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Chit Chatt too!

Yes, there's still HOPE!

(Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

With so many news reports and opinions floating around about the recent changes to the HOPE program, you may be somewhat confused! Is all HOPE lost? We're pleased to inform you that it's not. Georgia still maintains the most generous benefits in the nation to help students obtain the post-secondary education they are seeking to enhance their job opportunities.

Recent changes to Georgia law affect both the HOPE Scholarship & the HOPE Grant. Governor Nathan Deal has assured us that "the new law stabilizes HOPE long into the future."

For your information and understanding, we've gathered some facts and figures about HOPE and the new **Zell Miller Scholarship**.

The HOPE Scholarship: For students enrolled in degree programs who meet grade point average and other eligibility requirements.

The HOPE Grant: For eligible students enrolled in a diploma or certificate program (taking only courses that are required for completion of that program).

HOPE Scholarship

Invest in your future. Stay in School!

- ✓ Will cover 90% of the 2010-2011 **standard** tuition costs.
- ✓ Must maintain minimum 3.0 GPA.
- ✓ No payment for books or any fees after summer.
- ✓ Does not cover remedial courses.
- ✓ If grades drop, only one chance to regain scholarship.
- ✓ Any tuition increase will not be covered.
- ✓ Payment cap of 127 semester hours.
- ✓ Eligibility expires seven (7) years after high school graduation for most students.

HOPE Grant

- ✓ Georgia residency of 24 months required.
- ✓ Will cover 90% of the 2010-2011 **standard** tuition costs.
- ✓ Must now maintain minimum 3.0 GPA (checkpoint is 30 & 60 semester credit hours).
- ✓ No payment for books or any fees after summer.
- ✓ Covers remedial courses.
- ✓ If grades drop, only one chance to regain grant.
- ✓ Any tuition increase will not be covered.
- ✓ Payment cap of 63 semester hours.
- ✓ Students who already have a bachelor's degree are not eligible.

New Zell Miller Scholarship

- ✓ Full tuition payment for highest scoring high school graduates.
- ✓ Must maintain 3.3 GPA in college to keep 100% tuition payment.
- ✓ No payment for books or any fees.
- ✓ If grades drop, only one chance to regain scholarship.
- ✓ *Current college students cannot qualify for full tuition payment.*

Questions about HOPE? Go to...

www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu or contact your campus Financial Aid office.

Don't forget to **Think 4** for Fall Semester!

1. Get advised for Q2S transition and check with financial aid.
2. Register for **FOUR** classes (full load), and you will automatically be entered into a door prize drawing that includes a **free Apple iPad!**
Drawing Dates: June 20, July 12, & August 25-iPad drawing
3. Get your **Think 4** sticker and wrist band at Open Labs & Advisement Centers.
4. Take your most creative photo showing us that you registered for **four classes** and upload it to the **CTC Facebook Fan page!**



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Student Email!

basic necessity! It's an easy, fast, reliable way for you to communicate with—and receive essential information from—faculty, staff, and fellow students.

Today, email has become a primary means through which we communicate all sorts of things on a daily basis. At Chattahoochee Tech, email is extremely important, a

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The compulsion or constraint of man-made circumstances, habit, custom, law; logical conditions making certain actions inevitable or obligatory.

Be sure to check your student email accounts often (a few times a day, if possible). You have messages waiting for you **RIGHT NOW!** You won't know what you're missing...until you've missed it! Don't let that happen to you.

Worldwide email statistics :

Number of emails sent:	90 trillion
Average number of email messages per day:	247 billion
Number of email users:	1.4 billion
Number of email users added in one year:	100 million

2009 statistics provided by Pingdom—an international internet, website, and server monitoring company based in Sweden.



ALL students who are registered for courses are assigned a unique CTC email address. *Naming convention for student email:*

(your CTC computer login)@students.chattahoocheetech.edu

How do I find faculty and staff email addresses?

Click on **Visitors** (top of front web page), then click on **School Directory** (which is under **About the College**).

How do I get to my student email?

Go to **www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu**

Click on **Current Students**

Click on **Student Email** (under the **Student Resources** heading)

Some general facts about CTC email...

- ▶ No need to set up your email.
Your student email account has been set up if you're a current student.
- ▶ Less than 50% of current students are using CTC email address.
- ▶ 5GB of storage in email account; 25GB in SkyDrive.

Here's just some of the information sent to the attention of all CTC students via student email...

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| ✓ Pre-registration information | ✓ Emergency situations |
| ✓ Registration information | ✓ Sporting events |
| ✓ Fee payment information | ✓ Student newsletter (Chit Chatt) |
| ✓ Advising information | ✓ Messages from instructors and college staff |
| ✓ Campus closings | |
| ✓ Campus Life events | |

Did you know?

- ★ Email was first used in 1965 as a way for multiple users of a mainframe computer to communicate concurrently.
- ★ In 1971, Ray Tomlinson (a programmer) sent the first email message across a network, initiating the use of the "@" sign to separate the user from the host machine.
- ★ At Chattahoochee Tech, use of your student email account is a mandatory and essential communication tool.

For Technical Support issues: HelpDesk@Students.ChattahoocheeTech.edu

Or call the Help Desk: 8 a.m.-5p.m. (M-Th) & 7a.m.-4p.m. (Fri) at 770-528-4444

Steps to Forward your College Email to your Personal Email Account

After you sign in to your college email account, click **Options**, then click **Organize E-Mail**, and then click **Inbox Rules**.

1. On the **Inbox Rules** tab, click **New**.
2. Under **When the message arrives**, select **Apply to all messages**.
3. Under **Do the following**, select **Redirect the message to**.
4. Select the address you want your mail sent to by double-clicking on it in the address book view.
If the address you want to redirect to doesn't appear, you can enter the e-mail address in the **To:** field.
5. Click **OK** to save your selections and return to the "new rule" window.
6. Click **Save** to save your rule and return to the **Inbox Rules** tab.



SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. The organization's mission is to help its members become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. The annual SkillsUSA competition is the showcase for the best career and technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 states and territories.

Here are CTC's winners from the competition on March 18 at the Georgia International Convention Center; awards were presented at the Columbus Trade Center on March 19...

Television Production	Nathan Powell & Micah Powell	Gold	Diesel	Anthony Young	Silver
HVAC	John Bewlay	Gold	Diesel	Michael Sawyer	Bronze
Power Sports	William Poole	Gold	Food & Beverage Service	Jacob Hollis	Silver
Residential Wiring	Jason Miller	Gold	Food & Beverage Service	Nathan Sheasby	Bronze

Our individual and team Gold medal winners will travel to Kansas City in June for the **National SkillsUSA Contest**. **WAY TO GO!**

New Programs Coming Soon!

It's official! Beginning Fall semester 2011 (August 2011), Chattahoochee Tech will offer the **Health Information Technology** (HIT) associate of applied science degree program. Beginning Spring semester 2012 (January 2012), CTC will offer the **Occupational Therapist Assistant** (OTA) associate of applied science degree program.



The **HIT** program will prepare students to manage patients' health information: medical history, symptoms, examination results, diagnostic tests, treatment methods, and other healthcare provider services. Technicians organize and manage health information data. Graduates of this program will be eligible to sit for the AHIMA/RHIT exam. For information about this certification, click here: www.ahima.org. *This program will be offered at the North Metro campus!*

The **OTA** program will prepare students to provide rehabilitative services to persons with mental, physical, emotional, or developmental impairments under the supervision of occupational therapists. Occupational therapist assistants help clients with the activities and exercises outlined in treatment plans. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the COTA exam. For certification information, click here: www.aota.org. *This program will be offered at the Austell campus!*

For more details about both of these programs, click here:

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/content/file/programs/health/hitProgramAdmission.pdf

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/content/file/programs/health/otaProgramAdmission.pdf



The annual **Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL)** is sponsored by the Technical College System of Georgia. Outstanding students attending Georgia's technical colleges and divisions are recognized for academic excellence and personal achievement (students are nominated by their instructors). From this outstanding group of students, a panel of judges selects one student, the state GOAL winner, to serve as the statewide Student of the Year and ambassador for technical education in Georgia.

Competition is based on academic achievement and personal leadership, attitude, and goals. Interviews are conducted at the local college, regional, and state levels. The state GOAL winner

makes numerous public appearances, giving speeches throughout the year.

After an extensive interview process (conducted by area employers and other college supporters) on February 11, **Shontell Hughes**, accounting student, was selected from among her fellow nominees as **Chattahoochee Technical College's 2011 GOAL winner!** Shontell went on to compete at the regional level on March 15 at Gwinnett Tech. Nine finalists from three regions will compete at the state level on May 25 & 26 to become Georgia's 2011 GOAL winner.



Shontell Hughes

Shontell shares her thoughts with us...

As a married mom with three sons, I was puzzled when I first called a "displaced worker." I wasn't lost; I just didn't have a job! I realized that education was missing from my resume, and I needed to do something about it. As a displaced worker, I would get the opportunity to learn how to succeed in a career I knew I would love, accounting. I chose technical education because it afforded me the opportunity to go to college close to home and to learn in smaller classroom settings. I love what I'm learning, and I love Chattahoochee Tech!

Congratulations to CTC's four GOAL Finalists

- ★ **Mary Borgese** Nursing (ADN)
- ★ **Shane Gabel** Nursing (ADN)
- ★ **Shannon Hames** Technical Communications
- ★ **Shontell Hughes** Accounting

These students were honored by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce at the First Monday Breakfast on April 11.



Interiors Students Gain Recognition

This is Student Affairs at the North Metro campus!

Nevers Industries, Inc. (headquartered in Minnesota with a national presence) is a creative manufacturer of innovative wood furniture solutions for Offices and Collaborative Spaces.

Nevers Can Bring Your Designs to Life!

Just like we did for Chattahoochee Technical College in Georgia when their dealer Russell Ventures of Marietta approached Nevers with the project.

We were able to bring the Chattahoochee Technical College Reception Area — inspired and designed by their very own Interior Design Students — to life.

Nevers Studio

Sure, we can do that!

Their ad

Studio | The Complete Custom Meeting Room
and greeting
Sure, we can do that!



Client: Chattahoochee Technical College, GA
Designer: Designed by the Interior Design Students of Chattahoochee Technical College
Dealer: Russell Ventures, Marietta, GA
Materials: Finish: Custom-Stained Walnut, Interior Worksurfaces: Laminate with Wood Edge
Transaction Tops: Granite

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World of Wheels

Automotive Technology instructor Kevin Ruby proudly shares some good news with us...

The two entries from CTC at this year's **World Of Wheels** event, January 21-23, at the Georgia World Congress Center both received **second-place plaques** in their respective competitive categories (Radical Hardtop & Chopper). Additionally, CTC's Automotive Technology program won a \$400 wire feed welder.

According to Mr. Ruby, "The cool thing about this show is that, every year, they hold an event on Friday called *Student Career Days*. Well-known speakers from TV car shows and hot rod shops speak to students about the custom car industry. Then, students are invited to ask questions and view the show cars and bikes *before the show opens to the public*."

Students prepped the motorcycle for months to get it ready for display, assembling it only 11 hours before the show. Approximately

30 students from the Powersports Equipment Repair Technology and Automotive Technology programs used a variety of skills—from engine repair to transmission repair—to get all of their projects ready for the show. Mr. Ruby spent *five years* of nights and weekends in his garage at home to complete his 1957 Chevy for the exhibition (totaling around 1,500 hours to restore and customize the car)!

Ben Pendley (Powersports Technology instructor) did an outstanding job with the chopper build and display setup. Actually, the entire Automotive Technology department contributed in some way, making this entire project a team effort. Students are eagerly anticipating next year's **World of Wheels!**

Vroom Vroom

Explanation of categories, which range from "stock" to "radical"...

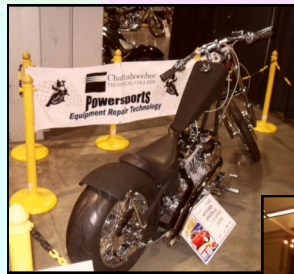
Stock: vehicle with no modification (as when sold new)

Radical: vehicle has a chop top + over 10 "medications" done to the body



One of the winners: Kevin Ruby's '57 Chevy entered in Radical Hardtop competition (Mr. Ruby has been working on this car for 5 years!)

One of the winners: The chopper built by our students in less than a day!



Student-built Camaro is almost finished!
Will be used at future events to promote the college.

Automotive Technology and Powersports Equipment Repair Technology students played a significant role in Chattahoochee Tech's participation in this nationally-recognized annual event sponsored by Championship Auto Shows!



Mr. Ruby with one of the plaques

Strand Theatre Project

According to **Interiors** instructor, Ginger Burton, some Chattahoochee Tech students in the Interiors program will soon be leaving their mark on the historic **Earl Smith Strand Theatre** (on the square in Marietta) via a very special student project!

Interiors students had been asked to present design ideas for renovating the fourth floor event space. They met with the theater manager on Wednesday, February 16, to discuss project requirements. The desired result of the project? Add character and interest to this prime community event space! Students brainstormed and took photos and measurements before heading back to the studio classroom to create their design plan. There, students began putting their ideas on paper—drawing views of the event space, researching materials to be recommended for the project, and picking color schemes. Two groups of three students presented their ideas to theater staff, theater board members, and several community members at the

Strand on March 14. Both design suggestions were so good that it was nearly impossible to select one over the other! Consequently, both groups of students were asked to collaborate and combine ideas for a final design plan, which was presented to the full board of directors at the end of March. That design plan will be used for product purchase and installation.



L to R: Ginger Burton (instructor), Wanda Hobgood, Allison Brooks, Morgan Coffin, Jennifer Pendleton, Jordan Johnson, Charles Hammonds

Strand's Executive Director, Earl Reece, has this to say...

When Earl Smith, Randy Reece (CTC's Executive HR Director), and I initially discussed this project, we were excited to present the idea to Dr. Chandler (CTC's President). Dr. Chandler shared our enthusiasm. When we met with Ginger Burton and her students, we knew this was going to be a win-win situation for everyone involved. Ginger and her students are incredibly creative. I cannot tell you how impressed I was. I can't wait to see this project become reality.

For more information about the Interiors program:
www.chattahoocheetech.edu/prospective/programs

Interiors Instructor, Ginger Burton, comments...

This is an unbelievable opportunity for the students. They are a very talented group and they have impressed these clients with their design knowledge and professionalism. By taking the theories they have learned in the classroom out to work on a real project, students gain the kind of experience that will make them appealing to future employers and successful in the industry.

The students speak...

I am glad to hear we will be able to follow the project through and see it come to life. —Morgan Coffin

I am looking forward to collaborating with my classmates as we bring the project into one design plan and creating a beautiful space. —Wanda Hobgood

The experience has been a lot of hard work, and also a lot of fun! I have learned so much about working with clients and presentations. —Jennifer Pendleton



Earl Smith Strand Theatre website:
www.earlsmithstrand.org



Presentation to theatre's
Exec. Dir. Earl Reece &
Friends of the Strand on 3/14/11

First Practical Nursing Program (1st at the Austell Campus, that is!)

No, this isn't the first Practical Nursing class at Chattahoochee Tech, but this is the first class of cohorts to attend—from beginning to end—the Practical Nursing program that is now housed at the Austell campus. These students entered the program in October 2010 and are scheduled to complete the program in September 2011.

Beginning fall Q 2010, the Austell campus became home to various *Allied Health* programs, such as Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, and Medical Assisting.

Practical Nursing Instructor, Diana Shaw Hoopingarner, "really enjoys teaching this fantastic group of students." She notes, "This is a comprehensive and demanding program that requires real commitment and effort on the part of our students. This type of dedication is vital for students whose chosen career directly affects the lives and welfare of other people."

As part of the curriculum, Practical Nursing students are required to complete **700** hours of clinical training. In addition to the training received at local medical facilities and clinics, students may attend meetings and exhibits that deal with all aspects of the human condition. For example, *Bodies –The Exhibition* at Atlanta Station and the *Museum of History and Holocaust Education* at Kennesaw State University are among approved locations for fulfilling the clinical hourly requirement. Students



The Class! *Front L-R:* Angela McElroy, Amanda Phillips, Lydia Holtman, Rashon Mitchell, Courtney Burchfield, Rinada Hendricks, Julaine Powell, Tina Tomlinson, Ruth Gutu. *Back L-R:* Danielle Morris, Lynda Bounds, Theresa Kent, Volanda Craten, Simone Pointer, William Bernard Jr, Wanda Merriweather, Patricia Marshall, Chelcie Davis, Sundance Cole (arms in the air!), Sumaria Carmichael, Tiffany Scarpantonio, Rossitza Nayden ova and Mollian Wacheje.

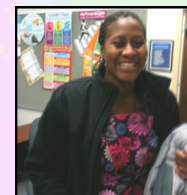
then write about their observations and specify what they have learned from the visit. Chattahoochee Tech's Practical Nursing students receive a superior, well-rounded education that prepares them for real on-the-job success!

To investigate the Practical Nursing program at CTC, go to www.chattahoocheetech.edu/prospective/pndegree. The *Practical Nursing* program is offered at the Appalachian, Austell, North Metro, and Paulding campuses.



Visiting the Holocaust exhibit at KSU (L to R): Julaine Powell, Courtney Burchfield, Theresa Kent, Patricia Marshall, Ruth Gutu, Sumaria Carmichael and William Bernard Jr. (in front)

William Bernard Jr., Ruth Gutu, & Courtney Burchfield tend to a "patient."



Simone Pointer
I passed Pharmacology!



Rossitza Naydenova & Simone Pointer reposition a "patient" in bed.



PLANET Student Career Days 2011

Professional Landcare Network

PLANET is an international, Olympics-style competition for horticulture programs from colleges and universities across the U.S., Canada, and England. This year, we sent 21 students to the competition at Joliet Junior College (outside Chicago). The competition took place **March 17-20** and was comprised of 28 events, including Landscape Design, Plant Identification, Wood Construction, and much more! Competitive events are designed to test students' skills in all areas of the horticulture industry. Each student competes in one or more events and earns points toward the total team score—the team with the highest score wins! The winning school receives \$5,000. Shane Evans, *Environmental Horticulture* instructor, boasts, "CTC (formerly competing as North Metro Tech) has placed in the top 10 for 18 consecutive years!" Visit www.studentcareerdays.org to see last year's exciting video (CTC is featured!)

Here is this year's exciting news...

Some of CTC's horticulture students **won prizes**—before they left for Chicago on Wednesday, March 9, to compete in **PLANET Student Career Days**! Before leaving Atlanta, a **record-breaking 10 students** received scholarships from the *PLANET Academic Excellence Foundation* (awarded during the competition).

The following eight students won *Academic Excellence Foundation (AEF) Scholarships* in the amount of \$1,000 each:

Lisa Denison, Judy-Lynn Hoppe, Allen Humble, Humzah Khraim, Anita Phillips, Kevin Porter, Annie Sanders, Cassie Templeton

Two students won *individually named scholarships* in the amount of \$1000 each:

Cheryl Gress, TruGreen Company Scholarship

Brian Watters, Gachina Landscape Management, Gachina Family Scholarship

CTC came in 4th out of 60 colleges and universities!

More Competition Results (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)...

Allison Mauelshagen 3rd place, Computer Aided Landscape Design

Joseph Moore 1st place, Landscape Installation

Craig Morris 1st place, Landscape Installation

Anita Phillips 3rd place, Personnel Management

Cassie Templeton 1st place, Woody Plant ID
3rd place, Annual & Perennial ID

Brian Watters 3rd place, Irrigation Assembly

Sandra Wilson 2nd place, Sales Presentation
3rd place, Personnel Management

Humzah Khraim **SUPER STAR!** 4th out of 807 students competing in 5 events
1st place, Landscape Installation
3rd place, Irrigation Assembly



Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange

Chattahoochee Tech is "Internationalized"!

For many years now, Chattahoochee Technical College has had the privilege of drawing students from a rich variety of backgrounds, ethnicities, countries, and cultures. Representing just one of our internationally focused initiatives,

Chattahoochee Tech has participated in the **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX)** since 2002. Now in its 28th year, this is a year-long work-study scholarship program funded by the U.S. Congress and the German Parliament (*Bundestag*). This year, the U.S. has 59 participating host colleges in 32 states.

Chattahoochee Tech will be hosting one or two German students for the upcoming fall and spring semesters. These students will attend classes at CTC during fall semester 2011 and will remain with the host family through spring semester 2012. During spring semester, the student(s) will be required to find employment in their field of study and continue to learn about American culture.

The students will receive a seven-day orientation in April prior to leaving Germany. They'll benefit from an additional three-day orientation upon arrival in New York City in August. Following the three days, they'll travel to CTC via Amtrak (train). Each student will take 12 credits during fall semester, then work at a paid

internship during spring semester. Additionally, the student(s) will complete a community service project during the fall semester.

Over the years, CBYX has proven to be educational and enlightening for the entire college community, as ideas are exchanged, experiences are shared, and friendships are solidified. For more information about CBYX, go to www.cdsintl.org/cbyx.

Any questions? Send an email to Greg Moor (International Services Coordinator) or Ingrid Galinat (International Student Advisor) at gmoor@ChattahoocheeTech.edu or igalinat@ChattahoocheeTech.edu.

Yes, Chattahoochee Tech truly has become "internationalized" through this as well as many other internationally-oriented programs embraced by the college!



Former German exchange students with a host family.



An Outstanding Student Marketer

My technical education has been the gateway for me to move from a life of poverty and struggling to opportunities and hope.



Shannon Hames
Marketing Management

Shannon shares her thoughts with us...

I chose marketing because I enjoy the art of persuasion and the whole idea of public relations - putting your best face forward. Because I am a freelance writer with *The Georgia Voice* and have seen success in persuasive writing, I thought it would be something that I would have a natural talent for. Writing good copy and speaking well are absolutely necessary in the field of marketing, and it helps that I am good at—and enjoy—them both.

Chattahoochee Tech's chapter of the *American Marketing Association (AMA)* took a delegation of students to the *AMA Atlanta Collegiate Conference* on February 11 where it was announced that chapter president, Shannon Hames, a CTC GOAL finalist, was also a **finalist** for the **Ken Burnhardt Outstanding Collegiate Marketer Award**. The other finalists were from Georgia Tech and Georgia State University. The winner was announced at the **Atlanta Marketer of the Year (AMY) Awards Gala**, held at the Fox Theatre on March 24. This event was held to recognize companies and individuals who made their mark on the Atlanta marketing scene during the 2010 calendar year. Yes, our own **Shannon Hames** was among the group of students who won the **Ken Burnhardt Outstanding Collegiate Marketer Award**, each receiving \$500!

As an intern for WSB-TV, Shannon is working with Jocelyn Dorsey as a segment producer for the **People2People** weekly television show (Sunday mornings). On March 6, Shannon's segment on **Computers for Youth** was aired (that project involved CTC's AITP club students—see Page 4 of *Winter Q Chit Chat*). Chattahoochee Tech was featured in that segment. Missed it? Click here to check it out: www.wsbtv.com/video

Richard Nelson, Marketing Management instructor, had this to say about Shannon... Shannon is a tireless worker and is driven to succeed. Her vision for her future is "the sky's the limit." While maintaining a 4.0 GPA at CTC, and preparing for the pursuit of a four-year degree and beyond, she is demonstrating leadership as President of the CTC Chapter of the American Marketing Association. Shannon is also doing a great job as an intern at WSB-TV.

Career Fair!

Tuesday, **May 3**, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Campus Life Center (Marietta Campus). Employers and college transfer recruiters will be there! For info and a list of participating colleges and employers, go to <http://ctc.experience.com>. Family & friends welcome! **Dress for Success!**



Did you know that **Earth Day** is celebrated twice each year? Beginning in 1970, the northern hemisphere commemorates this annual event in the spring, the southern hemisphere in autumn. Earth Day is now observed in 175 countries. The purpose? Inspire awareness of and appreciation for earth's environment. A full week of activities has gained popularity in many communities, commemorated as **Earth Week!** Chattahoochee

Tech has implemented a **COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAM** on every campus.

A full list of **Recyclables and Non-Recyclables** is posted on each campus. **Please take a few minutes to review the entire list**, so you will be able to do your part in keeping our campuses clean and beautiful, while contributing to the global environmental cleanup efforts.



Horticulture Helps!

Six members of the **Club PLANET Team** (horticulture club) helped install sod and other landscaping materials at the Center for Children and Young Adults on Saturday, March 5. This volunteer project was spearheaded by one of our Environmental Horticulture graduates, **Bob Mullinax**, president of RPM Landscape and Pavers. Many other local businesses became involved in this “beautifying” project; Super Sod, Red River Hardscapes, Vulcan Quarry, John Deere and Arbor Hills Construction provided project materials.

Plans for the facility include a green lawn recreation area, patio for relaxing, vibrant plants, and gravel walkways. An estimated \$25,000 worth of supplies, tools, and labor were donated to make the project happen!

Chattahoochee Technical College is home to the largest environmental horticulture program in the state. Currently, 132 students are enrolled. The program teaches important elements of the horticulture industry, such as irrigation, plant identification, and landscape design & enhancement. Students participate in a variety of class projects as part of their educational experience.



Here's what Club PLANET team member, Allen Humble, told us...
“I really enjoy this kind of work. It was a chance to get out there and work with Mr. Hatfield and the others on a worthwhile project.”

Student volunteers worked in the rain to unload and lay the sod. The goal? Give the kids a “green space” to play!

Environmental Horticulture instructor, John Hatfield, comments...

“We are very lucky to have great opportunities like this one. Our students get so much out of this type of experience—both personally and professionally.”



Phi Beta Lambda Wins Big!

Congratulations to all of our winners!



Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) is the largest business career student organization in the United States. The Marietta and Paulding campus chapters of Phi Beta Lambda competed in the annual *Georgia North District Conference* on **March 4** at Southern Crescent Technical College in Griffin. Our students competed in a variety of academic competitions against their peers from colleges throughout north Georgia. *The following awards were presented at the conference awards ceremony...*

Marietta Campus

1 st Place	Hospitality Management	Catherine Williams
1 st Place	Computer Concepts	Susan Terzich
2 nd Place	Computer Applications	Lorraine Motter
3 rd Place	Management Concepts	Ida Stewart
4 th Place	Marketing Concepts	Ida Stewart
4 th Place	Battle of the Chapters	
5 th Place	Word Processing	Susan Terzich

Paulding Campus

1 st Place	Macroeconomics	Angelica Harris
1 st Place	Desktop Publishing	Angelica & Cathleen Harris
2 nd Place	Accounting Principles	Koshia Crowe
2 nd Place	Project Management	Cathleen Harris



CTC students from the Marietta, North Metro, and Paulding campuses competed at the annual *Georgia Phi Beta Lambda State Conference* on **April 8-10** in Atlanta. *Here are the results...*

College Awards & Recognition

- ✓ Anna Johnson Gold Seal of Merit (for outstanding contributions to PBL)
One of only three colleges to receive this award!
- ✓ Largest Membership Increase for 2010-2011 year
- ✓ Largest Percentage Membership Increase for 2010-2011 year
- 2nd Place Local Chapter Annual Business Report
- 2nd Place Free Enterprise Project Koshia Crowe & Angelica Harris
- 3rd Place Community Service Project Koshia Crowe & Angelica Harris
- 3rd Place Acquiring Corporate Sponsors for State Conference
- 3rd Place Local Recruitment of Chapters

Individual Student Awards

1 st Place	Telecommunications	Richard Bellfield
2 nd Place	Accounting Analysis & Decision Making	Keith Simmers
2 nd Place	Hospitality Management	Catherine Williams
3 rd Place	Desktop Publishing	Angelica Harris & Cathleen Harris
4 th Place	Macroeconomics	Angelica Harris
4 th Place	Sales Presentation	Deborah Wilson
5 th Place	Retail Management	Heather Leuck
5 th Place	Sports Mgmt. & Marketing	Simone Crammer

Health Sciences Advisors: Email for appointment!

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Available for appointments at Marietta & Austell campuses.

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Would you travel 4,000 miles to go to school?

That's exactly what **Fire Science Technology** student, **Jana** (the "J" sounds like a "Y") **Hanakova**, has done! She began her studies at Chattahoochee Tech in July 2010, but her educational journey started much earlier. We think you'll find her story fascinating and inspirational; it might reinforce your appreciation for the opportunity you have to receive a top-notch education in your chosen field of study—so close to home!

Here's Jana's story as told to the editor...

Jana was born in Jeseník (northern Czech Republic near Poland). Growing up in this communist country, Russian was the only language Jana was taught. In November/December 1989, when she was in vocational school pursuing a business degree, the communist government in the Czech Republic was overthrown following the "Velvet Revolution." Now the way was open for Jana to learn English. This had always been one of her goals. Her determination was heightened when, in September 1996, Michael Jackson (her "idol") performed in the city of Prague; Jana was at that concert and "stood right next to Michael." She had always dreamed of going to the United States, but this meeting with Michael Jackson solidified and intensified that desire.

Jana then immersed herself in an English language course comprised of 99 lessons in books and on tape! Her next step was to move to a country where she could practice her newly acquired language skills...England! There, she worked as an Au Pair for six months while attending an "ESL-type" school (all of the challenging lessons were in English). She then returned to Prague (about 124 miles from her childhood home) to care for a sick family member.

Eventually, Jana decided to come to the United States for the purpose of furthering her education. She contacted a family in Atlanta, Georgia, who offered her a place to stay—beginning in October 1999—for one year (which turned into five years). She is convinced this family of "very educated" individuals "profoundly changed her life." They encouraged her to go to school...and they paid for her

education. Jana earned an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia Perimeter College. After moving into her own apartment in 2005, she worked as a probation officer for a private firm in Lawrenceville. Still driven by her love for learning, Jana enrolled in Kennesaw State University (KSU) and graduated in 2009 with a Criminal Justice bachelor's degree (with a focus on Forensic Behavioral Science). While at KSU, she interned at the Alpharetta police department.

Due to economic cutbacks and hiring freezes, Jana once again decided to further her education!

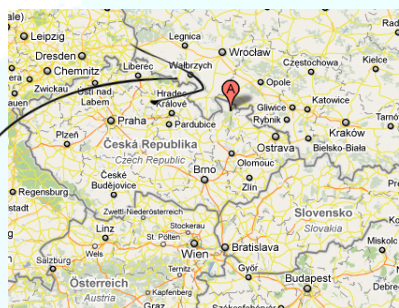
Here's a really good part...

Jana spoke with one of her professors from KSU about additional education options. **He directed her to Greg Moor, Coordinator of International Services, at Chattahoochee Tech!** Mr. Moor recommended the Fire Science Technology program, which would allow Jana to "stay under the umbrella of Public Safety." After meeting Patrick McKay, Fire Science Technology instructor, Jana enrolled in the program. She attends classes at the Marietta and Woodstock campuses (but lives in Norcross). She expects to graduate with a Fire Science Technology degree in fall 2011.

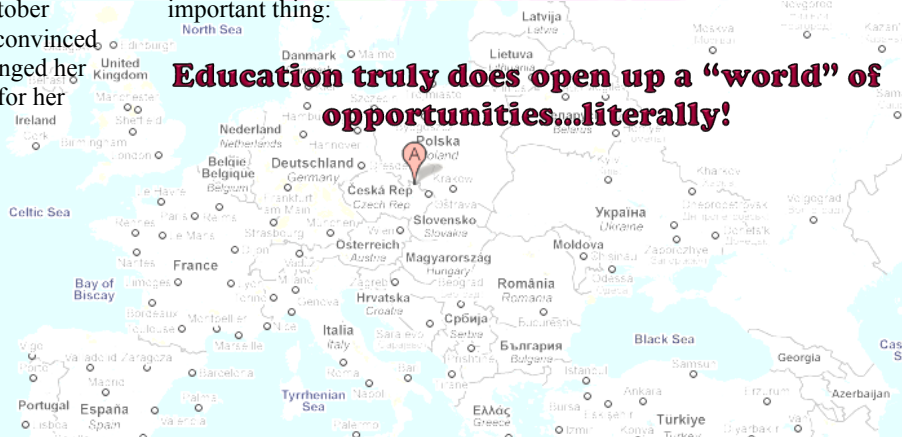
Jana speaks highly of everyone at the college. She notes that "Mr. Moor, Mr. McKay, and many others here at CTC are very helpful and are very good listeners."

Although Jana has some challenges ahead—finishing the Fire Science Technology program and looking for a job—her story proves one very important thing:

Education truly does open up a "world" of opportunities...literally!



Jeseník,
Czech Republic



Track and field, baseball and softball kick off seasons; CTC hosts 16 athletes for signing day event!

Golden Eagles spring sports are in full swing with men's and women's outdoor track and field, club baseball and club women's fast-pitch softball competing against a variety of local and regional opponents. The *National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)* track and field program, under the guidance of head coach Steve Prettyman, kicked off its outdoor season by competing unofficially in the *Southern Invitational at Birmingham Southern University* on March 11-12 in Birmingham, Alabama. The Golden Eagles officially began their outdoor season at the *Gem of the Hills Invitational at Jacksonville State University* in Jacksonville, Alabama, on April 2.

CTC athletics takes another big step forward with the inaugural seasons of club baseball and club women's fast-pitch softball. With both programs competing as members of the *National Federation of Collegiate Club Sports Leagues*, the Golden Eagles started official league play in February. Already this spring, the teams have met established regional

club programs like Clemson, Kennesaw State and Georgia Southern. Both teams are coached by Yvon Germeus. **If you're interested in learning more about baseball or softball at CTC and how you can get involved, you can reach Coach Germeus at germeuss@gmail.com.**

CTC welcomed 16 athletes at a signing day event on Thursday, March 24. Five cross country and track athletes either renewed or accepted scholarship offers, and 11 local football players from such successful programs as McEachern, Hillgrove, Sprayberry and North Paulding committed to play for the club program in the fall. Club football, which competes in the *National Club Football Association*, is gearing up for its second fall season at CTC under head coach Tim Freeman. **For more information on the gridiron Golden Eagles, Coach Freeman can be reached at tfreeman@ChattahoocheeTech.edu.**



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