Rockin’ to the 1950s

Poodle skirts, leather jackets and music that stands the test of time were the focus of Snead State Community College's annual Alumni Homecoming event as the decade of the 1950s was remembered.

The Snead State Alumni Association decorated the Student Union Building so alumni could step back in time when vinyl records, Coke floats, and sock hops were all the rage. About 150 alumni and guests attended the event held on Friday, May 3.

The 2013 Alumni Homecoming wasn’t just a time to pay tribute to the 1950s. It was a time to recognize the significant contribution of a Snead alumnus. The 2013 Alumnus of the Year award was given to a graduate of 1948, Mr. Charles White of Sardis (pictured above with Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley).

“It is not unusual for the Board to receive a few different nominations for Alumni of the Year. However, it is unusual for us to receive many nominations for the same person, and that is exactly what happened this year. When it came time to review this year’s nominations, we had four for this individual,” said Alumni Association President Morgan Willis, who presented Mr. White with his award.

At 98 years of age, Mr. White is very active with his church, First Baptist Church of Boaz. A veteran of World War II, Mr. White did not attend Snead until after concluding his time in the service. He spent more than eight years in the Navy. He was considered a “good student with a wonderful, helpful personality.”

He met his wife, Margaret Nelson White, while at Snead, and he shared with those present at Friday’s Homecoming event just how he and his wife met.

“She was standing at the girls’ dorm and threw snowballs at me,” Mr. White described his first meeting with his wife, who passed away in 2009.

Mrs. White came to teach at Snead as part of a special program from Vanderbilt University.

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The Alumni Walk will be a beautiful brick courtyard surrounding the gazebo centrally located in the quad between the Administration Building and the Student Union Building. The Alumni Walk will not only enhance the gazebo area, but serve as a prominent display of the legacy our Alumni share with future and current students. Personalized brick pavers are available for purchase to honor alumni, graduating classes, the memory of loved ones, or supporters of the College.
The Alumni Walk project is off to a great start!

A year of research and preparation came together in May when we were able to launch the Alumni Walk project during Alumni Homecoming on May 3. The response in such a short time has been incredible, but we’ve only just begun.

Our purpose for the project is to significantly increase support for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, so we can continue to help future and current Snead State students receive a quality education. This project will be ongoing, but over the next several weeks, we will certainly be striving to gain momentum with the project.

We have Snead State alumni who live around the globe. Our challenge is reaching out to them, so they all have an opportunity to leave a legacy for future generations of Snead State students.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN MAKING THE ALUMNI WALK PROJECT A SUCCESS! We ask for your support by purchasing a paver in honor of you, your family, or your business or in memory of a loved one. We ask for your support in helping us locate other Snead State alumni. We ask for your support by spreading the word about this exciting project and the positive impact it will have for the College and our students.

The pavers are available in two sizes — 4x8 at $125 per brick and 8x8 at $300 per brick. We also have for purchase miniature replicas of the pavers for you to have as a memento of your purchase. Our initial goal is to raise $100,000.

For our lifetime members, remember to take advantage of our introductory offer just for you! From now through August 31, 2013, lifetime members may purchase a 4x8 brick paver for $100.

For more information, contact us at alumni@snead.edu.

Special Thanks to our first participants in the Alumni Walk:

- Jerry L. Hall
- James and Mary Wells Malone
- The Kubik Family
- Olen Morrison
- The Courington Family
- WQSB, WAVU and WKXX
- Joseph Wayne Rose
- Harold Chitwood
- Bill and Zadie Amberson
- The Amberson Family
- Wendall and Bonnie Glassco
The Fabulous ’50s

The Snead State Theatre Department presented “The Fabulous ’50s” as entertainment for the 2013 Alumni Homecoming festivities.
2013 Alumni Homecoming

Alumni from the 1940s

Alumni from the 1950s

Alumni from the 1960s

Alumni from the 1970s

Alumni from the 1980s

Alumni from the 1990s
2013 Alumni Homecoming

Alumni from the 2000s

Alumni from the 2010s
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After her time at Snead finished, she moved back to her hometown in Illinois until she received an opportunity to teach in Alaska for nine months.

“When she came home from Alaska, I met her in St. Louis and we planned our wedding,” Mr. White said.

The courtship that lasted seven years and 500,000 miles led to the couple marrying in 1952 and settling in Huntsville for a couple of years. They then moved to the Gadsden area, where Mrs. White taught at Gadsden State full-time and at Snead State part-time.

In honor of his wife, Mr. White recently presented Snead State with a contribution of $25,000 to begin a scholarship fund in memory of his beloved wife. The scholarship fund was something she always wanted to do, and through the generosity of her husband, her wishes have become reality.

In addition to the Alumna of the Year award presentation, a graduate from the 1950s, Mr. Billy Beane from Semmes spoke about what the College was like during his time as a student. Mr. Beane attended Snead from 1949-1951 on a basketball scholarship, and he is one of a group of basketball players who return to Boaz every year for a special reunion.

Officers were also elected during Alumni Homecoming to serve the 2013-2014 year: President Morgan Willis of Boaz, Vice President Katherine Brewer of Albertville, Secretary Cherri Barnard of Geraldine, and Treasurer Gary Don Webb of Boaz.

Two officers were stepping off the Board and were recognized for their contributions – Jarrod Shields of Albertville, who served as Vice President, and Lindsey King of Boaz, who served as Secretary.
News from Snead State Community College

PTK Award

Snead State Community College’s Theta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society received $2,000 in funding from the Marshall County Legislative Office toward the program and operation expenses for the upcoming year. Accepting the award from Senator Clay Scofield (center) are SSCC Vice President for Student Services Jason Cannon (left) and Director of Campus Engagement and PTK Advisor Brittany Goble.

Student-Athletes Recognized for Achievements

Seven Snead State students were named 2012-2013 NJCAA Academic Student-Athletes in recognition of their individual academic honors.

Ethan Hunter, a member of the Snead State baseball team, and Alexandria Poole, a member of the tennis team, both were awarded the NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence. The Award of Excellence is the highest Academic Student-Athlete award given. Both finished at Snead State with perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Ethan is the son of Steve and Phyllis Hunter. He majored in Engineering. Alexandria is the daughter of Jo and Garry Poole. She majored in Mechanical Engineering.

The NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement is given to student-athletes who have achieved a 3.80 to 3.99 GPA. Receiving the Superior Academic Achievement Award is Lindsey Elrod, Bridget Fulks and Torrea Talton.

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Teachers Participate in Unique Learning Opportunity at SSCC

For the third year in a row, 18 high school teachers proved that learning can be fun when they participated in the IMPACTSEED program hosted by Snead State Community College.

Teachers in the program learn new and cost-effective ways to engage student learning in physics and chemistry disciplines. Dr. Nouredine Zettili, Jacksonville State University physics professor, led scientific demonstrations involving electricity, magnetic forces, and other science-based experiments.

IMPACTSEED (Improving Physics and Chemistry Teaching in Secondary Education) is a grant-funded project offered through the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. The grant funds educators from Marshall County, Albertville City, Guntersville City, Etowah County, DeKalb County, Marshall Christian Academy, and Oxford City school systems. The program also included participants as far away as Chilton County, Marion County, Russellville City and Baldwin County School Systems. The unique training spans two weeks beginning Monday, June 7.

Snead State Physical Sciences Instructor Jarrod Shields said teachers have the opportunity to take afternoon lab activities that teachers implement in their own classrooms.

“The best part about the pro-

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Snead State Instructor Receives Award for Innovative Use of Technology in the Classroom

A Snead State Community College instructor recently received a special award for his efforts in developing course curriculum using the very best in technology. Biology Instructor Dustin Smith was named a winner of a Blackboard Catalyst Award for Exemplary Course Program, which honors members of the community who design and develop exciting and innovative courses that represent the very best in technology and learning. Blackboard is the platform used by Snead State as well as thousands of other higher education, K-12, professional, corporate and government organizations to extend teaching and learning online.

Dr. Smith has been with Snead State since 2010. The particular course that earned him the Blackboard Catalyst Award is Biology 201 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I.

Courses are evaluated using the rubric by a peer group of Blackboard clients. After evaluating the courses, a Reviewer Council and Exemplary Course Directors determine the winner by considering the interaction and collaboration of the specific course.

“The criteria for a course to meet exemplary status are extremely rigorous,” Dr. Smith said. “This course (Biology 201) has many features that allow students to focus on their personal learning needs.”

The Blackboard Exemplary Course Program Award, which has been a part of the annual Blackboard Catalyst Awards program since 2000, highlights technologically rich, engaging, well designed, and pedagogically sound courses that showcase best practices for the user community. Over 160 entries were evaluated in a peer-review process by more than 300 faculty and instructional designers based on course design, interaction, collaboration, assessment and learner support.

The Blackboard Catalyst Awards program annually recognizes and honors innovation and excellence in the Blackboard global community of practice, where teachers and learners work every day to redefine what is possible when leveraging technology.

Dr. Smith was honored alongside other Blackboard Catalyst Award winners during BbWorld, Blackboard’s annual user conference held in July in Las Vegas, Nev.

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- Lindsey is the daughter of John and Tina Elrod. The Arab-native maintained a 3.83 GPA at Snead State while playing tennis. She majored in Nursing.
- Bridget is the daughter of Shirley and Norman Owens and was a member of the Lady Parsons softball team. She is studying to become a physical therapy assistant. She finished with a 3.95 GPA.
- Torrea is the daughter of Tim and Rita Talton. She maintained a 3.81 GPA as a member of the Lady Parsons softball team. She is studying physical therapy.

The NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement is given to student-athletes who have achieved a 3.60 to 3.79 GPA. Receiving the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award is Hannah Harris and Morgan Walton.

- Hannah is the daughter of Paul and JoAnn Harris. She majored in Biology and maintained a 3.68 GPA. She was a member of the Lady Parsons softball team.
- Morgan Walton, also a member of the softball team, finished at Snead State with a 3.61 GPA. She is the daughter of Chris and Suzie Walton and majored in Science.

Three Snead State athletic teams received recognition for their academic efforts by being named to the 2012-2013 NJCAA All-Academic Teams.

The tennis team finished with a collective 3.44 GPA. The softball team completed the year with a 3.32 GPA, and the volleyball team ended with a 3.0 GPA.

To qualify as an NJCAA All-Academic Team, the team must have an overall team GPA of at least 3.0.
Snead State Spring Graduates

Brady Keel of Boaz, left, received the James B. Allen Award, and Bria Dupree of Birmingham received the Civitan Award. Both awards were given during the Commencement Ceremony on May 9.

The Snead State Community College RN Pinning Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 7, at the Bevill Center. Pictured at left is the 2013 Class of Registered Nurses.
gram is the camaraderie that allows the teachers to exchange information and ideas,” Mr. Shields said.

Snead State was awarded more grant money for the program this year and received $153,000. Because of the additional funds, Snead State was able to accept more local teachers into the program.

“We are always happy to have Dr. Zettilli and the IMPACTSEED team here on our campus. College preparation in the sciences is so important for our students, especially those going into Nursing and Engineering,” said Dr. Jason Watts, Chief Academic Officer at Snead State Community College.

“Having high school science instructors on our campus getting professional development directly from college science instructors is certainly one of the best ways to help them better prepare their students for college and their future careers. Having great, well-prepared teachers in our high schools is also one of the best ways to inspire students to pursue these high-demand fields,” Dr. Watts said.

With the completion of the summer program, the teachers will have access to five additional chemistry and physics technology workshops on Saturdays during the upcoming academic year. Each session they attend will earn them continuing education units needed for professional development requirements.

Because of the grant funding, the IMPACTSEED programs are free of charge to the teachers. Teachers who finish the summer institute receive free teaching kits and modules for their classrooms.
## Upcoming Events

### 2013 Lady Parsons Volleyball Schedule

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### August 12
- **Retiree Brunch**, 10 a.m., Snead State Cafeteria

### August 19
- **Fall Classes Begin**

### October 17
- **Gerhart Chamber Music Festival Opening Concert**, 7 p.m., Fielder Auditorium, Administration Building, free admission

### October 20
- **Gerhart Chamber Music Festival Children’s Concert**, 2 p.m., Fielder Auditorium, Administration Building, free admission
- **Community Wind Band Fall Concert**, 3 p.m., Bevill Center Concert Hall, free admission

### November 3
- **Larry Gatlin Holiday Benefit Performance**, 7 p.m., Fielder Auditorium, Administration Building, ticket information to be announced at a later date

### December 5
- **Alumni Night Out Chili Supper**, 5 p.m., Plunkett-Wallace Gymnasium Lobby; 5:30 p.m., Lady Parsons vs. Gadsden; 7:30 p.m., Parsons vs. Gadsden; Cost: $5 for a bowl, crackers, drink and dessert, $1 for refill bowls

### May 2
- **Alumni Homecoming**, 6 p.m., Student Union Building, free admission

*To keep up with all upcoming events, visit www.snead.edu.*
Membership
That Pays You Back

Be a member of the Snead State Community College Alumni Association, and take advantage of the discounts on products and services provided by participating businesses. All you have to do to earn those discounts is show your Alumni Membership Card!

Current cards expire in September, but the Alumni Office is in the process of updating the list of discounts made available through various businesses. New cards will be mailed in September.

If you are an annual member, now’s the time to renew your membership, so you won’t miss out on the great deals. If you aren’t a member and would like to join, membership forms are available at our Alumni webpage at www.snead.edu.

You may also contact the Alumni Office at (256) 840-4103 or alumni@snead.edu.

Do you have a profile on Facebook? Go like our page to receive the latest announcements and information from the Alumni Association. Find us at www.facebook.com/sneadstatealumni.

Check out our Alumni Association webpage at www.snead.edu.

Take a more active role in the Alumni Association

There are a variety of ways for you to take a more active role in the Snead State Alumni Association.

The Alumni Office is always looking for alumni to serve as volunteers to handle a variety of tasks:
- Serving on the Board of Directors
- Serving on an event planning committee
- Helping to update the alumni database
- Archiving old photos and records
- Volunteering as an office assistant for the Alumni Office
- Helping to spruce up the grounds at the Alumni House

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