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Greetings Chattahoochee Technical College students! Welcome to the **inaugural issue** of the student newsletter for the **new** Chattahoochee Technical College. Each quarter, we will aim to cover topics that are relevant to you, to your student experience, and to the life and livelihood you will experience after leaving CTC. We plan to regularly feature stories of student success, sharing how fellow students have been able to triumph over a variety of adverse circumstances to pursue their goals and dreams. We'll include pertinent information about the "happenings" around campus, both academic and social. This newsletter will help acquaint you with the various departments and services that are available to you on each campus. We realize you are pressed for time, so our stories will be informative but concise. If you have suggestions about topics you'd like to see covered in future issues, please email the editor at glargo@ChattahoocheeTech.edu. In this first issue, we've published some thoughts from the President of Chattahoochee Tech. We trust you will find his comments both enlightening and encouraging.

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A Chatt with President Chandler...

(by Gale Largo)

I conducted a brief interview with Dr. Chandler on July 15. My aim was to bring you an honest and positive message to take with you as you move forward in your college career at Chattahoochee Tech.

The interview follows:

Ms. Largo: Dr. Chandler, you're known for genuinely caring about the success and welfare of students. What do you feel is a key element to the success of the combined student body at the new CTC?

*Dr. Chandler: Open communication! Of major concern to me is what I like to call *the silent majority*, students who may not express their questions or concerns about processes or requirements. Students need us to communicate with them to make sure they know what to do and how to do it. To promote and engender the success of all CTC students, I feel it is imperative that CTC administrators, faculty, and staff work together to ensure that *all* of our students are informed, well educated, and possess the ability to work within the systems we have put in place at the college. We have done well in this regard, but we can do better.*

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A Chat with President Chandler (continued)...



Ms. Largo: How would you rate the success of the merger, to date?

Dr. Chandler: I would rate it *better* than I had expected. We attribute all of our success to the students who have been so understanding and the excellent job done by the faculty, staff, and administration in their efforts to bring the school together up to this point. I would like to add, however, that we're not finished. It will take approximately one more year to work through all of our processes. We will align and coordinate our policies and procedures so that we may function entirely as one college.

Ms. Largo: What are some recent comments you have heard from students?

Dr. Chandler: I've heard only positive comments about the merger from students with one exception that comes to mind. Some concerns were expressed when students from the Woodstock campus were told that their classes, for accreditation purposes, were being relocated to the Mountain View campus. Those concerns were addressed, and the relocation was accomplished as smoothly as possible.

I've also heard that students are excited about having more educational opportunities. For example, this quarter alone, there are 1,488 students taking classes on *more than one campus*. Students are already taking advantage of some classes that are closer to home—without having to register at more than one college.

Ms. Largo: What advice can you give to students, especially in these tough economic times?

Dr. Chandler: We want to encourage everyone to come to school, including your friends, relatives, and neighbors who may be contemplating going back to school. There is money out there to help you. The HOPE Grant, HOPE Scholarship, and several other scholarships are available to students. Let us help you find a way to come to school and to stay in school. We don't know when this economy will turn around, but now is the time to gain new skills and find new options for making a living. Then, when that ideal job comes your way, you'll be prepared for it!

Ms. Largo: What are some future plans for the college and its programs?

Dr. Chandler: Programs are based on community demand and employment opportunities that exist within the community. Currently, we offer more than 100 programs on seven campuses, and we're planning another campus in the Canton area. We're evaluating all of our programs now to help us determine the best campus location for each program. We've been looking at the biosciences, specifically the biomedical arena. Additionally, we're looking into a two-year associate degree in the field of Information Technology (IT). Before we add new programs, however, we're examining ways to improve the programs we already offer.

The college plans to enhance economic development within the community, focusing on small and large businesses in our wide service area. Helping to strengthen our business communities will ultimately lead to increased employment opportunities for our students.

Ms. Largo: What has been the most difficult aspects of the merger for you and for the school?

Dr. Chandler: Since the inception of the merger, I have been personally concerned about the stress and uncertainty experienced by the faculty, staff, and students of all three colleges. One of the biggest challenges, to date, has been the task of bringing the *three college cultures* together in a way that allows the school to continue to function as one unit while maintaining the community focus within each service delivery area.

Ms. Largo: Thank you, Dr. Chandler, for your candid insights and comments.

Introducing Career Services

We'd like to introduce you to the CTC staff members who are well qualified to assist students (and graduates) with a wide variety of services provided by the *Career Services* office.

Rachael Day provides career services on the following campuses:

- ◆ Appalachian
- ◆ North Metro
- ◆ Paulding
- ◆ Woodstock



Contact Info: North Metro Campus, Office 101-E, 770-975-4023, rday@chattahoocheetech.edu

Lucylle Shelton provides career services on the following campuses:

- ◆ Marietta
- ◆ Mountain View
- ◆ South Cobb

Contact Info: Marietta Campus, Office 1115-G, 770-528-4520, lshelton@chattahoocheetech.edu



A list of services provided...

- ◆ Individual career counseling
- ◆ Career assessment inventories
- ◆ Job listings (<http://ctc.experience.com>)
- ◆ Resume and cover letter writing and critique (<http://ctc.optimalresume.com>)
- ◆ Job Fairs
- ◆ Job search planning
- ◆ Interview practice (www.perfectinterview.com/chattcollege)



Be sure to take advantage of all the services listed above.
It's never too soon to seek assistance from your CTC Career Services office!

From Library Services...

For quite some time now, the word *library* has meant so much more than books and periodicals and paper. Today's libraries offer a wealth of information through the printed page as well as the virtual world. CTC Library Services is your convenient source for the information you'll need for your academic and personal life. All seven campuses house libraries staffed with highly trained, knowledgeable, and helpful personnel. Here's the contact information...

Appalachian Campus	706-253-4572
Marietta Campus	770-528-4536
Mountain View Campus	770-509-6320
North Metro Campus	770-975-4054
Paulding Campus	770-443-3630
South Cobb Campus	770-732-5908
Woodstock Campus	678-454-1898



There is one general **Circulation Desk** email address: library@chattahoocheetech.edu

How do I access off-campus library resources?

CTC students frequently ask this question, so we've provided the answer here...

Click the **Library** link in the drop box under **About CTC** on the college's main web page. Click the **Need Off-Campus Access?** link on the Library home page.

Off-campus access is also available through ChattConnect on the **Library Services tab**.

Note: Some off-campus access accounts must be created while on campus.

Check ChattConnect or the Library web page now...*before* you're desperate for those resources!

Merger results in upgraded library resources available to all students!

In an effort to retain resources already available at each of the three colleges, the library has upgraded the resources available to all. They are as follows...

- ◆ *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, other Georgia newspapers, and 1,000+ U.S. newspapers
- ◆ *Credo Reference* has 409 online reference books
- ◆ *Ebrary* 41,000+ online books
- ◆ *Entrepreneurship* database from Proquest
- ◆ *Facts on File* news and current issues database
- ◆ *Literature Resource Center* database from www.gale.com
- ◆ *NetLibrary* 60,000+ online books
- ◆ *Vault Online Career Center* of business and career information
- ◆ 55,000 physical volumes collectively owned by the college libraries



What's Going On?

PaintFest 2009

Over 100 student volunteers gathered at the North Metro campus (Georgia, U.S.A.) on July 17 while—at the same time—students at the Felix Fechenbach Berufskolleg technical college (Detmold, Germany) united for a common purpose: **paint eight large murals** (each comprised of six panels/canvases that are hung one inch apart). Each country's murals will be displayed in hospitals that are located in the other country!

The purpose? Unite technical college students from the U.S. and Germany for one common cause: bring comfort and hope to patients in each school's "new home country." The idea is to make healthcare facilities "beautiful places for healing."

Several years ago, a philanthropist, Claus Halle, envisioned improved German-U.S. relations through art. A German native, he lived in the U.S. for much of his life. In 1986, he established the Halle Foundation, which is PaintFest's sponsor and supporter.

Scott Feight, the Director of Operations for The Foundation for Hospital Art, and his wife, Tina, are responsible for bringing PaintFest to Chattahoochee Tech. Tina graduated from North Metro's LPN program last September. Twenty-five years ago, Scott's father established The Foundation for Hospital Art (and PaintFest) "to bring comfort and hope through art to people in healthcare facilities around the world." When Scott was approached by a technical college in Germany about partnering with a technical college in the U.S., Tina immediately suggested contacting her former nursing instructor, Larry Hannigan, who helped bring PaintFest to the North Metro campus (and did some painting, too)! In August, Mr. Feight plans to personally deliver all eight murals overseas.

The Foundation for Hospital Art currently operates in 193 countries worldwide and is based in Roswell, Georgia.



A completed mural

Individuals sitting at the same table worked on the six sections of the same mural.



What's Going On?



Closeup of floor



New Amphitheater at North Metro Campus

There's a new building at the North Metro campus, but it's somewhat different from any building you might envision on a typical college campus! A student, who will graduate shortly from the Environmental Horticulture program, Bob Mullinax of *RPM Landscape & Pavers* (www.rpmlandscapandpavers.com), came to North Metro in July to construct an amphitheater in front of Building 500—the Horticulture Center.

Mr. Mullinax designed the amphitheater and then donated all of the "labor and skills" needed to construct the building. Josh McClellon of *Sims Stone*, a manufacturer of top quality landscape products, donated approximately \$8,000 worth of materials for the project.

The amphitheater will be completed by the end of July and will be worth between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Here are some not-so-typical aspects of this new campus building:

- ◆ It's a beautiful "outdoor" classroom.
- ◆ The seats are made from stone.
- ◆ The lectern is made of stone.

Drive on over to North Metro and check it out for yourself!

Mr. Mullinax told us that he "just wanted to give back to North Metro," which he credits with "helping him to be successful in the landscape business."

Big News!

The
**Associate Degree
in Nursing**

has been approved as a
new program at CTC.



On July 16, 2009, The Georgia Board of Nursing gave its approval for the Chattahoochee Technical College **Associate Degree Nursing Program to enroll students.** The ADN program will become one of CTC's newest program offerings—beginning in January 2010! Plans are to enroll 30 students in the initial class. This approval is the culmination of years of hard work on the part of college administrators, the Program Director, Brendalyn Browner, and several dedicated and determined faculty and staff members. Additionally, hundreds of students were included in many discussions that have led the college to this momentous point.

Students wishing to enroll in this program will have to meet specific entrance requirements that are beyond regular college admission. The admission process is competitive; space is limited. Upon successful program completion, graduates of the program will be eligible to apply for licensure by examination to become licensed as registered nurses.



From the Office of Campus Life...



Make a note of the following student activities!

- ◆ **Wachovia Presentation** about budgeting, credit, and identity theft
Marietta Campus Life Office - 12 noon - lunch is provided (seating is limited)
- ◆ **Food and Fun**, (2 sessions) 12 noon & 5 p.m., at the following campuses:



Mountain View - August 17

Paulding - August 18

South Cobb - August 19

Appalachian - August 20

Marietta Campus Life Center Atrium - August 24

North Metro - August 25

Note: All CTC students (attending classes on any campus) are invited to attend all Campus Life events.



Important Dates to Remember!

Banner will be down (student records cannot be accessed): July 27 - August 10

All campuses will be closed for Labor Day: September 7

Application and Document Deadline for Fall Q: September 8

Change of Major & Re-admit Deadline for Fall Q: September 8