2015 Alumni Walk Progress

The Alumni Walk continues to grow!

The Alumni Association is nearing the two-year mark since launching its scholarship fundraising project, the Alumni Walk. Since the announcement of this special project, the Alumni Association has reached one goal and is well on its way to reaching its second goal – just in time to celebrate the Association’s 95th Anniversary!

In May 2013, the Alumni Association announced plans for the Alumni Walk courtyard during Alumni Homecoming. Personalized pavers are sold and placed in the courtyard as a beautiful addition to the campus. All proceeds from the Alumni Walk benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Plans were to raise $10,000 within the first year of the project.

In May 2014, the Alumni Walk was officially dedicated with the completion of the first installment of personalized pavers and the successful achievement of the $10,000 goal. A second installment of personalized pavers was completed in December 2014.

The second goal is to endow the scholarship fund by reaching a principle balance of $25,000, and we are only a few paver sales away from meeting this goal! Currently the scholarship fund has a balance of $24,424.85.

We already have a few orders for a third installment, which is scheduled to be completed by Alumni Homecoming 2015.

This year’s event will be Friday, May 1, at 6 p.m. We hope you make your plans to attend.

The 1970s will be spotlight, and the Alumni Association will be celebrating its 95th anniversary.

Nominations for Alumni of the Year are also being accepted now. Visit www.snead.edu/alumni for a nomination form.
Alumni Walk

Legacy
the you leave is the Pathway
for future generations

ULTIMATE GOAL
$100,000
for scholarships

INITIAL GOAL
(REACHED)
$10,000

RAISED TO DATE
$24,424.85

SECOND GOAL
$25,000
Alumni Walk

Special Thanks to our recent participants in the Alumni Walk:

- Boaz Rotary Club
- The Weathers family
- Gladys Roberson
- Snead State Media Club
- Jason Canon
- Kelly Snyder
- Kerry Rich
- Grover Kitchens
- Jack Hancock
- Peoples Independent Bank
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Student Government Association
- Sigma Kappa Delta
- Sue Kelley

Would you be willing to sponsor a paver?

As part of the Alumni Walk, the Snead State Alumni Association would like to include pavers to honor specific individuals who are an important part of Snead’s history and legacy. If you would like to support the Alumni Walk scholarship fundraiser as well as help us to honor these individuals, please contact the Alumni Office about purchasing a paver (alumni@snead.edu, (256) 840-4103).

- President Dr. Conway Boatman
- President Dr. Broyles
- President Dr. Cook
- President Dr. Tyson
- Coach Emmett Plunkett
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.

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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.
In August, the Alumni Association held its Summer Mixer at The Jules J. Berta Vineyard & Winery. Everyone enjoyed the brick oven pizza, lemonade and fellowship.
The Snead State Alumni Association hopes to see you on Friday, May 1, at 6 p.m. for the 2015 Alumni Homecoming event as we celebrate the Association’s 95th Anniversary!

The Alumni Association will be spotlighting the decade of the 1970s, so any former Snead students or graduates from that decade will be special guests.

Alumni Homecoming will be an evening of fun and celebration. Feel free to come dressed in 1970s wear, or come as you are in business casual attire. We will have a photo booth available, so alumni and their guests can have their picture made to commemorate the evening.

A special slide show will provide a flashback to life at Snead State during the 1970s. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served. Special entertainment will be a part of the program.

As part of the 2015 Alumni Homecoming, the Alumni Association will honor the Alumni of the Year recipient. Nominations are currently being accepted for Alumni of the Year. Forms are available at www.snead.edu/alumni.

Alumni Homecoming is free for alumni and guests. More information will be forthcoming. Make your plans now to attend!

Nominations for 2015 Alumni of the Year Now Being Accepted

The Snead State Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the 2014 Alumni of the Year.

The Alumni of the Year award is given each year to recognize the contribution made by a former Snead student to the College, the community or the country. The Board of Directors makes the selection based on applications submitted to the Alumni Office.

“Snead alumni can be found in all parts of the world, and their accomplishments are many. The Alumni Association is honored to take this time each year to recognize an outstanding alum who signifies the excellence that is synonymous with Snead State Community College,” said Alumni Director Shelley Smith.

Nomination forms are available on the Snead State website at www.snead.edu or the Alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sneadstatealumni. Nominations must be submitted to the Alumni Office by Friday, April 3.

Completed forms may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 734, Boaz, AL 35957, or via e-mail to alumni@snead.edu.
It’s Chili Time

Chili Supper

Thursday, Feb. 19

Starting at 5 p.m. in the gym

Cost: $5 includes a bowl of chili, crackers, dessert, and drink

- Refill bowls $1
- Dessert only 50¢
- Drink only 50¢ for soft drinks, $1 for bottled water

Snead State Basketball
vs. Gadsden State
- Women at 5:30 p.m.
- Men at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Snead State Alumni Association. | For more information: 256.840.4103 or alumni@snead.edu
Alumni Membership Drive!

Don’t miss out on this SWEETHEART of a DEAL from the

Join the Snead State Alumni Association for half price!

If you join during the month of February, your cost is
Annual Membership $5  ■ Lifetime Membership $50

With membership you receive a membership card with discounts on products/services from local businesses, invitations to special Snead State and Alumni events, regular updates on what’s happening at Snead State and more!

When you purchase a lifetime membership, you receive $25 off a 4x8 brick paver for the Alumni Walk project. (Proceeds from the project go to scholarships)

For more information, visit www.snead.edu or contact alumni@snead.edu. Check us out on Facebook! Search for sneadstatealumni.
News from Sneed State Community College
Sneed State Community College Foundation Celebrates
25 Years of Supporting Educational Excellence

The Sneed 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 Sneed State’s mission to provide excellence in education.

Founded February 1, 1989, the purpose of the Sneed 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 Sneed 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 Sneed 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, Dean Randy Jones of Guntersville, Frank McDaniel of Albertville, Bob Weathers of Boaz, Clay Scofield of Arab, Sneed State President Dr. Robert Exley, and ex-officio members from Sneed State, Chief Financial Officer Mark Richard, Alumni Director Shelley Smith and Vice President for Student Services Jason Cannon.

Sneed State Arab Site Launches Logistics Certificate

Sneed State Community College launched a new certificate program for the field of Logistics, Distribution and Purchasing at the Arab Instructional Site. The program is available for the Spring Semester.

The certificate program is designed to allow completion in one year with classes available at the Arab Site and online. Students can also use the certificate program to get started earning their Associate in Applied Science Degree in Business with a concentration in Logistics, Distribution and Purchasing.

Most of the credits offered through the program are eligible for transfer to a four-year institution.

Logistics is a rapidly growing field. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the number of logistics jobs will grow by 25.5 percent by the year 2020.
Snead State Employees Receive 2014 Chancellor’s Awards

Four employees will represent Snead State Community College at the 2014 Chancellor’s Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 23, in Birmingham.

This year’s Chancellor’s Awards recipients from Snead State include 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.

“The Chancellor’s Awards is an opportunity for our employees to be recognized for the good work they do every day. They are committed to seeing our students succeed. We are proud to have this group representing Snead State,” said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley.

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. Mr. Cannon earned a Master of Arts in Counseling degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is currently taking coursework toward a doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Alabama.

Mr. Cannon said, “I love what I do – helping students develop. There is nothing more fulfilling than engaging with students and watching them grow and mature into active leaders.”

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 graduated from Snead State and earned his Bachelor degree in Sports Management from Ashford University in 2002. 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. He stresses to student-athletes the importance of their performance in the classroom as well as their performance on the field. For the first time in the history of the Snead State baseball program, all 20 sophomores graduated in 2014, which speaks to the effort and time Coach Underwood put into seeing student-athletes succeed. Sixteen players from the past two seasons have signed with four-year colleges. In 2014, the baseball team finished second in the ACCC North, which sent them to the state tournament for the third season in a row. Additionally, Coach Underwood oversees 86 student-athletes and six resident assistants in the dorm and works in security and maintenance as needed.

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. Mr. Haney has a Master’s Degree from Jacksonville State University with a concentration in Computer Science. He is now pursuing a PhD in Psychology with an emphasis in Integrating Technology, Learning, and Psychology at Grand Canyon University. He has been received 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. He recently attained the Quality Matters Online Course Review Certification. He serves as an Executive Board Member of the Alabama Consortium for Technology and Learning.

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. He earned an Associate of Science degree from Snead State Junior College, a Bachelor of Arts degree

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Snead State sophomore Mikhail Cazenave has signed a scholarship to Samford University in Birmingham.

The right-handed pitcher from Rainbow City is currently the only junior college signee in this year’s recruiting class at Samford. He is the No. 1 starter at Snead State, pitching in the 88-92 range.

Samford Head Coach Casey Dunn shared his expectations of Cazenave on the school’s athletic website, samfordsports.com.

“Mikhail was one of the most accomplished pitchers in his class coming out of high school,” Dunn said. “He pitched his team to a state championship and really has a knack for competing on the mound. The only knock on him out of high school was a lack of the velocity. Over the past two years he has really worked hard to add arm strength and now is a guy I expect to come in ready to compete for a weekend spot right away.”

He is the son of Mike and Tricia Cazenave. He received All-Area honors for 2011-2013 and was named to the Class 2A All-State team in 2013. He was also named the Gadsden Times Player of the Year. He attended Westbrook Christian School.

As the ace of the Westbrook pitching staff his senior year, Cazenave went 10-3 with 108 strikeouts in 81 innings. He finished with a 1.08 earned run average as Westbrook went 25-15 overall and 8-3 in the postseason.

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“He has come into our program and worked hard from the very first day. He pushes not only himself but his teammates as well. We are very fortunate to have him on our team,” said Snead State Baseball Coach Ledbetter.

“I want to thank my teammates and coaches. I look forward to reaching our goals together this season,” said Cazenave.

Congratulations!

Snead State Community College Assistant Baseball Coach Casey Underwood has been named the 2014 Assistant Baseball Coach of the Year by the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association. Pictured from left is ALaBCA Executive Director Barry Dean, Coach Underwood, and Awards Banquet Director Morris Phillips.
Snead State Employees Receive 2014 Chancellor’s Awards

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from Jacksonville State University, a Master of Public Administration Degree from Jacksonville State and has completed post-graduate work at the University of Alabama, Alabama A&M University and JSU. 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, completed the National Geographic Society’s Summer Geography Institute for Educators, completed the Legacy Environmental Education Teachers Institute, has hosted numerous high school and middle school Scholars Bowl tournaments on campus and has coached the Snead State College Bowl team to three state championships, four Sectional championships and 10 appearances in the College Bowl national championship tournament which included a Snead State victory over Harvard University in round robin play at the 2007 tournament.

He is also very active in the local community, having worked with the March of Dimes, Hospice of Marshall County, Dixie Youth Baseball, the Boy Scouts, the Boaz Band-boosters, Upwards Basketball, People Against a Littered State, the Boaz Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Marshall County. Presently, Vann is also serving his second term as a member of the Boaz City Council. The Chancellor’s Awards began 26 years ago as a way to reward and encourage outstanding performance, creativity, and dedicated service.
Snead State Opens New Academic Success Center

The Open House at Snead State Community College on Wednesday, Aug. 20, went just as most open houses do. Employees and students toured the new Academic Success Center and reviewed material available describing the services offered by the ASC.

But what set this Open House apart from others just like it are the vision and planning that went into the development of the Academic Success Center.

“This is a culmination of a dream our College Strategic Planning envisioned several years ago. We wanted to take the success of our TRiO program, which serves a smaller number of students, and develop something that would serve all of our students. At the time, we called our idea ‘TRiO on Steroids.’ Through a lot of discussion, planning and review, our idea is now called the ‘Academic Success Center,’” said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley.

The role of the ASC is to provide tutoring support for students with one goal in mind — student success. 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 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 for select courses. The ASC will host workshops for students addressing topics such as study skills, college navigation skills, classroom etiquette, resume building, interview preparation and more.

“The ASC provides support services that are designed to improve academic performance,” said Quality Enhancement Plan Coordinator Dr. Dustin Smith. “We don’t want students to drop classes or drop out of college because they are struggling with the coursework. We want to help them be successful, so they stay on track to graduating from Snead and move forward with their educational and career paths.”

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

- **February 10**- Lady Parsons softball vs Motlow State, 1 p.m.
- **February 11**- SSCC Baseball vs Bryan College, 12 p.m.
- **February 12**- The Aeolians of Oakwood University Concert, Fielder Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free Admission.
- **February 14**- SSCC Baseball vs Wabash College, 12 p.m.
- **February 15**- SSCC Baseball vs Wabash College, 12 p.m.
- **February 16**- Women’s and Men’s Basketball vs Southern Union 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. “HOMECOMING”
- **February 19**- Parson Basketball vs Gadsden State, Women at 5:30 p.m., Men at 7:30 p.m.
- **February 19**- CHILI SUPPER, starting at 5 p.m. in the Plunkett-Wallace Gym.
- **February 23**- SSCC Baseball vs West Georgia Tech, 12 p.m.
- **March 2**- SSCC Baseball vs Enterprise State, 1 p.m.
- **March 7**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Lake Land, IL, 1 p.m.
- **March 9**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Chattanooga State, 1 p.m.
- **March 10**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Columbia State, 1 p.m.
- **March 12**- Lady Parsons softball vs Northwest Mississippi College, 1 p.m.
- **March 15**- SSCC Baseball vs Martin Methodist, 12 p.m.
- **March 17**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Gadsden State, 2 p.m.
- **March 21**- SSCC Baseball vs Lawson State, 12 p.m.
- **March 26**- SSCC Baseball vs Shelton State, 12 p.m.
- **March 31**- SSCC Baseball vs Shorter, 12 p.m.
- **March 31**- Lady Parsons softball vs Marion Military, 2 p.m.
- **April 2**- SSCC Baseball vs Wallace/Hanceville, 12 p.m.
- **April 4**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Shelton State, 1 p.m.
- **April 11**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Southern Union, 1 p.m.
- **April 11**- SSCC Baseball vs Central Alabama, 1 p.m. (Sophomore Day)
- **April 14**- Lady Parsons Softball vs Calhoun, 2 p.m.
- **April 16**- SSCC Baseball vs Calhoun. 12 p.m.
- **April 16, 17, 18, 19**- The Snead Theater Department presents “The Fantastics” in the Bevill Center, 7 p.m. on April 16, 17 and 18 & 2:30 p.m. on April 19.
- **April 21**- SSCC Baseball vs Southern Union, 1 p.m.
- **April 25**- SSCC Baseball vs Marion Military, 12 p.m.
- **April 27**- SSCC Baseball vs Shorter, 12 p.m.
- **April 30**- SSCC Baseball vs Southern Union, 1 p.m.
- **April 30**- Fine Arts Department will be presenting the Community Choir Performance in the Fielder Auditorium at 5:30 p.m.
- **May 1**- The Alumni Homecoming at 6 p.m. Location to be determined. Free Admission.
History@Snead Student Organization Visit Holiday Exhibits at Guntersville Museum

The History@Snead student organization held a different kind of Christmas party at the Guntersville museum.

The group viewed the museum’s exhibits and the Festival of Trees. 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.

The trip to the museum finished the fall semester for the student organization, but the History@Snead Club has spring trips planned to Desoto Caverns, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and to the Parthenon and the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson, in Nashville, Tenn.

The History@Snead organization is comprised of members with various majors of study within the College. The group provides a service to the College by leading history presentations, coordinating the Constitution Day celebration, and giving presentations on Snead State’s history. The advisors for the organization are Dr. Mark Freshwater and Mr. Grover Kitchens, Snead State instructors.

Snead State Alumna Begins Pharmacy School

A Snead State Community College alumna will begin pharmacy school at Samford University beginning later in August.

Joni Goss of Walnut Grove received her acceptance to Samford’s pharmacy school in April.

“I am looking forward to the many people who I am going to meet and to learning all that I need to know to be a successful pharmacist. I am fully prepared for hardships and long nights of studying, but I believe that it will be well worth it in the end,” said Ms. Goss.

She enrolled at Snead State after graduating from West End High School in 2012. She graduated with her Associate degree in 2014.

“Pharmacy has been my choice of career since I was in the ninth grade. I love the medical field; it has always been where I want to be. I chose pharmacy because being able to help people on such a personal, yet extensive, level seems greatly appealing to me,” she said.

Ms. Goss credits Snead State instructors Deborah Rhoden and Dr. Susie Humphries with helping her to be prepared for pharmacy school.

“Mrs. Rhoden was very encouraging and always answered my questions to the best of her ability. She was a huge help in sending a letter of recommendation on my behalf to Samford. Also, Dr. Humphries was a better teacher than I could have ever asked for. She was not only my teacher but also my friend. She always went above and beyond to do everything that I needed. From having extra class meetings to one-on-one time in her office, she never hesitated to help and encourage me. I will never be able to thank her enough for all that she did for me,” Ms. Goss said.

Ms. Goss will be joining her friend, Michaela Poore, another Snead State alumna who was accepted to Samford’s pharmacy school. Her goal is to own a pharmacy and successfully operate a business on which people can rely to meet their needs.

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Snead State Earns Reaccreditation for 10 More Years

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 will submit a “Fifth Year Interim Report, but the next reaffirmation will not take place until 2024.

Snead State Holds Fall PTK Induction

Snead State Community College held its Fall Phi Theta Kappa induction on Tuesday, Oct. 7. This fall, the Theta Iota Chapter inducted 66 members into the honor society. PTK was established in 1918 and is the largest honor society in American higher education. It recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

The guest speaker for the fall induction ceremony was Assistant Superintendent for the Marshall County School System Dr. Richard Ferguson, who serves as the Area Director for the People to People Ambassador Program.

For 50 years, People to People Ambassador Programs has provided educational travel for students across the globe. With more than 20,000 Ambassadors traveling annually, People to People Ambassador Programs continues to play a significant role in increasing global awareness. As one of the world’s most recognized and respected educational travel providers, People to People Ambassador Programs travels both students and professionals around the globe.

Dr. Ferguson described his expe-
Snead State Students Compete at National PBL Conference

Six Snead State Community College students competed at the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference in Nashville, Tenn., recently. The students competed against more than 1,800 of America’s best and brightest college students as they showcased their talents as future business leaders and vied for the opportunity to win over $79,000 in cash awards.

Snead State’s Business Presentation team earned fourth place at the national competition. Their event consisted of preparing a presentation regarding the Affordable Car Act and how it will affect small businesses. 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:
- Kaitlyn Fox of Springville – Accounting for Professionals and Accounting Principles.
- Caitlin Motes of Boaz – Hospitality Management and Retail Management.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) educational association with a quarter million members and advisers in over 6,500 active middle school, high school, and college chapters worldwide. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. The association is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC. For more information, visit www.fbla-pbl.org.
Snead State Community College will host the 2014 Gerhart Chamber Music Festival to include the Opening Concert on Thursday, Oct. 23, and the Children’s Concert on Sunday, Oct. 26.

The Opening Concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, featuring the Gerhart musicians in Fielder Auditorium, located in the Administration Building on the Boaz campus. The musicians will then join the Children’s Honor Choir from Boaz Intermediate School for the Children’s Concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, also in Fielder Auditorium.

All events for the Gerhart Chamber Music Festival are free admission. The community is invited to attend the two concerts.

The concert will feature familiar faces as part of the Gerhart quartet, violinist Michael Davis, who serves as Festival Artistic Director, violist Wayne Roden, cellist Bion Tsang, and pianist Jeffrey Cohen.

While only 26 years old, violinist Michael W. Davis was named Concertmaster of the prestigious Louis-ville Orchestra. Since then critics have hailed him as “the essence of musicality” and continue to praise him for his “virtuosity” and “exquisite” playing.

Mr. Davis was invited to be a musical guest for the Billy Graham Crusade in Louisville, Kentucky, where he shared his arrangement of “Amazing Grace” for solo violin. His subsequent release of the CD, Amazing Grace, was an instant success. Soon after, he premiered Emmanuel (a fantasia on hymnody for solo violin and orchestra) with the Louisville Orchestra then enjoyed recording Emmanuel with composer, Kurt Kaiser, with the City of Prague Philharmonic in the Czech Republic.

A very active performer, Mr. Davis has given concerts in Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. In addition to these and other U.S. performances, he has concertized in both Europe and Asia. Participation in the Grand Teton Music Festival, Spoleto Festival and the Gerhart Chamber Music Festival highlight just a few of his activities.

Mr. Davis, a native of Albertville, began studying the violin at age 7, and at age 16 was winner of the state’s NMTA Competition and named “Most Outstanding String Player.” He is a graduate of Indiana University where he received Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. Studying with James Buswell at Indiana University, he also served as an Associate Instructor of Violin there while doing his graduate work. In addition to his duties as Concertmaster of the Louisville Symphony, Mr. Davis also instructs a class of advanced young violinists.

Cellist Bion Tsang has been internationally rec-ognized as one of the outstanding instrumentalists of his generation. Among his many honors are an Avery Fisher Career Grant, an MEF Career Grant and the Bronze Medal in the IX International Tchaikovsky Competition. He has performed as soloist with such orchestras as the New York, Moscow and Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestras, the Atlanta, Pacific, Civic, American and National Symphony Orchestras, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra and the Taiwan National Orchestra.

Mr. Tsang’s chamber music career has also been a distinguished one. He has been a frequent guest artist of the Boston Chamber Music Society, Brooklyn Chamber Music Society, Chamber Music International of Dallas, Da Camera of Houston, Camerata Pacifica of Los Angeles and Bargemusic in New York and per-formed at such festivals as Marlboro Music Festival, the Cape Cod, Tucson, Portland and Seattle Chamber Music Festivals, the Bard Festival, Bravo! Colorado, Music in the Vineyards and the Laurel Festival of the Arts, where he served as Artistic Director for ten years.

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He has toured the complete Beethoven works for cello and piano with pianist Anton Nelin, among other venues, Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall and Jordan Hall in Boston, with the latter performance recorded by WGBH and commercially released on the Artek label. Artek subsequently released Tsang’s performance of the Brahms Cello Sonatas and Hungarian Dances (transcribed by Bion), also in Jordan Hall with Nel, in early 2010.

Mr. Tsang received his B.A. from Harvard University and his M.M.A. from Yale University, where he studied with Aldo Parisot. His other cello teachers included Ardyth Alton, Luis Garcia-Renart, William Pleeth, Channing Robbins and Leonard Rose. He resides in Austin, Texas, where he is on the faculty at the Butler School of Music at The University of Texas at Austin and enjoys chasing after his three young children, Bailey, Henry and Maia.

American pianist Jeffrey Cohen has been praised by the New York Times for the “lucidity and poetry” of his playing. Both as soloist and chamber musician, Mr. Cohen’s performances have taken him to three different continents. Recitals include appearances for The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Merkin Concert Hall, Bargemusic, the Phillips Collection, Mostly Music Series of Chicago, Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing, and the National Arts Center of Ottawa. In the summers, Mr. Cohen has been a faculty member or guest artist at major music festivals including Bowdoin, Waterloo, Musicorda, Orford, Summit, Texas Music Festival, and the Seoul Summer Music Camp. He currently serves on the summer faculties of the MusicAlp International Academy of Music in Courchevel, France and the International Music Academy Pilsen in the Czech Republic. Mr. Cohen’s debut CD, a collection of French chamber music, received critical acclaim in Fanfare magazine. He has performed for broadcasts on National Public Radio’s “Performance Today,” the CBC Radio Network, Radio Canada, Radio France, and WQXR.

In addition to his concert activities, Mr. Cohen is a leading piano pedagogue. His students have won prizes in major competitions and enjoy successful careers as teacher/performers. For the past 20 years, Mr. Cohen has been a piano professor and member of the artist faculty at the Manhattan School of Music, where he currently serves as coordinator of piano master classes. He has given master classes at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, the Central Conservatory in Beijing, the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory in Singapore, Barnard College, Wilfrid Laurier University and throughout Korea and Taiwan.

Wayne Roden, violist with the San Francisco Symphony since 1974, began studying the violin at age 8 in his native Alabama. He studied violin, viola, and chamber music with members of the Claremont Quartet at the North Carolina School of the Arts and then enrolled at Northern Illinois University in order to study with the newly formed Vermeer Quartet. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Northern Illinois in 1970.

During a tour of military service, Mr. Roden played frequently at the White House as a member of the Strolling Strings of the U.S. Army Band. He also was soloist with the Army Chamber Orchestra at the National Academy of Science in Washington. While in service, he studied viola with Karen Tuttle of Philadelphia.

Mr. Roden has performed in the San Francisco Symphony Chamber Music Series and in the pre-concert Chamber Music Series, both in Davis Symphony Hall.
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riences with the People to People program, using them as examples to encourage inductees to pursue opportunities to expand their horizons.

“Traveling to different countries opened my eyes, more than any opportunity I had in college or in my career. I want to congratulate you on being inducted in this honor society, and you will have more opportunities like this in college and after. I want to encourage you to pursue those opportunities with open ears, open eyes and open hearts and grow as a person,” said Dr. Ferguson.

The ceremony was led by the current PTK officers: President Amanda Lee of Boaz, Vice President of Leadership Caitlin Motes of Boaz, Vice President of Service Jessica Webb of Albertville, Vice President of Scholarship Will Hunt of Crossville, Vice President of Fellowship Erica Mason of Albertville, Public Relations Officer Haley Lightsey of Altoona, and Recording Officer Colton Pendley of Albertville. The sponsor for the organization is Director of Campus Engagement Brittany Goble.

Fall 2014 inductees include:

Albertville
Emily Blackmon, Ashley Butler, Christian Cunningham, Yesinia Diaz, Sean Elkins, Samuel Juarez, Megan Massey, Magen LeCroy, Courtney Moore, Ramon Patino, Morgan Posey, and Emily Trussell.

Altoona
Cara Anderson, Caleb Mayo, and Cecily Sloan.

Arab
Hannah Hudson, Emma Mahan, and Seth Tatum.

Attalla
Marissa New.

Boaz
Teresa Aragon, Nora Atrisco, Haley Ballentine, Brent Brackett, Alejandro Corona, Emily Kate Freshwater, Jordan Gore, Hannah Graben, Jessica Hopper, Mark Miller, Jessica Pineda, Angela Scott, Jacob Shull, and Ryan Smith.

Cleveland
Haley Satterfield.

Crossville
Morgan Dooley, Traci Norris, Derek Peacock, and Sara Ruiz.

Dawson
Michael White.

Enterprise
Mary Evelyn Owens.

Fyffe
David Wooten.

Gadsden
Ivan McKinney.

Grant
Lille Allen.

Guntersville
Chelsea Bodine, Tyler Goble, JaMeshia Groce, Emily Hancock, Bailee Kennamer, Allison Pendergrass, Breanna Swords, and Megan White.

Horton

Huntsville
Sierra Fearn.

Jasper
Amanda Bertoldi.

Oneonta
Maegan Towns.

Pinson
Brian Harper.

Union Grove
Alexis Collins and Verlon Johnson.

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“I would like to thank all of my teachers and mentors I encountered at Snead State. I couldn’t have asked for a better place to have started my college career,” she said.

Joni Goss
In Memoriam

The Snead State Alumni Association extends our deepest sympathy to the families of alumni who recently passed away:

Beryl Rains Drain- Class of 1943
Imogene Rains Wilson- Class of 1945
Nancy Jo Hardy- Instructor 1963-1994

Please let us know

The Snead State Alumni Association would like to honor the memory of those of our alumni who have passed away. We appreciate any of our alumni who take the time to notify us of the loss of anyone within our Snead family. Please feel free to contact the Snead State Alumni Office with the information at alumni@snead.edu or (256) 840-4103.