

# THE BLACK BELT CONNECTION

*where education and community meet*

The Division of Economic Development and Outreach at The University of West Alabama  
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## Black Belt Hall of Fame recognizes Flynt and Lee

**Friday, Jan. 29**  
*Noon-2 p.m.*

### Bell Conference Center

The Black Belt Hall of Fame will honor two prominent figures in the region's history, Dr. Wayne Flynt and Ms. Nelle Harper Lee.

*Admission: \$15*

*Sponsor: UWA's Black Belt Archives in the Center for the Study of the Black Belt.*

For more information, contact Amy Christiansen at 205.652.3655/email [achristiansen@uwa.edu](mailto:achristiansen@uwa.edu).

Click [here](#) for event information and registration.



**OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 27**  
*6-8 p.m.*

### The Grove in the Black Belt Garden

Relax in the beauty of nature at The Grove and with lots of talented folks who keep the arts alive and growing for all to enjoy. Share music, poetry, readings-or simply observe!

Bring a blanket or chair and follow the signs to the clearing. Click [here](#) to view the event information flyer.

## open mic night

The Grove  
at the  
Black Belt Garden

Wednesday, Jan. 27  
6-8 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
Music • Poetry • Readings

Bring a chair or blanket.

For more information contact John Rhodes at 256-409-6339/[marketing@uwa.edu](mailto:marketing@uwa.edu)  
or Creed Robbins at 205-409-5637/[robbinc@uwa.edu](mailto:robbinc@uwa.edu).



## FACEBOOK LINKS

[Center for the Study of the Black Belt](#)

[Black Belt Garden](#)

[Black Belt Archives](#)

[Black Belt Museum](#)

## DEDO Partners

### Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area

*Alabama's Black Belt: Where the Culture is as Rich as the Land.*

The Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area comprises 19 counties in central and western Alabama that are working together to attain designation as a National Heritage Area. Visit them on Facebook [here](#).

### Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is the voice for the future of Alabama's historic places. Visit them on Facebook [here](#).

## Applications now accepted for UWA Career Exploration Summer Camp

*Deadline - Feb. 1*

The Division of Economic Development and Outreach at The University of West Alabama is now accepting applications for the 2016 Career Exploration Summer

**DEDO STAFF**  
**Where We Are**  
*Saturday, Jan. 23*

Camp. The on-campus residential camp is for rising sophomore and junior high school students. The program will be held June 11-22, 2016. The application deadline is Monday, Feb. 1, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information and an application; or contact Sanqueneta Thompson at 205.652.3408/email [sthompson@uwa.edu](mailto:sthompson@uwa.edu).



2015 Career Exploration Summer Camp participants at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa.

## Chocolate: Food of the Gods Feb. 11-12, 2016

*Noon-1 p.m.*

**Young Hall Cafeteria**

Chocolate is a delicious

sweet treat we enjoy in many forms year round.

However, do you know where this "Food of the Gods," better known as cacao, comes from? Did you know it is not sweet, but a bitter substance originally used to allow soldiers to march further on less food. Chocolate was also whipped into a frothy beverage drunk ceremoniously or even used as currency? Join the Black Belt Museum to learn about the surprising history of chocolate. Special molded chocolate bars will be available to purchase.

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For more information, contact Brian Mast at 205.652.5528/email [bmast@uwa.edu](mailto:bmast@uwa.edu).



Brian Mast, James Lamb and Dr. Tina Jones will present at the Black Belt Community Foundation's "Stronger Museums in Alabama's Black Belt" workshop at Wallace Community College in Selma.

**Saturday, Jan. 30**  
Gena Robbins and Dr. Tina Jones will present at the Black Belt Community Foundation's "Stronger Festivals in Alabama's Black Belt" workshop at Wallace Community College in Selma. Click [here](#) to register.

## DEDO Career Readiness for Future Success workshop in Choctaw County

Click [here](#) for the information and registration flyer.

**Are YOU Ready To Work?**  
FREE CAREER TRAINING CLASSES



### Career Readiness for Future Success

Register and achieve your career goals • Improve your employability skills

Learn how to write an effective resume and cover letter

Enhance your job search skills • Master your job interviews

**When:** Feb. 10 - March 7, 2016 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** Choctaw County DHR, 1003 S Mulberry Avenue • Butler, AL 36904

**TRAINING TOPICS:**

Financial and Time Management • Career Exploration

Career/Employability Planning and Development

Resume and Cover Letter Writing • Job Search Strategies

Job Interviewing/Mock Interviews • Communication Skills

ACT WorkKeys Overview • Workplace Values

Registration Fee: \$100.00  
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