



Community Benefit Report

2021

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



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.



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*Shatika Robinson,
an ATC Campus
Ambassador
and health
sciences student.*

Aiken Technical College

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YEARS 2022

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It is with great pleasure that we present the 2021 Aiken Technical College Community Benefit Report.

The College prepares the annual report to highlight the accomplishments of the past year. The report also reminds us to pause and reflect on our successes and prepare for the upcoming year's wealth of opportunities.

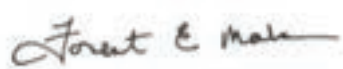
Looking forward is a welcome occasion after experiencing the last 21 months of pandemic challenges. We emerged with a renewed focus on student achievement and the mental well-being of students and employees. Our work is ongoing, yet we achieved many accomplishments during unprecedented times. A few include accreditation reaffirmed for another 10 years, added and enhanced programs to meet workforce demands, developed new Nuclear Operator and Industrial Maintenance apprenticeship pathways, expanded Early Start dual enrollment offerings, increased student support resources, enhanced short-term training and certification through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief funding, upgraded facilities to support growing programs, and collaborated with local healthcare organizations to support on-campus vaccination clinics that served over 5,000 community members.

Any achievement is attributed to the support from a network of committed faculty, staff, alumni, and the community working together toward a common objective – a positive student experience.

Aiken Technical College will soon celebrate 50 years of service to the community in September 2022. We are thankful to play a role in providing an accessible, affordable, and quality education to the thousands of students and alumni that have walked the campus. We are planning celebrations in 2022 to honor the College's half-century of academic excellence. More details to follow, but we hope you will join us to celebrate, honor, and recognize Aiken Technical College.

This edition is bittersweet. After serving more than 22 years as a member of the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education, Chairman Carlos Garcia is stepping down to relocate to North Carolina. The College will deeply miss his counsel, insight, caring demeanor, and admiration for two-year colleges. We wish him and his family the best as they transition.

Please enjoy the Community Benefit Report. As always, thank you for your friendship and continued support of Aiken Technical College.



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



Carlos Garcia
CHAIRMAN
Aiken County Commission
for Technical and
Comprehensive Education



Charlie Hartz
CHAIRMAN
Aiken Technical
College Foundation





Aiken Technical College's Accreditation Reaffirmed by National Accrediting Association

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmed the accreditation of Aiken Technical College in July 2021 for another 10 years.

"This is a significant milestone for Aiken Technical College, especially as the College approaches its 50th anniversary. This was a campus-wide effort, and I thank everyone involved for their dedication and hard work during this process," said Dr. Forest Mahan, President of Aiken Technical College. "Reaffirmation of Aiken Technical College's accreditation demonstrates that the College is continuing to provide high-quality educational and workforce development opportunities to serve the needs of our students and community."

All institutions accredited by SACSCOC are required to have their accreditation reaffirmed every 10 years to remain in good standing. The reaffirmation process included submission of reports that demonstrated the College's adherence to SACSCOC standards and guidelines as well as an on-site visit held virtually in Fall 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The process also included the launch of the College's new Quality Enhancement Plan, "Read, Write, Achieve," which is focused on improving student reading and writing outcomes and increasing student use of campus reading and writing support services.

For more information about the Quality Enhancement Plan, visit <https://bit.ly/2HMhcsD>.



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DR. FOREST MAHAN



College Kick Off Year-Long Celebration for 50th Anniversary

Aiken Technical College employees, students, alumni, retirees, supporters, and community members gathered on September 1, 2021, to kick off a year-long celebration leading to the College's 50th anniversary in September 2022.

Hosted by the ATC Foundation, the event served as the Foundation's annual scholarship fundraiser and raised more than \$30,000 to support the ATC Student Scholarship Fund.

The theme for the upcoming year was also unveiled: "Educating Minds, Changing Lives, Enriching Communities."

Since its founding in 1972, Aiken Technical College has served nearly 52,000 individuals through educational and workforce development opportunities and has awarded more than 16,000 degrees, diplomas, and certificates to over 13,000 alumni.

Other events the College hosted or participated in during Fall 2021 included a Crunchy in the Commons event focused on physical well-being and the annual Out of the Darkness Walk—Aiken.

▼ PICTURED
North Augusta City
Administrator Jim Clifford
(left) and Aiken Technical
College Foundation
Director Dr. Beth
LaClair pictured
during the kickoff
celebration.



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March Graces Adelis Peralta,
an ATC Campus Ambassador and
practical nursing student, talks about
her student experience during
the kickoff event.



STAY TUNED

Additional events are being planned for throughout 2022 to celebrate the College's milestone year. Visit www.atc.edu/50 for information about the College's history, upcoming events, and photo galleries.

▲ PICTURED
Aiken Technical College
employees join with
community members for the
Out of the Darkness Walk,
an event to raise awareness
and to fight suicide.



◀ PICTURED
Shatika Robinson, an ATC Campus Ambassador and health sciences student, welcomes new students and distributes S.W.A.G. branded items during New Student Orientation.

ATC Supports Students with S.W.A.G.

Aiken Technical College is enhancing its holistic approach to meeting students' needs through its new Success, Wellness, and Growth (S.W.A.G.) initiative.

"The S.W.A.G. initiative continues to strengthen the unity of ATC's students, faculty, and staff and solidify that student success is the true core of ATC," said Crystal Ratliff, Dean of Student Success and Retention. "Students have many personal and academic needs. If we can assist them with as many as possible, then we can help remove barriers that may prohibit them from being successful. Additionally, if we can come to an understanding of our students' needs, with student success in mind, then we should see successful program and course results and graduates who are ready and prepared to enter the workforce."

The initiative, launched in Fall 2021, is being led by the Student Success and Retention division which includes departments ranging from academic tutoring and counseling to the library and student engagement.

Some of the goals of the initiative include increasing campus-wide awareness of services available to students and using data to inform decisions to positively impact student success. Sessions are being held regularly for faculty and staff to share information and ideas to create a cycle of continuous improvement.

Students have been introduced to the S.W.A.G. initiative with increased awareness of available student services and highlighting campus support services with new signage.



S.W.A.G. INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES

Enhance New Student Orientation

Foster cross-departmental engagement through collaboration sessions

Increase campus promotion of student services

PICTURED ▼
Evelyn Pride, Student Engagement Manager; Jeffrey Boehl, Student Success Coach; Crystal Ratliff, Dean of Student Success and Retention; and Crystal Edwards, Student Success Coach



Aiken Technical College Contributes to Fighting the Pandemic

When Augusta University Health (AU Health) opened a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on the Aiken Technical College campus, faculty, staff, and students were ready to assist.

The clinic served more than 5,000 area residents from February 3 through May 14, 2021.

Faculty and students from ATC's nursing, patient care technician, and emergency medical services programs collaborated with AU Health personnel on tasks ranging from monitoring vaccine recipients in the observation room to administering vaccines.

"It was a great opportunity for (students) to gain clinical experience with patient interactions and medication administration skills," said Jonathan Jones, Allied Health Department Chair. "It is also important for them to see how numerous organizations can come together and work in unison to support a critical need for the community."

ATC students and alumni working with Aiken Rescue were also present during clinics in case of any medical emergencies.

Faculty and students have also assisted with other COVID-19 outreach efforts in the community, including testing and vaccinations, said Dr. Hannah Williams, Dean of Nursing.

"These clinics have primarily allowed our students the ability to connect with and support our community while solidifying the importance of health and wellbeing," said Williams.

The students' contributions will have a lasting impact as they prepare for their careers, she added.

"We hope our students experienced the feeling of joy and satisfaction in knowing that we assisted in such a monumental event to make our world safer, peace in knowing that we helped in potentially saving lives, a deeper connection with our surrounding community, and a strengthened partnership with fellow healthcare facilities and personnel," said Williams.

5,000

MORE THAN 5,000 AREA RESIDENTS WERE SERVED THROUGH THE AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HEALTH CLINIC HELD ON THE AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE CAMPUS.



PICTURED ▲

Aiken Technical College nursing student Caleigh Johnson administers the Pfizer vaccine to local resident Sadie P. Bell.

High School Students Get Early Start Through Enhanced Efforts

Aiken Technical College has continued to increase access to early higher education opportunities for high school students through its Early Start programs.

Early Start, ATC's dual enrollment initiative, is designed to allow qualified and highly motivated students the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. Such programs present several benefits, said Melissa Johnson, ATC Director of Strategic Partnerships.

"Beyond the cost- and time-savings, students get an early introduction to the college environment – college-level coursework, campus activities and services, and a community of learners where they can belong. Being able to have this experience makes the transition from high school that much easier and paves the way for future success," said Johnson. "And yes, being able to earn college credits while in high school at a greatly reduced cost is important. Early Start offers a counterpoint to the ongoing concerns about the cost and benefit of college credentials, demonstrating both long and short term benefits for students, families, and area workforce development."

For the 2021-2022 academic year, new Early Start offerings include courses being taught on more high school campuses virtually and in-person, an Early Start: Teacher Academy specialty cohort at Aiken High School, and a new career pathway—mechanical and architectural drafting and design. Planning for additional opportunities has begun for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Enrollment in Early Start programs also increased for the Fall 2021 semester.

"It has been exciting to see such a high level of interest in dual enrollment this past year," said Johnson. "We are afforded a wonderful opportunity to re-envision education for area students, to find new and exciting ways to meet their interests. I am thankful for our partners who create these opportunities for us and trust ATC to deliver on the promise of a quality education that opens doors to meaningful career options."



LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE EARLY START
PROGRAM AT
[WWW.ATC.EDU/
EARLYSTART.](http://WWW.ATC.EDU/EARLYSTART)

PICTURED FROM LEFT ▲
*Early Start students Kameron Carter and
Landon Park work on an architectural plan in
their Engineering Graphics course.*

Early College Graduate Achieves Ivy League Dreams

For Stephanie Zaragoza, hard work and determination have helped her achieve her dream of attending Harvard University.

The 18-year-old graduated from Aiken Technical College in May 2021, earning an Associate in Arts degree through the ATC Early College program. The program, provided in partnership with Midland Valley High School (MVHS), offers high school students an opportunity to earn an associate degree while working toward their high school diploma.

She enrolled at Harvard University as of Fall 2021.

“It has been a dream for a long time, since I was 12,” said Zaragoza. “I remember my Early College interview. They asked me about my plans after graduation, and I said I wanted to go to an Ivy-league school. Harvard was always the school I wanted to go to.”

MVHS students participating in the Early College program begin taking college courses through ATC the summer before starting their sophomore year. It gives them an early and more advanced start compared to their peers, said Fr. Gregory Rogers, ATC Dean of General Education and University Transfer.

The rigor of such a program requires students to handle complex academic subjects and be self-disciplined, mature, and motivated—qualities that Zaragoza showed throughout the program, said Rogers.

“To complete both a high school diploma and an associate degree at the same time shows a high level of capability, character, and persistence,” he said. “Further, the graduates are much better prepared to handle the rigor of higher-level academic work than would be the average high school graduate. This is particularly true when the student has demonstrated, as Stephanie has, a high level of academic achievement within the courses she has completed.”

While achieving in her courses, Zaragoza still participated in extracurricular activities at MVHS, including the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and the National Spanish Honor Society.

Graduating from ATC and being accepted to Harvard has meant a lot to her family, she said, adding that her parents inspired her to work hard, and she hopes to do the same for her siblings as the oldest of four.

“They’ve always looked up to me as the oldest, and I wanted to give them something else to look up to,” said Zaragoza. “I want to let them know that it is possible to achieve your dreams.”

STEPHANIE’S FUTURE GOALS

Stephanie plans to become a psychologist or psychiatrist.

“I want to help with mental health, especially in Hispanic communities, and give back to them,” she said.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Tim Behling

CLASS OF 2015

Tim Behling graduated from Aiken Technical College in 2015 and has since served as the executive director for Successteam, a nonprofit organization that specializes in educational youth development.

EDUCATION

Associate in Applied Science degrees in Management and Marketing, Marketing Specialist Certificate, Aiken Technical College

Bachelor in Science degree in Business Administration, University of South Carolina Aiken

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021 South Carolina Top 20 Under 40 Honoree, South Carolina Black Pages

2021 True Inspiration Award, Chick-fil-A Aiken

2020 MLK Drum Major Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

2020 Man On the Move Award, Men on the Move Calendar Project

2019 Young Professionals 2 Follow Award, Aiken Standard

2019 Future of Our Community Columnist Selection, Aiken Standard

2018 Black History Steering Committee Honoree, USC Aiken

2017 Community Hero Award, American Red Cross

2017 Heart of Gold Award, USC Aiken

2017 Man of The Year Award, Dapper Distinguished Men Society



Q&A with alumnus Tim Behling

Why are you a proud alumnus and supporter of Aiken Technical College? Aiken Technical College allowed me the opportunity to accomplish the feat of becoming a first-generation college graduate. Throughout my tenure as a student, I was pushed as a student and received support in the most genuine manner. Aiken Technical College, legitimately, changed my life for the better as it instilled the belief that “I can, actually, do whatever I put my mind to.”

Tell us about Successteam and your efforts with the organization. Successteam has been in existence since 2015 and is defined as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization specializing in educational youth development. Programs include Successteam Youth Council, Successteam Leadership Academy for Young Men, Prospering Young Dreamers Back to School Bookbag Drive, and Prospering Young Dreamers Academic Scholarship. As Founder and Executive Director of Successteam, my daily effort is directed toward impacting our area youth throughout the implementation of developmental programming on subjects including leadership, college readiness, and professional enhancement.

What motivates you to serve and give back? As a home-grown resident of Aiken County, it brings me joy to assist in preparing our future leaders. Never having had the opportunity to receive mentorship, being able to bring a solution to students of similar backgrounds activates my calling to be a problem solver and dependable asset within our community. I have an in-depth belief that every youth deserves an equal opportunity to accomplish their dreams; it takes the leaders of today to provide that opportunity, and we do so through enhancement and exposure to the limitless opportunities in life. I’ve been there, in their shoes, and that relatability ignites the fire as I have full comprehension that our youth need advocates to ensure they reach their full potential.



Aiken Technical College Prepares Next Generation of Surgical Technologists

Aiken Technical College is responding to the healthcare industry's growing needs by promoting its surgical technology program to the associate-degree level starting in Spring 2022.

"Advancements in technology and a rapidly changing environment are requiring Surgical Technologists to have more education to be successful. Programs have to adapt to these demands for professionals in the field," said Yaiza Wade, ATC's Surgical Technology Program Director.

"Future graduates will be even more knowledgeable, more marketable, be offered higher salaries and gain skills that are transferable to other professions. Graduates who wish to further their education will have an advantage since they will have more credits that are transferable to a bachelor's degree."

The surgical technology program is a two-year program that trains students to prepare the operating room for procedures, assist surgeons in the operating room, and care for patients after the procedure is complete. Students participate in lab exercises in state-of-the-art facilities on the ATC campus with advanced technologies such as a mock operating room and Syndaver surgical simulators.

Students also gain clinical experience through partnerships with area medical facilities, including Aiken Regional Medical Centers, Augusta University Health, Children's Hospital of Georgia, Doctor's Hospital, and University Hospital. Students are required to participate in at least 120 operative procedures, including general surgery and specialties such as cardiothoracic, orthopedics, labor and delivery, eye, oral/maxillofacial, and peripheral vascular.

"Surgical Technologists are very important because they are exceptionally skilled and have highly specialized training. They are tasked with safeguarding patients during moments when they are most vulnerable," said Wade. "Their expertise in sterility and knowledge in a variety of surgical specialties ensure that patients remain safe and receive the best possible care."



Of the 120 required cases (or procedures), students must participate in at least 30 general surgery cases and at least 90 surgical specialty cases.

100%

100% OF STUDENTS
RECEIVE A JOB
OFFER UPON
GRADUATING FROM
THE PROGRAM

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Surgical technology students (from left) Haley Ussery, Margarie Burley, Octavia Hatcher, and Carmen Cabezas participate in a lab activity in the program's mock operating room.



College Enhances Career Pathways and Provides Support for Students, Employees



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Keyatta Priester, Community Development Manager with Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., was the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY RETURNS TO TRADITIONS

Aiken Technical College resumed its traditional Commencement Ceremony in May 2021 with health and safety precautions in place. In 2020, the College held a drive-thru celebration due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keyatta Priester, Community Development Manager with Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Since 2016, Priester has also served as a Commissioner for ATC's governing board, the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

STUDENTS SHOWCASE CREATIVITY IN LITERARY JOURNAL

Aiken Technical College published its inaugural student literary journal, *Creative Minds*, in Spring 2021. The publication featured works of fiction, poetry, and art submitted by ATC students. The new journal is one of several ways the campus community has been encouraged to engage with the College's Quality Enhancement Plan, which aims to create a rich culture of reading and writing on the ATC campus and in the community. Read the journal at www.atc.edu/Literary_Journal.



PICTURED ►
Aiken Technical College student Damien J. Taylor submitted the winning cover art for the Creative Minds journal.

COLLEGE RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Aiken Technical College was named a **Military Friendly School** for the 2021-2022 year by Victory Media.



Aiken Technical College was chosen as **Aiken's Choice for Place to Further Your Education** in *The Aiken Standard's* annual Best of Aiken contest.



ATC FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANTS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

Student Microgrants Program: Aiken Technical College was awarded a \$20,000 Dominion Energy Foundation grant to support its new student microgrants program. The ATC Foundation applied on behalf of the College to help students who have completed at least three-quarters of their degree or certificate program but are at risk of stopping out due to financial barriers. Dominion Energy was the first to support the microgrant completion grants program at Aiken Technical College.

Workforce Training: The Bank of America Charitable Foundation awarded the ATC Foundation a \$10,000 grant to support the College's workforce training efforts. The grant has covered the cost of tuition and books for those enrolled in the material handler course offered through ATC's Continuing Education Department.

Veterans Support: The Fluor Foundation's Military Support Coalition awarded the ATC Foundation a \$10,000 grant to fund scholarships that help student veterans with the cost of attendance and living expenses while they are enrolled at the College.

Scholarship Funding: The Gene Haas Foundation awarded a \$6,000 grant to the ATC Foundation to support scholarships for students enrolled in the machine tool program at ATC. The scholarships will be used to assist qualifying students with tuition, books, and supplies.

GOVERNOR COMMITS FUNDING TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster announced on November 3, 2021, that he is designating \$17 million from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund for a new Workforce Scholarships for the Future program.

The program will begin in January 2022 and continue until all funds have been used.

The program will cover the tuition and required fees for South Carolina residents enrolled in the state's 16 technical colleges in a major for a high-demand field such as business, computer science and information technology, construction, criminal justice, distribution and logistics, early childhood

education, healthcare, human services, manufacturing, nuclear, and transportation.

The funding is also available to cover the tuition and required fees for qualifying continuing education courses.

In January 2021, Governor McMaster designated funding to the South Carolina Technical College System to provide free short-term job training to help South Carolina residents enter the workforce quickly with in-demand skills. This enabled the College to offer the SC Manufacturing Certified course for free to South Carolina residents interested in working in the manufacturing industry.



▲ PICTURED

Students completing the SC Manufacturing Certified course were recognized in a ceremony. Instructor Don Studebaker (far left) and Continuing Education Director Athena Freeman (far right) are pictured with students (bottom row from left): Lakita Bussey, Quadaupe Brito, Martha Moseley, (top row from left) Standly Dicks, and William Westbrook.



PICTURED ▲

The College's Employee Wellness program is led by the Human Resources Office (pictured from left) Mary Cordes, Payroll Clerk; Katherine Redd, Talent and Organizational Development Manager; Aimee Johnson, Human Resources Specialist; Haley Waltz, Administrative Specialist; and Sylvia Byrd, Vice President of Human Resources.

COLLEGE RECEIVES PEBA PARTNERS AWARD

Aiken Technical College received the overall **2021 PEBA Partners Award** from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority.

According to the announcement from SC PEBA, the award recognizes SC state agencies dedicated to "promoting a physically, emotionally and financially healthier workplace."

The College's Employee Wellness Program, led by the Human Resources Office, provides employees with various activities, resources, and personal and professional development opportunities to encourage healthy habits.

Some of the activities have included a virtual walk/run, a virtual engagement board, virtual meditation, and workshops on saving for the future, stress management, and relaxation techniques.

NEW PATHWAY CREATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER

The SC Technical College System and the SC Criminal Justice Academy have partnered to create a new Police Pre-Academy Training Certificate, which offers a unique pathway to a career in law enforcement and addresses the industry's workforce shortage.

Candidates first apply to one of the state's 16 technical colleges and complete a 14-week certificate program where they will learn basic and introductory law enforcement training, tactics, and procedures. Credits earned also count toward an associate degree in criminal justice if candidates decide to further their studies.

Upon completion of the certificate program, candidates must complete the following steps to start their career as a certified law enforcement officer in South Carolina:

- ✓ Obtain employment with an SC law enforcement agency within one year
- ✓ Pass a cumulative exam and physical assessment through the SC Criminal Justice Academy
- ✓ Complete an eight-week training program at the justice academy

Employee Selected for Leadership Role with State Association

One of Aiken Technical College's own is next in line to lead the South Carolina Technical Education Association (SCTEA), a professional organization for employees in the South Carolina Technical College System. Bruce McCord, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Teaching, and Technology, was selected as the president-elect for SCTEA during its 2021 virtual conference. He will assume the SCTEA president role in February 2022 at the SCTEA annual conference.

SCTEA was founded in 1974 to promote and advance technical education in the state and provide development opportunities for both employees and student leaders.

Prior to this appointment, McCord served as the ATC representative to the SCTEA Board for two years. He was also recognized by the organization in 2009 and 2017 as the SCTEA Faculty Member of the Year for ATC.

He currently serves as the co-chair for the College's Quality Enhancement Plan committee, as coordinator of the ATC Curriculum and Instruction Committee, and is a Grace and Charles Sloan Community College Leadership Alliance Fellow.

He is also serving as a co-chair for the 2022 Lower Central Savannah Region's Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment.



"I am looking forward to continuing my work with these talented professionals from across the SC Technical College System, The SCTEA board is comprised of a dedicated group of individuals from each of our 16 institutions, as well as the SCTCS Office, and their efforts promote collaboration and comradery across the system."

BRUCE MCCORD

Director of Institutional Effectiveness,
Teaching, and Technology

ATC EMPLOYEES SELECTED AS Educators of the Year

Aiken Technical College selected its 2021-2022 SC Technical Education Association Educator of the Year award recipients in November 2021.

The awards recognize employees throughout the SC 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.



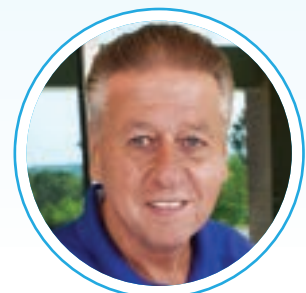
ATC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR—
ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. S. Vinson Burdette
Vice President of Academic
and Student Affairs



ATC EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR—FACULTY

Daniela Payne
Biology Department Chair



ATC EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR—STAFF

David Przygoda
Custodial Supervisor



Aiken Technical College recognized its 2020-2021 Employees of the Year during its 2021 Commencement Ceremony in May 2021. The honorees were nominated by their peers and selected by an appointed committee.



Employees Recognized for Commitment to Advancing the College's Mission

◀ STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kimberley Hardy IT Technician

Kimberley Hardy was recognized as the Staff Member of the Year for being solution-oriented and always ready to help coworkers and students. Hardy has been employed as an IT Technician in the Information Systems Management department since 2016.

According to her nomination, Hardy remains knowledgeable on the latest technology and systems by actively researching, exploring, and testing them before they are implemented. This enables their department to address issues early in the process.

"It means the world to me," Hardy said of receiving the award. "I really appreciate their vote of confidence, and I hope I can live up to this honor."

One of the things she has enjoyed the most has been to help others by learning new technology and helping them solve their problems with technology, she said.

◀ FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Marlena Isaac Patient Care Technician Instructor

Marlena Isaac was recognized for her dedication to educating the next generation of healthcare workers. Isaac, a Patient Care Technician Instructor, has been employed at ATC since 2015 and has strived to ensure her students understand the concepts they are learning as well as the importance and relevance to the career field.

According to her nomination, Isaac has gained a reputation on- and off-campus as professional, committed, reliable, genuine, and honest. This reputation is also reflected in the quality of the program and the program's graduates, they further stated.

"The feeling is indescribable. To be recognized by your team is an honor. I am blessed to work with such wonderful people," Isaac said about receiving the award.

Her motivations are her students and community.

"Our students look to us and trust us to help them make a better life for themselves and their family. Our community trusts in us to train our students to be the best in their field. Whatever we do at ATC as a team directly impacts our community," said Isaac.

Aiken Technical College Employees Retire After Combined 75 Years of Service

Toni Marshall ►

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT

Toni Marshall served Aiken Technical College as the Director of Procurement for 38 years. She assisted with many of the campus's infrastructure projects, including building facilities, renovations, and technology expansions. In addition to being active in campus committees and initiatives, she represented the College on several community boards, including Leadership Aiken, the Family Y, and the Midland Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Charles Mundy ►

GROUNDSKEEPER

Charles Mundy served as a groundskeeper at Aiken Technical College for 37 years. He first began working at the College part-time as a work study student while he took a course. Upon completing the course, he was hired full-time to fill a vacant position. During Mundy's time as a groundskeeper, he focused on ensuring the College's grounds and landscaping looked its best, something he took pride in every day.

AIKEN TECHNICAL
COLLEGE LONG-TERM
EMPLOYEES TONI MARSHALL
AND CHARLES MUNDY
RETIRED IN 2021 AFTER
A COMBINED 75 YEARS
OF SERVICE.



Commissioner Serves More than 22 Years on Governing Board

Carlos Garcia served on the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education for 22 years and as the chair for the last decade before stepping down from the board in December 2021 to relocate to North Carolina. During his tenure, he was dedicated to increasing access to postsecondary education and advocated for technical education. His commitment and support of the College and its efforts resulted in the creation of new programs, increased opportunities for workforce development, and enhanced focus on student success.

In Memory

AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE REMEMBERS
AND HONORS THE LIVES LOST IN 2021.

Patricia Buckner

STUDENT

Patricia Buckner was a medical assisting student at Aiken Technical College and was in the last semester of the program at the time of her death. The College awarded her with the Medical Assisting Certificate and pin posthumously.

Timothy Fay

STUDENT

Timothy Fay was in his first semester at Aiken Technical College and was pursuing the Associate in Applied Science: General Technology—HVAC degree.

Samantha Rushton

STUDENT

Samantha Rushton was enrolled at Aiken Technical College and was pursuing the Associate in Arts-Criminal Justice Transfer degree.

Steven Wilder

INSTRUCTOR

Steven Wilder was employed as an adjunct instructor at Aiken Technical College since 2016. During this time, he developed and taught geology courses at the College.

Jerome Williams

STUDENT

Jerome Williams was a welding student at Aiken Technical College and was in the last semester of the program at the time of his death. The College awarded him with the Associate in Applied Science: General Technology-Welding degree posthumously.





Foundation Donors

ATC Foundation Scholarships 2020-21 Academic Year

265 Scholarships

AWARDED INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL
STUDIES BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

\$121,355

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FISCAL YEAR 2021 DONORS

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Aiken Technical College Data

TOTAL NUMBER STUDENTS SERVED DURING THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Female	1768	66.9%
Male	873	33.1%
Grand Total	2641	100.0%

2020-2021
TOTAL STUDENTS
2641

AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE PLACEMENT RATE

92.1%

(Data source: College Exhibits
Evaluation Year 2020)



TOP 3 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

(non-transfer majors):

Nursing
Computer Technology
Welding

Number of ATC employees (as of October 2021)

Full-time staff: 76
Part-time staff: 47
Full-time faculty: 55
Adjuncts: 63

271
TOTAL
CREDENTIALS
AWARDED

NUMBER OF CREDENTIALS AWARDED DURING THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

<i>Award Type</i>	<i>Count</i>
Associate	175
Certificate	68
Diploma	28
Grand Total	271

AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FINANCIALS

For fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$24,961,828

TOTAL REVENUE

\$26,382,881

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS

\$41,085,198

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

\$58,334,553

72.15%
OF STUDENTS
ARE FROM AIKEN
COUNTY

STUDENTS BY RESIDENCE

Aiken County
72.15%

**In South Carolina,
Outside of Aiken County**
14.55%

**Richmond and
Columbia Counties (GA)**
12.05%

Out of State
1.25%
(Outside of Richmond
and Columbia Counties)

AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

For fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND DEDUCTION

\$408,572

TOTAL REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND RECLASSIFICATIONS

\$1,890,732

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$7,525,159

TOTAL ASSETS

\$7,526,359

ETHNICITY

<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	<i>%</i>
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.76%
Asian	0.98%
Black or African American	34.15%
Hispanic/Latino	5.76%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.27%
Non-Resident	3.33%
Two or more Races	0.68%
White	53.99%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	0.08%
Grand Total	100%

AVERAGE
STUDENT AGE
26 Years Old

MEDIAN
STUDENT AGE
34 Years Old

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENT AGES

<i>Age Band</i>	<i>%</i>
Under 18	1.97%
18-20	29.16%
21-25	29.57%
26-30	14.96%
31-40	16.09%
41-50	6.06%
51-60	1.7%
61+	0.49%
Grand Total	100%

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50 YEARS
1972
2022

EDUCATING MINDS
CHANGING LIVES
ENRICHING COMMUNITIES



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September 29, 2022

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changing lives, and enriching communities!

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