

Excellence in Motion ...



**Aiken
Technical
College**

Annual Report

2005

President's Message ...



Dr. Susan A. Winsor

Moving forward is a proud hallmark of Aiken Technical College. Over the past five years, we have taken great strides as we erected new buildings — such as the Dale Phelon Information Technology Center, the CSRA Manufacturing and Technology Training Center, and the Health and Science Building — and as we instituted popular new programs such as Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology and Medical Coding. Now we advance in a new way, as we transition from the construction of buildings to the creation of systems to continuously improve new and existing programs for our students and for business and industry in the CSRA.

ATC took a major step **forward** in 2005 with the dedication of our newly renovated 700 Building, which will provide fresh, multi-media classroom space, as well as a state-of-the-art Testing Center and an Academic Success Center to assist students in their studies. We also took pride when one of our finest educators, Bill Van Alstine, received the South Carolina Technical Education Association's A. Wade Martin Innovator of the Year Award.

It is **in** Mr. Van Alstine and our other excellent faculty members that the quality of our institution is represented every day.

ATC also transitioned its Licensed Practical Nursing Program to an Associate Degree in Nursing Program and received initial accreditation for its Radiologic Technology Program and re-accreditation for its Medical Assisting Program in 2005.

These successes will increase the quality of care in health care facilities and assures that Aiken Technical College students receive a top-tier **education** that results in first-rate skills that are nationally recognized.

ATC did its part in assisting business industry to move forward as well. The Workforce and Business Development Division guided 16 companies in applying for grants that upgraded worker skills in order to keep incumbent workers employed as technology in the workplace outpaced worker skills. Our

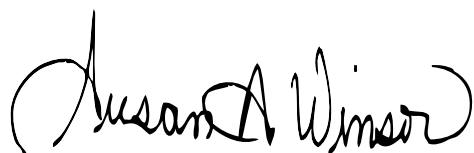
WorkKeys profiling system continues to be used by more businesses, industries **and** community leaders to fit employees to specific jobs. Among these clients were Duke Cogema Stone & Webster, who will use WorkKeys to evaluate future job applicants for its Mixed Oxide Fuel Facility.

All of these **economic** achievements were important to the continued development of the CSRA.

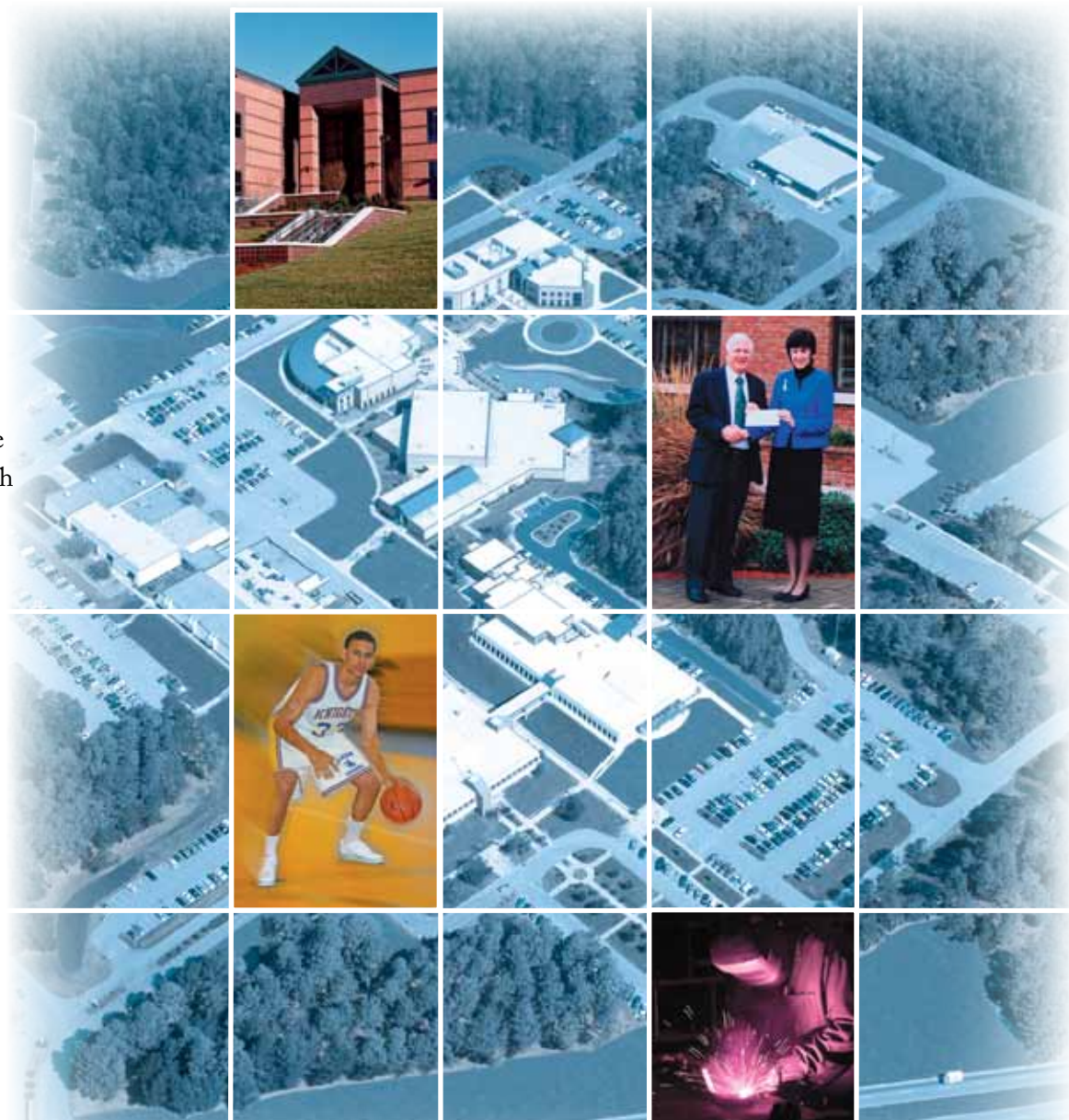
ATC also expanded student opportunities in 2005 as the College celebrated the successful inaugural season of its women's fast-pitch softball team, which complimented our proven men's basketball squad. A new softball complex was another step in the

development of our vision for a full and well-rounded educational experience

Aiken Technical College enjoyed a dynamic 2005 and is continuing to move full-speed ahead in 2006.



Susan A. Winsor
President



Excellence in ...

Progress

Progress means never stopping, every horizon becoming not an end but a new starting point. At ATC we reached several horizons this year—and set our sights on even more ...

- Aiken Technical College dedicated its newly renovated 700 Building in a ceremony in March 2005.

Guest speakers included ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor, Michael Rose of Bridgestone/Firestone South Carolina, ATC instructor and A. Wade Martin Innovator of the Year Award winner Bill Van Alstine and ATC Commission Chair Joe DeVore.



Representative William Clyburn (left), Dr. Susan A. Winsor, and ATC Foundation Chairman Pat Cuning attended the dedication of the 700 Building.

The 700 Building was originally constructed in 1974 under Aiken Technical College's founding president, Ashley J. Little. Much-needed renovations began in 2003 with the assistance of architect Glick/Boehm and Associates, Inc., and builder H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.

When the building came online for classes in January, students found multi-media classrooms, a state-of-the-art Testing Center and an inviting, well-equipped Academic Success Center. Faculty and staff found new offices and conference rooms, as well as a newly refurbished amphitheater.

With the completion of the renovations to the 700 Building, ATC was able to open a spacious Test Center that serves as a portal for online learning and as a provider of American College Testing, Inc.

The renovations to the 700 Building allowed ten classrooms to be equipped to play DVDs and videotapes and to display drawings, maps and 3-D models on a screen at the front of the room through document cameras. Four computer classrooms were equipped with LAN school software, which allows instructors to project his/her computer screen to all other computer screens in the room. Upgrading classrooms to support various forms of media helps address students' differing



Cutting the ribbon for the new 700 building are (r to l): Bill Van Alstine, Representative Roland Smith, Representative William Clyburn, Representative Skipper Perry, Joe DeVore, Dr. Susan A. Winsor, Michael Rose, Pat Cuning, Myles Glick and Jeffrey Reynolds.

learning styles and facilitates computer literacy by making these tools as commonplace as the blackboard.

- Aiken Technical College transitioned its Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program to an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program to help alleviate a nationally and regionally recognized workforce shortage and to increase the quality of patient care. ATC accepted qualified students to begin the ADN

program in Fall 2005. After these students successfully complete the first three semesters of the curriculum and pass the National Council for Licensure Examination-Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) exam, graduates may begin working as an LPN.

Those who choose may go on to complete an additional two semesters to complete their ADN. Beginning in 2006, a current licensed practical nurse or LPN student must complete a transitional nursing course to become an ADN student.

After completion of the last two semesters of the curriculum, all other program requirements and passing the NCLEX-RN examination, an ADN graduate may begin working as a registered nurse or may transfer to the four-year institution of their choice to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN).

- Aiken Technical College's Radiologic Technology program received national accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology in 2005. The Radiologic Technology program, which began in Fall 2003, worked for 18 months to receive the accreditation, becoming the only accredited radiologic program in the CSRA.



ATC's first Radiologic Technology class completed the program in 2005.

- Shortly after the accreditation was approved, the first ATC Radiologic Technology class graduated in July 2005. Twenty graduates were pinned in a ceremony held in the campus auditorium.
- The ATC Radiologic Technology program also partnered with the surrounding healthcare community to enhance student opportunity and foster confidence and enthusiasm towards a successful and professional career in healthcare.

A Year of Great Starts



Elizabeth Maule is on the move. She started her Criminal Justice program in 2005 and is on schedule to graduate in 2006. Ms. Maule is already employed at Wachkenhut Security Services.

2005

Start Here ...



Succeed Anywhere!



Progress ...



Volunteer dentists and dental assistants saw dozens of children during “Give Kids A Smile,” which offered youngsters free dental care.

- Accreditation for ATC’s Medical Assisting Program was extended in 2005. The American Association of Medical Assistants Endowment accredits the program.



ATC Commissioner Dr. Linda B. Eldridge (left), Dr. Susan A. Winsor, Amy Capers and Dr. Charles Wyont celebrated a successful conclusion to “Give Kids A Smile.” Dr. Wyont was one of the organizers and volunteers of the free dental day for children.

- To complement its extensive health care offerings, ATC started a Pre-Allied Health Certificate in 2005 that is designed to prepare students for health specialty programs. An Infant/Toddler Certificate expanded ATC’s Early Childhood Program.

- More than 80 children received necessary dental care in February when Aiken Technical College hosted “Give Kids A Smile” in the dental clinic of the Health and Science Building. Many children who attended had never visited a dentist before in their lives.

“Give Kids A Smile” is a program designed to offer necessary dental care to underprivileged children between the ages of six and 16 who could not otherwise afford it. The original volunteer program devised by Dr. Charlie Millwood in Columbia proved so successful that it is now offered nationwide. The event sponsored by the South Carolina Dental Association also gave ATC dental assisting students a service learning opportunity.

- Industry demand lead ATC to expand its Industrial Maintenance Certificate program to a full Associate Degree in Industrial Maintenance.

- ATC volunteers for the American Heart Association raised \$4,249 at the Heart Walk to benefit heart disease research. More than 70 students, faculty and staff walked in the event held in March on the grounds of Aiken Regional Medical Centers. Dr. Susan A. Winsor served as Education Chair — a division encompassing ATC, USC Aiken and the public schools — for the event.



Laura Beck

- The City of Aiken garnered a Municipal Achievement Award, thanks to an adult literacy program established in 2003 that has served more than two dozen city employees. The Changing Direction program offers literacy classes taught by a Public Works employee, and a WorkKeys component provided by ATC. The City later recognized ATC and instructor **Laura Beck** for their efforts in this endeavor.

- The Aiken Technical College Technical Scholars Initiative celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2005. ATC partnered with 12 businesses with a strong need for skilled workers in the program designed to give students employment opportunities with high earning potential.



Bill Van Alstine

Students who qualified for the Technical Scholars Initiative earned a full scholarship in Computer Technology, Engineering Technology, Engineering Graphics Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Machine Tool Technology, or Manufacturing Technology. Students also gained on-the-job experience by working part-time in one of the participating businesses, which included ASCO, Bridgestone/Firestone South Carolina, Hubbell/The Ohio Brass Company, Michelin North America, SCE&G, BAE Systems (formerly United Defense), Metso Paper, Shaw Industries and Parsons.

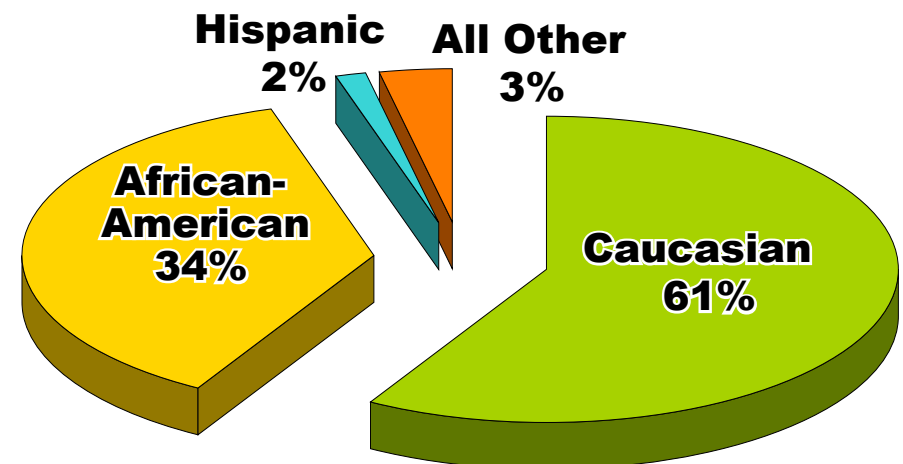
- Aiken Technical College partnered with Aiken County Emergency Services to provide emergency medical technician training for potential candidates for some 11 job openings with the county. A WorkKeys job profile identified the critical skills needed to be successful in the position. In addition to the Basic EMT curriculum, an extra 24 hours were added to teach Command Spanish for EMTs in response to the increased Hispanic population in Aiken County.

employed innovative approaches to fulfilling the mission of the System. Mr. Van Alstine is the first individual from ATC to receive this award in its 25-year history.

Mr. Van Alstine has been instrumental in developing and perfecting online and hybrid courses at ATC. His commitment to continually improving his teaching approaches serves as a model for others. Most importantly, his deep commitment to his students and their successes is an inspiration to the entire College.

- **Bill Van Alstine**, mathematics program coordinator at Aiken Technical College, received the A. Wade Martin Innovator of the Year Award from the South Carolina Technical Education Association in February. This prestigious award, first given in 1980, is named for the first executive director of the Technical College System. The A. Wade Martin Award recognizes individuals who have developed and

Student Demographics



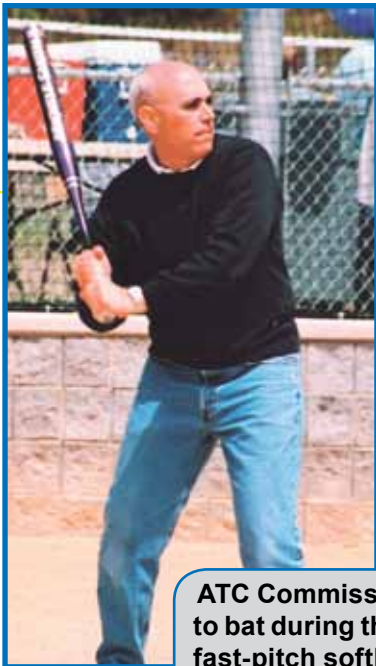
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Culture

The core values of ATC are reflected in its culture: a balance of scholarship, commitment and drive for continuous improvement.

- Aiken Technical College closed briefly in January due to a train derailment and chlorine spill in nearby Graniteville that resulted in nine fatalities. A number of ATC students, faculty and staff were

involved in the initial response and the following clean-up effort: some served with law enforcement or HAZMAT teams, others worked with health or human service agencies, still others volunteered to personally assist Graniteville residents affected by the disaster.



ATC Commissioner Carlos Garcia went up to bat during the dedication of the women's fast-pitch softball field at Spring Fling.

- The One Stop Career Center hosted a successful job fair in March in the Gregg-Graniteville Student Activities Center. More than 60 employers from throughout the CSRA met with hundreds of prospective employees.

- Aiken Technical College dedicated its Lady Knights Softball Complex during the Spring Fling celebration in April.

Speakers included ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor; Ken Bailey, State Director of the Amateur Softball Association; Carlos Garcia, Vice Chair of the Aiken Technical College Commission; and Lady Knights team captains Christy McPartlin and Allison Foster.

Garcia threw the first pitch before students played a softball game against a team comprised of faculty and staff. The celebration also included a picnic lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs.



Economist Michelle Roberts entertained an enormous crowd at the Taste of Home Cooking School held in the gymnasium of the Gregg-Graniteville Student Activities Center. The event was sponsored by the Aiken Standard.

- ATC hosted an adjunct faculty job fair in June in the Community Room of the Health and Science Building. Several dozen potential adjuncts attended the fair. Representatives from all program areas were on-site to discuss positions available at the College, while human resources staff were available to answer all employment questions.

- Aiken Technical College played host to "Back to Basics," presented by the Taste of Home Cooking School in April. Economist Michelle Roberts demonstrated recipes to a packed house in the

campus gymnasium. The event was sponsored by the *Aiken Standard*.

- ATC's Administrative Services joined forces with the US Postal Service to collect food for the needy in May 2005. Several hundred dollars worth of non-perishables were donated.

- Aiken Technical College served as the host campus for MathCounts, a nationwide program combining the efforts of education, business, government and the technological community to promote math excellence among middle school students.

In the past two years, eight to 10 middle schools in the Aiken area have sent teams of five to six students to the competition held at ATC. The students are given individual timed tests and team timed tests. Those with the highest scores compete head-to-head in a countdown round.

Individual and team winners then go on to a state competition and a national competition later in the year. ATC math and science instructor Lynn Rickabaugh served as coordinator and a judge for the contest.



Ken Bailey, State Director of the Amateur Softball Association, served as guest speaker at the dedication of the women's fast-pitch softball field.

- ATC Fiscal Technician Janis Hoffman chaired the campus' successful United Way campaign in 2005. Using direct donations, raffles and even karaoke at the annual Fall Festival, employees raised \$7,581, or 108 percent of goal, an 18 percent increase over last year.

- The Department of Health and Environmental Control recognized Aiken Technical College in 2005 for the campus' waste reduction efforts and recycling achievements. ATC recycles all steel and aluminum from its automotive and welding labs.

A Year of Great Starts



Shannon Hiatt-Kirkland

made big strides in 2005, completing most of the required courses to earn a certificate in Dental Assisting. She's set to graduate in Spring of 2006.

Start Here ...



Succeed Anywhere!



2005

Culture ...

- ATC's Human Resources Department hosted an employee benefits fair in September, which gave faculty and staff ready access to more than 20 vendors.

- Phillip Hare of the Workforce and Business Development Division participated in "Oliver," a musical staged in November for the Aiken Kidney Benefit, Inc. Mr. Hare served as orchestra director.



Kathy W. Fowler

- Dr. James Schmidt, Vice President of Student Services, served as class coordinator for Leadership Aiken County. The class, which also included ATC Knights Coach Bruce Capers, organized a Blue Jeans and Black Tie Gala that raised \$15,000 for the Child Advocacy Center. Dr. Schmidt also served as Agency Relations Committee Chair for the United Way of Aiken County.

- ATC recognized its Administrator, Faculty and Support Staff Members of the Year during commencement exercises in May.

Student Services Manager **Kathy W. Fowler** was named Administrator of the Year. A dedicated student advocate, Mrs. Fowler has held numerous positions at the College over the past 16 years. She has served as chair of the College Council and was on the first Quality Systems Committee. She is actively involved in the community and provides leadership roles in Leadership Aiken County, Help Line and Mead Hall, as well as participating in church activities and working with prison ministries.

- Aiken Technical College was among the colleges and universities that benefited from a virtual library collection of more than 12 million volumes created by PASCAL, the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries.

The virtual library collection gives students vastly more searching capabilities, making it a powerful research tool. Library patrons are able to make a simple web request for materials from almost any academic library in the state. The requested books or other materials arrive within two days or less.



Lieutenant Michael Frank of the Aiken County Sheriff's Office was one of many representatives at a job fair held on the ATC campus.



Father Gregory Rogers

Sociology Program Coordinator and instructor **Father Gregory Rogers** was named Faculty Member of the Year. Strong in curriculum development, he implemented two new courses in his subject area, in addition to using creative assignments in the classroom. He has served as Chapter Advisor for the Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society since 1999 and has chaired the committee to select nominees for the ALL-USA Academic Team for the past four years.



Eddie Matthews

Custodian Supervisor **Eddie Matthews** was named Professional Support Staff Member of the Year. Mr. Matthews is committed to

making ATC a place where students are proud to receive their education. He believes that the appearance of the campus is an integral part of the learning process and takes pride in making sure that all facilities are clean. He contributes to a congenial atmosphere by encouraging his coworkers to do their best, and has been known to encourage custodians to seek training and complete their GED.

- Aiken Technical College Associate Degree Nursing students gave influenza vaccine to residents in several nursing homes in the Aiken-Augusta area in November.

These students, who were in their first semester of their nursing program, began their clinical rotations in the nursing homes after several months of theory and practice in the ATC nursing lab.

- A Project Team led by Rich Weldon, coordinator of counseling services, researched whether ATC should purchase software to enhance student learning, improve service and achieve administrative efficiencies. The team's recommendations will be formally made in 2006.

- Aiken Technical College and Consumer Credit Counseling Services of the CSRA conducted a free public seminar on the basics of good money management and controlling personal debt as a service to the community.

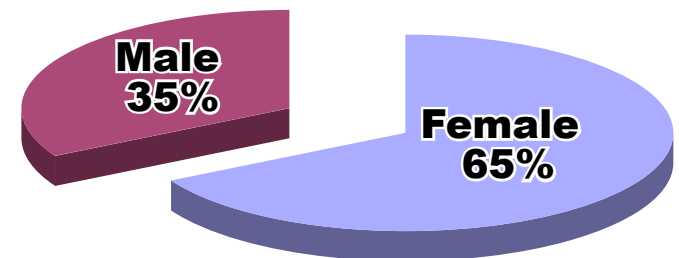
- ATC marked Constitution Day in October with a visit from Senator Tommy Moore, who spoke about the history of the Constitution and the impact that new laws may have on it today and in the future.

- ATC gained a new parking lot adjacent to the Dale Phelon Information Technology Center that greatly increased the number of spaces available for the vehicles of students, faculty and staff. The increased capacity will make it easier and more convenient for everyone to attend campus events and activities.



SGA Treasurer Merriah Burr, Senator Tommy Moore, and SGA President Sarfraz Hanif met on Constitution Day 2005. Sen. Moore served as guest speaker at the annual event.

Student Demographics



Excellence in ...

Partnership

Developing solutions and enhancing productivity and growth are core missions of the College. By teaming with local business and industry we enhance the economic well-being of the region and quality of life for everyone.

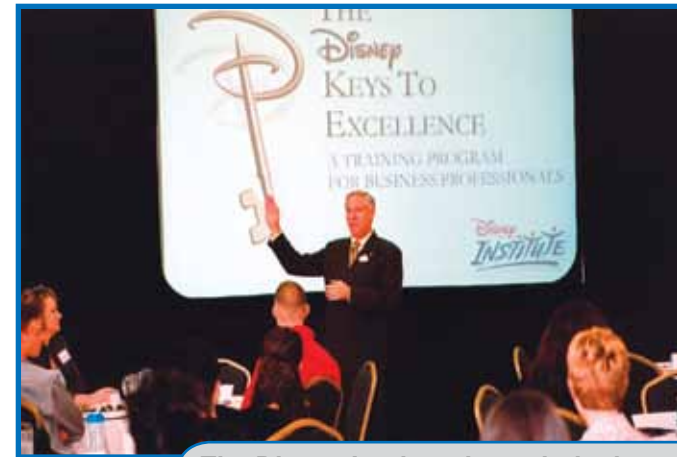
- The Workforce and Business Development Division (WBD) worked closely with business and industry to secure Incumbent Worker Training grant funding from the Lower Savannah Council of Governments in 2005. This funding is available to companies for training their current workforce in order to upgrade their skills and potentially provide employees with wage increases.

During 2005, WBD secured IWT funding for AGY, Avondale, Aiken Electric Cooperative, CVS/Pharmacy, GlaxoSmithKline, Owens Corning, Pactiv, RE Phelon, SKF, Pepperidge Farms, BAE Systems, Bridgestone/Firestone South Carolina, Newman Technologies, Shaw Industries, Carlisle Tires and UNICCO.

- ATC's Workforce and Business Development Division partnered with the Mental Health Association of Aiken County and the United Way to continue to train childcare providers in Second Step: Violence Prevention. WBD also partnered with Mental Health and "Success by Six" to provide a speaker on health and nutrition for the "Breakfast on Thursday" program at area housing centers to reach mothers with children under the age of six.

- The Disney Institute brought its brand of professional development to ATC in March with The Disney Keys to Excellence. The full-day event gave area business professionals a chance to discover the business behind the Disney magic. Leadership, Disney Style; Management, Disney Style; Service, Disney Style; and Loyalty, Disney Style were among the featured sessions.

- Duke Cogema Stone & Webster, a consortium contracted by the Department of Energy to design, construct and operate the Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) Facility at the Savannah River Site, announced it will use Aiken Technical College's WorkKeys job profiling service to screen future hires.



The Disney Institute brought its brand of professionalism to ATC in March.

WorkKeys is a job skills profiling/assessment system that allows businesses to find people with the right skills and aptitude for specific positions. ATC's WorkKeys facilitators visit actual job sites and develop job task profiles that identify the fundamental workplace skills required.

The system is a great success, with 30 area companies already using WorkKeys through ATC's Workforce and Business Development Division.

- Aiken Technical College joined forces with the Aiken County School District, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments, CDIC, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center, and other concerned community individuals in 2005 to form the Community Partners for Workforce Learning (CPWL).

CPWL, which originally offered GED preparation to address a growing crisis caused by unemployment, lay-offs and plant closings, expanded into a skills training initiative. Financial assistance for CPWL skills training was made available through the Workforce Investment Act program sponsored by the Lower Savannah Council of Governments. Qualified participants receive training at no personal cost.

ATC and the Aiken County Career and Technology Center will begin classes in January 2006 to help unemployed and under-employed citizens obtain productive jobs.

- ATC's Workforce and Business Development Division served as a training partner for Childcare By Choice for 2005. The agency targets centers, small group and in-home childcare facilities in three counties. Quarterly training was held with topics focused on childcare management and specialized areas that enhanced the usual provider training offerings.



Amy Capers, ATC Department Chair for Allied Health Science, advised middle school students during Career Quest.

- Aiken Technical College partnered with the Aiken County Clemson Extension Office in March to offer Integrated Pest Management for the Landscape. The 20-hour course offered training to professionals in the green industry.

2005

A Year of Great Starts



Joseph Dougherty stepped up in 2005. He is now set to graduate in Spring 2006 with an Associate Degree in Industrial Technology. He currently works as a co-op student at ASCO in Aiken.

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Excellence in ...

Empowerment

By empowering our students we enact the College's vision. The ultimate outcome is a community worthy of the best we have to offer.

- Aiken Technical College students Sarah Giddings and Wanda Platt were among 22 technical college students named to the Phi Theta Kappa South Carolina All-USA Academic Team. They were recognized in a March ceremony at the State House in Columbia.

PTK, the international honor society of two-year colleges, in conjunction with *USA Today* and the American Association of Community Colleges, sponsors an annual international competition that features outstanding technical college students. South Carolina All-USA Academic Team representatives are selected by their college presidents on the basis of academic performance, leadership accomplishments, and service to their colleges and communities.

- Aiken Technical College honored its best and brightest students in April at an Awards Night ceremony held in the campus gymnasium. A. Wade Martin Innovator of the Year Award winner Bill Van Alstine served as guest speaker.

Jason D. Mahoney was the recipient of the Buck Grant Award (diploma), and Melvin D. Slater was the recipient of the Buck Grant Award (degree). These highest academic honors awarded at ATC are given in memory of George H. "Buck" Grant, who was chairman of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation in 1969, and who was instrumental in initiating the construction of ATC.

Highlighting her services to the college community, the Student Recognition Award was presented to Jessica Pontoo.



(l to-r): Lady Knights Assistant Coach Dave Clark, Adrienne Daniels, Sheena Blackwell, Hollie Deer, and Coach Rick Wells celebrated a successful season at the first Lady Knights Team Banquet.

- Aiken Technical College held commencement exercises in May in the Gregg-Graniteville Student Activities Center. Dr. James L. Hudgins, president of the South Carolina Technical College System, served as guest speaker at the ceremony where 372 students received a total of 564 academic awards.

- The Aiken Technical College Lady Knights held a team banquet in May to celebrate a successful first season.

Several players were recognized for honors they earned in the 2004-05 season. Hollie Deer was named Defensive Player of the Year. Sheena Blackwell was named Offensive Player of the Year. Adrienne Daniels was named Most Valuable Player.

Sheena Blackwell was honored as an NFCA South Division D-1 second team All-Region selection. Christy McPartlin was honored as an NFCA South Division D-1 All-American Academic selection. Chelsea Wheatley received the Susan A. Winsor Dedication Award. Sheena Blackwell, Adrienne Daniels and Chelsea Wheatley were named to the 2004-05 Region 10 All Conference Team.

Adrienne Daniels and Allison Foster were named to the 2004-05 Region 10/District J All-Tournament Team. Megan Borum, Kristen Cochran and Christy McPartlin received 2004-05 Academic All-American honors.

Topping off all these honors, Coach Rick Wells was named NJCAA Region 10 Coach of the Year.



The first ATC Lady Knights fast-pitch softball team had a successful season, with Coach Rick Wells named NJCAA Region 10 Coach of the Year and players receiving numerous awards and honors.

- The inaugural ATC Lady Knights softball team included (see photo above): **Standing (l to r):** Coach Rick Wells, Adrienne Daniels, Ashlie Padgett, Chelsea Wheatley, Megan Borum, Hollie Deer, Christy McPartlin, Coach David Clark. **Kneeling (l to r):** Jessica Bailey, Sheena Blackwell, Meg Nelson, Dusty Walker, Leigha Walden, Allison Foster, Kristin Cochran, Adrienne Coursey.



Sheena Blackwell shows why she was named the Lady Knights' Offensive Player of the Year.

A Year of Great Starts

Luis Ramos graduated from ATC in 2003 with an Associate of Science Degree. He went on to earn his Bachelor's in mathematics and came back to ATC in 2005 as a math instructor.



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New Goals

Aiken Technical College reviews its mission, vision and goals every five years.

By 2004 the College had met its prior objectives two years early. Executive staff and commission members met in October 2004 to discuss new ideas that would continue to project ATC into a purposeful future.

They agreed that revised goals were required based on changes in demographics, new higher education practices, and state budget reductions.

The meeting yielded five new goals:

1. ATC will strive to empower our students through life-changing educational experiences to become productive and committed citizens.
2. We will create customized workforce development solutions for partnering companies to enhance their productivity and growth potential.
3. We will achieve a college culture of excellence through the deployment of continuous improvement programs.
4. We will deploy technology applications to enhance student learning, improve services, and achieve administrative efficiency.
5. We will partner with community initiatives to enhance the economic well being of the region.

The ATC Commission approved this plan in January 2005, readying ATC for the next determined steps in its future.



ATC men's basketball coach Bruce Capers completed a successful season. His team was active on campus as well as on the court, serving as co-sponsors and participants in everything from student picnics to charity fundraisers.

- In an effort to bring hands-on career exploration to the eighth grade students of Aiken County, the Aiken Tech Prep Consortium, in conjunction with the Aiken County Career and Technology Center, held the second Career Quest at ATC in February. More than 1,000 students took advantage of the opportunity to interview business, industry and government professionals. The students also had the chance to explore education opportunities at ATC and USC Aiken.

- The 2005 ATC Knights included (see photo above): **Kneeling (l to r):** Mark Herrman, Ricky McGhee, Ian Jones, Stefan Fryer, Kennie Eberhard, Jeffery McReynolds. **Standing (l to r):** Tedford Struther, Matt Todd, Desmond Walters, Gerald Robinson, Corey Johnson, Tavaris Little, Jerel Chavis, Antonio Holt.

- The ATC Knights men's basketball team completed a 15-16 season in 2005, and 9-7 at the Region 10 NJCAA conference. Three teammates — Gerald Robinson, Tavaris Little and Corey Johnson — were named All-Region players.

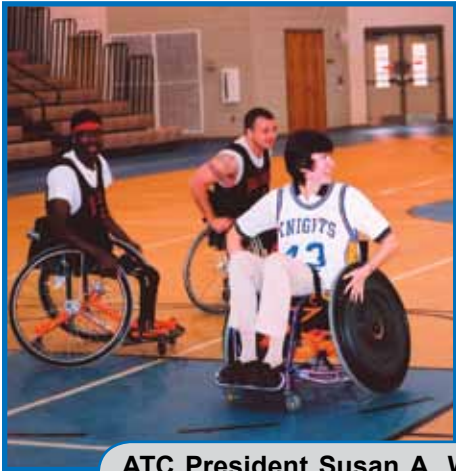


- The Aiken Technical College Student Government Association, in conjunction with the student activities forum, sponsored a wheelchair basketball game in the campus gymnasium.

A team comprised of ATC students, faculty and staff — including ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor — played the Walton Blazing Bulldogs, who placed second in Division 2 of the Carolina National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. The event, which afforded an opportunity to increase awareness on campus, as well as providing a positive and comfortable learning environment for student with disabilities, was held in observance of Disability Awareness Month, which takes place in March.

Empowerment ...

- The Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Knights Basketball, Lady Knights Softball, and Baptist College Ministries (BCM) hosted a “welcome back” picnic for incoming



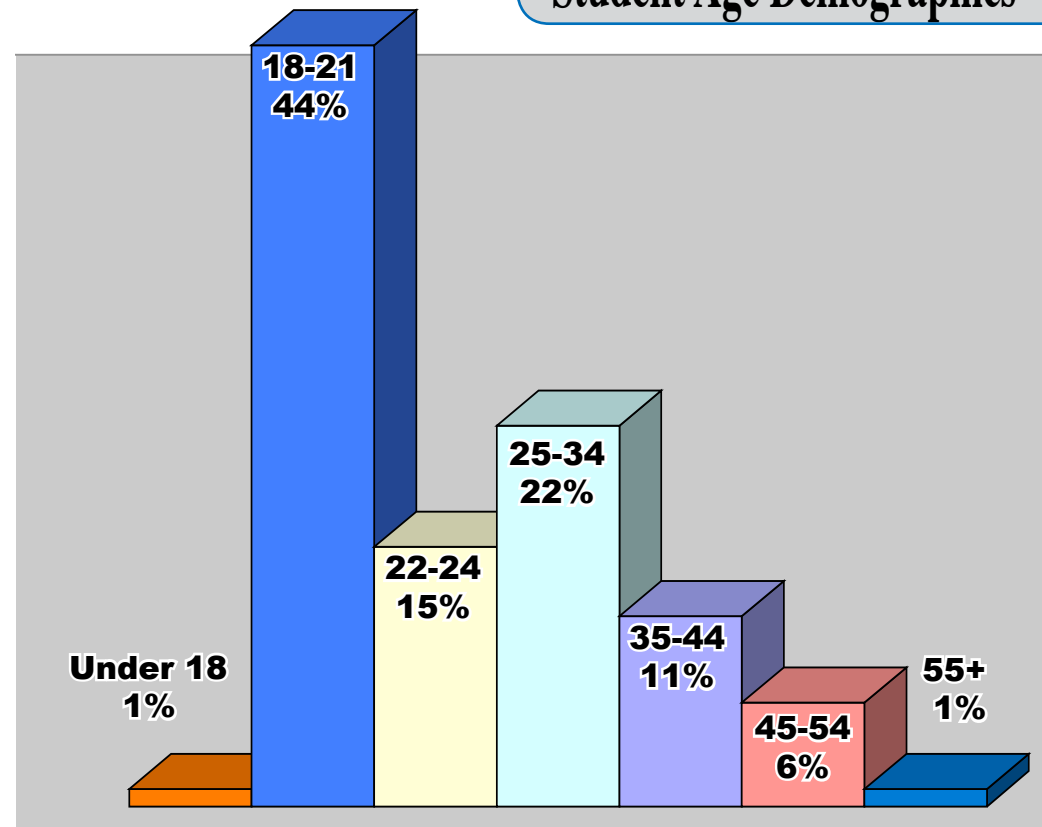
ATC President Susan A. Winsor took part in a wheelchair basketball game against the Walton Blazing Bulldogs.

Fall 2005 students that also benefited the United Way of Aiken County. The August picnic on the campus commons gave students a chance to dunk a favorite faculty member at the dunking booth, play Putt-Putt Golf, or play games for \$1. All proceeds benefited the United Way.

- The Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, the Men’s Basketball Team and the Women’s Softball Team joined forces in October to raise funds for the American Red Cross to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. They washed cars, sold donuts and managed to raise \$1,000.

- The Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and the Women’s Fast Pitch Softball and Men’s Basketball teams hosted a “Save A Life” tour in October, which included a sophisticated DUI simulator that students experienced in the Gregg-Graniteville Student Activities Center.

Student Age Demographics



Empowerment ...



USC Aiken Chancellor Dr. Thomas L. Hallman (left), Dr. Susan A. Winsor and ATC instructor Patrick Greene served as speakers during the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration held alternately between USC Aiken and Aiken Technical College. This year's event was held in USC Aiken's Etherredge Center.

- Aiken Technical College added two new clubs to its campus offerings in 2005. Students, athletes, faculty and staff formed a new chapter of the Lions Club in October. The Club allows members to become involved in community service projects and to raise scholarships for athletic programs.

The club's first president was Lady Knights softball player Chelsea Wheatley. Other officers included ATC Knights men's basketball players Corey Johnson, vice president, and Kennie Eberhart, treasurer. Lady Knights softball player Hollie Deer was secretary.



Dr. Susan A. Winsor and Representative J. Roland Smith attended the dedication of the 700 Building.

- ATC hosted a gerontology seminar for its Fundamentals of Nursing class in October. The seminar was designed to educate new nursing students about various aspects of aging in America, programs that are available to older adults, and common illnesses among the geriatric population, among other topics. Cathy Green and Ellie Finnell of the Medical College of Georgia, and Esther Dickey, Colonel Ford Fuller and Jo Bessie Bickley participated as guest speakers.



ATC Lady Knights Coach Rick Wells recognized the team during Awards Night in the campus amphitheater.

- ATC and USC Aiken joined forces in January to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Among the speakers for "The Mountaintop: Journeying On" were USC Aiken Chancellor Dr. Thomas Hallman; the Rev. Douglas Slaughter of the Center for African-American History, Art and Culture; ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor; and ATC instructor Patrick Green. The well-attended program was held in USC Aiken's Etherredge Center.

In Memorium

Larry D. Hawes

Aiken Technical College mourned the loss of a valued educator on June 15, 2005, in an on-campus memorial service for Larry DeNard Hawes. Mr. Hawes, 53, died June 14 at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston following a brief illness.

Mr. Hawes served as the Associate Vice President of General Education at Aiken Technical College. In all, he served ATC for nearly 25 years, joining the college in August 1982 as a full-time instructor and administrator. He was well known for his courtesy, thoughtfulness and sense of style.

Prior to becoming an associate vice president he served as an academic dean of General Education for one year, a department chair of English for 16 years, and an adjunct English instructor for three years in the Developmental Studies Department. Before joining ATC, he served as a reading specialist, language arts instructor, and English Department head in Georgia high schools and middle schools. Mr. Hawes earned a Graduate Leadership Certificate from the University of South Carolina in 2004, a Master of Education Degree from Augusta College (Augusta State University) in 1977 (with a major in English Education) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Paine College in 1973.

At the time of his death, he was in the process of earning his Doctor of Education degree with specialization in Higher Education Leadership from Northcentral University.

Mr. Hawes was responsible for all aspects of the General Education Division, which includes the History and Social Sciences Department, the Humanities and Fine Arts Department, the Mathematics and Sciences Department, the Academic Success Center, the Distance Learning and Instructional Technology programs, and the ATC Library. He supervised 31 full-time faculty and staff and more than 50 adjunct instructors. In his capacity as Associate Vice President, he was responsible for the Division's budget, hiring of instructors, supervision of personnel, general education curriculum, strategic planning, professional development, inventory control, articulation agreements, academic advisement, and quality of instruction within the Division.

Over the past three years, Mr. Hawes successfully restructured the Division's six departments. His management style reflected his high expectation of quality performance and accountability. Mr. Hawes represented the College as its Chief Academic Officer (CAO) at the South Carolina Technical College System for the past three years. He served as Chair of the Chief Academic Officer Peer Group for 2004-2005. He was also a member of the 1999 class of Leadership Aiken. He served as Aiken Technical College's chair of the Foundation Family Giving Campaign in 2004.

Mr. Hawes was honored with numerous awards and recognitions. He was awarded the 1991 NISOD Excellence Award in Austin, Texas, and was the College's nominee for the Governor's Distinguished Professor Award (1991-1992). He received Aiken Technical College's Faculty Member of the Year Award in 1991 and was an SCTEA Local Winner and Nominee for the Educator of the Year Award in the category of administrator (2004).

Most recently, Mr. Hawes was named the 2004-05 South Carolina Technical Education Association Administrator of the Year.



Larry DeNard Hawes

Excellence in ...

Development



Mary Kay Commons

If you're like most people in this area, Aiken Technical College has touched your life or the life of someone close to you. Perhaps it was a family member who came to acquire skills that would build a career. Or maybe it was a neighbor or employee who returned to college for retraining. It could have been someone who attended a seminar, or started on a baccalaureate degree.

ATC has been a part of the fabric of this community since 1972. Together the college and the Aiken community have grown and diversified, welcoming new businesses and industries, and supporting existing operations with educational programs that promote success. This partnership has been a catalyst for the tremendous economic development in our area.

With your continued financial support, we can help our students realize their educational dreams, meet the training needs of area companies and help to attract new industry by supporting training requirements. Our future growth and the community's growth depend on people like you. Your investment in our community's education and economic development is greatly appreciated.

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

Mary Kay Commons
Director, Aiken Technical College Foundation

ATC Foundation Accomplishments for 2005



The ATC Foundation and ATC students collected funds to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. They donated \$1,000 to the American Red Cross.

- The ATC Foundation held its fifth annual Scholarship Benefactor/Recipient Breakfast in January to recognize the generosity of scholarship benefactors and introduce them to their scholarship recipients. More than 80 company representatives and students attended.

- The ATC Employee Giving Campaign was a tremendous success. The month-long campaign raised awareness of the Foundation's priorities and goals and raised \$18,183, with a 98% participation rate.

- The ATC Foundation hosted the annual Joint Chamber Business after Hours in June in the newly renovated 700/800 Building. Approximately 125 people attended from the three area chambers: Aiken, Midland Valley and North Augusta. Attendees were able to take tours of the new facility and view new technology software available to students.

- St. Joseph Hospital partnered with ATC by pledging \$30,000 a year for three years to the ATC Foundation's Changing Lives, Building Futures Campaign for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

- Thanks to SCE&G and H.G. Reynolds, ATC's dream came true of a softball field for the Lady Knights Fast-Pitch Softball Team. They supplied the lights and installation for the field.

A Year of Great Starts



Ashley Byrd worked hard in 2005 and is ready to graduate from the Surgical Technology program in 2006. The program's high placement rate assures a smooth transition into the workforce.

Start Here



Succeed Anywhere!



2005

The ATC Foundation

Mission

The Aiken Technical College Foundation will undertake activities to acquire and manage resources that will facilitate the fulfillment of the mission and goals of the College, while strengthening positive community relationships.

Vision

To be the preferred community non-profit organization of private and corporate donations which are viewed as an investment in the College and the economic development of the region.

Goals

1. To connect with the community to raise awareness of the College by assisting and encouraging partnerships between individuals, business and industry.
2. To generate and provide resources to meet the College's needs and help fulfill its mission.
3. To be recognized as a philanthropic leader in maximizing donor investments that enhances economic development and quality of life in the region.

The ATC Foundation's current priorities include:

- Providing scholarships to students.
- Constructing connections to the community.
- Researching, identifying and accessing fund-raising resources in support of the long-range plans of the College.
- Meeting critical College needs that cannot be addressed through the College's normal operating budgets.

Development ...

- ASCO/Automatic Valve Manufacturing once again partnered with ATC and pledged \$50,000 to the Changing Lives, Building Futures Campaign Fund.

- Campbell Soup Foundation approved a grant for \$10,000 to support our biology labs.

- Bechtel presented Aiken Technical College with a check for \$10,000 to support the CSRA Manufacturing and Technology Training Center.

- Mr. and Mrs. William Emel donated a large braided ficus tree. The "tree of knowledge" is now at home in the atrium of the renovated 700 building.

- Duke Energy Foundation gave a matching gift of \$5,000 to the Aiken Technical College Foundation on behalf of Board Member Neal McCraw.

- Contributors to the Major Gifts Campaign at the \$5,000 level are Woodside Plantation, Augusta Chronicle and First Citizens Bank.

- Bridgestone/Firststone SC contributed \$12,660 to the Foundation's 2005 Annual Giving Fund for technical scholars and industrial/engineering scholarships.



John Troutman, Dave Hepner, Dr. Susan A. Winsor, John Oakland and Carl Jacobs enjoyed the tenth annual Friendraiser Golf Tournament held at Woodside Plantation.

- Duke, Cogema, Stone & Webster contributed \$3,000 to the Foundation's 2005 Annual Giving Fund for three \$1,000 engineering scholarships.

- The ATC Foundation, along with the Student Government Association, raised \$1,000 for the Red Cross to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.

- The ATC Foundation's Annual Giving Fund drive was a huge success raising more than \$37,284 for the Foundation's Unrestricted Trustee Endowment.



Aiken Technical College recognized University Health Care System as its 2005 Benefactor of the Year for the Council of Resource Development, Region IV.

- Nine private scholarships were established during the past year. We are grateful to those who help our students achieve success. They are the Aiken Medical Association Alliance Nursing and Surgical Technology Scholarship, Neal McCraw Engineering Scholarship, Donald Bleasdale Memorial Book Scholarship, Bob Moldenhauer Human Services Scholarship and three Duke, Cogema, Stone & Webster Engineering Scholarships.



Aiken Regional Medical Center's Chief Executive Officer, K. D. Justyn (right), accepts the Benefactors Make a Difference Award from Aiken Technical College President Susan A. Winsor.

- ATC held its 10th Anniversary Friendraiser Golf Tournament on October 10th at Woodside Plantation County Club's Jones Course. The tournament was a tremendous success, with 120 golfers participating in the event that thanked them for their continued support of the College.

- The ATC Foundation honored Aiken Regional Medical Centers with a Benefactors Make a Difference Award at a ceremony held in Columbia. Benefactors Make a Difference is an opportunity for South Carolina's technical colleges to honor individuals, families, corporations and foundations that have partnered with colleges to support education and development across the state.



Thanks to a donation from Mr. and Mrs. William Emel, a 12-foot tall braided ficus tree now graces the atrium of the new 700 building.

- The ATC Foundation inducted four new board members who will serve a three-year term. They are Pam Amendola with Parsons; R. Lee Smith with the Community Foundation of the CSRA; John Stewart with Bridgestone/Firestone SC; and Howard Bazzarre, recently retired from Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

- The ATC Foundation was able to award for a second year numerous scholarships to deserving athletes in both women's fast-pitch softball and men's basketball, totaling \$17,975.

Scholarships ...

2005-06 Annual and Endowed Scholars

Many generous gifts helped 111 students realize their dream of higher education. More than \$131,891 was awarded through endowed, private and technical scholarships, an increase of 9.3% over the previous year.

2005-06 Presidential Scholars

Kristen Cochran
Jessee Furtick
Dawn Johnson
Charlene Kiraly
Christopher Martin
Rochell Melvin
Rebecca Wallace
Chrystal White
LaToya Williams

AMAA Surgical Technology Scholarship

Heather Jennings

AMAA Nursing Scholarship

Michelle Durrance

American Association of University Women Scholarship

Charlene Gilmore
Keisha Hall
Heather Hartley
Valla Holliman
Kayce Last
Tonish Nicholas
Paula Runyon
Alici Tompkins
Leigh Yelton

Jim Bowman Scholarship

Matthew G. Woodward

Bridgestone/Firestone SC Scholarship

John S. Whittle

BNG America Scholarship

Ernest H. Hammond, III

Carrie Haller Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Doris K. Lawson

Eulalie Salley Scholarship

Carolyn Bates

D. A. Norton Endowment

Dayal S. Patel

Donald Bleasdale Memorial Book Scholarship

Cathleen Williams

Dixie Narco Scholarships

Clevon Bryant, Jr.
Merriah Burr
Gwendylon Frazier
Krystallia Moldenhauer

Duke, Cogema, Stone & Webster Engineering Scholarships

Sallie Angeley
Tamella Bailey
Thanhphy Ta

Hilda Delionbach Nursing Endowment

Nicole M. Williams

Hitchcock Rehabilitation Scholarship

Penny C. Beason

Hurricane Katrina Displaced Student Scholarship

Melissa Planche
Michael Riedie

Robert E. Moldenhauer Human Services Scholarship

Larry Miles

Nancy Moore Thurmond Endowment

Greg O. Henderson

North Augusta 2000 Scholarship

Jonathan Couch

Philanthropic Education Organization Scholarship

Rebecca Wallace

Project Graduation Scholarship

Sandra Griffin

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion. The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

- Wilma Rudolph

Regent Security Scholarship

Deborah Hastings

Pam & Dennis Rogers Book Scholarships

Jacqueline Byars

Angeline Harris

James Greer/PTK Scholarship

Brennan Russell

Rotary Club of Aiken South Scholarship

Keith J. Willingham

Sewell Memorial Scholarships

Tabitha Black

Dipti Champaneri

Sand River Women's Club Scholarship

Jestine Gardner

Rudy Mason Endowment

Justin L. Atkinson

Vernon R. Ford Two-Year Scholarships

Joseph A. Dougherty

Chelsea Wheatley

Wesley E. Williams

Vernon R. Ford Career Center Scholarships

Jason Chambers

Jonathan Foussant

Jesse Prevey

D. William Smith

Bry Cobb

Vernon R. Ford High School Scholarships

Joshua Chambers

Allison Crites

Tiffany Hill

Timothy Rapp

Katherine Roper

Vernon R. Ford Incentive Scholarships

Sonya S. Bishop

Augustus Williams

2005-06 Technical Scholars

ASCO/Automatic Valve Mfg.

Andrew Coleman

Joseph Daugherty

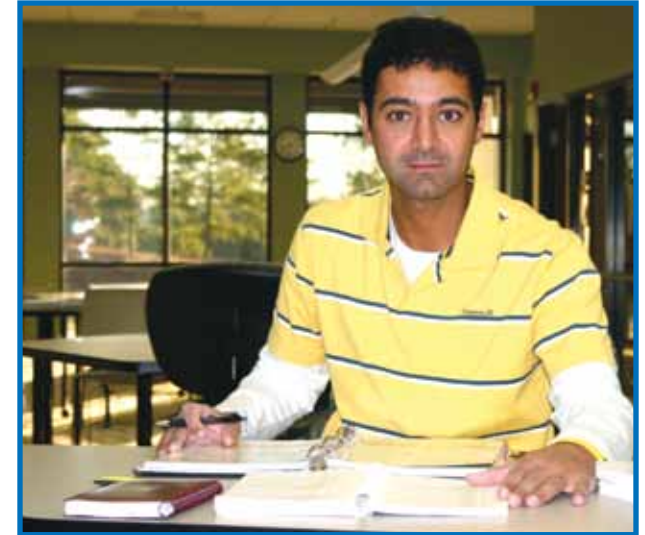
Bridgestone/Firestone SC

Michael Berry

Sean Boivin

Richard Stripling

Keith Willingham



Dayal S. Patel
D. A. Norton Endowment

Dayal Sandip Patel was 28 years old before he realized that he needed an education if he was going to find a purpose in life. The high school dropout was volunteering in the radiology department of Aiken Regional Medical Centers when he encountered anatomy and physiology textbooks that made him understand that he could grasp medical texts if he tried.

Mr. Patel soon earned his GED. Scholarships, including the D.A. Norton Scholarship, helped him enter the Radiologic Technology program at ATC. "Receiving this scholarship has been an honor," he said. "It has lightened the financial strain of college expenses and enabled me to concentrate all my efforts towards my studies. Such awards encourage me to maintain my academic standing."

Scholarships ...

2005-06 TECHNICAL SCHOLARS

Hubbell Ohio Brass

Jonathan Couch
James Hines
Robert Kneece

Michelin North America

Thomas Adair
Jesse Furtick
Matthew Greene
Kyle Ryan
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Parsons

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Marcus Harmon
Joseph Redd

Shaw Industries

Joseph Busbee

BAE Systems

Guy Eichman
Mark Hall

2005-06 ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Women's Fast-Pitch Softball Scholarships

Amber Banks
Sheena Blackwell
Brittany Buckner
Clytaya Chancellor
Kristen Cochran
Hollie Deer
Terrance Dotts
Lindsay Foster
Rebekah Gibbs
Ellen Kessing
Kaylie Layman
Christy McPartlin
Megan Nelson
Malorie Padgett
Brittany Tuten

Men's Basketball Scholarships

Terrance Asmond
Shannon Behling
Franchot Brown
Jerel Chavis
Roderick Davis
Shondre Guest
Corey Johnson
Ian Jones
Tavaris Little



Michelle Durrance
AMAA Nursing Scholarship

A scholarship allowed Michelle Durrance to turn disaster into opportunity. Her household income was cut in half after she was laid off from a long-term job. But this became the impetus she needed to go back to school and pursue the career she really wanted: serving as a registered nurse in an emergency room, preferably in a trauma unit.

A scholarship helped her take one step closer to her dream. "Without the AMAA Nursing Scholarship, I could not do it," she said. "Even with the support of a husband willing to work longer hours so I can go to school."

"I'm looking forward to using what I learn," she added. "Nursing in an emergency room will be fulfilling work."

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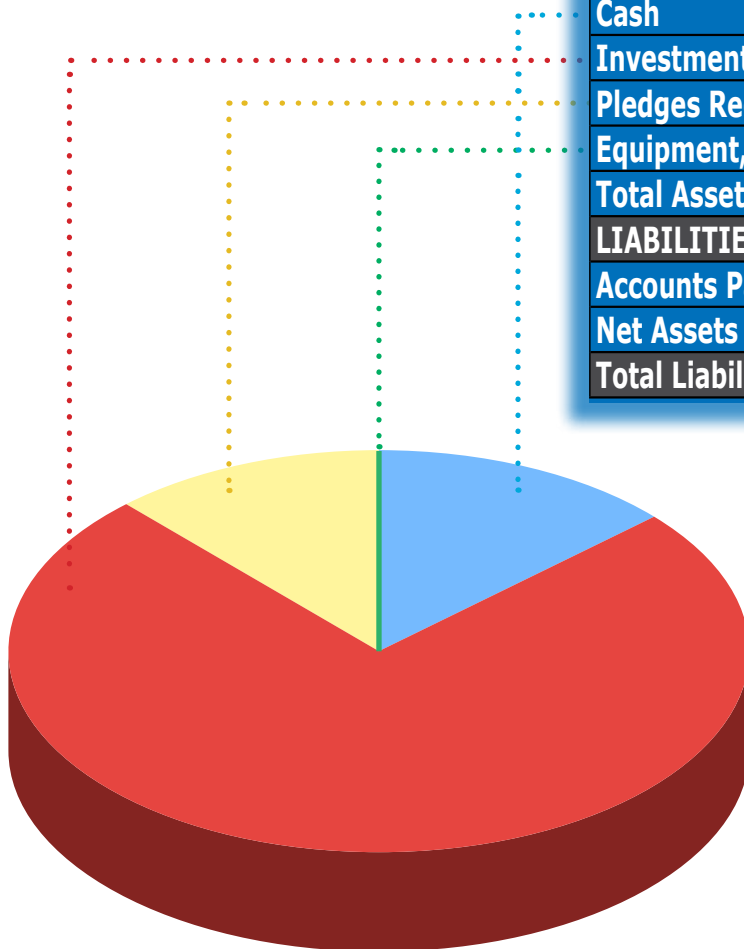
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July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

ASSETS		\$
Cash	>	675,893
Investments	>	3,793,959
Pledges Receivable	>	598,401
Equipment, Net	>	1,786
Total Assets	>	4,469,852
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		\$
Accounts Payable	>	178,442
Net Assets	>	4,291,410
Total Liabilities & Equity	>	4,469,852

REVENUES & ADDITIONS		\$
Contributions	>	1,511,781
Investment Income	>	81,657
Net Investment Gain & Other Income	>	168,581
TOTAL REVENUE, SUPPORT & RECLASSIFICATIONS		1,762,019
EXPENDITURES & OTHER DEDUCTIONS		\$
Administration	>	53,488
Fundraising	>	56,422
Scholarships	>	70,088
Student Programs & Campus Expenditures	>	92,126
Special Projects	>	249,826
TOTAL EXPENSES & OTHER DEDUCTIONS	>	521,950



Increase in Net Assets \$ 1,240,069
 Net Assets June 30, 2005 . . \$ 4,291,410
 Net Assets June 30, 2004 . . \$ 3,051,341

Aiken Technical College

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Not Pictured: Abbie Prince and Tim Simmons.

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