WELCOME FROM THE DEAN: A Year In Review

I am happy to present the third edition of the Student Development Services Annual Newsletter for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. During a time when the dollar is scarce, the division continues to learn to do more with less to ensure our student body receives a well-rounded college experience. As you read the articles in this publication, keep an eye on the achievements of students and the hard work of faculty and staff shown throughout the year. We are proud of our accomplishments, which reflect the goals and objectives of Student Development Services. I hope you enjoy reading these articles and find them to be an informative look at the events that strengthen the unity of the College by bringing faculty and students together. It is an honor to work with all of you in the important role of student development as we mold our students to become leaders, and encourage them to strive for the best. Let’s look forward to having another great year.

Terry Hazzard, Ed.D.
Dean of Students

A NEW GOAL FOR FACULTY AND STAFF FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR: Excellence In Customer Service

For faculty and staff members at Bishop State Community College, we take pride in the operation of the College as a growing and efficient business with a mission statement. Together, we are in the business of providing mentorship and education. Like a well-oiled machine, a business as a whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We are all a part of Bishop State, and we all have important roles in fulfilling its mission. As educators, we know and teach great customer service to be imperative to great business. To achieve this goal for our college, we are being challenged to make great strides in the area of customer service, especially face-to-face communication, and to recognize that this kind of communication is so important to our students.

When we communicate with our students in person, or via telephone or e-mail, excellent customer service means portraying professional and positive image that directly affects the College’s student enrollment. In an article titled, “Why Is Customer Service Important to an Organization?” Rick Suttle wrote, “A person who has a bad customer service experience will likely tell between nine and twenty people.” Let’s make customer service a priority. We are in the business of serving others, with both the opportunity and the responsibility of being role models for our students.
PRESIDENT LOWE GREETS THE STUDENT BODY
During the month of October, Student Development Services sponsored a “Meet and Greet” for the President of the College. President James Lowe, Jr. took this opportunity to meet with students in an informal setting to answer questions.

CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY
As the initial phase of the renovations on the Southwest Campus came to a close, students enjoyed a social gathering that included food from Chick-Fil-A and Hungry Howie’s Pizza & Subs. During this event, students participated in VOTE 18, a program that motivates students to register to vote when they turn 18, show them the value of their vote, and motivates them to stay politically engaged over the long term. There was a mock Presidential Election where candidates gave speeches and a question and answer session followed by a vote. The emphasis was on the importance of exercising each individual’s right and responsibility to participate in the democratic process. Students also donated blood to LifeSouth to help meet the needs of the local community.

WILDCAT AMBASSADORS
The Wildcat Ambassador Program continues to thrive and serve the College in a meaningful way. Area leaders give weekly presentations to the ambassador class to teach them valuable leadership experience. The Ambassadors serve as official hosts and hostesses for the College during such events as the President’s Meet and Greet, Coronation of Mr. and Miss Bishop State Community College, SGA Student Leadership Retreat, Black History Observance Program, Homecoming events, Keflyn X. Reed Honors Day Convocation, and Spring and Summer graduations.

BUILDING RENOVATION ON SOUTHWEST CAMPUS
Renovation has been the ongoing theme on the Southwest Campus of the College. The buildings facing Dauphin Island Parkway have been completely refaced and there is a new entrance for the campus. A new LED sign was added to identify the campus and advertise upcoming events, including registration. Before the beginning of the Summer, the new gates opened to welcome students and faculty back for the Summer Semester 2012. In addition to the building remodeling, all the drive ways and parking lots were resurfaced and repainted. Southwest Campus is ready for the next phase of renovations to come.

COLLEGE-WIDE GET ON BOARD
The Annual “Get On Board” was Tuesday, October 19, 2011, on the Main Campus. This fun-filled day was coordinated by Dr. Victoria Perry, Student Activities Chairperson.

Students met faculty and staff members as they learned about the goals and objectives of various campus-wide organizations. “Get on Board” serves as an opportunity to connect students with the college community.
Homecoming 2012 was a huge success. The Campus Ministry Organization and Ms. Diana McNeil, Chairperson for the Division of Humanities, took an active role in kicking off the festivities with Gospel Fest on Sunday, February 21, 2012. Musical groups from the College and surrounding community took part. Mr. Derrick Foster, SGA President, was instrumental in supporting this activity. The festivities continued with Green and Gold day. SGA Vice President Miss LeShantel Wright coordinated the Talent Show, followed by the Homecoming Election. The Jazzettes sponsored the Fashion Show, coordinated by Ms. Hettie Smith.

On February 27th, the College hosted the “Homecoming Smack Down,” a basketball game between faculty members and student participants, followed by the Block Party and Pep Rally. All the festivities led up to the Annual Homecoming Games, as the men's and women's basketball teams faced teams from L.B. Wallace. The half-time festivities during Homecoming 2012 featured the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, Miss Anitra Logan, and for the first time in the history of the College, the Homecoming King, Mr. Alphonso Evans. Miss Varsity, Miss Denise Nelson, was also recognized by the Men’s Basketball Team. First Attendant and Escort to Mr. and Miss Homecoming were Miss Tchanadrien Finkley and Mr. Troy Brown. Second Attendant to Mr. and Miss Homecoming were Miss Ashley Holley and Mr. Derrick Foster, Jr.

This exciting time for the students was coordinated by the Student Activities Committee, chaired by Dr. Victoria Perry.

THE CORONATION OF MISS BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2011

The Coronation of Miss Bishop State Community College was held on Thursday, November 3, 2011. Miss Bishop State, Eukheria Collins, selected as her theme: “Unforgettable Elegance.” Escorting the Queen was Mr. Kentrell Griffin, Mr. Bishop State Community College. The court consisted of representatives from the Student Government Association from all campuses, as well as Class Favorites - Miss Freshman, Tyra Givance; Mr. Freshman, Sam Smith; Miss Sophomore, Derricka Smith; Mr. Sophomore, Brandon Hoyt; 1st Runner-up, Jessica Sanders, escorted by Jared Olson; and 2nd Runner-up, Sondra Lovette, escorted by Terrance Smith.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association (SGA) joined forces with the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Project (ADAP) for Red Ribbon Week, to increase awareness and understanding among the student body about these issues. The use of alcohol and other drugs affects all of our lives. The mission was not only to increase awareness, but also to promote responsible behavior among students. This effort was designed to develop a culture of mutual responsibility within the Bishop State community.

Red Ribbon Week kicked off November 7, 2012. The Student Government Association hosted the college-wide event by setting up tables on all four campuses where they handed out materials and pamphlets on alcohol and drug awareness. By participating in this event, the Bishop State family committed to take a proactive approach and offered additional educational information on alcohol and drug awareness.

BISHOP STATE CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

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ALL-ALABAMA ACADEMIC TEAM

The presentation of the All-Alabama Academic Team members for the 2011-2012 Academic Year was outstanding. Representing Bishop State Community College were Jared Olson and Gisele Zougmore. The College family congratulates: Mr. Olson, honor student, athlete and recipient of the 2012 President’s Outstanding Student Award; and Miss Zougmore, honor student, and Vice-President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. We extend to them best wishes for continued success.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND TECHNICAL CAREER FAIR

Baker-Gaines Central Campus held its Annual Health Professions and Technical Career Fair March 31, 2011, for high school juniors and seniors, where they received information regarding the health-related and technical programs at Bishop State Community College. Coordinated by Mrs. Yvonne Foster, counselor, the event gave students a chance to interact and learn about programs including Registered Nursing, Practical Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Cosmetology, Commercial Foods Services, Health Information Technology, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), Emergency Medical Services, and Funeral Services Education. Approximately 450 students attended. Thanks to the resources, time and commitment of dedicated members of the Bishop State family, the career fair was successful.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION

The Baker-Gaines Central Campus celebrated National Public Health Week April 2-5, 2012. National Public Health Week focused on preventative measures for healthy eating, active living, communicable diseases, reproductive health, and emotional well-being. The celebration also included National Public Health Student Day, a fun day of cooking out and other activities for students. The participants were Mobile County Health Department, Hands on South Alabama, American Red Cross, Franklin Primary Health Center, and LifeSouth. Various health agencies visited the campus throughout this week, including Franklin Primary Health Center and Community Assistance Program, which distributed Prescription Drug Discount Cards to the students. Alta Pointe educated students about stress management.
HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS
The Office of Student Development Services on the Baker-Gaines Central Campus recognizes program directors, faculty and staff for sharing hands on illustrations and presentations of the health related programs for students touring from Faulkner Career Center and Murphy High School during the 2012 Spring Semester.

CARVER CAMPUS ADDITIONS
Carver Campus recently completed renovation to the Learning Resource Center. The 30/60 square-foot computer lab consists of 30 new computers. The LRC has a collection of over 10,000 books and subscribes to more than 23 magazines and newspapers. The lab also gained a new projector with a 55-inch LCD screen, specifically designed to feature community and campus events.

MR. AND MISS BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PAGEANT
The Mr. and Miss Bishop State Community College Pageant was April 19, 2012. There were ten contestants who did a wonderful job preparing for the event. Dewitt Ford and Tchanadrien Finkley won the titles of Mr. and Miss Bishop State. First and Second Runners-Up to Mr. Bishop State were Terrance Smith and Gerald Sanders. First and Second Runners-Up to Miss Bishop State were Kinisha Lott and Beyonka Gipson. Congratulations to all.

PHI THETA KAPPA ON THE MOVE
Bishop State’s Alpha Epsilon Nu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society returned home from Nashville, Tennessee, as winners. There were an estimated 500 chapters, 4,000 members and 1,300 advisors who attended the annual international convention. During the Hallmark Awards Gala on April 14, 2012, Bishop State Community College Honor Students won the Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award for 2011-2012. Linette Hoppe, 2011-2012 President, and Gisele Zougmore, 2011-2012 Vice President, accepted the prestigious award. The advisor for Alpha Epsilon Nu, Dr. Victoria Perry, was awarded the Distinguished Advisor Award. Both Dr. Perry and the Officer Team won the same awards, along with the Spirit Award and the Pinnacle Award at the regional level during the Alabama Regional Convention held in Decatur, Alabama in March of 2012.

BOOKSTORE UPDATES
There is a lot of excitement going on at the campus bookstores as the new academic year begins. To assure textbooks are easily available for students, bookstore managers and staff have been working hard to get needed information from all instructors. Students may buy books from the website at www.efollett.com, or pick them up from the bookstores on the Main Campus or Baker-Gaines Central Campus.

The book rental program continues to gain praise from both students and parents alike. Students who rent their text books instead of buying new textbooks each year see a tremendous savings.

The digital book program is also a favorite among students. New software applications allow digital text books to be read on smart phones and tablets. Digital books are available in various subjects, and they are available for rent or purchase.

The campus bookstores are valuable resources for supplies, clothing, snacks and computers. Students and faculty are highly encouraged to request any items not currently in stock. Make requests online at www.efollett.com, or contact Daphne Ellenburg, Bookstore Manager, at 405.7036.
The Keflyn X. Reed Honors Day Convocation was April 26, 2012, in the Yvonne Kennedy Auditorium on the Baker-Gaines Central Campus. Scholarships and awards were presented to students recognized for their accomplishments in academic and extracurricular achievements. Faculty members Dr. LaShondra Robinson and Dr. William Autry were honored for earning doctoral degrees.

As a special acknowledgement, the family of the late Dr. Keflyn X. Reed was recognized as the name of the convocation was changed to reflect the dedication and commitment of Dr. Reed, who was an outstanding member of the Bishop State family.

TECHNICAL DUAL ENROLLMENT

Technical Dual Enrollment expanded once again during this academic year to the availability of 11 programs throughout Mobile and Washington counties. The newest program to participate was Early Childhood Education. The first class of students was held in spring 2012 at Faulkner Career Technical Center.

Technical Dual Enrollment students took classes on the Carver Campus, Southwest Campus, Faulkner Career Tech Center, Bryant Career Tech Center, Davidson High School, and Murphy High School. Students were bused from B. C. Rain to the Southwest Campus for classes in the Drafting and Design program. Washington County Career Tech Center held classes in Welding and Drafting and Design programs. Students enrolled in these programs totaled 139 during the Fall 2011 Semester and 115 students during the Spring 2012 Semester.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Student Enrollment on Southwest Campus is increasing. The enrollment rose from 393 students in Fall of 2010 to 545 in Spring of 2012.

OPEN HOUSE

Students and parent involvement in Open House continues to grow each year. 148 students and parents attended the morning and afternoon event. Open House was coordinated by Enrollment Manager and Advisor to International Students Maynard Odom and Counselors Dr. Victoria Perry, Mrs. Carol Thompson, Ms. Tracey Abbott, Mr. Anthony Carter and Mrs. Yvonne Foster. It was informative for all participants.

HELPING TO IMPROVE SPIRITS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

In an effort to get the student body involved with helping to fulfill Christmas wishes of families in need in our community, the SGA celebrated the holiday season with a can food drive. It was a successful first-time college-wide event for students, faculty and staff. The can goods were donated to the Mobile United Methodist Mission just in time for Thanksgiving. The SGA followed up this event with the participation in a toy drive with WKRG TV (Channel 5) News Station. Big thanks to all who participated!

FINANCIAL AID

The application process for financial aid is always ongoing. To avoid long lines and the frustrations of applying late, stay ahead of the game and apply early. Call the Financial Aid Office at 405-7015 or visit the office to ensure that you have completed the process.
BISHOP STATE PARTICIPATES IN LEADING EDGE SUMMER INSTITUTE

Ms. Vivian Williams, counselor in the Tutorial/Reading Laboratory, became a mentor to Beyionka Gipson, Raquel Ross and Kinisha Lott, who were selected to represent Bishop State at the Summer Institute at Judson College, June 25 – July 1, 2012. The Summer Institute teaches leadership skills, pride and responsibility for representatives of the College. The students selected for this program are mentored during a week of educational workshops where they learn to enhance values of self-awareness, leadership, diversity, servitude and sisterhood.

GRADUATION

The Seventy-Fourth commencement of Bishop State Community College was held May 4, 2012, at the Mobile Civic Center. Three hundred and forty-three students received degrees or certificates from the College. Retired Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate gave the graduates an admirable commencement address. The commencement also included graduates from the Class of 1962, who returned to receive their 50th year diploma.

The College held its third summer commencement on July 30, 2012, in the Yvonne-Kennedy Auditorium at Baker-Gaines Central Campus. Eighty-six students received degrees and certificates. The Honorable Ella B. Bell, President Pro Tem of the Alabama State Board of Education, Fifth District, delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking commencement address.

JAZZETTES FOR 2012-2013

Congratulations to the 2012 - 2013 Jazzettes:

Deidre Smith, Captain
Breanna Haines, Co-captain
Rashon Andrews
Shanice Davis
Charlise Dixon
Paige Melton
Ashley Perryman

Michaela Randolph
Katelyn Richie
Teneshia Brown
Johna Brown
G’nevra Davis
Tchanadrien Finkley
Jontavia Hodges
India Longshaw
Kierra White
ATHLETICS UPDATE

Athletics is an integral part of the College, with scholarships offered in the following sports: Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Baseball, Fast-Pitch Softball and Cheerleading. While at Bishop State, student athletes are challenged academically and athletically. Our athletic program nurtures student athletes in academic and athletic pursuits as well as personal success, preparing them for the demands of today and the expectations of tomorrow. The program prides itself on being part of the “new Bishop State era.” We are especially proud of our graduation rate of athletes. Below are a few noteworthy achievements our student athletes have earned during their participation in the Athletics Department at Bishop State Community College.

MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

DEMETRIUS PLOWE - FRESHMAN
★ An Honor Student-Athlete with a 3.267 Grade Point Average
★ An All-Southern League Nominee
★ BSCC 2nd leading scorer, averaging 10.91 points per game (20th Best in Southern League)
★ BSCC 2nd Leading Rebounder, averaging 6.7 per game (10th Best in Southern League)
★ BSCC 2nd Leader in Double Doubles - 4 (Tied for 6th in Southern League)

JEREMY BAILEY - SOPHOMORE
★ 2nd Team All-Southern League
★ Leader in assists
★ Averaging 4.64 per game - 5th best in Southern League
★ Leader in steals, averaging 1.68 - 6th best in Southern League
★ BSCC most assists in single game 10 - 3 times - 3rd Best in Southern League
★ 3rd leading scorer
★ Averaging 9 points per game

JAMARCUS BLACKMON - SOPHOMORE
★ Graduated July of 2012 with a 2.933 Grade Point Average
★ 1st Team All-Southern League
★ Leading scorer, averaging 15 points per game - 5th best in Southern League
★ Leading Rebounder - averaging 7.6 rebounds per game (4th best in Southern League)
★ Leader in free throws .750 percent (3rd in Southern League)
★ Leader in double doubles - 8 (4th best in Southern League), and
★ Earned BSCC 1st most points in single game – 28 (5th in Southern League)
★ 2nd Team – All-Regional
FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL ACHIEVEMENTS

KIMBERLY ANDERSON
★ 2nd Team All-Southern Conference in the ACCC for 2011-2012
★ Graduated from Bishop State Community College in May 2011
★ Nominated for All-American Honors in 2011-2012

KATIE BELUE
★ Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bishop State Community College in May of 2011
★ Received a Full Academic Scholarship from the University of Mobile and is Ranked 15th in Batting in the nation.

ASHLEY HOLIFIELD
★ Participated on the Bishop State Community College Fast-Pitch Softball Team from 2010-2011 and received an Academic Scholarship in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program at Bishop State Community College.
★ Graduated from Bishop State Community College in May of 2011 and was recognized as All-ACCC. She received an Athletic Scholarship from Miles College.

KENDRA O’NEAL
★ Graduated from Bishop State Community College in May of 2011 and was recognized as All-ACCC. She received an Athletic Scholarship from Kentucky State University.

CANDICE STALLWORTH
★ Participated on the Fast-Pitch Softball Team and was recognized as All-ACCC. She graduated from Bishop State Community College in May of 2011, and received an Athletic Scholarship from Kentucky State University.
JARED OLSON
Graduated with honors from Bishop State Community College in May of 2012 and was the recipient of the 2012 President’s Outstanding Student Award. He was also named to the All-American USA Today Academic Team. He will be continuing his education at Auburn University.

CHRISTOPHER AMBROSIO
Graduated from Bishop State Community College in May of 2011 and received an Athletic Scholarship from Stillman College.

JOSHUA BLAYLOCK
Graduated from Bishop State Community College in 2010 and received an Athletic Scholarship from the University of Mobile.

CASEY ADAMS
Graduated from Bishop State Community College in May of 2010 and received an Athletic Scholarship from Spring Hill College.

BRETT LEE
Participated on the Bishop State Community College Baseball Team in 2009-2010, and is currently playing professional baseball with the Minnesota Twins.

JOSEPH CORLEY
Graduated with honors from Bishop State Community College in May of 2009 and received an Athletic Scholarship from Huntingdon College.

RONALD TARVIN
Graduated from Bishop State Community College in May of 2009 and received an Athletic Scholarship from Faulkner University.

PETER ROSE
Graduated with honors from Bishop State Community College in May of 2009 and was the recipient of the 2009 President’s Outstanding Student Award.

BASEBALL TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS
We salute our student-athletes in their positive representation of Bishop State’s athletic programs.
STAFF AND FAMILY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CAROL THOMPSON was the commencement speaker on June 30, 2012, for the graduating class of the DESI Career Training Center. She was also selected as a member of the Board of Directors for The Continuum of Care (CoC).

MAURICE AND MORGAN DAVIS, grandchildren of Mardina Phalo, earned “all A’s” for the 2011-2012 academic year at Semmes Elementary School, where they are enrolled in the PACE Program.

AMBER KOGER, daughter of Candy Koger, earned “all A’s” for the 2011-2012 academic year at Saraland Elementary School. She is a member of Duke University Program, and won the 5th grade Letter to the Senator Award. She also won Dancer of the Year at Grace Dance Center.

HANNAH KOGER, daughter of Candy Koger, won 7th Grade Beauty at Saraland Middle School.

PHIL URBANEK earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Alabama on August 5, 2012.

MELANIE MITCHELL, daughter of Eric and Yolanda Steele, graduated from Davidson High School in December 2011.

BRITTANY PERRY, daughter of Christopher and Dr. Victoria Perry, is currently serving the U.S. Navy. Brittany currently works as a Behavioral Health technician at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

DEIDRE SMITH, daughter of Ms. Hettie Smith, graduated number six in her class from Ben C. Rain High School, and is now attending Bishop State Community College.

REGINALD WINCHESTER, son of Ms. Hettie Smith, graduated from the University of South Alabama in December of 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, with an emphasis in Management. Congratulations!

JARED HAZZARD, son of Dr. and Mrs. Terry (Tanya) Hazzard, became a Black Belt with the American Martial Arts Association. He is currently studying to become a Second Degree Black Belt.

DR. TERRY HAZZARD and three of his classmates from Alabama A&M University released a Christian single on August 28, titled, “Jesus Christ Is the Way.” The selection is recorded under the group name “Nuove Mystique.”

MISSION STATEMENT

Student Development Services provides a learning environment, which maximizes the opportunity for student growth, both individually and collectively by establishing provisions for the development of the mind and body; not aside from curriculum instruction, but in partnership with it; not as a supplement, but as a complement.

In Memory of
Mrs. Linda Showers
Case Manager, Secretary, Admissions Clerk
Date of Employment
July 1, 1994 – January 30, 2012