

a newsletter for CTC students

# CHIT CHATT

Welcome to the second issue of Chit Chatt! We are very encouraged by—and appreciative of—the number of positive comments we have received about the first issue (Summer Q) of Chit Chatt. That tells us we’re on the right track in our goal to increase timely and relevant communications among the entire CTC student body. Each issue will be unique in that we will not have regular features. You won’t know what to expect in the next quarter’s issue! We may publish interviews, information about campus events, details about how students may benefit from a particular department’s services, etc. Chit Chatt will cover diverse topics, be informative, and—hopefully—capture your interest *because* of the variety of subjects within each issue. Please contact the editor at [glargo@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:glargo@ChattahoocheeTech.edu) with suggestions for topics you’d like to see in future issues of Chit Chatt. Remember, students in another program or on another campus may not be aware of a student project or other newsworthy event. In addition to the college website, college calendar, and video screens around campus, Chit Chatt aims to notify, inform, and appeal to all students at Chattahoochee Tech.

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## Grand Opening of the Health Education Center at North Metro Campus

A new 42,600 sq. ft. building opened Fall Quarter 2009—dedicated solely to healthcare programs! It’s the first new building to be constructed at North Metro since the original campus was built in 1989. The Health Education Center (HEC) is the first “green” building within the Technical College System of Georgia! Environmentally friendly construction materials, water-conserving plumbing fixtures, minimal tree removal, maximum use of natural light inside the building, and the method used to dispose of construction

site waste all attest to the college’s commitment to environmental responsibility. In addition to classrooms, the building houses science labs, faculty offices and workrooms, a student lounge, student study rooms, and an open computer lab. Some of the health programs that will be housed at the HEC are: Practical Nursing, Radiography, Physical Therapist Assistant, Medical Assisting, and EMT/Paramedic.

### Hi-Tech Facts...

- ✓ 275 computers
- ✓ All classrooms have A/V for quality instruction
- ✓ Wireless Internet

*Upstairs hallway*



*Science lab*



**RIBBON CUTTING: DECEMBER 10, 2009**

*Building exterior*

## New Paulding Campus Building Opens

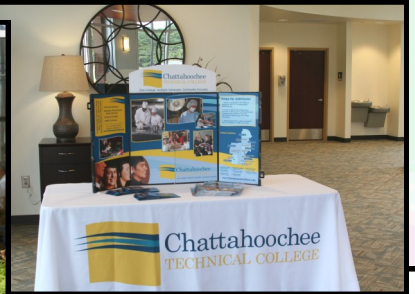
As evidence of Chattahoochee Tech's recent growth spurt, a new building has opened for classes at the Paulding Campus! Here's some information about the building...

- ◆ 47,000+ square feet
- ◆ Additional classroom space
- ◆ Community meeting room
- ◆ Management & Marketing classes
- ◆ General Education classes
- ◆ Three science labs
- ◆ New computer lab
- ◆ Larger Success Center
- ◆ New library
- ◆ Practical Nursing moving to larger classroom/lab



## A True Story:

During construction, on Memorial Day 2008, a fork lift was stolen off the job site and driven about two miles for a very specific purpose: Rob a bank by removing the ATM machine! Yes, this incident made the local news!



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## What's an Ombudsperson?

The word *Ombudsman* is Swedish in origin and means "grievance person." Dr. Betty Ann Cook is the *Ombudsperson* for the college, serving as a confidential resource for all CTC students.

### What does the Ombudsperson do?

In a neutral setting, the Ombudsperson is a good listener; she seeks fair and equitable solutions to your learning- or work-related concerns or conflicts in a confidential, informal, impartial, neutral, and non-adversarial manner. Her views are not biased by instructors or administrators, since she reports directly to the President. As a guide, she supports effective communication, cooperation, and civility while advocating fairness, equity, and compliance with college policy and procedures. Dr. Cook coaches individuals, facilitates communication between persons and departments, acts as mediator, provides information on



college policy, and recommends changes in policies and practices when needed. She provides information on conflict resolution in terms of "what to do" and "how to do it."

### What doesn't the Ombudsperson do?

The Ombudsperson doesn't take sides in a dispute or participate in any formal grievance procedure or legal actions. The Office of the Ombudsperson is not a point of contact to give notice to the college that a problem exists.

### When might I want to seek the services of the Ombudsperson?

Students typically come to the Ombudsperson with questions regarding the conflict resolution process. Conflicts and concerns can develop from...

- Disputes about grades or instructors
- Interactions with difficult people/trouble makers
- Dealing with over-talkative classmates
- Encountering general uncivilized behavior

Dr. Betty Ann Cook can be reached by email or telephone. You may schedule a confidential meeting with her by appointment—off campus or on any of the seven campuses.



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Fax: 770-528-4219  
Email: [bcook@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:bcook@ChattahoocheeTech.edu)

## Career Scope (what is it?)

Need to choose a career? Have no idea which type of job would interest you? Really don't know what job you'd be good at doing? No problem! Your **Career Services** office has several unique tools to help you decide. Career Scope is just one of the computer applications they use to inventory your interests and assess your aptitude—so you can be directed to the program of study that best fits your **interests and abilities**. Additionally,

you'll be given a list of jobs or careers to consider, based on the Dictionary of Occupational Titles. Allow Career Scope to point you in the right direction! Contact the **Career Services** office at 770-975-4023, [rday@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:rday@chattahoocheetech.edu) (Appalachian, North Metro, Paulding, Woodstock campuses) **or** 770-528-4520, [lshelton@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:lshelton@chattahoocheetech.edu) (Marietta, Mountain View, South Cobb campuses).



## Special Populations Program

Chattahoochee Technical College houses the Special Populations program, which helps students obtain the training and tools they need to become self-sufficient community members and successfully accomplish long-term employment goals.

### Who is eligible?

CTC students and prospective students who can show financial need *and* meet one of the following criteria:

- ◆ Economically Disadvantaged
- ◆ Pell Recipients
- ◆ Displaced Homemakers
- ◆ Single Parents
- ◆ Unmarried Pregnant Women
- ◆ TANF Recipients
- ◆ Food Stamp Recipients



### What services are offered?

- ◆ Career Coaching
- ◆ Interest and Aptitude Screening
- ◆ Life Skills Coaching and Workshops
- ◆ Textbook Assistance
- ◆ Job Interview Workshops
- ◆ Resume Writing
- ◆ Agency Referrals

### For more information, contact:

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Marietta Campus  
Mountain View Campus  
Paulding Campus  
South Cobb Campus

**Dianne Barker**, 770-975-4023, [dbarker@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:dbarker@chattahoocheetech.edu)

Appalachian Campus  
North Metro Campus  
Woodstock Campus

## Paralegal Program Grad Publishes 1st Book!

Jonathan Maxwell, a 2008 graduate of the North Metro Technical College Paralegal Program, has just published his first book entitled "*Murderous Intellectuals: German Elites and the Nazi SS.*" His book provides a detailed, non-fiction examination of the top Nazi leadership within the Third Reich. The formal release date for the title is November 2, 2009. Congratulations Jonathan!



## Service Learning (a chance to make a difference!)

What in the world is Service Learning? Quite simply, it's learning to serve others in a variety of ways as part of your college experience and, hopefully, applying that spirit of service in your life long after you graduate. Students become involved in community activities that support or enhance the content taught in the classroom. They are required to serve 10 hours.

However, Service Learning has such a profound effect on some students that they are motivated to serve long after they've fulfilled the 10-hour requirement. One case in point is Administrative Office Technology student, **Frances Harrison**.

English instructor, Jean Bowen, assigned a Service Learning project involving *Legacy of Dallas* assisted living residence in 2007. Students were asked to write about their experiences in relation to stories or poems studied in class. After completing that assignment, Frances was "hooked." Two years later, Ms. Harrison can still be found on any given *Saturday evening* calling Bingo for the residents who have become her close friends! Why?

### *Here's what Ms. Harrison has to say...*

*Why did you decide to continue your volunteer work?*

I enjoyed it so much; the seniors made me feel very special. They truly looked forward to our weekly time together, and I just couldn't bear to leave them when the Service Learning project was over. I fill a void in their lives; they bring enjoyment and satisfaction to mine. I actually look forward to spending my Saturday evenings with them. A line from a poem by Emily Dickinson reflects my true sentiments: "A smile as small as mine might be precisely their necessity."

*What can you tell us about your job situation?*

When I began attending Chattahoochee Tech, I was already employed by PBS&J (a national corporation specializing in engineering, science,



Word got around that there was a "Bingo Caller" on Saturday night, and the bingo crowd grew from just a few to between fifteen and twenty!



construction, architecture, and planning). My current title is Program Assistant, and I look forward to coming to work every day. I'm sure the knowledge and skills I have gained at Chattahoochee Tech will continue to help me advance within the company. I believe that lifelong learning is essential in today's business world.

*On that note, what are your future educational goals?*

I plan to take my education to the next level at Kennesaw State University. I will graduate from Chattahoochee Tech in June 2010. Chattahoochee Tech has given me an excellent foundation for learning and for life.

## Check Out the Success Center!

Success Centers (formerly known as Learning Centers) are located on the Marietta, Mountain View, North Metro, and Paulding campuses. (Of course, *all* CTC students are encouraged to use its services.) These Centers have been instrumental in helping many students navigate successfully through the rough spots, stresses, and demands of their college career.

### What can you do there?

- ◆ *Get tutoring in...*  
Math, English/ESL, Reading, Psychology, Basic Accounting, COMPASS Test Prep...and more!
- ◆ *Study for classes*
- ◆ *Do homework*
- ◆ *Use a computer*

Take advantage of the **free resources and services** offered:

Tutorial software and web-based tutorials, videotapes, CDs and DVDs, reference books, etc.



For more information about the Success Centers, contact Dr. Miguelita Austin, Director of Learning Support:  
[maustin@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:maustin@chattahoocheetech.edu)

**ASK ABOUT THE ONLINE SUCCESS CENTER YOU CAN ACCESS FROM YOUR HOME COMPUTER!**

### Marietta Campus

Building D, Room 2203 (near library)  
770-528-4588

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Mountain View Campus

Room 233 (near student lounge)  
770-509-6346

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.– 6 p.m.

### North Metro Campus

Room 120  
770-975-4243

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.- 9 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Paulding Campus

Room 135

Monday & Wednesday: 9 a.m.– 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Marietta Veteran's Center

[www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)



**Vet Centers** provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who have served in any combat zone. A Vet Center will be opening in Marietta soon! In the meantime, a temporary location has been set up at CTC's Marietta Campus, Building H.

*For more information, please contact...*

Tashana Bailey: [tbailey@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:tbailey@ChattahoocheeTech.edu) or 770-528-4464

*To make an appointment, please contact...*

Dennis Cox (Marietta Vet Center): [dennis.cox@va.gov](mailto:dennis.cox@va.gov) or 404-728-4186



## Basketball Tryouts Held

“Open” tryouts were held on August 14 and 29 at JH Morgan Gym on the Summer Hill Education Complex in Cartersville. Out of 70 participants, 17 were chosen to be on the team. Practice started early in October, and additional tryouts, open to all CTC students, were held during the first few days of practice. Thirty five students tried out for the team at that time. For more information, contact **David Archer, Jr.** at 770-975-4242 or [darcher@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:darcher@ChattahoocheeTech.edu).

## Greenhaven Show Home

“Going Green” is more than just a popular saying for two individuals who represent one of the outstanding programs housed at the Appalachian campus! **Interiors** student, Susan Chambers, and program graduate, Lori Rezutko, were actively involved in the design and decoration of “Atlanta’s First Eco-Decorator Show House,” Greenhaven, in Cobb County. As an eco-friendly home, Greenhaven showcases the latest in environmentally sustainable interior design, materials, and practices.

Ms. Chambers designed one of the rooms in the house. Lakota Cove, a furniture gallery in Jasper and Ms. Rezutko’s employer, loaned the



*A glimpse at the décor*

furniture for the room. Interiors instructor, Ginger Burton, is proud that her program and her students were selected to participate in an industry event of such high caliber. She feels it is a true testament to the quality of education offered at CTC.

Would you like to read more about Greenhaven? Go to [www.greenhavenhome.com](http://www.greenhavenhome.com). Click on the *Interior Design* tab to see Susan Chamber’s photo!

## Here’s some information about the **Interiors** program...

Based at the Appalachian Campus, this program has degree, diploma, and certificate offerings. In addition to classroom instruction, students get “real world” experience in a variety of settings through the internship portion of the program. Students gain experience in both commercial and residential design.

In recent years, **Interiors** students have been asked...

- ☞ For their suggestions to “spruce up” the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce building
- ☞ To design the interior of a new building for the Community Bank of Pickens County
- ☞ To design spaces in existing homes for the Bent Tree Tour of Homes (two years in a row!)
- ☞ To remodel the Appalachian Campus **Student Center** (It looks awesome!)

*Funky, retro furniture!  
Check out that flat panel TV!*

**More program information:**

**Ginger Burton, Interiors Program Instructor**  
706-253-4618 • [gburton@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:gburton@ChattahoocheeTech.edu)



## CTC Hosts Cross Country Challenge

CTC hosted the 5th annual **Southern Collegiate Cross Country Challenge** at Wildwood Park in Marietta on Saturday, October 10. Fourteen schools from Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia participated in the event. Schools that were represented include Tennessee Wesleyan, Clark Atlanta, Reinhardt, Clayton State, Wesleyan (Macon), Georgia College & State University, Oglethorpe, Brenau, South Georgia College, Spelman, Gordon, LaGrange, Chiploa, and (of course) Chattahoochee Tech! Our men’s and women’s Cross Country Teams made an admirable showing. For detailed information, contact **Steve Prettyman, [sprettyman@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:sprettyman@ChattahoocheeTech.edu)**.





## The Appalachian Campus

100 Campus Drive  
Jasper, Georgia 30143  
706-253-4500

Chattahoochee Tech has grown. Old news, right? Since the merger of three distinct colleges has become reality, we thought it might be nice to introduce you to the numerous campuses and programs that comprise the new CTC. In this issue, we're spotlighting the beautiful **Appalachian Campus**, located in Jasper, Georgia.

### A Brief History

The campus opened its doors as **Pickens Area Vocational-Technical School** in August 1967 with a 22-member staff and nine program areas of study. The name was changed to **Pickens Technical Institute** in 1988 (after becoming a unit of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education). A new name in 1999, **Appalachian Technical Institute**, accurately focused attention on the school's service area: Cherokee, Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties. Continued growth led to the opening of a new location in 2005, the *Woodstock Campus*. The campuses in Jasper and Woodstock have become part of the seven-campus college now known as **Chattahoochee Technical College**.

### How do you get there?

#### From Atlanta via I-575...

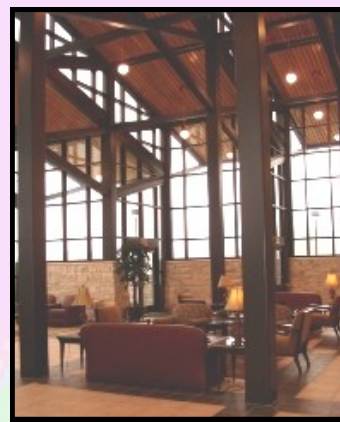
- ◆ Take I-75 north to I-575.
- ◆ At approximately mile marker 30, I-575 becomes GA 5/515. Continue straight to mile marker 7 (which is at the intersection of Hwy 5/515 and Hwy 53).
- ◆ Turn right (east) & drive on Hwy 53 BUS into Jasper for 1.7 miles.
- ◆ Turn left (north) at light onto Burnt Mountain Road & drive for .2 mile.
- ◆ Appalachian Campus is located on the left.

#### From Blue Ridge...

- ◆ Take I-575 south to Hwy 53 & turn left.  
(There's a BP gas station and large shopping center on the right.)
- ◆ Go approximately 2 miles, & turn left at the 3rd traffic light onto Burnt Mountain Rd.
- ◆ Cross the railroad tracks, & the campus will be on the left.



*Springtime blossoms on the Appalachian Campus*



*Campus lobby looks like a beautiful mountainside lodge!*

### Some programs you'll find there...

- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Automotive Collision Repair
- ◆ Automotive Technology
- ◆ Business Administrative Technology
- ◆ Cosmetology
- ◆ Drafting Technology
- ◆ Early Childhood Care & Education
- ◆ Interiors
- ◆ Management & Supervisory Development
- ◆ Welding & Joining Technology

...plus several other choices



## Radiography Grads Class of 2009

Congratulations!



First Row (L to R): Stacey Banks McDowell, Karl Giersberg, Jeff Atwood, Melissa Mailhes, Joe Jackson, Anna Logan

Second Row (L to R): Deanne Collins (Program Director), Joel Reines, Lorie Rice, Rosemary Butler-Alvarez, Jessica Andres, Jan Rice, Tiffany Davis, Jennifer Owens (Clinical Coordinator)

Third Row (L to R): Leisa Cash, Dennis Slayton, Heidi Schulenberg, Nathan Cox, Lauren Thiessen, Robert Bartlett

## Important Information for Students!

On July 1, 2009, the merger of Appalachian, Chattahoochee, and North Metro Technical Colleges became official. Now, there's a wonderful opportunity for students to have **more access** and **more choices** related to their educational goals! As a student, you need to be aware of some changes in the following areas:

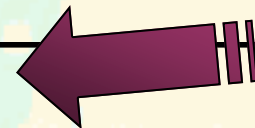
<i>Student Identification Number</i>	<i>Grades</i>
<i>Advisement</i>	<i>Fall Quarter Registration</i>
<i>Financial Aid</i>	<i>Payment Deadlines</i>

Go to the college's new website **today** to learn more about these important changes...

[www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu](http://www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu)



## Programs Relocate



A few programs of study have moved to different campuses to accommodate students' needs. Here's a partial list of programs that are in new locations:

- Electrical Construction & Industrial Electrical:** from South Cobb Campus to Marietta Campus
- Electrical Engineering & Biomedical Engineering:** from South Cobb Campus to North Metro Campus
- Home Technology Integration:** from Appalachian Campus in Jasper to North Metro Campus
- Environmental Horticulture:** from off-campus site in Dallas to Paulding Campus

**Record Enrollment** for Fall Quarter 2009: **11,515** students!

Chattahoochee Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Chattahoochee Technical College.

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