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ASCC students earn honors

GILBERTOWN – Students at Alabama Southern Community College were awarded honors for academic achievement during the annual award's ceremony last Friday evening. Included in the awards were those for Most Outstanding student and Most Improved student in different subject areas, as well as an induction ceremony for the Phi Theta Kappa organization and a presentation of caps and gowns for this year's graduates.

Honored as new Phi Theta Kappa members were: Jeanette Lott, Ally Guy, B.J. Smith, Sheila McGrew, and Bridgett Holyfield.

Six graduates were honored during the ceremony. They included: FeFe Pascaley, Rayola Shoemaker, Sonya Loper, Heather Phillips, Latonya Young, and Sheila McGrew.

Taking honors in subject areas were:

Ian Kimbrough – Most Outstanding in Math 100, Physical Science 206, Biology 103, and World Literature; Zach Beech – Most Improved in Math 100; Callie Holyfield – Most Outstanding in Math 116 and Computer Applications 113; Candice Strawn – Most Improved in Math 116; Troy Gibson – Most Outstanding in History 121 and Physical Science 112; Don Long – Most Improved in History 121; Tahara Williams – Most Outstanding in Computers 146; Bridgett Holyfield – Most Outstanding in Computers 196D; Paige Shirley – Most Outstanding in English 101;



Students at Alabama Southern Community College's Gilberttown branch were awarded honors for their academic achievements last Friday evening. Pictured are graduates, award winners, and those gaining special recognition during the ceremony.

Rose Duff – Most Outstanding in English 092; Leah Diamond – Most Outstanding in English 102; Hannah Loper – Most Improved in English 102, Most Improved in English 101, and Most Outstanding in History 121; Samantha Johnson – Most Outstanding in English 101; Jill Daniel – Most Improved in English 101; Teresa May – Most Outstanding in English 101 and Math 098; Connie James and Sheila McGrew – Most Out-

standing in Computer Science; Miranda Boothe – Most Outstanding in Economics 231, and Most Improved in World Literature; Shayla Taylor – Most Improved in Economics 231; Sonya Loper – Most Outstanding in physical science; B.J. Smith – Most Improved in Math 100; Terri Gibbs – Most Outstanding in Developmental Reading; Janet Jones – Most Improved in Developmental Reading; Mary Philon – Most Outstanding in Keyboarding

101; Johnny Dixon – Most Improved in Keyboarding 101; Stephanie Kirkland – Most Outstanding in Keyboarding 138; Cheryl Woodard – Most Improved in Math 090; and Jeanette Lott – Most Outstanding in History 122.

Among the Adult Education students, the following received awards for their accomplishments: Most Outstanding – Jeremy Mullins, Walter McGrew, and Gina Bennett, and Most Improved – Amber Carpenter,

Pattie Pickens, and Nicholas Anderson.

Students taking honors for their achievements in the Dual Enrollment Political Science course at Patrician Academy were: Tony Randolph – Most Outstanding and Anna Drinkard – Most Improved.

Receiving recognition for Who's Who were Connie James, Clint Wofford, and Brittany Sullivan. James also received the award for Most Valuable Person. Heather

Phillips was given the Director's GPA Award, Sheila McGrew was awarded the Director's Service Award, and Calvin Wright earned the Director's Inspiration Award.

The Director's Academic Perseverance Award was given to Jackie Woodard, and Cheryl Woodard was awarded the Director's Award for Determination. FeFe Pascaley earned the Director's Award for Positive Attitude.

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Abston is Valedictorian at SCA

TOXEY – Laura Abston has been selected Valedictorian of the South Choctaw Academy Class of 2007.

Laura has attended SCA since pre-school and has been involved in many activities and organizations throughout her years at the school, while maintaining a 4.5 GPA and an all-A average for each school year.

Laura is a member of the Senior Beta Club, yearbook staff, National Honor Society, math team, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a Varsity cheerleader and a member of the Lady Rebels softball team.

Laura served the students body as Student Government Association President, senior class president, senior Beta Club president, and FCA executive officer during her senior year. She is also a member of the AISA State Student Government Association.

Laura has been honored to represent her school in a variety of ways during her high school years. She was the 2005 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership ambassador and the 2006 Girls' State representative. Laura also attended the Alabama Governor's School at Samford



SCA Valedictorian
Laura Abston

University and the Alabama Youth Summit at the University of Alabama her senior year.

She represented South Choctaw Academy as Choctaw County's Junior Miss 2007 and received awards for her 'Be Your Best Self' essay, as well as the Scholastic award during the local competition. At the state Junior Miss program, Laura received a Preliminary Scholastic Award.

She was recently chosen Miss SCA by the school faculty.

Laura is involved in many community service efforts. For the past three years, she has been a member of the SCA Relay for Life team, serving as captain for the past two years. She is also an active member of Womack Hill Baptist Church.

Laura has received the Alumni Honors Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship from the University of Alabama, as well as the National Honor Society State Finalist Scholarship.

She plans to attend the University of Alabama in the fall to pursue her pre-law degree.

SCA taps Jackson as Salutatorian

TOXEY – Lauren Jackson has been named Salutatorian for the South Choctaw Academy Class of 2007.

The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jackson of Toxey, Lauren has participated in many clubs and organizations during her years at SCA, including the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, SOCHAC yearbook staff, and Teens Getting Involved for the Future (TGIF). She was selected to 'Who's Who Among American High School Students', and was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

During her junior year, Lauren served as class treasurer and was also named treasurer for the Senior Beta Club. She represented SCA at the District Math Contest, and in the summer following her junior year, was chosen to attend the Alabama Youth Leadership Conference, sponsored by the ALFA Insurance Corporation.

As a senior, Lauren was chosen as a school winner of the oratorical contest and the science fair. As a result, she was chosen to represent the school at the District Oratorical Contest and the District



SCA Salutatorian
Lauren Jackson

Science Fair.

Lauren has been a member of the Lady Rebels Basketball Team since the 8th grade. During her senior year, she was a starter for the AISA 1A State Champion Lady Rebels, who went undefeated in the region. Following the championship season, Lauren was awarded the Hustle Award by Coach Charlie Taylor.

Lauren also served as manager for the Rebel Football Team during her senior year, a position she has held since 9th grade.

Lauren attends Heritage Church of God in Gilberttown where she is a member of the youth group, H2O.

Recently, Lauren was selected as a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship from the University of South Alabama and Faulkner State. She was also chosen to receive the Georgia-Pacific Corporation Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Upon graduation, Lauren plans to attend the University of South Alabama in Mobile, where she will major in pre-medicine. Her future goals include becoming a physician, specializing in either pediatrics or family medicine.

The Family of Dean Roberts
would like to invite everyone to come and celebrate his
60th Birthday/Late Retirement.
This event will be held at
2:00 P.M. April 28th at his home
(The house next to Cavalry Baptist Church)
in Butler.
All friends and Family are invited.
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Lindsey brings checks for schools

BUTLER -- Senator Pat Lindsey visited the Choctaw Co. Board of Education office in Butler on Monday to deliver some much-needed funds to be used for several purposes. Career Tech Director B.K. Smith accepted a check for \$7500 to help continue the Career Exploration classes at Southern Choctaw High School. Seketha Mitchell accepted a check for \$7,000 to be used to purchase a digital networking copier to replace an existing copier, and Supt. of Ed. Sue Moore accepted a check for \$11,400 on behalf of Choctaw County High School principal Kevin Howard, with the funds to be used for the purchase of surveillance cameras for the school. The funds were made available through the Education Trust Fund.