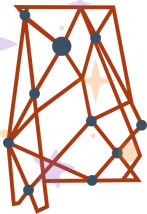


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Skills for
Success

»»» STATEWIDE SKILLS FOR SUCCESS LAB CALENDAR LIVE

Discover workforce training labs across Alabama! This calendar provides a complete view of SFS courses at community colleges, helping you stay informed on upcoming opportunities and important details in your area.



innovation.accs.edu/calendar/

For Employers: Join labs relevant to your industry to present job openings and connect with program completers eager to build their careers in your field.

For Community Leaders: Show your support for workforce development by attending local labs and witnessing how these programs "Make Life Better" for Alabama communities.

Check regularly for updates, and note that some labs may be marked as private.

COURSES COMING SOON



Pilot Phase - Launch in Progress

- Concrete Mixer Truck Driver - Chattahoochee Valley
- Nursing Support Technician - Wallace State - Hanceville
- Veterinary Assistant - Northwest Shoals
- Barista - Lawson State
- Motor Grader Operator - Dothan
- Forklift - Dothan
- Plumbing Assistant - Ingram State

Courses in Final Review

- Nursery & Landscape Worker
- Water Treatment Operator Grade 2
- CDL A Revamp
- CDL B Revamp
- Biotechnician

AVAILABLE COURSES

TrainForAlabama.com

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT



Skills for Success courses are now offered in...

- ★ 106 SCHOOL SYSTEMS
- ★ 251 HIGH SCHOOLS/CTE CENTERS

Today's "college student" spans a broad spectrum—dual enrollment students, veterans, adults pursuing career growth, and workers upskilling for Alabama's expanding industries. Alabama's Skills for Success program, adopted by 106 public school systems, delivers flexible, industry-aligned education that meets learners at any stage of life. Through the ACCS Innovation Center, this approach equips a diverse student base with essential skills, building a resilient workforce to drive Alabama's economy forward.

COASTAL AL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUCCESS STORY

Joseph Metz, Coastal Alabama's dedicated Skills for Success Coordinator, has made incredible strides in bringing vital workforce training to residents across their extensive service area. Over the past 7 months in his role—and building on the work from prior years—Joseph has championed Skills for Success courses in nearly every community Coastal Alabama serves. His commitment to covering this large territory, often requiring substantial travel, has brought life-changing training opportunities to countless individuals, filling them with pride and joy upon course completion.

As Joseph nears his ambitious goal of hosting a Skills for Success course in all areas within his first year, we celebrate this impactful achievement and look forward to continuing Coastal Alabama's mission to empower local workforce success.

“Let’s Finish Strong.” - Joseph Metz

Skills for Success Throughout our Footprint

- Mini Excavator
- Skid Steer
- CDL Class B
- Hotel Operations
- Fiber Optics
- Food and Beverage
- Customer Service
- Carpentry Helper

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



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▶▶▶ BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ASPHALT ROLLER

Bevill State Community College hosted a Skills for Success Asphalt Roller lab for employees at Wiregrass Construction Company. This course is a vital component of a pioneering paving apprenticeship program! One standout participant started with no prior experience but has since mastered all aspects of operating on a paving crew. His impressive progress has positioned him as a strong candidate for a foreman role in the next crew assembled by Wiregrass Construction. We're thrilled to see such remarkable growth and opportunity in our workforce!



BEVILL STATE
Community College
Fayette | Hamilton | Jasper | Sumiton | Carrollton



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▶▶▶ WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

Wallace State hosted a Mental Health Worker lab for students aspiring to enter the mental health field. One participant was recently hired at a court-ordered men's home and enrolled in the course to enhance their skills for their new role. Additionally, two current CNAs from a local hospital are eager to work with psychiatric patients and took the Mental Health Worker course to improve their expertise in this area.





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»»» DRAKE STATE - FLOORING INSTALLATION TECHNICIAN PILOT GRADUATION CEREMONY

On October 11, we honored five exceptional students who successfully completed the first Skills for Success Flooring Installation Technician course and celebrated their achievements at a graduation ceremony at Drake State Community & Technical College. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Floor Covering Education Foundation for their invaluable support throughout this program.

These dedicated individuals have demonstrated remarkable commitment, mastering essential flooring concepts through online modules and engaging in four weeks of intensive hands-on training. Their hard work and perseverance truly deserve to be celebrated.

We are excited to announce that the second pilot of this program will launch in January, bringing us one step closer to making this valuable training available statewide. This is an incredible opportunity for aspiring technicians eager to excel in the flooring industry. Stay tuned for more updates on future courses and how you can get involved!



Thank You!



FLOOR COVERING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

[Click here to watch the Flooring Installation Technician Graduation at Drake State](#)



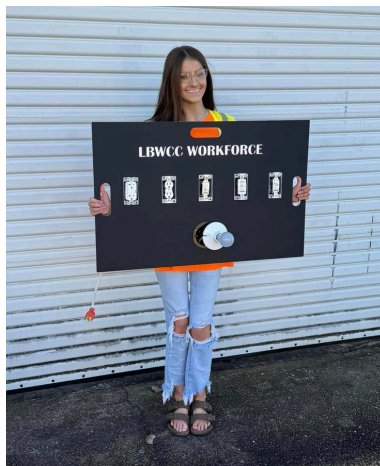
DRAKE STATE
COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE



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LBW COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ELECTRICAL HELPER

LBW Community College has embraced innovation by developing portable electrical training boards, allowing them to bring training directly to their community. Instead of relying on fixed electrical walls or requiring participants to come to a specific location, these mobile boards facilitate training where it's needed most, making it more accessible for everyone. Students from Red Level High School were the first participants in LBW's new mobile Electrical Helper Course, marking an exciting step forward in community engagement and learning opportunities!



WATTS NEXT?



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STAY IN THE LOOP: 2024 HIGHLIGHTS AND BEYOND!

Catch up on all things Innovation Center and Skills for Success! From 2024 milestones to last month's updates, our Pulse Check Newsletter Archives have it all.

DON'T MISS A BEAT!



Visit our YouTube page for inspiring success stories from Skills for Success participants.

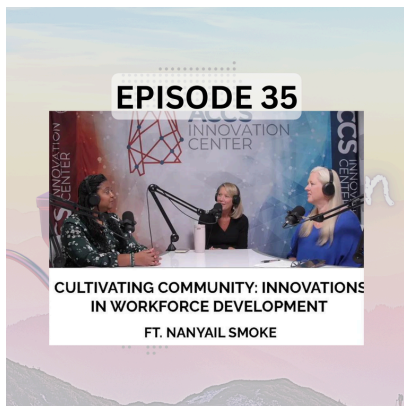


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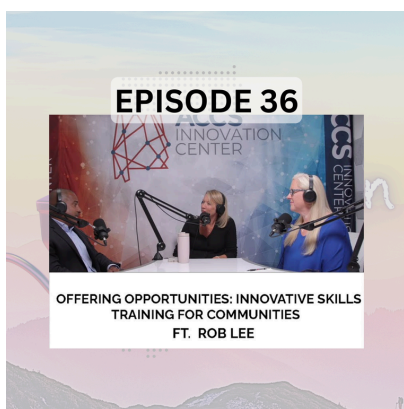
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Cultivating Community: Innovations in Workforce Development with Nanyail Smoke

College: Chattahoochee Valley Community College



Episode 36

Offering Opportunities: Innovative Skills Training for Communities with Rob Lee (Former Workforce Director)

College: Wallace Community College Selma



Episode 37

Leadership Insights: Recruiting and Navigating Through the Workforce with Ben Cottingham - Lead Recruiter, FireSeeds



Episode 38

Creating Impact: Enhancing The Community Through Workforce Development with Dr. Josh Duplantis

College: Coastal Alabama Community College

