DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CRAFT BEER CLASS 102

Huntsville, AL, March 7, 2016—J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College held their Craft Beer Primer class last spring, now Drake State has Craft Beer 102 on tap at HudsonAlpha April 4-5, 2016 with a 3rd day optional Cicerone Level 1 training offered on April 6. For a community that surveyed favorably for more knowledge of Craft Beer brewing, food pairing, and historical education on the Craft Beer industry, this upcoming class is sure to fill up fast.

Because the previous course was such a success, it is understood that the community wanted a much needed familiarity of terms, the basic understanding of craft beers and food pairing, and an overall broader understanding of the industry and its economic impacts on Huntsville’s workforce development. Drake State is excited to continue their partnership with the brewing industry in Huntsville. Dr. Kemba Chambers, Acting President at Drake State, commented that

“We are proud to offer the educational component, as it relates to our already outstanding Culinary Arts program. There is a significant economic impact for Huntsville and Madison County as well as new opportunities for tourism in our area.”

The Drake State Craft Beer 102 course will be an exciting two-day event on April 4th through 5th at the HudsonAlpha Institute. Several local brewers are on tap for offering up their unique successes in the Craft Beer business in Huntsville, alongside nearly a dozen brewing industry experts, economic development professionals, and of course, Drake State faculty. These experts will discuss everything from the science, biology, research and taste development of craft beer, to the distribution, retailing organizations, and even tourism, just to name a few of the wide variety of topics related to a growing craft beer industry. Some of those supporting the curriculum with their subject matter expertise are:

Carie Partain, Free the Hops
Rich Partain, Yellow Hammer
Damon Eubanks, Wish You Were Beer
Chef Darrell Echols, Drake State Culinary Arts
Dr. Andy Crouse, HudsonAlpha
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, Dean of Workforce Development, stated

“There are even more opportunities in workforce development that will come to our city, and Drake State can offer several levels of needed training in many diverse STEM related careers that provide jobs and support the Huntsville economy."

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is part of the Alabama Community College System and provides numerous certificates in a wide variety of disciplines, as well as associate degrees, a four-year college transfer program, national training programs site, workforce development training, as well as adult education and veterans’ programs. Visit us at www.drakestate.edu.

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