



The Community Standard

NEWS FROM THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

New transfer scholarships available for ACCS grads

Up to 500 graduates of any Alabama public community or technical college will have the opportunity to complete a four-year degree free at Alabama State University or Alabama A&M University, starting this fall. Next year, the number could jump to 1,000 per year.

The A&M – ASU Transfer Scholarship Program is the result of \$1 million authorized by the 2009-2010 Education Trust Fund enacted during this year's regular legislative session.

“The Transfer Scholarship Program is a major step forward in providing increased educational access to the students of the Alabama Community College System,” said ACCS Interim Chancellor Joan Davis. “This is extremely important during these difficult economic times. Our system serves more than half of all the state's freshmen and sophomores and this is an excellent opportunity for our two-year graduates to obtain their bachelor's degrees on scholarship.”

In 2006, the Alabama State Board of Education approved a settlement agreement requiring the chancellor to make a good-faith effort to

inform the Alabama Legislature of the need for the Transfer Scholarship Program and including it in ACCS's annual appropriation request through the year 2018.

The settlement provides that in subsequent years, depending on funding appropriated to the program by the Legislature, ASU and A&M may award up to 500 scholarships each, except for 2018, the final year of the program, when each institution may award up to 250 scholarships.

ASU and A&M will determine the criteria for who will receive the scholarships.

Where Are We Now?

1st Floor

Information Technology Services
Workforce Development

3rd Floor

Adult Ed and GED Services
Instructional and Student Services
Presidents Conference Room #339

4th Floor

Administrative Services
Facilities
Fiscal Services
Legal and Human Resources
Private School Licensure
State Approving Agency

5th Floor

Communications
Executive Offices
Government Relations
Internal Audit

5th Floor Meeting Rooms

Board Meeting Room #554
Chancellor's Conference Room #526
Executive Conference Room #515

Department of Postsecondary Education moves to new location

On August 24, 2009, the offices of the Department of Postsecondary Education relocated to **135 South Union Street** in Montgomery, just a few blocks from its former location on Adams Avenue.

The move has been in the planning stages for the past two years, and now houses all of the offices and staffs of both the Department of Postsecondary Education as well as the Governor's Office of Workforce Development under one roof. The new phone number is **334.293.4500**. Our new fax number is **334.293.4504**

The Retirement Systems of Alabama updated and renovated the building, one of the first built by RSA in the 1970s, to comply with current building codes. To keep move-related expenditures to a minimum, pre-existing office space was utilized whenever possible, resulting in few changes to the original plans.

The newly renovated building, located in the former Retirement Systems of Alabama headquarters at the corner of Adams Avenue and Union Street, has been appropriately renamed **The Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education**.