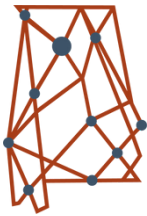


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**ACCS**  
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# PULSE CHECK



# 17,000+

ENROLLED



Skills for  
Success

## >>> NEW PILOT: ELECTRICAL HELPER



## NEW COURSE!

On May 14th and 15th, LBW Community College piloted the newest Skills for Success Electrical Helper course on campus. The course was led by Tony Newton, LBW Industrial Electronics Instructor, and Drake Moore, an Industrial Electrician. Tony also served as the Subject Matter Expert for this course. Designed to accommodate students of all skill levels, the pilot program attracted a diverse group of participants, including members of the Housing Authority maintenance crew and LBW employees. We are excited to announce this course is available statewide.



**Electrical Helper**

## AVAILABLE COURSES

[TrainForAlabama.com](https://TrainForAlabama.com)



## >>> SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS: MEET CALEB SPANN, HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

### HEO Success Story



WALLACE  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
Dothan • Eufaula

Caleb completed three Skills for Success Heavy Equipment Operator courses at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Alabama. Caleb has been passionate about operating heavy equipment for as long as he can remember. He used to help his dad "drive" the tractor and even cranked it up all by himself when he was three years old! When asked to describe Caleb as a student, his instructor Mr. Claude Brown said, "Caleb has been a great student, he listens and adapts to tasks well. He uses good judgement. He will make a great employee in this industry." Congratulations to Caleb on securing a position with the City of Opp on the utilities grounds crew!





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## ➤➤➤ CVCC PREPARES RUSSELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR LOCAL WORKFORCE ENTRY

### High School - Skid Steer Success Story

Fourteen Russell County High School seniors recently completed skid steer training at Chattahoochee Valley Community College's (CVCC) Skills for Success Lab. CVCC, in collaboration with Russell County High School, ensures students graduate with practical skills, fulfilling Career Readiness Indicators (CRI). These credentials, aligned with industry standards, boost local businesses' confidence in hiring skilled entry-level workers. This partnership between CVCC and Russell County High School exemplifies their dedication to preparing students for the workforce and bridging the gap between education and employment.



CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## ➤➤➤ OPPORTUNITIES YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!

- Academic Partners (Wiley) - need help with outreach? [Submit your request HERE!](#)
- Submit any success stories you'd like to share here: [TELL US THE GOOD NEWS](#)

## ➤➤➤ REMINDER

Catch new episodes of Innovation Unplugged every Monday! This podcast delves into the cutting-edge of innovation and leadership. Join us for inspiring stories, insightful interviews, and transformative ideas shaping the future of workforce. Tune in on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or [YouTube](#), and remember to like and subscribe to "Innovation Unplugged" to stay updated on our exciting journey through the world of workforce training and innovation.





# REGISTRAR TEAM SPOTLIGHT

*Truly Grateful for you.*

## Sandie Dutton

Registrar Manager



As a parent of a child who struggled through school and knew he needed to learn skills and a trade to succeed after graduation, it excites me to be part of the workforce training and education industry that can make a difference in a high school student or adult. To be part of the rapid skills training for high demand jobs and careers is exciting and very rewarding. I had a HEO student say "this is the only certificate I have ever received for any kind of training" after he received his certificate of completion at the end of the lab. I was so proud for this gentleman who didn't finish school but now has hope he could be more than "just a high school dropout".

I see my role as Registrar Manager assisting students through the first part of the training process. To assist them in making the registration for the courses and accessing their courses in Canvas as easy as possible.

I don't want to lose a student because they get overwhelmed trying to get registered and started on their coursework, I want to be the encourager to them so they know they CAN succeed. I want to be a part in growing our workforce in the State of Alabama with trained skilled workers and meeting the industry's needs.

## Rosie Otton

Registrar Coordinator



What excites me most about working in the workforce training and education industry is the teamwork that supports the outcome, by the devolvement of our programs, we get to see the accomplishments of our trainees and students. The most exciting thing about working with the ACCS Innovation Center is seeing the candidates succeed in their career paths, knowing that they are well prepared for the future. The day to day operations that is required to make the program successful, being a key member of the process is very rewarding.

## Grant Gunn

Registrar Coordinator



I love working at the ACCS Innovation Center because the work we do impacts so many lives by providing Alabamians an opportunity to better their career and give them a chance to excel in the workforce, which, in turn, enhances the workforce impact and employment rates in the state of Alabama!





# WORKFORCE TEAM SPOTLIGHT

## *new members*



**Darlisha Davis**

Workforce Coordinator - South Region

What excites me most about working in the workforce training and education industry, particularly with the ACCS Innovation Center, is giving our local businesses, industries, and Alabama residents the opportunity to learn new skills that are in high demand in the state of Alabama. This will assist in economic growth and give Alabamians the opportunity to develop skills that can be used in their current or future careers.

Making a difference and helping others is what I enjoy the most. There's no greater feeling than empowering people to be a better version of themselves.



**LaTrenda Nicholson**

Workforce Coordinator - Central Region

I am excited to learn about the numerous resources offered to the people in the community. I am even more excited about these opportunities being free of charge. My role is to make the people aware of the opportunities, encourage, and motivate.



**Fodina Henderson**

Workforce Coordinator - North Region

I am excited to be part of a team that works together to assist those who need training, which will provide them with a better life for themselves and/or their families. I appreciate the opportunity that workforce training and the educational industry provide to the people of Alabama and beyond. Also, the ability to think outside the box and do something different while working toward a common goal for all Alabamians.

I am also excited to work with a team that cares about the individuals we serve and the staff. The people working for ACCS Innovation Center bring positive energy every day, making it easy to work with and for. As workforce Coordinator, I will ensure our Community Colleges have all the skills and support needed to accomplish the Innovation Center's mission and purpose.



**Tom Chappell**

Career Readiness Coordinator

I am most excited about beginning this new chapter in my career working in an industry that is in a fairly new chapter itself. The trend of the education industry to focus on career exploration and career readiness is exciting. The Innovation Center's focus of "Skills for Success" and promoting the rapid training programs it offers, is ever changing and growing. I see our programs contributing greatly to this mission and having even more of an impact as we reach down into the high schools and middle schools to educate the students on real world solutions to real world problems by preparing these students to hit the job market ready to work and well trained.