

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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2005 Outstanding Alumni Awards

The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association honored 12 outstanding alumni at the college's 40th anniversary reception in August.

"As we commemorate the beginning of Wallace State, it is fitting to recognize alumni of the institution," said Dr. Vicki Hawsey, President of Wallace State. "They have set the example for other alumni who follow."

Hawsey and Grady Smith, president of the Wallace State Community College Alumni Association and CEO of Cullman Electric Cooperative, recognized eight nominees and four award winners, including one overall winner.

"All these nominees have demonstrated achievement within their field of work or expertise, taken an active role in community service, and demonstrated a commitment to Wallace State," Hawsey said.

The overall winner of the



Alumni Award winners include, front row (l to r) Laura McRea, Overall Outstanding Alumni; Michelle Laidley, Outstanding Alumni Winner; Myra Fell, nominee; Crystal Robertson, nominee; and back row Grady Smith, Alumni president; Mike Hawkins, Outstanding Alumni; Chris Borden, nominee; Alan Wood, nominee; Dr. Tomesa Smith, nominee; and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Hawsey.

2005 Outstanding Alumni Award was Laura McRea. McRea is a 1993 graduate of Wallace State and currently the Director of Medical Records at Cullman Regional Medical Center.

She has served Wallace State as a guest instructor. Her contributions to the community include volun-

teering at the Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

McRea continually supports students and guides her own employees towards advancement.

The Alumni Association also recognized three other outstanding alumni.

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4th Annual Alumni Scholarship Run



The 4th Annual Alumni Scholarship Run will be Saturday, April 1, 2006. This year's event will again feature a 10K, 5K and One Mile Walk/Run.

The Alumni Association holds this event to fund scholarships for Wallace State students. Over the last three years, eight scholarships have been awarded totaling \$4,000.

The Alumni Association's goal is to increase the number and

amount of the scholarships awarded each year.

Registration forms are available at the WSCC Alumni Web site. Join us for a great event featuring pre- and post-race refreshments, massages and door prizes. Winners in each event will receive cash awards and medallions. For more information contact the Alumni Office or Wayne Maynard, Race Day Coordinator, at 256.352.8116.

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Upcoming Events

Alumni Scholarship Run
April 1, 2006

WSCC Sports Hall of Fame
March 18, 2006

Community College Month
April 2006

WSCC Graduation
May 19, 2006

Alumni Giving

Orange Club:

Connie Allen
Josephine Janik
Joshua Reese

Silver Club:

Doug & Sue Spradlin

Navy Club:

Nella Briscoe
Olvin Briscoe

Victory Club:

Mandi Perkins
Tony Cowart

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2005 Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients

Sue Spradlin is now retired as the Director of Co-Op and Job Placement at Wallace State. Spradlin created and implemented the Alumni Association. She continues to volunteer her time to the Association, as well as with the Cullman Lioness Club. She is a 1984 graduate of Wallace State.

Mike Hawkins was one of the first 20 employees at Adtran, Inc. in Huntsville. Adtran is now a world leader in telecommunications equipment, employing 1,700 people. He serves as the Manager of Technical Support and arranges tours, support and consulting for the WSCC Electronics department.

Michelle Laidley is a 1992 graduate of the RN program. Laidley has completed her Master's of Science in Nursing and is a family nurse practitioner. She is president of SafeKids of Cullman and serves a preceptor for nursing students at Wallace State.

2005 Outstanding Alumni Award Nominees

Arnice Weeks is a 1986 graduate and now a Management Consultant for Traditions Bank.

Chris Borden is a 1995 graduate with a Doctorate in Pharmacy and owner of Borden Family Pharmacy.

Alan Wood is a 1986 graduate and AmSouth Bank President.

Tomesa Smith is a 1982 graduate and now serves WSCC as the Dean of Students.

Myra Fell is a 1990 graduate who now serves as the Director of Medical Staff Services at CRMC.

Crystal Stansberry Robertson is a 2001 graduate and now a first grade teacher.

Farrell Seymore is a 1992 alum now serving as an assistant principal for Opelika City Schools.

Mary Orr is a 1995 graduate and Director of Operations for Restore Therapy.

Nominate an outstanding Alumni

Nomination forms will be available beginning March 1, 2006

2005 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

The WSCC Alumni Association awarded four \$500 scholarships to Wallace State students this fall. Recipients are Laura Brock, Scotty Shelnut, Candace Camp and Suzanne Vance.

Laura Brock earned an associate's in liberal arts at Wallace State and bachelor's from Athens State University. Brock spent several years as a homemaker raising her two children. She is now enrolled as a registered nursing major.

"Managing family and school will definitely be a challenge," Brock said. "Education is extremely important to me. It is exhilarating to look to the future and know I will be involved in a rewarding career as a professional nurse."

Scotty Shelnut is a psychology major who has maintained a 4.0 GPA and



Pictured left to right are the 2005 Alumni Scholarship Recipients: Grady Smith, past alumni president; Arnice Weeks, 2005-06 alumni president; Laura Brock; Scotty Shelnut; Candace Camp; Suzanne Vance; and 2003-04 alumni president, Alan Wood.

plans to be a clinical psychologist. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Human Services Club. Legally blind and 38, Shelnut is proving that college is available for everyone. "Because I can't drive, this scholarship will help me afford transportation to and from Wallace, as well as tuition and books," he said.

Candace Camp is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. She was the valedictorian of her

Hanceville High School class and has continued to maintain an excellent academic record, evidenced by her membership in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Camp applied for the Alumni scholarship because she "worked full-time at a grocery store until the 2005 summer semester and found that working while finishing the program is next to

impossible."

Suzanne Vance is enrolled in the Human Services program with the Drug and Alcohol option, where she's made the president's list every semester. She also serves as the Vice President of the Human Services Club this year. She plans to use her education to start a half-way house for women. A former drug addict herself, Vance is a passionate advocate for those seeking help and recovery.