Athens State University Library Opens Rare Book Room

On Friday, January 28 Athens State University opened its newly created Rare Book Room at the institution’s library located on the corner of Pryor and Elkton Streets. The Rare Book Room is located on the second floor of the library and is available for viewing by appointment.

The room holds the University’s rare book collection that once was housed in a small room on the 2nd level of Founders Hall, inside the Library’s former location. Many of the books had not been cataloged or been assigned a classification, so it was difficult to determine what Athens State actually had in their collection, and the old room in Founders did not have adequate temperature or humidity control.

“We plan to add another table so that this space can also be used as a seminar room for some of our classes,” stated Library Director Robert Burkhardt. “You are now able to find all the Rare Book materials in our library catalog as they are identified with a ‘Special Collections’ tag.”

Burkhardt thanked University Archivist, Sara Love, and her student assistant, Ann Marie Lang, along with Dr. Elva McLin, now retired living in Texas, who first had the vision that we are enjoying today.

“This room was a part of the original plans for our library building in the mid-1990s, but due to cost overruns we were unable to finish it out,” remarked Burkhardt. “Thanks to our University Vice-President for Advancement, Rick Mould, and also to the many people who donated funds or time for this project so it could finally be completed.”

Two of the instrumental individuals who were recognized and thanked for their financial support in making this room a reality included Mrs. Mary Ann Thomas and Dr. June Aycock Foley. Also thanked were the members of the Piece Makers Quilt Guild who dedicated their time and talents to create an illustrated quilt depicting our historic campus buildings and that we were able to sell at a raffle to generate funds for the rare book room.

To arrange an appointment to view the holdings of the Rare Book Room, call the University Archives at 256-216-6671.
In the short period of time since the publication of the last Column, many storms have been weathered. Through the grace that has saved this institution since antebellum days, our campus was spared from the horrific storms of late April that devastated many local communities and physically impacted our sister institutions. Although no damage or loss of power affected our ability to teach, we quickly realized that the broad reach of our capabilities became limited by our students, faculty and staff members’ own personal situations. I am proud to say that, through individual problem-solving and creative planning, we serviced our students to the best of our abilities and finished the academic year with smiling, proud graduates.

Although natural storms can be forecasted, financial storms are far less predictable. Proration continues as a dark cloud over the state and, combined with local and global economic uncertainties, the ability to adequately keep our head above water becomes increasingly difficult. Regarding this type of storm, I am proud to say that as an institution Athens State had prepared a fiduciary shelter with reserves that has allowed us to continue our mission with no hesitation.

But every storm has a reprieve of silver linings and sunshine. Certainly all of us have weathered our share of adversity in attempts to simply do our jobs or live our lives, but it is the satisfaction of jobs well done and lives well lived that make the storms bearable.

As we prepare for another academic year, we give thanks for the grace that has allowed us to continue our mission. It is impossible to forecast what lies ahead, but we plan to be prepared for all of the possibilities to ensure we will always produce smiling, proud graduates.

Robert K. Glenn

A message from the President
2011 Alumni Golf Classic

The Athens State University Alumni Golf Classic was held on May 12 at the Canebrake Golf Club. The 88 player tournament got off to a shotgun start after a luncheon generously provided by Greenbrier Restaurant at the clubhouse. The Athens State Alumni Association raised over $10,000 from the event with profits supporting student scholarships.

First place team winners were David Martin, John Blankensopp, David Johnson and John Vacca. Second place were Jake Mathias, Jordan Stafford, Garrett Stafford and Matthew McCulley and third place were Tracy Ingle, Charlie Vines, Terrence Murry and Shawn Coleman. Prizes were also awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive.

A special thank you goes to J.J. and Dottie Donahue and McClary Ford for providing the hole-in-one prizes and Pepsi Cola of Decatur who provided the beverages.

The Athens State University Alumni Association hosted its annual Flag Day Ceremony on June 14 at noon in the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom.

This year’s program was presented by Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, commanding general of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command / Army Forces Strategic Command. Joining Formica was Army Astronaut Col. T. J. Creamer, assigned to USASMDC/ARSTRAT’s NASA detachment at Johnson Space Center in Houston. Creamer was accompanied by a USASMDC/ARSTRAT command flag that accompanied him on a 2009 trip to the International Space Station.

Music for the event was provided by the Athens State Community Band.

The Flag Day Celebration at Athens State is an annual event held free and open to the public.

She’s a Grand Old Flag

Dr. Glenn and a full house listen to General Formica’s inspiring speech.
Athens State University’s Regional In-Service Center’s Leadership Days

Athens State University’s Regional In-Service Center is leading and supporting 24 elementary schools in implementing The Leader in Me, a program based on Stephen R. Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective People for preschool through fifth-grade.

“Students are learning that leadership is about doing the right thing even when no one is watching,” stated Center Assistant Director Charlotte Feigley. “They are taking on roles such as student greeters in which they welcome visitors by shaking the visitors’ hands, looking them in the eye, and welcoming them to their school.”

The Covey program follows a motto to: Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw.

These habits teach universal principles such as responsibility, integrity, and respect and are blended into the school culture by teachers who are well trained, committed to living the habits themselves, and who weave them into every aspect of the school day.

Within the Regional In-Service Center there are 72 elementary schools made up of 10 school systems: Athens City, Blount County, Cullman City, Cullman County, Decatur City, Hartselle City, Lawrence County, Limestone County, Morgan County, and Oneonta City.

Moulton Elementary, Elkmont High School, Brookhill Elementary, West Limestone High School, Cowart Elementary and Somerville Road Elementary schools are among those in the Athens State University Regional In-Service Center area who are implementing The Leader in Me.

Somerville Road and Moulton Elementary have been nominated for Lighthouse Status, an esteemed honor achieved by only a few schools from the 450 worldwide that are designated Leader in Me schools.

Participating schools invited visitors on April 26, 27 and 28 so that students can practice their leadership skills and show how this is impacting their schools.

Staff members within these schools experienced the three-day 7 Habits of Highly Effective People training as well as additional training in order to achieve a strong, positive school culture which supports academic achievement and builds leadership capacity.

The Alumni Association Bridge Benefit: Dealing a Good Hand

Wednesday, June 15th marked the date for the Athens State University Alumni Bridge Benefit. This year’s event hosted 19 teams and assisted in raising much needed funds for Alumni Scholarships.

“As in years past there were door prizes provided by the Alumni Board of Directors from our local merchants,” says Trish Dilullo of the office of Alumni Affairs. “We had special gifts for the high, 2nd high and low scorers.”

The Bridge Benefit is annually open to any interested players - not just alumni of Athens State.
Athens State University’s Alumni Association held its 103rd Annual Alumni Awards Banquet and Annual meeting on April 2, 2011 where five outstanding graduates were recognized.

Mary Catherine Dickens of the class of 1993 was named the Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Deborah Wills of the class of 1973 was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award. Dr. Jeanne Payne of the class of 1978 was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award. Athens State Assistant Professor of Art Gail Bergeron was awarded the Dr. Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award. Executive Assistant Felicia Mucci received the Dedicated Support Staff Award.

Pictured above, left to right: Deborah Wills, Felicia Mucci, Jeanne Payne, Gail Bergeron, Cathy Dickens.

The Athens State University Foundation Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting in February. Outgoing President Dick Chittam passed the gavel to new president, Mary Pat Martin and Vice-President Joy Graham as they begin their two-year terms. Three new members of the board were introduced. Joining the 25 member-board are Mike Davis, Limestone County Probate Judge for the last 22 years, Kelli Powers, CEO of Athens-Limestone Hospital, and Stan Pylant, General Manager of WHNT-TV, Channel 19, in Huntsville. Davis, class of 1971 and Pylant, class of 1981 are graduates of Athens State, and have been strong supporters of the University for many years, while Powers, although new to the area, has family ties in the community.

In other business, the Board elected committee chairs, and reviewed its 2010 financial reports. Regions/Morgan Keegan presented the Annual Asset Management Report that showed a very positive return on investment for 2010. Income from the Foundation’s Endowment is providing funding for: scholarships for 159 students this year, the annual Livingston Concert Lecture series, and academic programs. Gifts to the Foundation can be directed to support scholarships or to fund other projects such as the Beaty-Mason Home, McCain Hall, currently under renovation, the new Art Center, or the Center for Lifelong Learning, which opened in April.

“The Foundation’s role has never been more important as Athens State’s state appropriations have declined by 27% in the last three years.”

-Rick Mould
Vice President for Advancement

Visit Athens State’s new Center for Lifelong Learning located at 121 S. Marion Street in downtown Athens.

www.athens.edu/CLL
Of the dozen inductees this year in the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, three were graduates of Athens State University. The three alumni were honored at a ceremony on March 21 in Montgomery.

Joe Belyeu, Wanda Gilliland, and Bill Murrell are all graduates of the institution during the decade of the 1970s. Each has gone on to careers in high school coaching in Alabama communities.

“What a great honor for Joe, Wanda, and Bill,” states Athens State Alumni Association Director Trish DiLullo. “We are proud that they are our alumni and they truly represent Athens State success stories.”

1976 Athens State College graduate Joe Belyeu is a native of Tallapoosa County and has spent his entire 34-year education career in neighboring Coosa County.

Belyeu received a scholarship to Athens State and was twice named to the all-conference basketball team in the Southern States Conference. He led the team in scoring and free throw percentage.

After graduation, Belyeu returned to the Cottage Grove community and was hired at Goodwater High School as an assistant coach and physical education teacher in 1977. He also served as football coach, and track and volleyball coach at various times at Central Coosa. He has been the athletic director for the past 10 years.

Belyeu is a member of the county, state and national education associations, the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

A native of Guin, Wanda R. Gilliland graduated from Athens State in 1979 when the institution had a fledgling women’s athletic program underway.

Gilliland has always loved kids and felt that teaching and coaching was what she wanted to do with her life. She got that opportunity after graduation, starting her career at Hamilton High School teaching government, Alabama history, and physical education.

In 1996 she left Hamilton to accept a position as assistant director with the Alabama High School Athletic Association. She works daily with 700 middle and senior high schools in the state.

Gilliland has also been involved in a number of state and national programs such as the Alabama Department of Education’s Drug Safety for Schools and Crisis Management Plan. She has served on National Federation rules committees in basketball, spirit and softball.

Bill Murrell is a 1976 graduate of Athens State College. He has coached baseball and boys and girls cross country teams at Athens Bible School for 37 years. Murrell was named state Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2008. He has been local Coach of the Year, as named by The Decatur Daily and the Athens News Courier 15 times.

A native of Montgomery, Murrell was the son of a minister who traveled widely, exposing his family to life in many states and even England. After graduating high school in Indianapolis, he returned to Alabama to earn his bachelor’s degree from Athens State College.

Murrell is not only known for his extraordinary success as a coach, but also for the way he coaches, displaying a calm demeanor and impeccable sportsmanship no matter how tense or exciting the circumstances.

Each year twelve of the most significant individuals in the history of interscholastic athletics in the state are selected for induction. This group of inductees represents the 21st such class into the High School Sports Hall of Fame.
Students Learn the Art of Microphotography

This spring semester at Athens State University an exciting new course was offered jointly by the art department and the science department. The course was called Digital Microphotography and Image Analysis. The instructors were Assistant Professor George Williams, from science, Assistant Professor Gail Bergeron, from the art department and Professor Pamela Keller, from the art department. The course was designed to enable students to produce works in digital photography through the use of various photomicrographic techniques, including ordinary light, phase contrast, electron microscopy, and digital image analysis.

During the semester, students became familiar with hand-held digital camera operation, developed competency using an ordinary light microscope with bright field and dark field illumination and learned to make digital images of selected specimens using each technology. Students also learned to use a dissection microscope, phase contrast optics, and scanning electron microscopy to produce digital images of selected specimens. Later in the semester students used an image analysis program for studies of selected biological specimens. A large portion of the course was devoted to image quality and post-production techniques for image enhancement.

During the term students worked in groups to submit two major projects. The final assignment was an individual requirement. The course culminated with a juried student exhibition in the newly renovated Waters Hall Science building. The course instructors selected photographs with artistic composition and design qualities as well as works that demonstrated excellent use of the technology.

First Place Award went to Summer Smith who used a Leica research / dissecting microscope, Jenoptik software and a high resolution digital camera to produce the image shown here. This is a combined image of a Clonorchis sinensis specimen, the human liver fluke, which is common in many parts of the world, and a cross-section of plant parenchyma and other tissues in the background.

Honorable Mentions went to Emmaline Emery, Tracy Russell, Lauren Atchley, Aeju Kim, Alexandria Easterling and Lara Bice.

The course will be taught on Athens State’s campus again in the spring semester of 2012.
Livingston Concert Lecture Season Highlights

The Livingston Concert Lecture Series hosted a lecture by acclaimed historian David W. Blight.

Blight is currently a professor of American History at Yale University and previously taught at Amherst College for thirteen years. He is writing a book on the anticipation of the Civil War sesquicentennial (2011-15), rooted in the work of Robert Penn Warren and comparing the 100th anniversary of America’s most pivotal event to its 150th. He has also begun work on a new, full biography of Frederick Douglass that will be published by Simon and Schuster by 2013.

“David Blight grew up a working-class kid in Flint, Michigan, a baseball pitcher good enough to be scouted by Branch Rickey, and later a young man who came back home to teach high-school history in Flint,” remarked Athens State Professor Al Elmore.

The Livingston Concert Lecture Series presented a lecture by Natalie Chanin of Alabama Chanin, a globally recognized lifestyle company located in the Florence area.

After almost a decade as a stylist and designer in Vienna, Austria, Natalie “Alabama” Chanin found herself back in the states, and in search of something special to wear to a New York City event. She deconstructed a t-shirt then hand stitched it back together with the seams on the outside and some appliqués on the front.

Chanin spoke on Alabama Chanin’s business model, as it is an unusual one. The focus of the business takes inspiration from farmers, striving to build a zero waste company where the results of one production process become the fuel for another.

Their primary work is the business of designing and making clothing. If a dress calls for recycled t-shirts or locally grown, certified organic cotton, they strive to reduce environmental impact and make the “footprint” of a dress as minimal as humanly possible.

The Livingston Concert Lecture Series hosted the group Stones River Chamber Players for an evening of classic works.

The Stones River Chamber Players perform virtuoso music that is visceral, evocative, and exciting. Their concert programs are accessible for both the discerning classical concert aficionado, and for young people new to classical concerts. Concert programs are unique and often offer a different combination of players for each work.

The ensemble consists primarily of music faculty from Middle Tennessee State University - virtuoso Doctoral grads and award winning soloists from some of the finest music schools in America.

The program specifically designed for their Athens State Concert included works by Gian Carlo Menotti, Malcolm Arnold and Aram Khachaturian.
Lincoln and the King James Bible

Athens State Professor Dr. Al Elmore has been chosen as one of the speakers for the commemoration of the 400th birthday of the King James Bible. The commemoration will be held at Wheaton College in Illinois in September.

Elmore will speak on “Abraham Lincoln’s Use of the King James Bible.” He is the author of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address: Echoes of the Bible and Book of Common Prayer, a book published by Southern Illinois University Press in 2009.

Elmore’s book was reviewed in 2010 by Civil War and Lincoln historian Ferenc Szasz of the University of New Mexico as “an absolutely stunning interpretation.”

Wheaton College, site of the King James commemoration, is consistently ranked among the Top Liberal Arts Colleges in America by U. S. News & World Report, which calls it “the Harvard of the evangelical colleges.” Billy Graham is its most celebrated alumnus.

Elmore is completing his 24th year of teaching at Athens State. He has taught English, drama, and law and is Chair of the Department of English and Drama. He is a graduate of Millsaps College, the University of Mississippi Law School, and Vanderbilt University. He attended Vanderbilt on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and was awarded the PhD in English.

He is a former prosecutor in Mississippi and public defender in Las Vegas and has taught criminal law at Louisiana State University and the University of Alabama Law School.

He has won six grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities for post-doctoral study at such institutions as City University of New York, California-Berkeley, and the University of Chicago.

In the summer of 2010 he was selected for an NEH Summer Seminar on “The Civil War at 150” held at the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah.

Making A Financial Impact

Athens State University contributed $183 million to the economy of North Alabama and surrounding areas in 2010 according to an Economic Impact Report released by the two-year upper division institution.

The study, undertaken by Professor Bill Wilkes of the College of Business, states that Athens State ended the year as the seventh largest employer in Limestone County with 379 employees, including 228 full time faculty and staff and 151 part time staff and adjunct faculty, and with payroll of $22.6 million.

“Lincoln and the King James Bible is an essential resource for North Alabama,” added Mould. “The close proximity of this educational leader to so many diverse communities is a strong reason why so many companies and institutions find our area to be the wonderful place to do business.”

To view the full 2010 Economic Impact Report, visit Athens State’s website at www.athens.edu.
Why Alumni Should Support Their University in 2011

From the 2010 Annual Report to Investors

Our Return on Investments
The Athens State University Foundation reported a total return on its investments of 9.3% in 2010 and total assets of $2,716,210 as of December 31. Total gifts for the calendar year amounted to $512,215 from 437 donors.

State Cuts Annual Budget
Expenditures for 2010-2011 are approximately $61 million which includes salaries, operations and maintenance, construction for capital projects and debt service, institutional scholarships, and numerous purchases of goods and services that contribute directly to the local economy. The university operates with a balanced budget and relies primarily on four principal funding sources to operate its programs – tuition and fees; auxiliary enterprises; state appropriations and government grants; and charitable gifts. In 2008, the university’s state appropriations budget was $15.1 million, and this year’s state appropriation is only $11.1 million, almost a 27% decline in funding in less than three years.

The Cost of Educating One Student
Enrollment for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year reached a record 3671 students. With an overall budget of almost $61 million, the true cost of educating one student at Athens State University is $16,575. When considering that on average, a student takes 30 credit hours per year and with tuition and fees of $153 per hour, the cost of attending the university in 2010-2011 is only $4590, one of the lowest rates and best values of all educational institutions in the state.

Join the 2011 President’s Club by making a gift by December 31
You can become a partner with the President, by leading and providing resources that support Athens State’s Vision 2020 for positive growth and future success. You can join the new President’s Club in 4 annual giving societies:

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Every gift is vital to the success of the University and the following clubs recognize annual donors as stakeholders in our future.

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Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Please send your gift by December 31, 2011. Checks should be made payable to Athens State University Foundation and may be unrestricted or designated for one of our projects such as the Art Center, Beaty-Mason Home, scholarships, or to support your college. Send your gifts to:

Athens State University Foundation  
P.O. Box 70  
Athens, Alabama 35612

Or make your gift online through our secure website:

www.athens.edu/give

For information on donating stocks or designating your gift to a particular area, contact Dennis Story at 256-233-8186 or Dennis.Story@athens.edu.
Art Center Construction Progressing Toward Fall 2012 Opening

Following Groundbreaking Ceremonies in December 2010 at 133 Second Avenue in Decatur, demolition has been completed and construction of the 43,752 square foot art center is underway. With opening scheduled in fall 2012, the North Alabama Center for the Arts will serve students from Calhoun Community College and Athens State University, as well as individuals and groups from the surrounding community, as a working arts and design facility, exhibition, meeting, and performance space. The Center will house all fine arts studio and art history courses for both institutions, as well as faculty offices, galleries, and community spaces.

Athens State University will offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art, Graphic Arts, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education leading to K - 12 teacher certification. In 2012, ASU will begin to offer theatre courses with the intent to establish a drama major within the next few years. Theatre courses and programs will be housed at the Athens campus until Phase II of the plans for a performing arts center and black box theater are completed. Within the next ten years, plans are in place for Athens State University to offer degree programs in music and performance.

Athens State is initiating a fundraising campaign to support the Center’s needs. Various naming opportunities as listed below are available for the project in recognition of gifts ranging from $250 up to $100,000 donations. Gifts may be made over a period of 3-5 years.

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For information on making a gift contact:<br>Rick Mould or Dennis Story at 256-233-8215 or visit:<br>www.athens.edu/artcenter
The Campaign for Beaty Mason

Funding for the $330,000 Phase One Exterior Stabilization of the Beaty Mason home has been secured and construction will begin with a Groundbreaking Ceremony to be held on October 1.

Phase II
Exterior Renovation $200,000
Removal of coating material; re-pointing the masonry, and painting

Phase III
Renovation and New Construction $1,285,000
Main House Renovations:
First floor renovations 3,715 square feet
Dining room, parlors, and porches
Second floor renovations 2,600 square feet
Family living areas and porches
Main House Additions 1,890 square feet
New restrooms, kitchen/breakfast area, & family room
New Carriage House garage
New electrical, heating, cooling and plumbing
Hardscape Improvements 4,600 square feet
New driveways, parking, repair courtyard, walks and steps to ensure ADA access and structural safety
Log Cabin Renovation 750 square feet
Pigeonniere/well house

Phase IV
Beaty Mason Endowment $200,000

GRAND TOTAL $2,015,000

For more information or to learn how you can help with this campaign, please call the Office of Advancement at 256-233-8215.

Friendships and Philanthropy
By Trish Di Lullo, Director of Alumni Affairs

Pi Kapps came back to Athens for a reunion in October 2010. They met at the Valley Event Center to remember “old times” gone by. As a group, they donated $1010 back to the University for scholarships. Their 2011-2012 scholarship was awarded to Ryne Strong an Accounting major.

The self titled “Geezerfest II” was April 8-10, 2011. They had a reunion at Joe Wheeler where graduates from 1965-1975 reminisced and participated in activities. Former professor Bert Hayes joined the group and told several “wild” stories about their antics while students and the infamous theft of a Religion exam. The “Geezers” have donated over $2000 back to the University over the last two years.

Phi Mu’s are keeping up with friendships made while attending Athens College. Terri Stahurski Storipan, Susie Lathrop Ericksen and Vicki Gover Linley recently visited Chicago and sent a photo of their travels to the Office of Alumni Affairs. Phi Mu’s will also get together at the Fiddlers Convention near the Alumni tent on Saturday, October 8th. Sandi Bennett is coordinating these efforts.

The Athens Ladies Civitan’s donated $1000 to the University to award scholarships to Education majors. Patricia Umphrey and Emilee Smith were the recipients for 2011-2012.

Many thanks go to everyone involved in giving back. Anyone interested in reconnecting with fellow graduates can contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 256-233-8184.
When McCain Hall was constructed in 1962, it originally served as dormitory housing for female undergraduates. The building, named for Dr. Virgil McCain, the University’s president from 1959 to 1966, will continue to house the University’s College of Education once the renovation is completed in July 2011. A ribbon cutting and tour is being planned for October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The $1.9 million project started in early 2010 made improvements to the structure which include essential structural upgrades, code and ADA compliancy. It also increased energy efficiency, security, and improvements to reduce maintenance costs.

The Total Transformation of McCain Hall

Join the Alumni Association

Membership has its privileges! To learn more about the advantages of being a member, visit: www.athens.edu/alumni

Dr. Virgil McCain

The Hobbs Street facade of McCain Hall
Athens State University’s Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association traveled to Seattle, WA for the annual Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, held April 7-9. Over 3,500 Phi Theta Kappa honor students and faculty scholars and advisors were in attendance.

The Athens State chapter was awarded the 2011 International Alumni Association Award of Merit. This award recognizes an alumni association which has been exemplary in meeting the mission of Phi Theta Kappa’s Alumni Association. Selection is based on a nomination that states the association’s goals and objectives for the year and how these objectives were met.

As the 2011 overall winner, the Athens State University Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association was presented this prestigious award by Dr. Rod Risley, CEO and President of Phi Theta Kappa International and Dr. Nancy Rieves, Phi Theta Kappa Foundation Chair. The award was based on an exemplary demonstration of their willingness to go above and beyond in the areas of scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service, in their endeavors to promote these hallmarks and assisting local junior college chapters.

In addition to receiving the International Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Merit Award this month, the group was presented the Alabama Region Alumni Outstanding Service Award at the Alabama Regional Convention held at Northwest Shoals Community College in March by Dr. Humphrey Lee, President, Northwest Shoals Community College and Phi Theta Kappa Regional Director, Alabama Region.

Pictured below are Phi Theta Kappa members at the convention in Seattle: (L-R) Jeremy Wilt, Hannah Kilpatrick, Chapter Sponsor Dr. Kim LaFevor, Amy Conger, Lillie Parker, Danielle Dutcher.
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