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Chamber Members, Supporters and Stakeholders:

I am honored and humbled to have been given the opportunity to help lead our Chamber for the next 12 months. I am committed to continuing the legacy of those who came before me and that have participated in making our Chamber the fine organization that it is today.

The Bessemer Chamber has a rich history which has unfolded over the past 98 years. Our Chamber has grown and strengthened through the bonds of friendship and the development of business and community relationships.

Our Chamber does much more than just promote and protect the interests of the business community; this chamber builds relationships. My own experience as a member includes forming countless business relationships. More importantly, I have formed many great and lasting friendships as well.

Over the past few years, we have grown rapidly, both in size and in scope. We hold more events than ever before, have a broader membership than ever before, and our positive impact in the community is greater. We're continuing to offer events and programs that will add value to you being a member of this organization.

It takes a team to continue a strong Chamber; therefore, we must work together to accomplish this common goal - "A Stronger Chamber...A Better Bessemer".

This is going to be an awesome year and I thank every one of you in advance and challenge you to partner with us in 2020 in making this Chamber and our entire city a great place to live, work, and do business.

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*AMBASSADORS are individuals who are motivated, enthusiastic, and articulate who serve as the backbone of the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce's membership enhancement and retention program. Ambassadors are the key resource in extending hospitality in the Bessemer area and are experienced in business, community and promotional arenas.*

*The ambassadors meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am at the Chamber at 321 18<sup>th</sup> Street North, Bessemer.*



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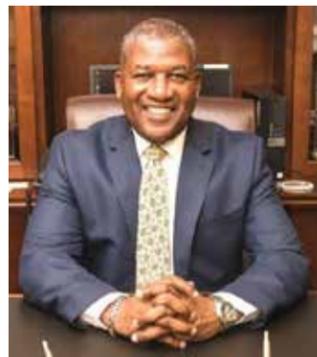
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The City of Bessemer provides service oriented, responsible government, consistent with the community's values, priorities and expectations for a high quality of life, enhancing the City's fiscal health, providing professional and innovative services, and managing the City's resources while planning for the future.



Mayor and City Council from left to right

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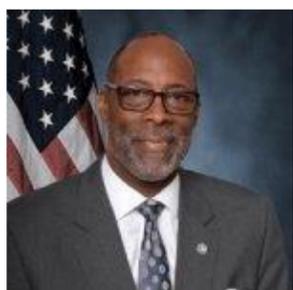
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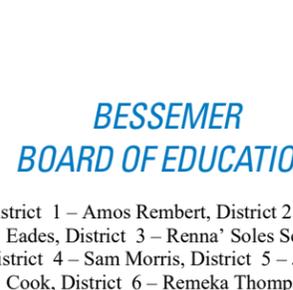
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# Bessemer's

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## W I L L I A M E . P A R S O N S , J R .

William E. Parsons, Jr. CPA, PC has maintained an accountant office in the city of Bessemer for 40 years. Currently, his office is located at 419 19th Street North. Billy, as he is called by everyone, has a steadfast work ethic. Even when tax seasons are over, he works every day to provide his clients with excellent service.

### Describe how you have been affiliated with the city of Bessemer?

I grew up in what is now referred to as Historical Jonesboro in Bessemer. I graduated from Bessemer High School in 1965 and attended the University of Alabama graduating in 1969 with a B.S. in Accounting. After graduating, unlike some classmates, I immediately returned to the city of Bessemer and I still live in Bessemer to date.

### What is the best part about working and living in Bessemer?

I have a genuine love for my hometown; the people are the best part!



### What advice would you give to someone looking to open a business and/or relocate to the Bessemer area?

If someone is moving to the Bessemer area, I would advise them to utilize the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Office, and the Industrial Development Board (IDB). The IDB in Bessemer has more assets than any other in the state.

### Provide details about your current profession.

My CPA firm has been in Bessemer for over 40 years. We currently provide bookkeeping services, payroll services, financial statement preparation, and preparation on tax returns of all sorts.

### How has Bessemer changed over the years?

The major change has been the retail businesses moving out of the downtown area, and more towards the interstate. The downtown area is now made of mostly professional and service-related businesses. •

# Bessemer's FINEST

## C L A I R E M I T C H E L L

As the former First Lady of Bessemer, Claire Mitchell has served the city of Bessemer for the past 40 years! She's spent the last 25 of those years serving as an Ambassador for the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce, which for her, has been a joy. Her objective has always been to serve in the community and donate time to different businesses and organizations.

### What's the best part about working/living in Bessemer?

The best part about working in Bessemer was when I moved to the area, my clientele was already established, while working in Birmingham I gained a Bessemer base which made the transition much easier. I was closer to home which made my travel time shorter, and I was only a short distance from our daughter's school. This was worth the move because it gave me more time with my family. Most importantly, working/living in Bessemer gives you the opportunity to learn people in the area in order to socialize and network. Living in the Smith Highland community has been a pleasure due to the safe and family-oriented environment.

### Describe how you have been affiliated with the city of Bessemer?

It was always my desire to own my own business, so May 1995, we opened Bessemer Beauty Institute School of Cosmetology and the Hair Gallery Beauty Salon. My goal was to help young women and men to become productive and sufficient citizens in the community. I still work part time as a hair stylist. I served 5 years on the Bessemer Board of Education, representing District 1. I also had the privilege of being appointed by then Governor Don Siegelman to serve 4 years on the Alabama Board of Cosmetology in Montgomery, AL, representing District 7.

### How has Bessemer changed over the years?

Bessemer has made some tremendous changes over the years. I watched the growth and development of Academy Drive's business district, Vision Land, now Alabama Splash Adventure, and most importantly, Bessemer's ownership of its own water filtration plant. Bessemer continues to grow with lots of new businesses!



### What advice would you give someone looking to open a business in and/or relocate to the Bessemer area?

The advice I would give someone that wants to open a business is to move forward because Bessemer is a growing city, with businesses moving in at a fast pace. The city has plenty of property to build on and prime property that already exists. Don't give up when you meet adversity; keep working towards your goals and you will succeed. Make sure you are committed!

### Do you have a memorable Bessemer story you would like to share?

One of my most memorable Bessemer stories would be when I had the opportunity to stand on the platform in DeBardeleben Park when my husband Quitman Mitchell took the Oath as the first African American Mayor of Bessemer, and I became the First Lady for the city of Bessemer. These things don't just happen by accident; God laid the plans and He made it happen. Only God! My latest memorable story was when I was selected for the Charles A. Long Outstanding Civic Award. This was a grand honor that I thought would never happen to me! •



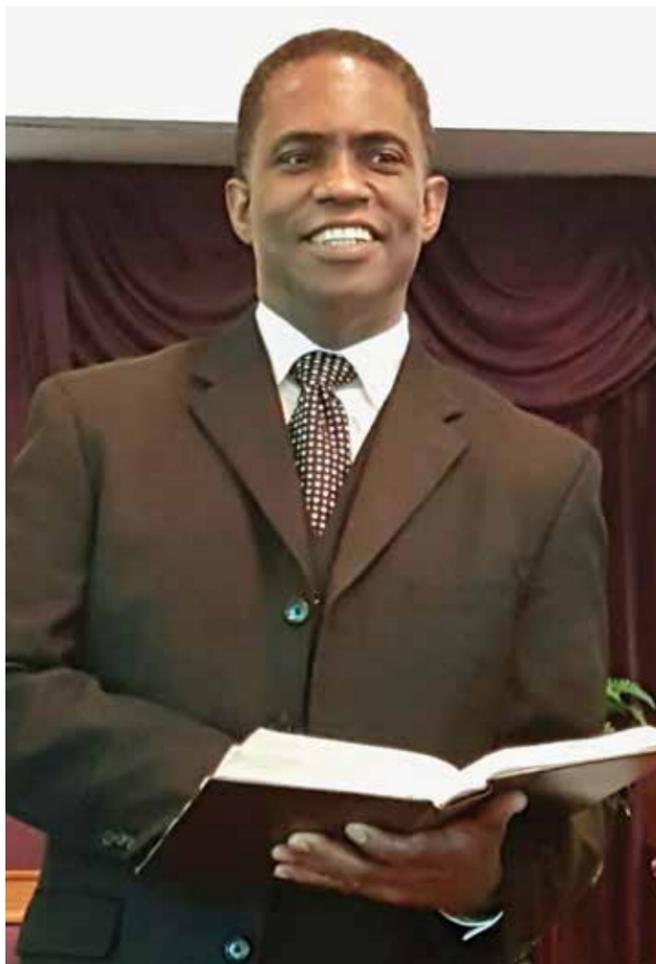
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P A S T O R D O U G L A S C A D D E L L

In 1978, Pastor Douglas Caddell moved to Bessemer to work for Jefferson County Board of Education as a teacher at McAdory High School. He spent 26 years teaching students at McAdory before becoming the pastor of Canaan Baptist Church on 9th Avenue in Bessemer, where he has served for the past 15 years.

## What's the best part about working/living in Bessemer?

The best part about working in Bessemer is serving the wonderful, deserving people of Bessemer through my roles as a teacher (retired) and pastor. By the Grace of God, I have met many people and touched many lives who in turn have touched my life. As a servant of Jesus Christ, I humbly share God's Word through the week and on Sundays. I visit the sick and counsel those in need. Some say that I am an encourager. My desire is that all people come to realize that God loves them and wants them to live their best, victorious life through trusting Jesus Christ as they're Savior and obeying Him.



## Describe how you have been affiliated with the City of Bessemer?

As Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church (9th Avenue), my one desire is to serve others and introduce Jesus Christ while emphasizing the necessity of a close relationship with our Creator to all. We have Sun-



day Services with Sunday School and weekly Bible Study. We have a striving Kindergarten, which had endured for over 70 years. I am truly blessed to be a part of Canaan Baptist Church and the Marvel City of Bessemer.

the most in my mind is becoming the pastor at Canaan Baptist Church (9th Avenue). Over the years, I have come in contact with phenomenal, God living people. Some of these people have gone home to be with our Sovereign Lord, and others are worshipping, praising, and serving Jesus Christ while living; they have become beacons of hope, faith, love, and Godliness. •

## How has Bessemer changed over the years?

Bessemer has changed in many ways over the years, especially industrially.

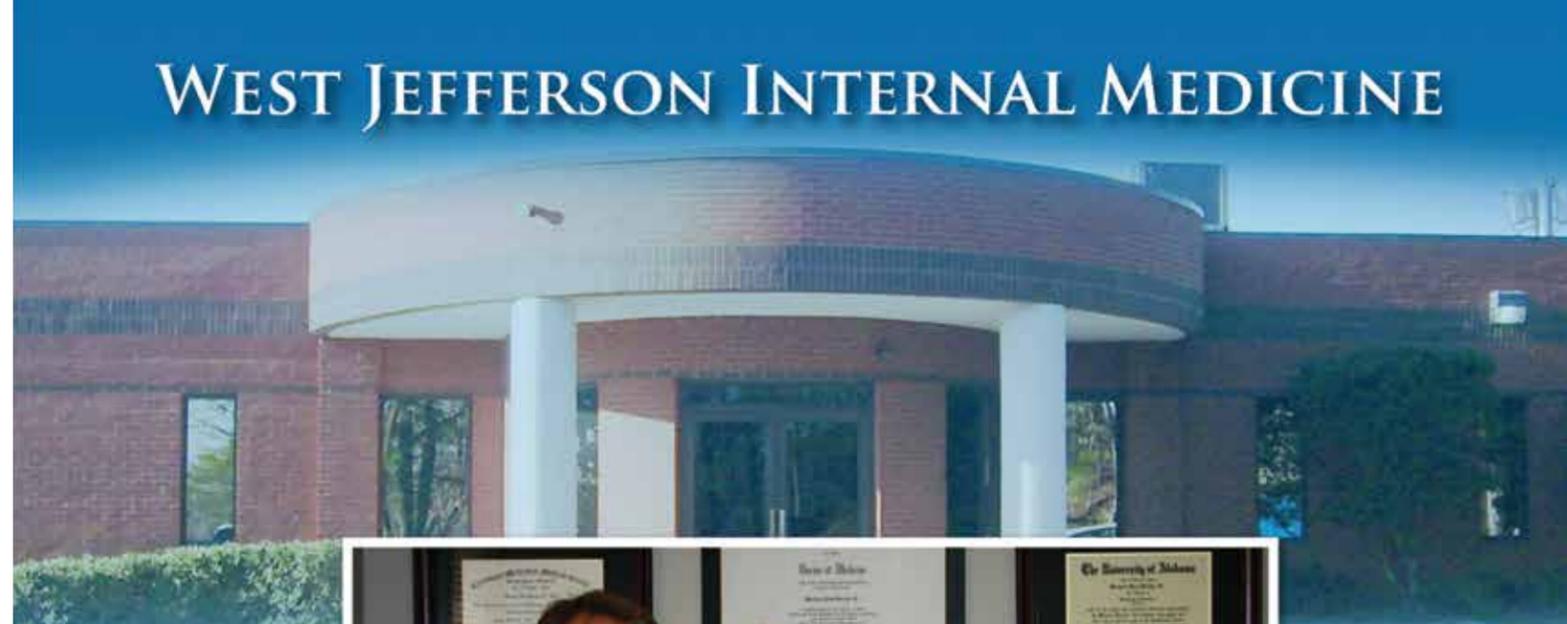
## What advice would you give someone looking to open a business in and/or relocate to the Bessemer area?

I would tell anyone who wants to open a business in the great city of Bessemer or who wants to relocate to Bessemer to do it. Bessemer is a beautiful city with honest people who are doing their best to coexist and survive. Please join us in this wonderful city and with God's help make Bessemer a greater city.

## Do you have a memorable Bessemer story you would like to share?

I have many memorable stories, but perhaps, the one that sticks out

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# Bessemer's FINEST

S K I P P E R G O O D W I N

Skipper Goodwin is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President of First Financial Bank located at 1630 4th Avenue N. He spent majority of his life living and working in the Bessemer area and continues to serve the Bessemer community

## Describe your affiliation with the city of Bessemer?

My family moved on Muscoda Hill in the Jonesboro community when I was nine years old. I first attended Muscoda Elementary School in the third grade and later moved to Jonesboro Elementary School, continuing my education through the Bessemer School System. I graduated in the last class from Bessemer High School in 1970. I left Bessemer to attend the University of Alabama, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1974. I obtained my CPA designation while being employed with Arthur Andersen & Co. for ten years. I decided to return to Bessemer and First Federal Savings Bank in 1995. The name eventually changed to First Financial Bank, and I've been here since.

## What's the best part about working/living in Bessemer?

First Financial Bank has been a part of Bessemer since 1936 and is a staple in the community. I am very proud to be a part of the continuation of this institution and all that it represents. It is extremely reward-

ing to be a part of a bank that is closely integrated into the community and is well respected by its residents, especially having grown up in Bessemer. We have close relationships with the local people as they save money with us and use other available services. We work to understand their needs and find the best answers to fit their specific needs.

## How has Bessemer changed over the years?

I believe the most obvious change in Bessemer over the years has been the influx of new businesses into the city, with Amazon being the most recent commitment. Numerous businesses have located near the intersection of I-459 and Morgan Road. Also, there is a major shopping center at I-459 and Eastern Valley Road near McCalla. There are many more new businesses that are worthy of mention, in addition to our mainstays of Bright Star, Bob Sykes BBQ, Simmons Sporting Goods, and First Financial Bank, the only bank with headquarters in the western area. With these new businesses, as well as existing businesses, new leadership talent is being brought into the city. The challenge for the City is to keep this new talent and maintain an infrastructure to accommodate the needs of new residents. Entertainment has improved over the years; it includes the waterpark, blues festival, new community center, civic center, YMCA, autobahn indoor go-cart racing, golf course, theater, and Chamber of Commerce events.

## What advice would you give someone looking to open a business in and/or relocate to the Bessemer area?

I would tell them that close and lasting relationships are established in the business and personal community. You get to know your customers and are able to help them make meaningful lifetime decisions. Becoming active in the community can have a true impact on its direction and solving its problems. You can make a real difference! Bessemer is located in a great position between Birmingham and Tuscaloosa and is poised for future success and growth.

## Provide details about your current or former profession/business.

I have been fortunate to work in professions that I enjoyed and were rewarding to me personally. After graduating from The University of Alabama, I worked as a CPA with an international accounting firm in Birmingham. I learned a great deal in those ten years; the experiences were valuable as it provided many options for my future career. I accepted a position with Secor Bank, a bank that was formed by the combination of 4 separate banks throughout Alabama – Birmingham, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, and Mobile. Secor then acquired a large bank in New Orleans, with their total assets approximated \$3 billion. At age 35, I

was named President of Secor. Eventually, the bank was sold and merged into Regions Bank. I was hired by First Federal Savings Bank in 1995, which eventually changed its name to First Financial Bank. I currently serve as the Chairman, CEO and President of First Financial Bank. The bank expanded through the years by acquisition and new branches. I consider myself very fortunate to return to my hometown, conduct business, and have personal relationships with so many fine people.

## Do you have a memorable story you would like to share?

Unfortunately, a story that really hits home with me deals with the personal and financial hardships of someone I have known for a long period of time. Over the years, he had gained a lot of trusts, in my opinion. My friend visited me in my office, and he began to tell me his current personal situation with his family. Our discussion would become personal and emotional. He covered some family hardships and difficulties that he has endured. My friend could see no way out of the burdens he had and needed help with a financial plan, if possible. Together, we went through all relative information and more. I provided a plan to follow and gave my thoughts on personal steps that must be taken since I was asked. Then, we set up follow-up visits to stay on track. He eventually felt relief as he followed the plan to get back on track. To this day, all is going well. These types of interactions are what I will always treasure and never forget.



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Chief Michael Roper has protected and served our community since he began working for the Bessemer Police Department in August of 1990. He moved to Bessemer permanently the following year. Chief Roper takes pride in our city, and it shows through the hard work and dedication he and his officers display on a daily basis.

## Describe how you have been affiliated with the city of Bessemer?

My parents were living in Bessemer when I was born. We moved to Roosevelt City when I was one, but my grandmother still lived in Bessemer. I spent a lot of time at her house growing up. I began working in Bessemer as a furniture warehouse/delivery driver for Jefferson Furniture Company located on 2nd Ave. While working at Jefferson Furniture Company, I learned to drive tractor-trailers and worked my way up to the distribution manager. After leaving Jefferson Furniture Company, I went to work as a tractor-trailer driver for what was then known as Big B Drugs, also located in Bessemer. Although I currently live in Pleasant Grove, Bessemer is my home.



## How has Bessemer changed over the years?

Bessemer has changed in several ways. New businesses have chosen to open their doors in Bessemer, and new homes are being built as well.

## Provide details about your current or former profession/business.

In my profession as a Law Enforcement officer, I have truly been blessed. After beginning my career here in Bessemer in 1990, I was promoted to Sergeant in 1996, Lieutenant 2000, Captain 2009, Deputy Chief 2012, and Police Chief in 2017. Being a police officer has its challenges. I had opportunities to go to other departments during my tenure, but I always decided to stay here in Bessemer. My heart is with Bessemer!

## What advice would you give someone looking to open a business in and/or relocate to the Bessemer area?

I would advise them to not listen to rumors about Bessemer; talk to someone who will tell you the straight-up truth, such as Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley. Bessemer has

the same, and in some cases more, amenities than several other cities.

## What's the best part about working/living in Bessemer?

I have been able to establish a lot of relationships with different people in the community, business owners, educators, etc.



## Do you have a memorable story you would like to share?

The Winter Storm in 1993 produced the most snow that I've ever seen. I worked approximately 50 hours!

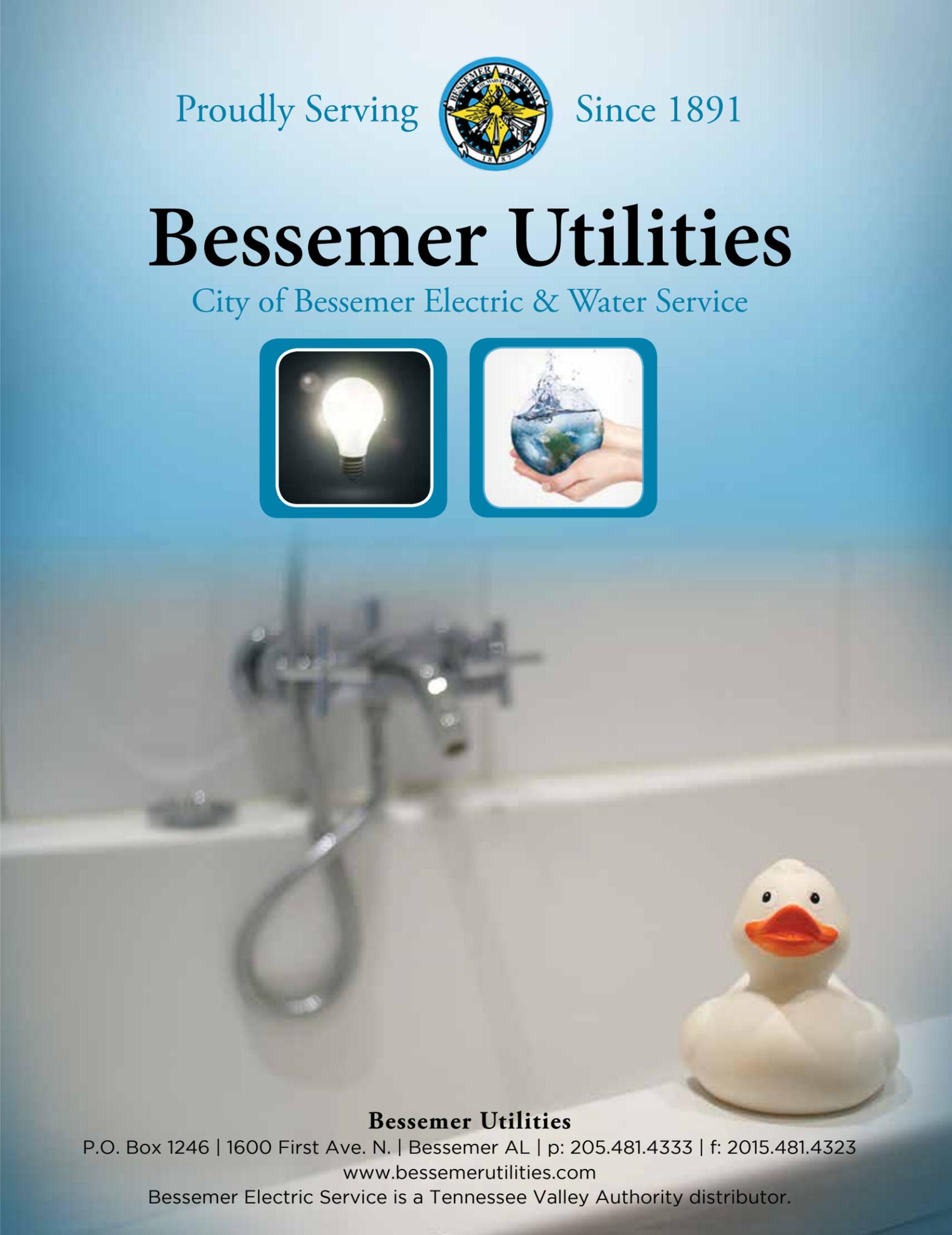
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# JUSTICE FOR ALL

## CHANGING THE PERSPECTIVE

The responsibility of a district attorney (DA) is to manage the prosecutor's office and to assist law enforcement in the investigation of matters of alleged crimes that occur within their jurisdiction. DA's issue warrants and file criminal charges in cases where probable cause is determined or convene a grand jury to present evidence of criminal cases. The overall objective is to promote public safety and prosecute people that are in violation of the laws of the State of Alabama. Such violations are customarily presented to the DA's office by law enforcement. Additionally, those cases that are not initially processed by law enforcement for warrants are presented to a grand jury by a district attorney for them to determine whether enough evidence exists that would make it more probable that a crime has been committed by the named individual. The district attorney must work with other entities to support one another in their efforts of serving the community and making greater change.

The Jefferson County and Bessemer Cutoff District Attorneys' offices work closely with local police departments in the surrounding areas, along with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to prosecute

cases against people suspected of breaking the law. The DA also works with Bessemer and Jefferson County courts and judges to initiate and direct further criminal investigations and recommend the sentencing

of offenders. Working closely with the different agencies serves as a message to offenders of the law that there is a unified effort to combat crime and improve the safety of our communities. It is the role of law enforcement to arrest individuals that violate the law, investigate said violations, and provide evidence for the DA's office to examine and use to prosecute offenders of crime. Both law enforcement and the DA's office share information and develop good synergy that is beneficial for the cases that are prosecuted, as well as build great relationships and support systems for one another. Historically, the success of a district attorney has been measured by the number of convictions that are procured during their term in office. However, District Attorney Lynneice O. Washington has

extended the role of a district attorney and framed it within the mission statement of her office: "It is my mission to promote public safety, maintain community trust, and empower youth for the future."





Lynneice O. Washington was elected in 2016 as Jefferson County District Attorney for the Bessemer Cutoff Division. “I’ve learned the value of partnering with other policing agencies during the time that I served as an assistant DA for the same office that I now serve as the elected District Attorney. As I’ve worked with law enforcement officers in gathering evidence and trial preparation, it was important to proceed as a unified team to effectively prosecute cases,” says DA Washington. She is also mindful of the importance of forging and building upon relationships with law enforcement agencies, legislatives and Jefferson County authoritative bodies to build camaraderie and to be more effective for the people that she serves. One of the first collaborative projects that she spearheaded was creating the first DA-formed task force, compiled of a multitude of governmental agencies such as the U.S. Marshals, Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, FBI, and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), just to name a few. As a collaborative unit, 126 arrests were made, and 212 outstanding warrants were cleared; more than 32 firearms and drugs with a street value of \$163,000 were seized over a 3-month period. In the short time that she has been in office, DA Washington has established a Cold Case Unit, a Victim Service Unit, and successfully proposed a bill to the Alabama State Legislature to add

two additional assistant DA slots within her office in an effort to meet the demand of an increased volume of cases. She implemented the Helping Families Initiative Program to address chronic absenteeism and behavior issues of students attending school in the Bessemer, Fairfield and Midfield districts. It is used as a crime prevention tool and a means to strengthen the retention of student school enrollment. Currently, she is working to begin the first Conviction Review Unit in the state of Alabama. Both Jefferson County District Attorneys’ offices will be working together to review cases that have been prosecuted in their respective jurisdiction regarding individuals that may have been wrongfully convicted. “There have been many people exonerated from death sentences due to wrongful convictions. DNA Technology has advanced tremendously over the years and has been instrumental in the release of many who were wrongfully convicted. It is the duty of those in law enforcement to seek justice. If the wrong person is convicted, the guilty party remains free to possibly re-offend and destroy another family. True closure does not exist for victims until justice is served appropriately. The value of human life is too precious to ignore the demand for justice,” says DA Washington.

As her administration began in 2017, she implemented measures to reduce crime and improve the safety of communities. She launched an in-

novative approach to prosecutions in crime prevention by educating youth on the laws that affect them. She set out to provide opportunities for ex-offenders to obtain employment as a means of reacclimating themselves back into the community to ultimately reduce repeat offenses. “My role as district attorney affords me the opportunity to promote great changes and honorably serve citizens in the Bessemer Cutoff jurisdiction,” says DA Washington. In 2018, DA Washington began a quarterly meeting at Lawson State Community College’s Bessemer Campus for law enforcement, prosecutors, mayors, and community merchants called The Bessemer Cutoff Public Safety and Information Forum. The objective is to share information and intelligence on crime prevention and to introduce resource agencies offering aid to the community. The forum also provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the different roles in the criminal justice system. Recently, District Attorney Washington collaborated with Lawson State Community College, Bessemer Police



Department, the Alabama Work Force, and others to organize a hiring fair for ex-felons and those with a marred criminal history of misdemeanors. There were 16 business owners and governmental agencies present to provide interviews for employment opportunities. Individuals also had an opportunity to apply for the restoration of their voting rights. The event was successful, with over 200 applicants in attendance!

DA Washington mentioned the significance of serving with dignity and integrity. “It is important to do the right thing even when no one is watching and to conduct my life in a manner that exemplifies positive examples for our youth. God has blessed me to become a historical part of Alabama’s history, and I don’t take it lightly. My mother undergirded me with wisdom and instilled within me values that set me apart from others. There are many trailblazers who paved my path and lost their lives so that I can realize my dream. I stand on the shoulders of many giants, and I will continuously serve to make my community safe and proud.”

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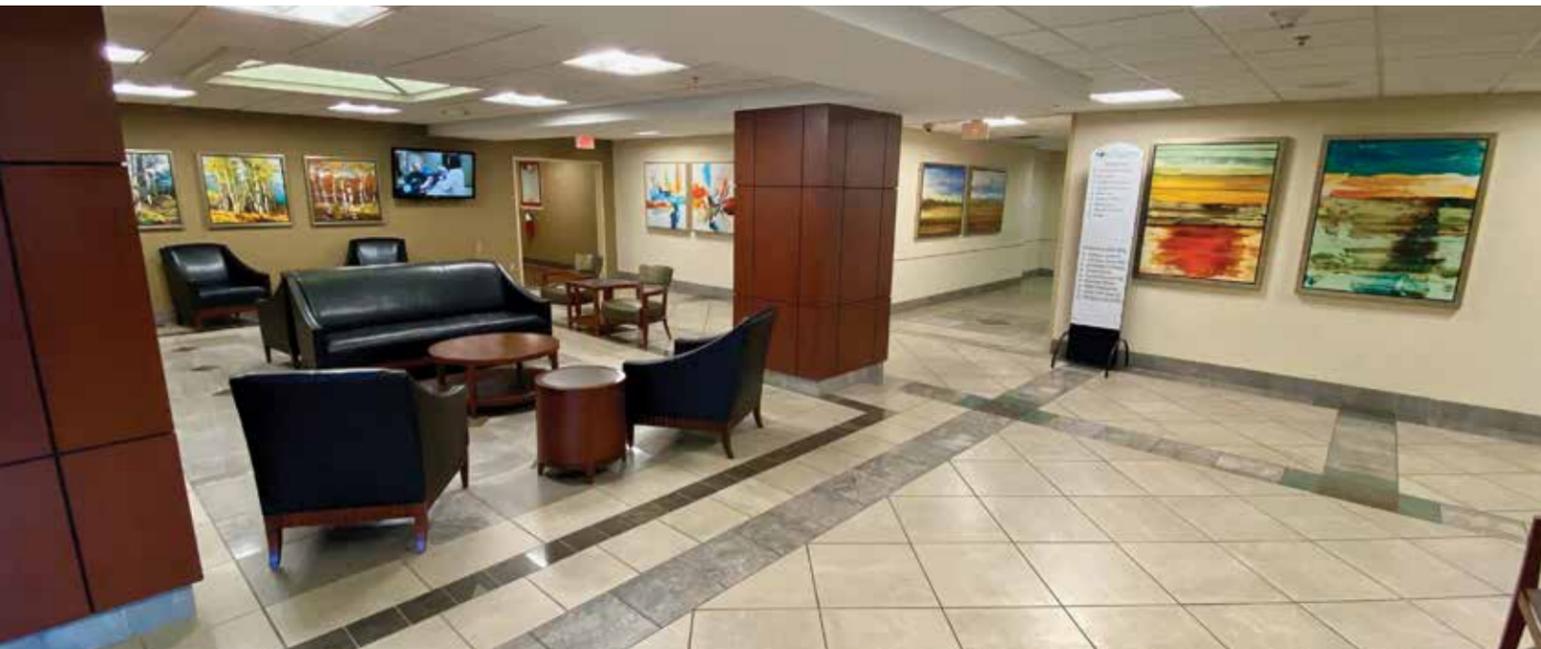
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— David Johnson



Medical West Hospital, located at 995 9th Avenue Southwest, was built in 1964 by the city of Bessemer and Mayor Jess Lanier, operating under the name Memorial Hospital. In the early '70s, the hospital found itself in financial hardship, and the city began looking to sell it. Dr. Ben Carraway purchased the hospital and changed the name to Bessemer Carraway Medical Center. An iconic blue star was placed on the top of the building and became a recognizable symbol for the hospital. Bessemer Carraway Medical Center was sold to UAB Health System in the early 2000s and was renamed to Medical West. Although part of the UAB Health System, Medical West operates as a free-standing, independent hospital. Over the past 15 years, UAB Health



Systems has spent millions of dollars in upgrades to the hospital. Medical West consists of a 310-bed acute care hospital, a medical office building with an outpatient surgery center, a professional office building that houses specialists, subspecialists, primary care physicians, and more. Currently, Medical West operates 16 convenient satellite health centers serving the communities of West Jefferson County and the state's first Free-standing Emergency Department (FED) in Hoover. The hospital offers a wide range of diagnostic, surgical, medical, and emergency services. Hospital services include a 21-bed Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Women's Center, Telemetry Nursing Unit, Geriatric-Psychiatric Unit, Surgical Services,

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, and Advanced Wound Center. Residents of Bessemer, McCalla, Tannehill, Hueytown, Hoover, and Vance benefit from the convenience of Medical West family practice and internal medicine health centers located in their neighborhoods. Medi-

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In the early 2020's, the hospital will expand and move from its current location to a brand-new facility in the McCalla Area off of Exit 1 on Interstate 459. The hospital intends to renovate the current location on 9th Avenue and has multiple plans for its use. Medical West continues

to provide the community of West Jefferson with the highest quality of health care in a patient-focused environment. For more information, visit their website at [medicalwesthospital.org](http://medicalwesthospital.org).

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# EARLY LEARNING in Bessemer City Schools

The Alabama Office of School Readiness defines school readiness as a condition whereby children enter school with:

- an enthusiasm for learning,
- an ability to function in a social setting,
- age-appropriate communication and problem solving skills,

- age-appropriate physical and emotional skills, and
- optimal health.
- get higher paying salaries as adults, and
- are more likely to stay out of prison and off welfare.

Bessemer City School System in collaboration with the Bessemer Community have made Early Learning one of four strategic goals.



Dr. Autumn Jeter  
Bessemer Superintendent

Explore	Set Expectations	Create	Integrate	Implement	Evaluate	Refine
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## GOAL

### Early Learning

We will focus on early assessment and intervention at the Pre-K through third grade levels to ensure early academic success.

## STRATEGY

### Classroom Environment

“A preschool learning environment includes outside spaces, indoor places, and everything in between—toys, learning materials, wall displays, and equipment. It also includes the children and adults who interact in these spaces. A well-planned environment reflects the culture, home language, and interests of all children and their families. The learning environment

has an important impact on children’s efforts to build relationships, play and learn, eat, and rest.” (Cairone & Mackrain, pg.107) The social environment (schedules, responsibilities, expectations, and routines) works in tandem with the physical environment (materials, displays, learning areas, furniture, and maintenance) to create a positive and supportive learning community.

### Classroom Community

A well-managed and inclusive classroom supports constructive and positive relationships, and discourages inappropriate behaviors. The goal is to help children develop self-regulation and autonomy. Creating this environment is a shared responsibility of the lead and auxiliary teacher, the director and all staff members (food service, custodial, special area teachers, volunteers, etc.) who work with the Pre-K child in the OSR classroom.

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### Building a Classroom Community

“Caring relationships are fostered through nurturing practices, and are the basis for building a safe, strong, and caring community in which everyone is accepted, secure, and ready to learn and have fun.” (Cairone & Mackrain, pg. B11)

### Cooperation Among Teachers

### Transitions

“When transitions are well planned and children are not expected to wait for long periods of time, which is something they are not yet developmentally ready to do, behaviors are more likely to be positive.” (Cairone & Mackrain, pg.96)

### Discipline and Behavior Management (Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs, pgs. 150-159)

“Teaching preschoolers is hard work and can quickly become overwhelming when children’s behavioral concerns are a problem. There is no one solution or recipe that will ensure every day runs smoothly; however, there are steps teachers can take to help create a peaceful and inviting classroom, where both children and teachers feel safe and happy. Creating such places and implementing these practices ensures learning is happening at each and every moment, and children are gaining the social and emotional skills they need for a lifetime of success in and beyond the classroom.” (Cairone & Mackrain, pg. 5)

### Planning, Teaching, Learning

Planning for instruction includes creating a daily schedule, daily lesson plans, short term lesson plans, (weekly/monthly themes and lessons), and long term lesson plans (themes or studies for the year). The interests, curiosity, and needs of the children should be taken into consideration when developing classroom plans. Developing lessons and free choice activities around themes or studies, maximizes learning in a meaningful context based on the NAEYC Developmentally Appropriate Practice

### Gross Motor/Outdoor Play

Daily activities should include many opportunities for young children to develop competence and confidence in their gross motor skills. While children develop many of their physical capabilities through play they also need planned movement activities with verbal and modeled instruction and structured physical skill development opportunities. The OSR Pre-K classroom schedule is required to include 60 minutes of gross motor activity. This 60 minutes may be broken into smaller segments of time within the day.





# ALABAMA STEM EDUCATION



Alabama STEM Education (ASE) is a 501(c) 3 organization whose mission is to empower the minds of underrepresented, underserved youth in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It is also their desire to equip the students with the skills to impact the 21st century workforce. The visionary of this organization, Mrs. Juanita Graham, is the author of Mr. Stem, a children's introduction to STEM which is available at Barnes and Noble, Books a Million and Amazon.

Since its inception in 2014, ASE has been providing innovative, engaging, and interactive out of school time activities for more than 400 youth in Jefferson County yearly. ASE recognizes there is a persistent "opportunity gap" where STEM learning is more often available to youth attending high-performing schools and living in affluent and middle-class communities, while students who attend under-resourced schools, in poor communities, often lack exposure to math and science-rich environments and opportunities for STEM learning. ASE

is working to close that gap for children in the Bessemer, Birmingham and Jefferson County communities.

In 2015, Alabama STEM Education contracted out with UAB Engineering department to facilitate the Summer Enrichment program at Bessemer City Middle School. Since that program's collaboration, UAB, Auburn University, Lawson State Community College, Miles College, and University of Montevallo have all been engaged with ASE students to give them the best of STEM training. Today, ASE is recognized in Black Belt counties, Bessemer, Birmingham and beyond for being a high-quality asset to children in their communities and schools. ASE's spirit of partnership and networking fosters a community of cooperation among parents, students, businesses, and other organizations to provide each program participant with a supportive learning environment.

Alabama STEM Education has been providing the community of Bessemer with economic growth since 2014. ASE has purchased more

than 17,000 sq. ft of property from the city. ASE has also provided more than 20 jobs since 2014. Bessemer is now more aware of the importance of STEM Education, leading to an increase in students' reading abilities, academic accomplishments and conflict resolution skills.

Alabama STEM Education provides hands-on quality STEM training to K-12 underrepresented, underserved low-income students in Bessemer and surrounding areas with the following programs:

- TAPE (Tutoring and Practical Exposure) introduces STEM-related fields and activities with homework assistance/school projects in an after-school setting. Students are picked up from school by the Alabama STEM Education and brought to their facilities to begin training. From 3-6 PM Monday – Friday, students will be engaged in very demanding hands-on activities. Students also have the opportunity to gain life skills through discussing issues at home or school and learning how to resolve them using critical thinking.
- "Raise the Bar" is a 10-week immersion program available on Saturdays only. Professors and senior STEM-related career students from collaborating universities such as UAB, Auburn University, Lawson State Community College, work alongside certified Alabama STEM Staffers to teach on subjects listed on the Alabama STEM Education's curriculum. Students receive breaks accompanied by a snack and light music for relaxation. At the end of the 10 weeks, students



participate in a certificate ceremony, which consists of presentations from students of what they learned during their time with ASE.

- Alabama STEM Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) is a state-licensed registered Child Care Resource facility that teaches children from 10 months to school age. Children are welcomed from 6:00 am to 6:30 pm, with breakfast, lunch, and dinner being provided for a tuition cost of \$140 week. At this time, ECLC services are only available in the Birmingham area.

- The STEM Summer Fun Camp is a two-month camp that exposes students to trips, activities, and engagement all centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! This program signs up 85 to 130 students per summer. STEM Camps are housed in different locations to accommodate the overwhelming response from parents. The cost is \$350 per child per month and includes all activities, trips, breakfast, lunch, and a different color tee shirt for every day of the week. Two universities per summer are chosen for exposure to college life.

For more information on Alabama STEM Education and their programs, a representative can be reached at two locations:

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# Lawson State

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Lawson State Community College is one of Alabama's oldest state-supported community colleges and is composed of an academic division and a career/technical division. First established in 1947 as a result of the Wallace-Patterson Trade School Act, the college opened its doors on August 24, 1949 in the southwestern area of Birmingham. After over 50 years of educating students in the Wenonah community, Lawson State expanded with the merging of Bessemer State Technical College on July 1, 2005.

Lawson State Community College, with campuses in Bessemer and Birmingham, seeks to provide accessible, quality educational opportunities, promote economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for the diverse communities it serves. Through varied instructional modes and lifelong learning opportunities, the College prepares students for gainful employment, career advancement, college transfer, and workforce development.

## Intro to Diagnostic Medical Sonography at Lawson State

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), now in its third semester, is the latest program added to Lawson State Community College's Health Professions Department. The DMS program prepares individuals, under the supervision of physicians, to utilize medical ultrasound techniques to gather sonographic data used to diagnose a variety of conditions and diseases.

The program includes instruction in obtaining, reviewing, and integrating patient histories and data; patient instruction and care; anatomic, physiologic and pathologic data recording; sonographic data processing; sonography equipment operation; and professional standards and ethics.

Program Lead for the DMS-Cardiac Sonography program, Kathleen Warner, BS RDCS, comes to Lawson State with 13 years of scanning experience and received an associates in Cardiac Technology from Harper College in Illinois and started her own career as a technical sonographer after briefly working as a teacher.

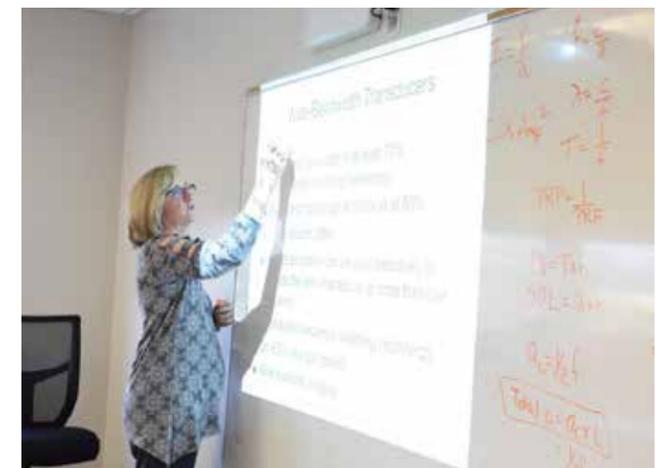
According to Ms. Warner, the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) played a big part in shaping the program at LSCC by setting guidelines in the course outline and textbook selection. UAB even

contributed by donating an ultra-sound machine for student-use in the program. Right now, Lawson State is the only degree-granting Cardiac Sonography program in the state.



ABOVE: Program Lead for DMS Program Kathleen Warner instructs class in 'Operation Frequency'. BELOW: Lawson State DMS students practice heart scans.

The first semester is dedicated to classroom instruction in patient care, anatomy, learning pathology and diseases of the heart. The last semester of the program focuses on full-time clinicals at UAB. The program takes five semesters to complete, and students must maintain a 2.5 gpa to remain in good standing. The program desires to have ten students per cohort with the next admission into the DMS Program being Fall 2020.



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# Lawson State Nursing Students Buy into Success

Lawson State Community College has been acknowledged throughout the state for providing quality training for professionals entering into the health industry. The programs are accredited through ACEN, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, and fully approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN). In more recent years, the college has seen recognition specifically for its highly competitive Registered Nursing and Practical Nursing programs.

The RN and LPN programs, under the umbrella of Department of Health Professions, have been ranked and recognized among the top nursing programs in Alabama consistently for the last three years. Most recently, the Lawson State LPN program was ranked #1 by PracticalNursing.org for 2019 after 20 programs across the state were analyzed. The ranking process, according to PracticalNursing.org, is as follows: Pass rates were analyzed going back to the most recent years of data available up to 5 years. Schools' pass rates were averaged together and weighted by the recency of the exam.

In 2018, the RN program was ranked as the #1 nursing program by RegisteredNursing.org. "The Department of Health Professions was excited and honored to have our associate degree nursing program named the #1 Best Registered Nursing program in the State of Alabama," said Dr. Sheila Marable, associate dean of Health Professions. She continued, "It was with the support of

administration, the college's faculty, our well-qualified nursing faculty and the diligence of our graduates that catapulted us to this position. Ultimately, our goal is to prepare individuals to provide safe and competent care to the community."



Lawson State's Nursing programs has consistently ranked in the Top 10 in Alabama for the last three years.

Upon successful completion of the RN program, students receive an associate's degree in Applied Science in Nursing. Students who complete the LPN program are highly encouraged to pursue an advanced professional degree.

"The faculty and staff of the Department of Health Professions-Nursing Division ask students to buy into what we are selling," said Dr. Katrina Swain, RN, Ed.D. and Nursing chairperson. "It is a team effort with instructors, staff, and students buying into a commitment to finish the process. We want students to make nursing school a priority. We ask them to dedicate themselves to coming to every class and clinical experience, reading ahead of time, attending tutoring sessions, and participating in lectures," she continued.



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## Lawson State: Leader in Automotive Education

Lawson State Community College now has the largest educational program focused on automotive technology in the State of Alabama—geared towards preparing future automotive technicians for an ever-evolving, high demand field. The Lawson State Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence (ACAЕ), under the Career Technical educational division, that has a variety of courses centered around Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, and Medium/Heavy Truck.

The automotive labs that housed the already established ACAЕ officially reopened in May 2018 after undergoing renovations, including an upgraded facility with new interior walls, a new roof as well as a new floor plan—continuing a mission of educating students with programs that are certified while meeting and exceeding industry standards.

“If you want to earn a very good living in the transportation service industry, then the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence is where you need to start,” stated Tom Berryman, director for the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence. “We provide you with a thorough understanding of theory- and lots of hands-on practice in your chosen area with practical laboratory experience with area dealerships and independent repair facilities.”

The expansion of the ACAЕ was designed to accommodate more students while continuing to house Lawson State’s internationally rec-

ognized automotive partners Chrysler, General Motors, Ford Motor Company and Toyota North America.

In addition to these partners, Lawson State added the MercedesTech program following an official announcement with Mercedes-Benz U.S. International (MBUSI) in February of 2019. This new partnership and program allows students to receive a long-certificate in automotive technology with the potential to lead to full-time employment in the auto industry. Courses in the Mercedes Tech Program are centered in automotive technology—preparing students for possible careers as Mercedes repair technicians within the MBUSI production facility located in Vance, Alabama.

“This partnership really solidifies Lawson State Community College as a leader in training for the automotive industry,” said Tommy Hobbs, assistant dean of Workforce Development at Lawson State Community College. The MercedesTech program officially welcomed students in Fall 2019 with over 30 enrolled in the first cohort. •

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## Lawson State Creates a Lane in Coding

Lawson State Community College was one of the first community colleges in the state to offer Apple’s Swift coding classes within its Business and Information Technologies division in the computer science program. Launched in January 2018, the college began its Swift Apps Certification Training for the iOS operating system—deemed as one of the fastest growing jobs in the nation.

The program provides instruction and training on coding and designing fully- functioning apps. “This is a great time to get in on app development and learn the programming language correctly,” said Dr. Alice Milton, associate dean for the Business and Information Technologies division. “Upon completion of the program, you will have the training needed to develop apps to your own liking and easily qualify for a variety of app developer jobs.” With over two million apps in the Apple app store, app software developers are in high demand with the potential annual earnings of \$103,620, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Lawson State has expanded coding deeper into the curriculum by being the only college in the state to offer non-credit classes for eager individuals who want to learn the Swift coding language. The college has also incorporated coding into its workforce development

initiatives through providing coding education to local schools through the Everyone Can Code van and summer coding boot camps.

The institution was personally tapped by Apple to expand its Everyone Can Code initiative following the April 4, 2018 campus visit of Apple CEO, Tim Cook. Through this partnership with Apple, the Birmingham Can Code boot camps were created and hosted at Lawson State for the first time in Summer 2018. The curriculum designed by Apple operates on the premise that anyone can learn, write and teach code.



Apple CEO Tim Cook pictured with Dr. Perry W. Ward, president of Lawson State Community College during April 2018 visit to campus.

The coding boot camp returned for the second year in Summer 2019 with a week of free sessions the week of June 10, 2019 with students from area middle and high schools. Dr. Kesha James, director of Distance Education, and Mrs. Eula Todd, manager of Title III, again led the camps that consisted of interactive, hands-on labs, guided projects, introductions to terminology, and concepts to build a basic iOS app from scratch. •

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Mechatronics Instructor Rich Raymond demonstrating robot simulation with Lawson State student

# LSCC Culinary Arts Program Serves Up Students Ready for the Food Industry

The Culinary Arts program at Lawson State Community College has been providing students extensive training and skill development to become successful in the field of Culinary Arts, food preparation and service. Voted among the Best Culinary Schools in Alabama for the 2020 year by Niche, Lawson State offers students the ability to gain practice in specialized instruction—varying from culinary fundamentals such as purchasing, preserving, preparing, and serving foods as well as focusing on dessert, menu preparation, and cost control.



Chef Adam Elliott (right) preps LSCC Culinary students for plating layouts.

The Culinary Arts program is led by Chefs Adam Elliott and Laura Rinsky and culinary consultant Chef Clayton Sherrod, who provide instruction to a new generation of aspiring chefs and future food industry workers. “The State of Alabama has increasing opportunities in our industry which students have already taken advantage of—gaining employment at several local and state food service organizations, like Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa Marriott Hotel, Double Tree Hotel, Topgolf, the Bright Star Restaurant, and more,” said Chef Adam Elliott, Culinary Arts Lead Instructor.

## Zucchini Enchiladas (Yields 4 Servings)

### INGREDIENTS:

1 large onion, chopped	1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced	4 large zucchinis, halved lengthwise
1 c. shredded cheddar	1 c. shredded Monterey jack
2 tsp. chili powder	3 c. shredded rotisserie chicken
2 tsp. ground cumin	1 1/3 c. red enchilada sauce, divided
To taste, Kosher salt	Sour cream, for drizzling, fresh cilantro, for garnish



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring until soft, 5 minutes.
2. Add garlic, cumin, and chili powder and season with salt. Cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.
3. Add chicken and 1 cup of enchilada sauce and stir until coated.
4. On a cutting board, use a Y-shaped vegetable peeler to peel thin slices of zucchini.
5. Lay out 3 slices, slightly overlapping, and top with a spoonful of chicken mixture.
6. Roll up and transfer to a baking dish. Repeat with remaining zucchini and chicken mixture.
7. Spoon remaining cup enchilada sauce over zucchini enchiladas and top with both cheeses.
8. Bake until cheese is melty and enchiladas are warmed through, 20 minutes.
9. Top with sour cream and cilantro before serving.

# LSCC Prepares Students for Growing Mechatronics Field

Lawson State Community College is a progressive institution—constantly changing and developing programs and coursework based off what employers and businesses are searching for, and this practice is most evident in the college’s Mechatronics program established in 2011.

According to CareerExplorer.com, Mechatronics is a multidisciplinary field of science that integrates the principals of mechanical engineering, electronics, computer engineering, telecommunications engineering, systems engineering and control engineering into a unified discipline, while keeping the core mechanical engineering education.

Mechatronics is a field of innovation that works to provide solutions to problems that could occur in engineering, and the U.S. Department of Labor has listed it as an emerging area for employment, which is projected to grow by 4% in the next eight years.

Lawson State is considered a leader in preparing students for this industry with a promise of personal attention and a student to faculty ratio of less than 20 to 1—considered to be especially desirable for individuals who want to have access to instructors, resources, and opportunities.

“Those interested in mechatronics will have the opportunity to perform in a lucrative career where there are many manufacturers in the area, and this industry is going to continue to have a high demand in the coming years,” said Nancy Wilson, the director of Manufacturing and Engineering Technology at Lawson State. With the Bessemer campus being located close to the manufacturing hub of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the college has been able to carve out a lane to train students with apprenticeships and paid internships for jobs available in surrounding regions.

Following the helm of the Alabama Workforce Council, which has set a goal of adding 500,000 high-skilled employees to Alabama’s workforce by 2025, the college has worked diligently to be a bridge in connecting students with companies such as Brose, Flex-N-Gate, Gestamp, and Lehigh Hanson.



# Making Bessemer

# Beautiful



Brown Beauty Barber School was founded by husband and wife, Derrick and Lisa Brown in 2012. Lisa is a former instructor at the Aveda Institute and a career cosmetologist who always had a passion for both beauty and education. Her dream was to create her own brand. She desired to open her own salon and school one day and follow in the footsteps of her former instructor/ employer & mentor, Gene Juarez. In 2011, her and her husband started their entrepreneurship journey and opened Salon Lisa Brown in McCalla, AL. The salon would focus on all hair textures, guest experience, hair health and provide an affordable chic salon experience. By 2012, the ambitious couple had secured a location for the school and began the accreditation process. Originally, the school was located at The Watermark Place. After a year in the space, the owners were ready to expand to a larger space that they could own outright and offer more room for growth. The Browns purchased a 40,000 square foot former car dealership in Bessemer, Alabama. There were a lot of renovations to be made to transform this building into an educational environment – but it was doable! After a year of work, there were 7,000 square feet readily available for

instruction. The new space was set to open in April 2014. The morning of the Grand Opening, Brown Beauty Barber School endured a significant setback when a tornado tore through the school. As they were set and excited to open, the Browns arrived to find a severely damaged building and unusable equipment. They immediately got to work to rebuild their dream. It would take another year to complete, but it is a testament to the heart of this school – not only enduring the worst, but not letting it stop the mission. BBBS has been thriving since! In 2017, BBBS was approved to take Title IV funding through FAFSA which increased overall enrollment and allowed students an alternative to paying out of pocket. By 2018, Derrick and Lisa's daughters, Pyper and Chyna, had completed college and came on board full time with the Brown Beauty brand. Both women were already licensed cosmetologists prior to college, then became licensed Cosmetology Instructors as well.



BBBS's mission is simple: to provide a conscientious educational program of academic studies in the tradition of Cosmetology, Barbering, Instructor Training, Make-up Arts, and Sciences and develop well rounded Beauty Professionals prior to

entering the Beauty Industry. The staff is passionate about what they do and how they teach; they cultivate students looking for a bright future in the industry they love so much. BBBS wants their students to graduate and enter their career fields feeling confident, knowledgeable, professional, and understand the value of community. To be successful, they instill a desire of educational curiosity, excellence, dedication, discipline, and self-improvement. When you walk through the doors of Brown Beauty Barber School, the excitement runs throughout the school and is transferred to the clients. The students who are eager to learn the very latest skills and techniques will gain more than an education.

- The Cosmetology Program is a 1500 hours program that takes roughly 13-15 months to complete- If you crave a career with flexible schedules, the opportunity to be creative every day, and the ability to design your own income, then joining our Cosmetology program just might be for you! With over 600,000 hairdressers in the US, there are no shortage of jobs, and with the right education and hands on training, a successful career is just a phone call away!
- The Barber-Stylist Program is a 1000-hour program that takes roughly 11-13 months to complete. Full-service barbershops and men's grooming salons are one of the fastest growing trends today,



Brown Beauty Barber school offers Cosmetology, Barbering, Barber Stylist, Makeup & Instructor programs. BBBS is a partner school with M.U.D. Make-up Designory, an international makeup education brand. They offer their 84-hour Beauty Essential Makeup Certification Course. All programs at BBBS come with a full professional kit that has a warranty, and with proper care will last up to 2 years or more after graduation. The kits are state- of- the- art and come with a technology package that includes an I-Pad, I-Pad case, and AppleCare. Their other tools include but are not limited to Pivot Point Tools, Pivot Point L.A.B. online access, E-book, mannequins and also hardcover textbooks. All programs are life-style friendly and meet 3 days per week, Monday-Wednesday 8:30- 4:30.

and that means skilled barbers are in demand. Their rigorous program gives you the complete skill set needed for success in this fast-growing field. BBBS provides hands-on technical training to develop your creativity. They also spend several weeks discussing business principles to help further develop your business management knowledge. With our multifaceted curriculum and unique culture, a Brown Beauty Barber School education is about much more than getting your license—it's about starting a great career.

- The Instructor program a 650-1250 Hour program that takes roughly 7 -13 months to complete. If you have a passion for cosmetology, and want to share your knowledge with others, become a cosmetology school instructor! This program allows you to mentor and coach the next generation of beauty professionals as you engage your creative side.

Brown Beauty Barber School's business expectations for 2020 can be summed up in one word: GROWTH! They have

increased their marketing budget, staff, and are currently expanding their current location. BBBS is currently hiring more instructors and office personnel in preparation for an increase in student body. In July 2019, BBBS began Phase 1 of renovations that are expected to be complete in 2020, with Phase 2 beginning immediately after. Renovations include additional office spaces, a second-floor clinic, 14 bathroom stalls, styling stations, a student lounge, an auditorium, additional parking, and much more! BBBS intends to get even more involved in the community and wants Bessemer and surrounding areas to know that they are here offering quality, yet affordable services and education to the community. •



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There is a general sense of optimism in Bessemer as 2020 approaches. And for good reason.

Several new developments this past decade have caused people around the state and southeast to take notice of the growth taking place in Bessemer, The Marvel City.

Among the developments:

- Amazon will open a 855,000 square foot Robotics Fulfillment Center off Powder Plant Road in 2020. The facility will employ at least 1,500 and has capacity for more than 3,000 employees. The \$325 million investment by Amazon is one of the largest in the city's history. The Fulfillment Center is the first in the state of Alabama.
- In November 2019, Gov. Kay Ivey announced that Carvana, a leading e-commerce platform for buying and selling used cars, is planning to build a \$40 million distribution center off Morgan Road in Bessemer. Carvana will employ more than 300 employees at the facility when it opens in two years.
- Officials with the city of Bessemer and the Bessemer Airport Authority broke ground in June 2019 on construction of a 14,220 square foot hangar project at the Bessemer Municipal Airport. The \$750,000 project will include 10 individual T-hangars with large opening doors to accommodate Cirrus aircraft.
- Construction will start soon on an extension of the city's Multi-use Rail-Trail along 14th Street South. A pedestrian bridge across 14th Street will link the Rail-Trail to the city's Recreation Center at Roosevelt Park. City leaders envision the trail leading into the downtown district.
- There is renewed interest in Downtown Bessemer. The Downtown area, which includes the city's National Historic District, has been designated an Opportunity Zone by the U.S. Treasury. Such projects as the Lincoln Theater Renovation and an array of new business openings have brought a renewed sense of enthusiasm about the potential development of the downtown neighborhood.

"Bessemer's best days are still ahead," said Mayor Kenneth Gulley. "New industry and jobs are moving into Bessemer."

"It is just an exciting time to be here in the city. You get a sense of the excitement as you walk around and speak with people both in the city and outside of Bessemer. Announcements such as the investments from Amazon and Carvana have caused people to take a long hard look at Bessemer and what we have to offer," Mayor Gulley said.

What Bessemer has to offer is a mixture of amenities and opportunity unparalleled in the Central Alabama region. The government of the city is business-friendly, something that has not escaped business interest.

"BESSEMER'S  
BEST DAYS ARE  
STILL AHEAD."



“The business climate in Bessemer is strong,” Mayor Gulley said.

But city leaders are just as invested in strengthening Bessemer’s residents and neighborhoods.

The city opened its new Recreation Center in 2016 to give residents of all ages a safe place to socialize and improve their lives. The Recreation Center currently boasts a membership of more than 10,000. There are youth athletic programs, such as football and basketball, programs for seniors, movies and health programs.

Debardeleben Park, located in the heart of downtown, continues to draw events ranging from the Bob Sykes BBQ and Blues Festival each April to new events such as the Central Alabama Caribbean Festival, which took place in June 2019.

New homes are currently being constructed in Bessemer, such as the houses in the Cedar Creek Subdivision off Fourth Avenue Southwest. The city’s demolition program continues to remove blight and old dilapidated structures from throughout the city’s older neighborhoods.

The city opened Bessemer’s first-ever Storm Shelter at the Emergency Operations Center on Ninth Avenue in October 2019. The project was paid for with a combination of city and federal funds. City leaders said they will attempt to secure additional federal funding to build other shelters throughout the city.

The city is also working with the U.S. Corps of Engineers on efforts to alleviate flooding along Valley Creek in the Pipe Shop neighborhood.

Several major arteries in the city have been resurfaced through a combination of state and local funding. City leaders have also invested in infrastructure improvements in the Downtown corridor, such as recently completed streetscape improvements along Third Avenue North near the Jefferson County Courthouse.

One of the reasons for the city’s success is Bessemer’s sound financial management. The city budget has grown from \$38 million in 2010 to almost \$60 million in 2019. The financial management has allowed city officials to invest in new vehicles and equipment to better serve Bessemer residents.

“We have managed revenues responsibly and have been good stewards of taxpayer dollars,” said Mayor Gulley. “We are a city that is not in the red, but in the black. Our annual audit has come back strong each year.”

With business booming, strong financial management and an emphasis on improving the lives of its residents, Bessemer is certainly a city on the move. •

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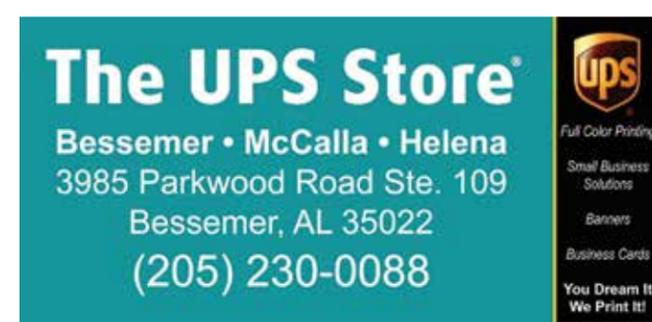
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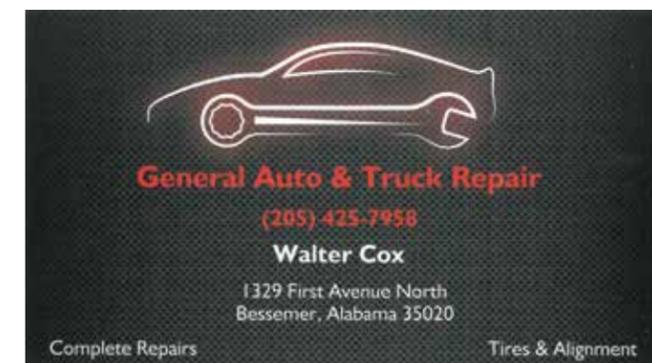
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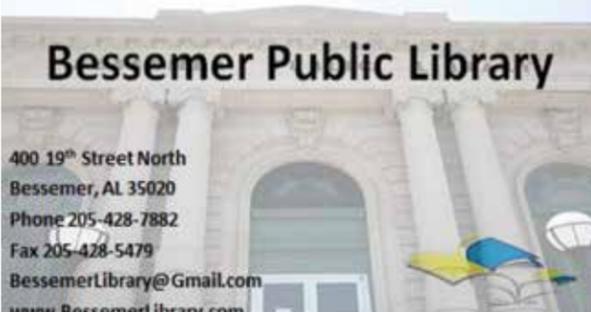


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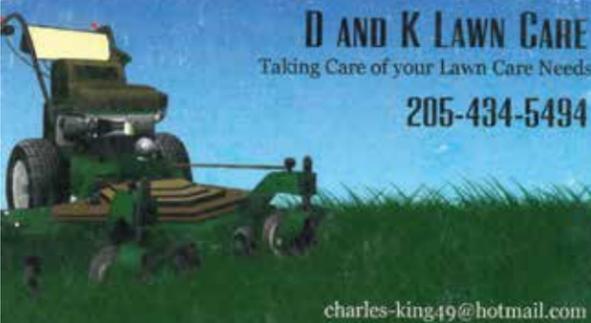
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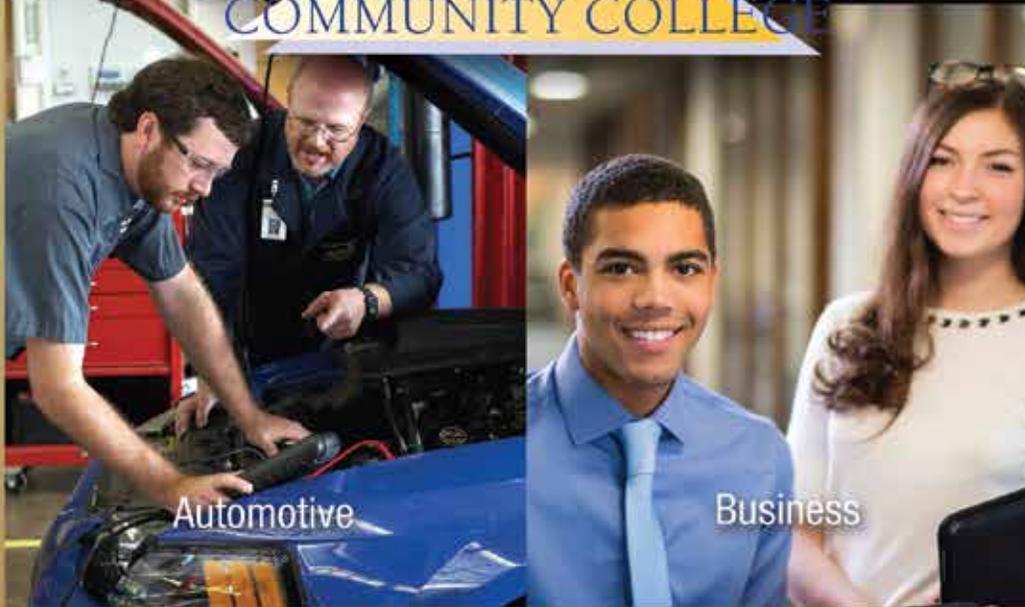
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