CONCERT TO CELEBRATE INSTRUCTOR’S 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT SHELTON STATE

TUSCALOOSA – Current and former students will join Shelton State Community College music instructor Glinda Blackshear in a performance on Sept. 28 to celebrate her 25th anniversary at the College.

The performance, scheduled for 1:15 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall, is part of the “Terrific Tuesday” series hosted by the Fine Arts division of the College.

Blackshear conducts the award-winning concert choir, the Shelton Singers, which has performed from New York to Hawaii, including six performances in Carnegie Hall. The “Bach to Rock” Ensemble, which she originated and still directs, performs before hundreds of school children each year under the umbrella of the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa. In 2007, Bach to Rock was given the NCIA national award for Innovations in Education. Blackshear’s voice students compete and gain top honors in the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) State Auditions, even though Shelton State is the only two-year institution participating alongside the state’s four-year colleges.

“Simply said, Glinda Blackshear is the complete college professor,” said Shelton State President Dr. Mark Heinrich. “She is a gifted musician, has remarkable credentials, possesses a terrific work ethic, and has a tremendous heart for students. On her 25th anniversary with the College, it is truly an honor and privilege to have Glinda Blackshear as a member of Shelton State’s faculty.”
Blackshear’s students regularly receive transfer scholarships, and many have gone on to become leaders in the arts in their schools, churches, and communities. Blackshear also plays a vital role in continually seeking to improve upon Shelton State’s distinction of being the Alabama Community College of the Fine Arts, a designation bestowed upon the College by legislation in 1997.

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