STUDENT ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Office of the Dean of Student Services provides and supervises social, cultural, and other programs which complement the academic curriculum of the College. For information about student activities, visit the Office of the Dean of Student Services.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS: Shelton State Community College is a member of the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) which competes at the Division I level of the National Junior College Athletic Association. (NJCAA) Within the NJCAA, represent Region XXII. Shelton State fields varsity teams in baseball, fast-pitch softball, men’s and women’s basketball, and women’s soccer.

BASEBALL: The baseball team competes in the ACCC with a limited fall practice season and a full spring schedule. Home games are played on the college’s Martin campus. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of try-outs and/or a demonstrated ability to compete on the intercollegiate level. Scholarships cover tuition and books. For more information call 205-391-2206.

MEN’S BASKETBALL: The men’s basketball team competes in the ACCC with a full competitive season. Home games are played in the Umphrey Center on the Martin Campus. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of try-outs and/or a demonstrated ability to compete on the intercollegiate level. Scholarships cover tuition and books. For more information call 205-391-2198.

SOCCER: Shelton State is home to the only women’s soccer team in the ACCC. They play a full fall schedule against teams from neighboring states. Home games are played on the Martin campus. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of try-outs and/or a demonstrated ability to compete on the intercollegiate level. Scholarships cover tuition and books. For more information call 205-391-2499.

SOFTBALL: The softball team competes in the ACCC with a limited fall practice season and a full spring schedule. Home games are played on the college’s Martin campus. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of try-outs and/or a demonstrated ability to compete on the intercollegiate level. Scholarships cover tuition and books. For more information call 205-391-2299.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: The women’s basketball team competes in the ACCC with a full competitive season. Home games are played in the Umphrey Center on the Martin Campus. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of try-outs and/or a demonstrated ability to compete on the intercollegiate level. Scholarships cover tuition and books. For more information call 205-391-2306.

CHEERLEADERS: Shelton State Community College has a co-ed cheerleading squad. Members are chosen at try-outs which are held each spring. Cheerleaders perform at basketball games and other school functions. Scholarships cover tuition. For more information call 205-391-2342.

DANCE TEAM: Shelton State Community College’s dance team, the Starlets, is chosen at try-outs which are held each spring. The Starlets perform at basketball games and other school functions. Scholarships cover tuition. For more information call 205-391-2223.

COLLEGE AWARDS

JAMES B. ALLEN AWARD: The Allen Award is named after U. S. Senator James B. Allen who served in Congress from 1969-1978. The recipient of the James B. Allen Award is selected based on academic achievement and service to the College and community.

NORMAN C. CEPHUS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The Special Achievement Award is named after Mr. Norman C. Cephus who was president of Fredd State Technical College from 1982-1990. The recipient of the Norman C. Cephus Special Achievement Award is selected based on academic achievement, involvement in campus and community activities, technical recognition, and job related activities.

C. A. FREDD, SR. INCOMING FRESHMAN AWARD: The Incoming Freshman Award is named for Mr. Chester A. Fredd, Sr. who was president of Fredd State Technical College from 1965-1976. The recipient of the C. A. Fredd, Sr. Incoming Freshman Award is selected based on academic achievement, involvement in school and community activities, recommendation from a teacher, and an essay indicating interest in a technical program.

HAROLD I. JAMES OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL STUDENT AWARD: The Outstanding Technical Student Award is named for Mr. Harold I. James who was president of Shelton State Technical College from 1951-1976. The recipient of the Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award is selected based on accomplishments in the classroom and workplace.

I. W. MITCHELL OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL STUDENT AWARD: The Outstanding Technical Student Award is named for Mr. I. W. Mitchell who was president of Fredd State Technical College from 1976-1982. The recipient of the I. W. Mitchell Outstanding Technical Student Award is selected based on academic achievement, involvement in campus and community activities, technical recognition, and job related activities.
LEO SUMNER AWARD: The Outstanding Sophomore Student Award is named for Dr. Leo Sumner who was president of Shelton State Community College from 1976-1988. The recipient of the Leo Sumner Award is selected based on outstanding academic performance, school involvement, and community service. It is the highest honor that a student can earn at Shelton State Community College.

THOMAS E. UMPHREY OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD: The Outstanding Freshman Award is named for Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey who was president of Shelton State Community College from 1988-2000. The recipient of the Thomas E. Umphrey Outstanding Freshman Award is selected based on outstanding academic achievement and involvement in campus activities.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

A. Formation of Organizations
All student organizations are open to any student of this institution who meets membership requirements. No student may be denied membership to any student organization by reason of race, religion, sex, or national origin.

Formation of any student organization requires approval of the college administration. A written statement of purpose and intent should be presented to the Dean of Student Services prior to organization and should include the following items:
1. an official name of the proposed organization;
2. name of faculty advisor;
3. statement of when, where, and how often meetings will be held;
4. statement of membership qualifications; and
5. statement acknowledging that the proposed organization is subject to all college regulations and policies.

B. Funding of Student Organizations
Active student organizations receive funding from one academic year to the next. Requests for special funding are to be submitted to the Dean of Student Services by April 1 for the upcoming year. These requests should detail the funds required and supporting justifications for funding. This will allow the request to be considered during the institution's budgeting process.

C. Fund Raising by Student Organizations
All fund raising projects by student organizations must be approved by the Office of the Dean of Student Services. These projects require the prior approval and support of the faculty sponsors involved.

D. List of Organizations
AFRO-AMERICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION: The purpose of the Afro-American Cultural Association is to teach members about self-fulfillment and dignity through discussions, readings, and lectures. The Afro-American Cultural Association works to broaden awareness of ethnic heritage and to serve community needs. Interested students should contact the Office of the Dean of Student Services, 205-391-2217.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: The Shelton State Alumni Association offers the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. Through the Alumni Association, students have the opportunity to network with others who have attended Shelton State Community College and at the same time, give something back to the college. Anyone who has ever attended Shelton State Community College, including those who attended while the college was under a different name (J. P. Shelton Trade School, Shelton State Technical College) and those who attended C.A. Fredd State Technical College are eligible for membership. Currently enrolled students, faculty and staff, corporate supporters, and friends of the college are also eligible for membership. For more information on the Shelton State Alumni Association call 205-391-2310.

AMBASSADORS: The Shelton State Ambassador Program was developed to provide members extensive leadership training, while offering them the opportunity to serve as the official hosts for Shelton State Community College. Ambassadors are chosen on the basis of leadership potential, community service, and commitment to Shelton State. The Ambassadors assist in recruitment, foundation and alumni support, community service, and student activities. Members work closely with the administration and faculty of the College to convey Shelton State’s message to the community. For their dedication and commitment, each Ambassador receives a book scholarship. Interested students should contact Ambassador Sponsor, 205-391-2234.

ATHLETIC TEAM COUNCIL: Team Council is composed of two representatives from each athletic team, including cheerleaders, dance team and managers. Team Council meets once a month. The purpose of the group is to provide a vehicle for student-athletes to support each other, to promote involvement of students, faculty, and staff in athletic events, and to plan special activities and events for the Athletic Department.

CIRCLE K: Circle K is a co-educational service, leadership development, and friendship organization, organized and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Tuscaloosa. Like Key Club, its high school counterpart, Circle K focuses on activities that promote community service and leadership. Interested students should contact Circle K sponsor, 205-391-2233.

CORSAIR FENCING CLUB: The objective of the Corsair Fencing Club is to stimulate interest in competitive fencing and in the development of the art/sport of fencing in the college community. Membership is open to all college students, faculty, staff, and community residents who are interested in the fellowship and promotion of fencing. Interested students should contact the Fencing Club sponsor, 205-391-2966.
ECOLOGY CLUB: The Ecology Club is open to all Shelton State students who have an interest in experiencing nature and learning about our environment. Officers are elected in the fall semester for the academic year, and meetings are held on a monthly basis. Generally each semester there is one outing which involves camping, canoeing, hiking, picnicking, or other outdoor activity. Interested students should contact the Ecology Club sponsor, 205-391-2257.

PHI THETA KAPPA: Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Shelton State's Alpha Epsilon Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Often referred to as “the Phi Beta Kappa of the two-year college,” the Society offers a variety of state and national trips, honors seminars, and scholarships. Fulltime or part-time students who have earned a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, and have completed 12 semester hours in an associate's degree program will be invited to become members. Invitations are sent once at the beginning of each semester. Officer scholarships are available by application. For further information, contact the Office of the Dean of Student Services, at 391-2217, or log on to www.ptk.org.

SHELTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS: The Shelton State Association of Nursing Students (SSANS) is a constituent of the Alabama Association of Nursing Students (AANS) and the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. (NSNA). NSNA is the largest independent health professional student organization in the United States, and the only one for nursing students. The purpose of the SSANS is to aid in the preparation of student nurses for the assumption of professional responsibilities. Nursing or pre-nursing students in any state approved program preparing for registered nurse licensure or registered nurses in a program leading to a baccalaureate in nursing are eligible for membership. SSANS activities and involvement may include community health activities, recruitment of students into nursing, legislative activities, conventions, educational programs, and newsletters. The opportunities are unlimited and depend upon the student’s interests. Members of SSANS may also enroll in a leadership course for one hour of course credit. This course includes effective skills and strategies for developing leadership skills. Interested students should contact the Director of Nursing Programs, 205-391-2446.

SHELTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS: The objective of the Shelton State Association of Practical Nursing Students is to prepare practical nursing students to assume responsibilities for participating in nursing education (both basic and continuing) to provide the highest quality of health care. Students enrolled in any state approved practical nursing program or students enrolled in courses in preparation for the program are eligible for membership. It also provides students with information and motivation to join one of the professional practical nursing organizations (National Association for Practical Nurse Education—NAPNES or National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses—NFLPN). It also provides programs relevant to current nursing concerns. Students will have an opportunity to participate in community activities related to health care. Interested students should contact the Director of Nursing Programs, 205-391-2446.

STUDENT ACTION TEAM: The Student Action Team is composed of one representative from all active campus groups and organizations. The Student Action Team meets once a month. The purpose of the group is to maintain a calendar of all student events, to encourage groups to support each other's activities, and to increase awareness of college happenings.

STUDENT NEWSPAPER: The Shelton State Courier is a twice-monthly newspaper written and edited by students in the mass communication program. The paper is paid for through advertising and is run much like any other newspaper. Students interested in a career in the news industry, whether it is TV, magazines, or newspapers, are encouraged to participate in the Courier publication program. Students will learn to meet deadlines while producing quality work. Once a year in December, the Courier publishes a creative issue featuring literature and visual Maxwell's Crossing. All students are encouraged to participate. For further information, contact the publisher, 205-391-2278.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS: Student publications are vehicles for student expression within the limits of Academic Freedom as expressed in the Policy section of this Handbook. All student organizations at the College may publish newsletters as part of their activities. Students are encouraged to participate in these publications. All student publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group. This Action Group has been delegated the responsibility by the administration to review all college publications for content and accuracy. Interested student should contact The Office of the Dean of Student Services 205-391-2217.