LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3060 Wilson Road Birmingham, AL 35221

NEWS RELEASE

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LAWSON STATE PARTNERS WITH MAX FOR COUGAR EXPRESS PILOT PROGRAM

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (August 17, 2017) – Monday, August 21, 2017 marks the start of the new 2017-2018 academic school year at Lawson State Community College and also the beginning of a new partnership with BJCTA Max.

Now, faculty, staff and students will have transportation back and forth to the Bessemer and Birmingham campuses aboard the Cougar Express during this pilot program. The pilot service will be provided Monday through Friday with departures beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Birmingham campus.

In order to ride, the commuter must have a Lawson State Community College I.D. and a bus pass, which can be picked up in the college's Business Office on both campuses.

"This new transportation option hopes to fill a void for those who may not have the means to travel between campuses," said Dr. Perry W. Ward, President of Lawson State Community College. "This new school year comes with a new partnership that allows us to better meet to needs of our customers. Thanks for allowing us to do our part in helping to pave the way toward a successful experience for students," Barbara Murdock, BJCTA Executive Director said.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the Cougar Express on Lawson State Community College's West Campus on **Monday, August 21 at 8:00 a.m.** The bus will travel to the Bessemer campus where faculty and staff will be awaiting its first arrival. The college's West campus is located at 3060 Wilson Road in Birmingham, AL. The college's Bessemer campus is located at 1100 9th Avenue in Bessemer, AL.

ABOUT LAWSON STATE:

Lawson State Community College – host to President Barack Obama (March 2015); ranked the Nation's #5 Community College (2013); recognized as a "Champion of Change" by the White House (2011); ranked as one of "America's 50 Best Community Colleges." (2010)

Lawson State Community College, with campuses in Birmingham and Bessemer, seeks to provide accessible, quality educational opportunities, promote economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for students. The college is dedicated to providing affordable and accessible lifelong learning opportunities in order to prepare students for employment and career advancement, or to transfer to senior institutions. <u>www.lawsonstate.edu</u>

WEEKDAY			
Depart Birmingham Lawson Campus	Arrive Bessemer Lawson Campus	Depart Bessemer Lawson Campus	Arrive Birmingham Lawson Campus
8:30	9:15	9:30	10:15
10:30	11:15	11:30	12:15
12:30	1:15	1:30	2:15
2:30	3:15	3:30	4:15

PM times are in bold.

NO SATURDAY SERVICE

How to read this Bus Schedule

To follow a bus trip you read across the page, left to right.

- Times are given at certain points along the bus route called time points.
- If your departure or arrival point is between one of the time points, estimate the time the bus will be at your stop.
- ⇒ Depending on which direction you wish to travel, find that time point under Inbound or Outbound. Inbound means the bus is traveling to downtown Birmingham. Outbound means the bus is traveling away from downtown.

When dash lines appear under a time point, it means the bus will not stop on that particular trip.

 Be at the bus stop a few minutes early to allow for errors in estimating.

All times listed may vary with weather and traffic conditions.

> MAX will not provide service on the following holidays:

New Year's Day 4th of July Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

MAX will operate the "Saturday" schedule on the following days:

> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Memorial Day Veteran's Day

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Effective August 21, 2017

Locations Served: Birmingham Lawson Campus Bessemer Lawson Campus

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