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# PULSE CHECK



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# 39,000+

ENROLLED



**Skills** for  
**Success**

## >>> 2ND ROUND OF PILOTS COMPLETED IN MARCH



**Veterinary Assistant**



### Pilot Progress Update: Moving Toward Statewide Availability

A huge thank you to the colleges that hosted and deployed a second pilot course! With your help, we've moved one step closer to making these in-demand courses available statewide.

The completion of the second pilot represents a key milestone on our journey to ensure that students across Alabama will soon have access to these courses through their local community colleges.

### REMINDER FOR COLLEGES:

Monitor the College Dashboard for all the resources you'll need to market, promote, and deliver these courses when they launch. Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare to expand statewide!



**Floor Installation Technician**

**DRAKE STATE**  
COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE



**Forklift Operator**



**WALLACE**  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
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## &gt;&gt;&gt; A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Cathy Davis and her incredible team at Tennessee Valley Animal Clinic, P.C. Their generosity allowed **Northwest Shoals Community College** to host the Skills for Success **Veterinary Assistant** pilot at their facility. Your hospitality and support are helping us pave the way for individuals to gain the skills they need to launch exciting new careers.



[Watch the Veterinary Assistant Promo Video HERE](#)



FLOOR COVERING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

given students not only the equipment they need to begin their careers, but also a tangible symbol of their hard-earned accomplishments. Your contributions add a special sense of pride and significance to the course graduation ceremony, making it an unforgettable milestone for our students.

We are deeply grateful to Kaye Whitener and the Floor Covering Education Foundation for their generous support of the **Floor Installation Technician** course. By providing toolboxes filled with professional flooring tools, you've

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>>> **ADOC EMPLOYEES EARN CDL CERTIFICATIONS THROUGH SKILLS FOR SUCCESS**

George Richards and Jerry Cook from the Engineering Division of the Alabama Department of Corrections recently earned their CDL Class A certificates through **Ingram State Technical College (ISTC)**. Their achievement highlights how no cost, flexible training allows working professionals to gain valuable new skills while balancing their careers.

With self-paced online learning and hands-on training at community colleges

across Alabama, SFS provides opportunities for individuals to upskill and earn industry-recognized credentials. Programs like this support both workforce development and career growth, equipping professionals with in-demand skills.

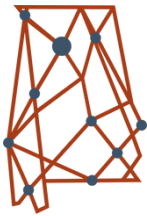
>>> **SFS SCHOOL BUS TRAINING HELPS ADDRESS DRIVER SHORTAGES**

Over the past two years, **LBW Community College's** SFS School Bus Training program has helped 71 individuals earn their credentials through the Alabama Department of Education. The program has provided training for a Class B CDL, Passenger Endorsement, and School Bus Endorsement.



The Butler County Board of Education has faced a shortage of school bus drivers. However, the SFS School Bus Endorsement Training at LBW Community College is helping bridge that gap. With an impressive 99 percent success rate, this program equips participants with the necessary skills for certification and employment, ensuring safe and reliable transportation for students.





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## >>> HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS STUDENTS SECURE JOB OFFERS THROUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAINING

Huntsville City Schools students recently completed **Calhoun Community College's** heavy equipment courses in **Bulldozer** and **Asphalt Roller** operation. Their effort paid off: three students received job offers from Rogers Group Inc. before finishing high school. This achievement showcases how Skills for Success connects Alabamians with the training they need for in-demand careers, benefiting both workers and industries statewide.

Hear from the students who received job offers by watching this video.



## >>> OPELIKA HS FIBER OPTICS GRADUATION WITH SOUTHERN UNION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Nine Opelika High students completed the **Fiber Optics Technician and Installer** course, earning a College and Career Readiness Indicator through the ACCS Innovation Center's Skills for Success program. **Southern Union**



President Todd Shackett noted, "This summer when these students are looking for work, they now possess a set of skills that's more marketable than their peers." State Representative Jeremy Gray, along with Southern Union and Opelika High dignitaries, attended the award ceremony



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## Skills for Success now has TWO courses offered in Spanish! (Theory Only)

### ✓ Available Courses

*Any community college can offer these courses.*

- CDL A
- CDL A Theory Only
- CDL B
- CDL B Theory Only
- CDL B Passenger School Bus
- CDL B Passenger School Bus Theory Only
- CDL B + Passenger Theory Only
- CDL B + Passenger
- Passenger + School Bus
- Passenger Endorsement
- Passenger Theory Only
- School Bus Endorsement
- School Bus Theory Only
- CDL Behind the Wheel Only
- Hazmat Endorsement
- Excavator Operator
- Skid Steer Operator
- Bulldozer Operator
- Asphalt Roller Operator
- Fiber Optics Tech and Installer
- **Fiber Optics Tech and Installer - Spanish**
- Manufactured Home Installer Helper
- Food & Beverage
- **Food & Beverage - Spanish**
- Hotel Operations
- Retail Meat Cutter
- Mental Health Worker
- Carpentry Helper
- Electrical Helper
- Land Survey Technician
- Community Health Worker
- Customer Service
- Ambulance Operator/EVOC

### 💡 Customized Training Courses

*These courses are specialized workforce training programs developed at the request of an ACCS division, partner, or stakeholder to address specific industry or organizational needs.*

#### Available Courses:

- Dual Enrollment Orientation
- FAME Mentorship

#### In-Development Courses:

- Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) x 10
- Construction Administration Excellence
- ReConnect

### ⚙️ Courses In-Development

*These courses are still in a phase of development, whether that be the development of a task force, filming, or pilot phase.*

- \*Flooring Installation Technician
- \*Barista
- \*Veterinary Assistant
- \*Motor Grader Operator
- \*Forklift Operator
- \*Concrete Mixer Truck Driver
- \*Plumbing Assistant
- \*Nursery Landscape Worker
- \*Machine Operator
- \*Nursing Support Technician (NST)
- \*Biotechnician
- \*Water Treatment Operator Grade 2
- Propane Technician
- Asphalt Lab Technician
- Paver Operator
- Operator Tech Automotive
- Drone Operator
- Screed Operator
- Roof Framing
- Customer Relations
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Operator

*\*pilot phase*

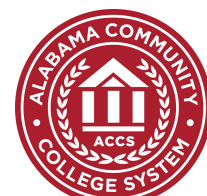
Are you interested in taking a Skills for Success course? Are you an employer looking to offer training to your workforce? Or are you a partner wanting to promote these valuable programs?

**Submit your interest today and let's work together to build a stronger workforce!**

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



#### Available Trainings



## MARCH INNOVATION UNPLUGGED RECAP

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**Episode 50**

Milestone Moment: Celebrating 50 Episodes of Innovation Unplugged with Julie Frizzell, Houston Blackwood, Brandi Merrill, and Kailah Dozier

**Episode 51**

Meet The IC Team: Sandie Dutton  
ACCS Innovation Center

**Episode 52**

Innovating Education: How ASCTE is Shaping the Future of STEM Learning with Matt Massey  
Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering

