



## a newsletter for CTC students • Spring Semester 2012

# Academics

#### **COMPASS Retest Policy**



Beginning January 2012, CTC implemented a **new COMPASS retest policy**, giving students the opportunity to eliminate some Learning Support classes from

their requirements. Current students may retake any portion of the COMPASS test under certain conditions as specified in the new policy. You may view the newest **procedures** by clicking here: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/ compassretesting. To view the latest **policy**, click on the "yellow piece of paper" when the web page opens.

#### **Exemption Exam DATE CHANGE**

The EXEMPTION EXAM that was scheduled at the CANTON CAMPUS for February 28 will now be given on Wednesday, February 29, at 10 a.m.

For information about these exams, please click here: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/ exemptiontesting. You will find links to the exam fees and exam schedule (for all campuses) at the bottom of that web page.

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#### **Commercial Truck Driving**

Do you enjoy traveling the open road? Would you mind making a good salary while doing so? With thousands of career opportunities across the nation (and right here at home), Chattahoochee Tech's highly respected **Commercial Truck Driving** program may be just what you're looking for! It's offered at our North Metro campus. *Click here to read about this exciting career...* 

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/campusannouncements

## New Web Applications Program

Beginning January 2012 (Spring Semester), CTC began offering a new Computer Information Systems **Web Applications** *diploma* and *degree* program at the Marietta campus! The **Web Applications** program <u>replaces</u> the current Computer Information Systems (CIS) **Web Design** curriculum.

# Current CIS Web Design students may choose to do one of three things:

- 1) Complete the *CIS Web Design* curriculum at the Marietta campus.
- Change over to the new CIS Web Applications program at the Marietta campus.
- Change over to *Design & Media Production Technology's Web Interface Design Specialization* at the North Metro campus.

Why a new program? There's a huge demand for web application developers who can interface Web 2.0 technologies with web site and wireless devices. Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) has triggered an explosion in this area of the computer industry. Students will learn to develop web pages and, subsequently, develop applications to connect databases and social media web sites using one or more programming languages to create server-based applications.

Students should be able to complete the **Web Applications** *diploma* program in four semesters, the *degree* program in five (two years). The program will be offered at the Marietta campus: 80% online; three or four online-courses per semester.





### **CTC's Emergency Alert System**

The Chattahoochee Technical College police department (known as the **Department of Public Safety**) highly recommends <u>all</u> CTC students to sign up for the *e2Campus* emergency alert system <u>now</u>! This *free* service was implemented for the safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff on all eight campuses. In light of recent occurrences on some college campuses across the U.S., it's more important than ever to be "in the know"—quickly.

We need your help as we focus on reaching as many as possible, as quickly as possible. Take advantage of this free college-wide notification system by signing up <u>today</u>. You can elect to receive alerts via text message and/or email. You'll likely get an "inclement weather" (school closed) alert before it appears on the TV news!

Stop by your campus police/security office for assistance with signing up for e2Campus. Or, select *e2Campus-Crisis Communication* under *Current Students* on the CTC website (www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu) to complete the short sign-up process. You, our students, are very important to the CTC Department of Public Safety. Your safety is the reason our officers come to work each day.



www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu

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Homecoming



CTC's Homecoming King & Queen Jonathan King & Krista Stapleton

On Sunday, October 30, the Golden Eagles (in their second year as a team) played to a record crowd at Osborne High School. The game marked the first homecoming for the college, as the team took on Southern Tech of North Carolina. Our #1 ranked club football team came away with its sixth victory of the season with a 26-12 win over the Wildcats. CTC students, faculty, staff, and fans enjoyed tailgating before the game with grilled chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs from Skips (sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and Campus Life). All enjoyed the half-time show featuring the CTC cheerleaders and a performance by the Osborne High School drum line. The most anticipated half-time event was the introduction of the homecoming court and the crowning of the king and queen.

Crowds cheered as Krista Stapleton and Jonathan King were crowned homecoming queen and king. Krista is a nursing student who plans to work in pediatrics. Jonathan is a freelance graphic designer and is studying business.

*The Court:* Amanda Akins, Ontoyria Blackstone, Christopher Brown, Donald Eversten, Travis Foster, Phillip Grant, Camellia Hodges, and Megan Manning.

Check out our news video coverage: homecoming game



"Homecoming King" Jonathan King is studying Business and is a freelance graphic designer. He designed and painted the Homecoming banner!















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# Malse Time for Basketball!



Golden Eagles Women's Basketball Schedule:

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/sports/ womensbasketballschedule

Golden Eagles Men's Varsity Basketball Schedule:

http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/sports/ mensbasketballschedule/



Facebook contest winner **Kaylyn Petty** shows off her prizes!



Kaylyn, a CTC Horticulture student, was our first *CTC Biggest Fan* winner. How'd she win? She shared one of our designated messages about CTC basketball on her Facebook wall.

Students also had a chance to win prizes by posting a photo of themselves at a CTC basketball game on CTC's FB page.

# Check out our next contest on FB for Valentine's Day:

We've posted a picture of candy inside a jar. Guess the number of candies, and the one who comes closest will win the jar of candy!



# Community

# Georgia's Workforce TODAY & TOMOBBOW

On January 26 at the North Metro campus, a panel discussion was hosted by the Bartow County Employer Committee/HR Council and the Cobb-Cherokee County Employer Committee. Guest panelists with positions in Georgia education and government were on hand to field questions and provide updates.

Significantly, State Labor Commissioner Mark Butler made an astute observation: He pointed out that Georgia's technical colleges are successful at preparing students for jobs. He noted that technical colleges have "improved methods for communicating with employers to tailor curriculum and course offerings for needed positions."

daily-tribune.com/Workforce-of-tomorrow



#### Scholarships!

The *Chattahoochee Tech Foundation* began accepting applications from qualified students for privately funded scholarships on February 1. The application deadline is **March 2**.

Check out www.chattahoocheetech.edu/visitors/ foundationscholarships for information regarding available scholarships and applications. Scholarships awarded are for the Fall 2012 term.

Through the generous support of businesses, organizations, and individuals, the Foundation is able to provide these privately funded scholarships. Selection requirements vary per scholarship and are generally based on merit and need.

# International News



In recognition of the rich social, cultural, and ethnic diversity of our student population, the Chattahoochee Tech *Onternational Festival* is sure to be an exciting

highlight of the year. Annually, CTC holds this major event to feature and celebrate our international collegiate community. You'll discover that it's fun (and educational) to take part in a variety of cultural events, sample authentic cooking/foods from around the globe, and share in professional discussions on global topics of interest. The 2012 Festival is being planned for **April**, so watch the CTC website and campus video screens to get dates and details as soon as they are finalized. Then, don't forget to mark your calendars!

Service Learning

#### **Presenting the Check** (a proud moment)



On November 17, 2011, CTC students from the Public Safety Club and Phi Beta Lambda proudly presented a check in the amount of \$1,825 to the Acworth City Council. Instructors Marcy Hehnly (Criminal Justice Technology) and Lisa Houston (Business Administrative Technology) accompanied the students on this worthy mission. The check represented the full proceeds of various student fund-raising activities held before and during the Acworth Police Department's 2011 Covering the Bases event. This annual event serves to support and maintain Horizon Field in Acworth, a baseball field for children with special needs. Chattahoochee Tech has been actively involved in this worthy community activity for three consecutive years, and we're eagerly anticipating the 2012 event next summer.

#### *List of students pictured above (alpha order):*

Waymon Carr Joshua Carson Danielle Chaney Cheyenne Rojas Jennifer Thanepohn Jamie Wallwork Jennifer White

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## Toy Drive: A Truckload of Success (actually, 2 truckloads!)

Many CTC students, members of the OWLS (Older Wiser Learners) Club, and CTC faculty and staff members demonstrated an exceedingly generous spirit by donating a massive amount of toys (two full van loads!) and clothing for the children of incarcerated parents during this past Christmas season. The gifts were distributed through Chainbreakers Unlimited, a non-profit organization that helps released inmates transition back to the community "through lifeskills classes and counseling." Tied in with the service learning portion of several Social Sciences classes, this project helped CTC students "learn how to serve the community" in a practical and very gratifying way. Particularly noteworthy were the four boxes of brand new

clothing donated by CTC student, Rosa Ceny Galdemez for Children of Incarcerated Parents, a Chainbreakers Unlimited project!



Rosa Galdemez (L) with Mary Jane Berrien, Student Affairs Assistant

# Student Financial Services

#### Some Reminders...

- ✓ Students may begin completing the FAFSA for 2012-2013 by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Always check the latest information that's on the Bursar's Office page of the CTC website—
  www.chattahoocheetech.edu/
  prospective/bursarsoffice—to keep up with important dates (refunds, using financial aid in bookstores, etc.).
- ✓ Lost your CTC OneCard? The *Replacement Card Order Form* is on the Bursar's Office page of the CTC website. <u>Note</u>: There's a \$10 nonrefundable fee for each card.



### Let's Socialize!

In this age of lightning speed digital communications and interaction, CTC is very much involved with making social media a meaningful part of your college experience. Through Facebook and Twitter, we're keeping our focus on the "pulse" of the college. What are students talking about? What's important to you? What do you need to know? Are there misconceptions that need to be cleared up? Is there information that needs to be clarified? Are our students aware of important deadlines and events that are just around the corner? Basically, are CTC students "in the know" concerning the most current and accurate college information?

#### It's good to know ...

Although we do have CTC social media policies and we adhere to Facebook guidelines, we don't alter the content of student posts in any way.

It's highly suggested that students develop the <u>habit</u> of accessing social media throughout the day for the latest news and information about your school.

#### Some benefits for CTC students...

- ✓ Get facts "straight from the horse's mouth" (via faculty/staff who are able to answer questions and provide accurate information).
- ✓ Build relationships with fellow students.
- ✓ Keep abreast with current and upcoming college and campus happenings/events/deadlines.
- ✓ Fun giveways. Win great prizes!

Remember: There's a world of information and collegial camaraderie at your fingertips—via laptops, smart phones, and tablet PCs!

To date, 4,400+ are connected with us on **Facebook**. We have more than 500 followers on **Twitter**. **Google**+ is becoming a popular way to keep up with what's going on at CTC.

Check us out... www.facebook.com/ChatTech www.twitter.com/ChatTech www.twitter.com/SwoopTweets www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu/plus Social media is an excellent source of information and communication with fellow students, whether you're new to CTC or close to graduation! But remember: The Chattahoochee Technical College website (www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu) still serves as the "official" source for college information. Check it often!

#### Textbooks?

When it's time to buy or sell textbooks, you might want to check out the special tab that's set up on the Facebook discussion board. Students can usually get some great deals!

#### One more thing...

Several "**giveaways**" are being planned for the coming weeks and months. Details will be released on Facebook and Twitter.



#### Automotive Collision Repair



Callahan Roberson (student) takes notes as James Crudupe (student in white shirt) kneels to talk to the instructor, Mr. Daniel Bell.



The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia has approved the appointment of

## Dr. Ron Newcomb



as the new President of Chattahoochee Technical College. Dr. Newcomb's appointment became effective on February 1.

Students Michael Wood (L) & Bryan Roberts stay busy in class.



Considering a career? Do you like cars? Do you like working with your hands? Chattahoochee Tech's **Automotive Collision Repair** might be the perfect program for you! It's offered at the Appalachian campus in Jasper. Consider this...

Job opportunities will be excellent for people with formal training in automotive body repair and refinishing as older workers retire and need to be replaced.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Student Activities

## Chess Tournament...a first!

In concert with the steady growth of our college (service area, square footage, student body, program offerings), CTC's student clubs and organizations have begun to "think out of the box" when endeavoring to get students involved with extra-curricular (though educational!) and team-building activities.

According to Physics instructor/**Science & Math Club** advisor, Mr. Dennis Missavage, club members decided to sponsor Chattahoochee Tech's first Chess Tournament, using chess clocks and following official chess rules for the three elimination rounds of play. Four students signed up to play in the tournament. It's interesting to note that, "our strongest players did not take part but acted as judges instead."

The tournament was held on Friday, November 11, in the Physics Lab at the Marietta campus. Prospective Nursing student, **Jarrell Wallace**, won the tournament. Jarrell came to CTC in summer 2011 with more than seven years of chess-playing experience under his belt! He described this experience as "enjoyable with a very welcoming atmosphere." When asked if he would participate again, he quickly responded, "Absolutely!"

Each tournament participant received a free Science & Math Club t-shirt! Plans for a larger tournament next year are already underway! Interested in the Science & Math Club (or any other student club/organization)? Browse here: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/studentclubs



Chess Tournament winner, Jarrell Wallace (L), proudly accepts "gold chess king" trophy from Evan Davis, chess coordinator for the Science & Math Club.

> Christina Irazaba (L) and Shonterie Kenneday team up to paint the future "special needs" classroom.

## Interiors Field Trip



*Interiors* students from left: Terri Koviac, Patricia Wilson, Kathleen Homschek, Susan Chambers

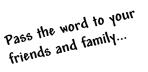
On Monday, December 5, Interiors instructor, Ginger Burton, and 11 students from across the Interiors program were treated to a "day of decorating" by CWC Office Furnishings in Atlanta. Students toured the showroom where they saw classical Herman Miller furniture and new innovative corporate environments from a multitude of manufacturers. The day also included tours of their facility, from the design department to the warehouse, and presentations were given by designers and managers. The students agreed it was a highly informative day, with lunch of course being another big hit!

## **A Joint Effort**

More than twenty CTC students from the Public Safety Club, Criminal Justice Technology program, Fire Science Technology program, and the Service Learning office joined Mr. Pat McKay (Fire Science Technology instructor), Ms. Marcy Hehnly (Criminal Justice Technology instructor/faculty director of Service Learning), and Ms. Rashonda Welch (Academic Support advisor/ Service Learning & Civic Engagement coordinator) in a three-day volunteer project to provide assistance at the DeRiche Agency in Kennesaw. This organization is designed to help adults with special needs learn everyday tasks; it provides classes, Monday through Friday, for their clients.

The project? Assist in remodeling a 4,000square-foot house, which will be used for additional classroom space for new clients at the agency. More than 20 students volunteered their assistance toward the successful completion of this project! Students commented on how good it felt to give back to the community and are already looking forward to the next project.

Mrs. Debbie King, the owner of DeRiche Agency, said that words cannot describe how truly thankful she is for all of the help she received. She stated, "I could not have done it without everyone's help!"



# Spring Preview Day

at Chattahoochee Technical College

It's a big day at Chattahoochee Tech! All area high schools and community members are invited to stop by to gather some interesting facts and figures about the college. Attendees will have the opportunity to view appealing displays that cover our numerous programs of study; faculty members will be available to answer questions and meet prospective students. Do you have friends or neighbors who are in high school? Be sure to invite them (and their families) to attend Spring Preview Day at CTC!

> Thursday, April 12 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. North Metro Campus 5198 Ross Road Acworth, Georgia

- Learn about our easy admissions process.
- Find out about our many financial aid options.
- Meet our faculty and staff.
- Learn about the many programs on our eight campuses.

Drop by for refreshments door prizes!

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Student Affairs

### **Library News!**

#### We're using QR Codes...

Your CTC librarians have written over 70 Library Guides just for you! You'll find guides to library resources for many of your classes-English, Culinary, Anatomy, Accounting and more. Plus, there are guides on general topics, such as Digital Media, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Care and Education, Welding, Jobs & Careers, and Study/Test prep guides. So ... you can know what we know!

Find our Library Guides here:



or here: http://libraryguides.chattahoocheetech.edu

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#### **E-Books for Mobile Devices**

The Chattahoochee Tech library has over 140,000 electronic books that are available to download to your computer or your mobile device. Downloaded electronic books (ebooks) are available for 7 days from EBSCOhost or 14 days from Ebrary. Check the *Library* folder of the *Instructor* share drive for directions, or ask in one of the campus libraries. You'll be reading "on the go" before you know it!



Did you know that the library subscribes to the online version of News Bank, America's Daily News?

This database is accessible from off-campus (with a password) and covers over 1,700 local and national newspapers, including 37 papers right here in Georgia. If you want to keep up with the news from your hometown, you can see current and past news...from the Anniston Star (Alabama) to The New York Daily News and more!

Its diverse source types include printed and online newspapers, blogs, journals, newswires, broadcast transcripts and videos. Explore a specific issue or event through the detailed coverage provided by local reporting, or compare a wide variety of viewpoints from across the country on topics such as politics, business, health, sports, cultural activities, and people.

Additionally, there are sidebars that delve into more specific topics such as:

Issues in the news, 2011: a year in review, and detailed coverage of the 2012 Presidential elections.

For the password or more information, contact your campus library:

http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/library/hours

#### **Career Services**

Check out the CTC Career Services web page frequently (www.chattahoocheetech.edu/current/



careerservices/). You'll find a wealth of helpful information and tips, including career exploration, job opportunities, links, and videos that can aid your transition from college student to productive employee! Watch the College Career Fair video that's currently posted. Have you uploaded your resume to Swoop Link yet?

Here's a flyer that's posted on the web site. It offers insight into the hidden job market: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/howToGetHired.pdf



Tuesday, April 17 Marietta Campus **Building B** 





It was a very tough decision. Out of the 30 outstanding students who were interviewed by a committee of CTC staff members on December 1 and 2 during the first round of competition, four students were chosen as finalists to represent CTC in TCSG's Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) competition. Launched in 1971, the competition spotlights student excellence in technical education by focusing on academic excellence and personal achievement.

#### The finalists:

Kirk Browne Jr., Marketing Management Greta Samuels. Early Childhood Care & Education Sarah Strength, Associate Degree Nursing Eric Underwood, Automotive Technology

CTC's GOAL winner was selected by a committee of business people and CTC Board members who acted as judges from outside the college during the final day of competition on January 13.

#### The winner:



Eric Underwood

#### The next step?

Eric will now proceed to regional judging in February at Lanier Tech. If selected as a regional finalist, Eric will compete against the other finalists from Georgia's technical colleges for the distinction of being the 2012 state GOAL winner. What will the winner win? A beautiful GOAL medallion and a new car!

To find out how and why Eric chose Chattahoochee Tech and his program of study, click here: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/campusnews

CTC's GOAL finalists will be honored by-and receive scholarship funds from-the Cobb Chamber of Commerce at its *First Monday* Breakfast on April 9.

A Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia