

# President's Message

At Southern Union State Community College, we understand that “community” isn’t just part of our name, it’s the reason we exist. It was, after all, local community members who had the foresight to bring a small two-year college to the up-and-coming rural town of Wadley, Alabama back in 1922. Those same residents and generations of their successors also had the dedication and perseverance to support their school through good times and bad because they understood Southern Union wasn’t just a school, it was a gateway to opportunity.

Looking back on a century of service, we are proud of the accomplishments made by and through our college, which has always worked hand-in-hand with members of our local community to address issues and create opportunities for our citizens.

But we will not rest on our laurels. As we look forward to the next one-hundred years, we remain laser-focused on the hopes and needs of our community, which now encompasses an eight-county region of east central Alabama and parts of west Georgia.

We remain committed to providing a diverse array of academic and technical educational opportunities always focused on student success and always guided by local citizens and civic and business leaders. Whether students dream of going on to a four-year college, straight into the local workforce, or simply need to build or strengthen their basic educational foundation, we are here to help. When our communities need highly skilled workers in areas ranging from health care to high-tech manufacturing we will respond. And all the while, we will continue to offer a diverse and well-rounded education to all who come to our doors.

Southern Union is ready and eager to "Venture Forward" and continue our long heritage of responsive service to, and collaboration with, the community that welcomed our little school to east central Alabama back in 1922 and has supported, sustained, and grown with us ever since. We at Southern Union State Community College are already looking toward the future and we can’t wait to see what great things we and our beloved community accomplish in our next one-hundred years.



Todd Shackett  
President

