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### **Wallace Community College – Wallace Campus Holds Commencement Exercises**



Pictured (left to right): Carol Humphrey, Lew Humphrey, and Dr. Linda C. Young.



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**Dothan, Ala.**—Wallace Community College – Wallace Campus held commencement ceremonies at the Dothan Civic Center on May 9. Jimmy Rane, President and CEO of Great Southern Wood Preserving, gave the keynote address. Dr. Linda C. Young, president of Wallace Community College, presented the WCC Sparks Campus Alumnus of the Year award to Lew Humphrey.

Rane grew up in Abbeville, Alabama and attended Auburn University. He later received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University. Since acquiring Great Southern in 1970, the company has grown from a single facility to a total of 15 plants across the United States. It is widely known as the industry's leading producer of pressure treated lumber products.

Rane serves on the Auburn University Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees of the Abbeville United Methodist Church, is an honorary of the Auburn Letterman's Association, and is a member of the Alabama Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Rane served as Henry County Judge from 1973-77. He is president of the Jimmy Rane Foundation, which works to raise money to fund scholarships for deserving students. Mr. Rane also supports students at WCC through an endowed scholarship named to honor his mother. Established in 2007, the Elizabeth Mills Rane Endowed Nursing Scholarship supports students as they work toward their educational goals in the field of health care.

Alumnus of the year Lew Humphrey is a 1967 graduate of Wallace Community College and a 1968 graduate of LaGrange College with a degree in psychology and sociology. Humphrey was the first in his class at LaGrange with a 3.78 GPA. His name is on the LaGrange Wall of Outstanding Alumni, which holds the names of less than 100 alumni since the school was founded in 1831.

Humphrey is a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an officer and naval aviator. While in the service, he conceived, developed, and managed a center for drug and alcohol counseling in Iwakuni, Japan, which is still in existence today. He achieved distinction in business with a 30-plus year career in banking and commercial finance. When he retired, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the financial services segment of Textron, a Fortune 250 company.

In his retirement, Humphrey has chosen to continue serving the military as chair of the volunteer advisory board at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida, where he also serves as mentor to the museum's foundation executives. He is a member of the West Florida Academy of Senior Professionals, where he provides senior executive expertise for university projects and graduate classes.

Since 2008, Humphrey has chaired the audit and investment committees for the Wallace Community College Foundation board of directors. He and his wife have also generously established the O. Lewis and Carol Humphrey Nursing Scholarship at the College.

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