

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Albany Technical College • Albany, Georgia
Altamaha Technical College • Jesup, Georgia
Appalachian Technical College • Jasper, Georgia
Athens Technical College • Athens, Georgia
Atlanta Technical College • Atlanta, Georgia
Augusta Technical College • Augusta, Georgia
Central Georgia Technical College • Macon, Georgia
Chattahoochee Technical College • Marietta, Georgia
Columbus Technical College • Columbus, Georgia
Coosa Valley Technical College • Rome, Georgia
DeKalb Technical College • Clarkston, Georgia
East Central Technical College • Fitzgerald, Georgia
Flint River Technical College • Thomaston, Georgia
Georgia Aviation Technical College • Eastman, Georgia
Griffin Technical College • Griffin, Georgia
Gwinnett Technical College • Lawrenceville, Georgia
Heart of Georgia Technical College • Dublin, Georgia
Lanier Technical College • Oakwood, Georgia
Middle Georgia Technical College • Warner Robins, Georgia
Moultrie Technical College • Moultrie, Georgia
North Georgia Technical College • Clarkesville, Georgia
North Metro Technical College • Acworth, Georgia
Northwestern Technical College • Rock Spring, Georgia
Ogeechee Technical College • Statesboro, Georgia
Okefenokee Technical College • Waycross, Georgia
Sandersville Technical College • Sandersville, Georgia
Savannah Technical College • Savannah, Georgia

South Georgia Technical College • Americus, Georgia
Southeastern Technical College • Vidalia, Georgia
Southwest Georgia Technical College • Thomasville, Georgia
Swainsboro Technical College • Swainsboro, Georgia
Valdosta Technical College • Valdosta, Georgia
West Central Technical College • Carrollton, Georgia
West Georgia Technical College • LaGrange, Georgia

TECHNICAL DIVISIONS

Bainbridge College • Bainbridge, Georgia
Clayton College and State University • Morrow, Georgia
Coastal Georgia Community College • Brunswick, Georgia
Dalton State College • Dalton, Georgia

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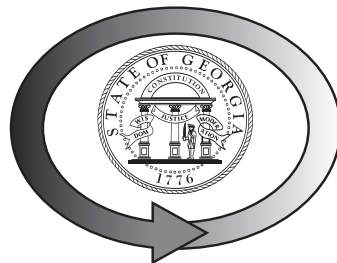
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COMING NEXT ISSUE:

Last spring we featured how we evaluate our system through an external agent. In our winter issue, we examine our internal performance accountability measures.

Georgia's Technical
College System's
Performance
Accountability
System



FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Our only business is workforce development.

In last winter's issue of this publication, I told you a story – one that continues to mean a lot to me – in part because I feel it is an important part of the history of our system, and I wanted to be sure that all of you were familiar with it. That story is the Nehemiah story, the one about staying focused on our mission and our goals. Well, it came to mind again as I considered that I must discuss with you a situation that is much in the news all over our state these days. By now, everybody knows that something must be done to address the impending crisis with HOPE. But it's difficult to find agreement as to what that something is.

Most people are familiar with the HOPE Scholarship program; it is the future of the HOPE Grant that many of you are probably a bit concerned about. Let me review a few facts for you. First, the benefits from the HOPE Grant are real and measurable. Fifty-one percent of all students served by HOPE Grants and Scholarships are technical college students, but only 26% of the funds are used for these students. However, most HOPE Grant money goes to students attending the state's technical colleges. Because most HOPE Grants are used in the technical college system, our exemplary performance

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Our technical college system's 2003 Leadership Conference included an important Legislative Forum, shown below.

(From left)

- **Rep. Richard Royal (D-Camilla)**
- **Rep. Ann Purcell (D-Rincon)**
- **Rep. DuBose Porter (D-Dublin)**
- **Sen. Eric Johnson (R-Savannah)**
- **Sen. Jack Hill (R-Reidsville)**
- **Sen. Bill Hamrick (R-Douglasville)**
- **Rep. Terry Coleman (D-Eastman)**
- **Moderator Sonny Dixon at the podium.**

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DTAE 2003 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE FORUM

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metrics are in part a testimony to the success of the HOPE Grant program. Last year alone, 76% of the graduates from our technical college programs received the HOPE Grant. What benefit does Georgia gain by this spending? We gain qualified workers filling high-demand jobs.

For one example, consider the graduates of our technical colleges last year. 98.6% either went to work or went on to continue their education. Consider, too, the jobs they filled: the top 10 certifications included Patient Care Assisting, Emergency Medical Technician, Phlebotomy Technician and Certified Nurse Assistant. With the national crisis in healthcare, these jobs are critically important, and they are good jobs, jobs that can provide a bright future for our graduates as they support the businesses we serve.

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As you may know, as a member of the HOPE Scholarship Commission, I have been close to the study of all the various issues being considered. We issued our final report during the second week of November, and you can read a summary of the recommendations at www.dtae.org/fromthecommissioner. I think these recommendations will help guarantee the viability of HOPE so that it can continue to guarantee, far into the future, the tuition support it was designed to supply. One thing I discovered during the commission's work is that a lot of people think that the growth of the technical colleges is because of the HOPE program. The HOPE program has been incredibly valuable for students and for people who need training. It has not driven the growth of the technical colleges. I can show you the growth curves for the five years before HOPE and then continuing on for the ten years since, and you can't see a perturbation on the curve. The foundation was

strong and enrollment was increasing at an exponential rate before HOPE came on the scene.

That growth is attributable to customer responsiveness, to the business partnerships that are a cornerstone of our system. Providing programs that people and businesses need and then doing so extraordinarily well: That is what has made our technical college system what it is today. However, the HOPE program is extremely important to thousands of technical college students; it's essential that we preserve the financial integrity of this program.



The Georgia Excellence in Public Service Award



As I said at the Georgia

Excellence in Public Service Award ceremony on November 6th, it was an incredibly humbling experience to receive this award. The Carl Vinson Institute of Government and *Georgia Trend* magazine developed this award to:

- “publicly honor outstanding state and local elected, appointed, and career public-sector service professionals;
- to foster a culture of recognized excellence in Georgia’s professional public service, drawing attention to exemplary service and distinguished achievements in government; and
- to help raise the public profile of state and local public service as a career pursuit, while enhancing the prospects of future service by potential and already serving public-sector professionals.”

This award is a tribute to our whole system and to all of you who labor with me in this part of the public sector. I appreciate all you do, and I look forward to the work ahead.

—K. B.

START

1961

Albany Area Vocational-Technical School opens with 12 programs

1972

merger of...

Monroe Area Technical School

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Albany Area Technical School

1980

60,000 sq. ft., \$1.2 million Healthcare Building added in response to business demand

1988

DTAE is formed, with Albany Technical Institute under its direction.

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PLAYING *to* WIN

Albany Technical College is mastering the workforce development game


The primary mission of Georgia's technical colleges is workforce development. The Albany area has a healthy mix of industries—from candy to paper products to pharmaceuticals—and Albany Tech partners with these industries to fulfill their workforce training needs.

One example of these mutually beneficial partnerships that Albany Tech enjoys is the Miller Brewing Co. Tools for Success® program. Since 1993, Miller Brewing Co. has contributed \$25,000 annually to a competitive scholarship program that awards 14-20 graduates with tools for their trade. For the past three years, the Albany Tech Foundation has matched that amount, and a Tools for Success® Instructor of Excellence award was added.

Another prime example of Albany Tech's productive industry relationships is that with pharmaceutical giant, Merck and Company. When industry demand called for Albany Tech to institute a pharmacy technology program, Merck's Flint River plant provided the funding for equipment and computers and to construct the pharmacy lab. Merck also provided \$100,000 for a live, interactive, distance-learning project, the Georgia Virtual Classroom, Inc.

Albany Technical College has a presence at numerous plant sites, including Procter and Gamble (P&G). Albany Tech and P&G have partnered to provide training to P&G's approximately 1,500 hourly workers. Albany Tech's applied manufacturing technology program is offered at the P&G plant site. The program was designed to meet the needs of all of P&G's workers, improving their skill sets, which helps them with promotions while also helping the company increase its efficiency and profitability.

The applied manufacturing technology program is designed to be a flexible tool that will keep pace with the industry's evolving technical-skills needs. This college-to-industry relationship is an excellent example of how Albany Tech is reaching out to meet the needs of area industries and how they access the college's resources for their training.

Albany Technical College has a strong partnership with the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany (MCLB), also. MCLB recently made available to Albany Tech's diesel technology program a front-end loader for training purposes. In addition, almost all area industries participate in Albany Tech's career fairs, and many in internship programs. 

ATC Board of Directors & Foundation Trustees selected... \$3 million Manufacturing Technology Center constructed, with input from local industry.



1997

\$3.4 million Kirkland Building opens, with administration, conference center & executive training facilities



Albany Area Chamber of Commerce continues to facilitate teamwork between Albany Technical College and workforce needs of regional businesses



Center for Excellence in Electronics and Information Technology, a \$6.5 million, 51,000 s/f building to open 2004

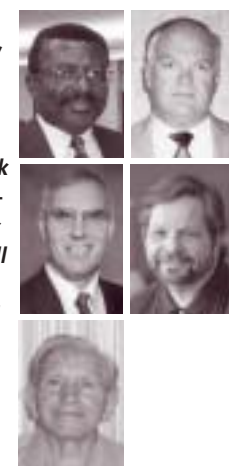


CORPORATE PARTNERS

Tom Collins, maintenance manager with Miller Brewing Co., awards a Tools for Success scholarship to Jonathan Lott, a paramedic tech graduate. On Nov. 6, 18 tools awards were made to Albany Tech graduates.

Logos include: Cooper Tires, Columbia Forest Products, Procter & Gamble, Merck, Bobs, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Security Bank, Miller Brewing Company, BellSouth, Georgia-Pacific, Georgia Power, Albany Technical College.

(Left to right) ATC President Dr. Anthony Parker; ATC Board Chair Paul DeLoach and Albany Chamber of Commerce President Tim Martin work as liaisons between industry and the college; Merck Plant Manager Randy Hall received the 2003 Friend of the College award; and Mayor of Blakely A.J. Gentry was instrumental in starting up a welding program at ATC's Early County campus.



2003

Early County becomes Certified Literate Community Participant, joining Terrell, Randolph & Dougherty Counties



2000

Albany Technical Institute becomes Albany Technical College



1999

\$3.5 million, 34,000 s/f facility opens in Early County



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AROUND The State

Students in **Altamaha Technical College** construction programs are building a mock-up house. The advisory board for Altamaha Tech's air-conditioning program recommended this project in its long-range plan for the HVAC program. The house will be about 1,000 square feet and built on pressure-treated pillars so that it is moveable. A wood-frame structure with wooden siding, it will have interior walls of sheetrock covered with paneling and a white-shingled roof. In addition to providing construction students with hands-on building experience, once complete, the house will provide an appropriate space for simulated on-the-job training for HVAC students. Funding came from the Altamaha Technical College Foundation through the DTAE matching grant program.

Appalachian Technical College is proud to announce that Annamaria Thompson and Debbie Mashburn of Fannin County have been awarded Pace Learning System Scholarships, marking the first time Georgia students have won. Both students, dislocated Levi workers, studied at Appalachian Tech's Adult Learning Center in Fannin County to earn GEDs, then enrolled as full-time students. Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship; their teachers, Barbara Logan and Bev Whitmer, will receive a \$500 product voucher. Thompson and Mashburn are now enrolled at Appalachian Tech.

Students at **Coosa Valley Technical College** will begin classes in the new state-of-the-art Allied Health Education and Library building in early 2004. The two-story facility is nearly 54,000 square feet, a "huge improvement" according to Dr. Teresa Resch, Vice President of Instructional Services. "The current CVTC Allied Health Building is approximately 11,000 square feet and presently houses 12 health programs of study. The new educational facility conference center will be able to accommodate between 400-450 people." In addition to providing more room for CVTC's Allied Health Programs, the new CVTC Library will also provide more room for books, periodicals, computer workstations and study areas.

Caterpillar's Griffin Power Systems has presented two 3400 model diesel engines to **Griffin Technical College**. The two engines, valued at approximately \$50,000, are used in electric power applications, marine vehicles, and off-highway equipment such as bulldozers and wheel loaders. Griffin Tech will use the engines for classroom training and to provide additional assembly training to Caterpillar employees.



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(1) *Altamaha Tech's "mock-up house" supports construction and HVAC training*
(2) *Appalachian Tech's Pace Learning System's scholarship winners, flanked by Jill Key, director, Fannin County Literacy Group and Dr. Sanford Chandler, president of Appalachian Tech*
(3) *Coosa Valley Tech's new Allied Health Education facility*

"We are fortunate to have a willing and resourceful partner like Griffin Tech for our community. They were a key element in the successful start-up of the Griffin facility, and we are excited that we will continue our partnership with them as we meet the new challenge of building engines here in Griffin," said Bob Glinke, general manager of Caterpillar's Griffin facility.

North Georgia Technical College is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Changing times are reflected in program offerings. First programs included dry cleaning, watch repair, appliance services, and radio and television repair. Programs today include environmental technology, pharmacy tech, aquaculture,

(4) *Caterpillar presents two diesel engines for classroom training at Griffin Tech*
(5) *North Georgia Tech celebrates its 60th anniversary*
(6) *The nursing program at Okefenokee Tech reports another successful pass-rate outcome*
(7) *Valdosta Tech training class for BP Fabric and Fibers Nashville mills*



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and turf and golf course management.

The North Georgia Tech Foundation has set a goal of raising \$60,000 during 2003 in honor of North Georgia Tech's 60 years. North Georgia Tech has campuses in Clarkesville and Blairsville, with a new campus under development in Stephens County.

President Dr. Ruth Nichols commented, "This 60th Birthday just gives us another reason to celebrate what technical education has meant and continues to mean to the State of Georgia."

The **Okefenokee Technical College** nursing program is celebrating the success of its graduates during the past year. The most recent three classes to graduate all had 100% pass rates on their board exams. The winter day class had 22 graduates with 95% job placement and a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The evening class graduating last summer reported job placement of 100% and pass rate on the NCLEX of 100%. The first class at the Alma Campus completed in March of this year with the same excellent report – 100% pass rate on the exam and 100% job placement. Along with the classroom and theory hours, the students rotated through many facilities and doctor's offices in the area for their clinical experiences.

Valdosta Technical College is one of five Georgia technical colleges that will train the maintenance and production staff at five **BP Fabric and Fibers** plants in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina to maintain and operate new highly automated equipment recently purchased by the company. With the help of Quick Start, the group assessed needs, set a goal for high standards, defined the gap, and designed a curriculum for one and a half to two years of training. The BP plants all produce erosion cloth – the black plastic and fiber product seen on the sides of highways during construction projects – and carpet backing. Valdosta Tech will provide training for BP Fabric and Fibers Nashville mills. The other four colleges include **Bainbridge College, West Georgia Technical College, North Georgia Technical College,** and **Altamaha Technical College.**

Harvey's Supermarkets has contracted with Valdosta Tech to train managers throughout the company in supervisory management – from top corporate management through mid- and entry-level managers in all 44 stores in south Georgia. Valdosta Tech will also provide customer service training for the chain. **FTC**