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Linking People To Careers

**A Job Resource For The
Cullman Area**

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Wallace State Students Place in State Competition!

Congratulations to the following students who recently competed in the State Skills USA Contest in Birmingham. First place winner in Automotive Paint and Refinishing, Josh Culwell and first place winner in Welding Technology, Seth Russell will go on to compete in the National contest.

Cosmetology-Esthetics-
Pippa Abernathy 2nd place
 Automotive Service-
Jacob McKee 2nd place
 Architectural Drafting-
Blake Ray 3rd place
 Automotive Paint & Refinishing-
Josh Culwell 1st place
 Precision Machining-
Ethan Shadix 2nd place
 Welding Technology-
Seth Russell 1st place
Josh Holt 2nd place

2010 Summer Youth Employment Program

Are you are between the ages of 16 and 24 and looking for some summer work experience? If so, consider the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program, sponsored by the Alabama Workforce Investments Area (AWIA).

Qualifying individuals may be selected to work with a public agency or area nonprofit this summer for up to eight weeks for 35 hours per week. For more information:

Contact Julie Grimes at the Alabama Career Center at 256-352-5538

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Alabama Career Center Has A New Home

New Location of the Alabama Career Center



The Alabama Career Center is now located on the campus of Wallace State in the Center for Economic and Workforce Development. According to Sandra Rhodes, Site Manager for the Career Center, an open house and tour of the new facility will be scheduled for sometime later this summer. At the current time, applications are being accepted for the Construction Trades program at Wallace State; scheduled to begin June 7th. Applicants must be WIA eligible. Applications are also being accepted for fall programs for individuals who meet WIA eligibility.

The Career Center offers many resources to aid individuals who are in the middle of a job transition. To speak to an advisor and schedule an appointment: please call 352-5538

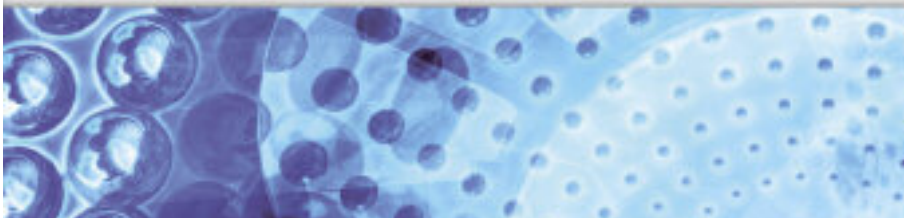


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Skills / Education Required for Employment at Topre America
All job applicants must have a High School Diploma or GED. This is a minimum requirement for all positions.

Application Process for Employment at Topre America

Topre America posts job listings with Alabama Career Center located on the campus of Wallace State Campus. The Career Center will take applications when we inform them of anticipated job vacancies. We also place advertisements for positions in local and regional newspapers.

Applications for employment may be obtained at the Career Center when we expect to hire in the near future. Resumes may be emailed to Topre America at toprehr@topreamerica.com.

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Adult Education Program has a new home



One of the New Adult Education Classrooms

The Adult Education Program has relocated to the Center for Economic and Workforce Development on the Wallace State Campus. This is one of several locations that offer Adult Education classes in Cullman, Blount, Morgan and Winston

counties. The Adult Education program serves an average of 1,800 people each year. Individuals can receive FREE preparation for college entry, GED exam preparation, English as a Second Language, Career Advising, and Basic Education. A new program offers Career Advisors to help students after GED graduation to transition in to the workforce or to the college level. Advisors help students in the area of admission, test preparation, completion of financial aide paper work and new student orientation.

In Cullman County, classes are held at the Wallace State Campus in Hanceville, the C.A.R.E. Center in Cullman, Work Release Program in Cullman, Childhaven in Cullman, the Cullman ELL Program at First Methodist and First Baptist in Cullman, the GED Preparation site at Parkside School in Baileyton, and the GED Preparation site at Daystar in Good Hope. GED Online Preparation also available. The first step for enrollment is to call and schedule an orientation at 256-352-8078. Orientations are available in each county.

Free transportation is provided through the C.A.R.T.S. program in Cullman and Blount counties and various programs are available to assist with test fees if necessary.

Now is the time to compete your education!
Call 256-352-8078 and talk with an Advisor.

4th Educator Exchange planned for 2010

The 4th Educator Exchange program sponsored by CAWS is scheduled for this summer. This year, seven area industries will be hosting fifteen local educators for one week in June or July. Industries participating are: Cullman Regional Medical Center, Cullman Electric Cooperative, The Cullman Times, Rehau Automotive, LLC, AAR Summa Technology, Topre America and Alabama Cullman Yutaka Technologies, LLC. An Orientation and kick off will be held on June 3 at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and presentations by educators will be on July 22. This program is sponsored by CAWS and funded through a community service grant from former Representative Neal Morrison to the Cullman City and County School systems. Additional funding is being provided through the Wallace State Tech Prep Leadership grant. In addition, Cullman Employment Center provides administrative assistance for the summer program.

Cullman Area Career Center is a Win-Win Situation for the People of Cullman!



HVAC/R Students

The Cullman Area Career Center is a valuable resource to both students and residents of Cullman County. The Cullman Career Center is located at 17640 North HWY 31 in Cullman. In an economic time when both students and residents look for value in education and services, the Cullman Area Career Center offers both.



Welding Students

Especially advantageous in challenging economic times is the fact that students can get a jump start on their careers while still in high school, work in their chosen field and earn up to a semester of credit at Wallace State in twelve different programs.

Students learn practical skills that will lead to in demand high paying jobs. Many students are able to complete a program and get certified enabling them to obtain a higher paying part time job to help with expenses while they attend college.



Making parts on a Metal Lathe

In tough economic times, residents can stretch the value of their dollars by utilizing the different services offered by the Career Center. The Center offers: Cosmetology Services, lunches prepared by culinary students and annual plant sales to the community. In addition, students are always on the look out for projects from the community to work on and repair. These areas can include: carpentry, auto body and technical repair and HVAC/R repair.

For more information about the Career Center services or Educational opportunities: please call 734-7740.

Keeping It Real Program Goes to Morgan County

The Keeping it Real program, sponsored by CAWS, recently held a program at Danville High School in Morgan County. The class of ninety 9th grade students participated in the program on April 6. Local volunteers from the Danville Community were recruited by School Counselor, Jonna Owens Lee to staff the different booths. Wallace State Career Coach, Elizabeth Moore, was the organizer of the event and expressed her appreciation to CAWS for the opportunity to do the Keeping it Real program in Morgan County.

Keeping it Real programs for the 2010-2011 School Year

Cullman High School ...


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12 for Life Program

Recently, a presentation of the “12 for Life” program was made by Dr. Kendy Behrends, Superintendent of Florence City Schools and Scott Williams, plant manager of South Wire, to CAWS Partners. This dynamic program is a partnership between the Florence City Schools and South Wire for “at risk” students. South Wire is presently the largest manufacturer of wire in America and is the originator of the “12 for Life” program. The program began in June of 2009 and is already profitable for the company and for the students. Students selected for the program make wooden spools and large wheels which hold the wire that is produced at the factory. These jobs were once contracted out to another company and are now done by students in the program. In this program, students attend classes for 4 hours /day and are employed at South Wire for 4 hours/day. Students learn teamwork and earn a sense of accomplishment and pride in a job well done. Students receive credit in the Career Tech program. CAWS Partners expressed interest in the possible development of a program of this type in Cullman.



Kendy Behrends presenting the 12 for Life Program


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