



Aiken Technical College

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Excellence and Opportunity

Community Benefit Report 2014

VISION

We envision Aiken Technical College as a catalyst for developing educated, engaged, and employable individuals whose collective energy will be the driving force for prosperity and quality of life in our diverse communities.

MISSION

Aiken Technical College is a public, open-door, two-year comprehensive institution of higher education established to provide citizens of greater Aiken County opportunities for educational, economic, professional, social and personal development. The College educates and trains students to provide an effective workforce to support economic growth and community development through its focus on teaching and service.

President's Letter

A Message from the President

Truly, 2014 has been a year of excellence and opportunity for Aiken Technical College.

Perhaps the most visible symbol of excellence and opportunity is the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing under construction on our campus. We celebrated with our legislative, community and industry partners at the ceremonial groundbreaking for this state-of-the-art facility in July, and construction began immediately. We are truly grateful to those who have given generously to allow this engine for economic growth to become a reality.

Throughout 2014, the College created new avenues for student excellence, including the launch of the Aiken Early College dual enrollment program, a partnership with Aiken County Public Schools. In addition, two new online degree programs were offered in Fall 2014, allowing citizens to complete their degree in a format that is accessible, flexible, and convenient.

ATC received a \$2.45 million grant through the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program. This opportunity will allow ATC to expand the College's tower installation certificate program to build multiple stackable credentials leading up to an associate degree. Financial support for this nationally unique training program will enable the College to create pathways that lead to well-paying jobs and meet the industry demand for a skilled workforce. Moreover, a \$195,000 grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will allow the College to develop a nuclear welding program as a pipeline for the nuclear workforce needs in our state and our region.

Among other achievements in 2014 were the accomplishments of our health sciences students, with each program receiving a perfect or near-perfect pass rate on the most recent graduating cohort licensure or registry exams. We are proud of these students and look forward to seeing them join the healthcare workforce in our community. ATC also engaged with local schools to collaboratively seek opportunities to educate our young people, and fostered initiatives to support our nearly 200 student veterans and military family members on campus.

In this community benefit report, you will read more about ATC's excellence and opportunities in 2014, and meet several students, faculty and staff members, and community partners who played a role in some of ATC's most memorable moments. We are pleased to share these successes with you, and we are eager to celebrate and share what is to come in 2015.

The great opportunities and many successes that our students, faculty, staff and campus achieved in 2014 would not have been possible without the significant support of our greater Aiken County community.

Thank you,



Dr. Susan A. Winsor, President





Excellence and Opportunities:

The Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing

Aiken Technical College will soon expand on its excellence in building the area's workforce while creating economic opportunity for the future.

ATC's Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing, an \$8.5 million facility that will house the College's advanced manufacturing, welding, radiation protection technology and nuclear quality systems programs, is currently under construction on campus.

"From its inception, the vision for this new facility was more than just the construction of another building on our campus," said ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor. "The Center is designed to be a focal point for the economic revitalization occurring in our community, and a place where Aiken County citizens can start their education and join the prosperity our county is beginning to enjoy."



Above: During ATC's groundbreaking ceremony, Dr. Susan Winsor presented Rep. J. Roland Smith with a proclamation in recognition of his service to the community and his impact on the progress of ATC and Aiken County.

Opposite: Pictured left to right: Fred Humes, Director Emeritus of the Aiken-Edgefield Economic Development Partnership and co-chair of ATC's *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign; State Rep. J. Roland Smith; Dr. Susan Winsor, ATC President; Carlos Garcia, Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education Chair; John Stewart, former ATC Foundation Chair and Bridgestone Aiken County Plant Manager; H. Philip Paradise, Jr., director of the Atlanta office of the U.S. Economic Development Administration; and Gable Stubbs, architect with McMillan Pazdan Smith.

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The building, designed by McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture in Greenville, will feature bays (labs), classrooms, a multi-function training space and faculty offices. Key to the building's design is the flexibility it will allow for easy changeover of training spaces to serve evolving training needs.

Surrounded by industry, legislative and community supporters, in addition to students, faculty and staff, the College turned dirt for the new facility in July and began construction immediately.

Twenty five members of the South Carolina Army National Guard's 1782nd Engineering Company out of Lancaster, South Carolina deployed to the ATC campus in June and worked tirelessly to prepare the building site for construction. The assignment served as a training exercise for the Guard unit and provided tremendous help to the College.

Augusta-based contracting firm R.W. Allen was selected as the project's contractor after a competitive bidding process.

"The Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing will be a much needed addition not only to Aiken Technical College's campus, but to the entire CSRA," said R.W. Allen President and COO Scott Clark.

The project is slated for completion in August 2015, in time to welcome students for the Fall 2015 semester.

The programs to be housed in the new building already produce highly skilled graduates ready to enter the workforce, and the new facility's capabilities will give graduates an additional advantage. The state-of-the-art

facility will allow the capacity for a greater number of students to train on the latest equipment available in the industry and take those skills with them to the workplace.

ATC received a \$2.6 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in 2012 toward construction of the new building. The grant required a \$2 million match, and the ATC Foundation created the *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign to raise these matching funds. Through generous industry and community support, the campaign ended 2014 at 99% of its goal.

Additionally, a \$2.445 million state budget allocation approved in the 2012 legislative session helped ATC finance the new facility.

"It is our vision that the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing will be symbolic of the spirit and talent our county has to offer both current and future employers," Winsor said. "We are not willing to let prosperity pass us by, and the continued development of our citizens makes this county a great place for local, national and international corporate investment."





Excellence in Student Engagement:

Providing a High-Quality Student Experience

Aiken Technical College strives to provide pathways for students to achieve their educational and career objectives and eliminate barriers to success.

Aiken Technical College's Enrollment Services Center opened its doors in Spring 2013, combining the College's admissions, advising and financial aid functions into a one-stop shop to make the enrollment process easier for students. In 2014, ATC made additional improvements to help students overcome challenges and achieve success.

ATC took steps to help ensure student success by adopting the Student Experience framework, a holistic approach that examines particular experiences and struggles in a college career that most students face. The framework was born out of Completion by Design, an initiative that focuses on raising community college completion rates.

"Each student is a unique individual with unique circumstances and life challenges, but there are certain events and interactions that all students experience," said ATC Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student

Experience Bryan Newton. “By adopting this framework, we are able to focus on providing a high-quality student experience from the time a prospective student first considers higher education to the time that student crosses the stage at graduation and continues on to his or her next step.”

The Student Experience is focused on ensuring that all interactions that students have with the College are of the highest quality - whether they are meeting a recruiter, completing an application, participating as a student in campus events, or engaging in hundreds of other interactions with ATC.

To provide a higher quality student experience and encourage students’ completion of their academic goals, ATC transitioned its enrollment services, student development and marketing functions into a newly formed division – Enrollment Management and Student Experience.

In addition, a Marketing & Student Experience office was developed to focus on opportunities for students to learn, socialize, volunteer and develop leadership skills through participation in student life activities.

As a result, ATC kicked off the fall semester with a Welcome Week celebration on campus, complete with daily activities to welcome new and returning students to campus and prepare for the year ahead.

Regular Campus Connections activities have given students an opportunity to come together and explore topics like diversity, safety, critical thinking, substance

abuse awareness and more. Students participated in a sexual assault awareness seminar and self-defense workshop, tested their critical thinking skills with a teambuilding competition and faced off against faculty and staff in a trivia challenge.

Students also showed off their talents in a campus-wide talent competition and hosted the inaugural ATC Fall Festival for the campus and community.

Students in ATC’s student leadership organizations traveled around the state to attend various leadership conferences and enjoyed the opportunity to interact with their peers. In Fall 2014, the ATC Student Leadership Council was initiated to bring leaders of each ATC student club and organization together as a council that will meet throughout each semester.

“The goal of our student leadership programs is to give students opportunities to exchange ideas, collaborate on initiatives and work toward common goals, all while growing professionally,” said ATC Marketing & Student Experience Manager Anna Dolianitis. “Students not only have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, but their enthusiasm and involvement on campus creates an environment in which all students can feel connected and engaged.”

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V.P. for Enrollment Management & Student Experience

Right: Student Government Association President Melissa Gentz and recent ATC graduate Danielle Turner volunteered during ATC’s Fall Festival in October.





Workforce Development Opportunities: Tower Installation Program Expansion

New Jersey native Daniel Roman joined the Army immediately following his high school graduation in 2000. He spent 11 years traveling the world, serving his country, and deployed twice to Iraq. When his service ended in 2011, he found himself unemployed for more than two years.

Through a friend he met in the military, Daniel learned about a new program offered at Aiken Technical College to train wireless tower technicians. In November 2013, the tower installation program launched, and Daniel joined its first class. The on-campus program prepared Daniel and

his classmates with the entry-level knowledge and skills to gain an apprentice position in the wireless tower installation industry. ATC is the exclusive provider of this first-of-its-kind training in the southeastern United States.

“The program was great, and gave us a lot of knowledge and background on what to expect in the industry,” Daniel said. “The amount of job offers I received with just a few months of experience blew my mind. The program opened a lot of doors for me.”

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ATC tower installation
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Without adequately skilled and trained workers, the wireless communication industry is unable to meet the urgent demands of an ever-growing market. Since its inception in November 2013, the on-campus, 16-credit hour tower installation program at Aiken Technical College has continued to produce qualified individuals to meet the rigorous demands of this market. In order to make the program more convenient for students, the program recently expanded to six weeks with one week spent exclusively online before arriving on campus.

In September 2014, ATC received a \$2.45 million grant to expand the tower installation program. The grant was awarded through the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) competitive grant program. This grant was part of \$450 million in grants awarded across the nation for the purpose of training and connecting Americans with potential employment opportunities. ATC was the only institution in South Carolina to receive funding from the \$450 million job-driven training grant awards.

"We are grateful to receive this \$2.45 million grant and proud to be able to expand the College's nationally recognized tower installation program to train technicians in this high-demand field," said ATC Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock. "Industry and workforce growth, coupled with the importance of safety and adequate training in the wireless tower installation industry, are central to ATC's commitment to serving this important need and simultaneously bringing opportunities to the workforce of our region."

The TAACCCT grant will allow the Tower Installation I certificate program to expand to include multiple stackable credentials that can lead to an Associate of Applied Science degree, opening more doors for a variety of career

opportunities
after completion
of the program.

Three CSRA-based companies—Advanced Technology Group, Georgia-Carolina Tower Company and Midlands Communications—will support the tower program in an advisory capacity and assist with the development of curricular materials, as well as help to employ the program's graduates.

ATC launched the tower installation program in collaboration with Warriors 4 Wireless, a non-profit dedicated to placing veterans in careers in the wireless industry, during a ceremony at the White House in November 2013. The initiative was launched in response to a national call to action asking industries to create avenues for military service members and veterans to receive civilian training and certifications.

ATC's tower installation program is open to veterans, active duty service members and civilians, and new cohorts begin several times each semester.





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Excellence in Access: Aiken Early College Provides Earlier Access to College

Midland Valley High School junior Zachary Fields had an interest in engineering from a young age and wanted to do more to cultivate that interest. After taking engineering classes at his high school through the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program, Zach decided to pursue his engineering education by taking classes in Aiken Early College's Pre-Engineering program.

The new initiative, a partnership between ATC and Aiken County Public Schools, enables Aiken County public, private, and homeschool juniors and seniors to earn college credit while still in high school through one of two pathways

of study: Pre-Engineering and General Education. Students enrolled in the program can earn up to 36 college credits before high school graduation, giving students a jump start to their college careers.

Students enrolled in the program have the opportunity to take college-level courses on the Aiken Technical College campus while still in high school. Through the Aiken Early College program, Zach enjoys more independence in his studies with hands-on classes and accessibility to his professors and college resources.

“I love the classroom environment and being able to talk with my classmates and professors in class to solve problems,” Zach said.

In class, Zach and his fellow Pre-Engineering students recently worked on creating an arbor press using computer aided design software. Their task was to design and build a functional virtual model of the press from start to finish. The students also took a trip to the engineering labs at the University of South Carolina to see their studies put to practical use.

After graduation, Zach wants to continue his education at USC and earn a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

“I want to work with machines—programming and redesigning them—to help improve their functionality and the work environment,” Zach said. “Aiken Early College is a great opportunity to get an early start on your college education, and that’s an awesome opportunity no one should pass up.”

“Aiken Early College offers high school juniors and seniors a chance to experience college in a supportive environment before finishing high school,” said ATC Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Experience Bryan Newton. “Through the Aiken Early College program, students are able to start early, save early and succeed early. Parents can save thousands of dollars in college expenses by investing now in this dual enrollment opportunity.”

Aiken Early College students have the opportunity to take classes in math, science, social sciences, humanities and more, in addition to elective courses.

More than 60 students enrolled in the Aiken Early College program during its first semester. Aiken Early College students have free access to ATC support resources such as use of the library, tutoring, and participation in student life activities, as well as the support of a dedicated Aiken Early College advisor.

“Because dual enrollment is the perfect opportunity for students to transition seamlessly from high school to college, my goal is to see them through that process,” said Aiken Early College advisor Tiffannie Hedin. “This is a vital juncture in their collegiate careers and I am available to them as a personal resource for direction, advice and support.”

In addition to an early start, financial assistance is also available to students who are South Carolina residents and enrolled in six credit hours through the South Carolina Education Lottery to help offset the cost of tuition.

The ATC Foundation provides additional scholarship opportunities like the Senator Greg and Betty Ryberg STEM Scholarship for Pre-Engineering students, as well as scholarships for those enrolled in the General Education pathway.

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Right: Aiken Early College Pre-Engineering students Codi Trotter and Zachary Fields discuss strategy on their in-class project to build and test run a functional, gravity-propelled car.



Excellence in Unique Opportunities: United Kingdom Nuclear Internship Exchange

Zinaida-Armosova Jones, a 2014 Aiken Technical College graduate and Moscow, Russia native, was presented with the opportunity of a lifetime after she completed her radiation protection technology degree in May.

Zina was one of four area students selected by URS Corporation to participate in an internship exchange program in the United Kingdom. Zina had already completed an internship at the Savannah River National Laboratory, and

this opportunity allowed her to experience firsthand the nuclear industry at work overseas.

During her UK internship, Zina worked in health physics at the Sellafield lab in Cumbria, England.

“I learned how to look at radiation safety from many different angles,” Zina said. “It was great that the trip happened after my internship at SRNL because I was able to compare.”



Above: Students studying nuclear power in the UK visited an ATC radiation protection technology classroom during their internship exchange to meet students and compare experiences.

Opposite: ATC student Zina Armosova-Jones visited the Muncaster Castle in Cumbria during her internship trip to the United Kingdom.

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- Zina Jones,
ATC Graduate

Through the exchange program, students in nuclear programs in the United Kingdom visited Aiken and experienced internships at South Carolina nuclear facilities like the Savannah River Site. The UK students also visited an ATC radiation protection class to interact with current students and were able to share and compare experiences.

ATC offers degree and certificate programs in radiation protection technology and nuclear quality systems.

ATC students have the opportunity to earn a Nuclear Uniform Curriculum Program (NUCP) certification in addition to their academic credential, which can exempt a student from significant portions of an employer's initial job training – a cost-savings advantage for the employer and employment advantage for qualified graduates.

Additional initiatives at ATC to educate and train area citizens for in-demand careers in the nuclear field are being developed.

A recent grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission awarded \$195,000 to ATC to develop a nuclear welding program on campus to meet the critical demand for qualified nuclear welders in the CSRA.

The nuclear welding program will be a one-year, intensive pipe welding technology program that will serve as a stand-alone program for experienced welders, or an add-on certificate for students who intend to continue their education in nuclear welding.

"The NRC grant will allow the College to address a critical need for highly-qualified, well-trained nuclear welders in our region," said ATC Dean of Technical Education Dr. Joy Watson. "ATC sits at the center of significant nuclear construction and the nuclear welding program will

provide the needed workforce training to support these projects, offering highly skilled employment opportunities to area citizens."

The nuclear welding program will join ATC's other nuclear and advanced manufacturing programs in the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing currently under construction on campus.

The state-of-the-art building, complete with the latest industry-quality equipment, will allow more students like Zina to receive the highest quality education and training to make them the preferred candidates for industry jobs.

"I saw [the program] as a great opportunity. The radiation protection program is created so well that after you finish, you can go any place there is nuclear power," Zina said. "I love this job. I want to be in the nuclear industry."

ATC also worked with the community throughout the year to increase awareness about nuclear career opportunities through participation in conferences and youth symposiums. ATC participated in the CSRA's observance of National Nuclear Science Week in October.

Right: ATC radiation protection technology instructor Dave Deal and his students discuss radiation safety while the students are dressed in protective gear in ATC's mock up facility.





Excellence in Educational Offerings: Online Degrees and Program Enhancements

Aiken Technical College initiated several program additions and enhancements throughout 2014 to continue to provide the highest quality education and training to students.

Two fully online degree programs were added, and through a \$100,000 PRESS for Completion grant several academic support services were made available to students.

While distance learning and hybrid courses continue to help students with demanding schedules and responsibilities, the start of fully online degree programs is allowing students more flexibility to earn an associate degree without coming to campus for classes. They can now choose from an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Applied Science in Network Systems Management degree offered in a 100% online format.

“These fully online associate degrees will make pursuing higher education a feasible option for anyone,” said ATC Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock. “Our online degree opportunities will allow students who work full-time, take care of families full-time, or have other challenges to complete their education and attain the skills required to advance in the workplace.”

Both associate degrees will prepare students for transition to a four-year college or university. The online Associate of Arts degree at ATC gives students the opportunity to complete the majority of the core classes required for a bachelor’s degree and begin study in areas such as business, education, fine arts, foreign language, marketing, social science and more.

The online Network Systems Management degree equips students with the education needed for careers in the fields of computer networking, database administration, and technical support, among others. Military service members can complete the degree with a combination of approved military training courses, online courses through ATC, and industry recognized Information Technology certifications.

Other online tools such as instructional videos and online tutoring were implemented through a \$100,000 PRESS for Completion grant received in 2012 through the Achieving the Dream network. The PRESS grant—meaning Persistence Retention and Student Success—was a two-year “engagement grant” awarded to the College in order to increase engagement among students, faculty and staff.

“The grant allowed ATC to purchase video production equipment to make instructional videos, broadened our tutoring services and actually placed tutors inside classrooms,” said ATC Dean of General Education & University Transfer Father Gregory Rogers.

“PRESS not only stimulated a discussion about where to begin, but laid a foundation for other areas of improvement, such as reworking our transitional studies program and the way the new Enrollment Services Center operates. We are seeing and will continue to see results well beyond the life of the grant.”

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Excellence in Academics and Service: Student Achievements and Recognitions

Virginia Frierson sat in the crowd at Aiken Technical College's 2014 annual Awards Night ceremony surrounded by her family members and friends. She watched and applauded as students walked to the stage to accept awards for various academic and service achievements.

Then, she heard a name called that she hadn't expected - her own.

Ginny, who earned Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees simultaneously, was named Outstanding

Student of the Year for the Associate of Applied Science program.

"I was honored, flattered and happy. I was ecstatic and I was really proud of myself. I had been afraid that I wouldn't be able to do well in college, and I never expected that I would win that type of award," Ginny said. "It gave me a sense of pride and I was happy that my kids saw me win."

Ginny had worked as a records clerk in Aiken for five years when a family tragedy left her to raise her two children on

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ATC Student

her own. She decided to enroll at ATC in Spring of 2012 to fulfill a long-time dream of earning a degree.

Ginny was soon inducted into ATC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and became a member of ATC's Campus Ambassador Program, helping students form connections to the campus and their classmates. Following graduation in Spring 2014, Ginny transferred to Georgia Regents University, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene.

"Even when life throws tough things at you, you pick up and you keep going. Try is all you can do and give it your best and great things can happen," Ginny said.

Danielle Turner, a student in ATC's early childhood education program, was also honored on Awards Night, as the Outstanding Student for Public Services.

A 2011 South Aiken High School graduate, she went away to college in Beaufort, but returned to Aiken a year later to be close to home and enrolled at ATC. Once on campus, Danielle began to get involved and realized she had found the experience she wanted.

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Danielle, who in 2013 was also named a Presidential Scholar and served as an ATC Campus Ambassador, transferred to a four college to complete her bachelor's degree in education and hopes to teach first grade.

ATC also recognized students Wilhelmina Myers, Zinaida

Armosova-Jones, Dennis Hoechst, Ka Ron Allen, Matthew Stiver and Katherine Jacobs as Outstanding Students in their various programs on Awards Night.

Criminal justice major and 2013-2014 Student Veterans Association President Steven Waller was recognized with both the George H. "Buck" Grant Award and the Student Service Award.

ATC students VeNoya Lovett and Victoria Carpenter were among 23 students from technical colleges statewide honored by the South Carolina Technical College System as members of the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team. The students were recognized during a ceremony held at the S.C. State House in March.



Above: From left to right: Father Gregory Rogers, ATC Dean of General Education and University Transfer; PTK All-State Academic Team members VeNoya Lovett and Victoria Carpenter; and ATC Dean of Enrollment Services Dr. Vinson Burdette.



Excellence in Health Education: Exceptional Licensure Exam Pass Rates

Ashley Trull, an Associate Degree in Nursing program graduate and Aiken native, passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses after graduation from ATC. Trull credits ATC's program with preparing her to enter the healthcare workforce as an RN at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

"The program was challenging, but the teachers were very helpful and they tried to help us understand the material,"

Trull said. "They made us realize that the career, itself, is challenging, and they put pressure on us so we could be prepared for the job that we were going to do. Every single day, I see myself recalling something that we talked about in class or in clinicals," Trull said. "ATC definitely prepared me to be a nurse."

Aiken Technical College's health sciences programs continue to develop educated, engaged and employable individuals

as graduate pass rates excel and new programs gain swift momentum.

Without exception, each of the last graduating cohort graduates in the Associate Degree in Nursing program passed the NCLEX-RN exam, as did all of the Licensed Practical Nursing graduates who took the NCLEX for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). A 100 percent pass rate was also earned by graduates who took licensure exams in Surgical Technology and Electrocardiography (ECG). Graduates of the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program received a 95 percent pass rate.

“We are extremely proud of our health sciences students,” said ATC Dean of Health Sciences Dr. Hermecender Walton. “We have increased the time on task for students so there is no down time. Every moment is an opportunity for learning and refining. These recent pass rates speak to the commitment of the faculty and all those dedicated to the training and success of our students.”

In addition to these successes, health sciences also took ownership of the Patient Care Assistant (PCA) program, which was previously divided into three certificates – certified nursing assistant, electrocardiograph and phlebotomy. These certificates were previously offered in a non-credit capacity through ATC’s Training and Business Development Department.

These non-credit certificates were combined and transitioned to health sciences as a qualifying, 19-credit hour program that allows students to take advantage of financial aid benefits and earn an academic credential.

Another new health sciences initiative is the Perioperative Nursing certificate, through which ATC provides students training to become certified perioperative nurses in partnership with Georgia Regents University. All students in the program are first hired by GRU as actual employees and receive salaries while in the training program at ATC.

“We can give them a more focused, one-on-one training environment at ATC so they can return to GRU ready to perform as certified professionals,” Dr. Walton said. “After the success of this partnership thus far, we hope to see more local hospitals join in the future.”

Providing educational and professional opportunities for students beyond graduation is an important part of the College’s mission. ATC held its first health care career fair in November, bringing several local hospitals and healthcare industry professionals to campus for networking potential.

“We want students to view ATC as a stepping stone in their education, where they really can start here and succeed anywhere,” Dr. Walton said.

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Dean of Health Sciences





Excellence in Veteran Support: A Military Friendly Campus

Support for student veterans and their families is part of Aiken Technical College's culture.

ATC offers a number of initiatives to assist the College's almost 200 student veterans and military family members.

With an active Student Veterans Association (SVA), a designated veterans' lounge, a dedicated veterans' advisor, and

unique educational opportunities for student veterans, ATC makes aiding service members' transition from the military to civilian life a priority.

In Fall 2014, the College was nationally recognized twice for its ongoing support of student veterans on campus. ATC earned a spot on Victory Media's 2015 Military Friendly Schools list and was also recognized in Military Times' "Best for Vets: Career and Technical Colleges 2015" rankings.



Above: (From left to right) Aiken Technical College President Dr. Susan Winsor, former Savannah River Nuclear Solutions President and CEO Dwayne Wilson, Augusta Warrior Project Executive Director Kim Elle and University of South Carolina Aiken Chancellor Dr. Sandra Jordan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), committing to partner in the Veterans to Careers initiative.

Opposite: ATC Student Veterans Association Vice President Wanda Holden and President Joel Wightman celebrated during a Veteran's Day breakfast at ATC.

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ATC President

"Aiken Technical College is honored to be recognized with these distinctions as we continue to support our student veterans," said ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor. "Having the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed for our country is a point of great pride for our institution."

Inclusion on the 2015 Military Friendly Schools list is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trades schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students and dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.

The "Best for Vets: Career & Technical College 2015" list ranked ATC among 36 technical colleges in the nation recognized for their continued commitment to providing opportunities to America's veterans. Of those 36, only one other college was in South Carolina.

ATC's Student Veterans Association connects student veterans on campus and provides them with support and resources to achieve success. The SVA was active in 2014, offering relevant presentations, guest speakers and engagement activities for its members.

"It was important for us to get the student veterans' opinions and pinpoint their needs, and in doing so, we were able to develop an agenda for the semester that would be informative, helpful and fun," said ATC Student Veterans Association President Joel Wightman. "For veterans and other students, being in college should be enjoyable, with opportunities to network and make new connections and friends. This can help better prepare students for what's to come after college, and that's what I hope to do with SVA."

The Veterans to Careers initiative, a partnership between ATC, the University of South Carolina-Aiken, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and the Aiken Warrior Project, strives to match student veterans' program, discipline and skill set to temporary positions with businesses in the CSRA.

The initiative aims to bridge the gap between academic study and its practical application in the workplace.

ATC also held an orientation session specifically for student veterans at the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year to provide an opportunity to meet faculty, staff and fellow veterans, and learn about support services available to veterans at ATC.

Additionally, ATC partners with the Aiken Warrior Project to make a veteran representative available to students on a regular basis. Programs such as the College's Tower Installation certificate program and new fully online Associate degree in Network Systems Management, while open to all students, greatly benefit veterans and active duty service members.

In recent years, ATC partnered with the South Carolina Army National Guard to offer 25B Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training in Network Systems Management to Guard members, allowing them to receive college credit for their military training.

ATC also offered the Accelerated Veterans Education and Transition (AVET) program to help student veterans increase test scores and avoid exhausting their veterans' education benefits in remedial courses before completing their academic programs.



Pathways to Opportunity:

Engagement with Local High Schools

At the start of the year, ATC hosted nearly 150 freshman and sophomores from Aiken County high schools that participate in Project Lead the Way—a provider of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education programs used in middle and high schools across the nation. Students from the seven high schools in the Aiken County School District were able to learn about engineering and technology courses and credentials offered at ATC.

Students visited classrooms and learned about courses and career options available from ATC instructors, watched demonstrations and experienced training equipment that they will one day use in their field.

Following the PLTW visit, the College—in coordination with the Lower Savannah Regional Education Center and the Lower Savannah Council of Governments—hosted close to 250 students from Aiken and Barnwell County high schools at the 2014 Youth Forum in March.

The forum was an opportunity to communicate with students about the importance of developing long-term educational and career goals, and focusing on the future. Students learned about careers from instructors in manufacturing, health sciences, public safety and STEM, and also interacted with professionals currently working in each field.

In an effort to better understand the needs of middle and high school students preparing for college, ATC invited Aiken County public high school and middle school administrators to campus in the fall to share a morning meal and brainstorm about what could be done to equip Aiken County students to attain post-secondary education.

“Together with the principals, we were able to identify what the schools need from us as a College and develop a list of key enhancements to meet those needs,” said ATC Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Experience Bryan Newton. “As a result, we have taken the feedback from these breakfasts and created short, mid and long-term priorities to help us better engage with students and secondary schools about the importance of a college education.”

Discussions focused on identifying pathways for students to achieve educational goals at ATC and opportunities to provide financial awareness resources for students considering college.

ATC is also in the process of making visits to local high schools to specifically meet with Career and Technical Education (CATE) faculty.

“The purpose of these efforts is to engage the CATE faculty in the educational opportunities available to their students,” said ATC Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock. “We hope to create awareness of the programs, services and opportunities at ATC, share information about Aiken Early College’s dual enrollment pathway and ATC’s Technical Scholars program, and outline the breadth of employment opportunities available in the CSRA for those with post-secondary technical education.”

Additionally, ATC is expanding existing Technical Advanced Placement (TAP) agreements between area high schools and ATC for students enrolled in CATE programs. TAP agreements allow high school students to receive college credits at no cost for learning objectives they have already completed.

Aiken Technical College provides pathways for students to reach their educational and career goals and achieve success in their chosen career path. By collaborating with Aiken County Public Schools and community partners, ATC hopes to eliminate barriers to success and open new doors for Aiken County students.

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- Dr. Gemma Frock,
V.P. for Education & Training



2014 HIGHLIGHTS



ATC Employees of the Year

ATC recognized Biology instructor Joy Colley as the Faculty Member of the Year and Director of Human Resources Sylvia Byrd as the Staff Member of the Year during the College's annual Commencement ceremonies in May.



Commencement 2014

Aiken Technical College celebrated its 2013-2014 graduates during two ceremonies held on campus on May 6. A total of 532 graduates earned 734 degrees, diplomas and certificates between them. Kelley Dunne, President of the nonprofit organization Warriors 4 Wireless, served as the ceremonies' distinguished speaker.

United Way Campaign

Aiken Technical College raised a total of \$5,746 for United Way of Aiken County during a month-long campaign in October. ATC employees contributed generously by making monetary pledges and participating in fundraisers such as Zaxby's percentage nights, appreciation grams, drawings and other contests.

Developing Professionalism Series

ATC students enhanced their professionalism skills and prepared for their future careers with ATC's Developing Professionalism series in Spring 2014. Students participated in a series of workplace professionalism and diversity seminars and were recognized with certificates of achievement upon successful completion of the series.

SCTEA Awards

ATC recognized three ATC employees as winners of the South Carolina Technical Education Association's 2014 Educator of the Year awards. The recipients were: Administrative Assistant for Teaching and Learning Crystal Ratliff, Staff Member of the Year; Biology instructor Joy Colley, Faculty Member of the Year; and Dean of Enrollment Services Dr. Vinson Burdette, Administrator of the Year.



Quality Enhancement Plan

ATC hosted a ThinkQuest quizbowl competition for students, as well as a teambuilding activity for faculty and staff to encourage the use of critical thinking skills as part of the College's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).



Faculty Academies

Full-time faculty continued their 2013 work on assessment, resulting in new and revised learning outcomes and assessments. Full and part-time faculty participated in the fourth year of Critical Thinking Academies. Dr. Greg Hodges from the Southern Center for Active Learning Excellence served as a guest facilitator for several energetic and collaborative critical thinking sessions for employees.



New Student & Family Orientation

New students and their family members attended New Student and Family Orientation in August prior to the start of the fall semester. Student and family members toured their program areas, met faculty and staff, heard personal stories from student leaders and practiced their critical thinking skills. A separate orientation session was held for student veterans to discuss resources available for veterans' success.



2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Project Lead the Way Visit

Approximately 150 high school students taking engineering courses at five Aiken County high schools visited ATC in January to learn more about opportunities available in science, technology, engineering and math fields. The students take engineering courses in their high schools and have the option to enroll in ATC's Aiken Early College Pre-Engineering pathway during their junior and senior years.

PRESS Initiatives

Through the Walmart PRESS for Completion grant, ATC developed and implemented peer tutoring and supplemental instruction in Anatomy & Physiology courses, increasing success rates significantly. ATC also began offering writing assistance in the Academic Success Center and developed videos and workshops for English students.

Welding Competition

Five ATC students attended the South Carolina Technical Colleges 32nd Annual Welding Skills Competition held at Florence-Darlington Technical College on April 24th and 25th.

Students representing Aiken Technical College were: Michael Craig, Joel Wightman, Ben Watkins, Carlton Wren, and Sheldon Poole. ATC students successfully received a 1st, 2nd, and two 3rd place finishes in four categories.



Student Leadership Conferences

Student leaders in ATC's Student Government Association and Campus Ambassador programs attended the S.C. Technical College System Student Leadership Conference at Greenville Technical College in September. ATC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society students also attended the Carolina Regional Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Conference held in Myrtle Beach in September.

South Carolina Manufacturing Certified

ATC offered free South Carolina Manufacturing Certified (SCMC) training through a state-funded scholarship to area residents through the Training and Business Development Department. The entry level Advanced Manufacturing certification consists of 200 hours of state-funded training in safety, quality practices and measurement, manufacturing processes and production, and maintenance awareness.



Helping Hands Toy Drive

Members of ATC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Student Government Association collected toys, toiletries and household items for Helping Hands, Inc. during a month-long holiday collection drive on campus in Fall 2014. The students visited the non-profit organization in December to deliver the items and spent an afternoon with the children the organization serves.



Phi Theta Kappa Inductions

ATC's Alpha Xi Lambda chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society inducted new members into the chapter during both the spring and fall semester. Students are invited to join the PTK honor society if they have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Suit Up for Veterans Initiative

The Aiken-Augusta Warrior Project and Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and the CSRA partnered to support student veterans through the Suit Up for Veterans initiative, which stemmed from an ATC Student Veterans Association idea. The SVA collected clothing on campus and donated it to Goodwill in exchange for Goodwill clothing vouchers. The vouchers were given to student veterans to purchase professional attire to wear on job interviews.

Administrative Professionals Day

ATC's Training and Business Development Department hosted approximately 150 employees from throughout the CSRA for the 9th annual Administrative Professionals Day seminar and luncheon. Administrative Professionals Day is observed in workplaces to show appreciation for administrative professionals and recognize their importance to their organizations.

Midland Valley Prep Partnership

ATC held a STEM enrichment academy for Midland Valley Preparatory Charter School (now Horse Creek Academy) students to increase Aiken County youth's understanding of various STEM competencies. During weekly visits to ATC, which supplemented their regular curriculum at MVP, eighth grade students participated in a variety of hands-on activities throughout the enrichment program. Students were recognized during a completion ceremony and had an opportunity to give presentations on STEM topics in front of their families.



2014 HIGHLIGHTS



AVET at Fort Gordon

Aiken Technical College held sessions of the Accelerated Veterans Education and Transition (AVET) program at Fort Gordon in Spring 2014. The eight-week AVET program is a full-time education and college-readiness program in which veterans participate in accelerated competence-based education to increase test scores and avoid the need for developmental courses prior to enrolling in college-level courses.

Employee Welcome Back Event

ATC faculty and staff participated in a Welcome Back celebration prior to the start of the 2014-2015 academic year. Employees enjoyed lunch and fellowship and worked in teams to complete a critical thinking exercise.



QuestATC Camps

ATC hosted three weeklong summer camps to give rising eighth through 10th graders an opportunity to explore STEM topics in a fun, hands-on environment. The camps focused on science, technology, manufacturing and engineering, and campers also learned about problem solving, critical thinking and team building.

Welcome Week 2014

Aiken Technical College kicked off the fall semester with a Welcome Week celebration for students, complete with hot dogs, a prize wheel, and a campus scavenger hunt. Welcome Week activities also included a technology seminar, resource fair, cook out, photo booth, old-fashioned popcorn cart and popsicles for the weeklong celebration. Student leaders were stationed around campus to help new students find their classes and locate campus resources throughout the first week of classes.



National Guard Training Exercise at ATC

Members of the South Carolina Army National Guard's 1782nd Engineering Company out of Lancaster, S.C. spent two weeks at Aiken Technical College in June, assigned as part of their training to prepare the construction site for the College's Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. The assignment served as a training exercise for the soldiers and assisted ATC in preparing the site for construction.

Congressman Joe Wilson Bus Tour

Congressman Joe Wilson and members of his staff made a stop at ATC in August as part of a congressional bus tour to meet with students, tour the College's training facilities, and hear about construction progress on the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing.

Biology Equipment Upgrades

ATC combined an approximately \$9,000 grant from the Pittsburg Conference, a group that funds the purchase of equipment for science and technology for classroom use, with \$5,000 in grant funding from Wells Fargo to purchase advanced microscopes for biology courses on campus.

ASSIST Grant

ATC's ASSIST grant completed its third and final year in 2014. The ASSIST grant allowed for the purchase of equipment for the College's technical education programs and contributed to the development of about 40 sophisticated online courses in collaboration with nine other partner colleges.

DOE ANSR Grant

As part of a 5-year Advancing Nuclear Skills Regionally (ANSR) grant, ATC funded development of the nuclear quality systems courses to an online format, and helped to support the development and delivery of additional pipe welding classes.

ATC Fall Festival

ATC hosted its first Fall Festival in October for students, employees, and members of the community. Festivalgoers participated in face painting, potato sack races, donut eating contests, crafts, games and more.

Mental Health Awareness Project

ATC's Student Government Association organized a semester-long mental health awareness campaign on campus. Students hosted monthly seminars on topics including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression and Anxiety, participated in ATC's health fair and raised \$300 for Mental Health America of Aiken County during ATC's Fall Festival.



Student Demographics & College Financials

Enrollment Demographics*

*Based on unduplicated headcount

<i>Gender</i>	Students	Percentage
Female	2269	63.3%
Male	1314	36.7%
TOTAL	3583	

<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	Students	Percentage
American Indian/ Alaska Native	31	0.9%
Asian	37	1.0%
Black/African American	1219	34.0%
Hispanic	149	4.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	11	0.3%
Unknown	43	1.2%
White/Caucasian	2093	58.4%
TOTAL	3583	

<i>Age Range</i>	Students	Percentage
<18	66	1.8%
18-24	1882	52.5%
25-29	613	17.1%
30-39	594	16.6%
40-49	300	8.4%
50-59	104	2.9%
60+	23	0.6%
Unknown	1	0.1%
TOTAL	3583	

<i>Residency</i>	Students	Percentage
In County	2538	70.8%
In State	475	13.27%
Out of State	569	15.9%
Unknown	1	0.03%
TOTAL	3583	

Credentials Awarded

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014	Summer 2014
Degrees	103	150	68
Diplomas	12	2	20
Certificates	65	201	100
TOTAL	180	353	188

Statement of Net Position

Assets	2014	2013
Current Assets	\$12,281,922	\$14,783,456
Noncurrent Assets	\$24,852,659	\$22,569,443
Total Assets	\$37,134,581	\$37,352,899

Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$1,787,825	\$1,913,519
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$569,351	\$1,195,468
Total Liabilities	\$2,357,176	\$3,108,987

Net Position		
Total Net Position	\$34,777,405	\$34,243,912

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Revenues	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$10,529,022	\$11,398,509
Net Nonoperating Revenues	\$11,799,483	\$12,138,765

Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$21,942,337	\$23,465,991

Capital		
Appropriations, grants and transfers	\$147,325	\$2,638,853

Increase in Net Position	\$533,493	\$2,710,136
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Net Position		
End of Year	\$34,777,405	\$34,243,912

Director's Letter

A Message from the Foundation Director

Aiken Technical College is in the construction phase of its new Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing and we could not be more excited! We raised more than 99% of our capital campaign goal by the end of 2014. We are very thankful for the support we have received from corporations, businesses, organizations and individuals.



The Aiken Technical College Foundation is dedicated to making the students of Aiken Technical College successful. Our sole purpose is to support the College, our students, faculty and staff, and to build meaningful connections with the local community.

To accomplish this, the Foundation Board of Trustees actively supports the vision and mission of the Aiken Technical College Foundation by providing and encouraging growth in scholarships, cutting-edge technology, faculty and staff professional development, and programs to further enhance student accessibility.

The ATC Foundation serves as the recipient of all gifts made for the benefit of Aiken Technical College. Gifts to the College make the dream of a quality education a reality for many deserving students and help ATC sustain its tradition of excellence in providing academic programs and services to the residents of the CSRA.

Your gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference in the future success of Aiken Technical College students and ensures a high level of instructional quality at the College.

All contributions - small or large - are appreciated. I would be delighted to discuss ways to help enhance the programs of interest to you and the students who will be our community's future.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Commons".

Mary Commons, Director



Foundation Spotlight



Above : An architectural rendering of the future Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing.

Putting Knowledge to Work

The Capital Campaign for ATC's Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing

On July 17, 2014 ATC broke ground on the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. Excitement continued to grow as construction began in August, and the College's dream started to become a reality. Contributions for the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing reached more than 99% by the end of 2014.

The Center will allow Aiken Technical College to expand academic programs in radiation protection technology, nuclear quality systems, mechatronics, advanced manufacturing, and welding. The Center will provide new instructional space and equipment for the College's students and faculty, and will help ATC continue to build a highly skilled workforce for this community. Through the Center, Aiken Technical College will be able to expand technical laboratory courses and programs that prepare students for high paying careers right here in Aiken County.

With our economic development partners, we will recruit and graduate students in high demand career fields that attract new businesses to our region. New manufacturing and nuclear employers will bring quality, high paying jobs to our community, and this new workforce will benefit segments of our local economy such as banking, real estate, retail, hospitals, food service, and others.

It is your support and partnership through the *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign that is moving the Center closer to reality. Individuals, businesses, community organizations, and legislative and government support have all come together to build a facility that will be an economic engine for growth in Aiken County.

We extend our gratitude to the many businesses, organizations and individuals listed who are helping ATC reach this goal.

Cornerstone Society Gold Level (Gifts of \$100,000+)

AECOM and Savannah River Remediation
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations &
Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund

CBS&I AREVA MOX Services, LLC
MTU America

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and its parent
companies
Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization

Cornerstone Society Silver Level (Gifts of \$50,000-\$99,999)

Centerra - SRS

Kimberly-Clark

University Health Care System

Cornerstone Society Bronze Level (Gifts of \$10,000-\$49,999)

ASCO Numatic
BAE Systems
Carlisle Transportation Products
CR Meyer

Economic Development Partnership
Halocarbon Products
Hass & Hilderbrand
Hubbell Power Systems

Parsons
Potash
SRP Federal Credit Union
Solvay Specialty Polymers

Leadership Society Gold Level (Gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999)

Aiken Sertoma Club
B & S Machine Tool
Energy Solutions

H.G. Reynolds
RNM LLC Georgia-Lina Precast

SC State Credit Union
Wells Fargo Bank

Leadership Society Silver Level (Gifts of \$2,500-\$4,999)

Aiken Standard
Allnex
Atlantic Broadband

Durban-Laird Insurance
First Citizens Bank
First Community Bank

International Flavors & Fragrances
MAU Workforce Solutions
VistaBank

Leadership Society Bronze Level (Gifts of \$1,000-\$2,499)

Augusta National Golf Club
Lionel Smith Limited
Hull Barrett, PC
Meybohm Realtors

RCS Corporation
Sam's Club
SC Metal Products
Security Federal Bank

State Farm Insurance, Collette Ball Agency
State Farm Insurance, Denny Michaelis Agency
State Farm Insurance, Joe Harrison Agency
TTX Hamburg

Investor Society Bronze Level (Gifts of \$1,000-\$4,999)

David Eyler
Randy Garver
Charles Munns

Buzz Rich
Mike Rose
Tim Simmons

John Stewart
Gracie Waters
Susan Winsor

Investor Society Friend Level (Gifts of \$100-\$999)

Aiken Pest Control
CH2MHill
Holly Heating & Air
Hutson-Etherredge Companies
Jeanne Barnard
Newkirk Barnes
Fred Humes
Sandra Fairchild
Karen Bowles
Tami Burke
Lisa Tharp-Bernard

Vince & Carla Cloud
Mary Commons
Pat Cuning
Pat Guglieri
Charlie Hartz
Duncan Johnson
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Leighton McLendon
Carlos Milanes
Prestige Appliance
John Pownall

Morgan Purvis
Jason Rabun
Deborah Randall
Ben Reeves
Barbara Smoak
Jason Stewart
Josh Stewart
Paige Tiffany
Will Williams
Tom Young, Jr.

Foundation Highlights

14th Annual Benefactor & Recipient Breakfast

The ATC Foundation hosted 100 scholarship benefactors and recipients for its annual breakfast where donors met their scholarship recipients face-to-face. The event included remarks from scholarship recipients and benefactors representing companies, community organizations and individual donors of scholarship funds.

ATC Family Giving Campaign

When looking at all the students on campus, you can't help but notice the one thing they have in common - a smile. The ATC Foundation, along with generous faculty and staff, are 'Creating Miles of Smiles,' the 2014 theme for the Foundation's family giving campaign. Since 1999, faculty and staff have contributed over \$221,204 to the family giving campaign in support of student scholarships, program developments, facilities and equipment.

Pink Ribbon Tea

Aiken Technical College hosted and co-sponsored the 5th Annual Pink Ribbon Tea in October. This free community event creates awareness and provides information about breast cancer. The event is a collaboration between USC Aiken, Aiken Regional Medical Centers and the Pink Ribbonettes. This year's speaker was Cecil Herrin, who gave his perspective as a male breast cancer survivor. ATC nursing students participated by setting up informational tables about breast cancer and conducted cholesterol screenings.



Above Left: Guests listened to guest speaker and breast cancer survivor Cecil Herrin during the 5th Annual Pink Ribbon Tea in October.



Above Right: Former Senator Greg and Betty Ryberg STEM Scholarship recipient Dakota Swearingen poses with former Sen. and Mrs. Ryberg during the annual Scholarship Benefactor & Recipient breakfast.



8th Annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

The ATC Foundation hosted the eighth annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? gala to benefit student scholarships with secret entertainer Willy Falk. Falk, a Tony nominated Broadway performer, wowed the crowd of more than 200 guests with Broadway favorites. This year's event also included a live auction. Over the past eight years, the annual gala has raised over \$115,000 for student scholarships.

AT&T Donation to Aiken Early College

AT&T generously donated \$5,000 to the Aiken Technical College Foundation to support student scholarships for the Aiken Early College dual enrollment program.

ATC's Aiken Early College program, developed in partnership with Aiken County Public Schools, allows Aiken County public, private and homeschool students an opportunity to take high school and college classes simultaneously. The students receive credit from both their high school and ATC, and save money and time spent in college.

AT&T's generous donation provided scholarships for 10 dual enrollment students to participate in the Aiken Early College program.



Aiken County Legislative Delegation Support

The ATC Foundation recognized the Aiken County Legislative Delegation for their support of public policy that allows businesses to prosper and partner with ATC through their support of higher education. Each member of the legislative delegation was presented a proclamation in honor of their support of higher education.

The Legislators were recognized for their support of higher education during a celebration in which AT&T donated \$5,000 for ATC's Aiken Early College program scholarships.

Scholarship Recipients

Aiken County Home Builders/Maurice Williams Scholar

Steven Beavers

Aiken Lion's Club Scholars

Brittany Annis

Peggy McCoy

Aiken Sertoma Club

Donneshia Bell

Amelia G. Mottel Memorial Nursing Scholar

Catherine Spencer

Ashley J. Little Scholarship Endowment

Breanna Futrell

ATC General Scholarship

Jamiride Polo

ATC Book Scholarship

Jessie Curry

Stacie Ross

Meghan Sanders

Angela Thomas

Jesus R. Vazquez

American Association of University Women Scholars

Kristy Anton

Kania Awolaja

Megan Barton

Ashley Benson

Jennifer Croft

Selena Goodman

Brandi Henry

Wanda Holden

Deshondalynne Tillman

Hui Wells

AT&T Dual Enrolled Scholars

Breanna Briggs

Darrell Craig

Meygan Davenport

Allison Johnson

Blake Johnson

Lily Martin

Nathan Raborn

Sasha Sloup

Aubreyanna Swearingen

Bridgestone Americas Scholars

Joshua Gibson

Tyler M. Hart

Carrie Haller Memorial Nursing Scholar

Ashley Eubanks

Criminal Justice Scholarship

Tabitha Brown

Criminal Justice Book Scholarship

Porscha Ricks

D.A. Norton Scholarship Endowment

Barrington Beadle, Jr.

Andrew Emerson

James Freitas

Dental Program Book Scholarship

Haley Douglas

Autumn Hutson

Brittney Tucker

DOE Welding Scholarship

Derrick Byrns

Emily Hart

John Hart

Shaquille Lashley

Matheno Patterson

William Taylor

Gabriel Uvalle

Joel Wightman

Donald Bleasdale Memorial Book Scholar

Desnee Flakes

Energy Solutions Engineering Technology Scholars

Morris Benjamin

George Dickey Scholarship Endowment

Olivia Patterson

Henry Pickens Cato II Scholarship Endowment

Ashton Babcock

Hilda Delionbach Scholarship Endowment

Katheryn Kupitz



Hospital Auxillary of Aiken County Scholars

Kent Newell
Randi Smith
Annie Sullivan
Ashley Swartz

James Greer/Phi Theta Kappa Scholar

Michael Kneipp

John D. Bryan Criminal Justice

Taylor Randall

Katie Scott Memorial Education Scholar

Shatavia Ingram

Kolosvary Scholarship

Chaka Sims

Larry D. Hawes Memorial Scholar

Johnathan Diggs

Midland Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholar

Michael Herndon

Mike King Memorial Paramedic Scholar

Angela Dirkes

Nancy Moore Thurmond Endowment

Katherine Bailey

Nuclear Suppliers Scholarship

Enzo Tala

NWI Summer Program Scholar

Dahrius Abdelnur

Patrick Blewett Pre-Engineering Scholarship

Kenneth King

Presidential Scholars

Dane Adams
Lisa Hartsock
Linda Martens
Amy Mixon
Ashley Morgan
Sheldon Poole
Cheryl Taylor
Steven Waller
Robert Walter

R.E.A.D. Scholarship

Andrea Quarles
Kim Smoak

Rogers Book Scholar

Tevin Robinson

Rudy Mason Scholarship Endowment

Demetria Rouse

Ryberg STEM Scholarships

Claud J. A. Boyd
Zachary J. Fields
William D. Grandy
Darren A. Key
Joseph Odem
Christopher Raynor
Joshua R. Smith
Zachary T. Swearingen
Codi Trotter

Vernon R. Ford 2nd Year Scholars

Waylon Burns
Tiffany A. Crawford
Anthony Distasio
Adam D. Hart
Tyler L. Hughes
Deidra Jefferson
Jennifer Rutland

Vernon R. Ford High School Scholars

Ryan W. Byrd
Lane L. Cook
Shantoria Etheredge

"It means a lot to have someone help me with my education. I am the first person in my family to go to college. Even though it has been a struggle, I have managed to give my all and try my best."

- Meghan Sanders,
ATC Book Foundation Recipient

Ryberg STEM Scholarships 2nd Year

Colin O'Briant
Alexzander Stone
David A. Welsh

Sand River Women's Club Scholars

Evelyn Johnson
Octavia Turner

Thomas S. Truitt Memorial

Haley Douglas
Kathryn Kihm

Travis Miller Memorial EMT Scholar

James Kelly

Tulsa Community Foundation

Joshua B. Gibson

Weldon Computer Book Scholar

Justin Leonard

Centerra-SRS Criminal Justice Scholarship

Korey Holley
Tiffany Pavlick

Women of Woodside Book Scholar

Veronica Kieltisch

Ashley Miranda
Lindsey Pack
Hannah Thompson

Vernon R. Ford Career Center Scholars

Cody Barker
Chase Johnson
Lindsey Johnson
Joshua Miller
Haleigh Ryberg
Kyle Shipp

Vernon R. Ford Incentive

Brandon Waymer

"After completing my education at ATC, I feel much more confident about completing my goals for the future and taking on all the challenges I may face."

-Blake Johnson,
AT&T Dual Enrolled Scholar



Above: ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor poses with two of ATC's 2013 Presidential Scholars, Taylor Commons and Matthew Jones.

Donors for academic year 2013 - 2014

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Aiken Community Playhouse
Aiken County Home Builders Association
Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Aiken Golf Club
Aiken Junior Woman's Club
Aiken Masonic Lodge 156-A.F.M.
Aiken Pest Control, Inc.
Aiken Regional Medical Centers
Aiken Sertoma Club
Aiken Standard
Allnex
American Association of University Women
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AT&T
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Augusta Laser and Skin Center
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Dr. Edmund D. Boothe
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Foundation
Casa Bella Italian Restaurant
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CD's Midlands Inc
Centerra - SRS Team
Mr. Shawn Aaron Chandler
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Chris' Camera Center
Mr. & Mrs. Vince & Carla Cloud
Ms. Haneefah Cobbs
Ms. Joy Colley
Combs Chiropractic Care
Ms. Mary Commons
Ms. Ruth Compton
Cumberland Village
Ms. Cheneeka Cummings

Mr. Pat D. Cunning
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Ms. Terri Deal
Ms. Christie Dickey
Mr. Standley Dicks
Ms. Anna Dolianitis
Ms. Yolanda Drayton
Mr. Michael D. Duncan
Durban-Laird Insurance
Ms. Teressa Dyar
Economic Development Partnership
Ms. Becky Edwards
Elite Sporting Goods
Energy Solutions
Entergy
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy & Beth Everitt
Mr. David Eyler
Mr. & Mrs. Peter and Sandra Fairchild
First Citizens Bank
Floyd & Green Fine Jewelers
Ms. Kathryn Fowler
Ms. Athena Freeman
Dr. Gemma Frock
Furniture Outlet
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Garver
Georgialina Physical Therapy Associates, LLC
Georgia-Lina Precast Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward N. Giobbe
Ms. Jackie Giorgi
Gold's Gym
Ms. Kathleen Gray



Mrs. Pat Guglieri
 Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Robin Guy
 H. G. Reynolds Co., Inc.
 Ms. Roberta Hairston
 Ms. Michelle Hall-Moore
 Ms. Karen Hamm
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Ava Hammond
 Ms. Shareffa Harris
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hartz
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 Hass & Hilderbrand, Inc.
 Heritage Classic Foundation
 Hitchcock Health Care
 Ms. Kimberly Holdren
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 Holley Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.
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 Hotel Aiken
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 Ms. Edythe Hubler
 Ms. Thomasina Hughey
 Ms. Lee Hunt
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 more than **\$103,771** for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Foundation Financials

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Assets

Cash	\$1,711,892
Investments	\$5,158,710
Pledge Receivable	\$405,169
Other Current Assets	\$0

Total Assets	\$7,275,771
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Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$142,849
Net Assets	\$7,132,922

Revenue & Additions

Contributions	\$476,738
Investment Income	\$100,616
Net Investment Income Losses,	\$700,288
Other Income	

Total Revenue, Support & Reclassifications	\$1,277,642
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Expenditures & Other Deductions

Administration	\$57,789
Fundraising	\$105,574
Scholarships	\$82,467
Equipment & Building Support	\$85,015
Student Programs	\$8,831
Special Projects	\$36,904

Total Expenditures & Other Deductions	\$376,580
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Total Liabilities & Equity

Increase in Net Assets	\$901,062
Net Assets June 30, 2013	\$6,231,860
Net Assets June 30, 2014	\$7,132,922

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