



a newsletter for CTC students • Fall Semester 2012

Academics What's NEW?

Looking for a career where the demand for workers is high...even in today's economy? Chattahoochee Tech has got you covered. We're experienced at keeping track of current trends affecting the workplace, and we're offering five new programs that mesh quite nicely with the careers that are trending right now!

Here are our newest program offerings...

Building & Facilities Maintenance Diploma Clinical Laboratory Technology Degree Environmental Technology Degree Logistics & Supply Chain Management Degree Paramedicine Degree



For information about all of these exciting new programs, click here... http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/newprograms

Transfer Agreements

As we move forward and expand our program offerings, Chattahoochee Technical College remains committed to the intellectual growth of—and bright future for—all of our students.

While our college mission remains that of providing the best occupational training for workforce development, we realize some of our students have set their sights on a four-year Bachelor's degree. As such, the growing list of CTC courses that will transfer to Kennesaw

State University, Southern Polytechnic State University, and other postsecondary institutions is evidence of our commitment to support students' higher educational goals and aspirations.



For many of our students, Chattahoochee Technical College serves as a vital stepping stone on the career pathway to success! As you progress in your studies and utilize the resources we've made available online and on each campus, we'll be there to guide you each step of the way.

Here's a list of the 27 General Education courses that currently transfer between University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia member institutions:

www.usg.edu/academicplanning/GEtransferchart.pdf

Here's more information...

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/articulationagreements

Are you as Smart as a ...

Chattahoochee Technical College student who's "in the know" about CTC policies and procedures, financial aid options, academic program offerings, and lots more? You can be...it's easy. Just consult the college's SmartCatalog by clicking here:

http://chattahoocheetech.smartcatalogiq.com/2012-2013/ General-Catalog.aspx

Chattahoochee Tech is now employing a webbased content management system to bring the latest college catalog within reach of your fingertips—any time and any place you have access to the internet.

Become familiar with how to navigate through the entire catalog. Take a tour. You may want to take advantage of the *MyCatalog* option (top right corner of the catalog's pages).

MyCatalog allows you to create links to specified pages



within the college catalog. You can create links for certain courses that interest you or for specific sections of the catalog.

Go ahead and check it out. After all, you've already made the smart decision to come to Chattahoochee Tech!



Radio Remote: Marietta Campus

Building C, Student Lounge/Atrium Tuesday, August 21

Noon - 2 p.m.

Assorted prizes & giveaways Play trivia and other games for big prizes (like concert and game tickets)!

www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu

Athletics

Get Moving

Football, track, cross country, basketball, soccer...what do all of these have in common? They all get you moving,



they all engender school pride, and they're all offered at CTC! Men and women at Chattahoochee Tech join the Golden Eagles to supplement and enhance their academic college experience. And, some of our students go on to play for four-year colleges and universities.

Learn about the Athletics department at CTC by clicking here: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/sports. It's a great place for you to start to get yourself moving!



Sharon Cassels, CTC Graduate

After I graduated in December 2011 with an Accounting degree, it didn't take me long to find a great job. The job requires heavy use of Microsoft Word and Excel. I know I could not have gotten this job without my education from Chattahoochee Tech. I enjoy having a successful career; I'm living proof that it can be done!



Community

Receiving national recognition on the road to a better life...

Nelly Albancando, born in Bogota, Columbia to Ecuadorian parents, is enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) & Workplace Literacy classes at the Cherokee



Learning Center—and she's become a nationally published author as well!

Read Nelly's inspiring story at: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/campusnews/ index.html?id=217

Chattahoochee Technical Colleges maintains seven Learning Centers in our service area for GED Prep and ESOL classes. You'll find that it's never too late to take your first step on the road to a better, more productive life. Just ask Nelly!

Learning Center information: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/prospective/ learningcenters

Foundation News

2012 Scholarship Reception

On August 23, the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation will hold its Scholarship Reception for scholarship recipients and donors. This year, more than 230 applications were submitted for 22 scholarships.

Applications are accepted in the Spring Semester; students may apply on the Foundation's website:



www.chattahoocheetech.edu/visitors/ foundationscholarships

Scholarship recipients are awarded the scholarship for the following Fall Semester. Watch ANGEL for the announcement of the 2013 application process.



New Student Center @ North Metro

The brand new 3,200-square-foot Student Center is now open in Building A at North Metro. What might come to mind is "chic modern" when entering the exquisitely appointed, yet abundantly practical, area where students can work, chat, or simply relax between classes. The ample and diverse seating areas have been arranged to accommodate intimate conversations or individual work groups. Stop by the next time you're at the North Metro campus—and don't forget to look up and check out the super cool ceiling! A brand new vending machine room (adjacent to the large seating area) contains new vending machines for CTC students' convenience and enjoyment.

Actually, this newly defined space serves as the main entrance to the



entire North Metro campus! Students and visitors have

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easy access to Student Affairs, the campus library, and the Student Success Center after meandering through the beautiful new Student Center.

Yekaterina Shneyderova

The new student center reminds me of the

eye-catching architecture and is overall a very inviting and comfortable space. I

dining hall at KSU. It has very modern,

would study here any day. Five stars!

Patrick Ekanem

The new student center is simply exquisite. It reminds me of the Emory University library and café. Its touch of artistry will give students a combination of a relaxed and studious atmosphere. Way to go!

International Services

LISTO

LISTO stands for Latino Informative Student Transfer Opportunities. It's our new recruitment and mentoring program for students of Hispanic descent. The first orientation was held on July 9 when we welcomed seven Chattahoochee Tech



freshman into this innovative and unique program.

Students were introduced to the different resources on campus and participated in "ice breaking" activities. They "walked in someone else's shoes" as each student described another's personality—based on that other person's shoes!

International Club

The International Club is excited about the coming year. We have a new president, Eduardo La Hoz, from Venezuela and a new Vice President, Erick Castro, from Mexico. The club meets once a month on Tuesdays (varies each month) from 12:15-1:00 pm.

A few upcoming club events...

- Guest speaker, CTC Health Sciences Advisor Michael Carlisle, shares experiences as a volunteer for International Rescue
- Spokesperson for Culture Connect
- Fall picnic
- Fall hike to Kennesaw Mountain
- Fall volunteer project



L to R: Shiva Voruganti (from India); Erick Castro, Vice President of International Club (from Mexico); Donrico Brennen (from The Bahamas); Eduardo La Hoz, President of the International Club (from Venezuela)

International Services is located on the Marietta campus, Building G, but serves all CTC campuses. For information about International Services (including the International Student Handbook), click here... www.chattahoocheetech.edu/prospective/international

Service Learning

What is it?

Dictionary definition...

It's a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. Students use what they learn in the classroom to help solve real-life problems.

How it applies to you...

Some topics that are covered in the classroom will make more sense when you see how the information applies to the real world. Some examples:

- English students learn more about literature by holding book clubs for seniors.
- Criminal justice students understand why community policing is important when they help with police department-sponsored events like *Covering the Bases*.
- Students in sociology, psychology, business, physics, computer information systems (to name a few) all have the opportunity to put what they learn into practice through Service Learning projects!

If you need help finding a service learning project for class or want to volunteer to gain experience for your resume, visit the Service Learning web page under



CTC student reads to a youngster during *Read for the Record* event

Current Students>Student Resources or email sl@chattahoocheetech.edu.

Service Learning is a great way for you to learn more in your classes while helping others in the community!



Helping a young man improve his batting ability at the 2012 *Covering the Bases* event, sponsored by the Acworth Police Dept.

Student Financial Services

Need Financial Aid?

The Financial Aid Office at Chattahoochee Tech is committed to assisting our students



reach their education goals. Applying for financial aid is the <u>first step</u>.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on January 1 each year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA may be signed electronically with a PIN number. A PIN number may be requested at www.pin.ed.gov. For the 2012-2013 aid year, students (and parents, if required) will need their 2011 tax information to complete the FAFSA. Be sure to include the <u>school code</u> for Chattahoochee Technical College: **005620**.

The CTC Financial Aid office is available to answer your questions about filing the FAFSA. Additionally, students may call Federal Student Aid at **1-800-433-3243** for assistance with the FAFSA.

Students who are interested in applying for state aid *only* (HOPE) can complete the Georgia Scholarship/Grant Application at www.gacollege411.org.

After you complete your FAFSA, Chattahoochee Technical College will *automatically* receive the application (usually within one or two weeks). Students may be required to submit additional documentation. The Financial Aid office will notify you via CTC student email or a letter in the mail. Be on the lookout!

Through BannerWeb, students can...

- \checkmark verify that we have received their FAFSA.
- \checkmark check for missing requirements.
- ✓ view their financial aid award.



Don't be left out in the cold...



That might sound strange to you now with outdoor temperatures hovering near the 100degree mark, but we're just trying to make a point: One of the best ways to stay on top of what's going on (or what will be going on) around Chattahoochee Tech is to "associate" with your fellow students in cyberspace! Don't let college news grow cold before you find out about it.

How to find us...

Facebook.com/ChatTech Twitter.com/ChatTech YouTube.com/ChattahoocheeTech gplus.to/ChatTech

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook to be entered into the latest drawing. We hold drawings throughout the year, so keep track of what's going on at CTC while you increase your chances of becoming the next prize winner.



Campus Life Contest

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CTC's Campus Life department has enjoyed hosting *Food & Fun* events during lunchtime for several years now. Students get together on campus to eat, dance, play games, and win prizes. The fun's not changing, but the name is—and we want *you* to provide the new name! Here's what you need to do...

Send your "new name" suggestions to Campus.Life@ChattahoocheeTech.edu by September 14.

The newly named events will take place at <u>all</u> campus locations some time between October 15 and October 25!

Student Organization Fair

Come one, come all to any (or all) of the upcoming **Student Organization Fairs** at the following campus locations from **noon until 1:30 p.m.**...

Wed., Aug. 22 Thurs., Aug. 23 Wed., Aug. 29 Mountain View North Metro Marietta

You'll learn about the many student clubs and organizations at CTC. Make it your goal to *get involved*!

Watch for more student club and organization information during Fall Semester via our website, digital signage, and social media.

Welcome Week Events

Welcome to Fall Semester! Now's the time to make a notation on your calendar to join us for the following events...

> Hot 107.9 Radio Broadcast Tuesday, August 21, noon-2 p.m. Marietta Campus Life Atrium

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Marietta Campus

Game Show Monday, August 27, 11:30 a.m. North Metro Campus

Movie Night Thursday, August 30, 5 p.m. Canton Campus

Student Government Association

Interested in serving as the "voice" of the student body when communicating with college administration? Join Student Government! "Interest sessions" will be held **September 5-14** at <u>all</u> campuses. Elections will held **September 17-20**.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, please contact Faith Sumpter at Campus.Life@ChattahoocheeTech.edu.

Bringing Home the Gold!

Four Chattahoochee Tech students demonstrated **gold-medal** skills at the annual SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference on March 16 at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta.

These four gold medalists traveled to Kansas City in June for the national SkillsUSA competition (where they made an impressive showing):

Neal Cantrell	Automotive Service Technology
Kyle Cato	Fire Science Technology
Carson Kiefer	Diesel Equipment Technology
Patrick Gangi	Culinary Arts

For details about each student's competition, click here:

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/campusnews/index.html?id=183

Also placing at this highly competitive event were **Matthew Gillelind** (silver medal) in Industrial Motor Control and Shawna Payne (bronze medal) in the Food & Beverage Service category.

Want to know more about SkillsUSA? Click here www.skillsusa.org



Check out all of CTC's student clubs and organizations. You're likely to find fellow students who share your particular interests and activities. Just click through the numbers at the bottom of the following web page...

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/studentclubs/?page=1



Top to bottom: Neal Cantrell, Carson Kiefer, & Patrick Gangi compete in their respective areas.





Taking Care of Business



Five Chattahoochee Tech students made an awesome showing at the 2012 **Future**

Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) North District Conference competition in February at West Georgia Technical College. *Here's how they placed...*

Waymon Carr & Deborah Wilson 1st place, Business Presentation Jennifer White 1st place, Database Design & Applications Deborah Wilson 1st place, Marketing Analysis Jeff Mathis 3rd place, Impromptu Speaking Jennifer White 3rd place, Word Processing Erick Castro 4th place, Microeconomics Waymon Carr 4th place, Human Resource Management



L to R: Erick Castro, Jennifer White, Jeff Mathis, Deborah Wilson, Waymon Carr

These outstanding students went on to compete in the State Leadership Conference in April at the Westin Atlanta Hotel. With more than 300 technical college students competing in a wide variety of events, Waymon and Deborah emerged as firstplace winners; Erick, Jennifer, Deborah, and Waymon secured third place titles. Waymon, Deborah, and Erick advanced to the National Leadership Conference in June in San Antonio, Texas. Deborah made it to the finals there in Marketing Analysis and Decision Making. We're proud of CTC's "future business leaders" who represented our school so admirably.

Phi Beta Lambda is the largest and oldest student organization in the U.S. To learn more about it, visit www.fbla-pbl.org and www.georgiapbl.org.

CTC students secure 19 top-ten finishes at the 2012 PLANET Student Career Days competition!

CTC students place 5th in the nation following three days of high competition in a horticultural battle of knowledge, skills, and creativity.

For three days in March at Kansas State University during the 36th annual *Student Career Days* sponsored by Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), more than 800 students representing 64 colleges and universities around the nation competed for team and individual prizes in 28 challenging events. As if securing19 top-ten finishes wasn't reason enough to boast, CTC horticulture students proudly claimed...

- ✓ Four scholarships
 - Chris Freidenstein
 - Carol Hainline
 - Anita Phillips
 - Denise Ruswinkle
- Four first-place wins
 - Chris Freidenstein
 - Joe Fries
 - Lindsey Luethi
 - Allison Mauelshagen
- The event's Superstar winner (check for \$1,500)
 - Keith Loggins
 - Note: To be a Superstar, a student must compete in five events and accumulate more total points than every other student in the competition!

For a full list of CTC's competitors and winners, click here: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/PLANET

CTC Horticulture faculty and students proudly display the \$1,000 check they won for the "best college cheer" during the opening ceremonies by belting out their rendition of Alan Jackson's "Way Down Yonder on the Chattahoochee"!



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Roll Out the Red Carpet

TPT Student Wins Emmy!

Gerald Hone, an impressively ambitious student in the Television Production Technology program, won at the Southeastern Regional Emmy Awards (in June) in the Student Production-News category for his film, *From Rescue to Release*. The film chronicles a red tail hawk's rescue and recovery at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell, Georgia. To read about this accomplishment, the film, and Gerald's other exploits, click here...

http://cherokeetribune.com/view/full_story/18977023/ article-Honing-his-skills?instance=home_lead_story

Gerald Hone accepting his Emmy Award



Take a Fall Break...

There will be no classes on the following days:

Friday, August 31 Saturday, September 1 Monday, September 3 Tuesday, September 4

Note:

The college will be open on August 31 and September 4, but some offices/departments may be closed or have limited operating hours.



They Dressed for Success!

Surg Tech Students Win "Best Dressed"

Big things happened for CTC at the 2012 **Association of Surgical Technologists**

(AST) convention in Washington, DC, on May 23-27. Students who attended from CTC's **Surgical Technology** program won the coveted

the student forum after



competing against approximately 300 students who attended the convention from all across the country!

Our "Best Dressed" Surgical Technology students (left to right in picture)...

> Elaine Fudge **Catherine Sturniolo Dustin Cain Katrina Martin** Erin (EK) Davenport **Amber Lavin**



Front of T-shirt: "Only I can touch my..." Back of T-shirt: "back table" On sleeve: CTC logo + "Aeger Primo" (the AST motto, meaning "The Patient First")

What is the meaning of the front and back wording? It means that a surgical technologist who is donned in sterile attire can touch their "back table." The back table holds all of the sterile instruments and supplies.

Surgical Technology student, **Dustin Cain**, won the student Vice President seat at the student forum, which entitles him to an all-expense paid trip to next year's AST convention in New Orleans.



Career Services is Here for YOU

Are you in the right major?

Do you need to write a resume or cover letter?

Watch the new job search videos on our website: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/careerservices

Do you need to practice before a big interview?

Do you need a good job when you graduate?

By the way... Our next JOB FAIR will be on Thursday, November 1

Make an appointment with Career Services today...



Austell, Marietta, Mtn. View, Paulding Call: 770-528-4520

Appalachian, Canton, North Metro, Woodstock Call: 770-975-4063

We'd love to help you prepare for the job that's just right for you!

CTC Library: A wealth of information at your fingertips!

New Library Database

The Chattahoochee Tech Library has added streaming video from Films On Demand to the CTC Library Catalog. Search for them in the Library Catalog

search box. Identified as ONLINE VIDEO, a



click on the chain icon will link you to the video. The Films On Demand database can also be found and accessed in GALILEO.

Updated Web Page

The Chattahoochee Tech library staff on each campus stands ready and eager to answer your questions, familiarize you with the numerous research tools at your disposal, and offer timely suggestions-functioning as a partner in your



academic success! One of the most recent things we've accomplished is updating our web page (www.chattahoocheetech.edu/library) to make it easier for CTC students to find appropriate information for their classeswith less scrolling and better descriptors for the resources that are available.

EasyBib & Library Guides

Many students have expressed appreciation for these two unique tools. EasyBib is a premium citation tool; it's really powerful and easy to use. Library Guides is your one-stop -information-shop for specific courses, programs, and special topics; use them as a starting point for your assignments, papers, and class projects. Start here...

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/library/guides

Image Quest

Need a picture or graphic for your paper? Want to add visual "pizazz" to your assignments? No problem! Just go to www.chattahoocheetech.edu/library and click on the Britannica Image Quest icon. You'll

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gain access to more than *two million* rights-cleared

images from 50+ of the best collections in the world. Or course, you'll be able to use as many images as you want ... for free!

Here's the contact information and operating hours for CTC libraries on all campuses:

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/library/ho

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