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SHELTON STATE FALL ENROLLMENT AT FIVE-YEAR HIGH
TUSCALOOSA – Fall 2010 enrollment numbers at Shelton State Community College have reached a five-year high, with more than 6,000 students enrolled in college credit classes.

Through the first week of classes that ended Aug. 27, 6,012 students are enrolled for 62,928 credit hours, which again is the highest credit hour production dating back to fall 2003. The 2010 fall second split term begins Thursday, October 14. Online registration is ongoing through October 15 and on-site registration is scheduled for 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Oct. 13, which likely will raise enrollment numbers even more.

The record enrollment marks the sixth consecutive semester with an increase over the previous year. There are many reasons that can be attributed to the College’s success. Day and night classes provide students flexibility with work and other class schedules. The College provides versatility through a variety of credit and non-credit offerings, which means there is something for everyone. Smaller classes and a faculty focused on student success provide greater accessibility to instructors. Tuition is a fraction of the average four-year institutions in the state, providing for greater affordability. Shelton State students are employable, because local employers trust the preparation provided by the College. Finally, classes taken at Shelton State provide consistency and compatibility because they transfer to four-year institutions.

“We certainly are encouraged to see the rising number of people who are taking advantage of what Shelton State has to offer,” said Heinrich. “It is obvious that the residents of West Alabama understand that this College is here to positively impact our community. That happens in large part because of the efforts of the dedicated faculty and staff who work to provide our students with excellence in instructional programs and support.”