni Homecoming events
5:45 p.m.
Student Union Building
including
Open Buffet, Business Meeting,
Alumnus of the Year,
Class Photos, Fellowship and
FUN!

RSVP
alumni@snead.edu, (256) 840-4103

NO COST TO ATTEND!
Alumni Walk

Initial Goal
$100,000 for scholarships

Raised To Date
$12,185

The Legacy you leave is the Pathway for future generations

Special Thanks to our recent participants in the Alumni Walk:

- Charles and Melissa Mitchell
- Vickie Barnes
- Susie Humphries
- Virgil McCain
- Alan and Libby Bates
- Snead State Alumni Association
- Kelly and Matt Snyder
- Sharon Lessley
- Rolaine Merchant
- Allen Champion
- Earl Hedgepeth
- Janice King Taylor
- Grover Kitchens
- John Haney
- Mary Heflin
- Robert and Anita Exley
- Sandra Roberts
- Jeffrey Yount
- Wes Ables
- Johnny McAlpine
- Devin Stephenson
- Dianne Prestridge
Alumni Walk Paver Program

ORDER FORM

☐ I would like to purchase _____ 4”x8” Engraved Brick Paver(s) at $125 each.
☐ I would like to purchase _____ 3.5”x1.75” miniature replica(s) for an additional $15 each.
☐ I would like to purchase _____ 8”x8” Engraved Stone Paver(s) at $300 each.
☐ I would like to purchase _____ 3.75”x3.75” miniature replica(s) at an additional $25 each.
☐ I do not wish to buy a paver now but would like to make a donation of $__________.

PRINT CLEARLY AND BE SURE TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR SPELLING.

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MAIL ORDER FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT TO ALUMNI OFFICE, P.O. BOX 734, BOAZ, AL 35957.

NAME: ____________________________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________________________
PHONE: ___________________________ PAYMENT: □ Cash □ Check

All proceeds go to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Payments are non-refundable and will be treated as donations to the Snead State Alumni Association. Individuals ordering pavers will receive a letter verifying the order which also serves as a receipt for the donation. For questions, contact alumni@snead.edu or (256) 840-4103 or (256) 840-4128.
The Alumni Association has always supported scholarships for students to pursue an education at Snead, so it’s not surprising to see this level of support for the Alumni Walk project. Once we have the first installment of pavers in the ground and people can see what a lovely addition the Alumni Walk is to the campus, I believe we’ll receive more and more orders,” said Mrs. Smith.

A second goal for the project is to have the total brick paver sales reach $25,000 by Alumni Homecoming 2015. To accomplish this goal, the Alumni Association needs the help of all active members to identify alumni, community organizations and businesses who can participate in this project.

If you would like to purchase a brick paver or know of someone who would like information about the Alumni Walk, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@snead.edu or (256) 840-4103.
April Fool’s Day
Alumni Mixer

The Snead State Alumni Association held its second Alumni Mixer on April 1 at Sebastien’s on Main in Albertville.

About 23 attended the informal mixer and enjoyed a buffet of heavy hors d’oeuvres. Door prizes were also given.

The first mixer was a luncheon held at the Rock House Eatery in Guntersville. The second mixer took place in the evening.

“Our goal is to host these mixers at various times of the year. We plan to change up locations and times to better accommodate our alumni. The mixers provide an opportunity for us to engage our alumni and for our alumni to meet and visit with each other. We’ve been very please with the turnout and the reception we’ve received with the two mixers,” said Alumni Director Shelley Smith.

No date has yet been set for the third mixer, but Ms. Smith said it will be sometime this summer.
Two Snead State Community College students have been named 2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholars as well members of the All-Alabama Academic Team.

As Gold Scholars, McKayla Edmonds of Grant and Daniel Garcia of Albertville each receive a $1,500 scholarship and special medallion. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and providing nearly $200,000 in scholarships annually.

As part of the All-Alabama Academic Team, they also each receive a $1,000 scholarship. All-Alabama Academic Team students are nominated by colleges within the Alabama Community College System. Students selected must possess a minimum GPA of 3.25, be involved in campus activities and have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours at the institution.

McKayla is a general education major and is active with student organizations including the Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government Association. She is the 2014 Homecoming Queen. She plans to transfer to the University of Alabama to pursue a Bachelor degree in Human Development and Child Studies and in Early Childhood Education. Her educational goal is to earn a Master degree in Occupational Therapy, and her career goal is to work in Pediatric Occupational Therapy.

Daniel majors in Business and is active in student organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa, Ambassadors and the Pan Latino Student Organization. He plans to attend the University of Alabama to pursue a Bachelor degree in Management Information Systems. His goal is to become a CEO and travel around the world when he retires.

“What an honor it is for Snead State to have two of our finest student leaders to receive this recognition. McKayla and Daniel demonstrate why Snead State has become a destination college – a students’ first stop for achieving success. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for McKayla and Daniel as they further their education,” said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society administers the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Program and recognizes Coca-Cola Academic Team scholars during All-State Community College Academic Team Recognition ceremonies held in 38 states. Student scholars also receive recognition locally during ceremonies held on campus and internationally for those who are able to attend Phi Theta Kappa’s Annual Convention.

“We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for their vote of confidence in community college students by investing in their futures,” said Dr. Rod Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa. “Their support is especially welcome during this challenging economic climate, as more and more community college students need additional resources to help them complete their degrees.”

“The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges,” said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. “We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals.”

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,285 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.
The Presidential Scholars from Snead State Community College learned practical leadership lessons from some of the Nation’s greatest leaders during a recent trip to Washington D.C.

The trip is an annual excursion for the group. The Presidential Scholars is the most prestigious scholarship program at Snead State. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 23 ACT score and a 3.75 grade point average to qualify. Presidential Scholars are selected in the spring of each year from students who plan to attend Snead State beginning the summer or fall semesters after selection.

“The Presidential Scholars represent the best and the brightest students we attract at Snead State. Our goal is not just to prepare them academically for their future but also to equip them with essential leadership skills to ensure their success,” said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley.

During the students’ time in Washington D.C., they visited the Capitol, various monuments and memorials, the Smithsonian, the National Archives, Arlington Cemetery, the Supreme Court Building, and more.

The trip is only part of the experience for Presidential Scholars. They must also complete a one-credit-hour course with videos, readings, online quizzes, journaling, and interactive exercises that correlate with their experience in Washington D.C. In the fall 2013, the students also participated in a two-day leadership retreat to Berry College in Georgia.

Those attending the Washington D.C. trip include Charlee Halligan of Arab, Katelyn Soper of Albertville, Callie Robinson of Albertville, Jordan Chumley of Boaz, Sarah Holloway of Cleveland, Haley Blouir of Union Grove, Bryneth Buckner of Guntersville, Will Hunt of Crossville, Brandon Hawes of Union Grove, Josh Williams of Douglas, Brett Glass of Altoona, and Dakota Creel of Arab.

Accompanying the students on the trip were Brittany Goble, Director of Campus Engagement and Sponsor for the Presidential Scholars, and Grover Kitchens, History Instructor. The itinerary for the trip was planned by Ms. Goble and Mr. Kitchens.

Director Ranks Among Top 10 of Networking Instructors Globally

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-
Fine Arts Spring Showcase
Snead State Fine Arts Department Presents
2014 Spring Musical

Once Upon a Mattress

Friday & Saturday, April 25 & 26
at 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 27
at 2 p.m.

Bevill Center Concert Hall

General Admission $5
Snead State Students and Employees
Admitted Free

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News from Snead State Community College

Snead State Alumnus Enjoys Unique Opportunity to Study Abroad

A Snead State Community College alumnus is spending the spring semester 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.

“(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.”

As memorable as the architecture of Italy is, Landon said the food makes an impactful impression as well.

“I haven’t had a bad meal in Italy, and I don’t think I will. I’ve had amazing pasta, pizza, and gelato in Florence, and the Villa employs two chefs who keep us immersed in the food culture at all times.

“The Italians themselves are extremely welcoming people. I’m glad to be studying in a country that is so receptive to visitors and so eager to share its beauty and culture with the world. I will always cherish the time I spent in Florence as my first introduction to a new culture, a new language, and a lesson on living ‘la doce vita’ (an Italian phrase meaning the good life).”

When he returns from Italy,

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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.
News from Snead State Community College

Lady Parsons Capture 2014 ACCC Women’s Tennis Title

The Snead State Lady Parsons captured their seventh consecutive Alabama Community College Conference title over the weekend, winning eight of the nine championship matches.

In singles play, five of the six matches were won by Snead State. Rachel Farmer claimed the #2 singles title, defeating Lydia Carter from Marion Military Institute after Carter retired in the first set.

Guntersville’s Lucy Bradley defeated Victor Jones from MMI (6-1, 6-0) in #3 singles.

In the #4 singles match, Sidney Garner defeated Danielle Clark from Faulkner State Community College 6-0 and 6-3.

Amanda Bertoldi (#5 singles) and Albertville’s Courtney Moore (#6 singles) also claimed victories with scores of 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4, 6-4, respectively.

Snead State swept doubles play, claiming all three championship matches.

In the third flight, Bertoldi and Mary Evelyn Owens defeated Jasmin James and Jameka James from Faulkner State 6-4 and 6-0.

Farmer and Garner defeated Meredith Gwin and Danielle Clark from Faulkner State in the second flight, 6-1 and 6-2.

The closest match game in #1 doubles when Samantha Dooley of Boaz and Bradley outlasted Maria Cespedes and Lydia Carter from MMI in a hard fought three set match, 4-6, 7-6 and 12-10.

The ACCC title is the seventh consecutive one for the Lady Parsons. Snead State is finishing their first season under new head coach Matt Holaday of Grant.

Not only are the Lady Parsons excelling on the court but in the classroom as well. The team has a combined grade point average of 3.54.

The Lady Parsons will travel to Tyler, Texas, May 3-9 to compete in the National Tournament.

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Landon said he hopes to apply what he has 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.

“On the whole, I can say a lot more is expected from me at Georgetown. Students must take at least five courses per semester to be considered full-time, and it was very challenging adjusting to that.

However, I don’t think the challenges I faced are any greater than those of the students who go on to the University of Alabama or Auburn after Snead. I know I wouldn’t be at Georgetown without first going to Snead,” said Landon, who was a Presidential Scholar and active in student activities while at Snead State.

As a relatively small university, Georgetown provided the same one-on-one experience between students and faculty that Landon was used to after being a student at Snead State.

“I think that’s something special about the university that I couldn’t have gotten anywhere else,” he said. “I’ve really enjoyed living on a campus where no one commutes and we all live together because there’s a strong sense of community. I’ve loved getting to know the students at Georgetown because they’re all amazing. It will be very exciting to see what the people I’ve met end up doing.”
Upcoming Events

April 21
Online registration opens for the summer Mini I and Mini II terms.

April 21
The Lady Parsons Softball Team will compete against Southern Union at home at 1 p.m.

April 22
The Lady Parsons Softball Team compete against Gadsden State at home beginning at 2 p.m. This is also Sophomore Day when the sophomore players will be recognized at 1:30 p.m.

April 24
The Parson Baseball Team will compete against Lawson State at home beginning at noon. The teams will play a double header.

April 25
The College Street Singers and Jazz Band will perform for students at Douglas High School starting at 2 p.m.

April 26
The Dance Team will hold tryouts from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the gym. Tryout packets are available online at www.snead.edu/dance.

April 28
The Baseball Team will play against Bryan College at noon at home.

April 29
A World Religions Discussion Group will be held in Starnes Chapel from 10:30 a.m. until noon for Snead State students.

May 1
The Baseball Team will play against Calhoun at home at noon.

May 1
The Community Choir will present “A Festival of Psalms” Spring Concert beginning at 7 p.m. in the Bevill Center Concert Hall. Admission is free. The community is invited to attend.

May 1-3
The College Street Singers and Jazz Band will hold a second round of auditions. Appointments to audition must be scheduled.

May 2
The College Street Singers will perform for the Manor House residents beginning at 6 p.m.

May 2-8
Finals for the Spring Semester and Spring Mini II term will be held.

May 4
The Community Wind Band will hold its spring concert beginning at 3 p.m. in the Bevill Center Concert Hall. Admission is free. The community is invited to attend.

May 4
The College Street Singers will perform at First Baptist Church Center Point beginning at 5 p.m.

May 6
The Health Science Division will host an RN Pinning Ceremony for graduates of the Registered Nursing Program. The ceremony will be at 6 p.m. in the Bevill Center Auditorium.

May 8
Snead State will host its annual Spring Commencement Ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. in the Plunkett-Wallace Gymnasium. The Commencement Speaker will be Cindy Sparkman, the Director of the Marshall Cancer Care Center.

May 26
Snead State Community College will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

May 27
The Summer Semester and Summer Mini I term begin.

Visit Snead State’s new website, www.snead.edu for all of the latest events and news. Also check out the Alumni Association’s Facebook page (facebook.com/sneadstatealumni).
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