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AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Community Benefit Report 2015





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.

Building Success Together

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Aiken Technical College marked another major milestone in its history in 2015 with the completion of the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. The College is known for the innovative partnerships it forms with area businesses and industries to meet workforce needs. After years of advocacy, fund-raising, and planning, the facility was constructed without debt and opened fall 2015 to students in a variety of manufacturing and energy-related programs. Poised at the high point of campus, the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing will serve as a beacon for future economic investment in Aiken County.

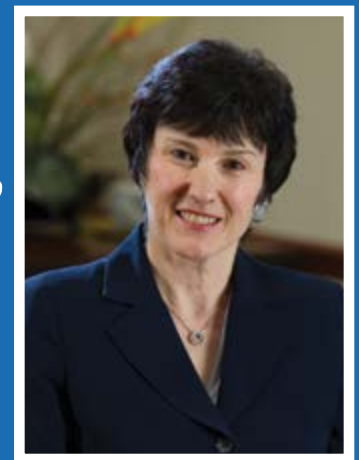
This year marked another milestone in the College's history. In November, I announced my intention to retire as President of Aiken Technical College effective July 1, 2016. It has been my honor to serve the College, its students and the community for more than 16 years. I have had the privilege to work side-by-side with an outstanding faculty and staff and committed community leaders. In those years, numerous new academic programs were developed, unique community and business/industry partnerships formed, and many students graduated and placed into meaningful careers. I could have not asked for a more rewarding career or more interesting and dynamic experiences. Our students' stories and triumphs have been my inspiration. I extend my thanks to all who have taken this journey with me.

I look forward to completing exciting and important goals in the months to come and a continued bright future for Aiken Technical College.

With All My Best,



Dr. Susan A. Winsor,
President



New Center to Help Develop Workforce for Manufacturing, Nuclear Industries

Aiken Technical College's new Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing opened to students in August after a year of construction and many years of planning.

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

The 35,000-square-foot facility houses the radiation protection technology, nuclear quality systems, welding and advanced manufacturing programs. It includes four classrooms, five bays, meeting space, and faculty and staff offices.

"The Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing has been designed to educate students in programs that are essential to our area manufacturers as well as our area nuclear employers," said Winsor. "This region is unique in that it has a concentration of both industry sectors. This building is flexible enough to train for both sectors."

Having a strong, well trained workforce is key to continued economic growth in the area, said South Carolina state Sen. Nikki Seltzer.

"Aiken Tech is known as being on the cutting edge of training students in nuclear and advanced manufacturing. In order to stay on the cutting edge, you have to have the facilities. You have to have the equipment....You also need to have a very skilled workforce," he said. "That's what this facility is about. It's about the impact and the future of the students and what they will do for the benefit of themselves, Aiken County and the state of South Carolina."

Funding for the Center included a \$2.6 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration; \$2.445 million from the S.C. state legislature; \$1.5 million of College funding; and \$2 million raised during the *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign led by the ATC Foundation which enabled construction to be completed debt-free.

The Center is also filled with state-of-the-art equipment which allows students to train on similar equipment used within the industries. Funding for the equipment included a \$1 million contingency loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture facilitated



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by Aiken Electric Cooperative and a \$1 million allocation from the S.C. state legislature.

“The Center reflects our community’s commitment to bring high-paying careers to our area, and to ensure that the workforce available for local business is of the highest caliber,” said Winsor.

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—SEN. NIKKI SELTZER,
South Carolina State Senator



Grant Establishes New Veteran Scholarship and Support Program

Aiken Technical College received a \$25,000 Fluor Military Support Coalition Grant from the Fluor Foundation to create a new Veteran Scholarship and Support Program.

“Fluor and the Fluor Foundation believe strongly in supporting organizations that assist U.S. military personnel and their families. Providing education assistance to our nation’s veterans, active duty military and National Guard personnel is one way we can thank and recognize these men and women for their sacrifices on behalf of our country”, said Tom D’Agostino, Senior Vice President of Business Development and Strategy for Fluor Government Group.

A portion of the grant funds will be used to award Veteran Success Grants to eligible veteran and military students to assist with cost of living expenses not covered by federal education benefits.

“Student veterans often do not receive enough federal education benefits to help cover costs associated with attending college. As a result,

student veterans are often torn between attending college and the need to work to provide financial support,” said Dr. S. Vinson Burdette, ATC Vice President of Enrollment Management. “This grant program is important because it includes financial support for living expenses based on need.”

Grant funds will also be used to help establish Veterans’ Ambassadors to provide peer mentoring and to provide upgrades to the Veterans’ Lounge located in the ATC Student Activities Center.

In addition, funding will be used to host career information sessions with local employers, including Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, to showcase the different career options available in the region.

There will be many career opportunities at the Savannah River Site as about 50 percent of its workforce will be eligible for retirement in the next five years, said Carol Johnson, CEO and President of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

“We’re working very hard here locally and within our region to have



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Senior Vice President for Business Development Strategy,
Fluor Government Group

the skilled, talented and motivated workforce of the future, many of whom will come from this institution.”

Partnerships with industry and veteran organizations are vital to the College in providing resources to the student veteran population, said Burdette.

“Aiken Technical College partners with the Aiken-Augusta Warrior Project and other organizations to support a high-quality experience for student veterans,” he said. “Funding provided through this grant will enable the College to expand its support services for student veterans, and we are delighted to continue to demonstrate why ATC is considered a military friendly institution.”

Students Challenged to Think Critically through Unique Approaches

For the past few years, Aiken Technical College's faculty have implemented strategies to increase students' ability to think critically both inside and outside of the classroom.

The topic has been the area of focus for the College's five-year Quality Enhancement Plan, a deliberate approach to address an area of student learning that could be improved.

Critical thinking, defined as "the open-minded, deliberate, dynamic, and reflective process of collecting, analyzing, evaluating, and applying information in order to reach a reasonable position, decision, and/or plan of action", is one of the College's five core general education outcomes and is important for students' long-term success, said Dr. Gemma K. Frock, ATC Vice President of Education and Training.

"Employers want employees who know how to solve problems," she said. "They want employees who know how to analyze information to come up with solutions."

The desired student learning outcomes includes abilities to: identify key issues, questions, themes and points of view; collect information and recognize key points; analyze information; develop a reasonable position or solution based on information provided; and use criteria to evaluate various decisions or positions.

The process has been a faculty-led process with all faculty members being engaged.

"The faculty have been highly engaged. They developed a faculty academy on critical thinking: how to develop lessons, how to integrate critical thinking assignments into the curriculum," she said.

Faculty members also developed a rubric to use across programs and disciplines.

"They designed it, defined the evaluation criteria, did inter-rater reliability training to ensure all faculty were implementing it the same," said Frock.

One of the successful approaches has been challenging students to think critically using examples they are likely to face in their chosen careers, said Bruce McCord, chair of the Quality Enhancement Plan steering committee and also chair of the College's history, social sciences and public services department.

"The case studies developed in Biology and Nursing are great examples," he said. "The students are presented with real-world examples of patient scenarios and medical details and through a multi-stage critical thinking process, must develop a variety of course-specific approaches to dealing with the scenario."

This might mean developing an appropriate treatment plan or identifying a specific pathogen or condition. Students have enjoyed these career-focused activities in which they use skills developed in their courses/programs.”

Another unique activity included ThinkQuest, a competition of student teams from all programs of study, which replaced the former Treasure Hunt event, said Lynne Weldon, a computer technology instructor and also a steering committee member.

“We wanted a competition that would inherently involve students from all across campus touching all programs of study and that would challenge students to work in teams,” she said. “We patterned the event on the concept of a college bowl quiz show.”

The competition included 10 critical thinking puzzles to be solved by each team. Teams were challenged to solve the puzzles in a set amount of time. The team representing the manufacturing and engineering cluster won the competition.



The ThinkQuest competition challenged students to solve critical thinking problems. The manufacturing and engineering team won the competition.

Initiative Puts College 'Within Reach' for Aiken County Residents

Aiken Technical College and the Aiken County Public School District have partnered to launch the Within Reach initiative, an effort to increase higher educational attainment in Aiken County.

Data from the 2014 Lumina Foundation Report showed that Aiken County lags behind the nation in higher education attainment— 32.63 percent of Aiken County residents have an associate's degree or higher as compared to the national percentage of 38.7.

In the fall of 2014, College and district representatives began holding sessions to discuss ways to address the issue and educate students of the benefits of attending college.

"We want to encourage high school students to transition from high school directly to college," said ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor. "We've found that the longer they delay going to college, the less likely they are to start and complete a college program. Through the Within Reach initiative, we aim to help students see that college can be a reality for them and provide them with a plan to reach their career goals."

Identified opportunities for the Within Reach initiative were: connecting with students who do not have a plan for after high school and helping them create an educational plan; providing education to students and parents on financing college; and through the ATC Foundation, create Within Reach scholarships

to help remove the financial barrier to obtaining a higher education credential.

"Students appreciate learning about pathways to college and the support available to them," said Dr. S. Vinson Burdette, ATC Vice President of Enrollment Management. "This partnership with the Aiken County Public School District demonstrates a collaborative effort to help students transition from high school to college."

Increased presence at the district's high schools is stressed through the partnership. For the 2015-16 school year, the partners have piloted an outreach approach of having weekly presence by an ATC representative in two of the district's high schools—Midland Valley High School and Silver Bluff High School. In fall of 2016, the weekly outreach will expand to all seven of the district's schools.

"This year, Midland Valley and Silver Bluff high schools have benefited from a representative from ATC on their campuses each week. Having a point of contact at those schools provides a wonderful resource for students and their families," said Dr. Sean Alford, Superintendent of the ACPSD. "We look forward to expanding the scope of the partnership beginning next fall with representatives from ATC sharing their knowledge with students at all seven of our high schools."

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Vice President, Enrollment Management

A concerted effort has been made to host financial aid and scholarship workshops at all seven high schools with parents and students. Through the ATC Foundation's efforts, 25-\$1,000 scholarships were available for the district's graduating seniors attending ATC in the fall of 2015. Starting with the fall 2016 semester, 50-\$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the district's recent graduates.

"Through the generosity of those contributing funds for scholarships to the ATC Foundation, we are able to communicate the importance of attending college and provide funding to support students," said Burdette. "We plan to see an increased number of high school graduates from Aiken County attend college as a result of the Within Reach initiative."

Opening that door will have impact on students and the community for years to come, said Alford.

"The impact long term will hopefully be that our students will leave us well-prepared for whatever they choose to do following graduation from high school," he said. "Increasing student understanding of the benefits of a two or four year diploma and increasing their access to those opportunities will help our community prosper, enabling our citizens to more comfortably care for their families."



Students Put 'Hope In Motion' through Community Project

Aiken Technical College's Student Government Association has aimed to raise awareness about needs and issues in the community through its Hope in Motion project.

"The Hope in Motion project is an opportunity for SGA and ATC to go into the community and help make a difference," said SGA President Patricia Graham. "We wanted to touch as many people as possible so we decided to reach out to several organizations."

The project began in October in the days following the massive flooding in many parts of the state including Columbia and rural areas of Aiken County. In conjunction with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, the student organization hosted an on-campus water bottle drive to benefit those affected by flooding. Faculty, staff and students donated 920 bottles of water for the effort.

Other drives have included food, personal hygiene, clothing and toy drives to benefit area nonprofit organizations including Golden Harvest Food Bank, Helping Hands, The Salvation Army and Nurture Home.

They identified needs from interactions on campus and observations in the surrounding community, said Graham.

Getting the campus engaged is one of the things that has helped make the project successful, said Charles Garrett, SGA Vice President. Many of the drives coincided with on campus events such as the Fall Carnival. By using

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Vice President, Student Government Association

this approach, it provided the student leaders an opportunity to talk about their project with attendees.

“The College really stepped up to participate,” said Garrett. “They were so willing to give and help us make a difference.”

One of his favorite moments was during the clothing drive, he said.

“I would walk in to come to my class and see bins full where people have donated clothing. It was a moment for me,” he said. “People really care about what we’re doing here.”

The organization also assisted the Marketing and Student Experience office with the organization of Awareness Day which highlighted area organizations including nonprofits and law enforcement.

“I think it will have a big impact,” Graham said of the Hope in Motion project. “By supporting these organizations, I think it will show that we, ATC, are there for the community.”



The Student Government Association has partnered with several area nonprofit organizations for its Hope in Motion outreach project.

Bridging the Gap for Student Veterans

A new sponsorship agreement between Aiken Technical College and the Aiken-Augusta Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Classic Committee aims to help the College's student veterans complete their education.

"One of the biggest needs veterans have when they're coming out of the service into a very difficult job market, is that they need additional skills, additional education. The VA and the GI Bill provides some money (for educational expenses), but not all of it," said Jack Morrison, chair of the Committee. "That is why we named the sponsorship 'Bridge the Gap'—to bridge the gap between what the VA and the GI Bill provides and what their actual costs are."

The Committee awards sponsorships to full-time students who are active duty military or a military veteran. Preference is given based on merit, documented financial need, and for those with a documented service-related disability.

For ATC, which was named a Military Friendly School for the fifth consecutive year, the sponsorship is one more resource student veterans can utilize to help them along their educational journey.

"As our military and veteran community grows, we are

continuously seeking ways to help ease their transition from the military to civilian life," said ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor. "During that transition, many seek out educational opportunities where they can gain industry-specific skills to use along with their military experience to find employment and start their second career."

Money for the sponsorship is raised during the organization's annual golf tournament. Since its inception, the group has raised nearly \$250,000 to benefit area veterans and organizations that provide services for veterans, said Committee member Michael Galvin.

"We want to help veterans transition into our community where they can use their skill sets and experiences to help grow and strengthen the area," said Galvin. "Our organization is focused on supporting entities that are helping veterans become, strong active participants."

The College has established several efforts to help students prepare for college-level courses and address barriers that may otherwise prevent students from completing their education.

One of those efforts include a process to help veterans become prepared for higher



Aiken Technical College and the Aiken-Augusta Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Classic Committee signed the sponsorship agreement in December.

education without accessing veteran benefits prior to enrolling in their chosen program of study,” said Winsor.

By removing barriers to education from the onset, it increases the likelihood that students are able to complete their education and develop a skillset that creates a lifetime career path. It also creates a long-term ripple effect.

“Every gift helps,” said Winsor. “If you help one student, then you have helped a family and then their children and then their children.”

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Member, Aiken-Augusta Wounded Warrior Charity Golf
Classic Committee

New Program to Help SC Youth on Path to Success

A collaborative effort between the South Carolina Army National Guard, Aiken Technical College, and Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute Camp Long facility aims to help put youth on the path to success.

The U.S. Department of Labor granted \$3,994,475 to form the Job ChalleNGe program, an extension to the existing SCANG Youth Challenge Academy program focused on providing cadets with skills to become productive members of the workforce.

"We bring these young people in for 22 weeks and we give them correction, we give them guidance, we give them structure and discipline. Those are the key elements to being successful. The one piece you need afterwards is a job skill," said Col (ret.) Jackie Fogle, director of the Youth Challenge Academy. "That was the piece we have been missing and we're going to fix that through this Department of Labor grant-funded program."

Over the course of three years starting in January 2016, the program will provide 300 participants the opportunity to earn a certificate in welding, basic tower and wireless installation, nuclear

fundamentals, production technology, computer technology, or patient care assistance from ATC.

The 20-week Job ChalleNGe program will be held twice a year with 50 cadets in each cohort.

Obtaining academic certifications in these fast-growing fields increases employability for the youth, said Larry Snipes, director of the Job ChalleNGe program.

"Our intention is to use the watch words 'learn', 'prepare', 'become'," he said. "It is our intention to help these cadets learn skills in industries that will give them jobs immediately. Our goal is that every one of our cadets will have jobs on the day that they walk out of our program."

The partnership helps to create an environment where cadets can fulfill their potential, said ATC President Dr. Susan A. Winsor.

"There is a saying that it takes a village to raise a child. That certainly holds true. Together, we are collectively committed to establishing a village where our youth can redirect their energies and learn, grow and flourish to become productive members of our communities and our workforce," she said.



Dr. Susan A. Winsor (left) and Brigadier General R. Van McCarty sign the partnership agreement for the Job ChalleNGe program.

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments' Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services have partnered with the program to help participants develop leadership and job skills to enter the workforce. Counselors from ATC and LSCOG-WIOA will provide academic and career counseling services.

"We are excited to be a partner with Aiken Technical College, SCMD and Clemson for this program. The skills the participants learn in the program will be directly and immediately applicable in the local workforce," said Andre Anderson, LSCOG-WIOA Workforce Development Administrator.

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Camp Long will house participants and provide recreational activities. Outside of class, the cadets will become involved in community through service outreach, said Snipes.

"We want people of Aiken to see them as potential employees, potential citizens who will do great things," said he said. "When they graduate at the end of the 20 weeks, they will become employed, engaged contributing members of the community."

The program will have a lasting impact on the cadets and their future, said Brigadier General R. Van McCarty, South Carolina's Assistant Adjutant General.

— LARRY SNIPES,
Director, Job ChalleNGe Program

"We will have an opportunity for our young people in South Carolina to not only step into a good job but go in as very strong, capable young men and women, be productive and be leaders in their community," he said.

Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program Prepares Students to be a 'patient advocate'

Pharmacy technicians play an important role on a patient's healthcare team.

"A pharmacy technician's role is to act as a patient advocate," said Lisa R. Jones, Aiken Technical College's pharmacy technician program coordinator and instructor. "Our job is to meet the well-being of the patient, to provide a service of healthcare to them."

Primary responsibilities include answering patients' basic questions, assisting with drug therapy such as new prescriptions and refills; coordinating responses and resolutions with internal and external parties; reporting adverse reactions; and doing other tasks as assigned by the pharmacist.

The two-semester certificate program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

"The program at Aiken Technical College is taught by faculty with experience in the workforce," said Dr. Hermecender Walton, dean of the health sciences division. "(Jones's) knowledge of and relationship with the accrediting agency and clinical affiliates afford our students the best possible experience."

During a student's matriculation in the program, they receive an introduction to pharmacy operations and instruction on pharmacy practices, math, therapeutic agents and special topics in pharmacy.

"The pharmacy technician students are valued in the workforce as individuals that are trained in the most up-to-date knowledge possible," said Walton.

The program also challenges students to develop and use critical thinking and problem solving skills; demonstrate ethical behavior; and build interpersonal skills, said Jones.

"I want them to be able to communicate effectively and utilize those soft skills," said Jones. "It is important to be able to have those skills to be successful."

Students are also required to complete 400 hours in practicum divided into two-seven week cycles during the second semester of the program.

One cycle is focused on pharmacy in a retail setting and the other in an institutional setting such as a hospital or home health service. Students must also take assessments to ensure that they are prepared and have the foundation needed to begin the practicum.

"It sets a level of competency in both settings," said Jones of the practicum experiences. "It also allows students to network in various environments and see the job opportunities that are available."

Students also have the opportunity to sit for the certification test, which is incorporated into their fees for the program.

“By including this as part of the program, it makes our students more employable and prepared to enter the job market,” said Jones.

The program’s students come from a variety of backgrounds which enable students to learn from each other as well as the instructor.

“We have a mixture of first-time students who are right out of high school. We also have students who are already employed as technicians and are coming back to take advanced courses, courses they may not have taken before,” she said.



Pharmacy technician students participate in lab activities as part of the curriculum.



Transitional Studies Model

Provides Foundation for Success

Aiken Technical College's new transitional studies program is showing early success.

"We do have results that show that the success of the students has increased percentage-wise," said Dr. Gemma K. Frock, Vice President of Education and Training.

The College began the shift from a developmental studies model to an accelerated learning model, referred to as transitional studies, about 18 months ago. The shift combined what once was multiple semesters of math, reading, writing and reasoning into one semester of math and one semester of combined reading, writing and reasoning.

"These courses allow students to refresh their fundamental skills in English, reading and math at an accelerated rate," said Dr. Frock. "This model helps students enter their programs of study much quicker than three to four semesters and, at the same time, builds a foundation for our students to be successful in college."

The new module-based transitional studies math was implemented in spring 2015 followed by reading, writing and reasoning in fall 2015. The goal is that 100 percent of students will complete the courses in one semester, said Dr. Jacqueline Giorgi, Dean of Teaching and Learning Excellence.

Along with the new transitional studies program, Giorgi, faculty and staff have developed several methods of intervention to help students succeed.

One aspect has been to provide supplemental tutors in the classroom setting with students.

"As soon as we find out that a student needs help, we intervene in real-time, right then," she said. "Tutors not only help the student in the classroom but after class, when they come to the Academic Success Center, the tutor who has been in the class with students is here to help them."

Tutors also have access to resources that provide insight into students' performance which helps the tutor better assist students,, added Crystal Ratliff, teaching & learning excellence administrative assistant, who supervises the tutors.

Instructors also schedule time to be available in the Academic Success Center to help students, added Giorgi.

Another intervention method has been the creation of intervention logs. Using a "red light, yellow light, green light" system, instructors evaluate where their students are in the courses. "Green" indicates that the student is progressing as expected. "Yellow" indicates that there is some work to be done. "Red" indicates that additional intervention is needed. Instructors use the logs to help identify students who need additional assistance and provides instructors an opportunity to discuss ideas.

"It is a team approach," said Giorgi. "It gives us an opportunity to help students as a team and share what we're doing to help that student be successful."

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Vice President, Education & Training

One of the benefits being seen with the multi-tiered intervention is that it provides students with a strong foundation as they enter program courses. It also helps highlight the value of resources available to students through the Academic Success Center, said Ratliff.

Since the program is in its early stages, the team regularly meets to determine successes and improvements, said Giorgi.

“Our decisions are data-based,” she said. “We look to see what the data is telling us and discuss what that means in the classroom. We want the students to be successful.”



College President to Retire in 2016

Growth and partnerships central to President's work

Aiken Technical College's long-serving President announced in December her intent to retire effective July 1, 2016.

Dr. Susan Winsor began her tenure on September 1, 1999 after previously serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Spartanburg Community College and as Associate Executive Director of the South Carolina Technical College System.

Throughout her tenure as President, Winsor has focused on developing and nurturing partnerships with area businesses, agencies, and other colleges and universities to pave the way for student success in their chosen careers or upon transfer to a baccalaureate program.

"Her strategic vision to create a high quality technical college serving the diverse needs of business and industry and citizens of the region has been her driving passion and the results speak for themselves. The Commission is deeply grateful for her service and commitment," said Carlos Garcia, chairman of the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

Under her leadership, the College has seen expansion in its campus footprint, academic offerings and resources to enhance the student's experience. She has also been recognized for her dedication to higher education and contributing to the economic vitality of the region. Highlights have included:

- Development of over twenty new technical, allied health, and nursing academic programs;
- Construction of several state-of-the-art facilities including the Dale Phelon Information Technology Center, the Manufacturing and Technology Center, the Health and Science Building; and the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing;
- Extensive renovations that resulted in centralizing enrollment processes into a new Enrollment Services Center and the creation of an Academic Success Center;
- Successful fundraising campaigns to support new building construction, lab equipment, and student scholarships;
- The establishment of many initiatives including the Technical Scholars program, which allows students in select technical fields to gain work experience and earn a wage through industry partners while completing an associate's degree; re-tooling the College's dual enrollment program for high school students; and the Within Reach Initiative, a partnership with the Aiken County Public School District to increase the number of Aiken County residents with a post-secondary credential.





“Our vision statement clearly directs us to take actions that contribute to the prosperity of our region,” said Winsor. “Offering high quality programs that support local workforce needs creates a strong community. It has been my blessing to work with such a fine team of faculty, staff, and community leaders all committed to student and regional success. Our collective efforts have left a legacy upon which a robust future will be built.”



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Highlights

SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The South Carolina Manufacturing Certification Program provides training in safety, quality practices and measurement, manufacturing production and processes, and maintenance awareness. Participants can also earn certifications in OSHA 10, Yellow Belt Lean Training, and SNAP On. Through grants and scholarships, the program is offered to no cost to the student.

SCTEA AWARDS

Three employees received the Educator of the Year award at the state-wide South Carolina Technical Education Association conference in February. Dr. Vinson Burdette, dean of Enrollment Services; Joy Colley, biology instructor and Crystal Ratliff, teaching & learning excellence administrative assistant were selected by a group of their peers within the Association. The SCTEA is a professional association of technical education personnel interested in postsecondary technical education. It annually recognizes administrators, faculty and staff members for outstanding service.

ALLIED HEALTH

Allied health sciences and nursing held pinning ceremonies for the spring, summer and fall. Students were recognized for dedication and completion of their respective programs. Faculty wished them well as they embark on their healthcare careers.

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION

New students for the 2015-16 school year learned more about their programs and College offerings during the annual New Student and Family Orientation. Students met with Deans and faculty from their selected programs and participated in team building and networking activities to meet fellow classmates. Organizations and campus resources provided information about their services and encouraged students to get involved.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Students were challenged to test their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution during Constitution Day Jeopardy. Teams answered questions from summarizing an amendment to specific details such as number of years a president can serve. All participants and audience members received a pocket-size Constitution reference book.



COUNSELOR'S BREAKFAST

ATC hosted the annual Counselor's Breakfast with Aiken County Public School District guidance counselors and career specialists. ATC faculty and staff provided information about the College's program offerings and scholarships.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY TRANSFER FAIR

As ATC students prepared for graduation, the transfer fair provided them with an opportunity to meet representatives from four year colleges and universities to discuss transferring into their programs. Institutions were represented from around the region.

FLOW LOOP

Aiken Technical College was awarded a 2015 Consolidated Scientific Infrastructure Support for General Scientific Grant under the Department of Energy. The \$244,000 grant will be used to purchase equipment parts to construct a functioning flow loop. The flow loop will be used by the radiation protection technology, nuclear quality systems, electrical engineering technology, and industrial maintenance programs. The flow loop will permit students the gain technician-level practical experience on systems similar to what they will see on the job.



2015 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

ATC faculty, staff and students marched in the Aiken Jaycees 2015 Memorial Day Parade in downtown Aiken to show the College's support to active, retired and fallen military service men and women. The College offers various support and resources to student veterans and their families.

TK20

TK20 is a new software application program that provides an efficient way for faculty to collect individual student data, analyze the data and quickly identify any areas of concern. It also will assist in measuring the College's efforts to meet its academic goals.

TUTOR WEEK

The Academic Success Center recognized its tutors during National Tutor Appreciation Week. Students were encouraged to give “shout outs” to tutors and thank them for their dedication. Tutors are placed within the Academic Success Center as well as in transitional studies and introductory-level college courses.

YOUTH FORUM

ATC partnered with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments to host the annual Youth Forum. The event was an opportunity for students without a college plan to learn about options for education and various career paths, get motivated to make a plan and engage with other students through collaborative, critical thinking activities.

DREAM BOARDS

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., students were asked “what’s your dream for humanity?” Students shared their dream on dream boards around campus. Written dreams included stopping violence, world peace, finding a cure for cancer, and treating others as equals.

CAMPUS TOURS

Many school groups visited ATC over the past year. To increase engagement, students participated in team building and critical thinking activities in addition to receiving a tour of campus facilities. Campus Ambassadors and student leaders had an integral role in welcoming visitors to campus and providing information.

NATIONAL WIRELESS SAFETY ALLIANCE

Dr. Gemma K. Frock, Vice President of Education and Training, was named to the National Wireless Safety Alliance’s inaugural board of governors. NWSA is a nonprofit organization that provides independent assessments of knowledge and skills and provides verifiable worker certification in the tower industry and for non-standard structures.

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

ATC business department chair Lee Hunt was named the 2015 Faculty Member of the Year and Information Systems Management Director Walter Busbee was named the 2015 Staff Member of the Year. The annual awards are announced during commencement ceremonies in May.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Student Leadership Council, comprised of Campus Ambassadors and leaders from student organizations, held retreats in the spring and fall. The retreats focused on building teamwork, communication and leadership skills. The students engaged in activities that challenged them to think as leaders.



PINK DAYS

The Student Government Association held two Pink Days bevents to raise breast health awareness in October. The events provided students an opportunity to create pink arts and crafts with the breast cancer awareness theme and receive information from the health sciences division and Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

MILITARY FRIENDLY RECOGNITION

ATC was recognized for the fifth consecutive year by Victory Media as a Military Friendly School. Post secondary schools are rated based on several criteria including academic credibility, support for student veterans on campus, career outcomes, flexibility, and military student body composition.

ANNUAL FALL CARNIVAL

The second annual Fall Carnival featured games and activities for all ages and was open to the public. Activities included trick-or-treating, games, food, cake walk and costume contests.

SRS INFORMATION POD

ATC, University of South Carolina Aiken and Savannah River Site collaborated to host the SRS Information Pods in the new Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. The pods provided attendees an opportunity to learn about the different site contractors, the site's current missions and employment opportunities. Students also received a bus tour of the site following the pods.

DISTRICT IN-SERVICE

ATC hosted the Aiken County Public School District for its In-Service Day as part of the Within Reach outreach. Elementary, middle and high school guidance counselors, career specialists, and Career and Technology Education faculty participated in the event which included presentations by Deans and representatives from the manufacturing, nuclear and healthcare industries.



Highlights

NURSING SIM LAB

Nursing students practice what they are learning in the classroom through the nursing simulation lab that replicates situations and environments the students will encounter in the workforce.



DUAL ENROLLMENT ORIENTATION

Dual enrollment students learned about expectations and resources available to them during the annual orientation. Dual enrolled students participated in activities to meet fellow students. Parents received a breakout session to review various topics and have their questions answered about the program.

2015 COMMENCEMENT

During the 2015 commencement ceremonies, Richard Allen, Senior Vice President of Operations & Quality Assurance for Centerra Group, LLC, shared his childhood story of overcoming challenges and developing the content of his character. He urged the students to think positively wherever they go, to not succumb to context barriers, and to value content over context. More than 420 graduates received a total of 510 associate degrees, diplomas and certificates.

PROFESSIONALISM SERIES

A professionalism series highlighted various topics related to the workforce and cultural diversity. Several workshops were held and at the conclusion of the series, students received a certificate of achievement.



PTK ALL-STATE

Students Andrew Rutherford and Amy Mixon were named to the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team. The students were among 29 recognized in the SC Technical College System for their academic achievements.

COLLEGE GOAL

ATC hosted College Goal Saturday along with the University of South Carolina Aiken. The event focuses on helping students complete their Free Application for Financial Student Aid and answering general questions about financial aid.

ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Aiken County Sheriff's Office held an activity for students to showcase the effects of drinking. Students were provided with "drunk goggles" and challenged to complete walking tests. The goal was to demonstrate the level of impairment drinking can cause.

WELDING COMPETITION

Six ATC students attended the 33rd annual Welding Skills Competition at Tri-County Technical College in April. Students put their welding skills to the test alongside their peers from 15 technical colleges within the state. ATC students Sharaz Hanif and Michael Atkins placed second in Carbon Steel T-Joint and Aluminum categories respectively, and Gabriel Uvaille was awarded first place for Structural Plate Welding.

TECHNICAL ADVANCED PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS

Education and Training Division Deans and administration visited Aiken County's high schools and the Career and Technology Center to share information on programs and engage Career and Technology Education faculty in developing additional Technical Advanced Placement agreements. The agreements allow students to apply for college credit using approved courses they have already taken in high school.

TITLE IX WORKSHOP

Employees participated in an interactive Title IX workshop to discuss related laws, law interpretation and how to address situations that they may encounter in their roles. The workshop was part of mandatory development for faculty and staff.



NWI/MWI INSTITUTE

Rising high school juniors and seniors participated in a three-week Manufacturing and Nuclear Workforce Institute program during the summer. The program introduced students to the manufacturing and nuclear industry through in-class curriculum and visits to local manufacturing and nuclear sites.

AWARENESS DAY

Area nonprofit and civil service organizations provided information about their services and programs during an Awareness Day. Topics included identity theft, sexual health, safety, relationship violence and mental health.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Human Resources organized several events throughout the year to increase fellowship amongst employees. Events have included a birthday celebration, beach blast, Welcome Back breakfast and holiday drop-in.

UNITED WAY

ATC employees raised more than \$4,500 for the United Way of Aiken County. The committee organized events such as Jean Days and raffles to help raise funds. Employees could also make pledges to contribute.

AUGUSTA WARRIOR PROJECT GRANTEE

ATC has again been designated as an America's Warrior Partnership Community Integration sub-grantee. This grant provides the College with funding to organize activities to engage with student veterans, prepare them for college-level courses and provide educational materials. ATC also partners with AWP to have a representative located on campus who is available to assist student veterans and their families.

SPAGHETTS FOR VETS

Donning chef hats, aprons and mustaches, the ATC Student Veterans Association transformed the Student Activities Center cafeteria into an Italian café in efforts to raise funds for local veteran community outreach. Students sold plates of spaghetti donated by Travinia Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar in Aiken and raised \$800 to benefit its veteran service projects.

PTK INDUCTION

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society held induction ceremonies for students in the spring and fall. Students who have excelled academically are invited to join the organization. Members participate in many academic and community service projects throughout the year.



STEM FUNDING

Aiken Technical College received \$132,000 in STEM funding to help students with the cost of STEM related programs. Through the funding, new students enrolling in patient care assistant, tower and wireless installation, nuclear fundamentals, the South Carolina Manufacturing Certification, CCNA or A+ programs are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 in assistance for tuition, fees and books.

NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education welcomed two new commissioners in 2015: Justin Krueger and Dr. Sean Alford. Krueger is the Chief Operating Officer at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. Alford is the Superintendent of the Aiken County Public School District.

OFFICIALS VISIT NEW FACILITY

Asa Williams with the U.S. Economic Development Administration toured the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing during a visit to the school in August. A portion of the funding for the facility was awarded to ATC by the Economic Development Administration.



HEALTH FAIR

ATC's health sciences division held its annual community health fair featuring information tables from each division program. Attendees received information on variety of health topics including heart health and diabetes and had an opportunity to view interactive stations that showcased the students' field of study.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

To kick-off the 2015-16 school year, students and academic deans came together for an ice cream social on the first day of class. The event provided students an opportunity to meet their Dean and ask questions.



Student Demographics

AND COLLEGE FINANCIALS

ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS*

*Based on unduplicated headcount

Gender	Students	Percentage
Female	2204	64.0%
Male	1181	36.0%
TOTAL	3285	

Race/Ethnicity	Students	Percentage
American Indian/ Alaska Native	29	0.9%
Asian	42	1.3%
Black/African American	1082	32.9%
Hispanic	136	4.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5	0.2%
Unknown	68	2.1%
White/Caucasian	1923	58.5%
TOTAL	3285	

Age Range	Students	Percentage
<18	77	2.3%
18-24	1783	54.3%
25-29	514	15.6%
30-39	581	17.7%
40-49	242	7.4%
50-59	71	2.2%
60+	17	0.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	3285	

Residency	Students	Percentage
In County	2347	71.4%
In State	462	14.1%
Out of State	476	14.5%
Unknown	0	0.00%
TOTAL	3285	

CREDENTIALS AWARDED

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Degrees	84	105	50
Diplomas	11	0	26
Certificates	29	101	42
TOTAL	124	206	118

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Assets	2015	2014
Current Assets	\$12,528,406	\$12,281,922
Noncurrent Assets	\$32,137,526	\$24,852,659
Total Assets	\$44,665,932	\$37,134,581
Deferred outflows of resources	\$1,181,495	
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$2,983,106	\$1,787,825
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$15,678,282	\$569,351
Total Liabilities	\$18,661,388	\$2,357,176
Deferred inflows of resources	\$1,191,530	
Net Position		
Total Net Position	\$25,994,509	\$37,777,405

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Revenues	2015	2014
Operating Revenues	\$10,261,907	\$10,529,022
Net Nonoperating Revenues	\$11,301,576	\$11,799,483
Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$21,015,591	\$21,942,337
Capital		
Appropriations, grants and transfers	\$4,602,888	\$147,325
Increase in Net Position	\$5,150,780	\$533,493

Net Position

End of Year	\$25,994,509	\$34,777,405
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Director's Letter



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

This past year was a year filled with an abundance of good news and milestones reached!

In January at our Aiken Technical College Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, we celebrated the culmination of a three-year capital campaign by reaching our goal of \$2 million for the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. These funds were raised as part of a matching grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

We are so grateful for all the support we received from corporations, businesses, organizations and individuals. Your generosity has been overwhelming. The Foundation is now in a position to help shape higher education and training like never before when we dedicated the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing on September 18, 2015.

Fifty years ago a high school diploma was the ticket to a good job in our community. As the economy has become more complex and industries such as manufacturing have changed, a high school diploma is only the first step to employment. In most industries today, post-secondary education and training is required to earn a livable wage and support a family.

A two-year college education is affordable, but it is still out of reach for many in our community. In April, the ATC Foundation set a goal of raising \$50,000 every year for the Within Reach high school Initiative. During the spring of 2016, we will award 50, \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Aiken County public high schools. These scholarships will fill the gap between the financial aid most students receive and the total cost of college tuition and fees.

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

Speaking of cutting-edge technology and accessibility, the Foundation has implemented a new on-line scholarship application for current and prospective students. This streamlined process went live on November 1 and is open for applications until March 1, 2016. Students can now apply for scholarships using their smart phone, tablet or computer. No paper is involved. Just a three page questionnaire and hit "submit application". Students will automatically see which scholarships they are qualified for and have applied for immediately. All scholarships will be awarded in the spring during the College and high school award programs.

The ATC Foundation is making great strides to acquire gifts for the benefit of Aiken Technical College. Gifts to the College make the dream of higher education a reality for many deserving students and help ATC sustain its tradition of creating access to higher education and encouraging completion.

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.

I would be delighted to talk with you further on how you can help enhance the programs of interest to you and the students of Aiken Technical College.

Thank you,

Mary Commons
Mary Commons, Director



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Foundation Highlights

VICTORY!

The Aiken Technical College Board of Trustees celebrated raising \$2 million for the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing in January 2015.

SRNS PLEDGES \$50,000 TO SCHOLARSHIPS

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions stepped forward as the lead gift benefactor for the College's Within Reach Scholarship Initiative with a \$50,000 pledge towards this program. Fifty graduating seniors from any Aiken County public high school will have the opportunity to apply and receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with the cost of tuition and fees.

KEEP CALM AND APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

In October, the ATC Foundation celebrated rolling out its new online scholarship application process. Keep Calm and Apply for a Scholarship campaign. Once students fill out the online application they will automatically see the scholarships they qualify for and have applied for. The ATC Foundation has over \$143,000 to award for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year.

9TH ANNUAL GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

The ATC Foundation's ninth annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was a sell-out in October. Guests were treated to a reception, dinner, live auction and our secret entertainment, comedian Jerry Farber and singer/songwriter Johnny Porrazzo, otherwise known as "Two Guys Doing Skits!" The evening event raised over \$16,900 for student scholarships.



ANNUAL BENEFACTOR & RECIPIENT BREAKFAST

The 15th Annual Benefactor and Recipient Breakfast was held in January 2015. Over 100 benefactors and scholarship recipients attended this breakfast to meet face-to-face. This event gives the benefactors a chance to learn about their scholarship recipient and the recipient gets to thank their benefactor in person. The event also included remarks from scholarship recipients and benefactors representing companies, community organizations and individual donors of scholarship funds.

AIKEN MENDED HEARTS

Chapter 294 of the Aiken Mended Hearts paid a visit to the campus to see and hear from our nursing faculty and students on equipment that was purchased on behalf of a generous gift from the Aiken Mended Hearts. Since 2007 the Mended Hearts have generously contributed over \$44,333 for equipment needed in the cardiac care labs used by all of our nursing students.

WELCOME TRUSTEE MEMBERS

The Aiken Technical College Foundation welcomed new board of trustee members: Mr. Richard Allen, G4S Government Solutions; Mr. Mark Bolton, Centerra-SRS; Mr. Christopher Dickson, The George Group, LLC; Ms. Cynthia South, The South Company; Mr. Daniel Peterman, Bridgestone Americas and Mr. Rolf Ziesing, BWX Technologies, LLC.



6TH ANNUAL PINK RIBBON TEA

The sixth annual “Pink Ribbon Tea” was held at the University of South Carolina Aiken this year as Aiken Technical College participated as a sponsor. This free community event brings awareness and provides information about breast cancer. The event is a collaboration between USC-Aiken, Aiken Regional Medical Centers, The Pink Ribbonettes and ATC. This year’s speaker was Angel Miano who shared her story of “Facing my Risk of Cancer” after testing positive for the BRAC 1 gene. WJBF-TV anchor, Jennie Montgomery, was the honorary emcee for the annual event.

LET’S GET GROWING!

During the month of March, the Aiken Technical College Foundation held its annual Family Giving Campaign entitled “Let’s Get Growing!” The focus of this campaign was scholarships for students. For every donation given, a pinwheel was placed in the “Giving Garden” and was a great visual for our students to see how much the faculty and staff of the college care about their success.

“Shining in the sun, the pinwheel is reflective of a bright future our students deserve.” Since 1999, generous faculty and staff have contributed over \$231,268 to the ATC Foundation in support of scholarships and programs.

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Scholarship Recipients

AMELIA GRACE MOTTEL MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Anna Yarabrough

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN SCHOLARS

Concetta Adams

Lydia Baxley

Mary Cobb

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Percia Davis

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ASHLEY J. LITTLE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

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ATC BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Alexandira Billido

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Lisa Washington

ATC WITHIN REACH SCHOLARSHIP

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Nicholas Grubbs

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Bethany Lewis

Donna McRae

AT&T DUAL ENROLLED SCHOLARS

Zachary Fields

Joshua Smith

BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS

Joshua Hughes

Kate Kumrow

Kyle Shipp

CENTARRA SRS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

Raymond Moister

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D.A. NORTON ENDOWMENT

Jack Hostettler

Zoe Lux

DENTAL PROGRAM BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Sydney Deese

Kearston Johnson

Whiteny Johnson

DIANE MURELL EARLY EDUCATION SCHOLAR

Katelyn Wheat

DONALD BLEASDALE MEMORIAL BOOK SCHOLAR

Aria Smith

DOE WELDING SCHOLARSHIP

Cole Asbill

Kassandra Barron

William Campbell

Sharaz Hanif

Garrett Kyles

William Pardee

Matheno Patterson

Frank Richardson

Gabriel Uvalle

Favian Zambrano

ENERGY SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Alexandria Bellido

Roger Freeman

Christian Garnett

GEORGE DICKEY ENDOWMENT

Elizabeth DiFranco

HENRY PICKENS CATO II ENDOWMENT

Deshondalynne Tillman

HILDA DELIONBACH NURSING ENDOWMENT

Selena Goodman

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY OF AIKEN COUNTY

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Donneshia Bell

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Ryan Mulcahy

MARKETING SCHOLARSHIP

Timothy Behling

MARLIN L. KNIGHT MEMORIAL NURSING ENDOWMENT

Roben Wolf

MAURICE WILLIAMS/AIKEN COUNTY HOME BUILDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Joshua Lewis

MIKE KING MEMORIAL PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP

Angela Dirkes

NANCY MOORE THURMOND ENDOWMENT

Timothy Pennington

NORTH AUGUSTA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

Kate Kumrow

NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS SCHOLARSHIP

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Isaiah Ervin

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Rebekah Chad

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Jonah Boucher
Austin Garcia
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RYBERG STEM SCHOLARSHIP 2ND YEAR

Christopher Raynor

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Emily Perez
Brooke Lynn Winkler

WELDON COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Waylon Burns

WOMEN OF WOODSIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Deidra Jefferson

Thank you so much for the ATC Reach Scholarship. Without it, I would be worrying about finances and I would not be so focused on my classes. Thank you for making the ATC Reach Scholarship possible. I would not be able to focus on school so thoroughly without it.

— KATELYNN JOHNSON,
Pre-Nursing Program



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As a recipient of the American Association of University Women Scholarship, I would like to thank you for supporting Aiken Technical College and its students like me who are very grateful to have you on our side. Reaching a higher level of education is one of the most important goals for many students here such as myself.

— KRISTINA OAKES,
Associate of Arts

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The scholarship was definitely financial support, but also a ray of hope and an overall exclamation point that allowed me to finish my tenure at Aiken Technical College as a 2015 fall graduate. I say "thank you" with every ounce of gratitude within my being. I hope to become a leader within the community that can represent the institution with the utmost class and presentable image that would enable me to help others just as you have helped me. By receiving the 2015 Marketing Scholarship, my fate was sealed to exceed expectations as well as succeed in all aspects of life. Thank you!

— TIMOTHY BEHLING,
Marketing Major

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FINANCIALS 2014-15

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash	\$220,677
Investments	\$5,053,241
Pledge Receivable	\$190,570
Other Current Assets	-

TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,464,488
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$193,705
Net Assets	\$5,270,783

REVENUE & ADDITIONS

Contributions	\$407,426
Investment Income	\$99,670
Net Investment Income Losses	(\$22,458)

TOTAL REVENUE, SUPPORT & RECLASSIFICATIONS	\$484,638
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EXPENDITURES & OTHER DEDUCTIONS

Administration	\$147,933
Fundraising	\$51,402
Scholarships	\$91,793
Equipment & Building Support	\$2,016,445
Student Programs	\$19,968
Special Projects	\$19,236

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER DEDUCTIONS	\$2,346,777
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Increase in Net Assets	(\$1,862,139)
Net Assets June 30, 2014	\$7,132,922
Net Assets June 30, 2015	\$5,270,783

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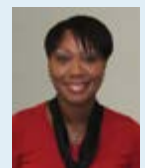
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