



# **Community Benefit Report**

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**2020**





## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

Aiken Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Aiken Technical College.

## Vision

Aiken Technical College seeks to be the first choice for higher education in the region.

## 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 and workforce development.

## Values

ATC's core values define the College and provide the environment for all decisions and actions.

These core values are:

- >> **Collaboration** – exemplified in community-centered relationships and partnerships
- >> **Commitment** – exemplified in students, businesses, and community
- >> **Diversity** – exemplified in inclusiveness, respect, and compassion
- >> **Excellence** – exemplified in teaching, learning, engagement, and development
- >> **Innovation** – exemplified in new approaches, risk-taking, flexibility, change, and leadership
- >> **Integrity** – exemplified by honesty, accountability, and transparency





# We are honored to present the Aiken Technical College 2020 Community Benefit Report.

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The report details College activities and accomplishments achieved during the past year. And, what a year it was. Together, we overcame the challenges of a pandemic while helping our students progress toward their educational goals. This endeavor was only possible through the strong spirit of collaboration among faculty, staff, administrators, and students. Our goal then and now is always the safety and well-being of the campus family.

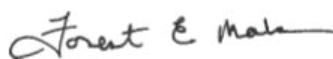
We are encouraged by all that was accomplished this year, including new initiatives launched to serve the needs of students. A few of the College's 2020 successes include program accreditation extensions for nursing and expanded duty dental assisting programs, 100 percent pass rates on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians exam, a virtual on-site visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, process improvements to meet our mission, the new Advancement Division with a new Vice President of Advancement and ATC Foundation Director, welding lab upgrades, "Mondays with Mahan" social media video series, and record funding for student scholarships during the inaugural Virtual Giving Gala.

The accomplishments reflect now more than ever that the College remains committed to our mission of providing educational and workforce development opportunities for area citizens through a partnership with industry, business, friends, and the community.

In two years, Aiken Technical College will celebrate 50 years of service to the community. We are grateful to have played a small part in providing an accessible, affordable, and quality education to the thousands of students and alumni who have walked the campus. We are planning a series of community celebrations in 2021 and 2022 to honor the College's half-century of academic excellence and hope you will join us.

Please enjoy the Community Benefit Report. It is our privilege to be a member of the Aiken area community.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Forest E. Mahan, Ph.D**  
PRESIDENT  
*Aiken Technical College*



**Carlos Garcia**  
CHAIR  
*Aiken County Commission  
for Technical and  
Comprehensive Education*



**Cynthia South**  
CHAIR  
*Aiken Technical  
College Foundation*

# College Advances Mission in Midst of Pandemic

*In the midst of a pandemic,  
Aiken Technical College continues  
to make strides towards its vision  
and mission by making  
student-centric decisions,  
discovering ways to build and  
expand partnerships, and  
maintaining high-quality education  
and services for students  
and the community.*



## COLLEGE RECOGNIZED AMONG BEST ONLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Aiken Technical College was ranked No. 4 among the top two-year colleges in South Carolina in the 2020 Best Online Community College Rankings list by Optimal's *Guide to Online Schools*.

To be considered for this list, community and technical colleges must be regionally accredited and offer at least one fully online associate degree. The colleges were then ranked based on data such as graduate and retention rates, online enrollment, and available online degrees and courses.

ATC currently offers its Associate in Arts degree completely online and has offered a number of courses through online and hybrid delivery for several years.



**Aiken Technical College's innovative approach to delivering higher education provides opportunities to serve students in a variety of ways—both in the classroom and remotely.**

## VIRTUAL GIVING GALA RAISES MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Giving Gala was hosted virtually this year as a safe, socially distant event. The gala consisted of an online auction, student testimonials, entertainment, and live updates from ATC President Dr. Forest Mahan, ATC Commissioner Keyatta Priester, and Foundation Trustees.

*The event raised \$28,000  
for student scholarships, a record  
amount for the annual event.*

- ◀ Elizabeth Barfield, a medical assisting student, and Jesus Magdaleno, a general technology student, shared their stories during the Virtual Giving Gala of how scholarships have helped them achieve their educational goals.





## EMS GRADUATES MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS

Recent graduates from Aiken Technical College's Emergency Medical Technology programs have achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians exam. Students are prepared for the exam through interactive labs using high-fidelity simulation scenarios and clinical experiences.

The College offers three EMS-related credentials—Associate in Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technology; and applied science certificates in Emergency Medical Technician: Basic and Emergency Medical Technician: Advanced.



## GRANT SUPPORTS STUDENT VETERANS

Fluor Foundation's Military Support Coalition awarded a \$20,000 grant in support of Aiken Technical College student veterans. The grant, awarded to the ATC Foundation, will be used for scholarships to help student veterans with living expenses while they are enrolled at the College.

★ **NINE YEARS IN A ROW** ★

*Aiken Technical College was named a Military Friendly School for the ninth consecutive year by Victory Media.*



## HONOR SOCIETY RECEIVES DESIGNATION OF DISTINCTION

Aiken Technical College's Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was designated a four-star chapter by the international honor society.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has a Five Star Chapter Plan initiative to encourage chapters to engage its membership and be involved in campus and community activities. Each star level, up to five stars, consists of several requirements.

To achieve the four-star designation, the chapter organized membership recruitment campaigns, met with College administration to develop and discuss goals, attended regional conferences, documented the chapter's activities, communicated chapter news with members, and implemented a college project.

More than 190 ATC students are members of the local chapter.

▼ The Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society earned its four-star designation under the leadership of the 2019-2020 officers (from left to right) Sloan Field, secretary; Laura Isbel, president; Julie Reibsome, vice president; Andrea Schoolfield, public relations secretary; and Esther Olukunle, treasurer.







## CLASS OF 2020 RECOGNIZED DURING UNIQUE CELEBRATION

Aiken Technical College celebrated its Class of 2020 graduates with a drive-through event in December 2020. While social distancing, College employees and supporters lined the route through campus to cheer on graduates and extend well-wishes.



## NEW FUND CREATED TO MEET STUDENTS' NEEDS

The Aiken Technical College Foundation established the Student Emergency Support Fund during the COVID-19 pandemic to alleviate anxiety students may have experienced and minimize disruptions to their academic progress.



*More than \$6,000 was awarded to Aiken Technical College students who applied for emergency funding.*

## REMOVING BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

Bank of America awarded a **\$10,000 grant** to the Aiken Technical College Foundation for its Beginning Educational Advancement in Transitional Studies program for the second consecutive year.

The funding is being used to purchase textbooks and course access codes for qualifying students enrolled in the College's Transitional Studies courses.





# COLLEGE RECEIVES FUNDING FOR WELDING LAB EXPANSION

Aiken Technical College was awarded a \$25,000 American Welding Society Foundation Workforce Grant to fund 20 additional welding booths and welding machines in the expanded space, growing the total number of welding booths to 60 to help meet the growing student demand.

The increased lab space will also enable the College to grow training capacity in supporting regional workforce needs.

In preparation for the expanded capacity, the College is currently upgrading the ventilation for the area, scheduled to be completed in March 2021. The new welding booths will be added in the summer of 2021.

Grants up to \$25,000 are available for secondary and post-secondary education and training institutions that are AWS educational institution members and SENSE registered. The grants help enhance welding programs and increase the number of welding graduates and the number of graduates successfully placed in welding or welding-related jobs.



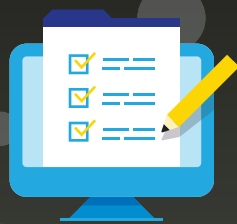
*Welding is ranked No. 3  
in the top majors  
at Aiken Technical  
College and continues  
to grow.*



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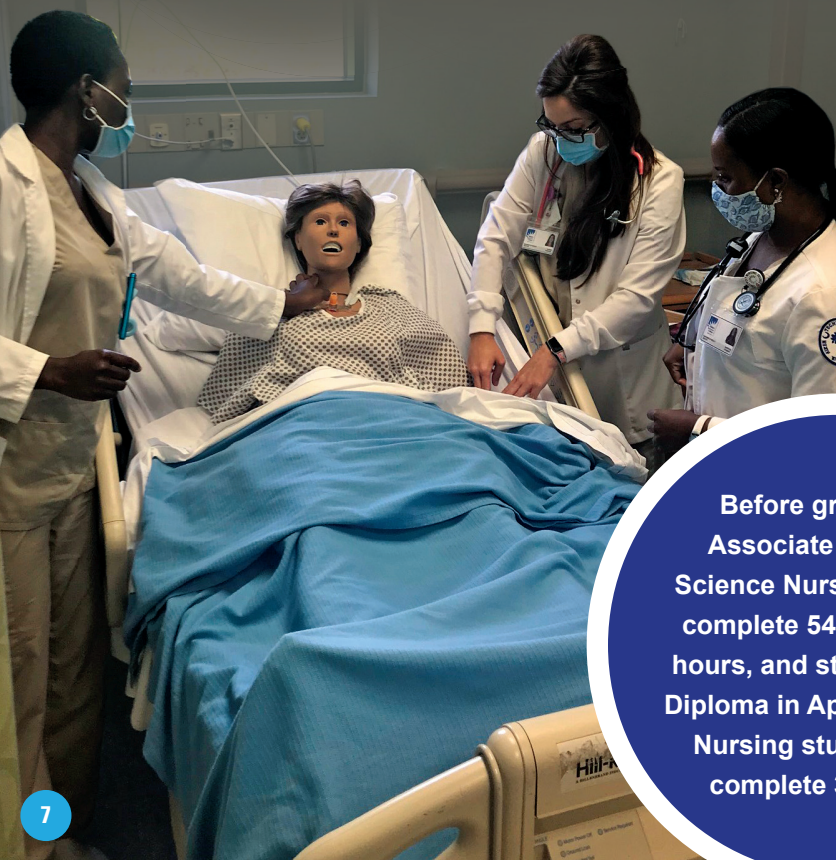
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welding booths to 60.*

# Academic Programs Reaffirmed by National Industry Organizations



## PASS RATES

*The Diploma in Applied Science Nursing program achieved a **100 percent pass rate** on the National Council Licensure Examination and the Associate in Applied Science Nursing program, a **93 percent pass rate**. Both programs surpass the national average pass rates.*



Before graduating, Associate in Applied Science Nursing students complete 540 clinical/lab hours, and students in the Diploma in Applied Science Nursing students must complete 315 hours.

**Aiken Technical College has received accreditation reaffirmations for its Expanded Duty Dental Assisting and Nursing programs.**

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has reaffirmed the accreditation for the Diploma in Applied Science Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program for another seven years.

“Accreditation ensures that the school follows best practices in educating and preparing students for employment in dental assisting; it means that the school can demonstrate successful student achievement and that students are career ready when they enter the workforce,” said Angela Odom, program instructor. “Students will also feel very confident knowing that they are graduating from a program accredited with standards and that they are not obtaining a rushed education.”

The College’s two nursing programs have also received program accreditation reaffirmations. The Associate in Applied Science Nursing and the Diploma in Applied Science Nursing programs have been reaffirmed for another eight years by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

“The attainment of national accreditation from ACEN is extremely important because it helps ensure the delivery of quality nursing education,” said ATC Dean of Nursing Dr. Hannah Williams. “This includes professional standards and the correct use of teaching methodologies that will produce nursing graduates that both meet and exceed the expectations and needs of potential employers, patient populations, and community needs through the display of excellent nursing knowledge and skills.”



*The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program has a **95 percent average employment placement rate** for the past three years.*



## TRADITIONS CONTINUE FOR NURSING GRADUATES

Aiken Technical College held a pinning ceremony in December 2020 for its nursing graduates as they transition into the workforce.

Graduates from the College's Associate in Applied Science Nursing and Diploma in Applied Science Nursing programs were recognized during the event.



## NEWEST QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN LAUNCHED IN AUGUST

Aiken Technical College launched its newest Quality Enhancement Plan in August 2020. The multiyear plan highlights the College's "Read, Write, Achieve" initiative to improve literacy skills and encourage exploring the joy of reading and writing. The initiative also engages the campus community in a variety of activities related to reading and writing.

The College also hosted a virtual on-site visit in October 2020 as part of its decennial accreditation reaffirmation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The College is on track to have its accreditation reaffirmed in June 2021.



*Expanded Duty Dental  
Assisting students  
complete more than  
360 lab and clinical hours  
before graduating.*





# New Apprenticeship Partnership Opens Unique Pathway for ATC Students

The first cohort from the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions' (SRNS) Operator Apprenticeship program was recognized in October 2020 for completing their Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate from Aiken Technical College (ATC).

The eight-month Operator Apprenticeship program provided a unique learning opportunity for eight students from ATC to simultaneously complete classroom work while receiving on-the-job training. Students spent two days a week receiving instruction from ATC and two days a week at the Savannah River Site working.

"This pilot program was a success for both the operator apprentices and SRNS," said SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean. "Through the program, the apprentices have gained the skills to prepare them for jobs in the nuclear field, while SRNS is receiving employees already trained in the work for needed positions."

The Nuclear Fundamentals program, created in 2016 in collaboration with SRNS, prepares students for entry-level positions in the nuclear industry. The recent addition of the apprenticeship program pathway further helps to build the workforce pipeline.

"Providing opportunities for educational and workforce development is central

to ATC's mission and contributes to the economic vitality of the region," said ATC President Dr. Forest Mahan. "This partnership is a great example of creating a pathway for students from the classroom to the workforce. We strive to provide students with employable skills that are valued and meet the needs of our local employers."

The Operator Apprenticeship program is part of Apprenticeship Carolina™ (AC). AC, a division of the South Carolina Technical College System, leads South Carolina in creating registered apprenticeship programs that help businesses and communities thrive economically. With the guidance of AC as well as the Lower Savannah Council of Governments, the Operator Apprenticeship program has been registered both with the state and nationally.

"Many employers struggle to find the skilled workers they need to grow their business," said Amy Firestone, Vice President for Apprenticeship Carolina. "Apprenticeship Carolina and our technical colleges across the state are dedicated to increasing the awareness and use of registered apprenticeships in South Carolina. We know from experience that apprenticeships, like Savannah River Nuclear Solutions', can go a long way to bridging the skills gap so many companies face."



Eight ATC students were recognized for successfully completing the College's Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate through the Operator Apprenticeship program. Completing the program were:  
(first row from left) Kevin Thomas, Melinda Greene, Alexander Sims;  
(second row from left) Adam Thomas, Denis Pressley, Christopher Sullivan;  
(third row from left) Michael McAdory and John Starnes.



# Innovative Spaces Created to Support Learning

**Aiken Technical College's Library has taken a state-of-the-art approach to serve the campus.**

"Thirty years ago, libraries were all about books. Students used the library to access articles, check out books, and study. Today, libraries are multipurpose," said ATC Library Director Katie Miller. "Students still come to the library to study, to find books and articles for their classes, but libraries are so much more. Libraries have become a place not just to learn, but also to create with access to technology and materials not otherwise accessible outside the classroom."

In November 2020, the ATC Foundation received a \$10,500 grant from the Community Foundation for the CSRA to support expanding the library's makerspace called the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Room. The space provides opportunities to explore STEAM activities outside of the classroom and collaborate on group projects while building critical thinking skills.

New equipment for the expanded space will include virtual reality systems, makerspace table, 3D scanner, 3D printer and laser cutter, vinyl cutter, and other materials. A media lab space is also a component of the STEAM Room expansion and will allow faculty, staff, and students to record and edit videos, lectures, and photos. A lightboard will be added for recording video lectures to provide online learners with more dynamic online instruction and improve student learning.

"It's been a joy to see students have lightbulb moments through what we provide in the library. They're always surprised to hear we have calculators, anatomical models, and virtual reality systems, but once they know what we have, we see them a lot more," said Miller. "It's been fun to transform the way our students think about our library."

Aiken Technical College Library Director **Katie Miller** (left) and STEAM Room Specialist **Brian Gavin** (right) are pictured in the STEAM Room's expanded space in the Aiken Technical College Library. The newly awarded community grant will be used to increase opportunities available in the makerspace.

*Aiken Technical College Library Director **Katie Miller** received the 2020 A. Wade Martin Innovator of the Year Award from the South Carolina Technical College System. The annual award honors a full-time employee within the system who has used innovative methods to meet the needs of the system or their college.*





# Tower Technician Course Created to Meet Growing Workforce Need

100%

*100 percent of the  
tuition and fees related  
to the course is covered  
for eligible students  
through funding sources  
such as Pathways grants  
and VA benefits*

The country is rapidly advancing toward 5G technologies, thus increasing the wireless industry's need for trained tower technicians. Such positions are projected to grow in South Carolina about 11 percent by 2026, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

To help meet this growing need, Aiken Technical College partnered with Warriors 4 Wireless and Safety LMS to offer a certified tower technician course.

"Advancement in the wireless technology to the 5G network has created an increased demand for tower technicians to support the growth of this industry," said Dr. Steven F. Simmons, Dean of Technical and Continuing Education. "Aiken Technical College is pleased to offer students the opportunity to train and earn the required certifications to enter this lucrative field."

During the 12-day course, students participate in classroom lectures and gain practical experience by climbing the College's 90-foot tall towers. They will also earn several industry-recognized credentials such as OSHA 10, First Aid CPR, and Authorized Climber.

The College also works with partners to help align students with job opportunities, said Simmons.



## TRAINING

Before starting a climb, students participate in a **safety briefing** and learn how to conduct a safety briefing in the field. During the 12-day course, students gain practical experience by climbing the College's two 90-foot towers under instructor supervision.





## SC Technical College System Initiative Aims to Increase Awareness About Technical Education

The South Carolina Technical College System launched a statewide initiative in May 2020 to increase awareness about the system's 16 technical colleges, such as Aiken Technical College, and the educational opportunities available throughout the System.

In partnership with Brains on Fire, a creative agency located in Greenville, S.C., the System has developed a website for the "I Defy" initiative ([idefy.org](http://idefy.org)) showcasing stories of students who have created their own paths to success, information about each of the state's technical colleges, and facts about various careers available in the state.

Information can also be found on the initiative's social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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**LEARN MORE**

Aiken Technical College graduates **Brandon Rivera** (left) and **Starrett Tu** (right) are among the dozens who have shared their stories about how they have overcome obstacles and discovered their paths to success at a technical college. Read their stories and others at [idefy.org/stories](http://idefy.org/stories).



# Aiken Technical College Employees Recognized for Work, Dedication

*Aiken Technical College recognized its 2019-2020 Employees of the Year in August 2020. The Employees of the Year are nominated by their peers and selected by an appointed committee.*

*Aiken Technical College recognized its 2020-21 South Carolina Technical Education Association Educator of the Year award recipients in November 2020. The awards recognize employees throughout the South Carolina Technical College System who have contributed to furthering the mission of the system and have done outstanding work in their roles at their individual colleges.*

## 2019-2020 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



FACULTY MEMBER  
OF THE YEAR  
**Roshelle Jones**

Jones has been employed at the College for nearly 10 years and serves as a psychology instructor and campus advisor for the Call Me Mister program. She also facilitates the annual College Prep Seminar.



STAFF MEMBER  
OF THE YEAR  
**Sherry Robbins**

Robbins is an accounting specialist in the Administrative Services division and has been employed with the College for nine years.

## 2020-2021 SCTEA EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR



ADMINISTRATOR  
— **Crystal Ratliff**

Ratliff is the Dean of Student Success and Retention and has been employed at the College for seven years. She also serves on several committees including Curriculum & Instruction, IT Steering Committee, Quality Enhancement plan, and several implementation teams.



FACULTY  
— **Aherial Cofield**

Cofield is a chemistry instructor and has been employed with the College for two years. She also serves as Vice President of the Faculty Assembly and co-advisor for the College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter.



STAFF  
— **Joshua Stanley**

Stanley is an IT services specialist and has been employed with the College for four years.



# College Creates New Division as It Advances Toward 50th Anniversary



*Aiken Technical College created a new Advancement division and hired Mechelle English in September 2020 to lead the new division as Vice President. Advancement is comprised of the following areas: ATC Foundation and Resource Development, Institutional Effectiveness and Teaching & Technology, and Marketing & Public Relations.*

## Q&A WITH MECHELLE ENGLISH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT

**What role does Advancement have in relationship to the College's mission?** The College's mission is to provide citizens of greater Aiken County opportunities for educational and workforce development. The three Advancement departments work collaboratively with one another and other areas of the institution to strengthen the College's reputation, relationships, resources, data analysis, and outcomes to fulfill our mission and service to the citizens and organizations of Aiken County and beyond.

**What have been the areas of focus for the division during the last few months of 2020?** The focus since September has been to assess the operating processes and best practices of each department to ensure we collectively deliver the highest quality services to internal and external constituencies to advance the College.

Another priority is strengthening the College's relationship with alumni. We deeply value this life-long partnership and want to engage alumni in ATC growth and progress, increase volunteer opportunities for alumni, build connections between students and alumni, strengthen communications with and between alumni, and increase alumni giving.

**What are the division's goals for 2021?** Advancement's current and 2021 goals are an extension of the College's Strategic Plan. Our work reflects the priorities and needs of the College outlined in the plan. The division aligns with institutional goals focused on providing effective communication and branding, securing diverse and expanded resources, and leveraging data and technology to support teaching and student learning.

**Anything else you would like to share?** I encourage ATC friends and alumni to continue to support the College and our students. When you support ATC, you are supporting the students. In 2022, the College will celebrate its 50th anniversary. It is a special milestone worthy of friends, alumni, and the community joining with us to honor the College's past and future.





## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Patsy Fields CLASS OF 1991

*Patsy Fields has been employed  
by the College for 21 years  
and currently serves as the  
Administrative Manager for the  
Academic & Student Affairs division.*



▼ Patsy Fields (third from left) has served on the United Way of Aiken County Campaign Cabinet in 2004, 2019, and 2020.



## Q&A with alumna Patsy Fields

**What does it mean to you to be able to work at your alma mater?** I am an Aiken County native. Being able to work at ATC to contribute to the well-being of my fellow citizens is extremely rewarding. I am proud of ATC's part in attracting new industry and providing education that leads to gainful employment and/or onto an advanced degree.

Even more, my colleagues are a second family. When you work anywhere for 20 plus years, you go through a lot together. From the Graniteville train wreck to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am always in awe at how quickly the College mobilizes to serve our students and continue instruction as quickly and safely as possible.

**Why are you a proud ATC alumna?** I was in the first graduating class when ATC began offering Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. I got married, started a family, worked in banking for nine years, and then made my way back to ATC, ultimately returning to college to finish my bachelor's degree. The Associate in Arts degree I earned at ATC gave me the springboard to start my life, personally and professionally. The Associate in Arts degree truly was the first two years of my four-year degree.

**Tell us about your volunteer efforts.** I have participated in the Walk MS for the National MS Society since 2017; served on the Aiken Out of the Darkness Walk planning committee since 2018 and as chair for the 2020 virtual walk; fostered dogs for Team Stinkykiss Shelter Rescue Project since 2018; and served on the United Way of Aiken County Campaign Cabinet in 2004 as well as in 2019 and 2020.

I am also an avid supporter of the South Carolina Technical Education Association. I have held several positions with the organization including as president, conference coordinator, vendor coordinator, and board member.

**What do you enjoy most about giving back and serving others?** For me, it is two-fold. One, I have been so blessed in many ways. My faith teaches me that we should love others as Christ loves us. I want to be His hands and feet serving in the ways that I am called and able. Two, I get so much out of it! Many times in life, you feel helpless. These volunteer opportunities give me an action to take so I do not feel so helpless. At the same time, you are able to concentrate less on your own problems and limitations.



# In Memory

## AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE REMEMBERS AND HONORS THE LIVES LOST IN 2020.

### **Dave Deal**

#### INSTRUCTOR

Dave Deal served as the lead instructor for Aiken Technical College's radiation protection and nuclear fundamentals programs. He was employed by the College from 2009-2015 and again from January 2019 to July 2020.

He had an instrumental role in growing and developing the College's nuclear programs. He used his industry expertise to ensure students were well-prepared for careers in the nuclear industry. Deal also fostered many partnerships within the industry to provide students with unique opportunities.

### **Leroy Delionbach**

#### RETIRED INSTRUCTOR

Leroy Delionbach retired from Aiken Technical College in 2009 after serving in several roles including instructor, personnel director, and as the first department chair for the psychology department. During his tenure, he established the College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the criminal justice program, and the former human services program.

Delionbach also established three scholarships with the ATC Foundation: the James Greer Leadership Scholarship, the John Bryan Criminal Justice Scholarship, and the Hilda Delionbach Nursing Scholarship.

### **Staff Sgt. John McCord**

#### CAMPUS DEPUTY

Staff Sgt. John McCord served Aiken Technical College for about a decade as the campus deputy from the Aiken County Sheriff's Office. In his role, he collaborated with the College in managing and implementing its emergency response plans and participated in several campus safety initiatives.

He often walked the halls of campus buildings, checking in on employees, and giving encouragement to students. McCord also had a presence at many of the College's student ceremonies and events, and always went the extra mile to personally congratulate and recognize student achievements and efforts.

### **Elaine Nunnery**

#### STUDENT

Elaine Nunnery was a first-semester student at Aiken Technical College enrolled in the Associate in Science program. A 2020 graduate of Midland Valley High School, Nunnery planned to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology after graduating from ATC.





# Foundation Donors



**FISCAL YEAR 2020: JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020**

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Aiken Community Theatre  
Aiken Electric Cooperative  
Aiken Golf Club  
Aiken Masonic Lodge 156 A.F.M.  
Aiken Performing Arts Group  
Aiken Regional Medical Centers  
Alison South Marketing Group  
AmazonSmile Foundation  
American Association of University  
Women - Aiken Branch  
American Welding Society  
Chris Amos  
Apollon Wealth Management  
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Ashley's on Main  
Atlantic Broadband  
Automotive Workbench  
BAE Systems  
Bank of America  
Chuck Barber  
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Technology Awareness  
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Emerson ASCO L.P.  
Kim Fairchild  
Patsy Fields  
Floyd & Green Fine Jewelers  
Athena Freeman  
Bill Frischmann  
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Geri A. Klein-Shank  
Jack and Catherine Leshner

## ATC Foundation Scholarships 2019-20 Academic Year

# 312 Scholarships

AWARDED INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL  
STUDIES BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

## TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

# \$143,971.88



Dr. Paul J. Leslie  
Lionel Smith, Ltd.  
Lions Club of Aiken  
Julian and Stephanie Lockwood  
Brian Logan  
Janis Logsdon  
LongHorn Steakhouse  
Lookaway Inn  
Lowe's Home Improvement,  
North Augusta  
LPR Charitable Trust  
Kelly Greene Lynn  
Dr. Forest E. Mahan  
Vicki Major  
Toni Marshall  
Chad and Chrissa Matthews  
MAU Workforce Solutions  
Kevin McCarthy  
Bruce McCord  
Mamie McRavin  
Mended Hearts - Aiken Chapter 294  
Merit Flooring, Kitchen and Bath  
Amy Merry  
Midland Valley Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
Katrina Miller  
Robert and Bernice Miller  
Dr. William Molnar  
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Carolyn Morgan  
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Joey Morrisette  
Robert Mosher  
MTU America  
Charles Mundy  
Craig D. Musick  
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Stacey Nichols  
William Nolan  
Nonna's Italian Kitchen  
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Kate O'Hara-Goergen

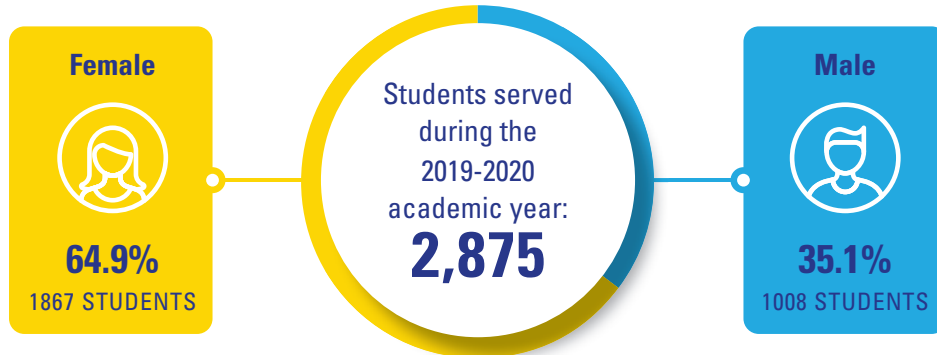
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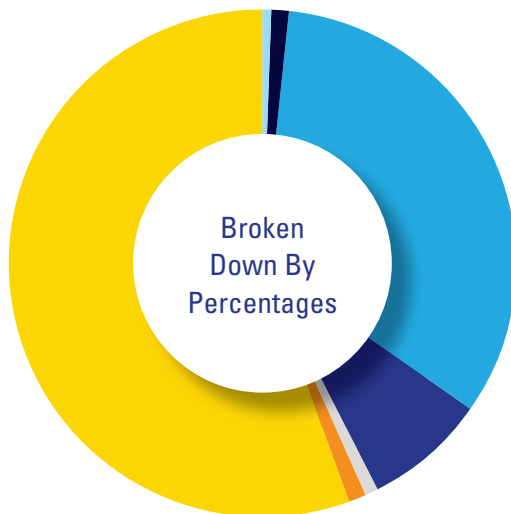
# Aiken Technical College Data

## 2019-2020 STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Data source: EDSS-ST-ANN111D

## ETHNICITY

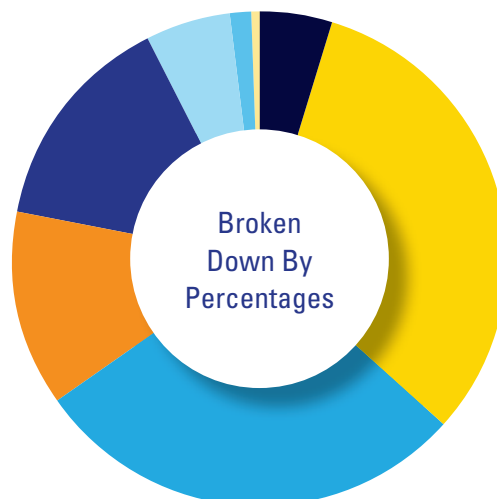


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Ethnicity	%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.7%
Asian	1.0%
Black or African American	33.0%
Hispanic/Latino	7.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Non-Resident	0.1%
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	0.7%
Two or more Races	1.1%
White	55.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## STUDENT AGES

Age Range	%
Under 18	4.9%
18-20	31.8%
21-25	28.6%
26-30	13.0%
31-40	14.4%
41-50	5.4%
51-60	1.5%
61+	0.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



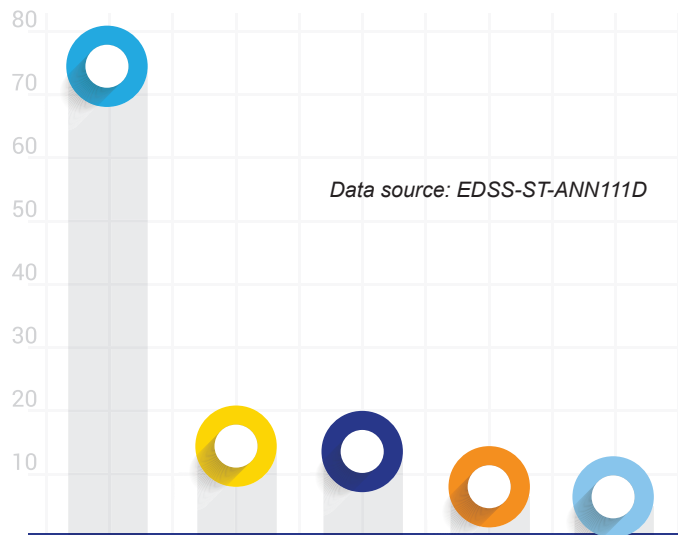
Average student age:  
**25 Years Old**

Median student age:  
**22 Years Old**

Data source:  
EDSS-ST-ANN111D

## STUDENTS BY RESIDENCE

Residence	%
● Aiken County, SC	73.7%
● In South Carolina (Outside of Aiken County)	13.9%
● Richmond County	6.4%
● Columbia County	4.8%
● Out-of-State (Outside of Richmond and Columbia counties)	1.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## CREDENTIALS AWARDED

2019 - 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR



Award Type	Count	%
● Associate	249	65.2%
● Certificate	101	26.4%
● Diploma	32	8.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data source: EDSS-ST-VER008

## TOP 3 MAJORS

2019 - 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

(Non-transfer Majors)

**1**  
Nursing

**2**  
Computer  
Technology

**3**  
Welding

## PLACEMENT RATES

**86%**

2019 placement rate for Aiken Tech

Data source: College Exhibits Evaluation Year 2019.

## AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FINANCIALS

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Total Expenses  
**\$22,851,352**

Total Revenue  
**\$22,853,632**

Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows  
**\$38,693,710**

Total Assets and Deferred Outflows  
**\$54,522,012**

## ATC FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

**Fiscal Year 2019**

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Total Expenditures and Deduction  
**\$379,278**

Total Revenue, Support and Reclassifications  
**\$746,926**

*Includes all revenue, restricted and unrestricted*

Total Net Assets  
**\$5,901,757**

Total Assets  
**\$5,911,286**

**Fiscal Year 2020**

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Total Expenditures and Deduction  
**\$559,316**


Total Revenue, Support and Reclassifications  
**\$700,558**

*Includes all revenue, restricted and unrestricted*

Total Net Assets  
**\$6,042,999**

Total Assets  
**\$6,182,904**





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Sue Stutman-King

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