I am delighted to share with you the second edition of the Student Development Services newsletter. This newsletter reveals some insight into events that transpired during the 2010-2011 Academic Year in the division. This is only a snapshot of our mission. Our main focus is you! We want you to enjoy your journey with us, but more importantly, we want to help you to achieve your ultimate goals - to be successful and to graduate. Please read and enjoy the updated information by department heads and staff members.

Terry Hazzard, Ed.D.
Dean of Students

Like other colleges, Bishop State Community College is faced with the threat of cutbacks and prorations. During these times, the college family makes special efforts to enhance recruitment strategies to increase enrollment, in addition to the recruitment activities scheduled by our enrollment manager, counselors, faculty members, and staff, including President James Lowe, all of whom have played an active part in the process.

In the summer of 2011, President Lowe mailed approximately 8,400 recruitment letters to high school graduates, encouraging them to choose Bishop State Community College as their college of choice. Coordinated by the Dean of Students, this exciting recruitment tool allowed prospective students and parents living in Mobile County and Washington County areas to receive firsthand invitations to visit our college community.
The coronation of Miss Bishop State Community College, LeShantel Wright, was held Thursday, November 10, 2010. Escorting Miss Wright was Mr. Derrick Foster, Mr. Bishop State Community College. Her court consisted of student representatives from all campuses. The college community and Bishop State supporters were present.

As an added feature, Mr. and Miss J.F. Drake State Technical College, from Huntsville, Alabama, participated as well. Miss Lesley-Anne Eng and Mr. Allen Noble were a welcome addition to the ceremony. Bishop State’s coronation is a conversation piece throughout the state, and we want to keep it that way. That’s recruitment!

The 2010-2011 Academic Year began with the president’s annual convocation. The convocation is designed to give students an opportunity to meet the administrative team of the college and to introduce various student organizations within the college community. This year it was held in the Fredericka G. Evans Cultural Center (Gymnasium), and it was well-attended by the student body. All of the organizations present were introduced with high and contagious energy. Special guests included Mr. LaBarron McClendon, Vice President of Marketing, Community Affairs and Human Relations with Mobile Gas Corporation, and Mr. Chris “Champ” Napier, author of Poverty and Prison, which recognizes the former lifestyle he redirected to serve his community.

The Bishop State Jazzettes sponsored their first fashion show Monday, February 21, 2011, as a homecoming activity. The cost to attend was $2.00. With a packed house from the Mobile community and its surrounding high schools, it looks like this activity will be a favorite for years to come.

Did you know that the city of Mobile has adopted an ordinance in the fight against “sagging pants”? Check with the Mobile Police Department or campus police to learn more about Code 41-21.1.

According to the MPD, the fine for “Indecent Dress” is $172.00. Persons may be issued a warning if underwear is exposed. They may also be issued a citation for “Disorderly Conduct” if underwear is exposed or if pants are below the buttocks. “Indecent Exposure” will be the citation issued if buttocks are exposed. Don’t be caught with your pants down! Do the right thing.

According to Dr. Timothy Broughton, Athletics Director, the Athletics Department continues to thrive for excellence in all its programs: men’s basketball, women’s basketball, women’s fast-pitch softball, and men’s baseball.

As the Athletics Department continues to grow, we excitedly await the renovation of the basketball arena and the state of the art weight room, equipped with the latest fitness equipment.

In addition, initial stages of construction for a baseball and softball facility on our Southwest Campus have begun.

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TRAVELING MUSEUM
On January 27, the Division of Student Development Services joined Regions Bank and the American Legacy Magazine to present the “Celebration of African-American History and Culture.” The college family and other community guests were encouraged to visit the traveling museum truck that placed the spotlight on photos, stories and interactive learning stations focusing on African-American experiences. Parked on Main Campus, the truck was appreciated by faculty and students alike.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND TECHNICAL CAREER FAIR
Bishop State Community College Baker-Gaines Central Campus held its Annual Health Professions and Technical Career Fair on March 31 for high school juniors and seniors. Information was shared regarding the health-related and technical programs, and opportunities were provided for students’ interaction.

Coordinated by counselor Mrs. Yvonne Foster, the participating program areas included: Registered Nursing • Practical Nursing • Physical Therapist Assistant • Cosmetology • Commercial Foods Services • Health Information Technology • HOSA • Emergency Medical Services, and Funeral Services. Approximately 450 students attended. We could not have attained such success without the resources, time and commitment of dedicated members of the Bishop State family.

OUTSTANDING AND INNOVATIVE STUDENT PROJECT SHOWCASED AT THE 2011 EMPLOYMENT EXPOSITION
Bishop State’s 2011 Employment Exposition was held March 1 at Baker-Gaines Central Campus. Fifteen regional employers, representing both private and public sectors, participated in the event, which was open to the community but designed specifically toward Bishop State students and alumni. Also showcased were outstanding and innovative student projects from two of the college’s premier programs: Auto Body Repair and Electronics Engineering Technology.

One hundred and sixty attendees discussed possible employment, interviewing on-site for the following employers: Alta Pointe Health Systems, Alabama Career Center, APTOR Rehab Services, FOX 10 TV, Mobile County Personnel Board, Mobile County Public School System, Mobile Gas, a Sempra Company, Mobile Works, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, O’Reilly Auto Parts, Primerica Life, Regions Bank, Searcy Hospital, Spherion, and the Social Security Administration.

ALL-ALABAMA ACADEMIC TEAM
Representing the All-Alabama Academic Team this year was Kimberly Madison and Karen Payne. Miss Madison was elected as President of the SGA and Miss Payne served as President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. These students distinguished themselves as accomplished scholars.

The Bishop State family congratulates them for their outstanding achievements and accomplishments. In the fall, Miss Madison will transfer to Alabama State University on a full scholarship, and Miss Payne will continue her studies at the University of South Alabama.
The Annual Honors Day Convocation was held April 26 in the Yvonne Kennedy Auditorium at Baker-Gaines Central Campus. Several students were recognized for their achievements in academic and extracurricular activities, as well as other acknowledgments.

For the first time, faculty and staff members who earned doctoral and master degrees were recognized and presented with medallions for their achievement. Also, the name of the convocation was changed to the Dr. Keflyn X. Reed Annual Honors Day Convocation in honor of Dr. Keflyn X. Reed, who dedicated a long term of service to the college as program coordinator. Dr. Terry Hazzard, Dean of Students, accepted the role as Program Coordinator, effective Spring Semester 2011. Shown above, Kimberly Madison, SGA President, is receiving an academic honor from Dr. Terry Hazzard.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CARVER CAMPUS

The Carver Campus had one of its most exciting school terms ever, graduating large numbers of students from its welding program. Recently hired welding instructors have provided much depth to this program, accompanying work force needs throughout Mobile. More than 500 prospective students toured the campus during the 2010-2011 Academic Year. Students came to visit the new Culinary Arts Department and other areas of the college.

The Alpha Epsilon Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 23 members on March 30th. The chapter would like to recognize these new inductees and welcome them to our honor society. They are: Cheray Bixler • Bridget Busby • Aimee Clarke • Kaneesha Crenshaw • Uylessia Foster • Reese Grayson • Lezerrick Harris • Linette Hoppe • Jennifer Howell • Abbie Hunter • Robert Jackson III • Terren Leftwich • Alida Lilley • Vertis Lucas • Alexia Martin • Amber McMillan • Chivalric Moore • DeAndria Reed • Sheree Spencer • Kayla Trotter • Michael Orum • Marcus Page Jr. • Gisele Zougmore • Ambrosia Walker.

This mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. To achieve eligibility for Phi Theta Kappa, a student must complete at least 12 hours of associate’s degree course work and earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher. The student must maintain high academic standing of a 3.0 cumulative GPA, throughout the remaining of enrollment. For more information, please visit our website at www.ptkbssc.wordpress.com.
The week of February 20 – 24 was Homecoming. From Gospelfest, Green and Gold Day, the Fashion Show, Homecoming Election, College Transfer Day, Talent Show, Black History Observance to the Annual Smack Down, Block Party, and Pep Rally, the college was on an exciting roll. The culmination of all these activities included Homecoming games between Bishop State and Enterprise-Ozark Community College. The half-time of the men’s game featured the announcement and presentation of the Homecoming Court. They were: Miss Varsity, Lynda Klyce • 2nd Attendant, Kendra Cage • 1st Attendant, Kinisha Lott, and Miss Homecoming 2011, Derricka Smith.

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COLLEGE-WIDE GET ON BOARD
Mrs. Yvonne Foster and other counselors and dedicated members of the Bishop State family hosted the first college-wide “Get On Board” at Baker-Gaines Central Campus on October 7. Student clubs and organizations were present, and good food and music were enjoyed by everyone.

BLOOD DRIVE
The annual blood drive was held October 11 on Main Campus. We continue to encourage the Bishop State family to help save lives by giving blood. Twenty-three pints of blood were collected by LifeSouth Community Blood Center this year. With LifeSouth, the blood collected in the community stays in the community!

STATEWIDE HIV/STD PROJECT
Bishop State Community College joined forces with the Mobile County Health Department in the fight against HIV/STDs. Bishop State is among several colleges throughout the state participating in a study that is dedicated to significantly decrease or completely diminish the number of reported cases.

Eighty-five students were tested on the Main Campus, 17 students on the Baker-Gaines Central Campus, 47 on the Carver Campus and 53 on the Southwest Campus, reaching our goal of testing more than 200 students during the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

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Keep your ears open as we will soon announce the date of the Mr. and Miss Bishop State Community College Pageant.

PRESIDENT’S OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
Effective Spring Semester 2011, the James Browning Allen Outstanding Student Award, formerly named after the late Senator James B. Allen, was changed to The President’s Outstanding Student Award. This award is presented annually to the member of the graduating class who meets the criteria of a well-rounded college student, as determined by the selection committee.

The award recipient from the 2011 graduating class was Crystal Gable. Miss Gable completed her studies in Civil Engineering Technology at the Southwest Campus. She currently works as Civil Structural Designer at Hargrove Engineers and Constructors.
SGA activities at Bishop State are the hub of campus life. Soon it will be time for high school graduating seniors to attend college for the first time. In addition to being excited, a first day in college can cause butterflies in one’s stomach. Students will be leaving familiar surroundings of high school and embarking on a new journey with new teachers, new classrooms and new faces. To help overcome these fears, we encourage you to get involved in campus life.

Getting involved in student activities on campus will also give you the opportunity to meet new people. Being part of a student group will give you something for you to look forward to outside of class, work and homework, while helping you expand your leadership potential.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is a great way for you to become involved. Our SGA is a diverse and committed group of students elected to be the voice of the student body, with the purpose of enriching students’ social lives and broadening cultural and on-campus community experiences. SGA promotes student involvement and seeks to improve the general student welfare. SGA elections are held twice a year and are open to both freshman and sophomores who meet requirements.

SGA is always looking for enthusiastic students with new ideas. Being a member of SGA looks great on your resume and gives you the opportunity to work with a great team of people. If you are interested in running for office or just have questions, you can contact Tracy Abbot, SGA Advisor, at 251-405-7175 or stop by the Office of the Dean of Students. We encourage you to take advantage of all the ways to get involved in student life and make your experience here at Bishop State fun and exciting.

One of the major highlights of college life events is the presentation of the Bishop State Jazzettes. This group performs during basketball season, new student orientation, and other events.

Tryouts were held April 1 to find the 16 young ladies who will be representing the Wildcats on the newly selected team. They are: Mikita Davis, Captain; Tiffany Boykin, Danielle Brown, Seadeas Crum, Charilse Dixon, Cherise Foreman, Sade Hill, Cedrice Hockaday, Chelsea Holcombe, Jerrica Hunt, Maryum Jackson, Paige Melton, Vesta Moffatt, Crystal Smith, Derricka Smith, Jemarria Smith. The team is under the direction of Ms. Hettie Smith. Interested students should contact Ms. Smith at 405-7087 for more information.
**BOOKSTORE UPDATE**

Have you visited our remodeled Main Campus store, or have you seen the new Central Campus location? Not only can we get any books you need FAST, but we are your snack and school spirit headquarters! Forgot your breakfast? Need a pick me up? Come to the bookstore—our snacks are as low as $3.00. Getting ready for the big game? Come to the bookstore. Show your school spirit with our new line of hats, sweats, tees, polos and flip-flops. The bookstore has more than just text books and supplies. When you need it, the bookstore has it!

Need some CASH to fund your summer FUN? Consider book buy back. We pay top dollar for well cared for books.

In an effort to save you even more money, we have started RENTING TEXT BOOKS. Text book rental is a new way to keep even more money in your pocket. Renting a text book costs about half the price of a new text book. Visit Rent-a-Text.com to set up your rental account and start saving money today.

If there is something you would like to be made available in the bookstore, contact the bookstore manager, Daphne Ellenburg, at 251.405.7036. She will be happy to assist you by ordering additional items needed.

Rally on Wildcats! Don’t forget to drop by and visit the smiling faces at the new Bishop State Bookstores.

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**THE WILDCAT AMBASSADORS**

This year, the Wildcat Ambassadors had an active year. This group of student leaders was taught by Miss Andrea Yohn, a Ph.D. intern at the University of South Alabama. Together they learned a number of leadership strategies to boost their confidence and to complement their leadership styles. This group of students is instrumental in recruitment activities, in addition to other campus-related events.

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**GREEN-KNIGHT TECHNICAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Each year during the graduation exercise, The Green-Knight Technical Award of Excellence is presented to an outstanding student from the technical school of the college. This award is named after Mr. Arthur Green, first chief administrator of Carver State Technical College, now the Carver Campus of Bishop State Community College, and Mr. Clay Knight, the first president of Southwest State Technical College, now the Southwest Campus of Bishop State Community College. The award recipient from the 2011 graduating class was Mrs. Crystal Dees. Mrs. Dees completed her studies in Electronics Engineering Technology. Congratulations!

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**FINANCIAL AID UPDATES**

The Financial Aid Office at Bishop State Community College is here to provide students and their families with friendly and timely financial aid services. No appointments are necessary to meet with financial aid advisors or the Manager of Financial Aid.

We are on FACEBOOK, and you can also send an e-mail to financialaid@bishop.edu for any inquiries you may have. Feel free to call financial aid at 405-7015.

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**“ONE-STOP SHOP” COMPLETION**

We have completed our task of implementing a “One-Stop Shop” on Main Campus. Effective Fall Semester 2011, student services functions, including registration, took place in the Oliver H. Delchamps, Jr., Student Life Conference Complex.

Our effort has been to centralize the student functions to our Main Campus for your convenience. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.
Staff Accomplishments

- **DR. TERRY HAZZARD**, Dean of Students, received the 2010 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Education.

- **LAKISHA J. ODOM**, daughter of **MR. MAYNARD ODOM** and **DR. ROXANNE ODOM**, graduated from Tuskegee University in the Class of 2011. She received a Doctorate of Philosophy with concentration in Integrative Biosciences.

- **BRITTANY PERRY**, daughter of **MR. CHRISTOPHER PERRY** and **DR. VICTORIA PERRY**, completed her studies at Auburn University in the Class of 2011. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

- **JARED HAZZARD**, son of **Dr. and Mrs. Terry Hazzard**, is Black Belt Recommended with the American Taekwondo Association.

- **MR. PHILLIP URBANEK** is currently enrolled at the University of Alabama in Business Administration.

- **JEANETTE WASHINGTON**, daughter of **LLOYD WASHINGTON**, Chief of Campus Police, was married on Saturday, June 11, in Decatur, Alabama.

- **MAURICE AND MORGAN DAVIS**, granddaughters of **MARDINA DAVIS PHALO**, were promoted to the first and second grade after receiving straight A’s from Semmes Elementary School.