



The Community Standard

NEWS FROM THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

No-frills budget protects core programs and jobs

The Alabama Community College System is requesting a total of \$469,490,360 from the Education Trust Fund for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009.

This is an increase of \$8,884,269, or 1.93%, over the FY 2008-2009 appropriation of \$460,606,091, including appropriated carryover funds.

System leaders characterize this

request as very conservative and note that it includes no new programs or initiatives.

The requested increase covers increased costs for health insurance, retirement, and employee step increases for the colleges and institutions.

The Department's requested increase includes only the rent increase for the System's new headquarters, which will be

occupied the latter part of 2009.

"I know that many of us are excited and inspired with our potential to grow and expand," Chancellor Bradley Byrne said.

"However, we must ensure that we continue to meet and exceed our core missions to provide quality academics, adult education and workforce training."

A message from the Chancellor . . .

In this time of economic uncertainty, I want to assure all of the ACCS family that we place our priority on protecting our existing employees and mission-critical programs.

The budget request we will present to the Legislature next year reflects that commitment. I commend all of you for pulling together and looking for ways to conserve our resources while we expand our services to meet the needs of our state.

Bradley Byrne

Operations & Maintenance Budget Request

Program	FY 2009	FY 2010	Increase/ Decrease
Colleges	\$340,694,147	\$348,446,810	\$7,752,663
Prison Education	8,004,930	8,004,930	0
Therapeutic Education	2,278,563	2,911,000	632,437
C.I.T.Y. Program	5,735,645	5,589,071	-146,574
Marion Military Institute	7,412,925	7,589,389	176,464
ATN	5,835,000	5,909,251	74,251
Athens State University	13,807,242	14,346,643	539,401
Adult Education	15,079,232	15,079,232	0
Workforce Development	7,402,358	7,402,358	0
Special Populations	5,516,835	5,516,835	0
AIDT	41,998,215	42,198,999	200,784
Postsecondary	6,340,999	6,495,842	154,843