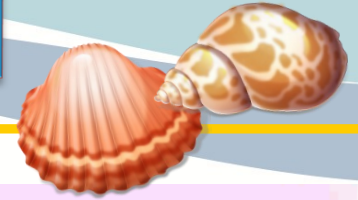


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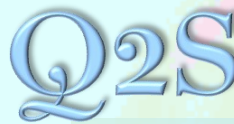
**Summertime and the living is easy!** That's the title of a song written in the mid-1930's by George Gershwin and first sung in the musical, *Porgy and Bess*. The song begins, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy," which aptly portrays how most of us view the summer season. Just the word *summertime* evokes thoughts of fun in the sun, family vacations, trips to the beach, amusement park rides, and lazy days filled with rest and relaxation. Sounds wonderful. In addition to these activities, some people enjoy using a portion of their time to help out in their local communities. There are many agencies and organizations that might welcome your help, such as a local charity, food bank, or animal shelter. Throughout the year, CTC emphasizes Service Learning through various class- and program-related projects that are educational and fun! If you do decide to "test the waters" of community service, a dip in a refreshing pool might be the perfect way to end your day. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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## Q2S



What's that? You may have heard some buzz about Georgia's technical colleges (including Chattahoochee Tech, of course) converting from the **Quarter to the Semester** system. Well, it's true! Beginning Fall 2011, the academic calendar will look like this...

Fall Semester:	August - December (15 weeks + exams)
Spring Semester:	January - May (15 weeks + exams)
Summer Semester:	May - August (10 weeks + exams) (addition to the standard academic year)

You're probably asking yourself, "**How will this affect me?**" Actually, the change was made by the Technical College System of Georgia with *your* best interests in mind. With this change, our academic calendar will align with those of K-12, the University System of Georgia, other TCSG colleges as well as most colleges and universities across the country. While the quarter system is divided into four 10-week periods, the semester system has a **fall** and a **spring** semester, each 15 weeks long (*plus exam time*).

### Some of the Benefits...



- ✓ More in-depth coverage of course content.
- ✓ Increasing your career opportunities and your worth in today's workforce.
- ✓ More time to master course content.

- ✓ Easier transfer to other institutions due to calendar alignment.
- ✓ Extended learning opportunities for students in a clinical rotation or internship.

### Additional Facts...

- \* Student access to Federal and state financial aid should not be affected.
- \* Total annual costs should remain the same.
- \* Total completion time for most programs will not increase.
- \* Students can meet with advisors to review their personal "crosswalk" academic plans (to help you *cross over* from quarters to semesters).
- \* Class size will not increase.
- \* Student GPA will not be affected.



We realize you'll likely have some questions (and maybe some concerns) about the whole conversion process. The offices of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Financial Aid are here to answer your questions and help alleviate some of the apprehension you may feel. Remember, this will be a change for the better! *For general information and updates, check out [www.TCSGSemester411.com](http://www.TCSGSemester411.com). A page on CTC's website with information that specifically applies to CTC students is being developed.* Students will be informed when that page becomes accessible.

## New Financial Aid Year & Payment Deadlines

You've probably seen signs around campus informing students to re-apply for financial aid. **Now** is the time to apply for financial aid for the 2010-2011 academic year, which began July 1, 2010! Students may apply using the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Staff members in all of the financial aid offices are eager to answer your questions, assist you with the application process, and help in other ways that may be needed. Students who have questions may contact [financialaid@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:financialaid@ChattahoocheeTech.edu) or contact the financial aid office on any campus.



It's that time again...PAYMENT DEADLINES! With registration for fall quarter starting soon, it's very important that students pay attention to advertised tuition/fee payment deadlines. Students with unpaid tuition/fees at the advertised deadlines will have their schedules purged! So, **don't lose your classes**; be sure to pay your fees and/or follow up with the financial aid offices if you're not sure of your eligibility for HOPE, Pell, etc. Don't guess...ASK!

### Find Financial Aid Advisors on CTC's website:

At the top of the front web page, click on **Financial Aid** from the Quicklinks drop-down menu. Then click on **List of CTC Financial Aid Advisors** (left side of page).

**Fall Q Registration begins August 9!**

## North Metro Campus Public Safety Club

The newly formed CTC *North Metro Public Safety Club* (a division of the Marietta campus PSC) has been approved and is open for business! Are you training to be an EMT, firefighter, law enforcement officer? Are you in the medical field, or just interested in the safety and security of your local community? The club is currently **looking for members** to help them create a safe and secure environment for faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors. Anyone interested in crime prevention, personal safety, and emergency preparedness is welcome to join. They need goal-oriented individuals to help educate students, faculty, and staff on the different types of public safety organizations, personal safety, and to participate in community service projects

to benefit the community around the North Metro Campus. **Does this sound like you?**

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month beginning **August 3 at the North Metro Campus in room 402 at 4:30 p.m.** Current members from all campuses as well as faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to attend!

**Meals will be provided at every meeting!** Have some fun while learning about crime prevention and how to maintain personal safety on and off campus.



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## Chattahoochee Technical College Hits One-Year Milestone!

Where were you just a little more than a year ago? Were you a student at Appalachian Tech? Perhaps you were attending classes at North Metro Tech. Maybe you were walking across one of the campuses of Chattahoochee Tech? For you and more than 10,000 other students, everything changed on July 1, 2009, with the merger of those three schools into one outstanding learning institution—the “new” Chattahoochee Technical College.

Those anxious times with so many unknowns and uncertainties are well behind us now. Together, students, faculty and staff are busy keeping up the momentum of growth and change as enrollment continues to increase, and program offerings continue to expand.

Let's reminisce! Here are some of the significant events that took place along with some honors that were bestowed upon the college (impressive):

- ✓ Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program launches.
- ✓ New Athletics department takes off.
- ✓ Health Education Center at North Metro Campus opens.

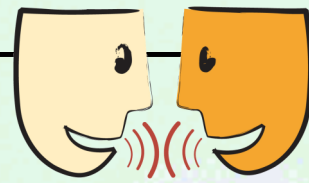
- ✓ Several Health Sciences programs relocate to the Austell Campus.
- ✓ New building added at Paulding Campus.
- ✓ Amphitheater built on North Metro Campus.
- ✓ First-place win secured in national Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) competition.
- ✓ History made as CTC becomes first civilian agency to train U.S. Army Reserves (computer networking courses).
- ✓ Major presence established on Social Media networks.
- ✓ Placed on the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, highest federal recognition bestowed upon a college or university for commitment to service learning and civic engagement.

It's hard to believe this much has been accomplished! Actually, we're sure the merger was merely the beginning of the great things that lie ahead for our students and our college!



## Why do I gotta speak good English?

Or you might ask, “Why do I need to speak English well?”



*Bottom-line answer:* to be taken seriously as an educated person and to get somewhere worthwhile in life. Here’s something to think about. We generally associate language with communication. However, the repercussions of having language skills, or lacking them, go far beyond the realm of communication. Our command of the language of the land in everyday speech affects our confidence, our self esteem and the image we portray to others about our values, intelligence and convictions. Quite honestly, clear and proper speech (and **writing**) can mean the difference between getting the job you want or losing out to a more “professional” sounding candidate—even if you are more qualified for the job!

Typically, **business communication** is formal and must contain proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. But what about less formal **digital communication**? You know, the words you type into emails or blogs, onto Facebook walls, or within Twitter tweets? It’s important to remember that you are the writer, editor, and person who approves each entry—since your words become visible instantly and, most often, permanently! You might not adhere to all the rules of grammar and punctuation in your postings, but at least aspire to get it right. At the very least, you’ll be training yourself for future, more consequential, written communication. And, people may actually pay more attention to your postings if your words are easy to read, follow and understand. Glaring errors tend to divert your audience’s attention from the message you are trying to convey. Website designer, Steven Bradley, amusingly stated when referring to digital communication, “It’s OK to misuse the language at times, but it’s best if you know that you are misusing the language and understand your reasons for doing so!”

Doesn’t it seem ironic that in the world of social networking and instant communication—where more people than ever see the things we write—we tend to put less care into those words and sentences and paragraphs?

Granted, “proper” English doesn’t always sound very pleasing, as in Winston Churchill’s statement, “**Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.**” Huh? You might need to pay closer attention to your spelling—and make sure you’re using the correct words in your sentences. Most of the words in the next sentence are spelled correctly but aren’t the correct words the writer should have chosen. “**Bad grammar makes me lose my mined. If there car brakes down, their going to be late. Spell check only cot one out of six mistakes. That’s knot good.**” See what we mean?

One more thing: Although most of your emails might be informal with messages to family and friends, when sending emails to places of business (as when you’re applying for a job), proper grammar, spelling and punctuation become a necessity. Here’s what one potential employer had to say about a job candidate: “**This guy wants to work here, but he couldn’t even take the time to make his one-paragraph email to me grammatically correct.**” Whoa!

We don’t want to cramp your style and creativity. We’re just giving you some things to think about that will help ~~you’re~~ your readers and listeners understand exactly what ~~you~~ you’re trying to say.



## Programs Move

Some programs are scheduled to move (or have recently moved) to different campuses. *Here’s the list of changes...*

- ✓ **Interiors** moving to the Mountain View campus: Fall Q 2010
- ✓ **Environmental Horticulture** is now offered exclusively at the North Metro campus.
- ✓ **Practical Nursing** moving from Marietta Campus to Austell Campus: Fall Q 2010
- ✓ **Medical Assisting** moving from Marietta Campus to Austell Campus: Fall Q 2010
- ✓ **Surgical Technology** moving from Marietta Campus to North Metro Campus (HEC): Fall Q 2010



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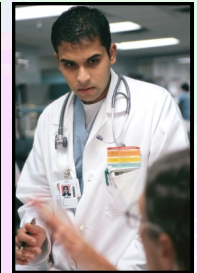
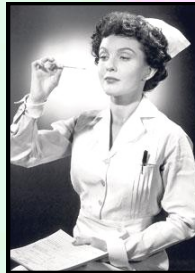
## CTC's Nursing Program Recognizes National Nurses Week

*National Nurses Week* was marked this year by Chattahoochee Tech's own **Nurses Week Celebration**, an Ice Cream Social held at the North Metro Campus on May 4. Director of Practical Nursing Larry Hannigan clearly enjoyed the festivities, as did 74 students plus many health sciences faculty members. The celebration highlighted the rich history of nursing and its impact on modern-day nursing practices; nursing students were given a small memento of the event.

*Mr. Hannigan provides some enlightening background information...*

Years ago, when nurses were trained in hospital-based diploma programs, annual celebrations were held in the students' living quarters during their three-year training period, typically a large Victorian house. The house had a

"reception room" with a large piano. Tea parties were held there to recognize a variety of events, such as transition from "probie status" to student nurse status, moving on to the next year of training, and graduation. This gave nursing school faculty and students the opportunity to interact with families, the hospital staff, and community members.



### National Nurses Week: May 6-12, 2010

**National Nurses Week** is celebrated during the first week of May each year. Although there are week-long activities, May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale (considered the founder of modern nursing), is always designated as **National Nurses Day**. Since 1997, May 8 has been selected as **National Student Nurses Day!**

### Persistence Pays Off!

In 1953, Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a *Nurses Day*, beginning in 1954. That proclamation was never made; however, a *National Nurses Week* was observed the week of October 11-16, 1954; this did not turn out to be an annual observance. In 1974, President Nixon officially proclaimed a *National Nurses Week*, but the celebration was not to gain momentum until 1982. That year, President Reagan signed a proclamation that May 6 would be named **National Recognition Day for Nurses**. Expanded to a week-long celebration by the American Nurses Association, **National Nurses Week** was established in 1990 and became a permanent annual celebration in 1994.

### What about other health practitioners?

Today, some hospitals have instituted a yearly **Hospital Week** in place of the traditional **Nurses Week**. They've done this in recognition of the fact that it would be difficult for nurses to do their jobs without the mutually-supportive roles of all hospital personnel. Doesn't this underscore the fact that **teamwork** is important in every occupation? At Chattahoochee Tech, we offer a variety of excellent nursing and allied health programs. With a high job placement rate, our graduates are widely recognized for the expertise they have acquired in their classrooms, labs, and internships.



## Health Sciences program locations...

### Appalachian Campus

- Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Medical Assisting
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Allied Health prerequisite courses

### Austell Campus

- Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)
- Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Medical Assisting
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Allied Health prerequisite courses

### North Metro Campus, Health Education Center

- Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- EMT/EMS
- Medical Assisting
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Radiography Technology
- Surgical Technology
- Medical Billing & Coding
- Allied Health prerequisite courses



### Paulding Campus

- Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Allied Health prerequisite courses

### Woodstock Campus

- Allied Health prerequisite courses
- (coming Fall Q 2010)

### Did you know?

The original purpose of the nurse's cap was to keep the hair neatly in place and present a modest appearance! In nursing schools, female students participated in *capping* ceremonies, male students in *pinning* ceremonies. Now regarded as a potential carrier of disease, the nurse's cap has been replaced in popularity by scrubs (which are much more comfortable than old-fashioned nursing uniforms anyway)!

## Welcome Student Visitors!

This month Chattahoochee Technical College will host **25 high school students** from *Seongdong Gu, South Korea*, as they visit and learn in a 21-day cultural and educational exchange program. The students are the latest in a series of such exchanges as part of the sister-city relationship between Cobb County and Seongdong Gu (now in its fourth year). This is a collaborative initiative between Chattahoochee Technical College and the Marietta City School System. CTC's *Foreign Affairs Liaison* Dr. Betty Ann Cook states, "We see this as an opportunity to continue building relationships between our students and students within the global community. As a part of this program, they will be participating in an intensive English program and activities to help them learn more about American culture while getting to know students from CTC and Marietta High School." The program was coordinated by Atlanta resident Sunny Park, a native of South Korea, CEO of General Building Maintenance and president of the America Korea Friendship Society. The students, who were selected from five high schools in South Korea, will take part in daily classes in English at the Marietta campus, focusing on developing and strengthening reading, speaking, writing and listening skills. Housed at Southern Polytechnic State University, the 25 students and their mentors from Marietta High School will also participate in cultural and fun opportunities (like shopping!) around metro Atlanta.

*Here's a partial list of places they'll go and things they'll do...*

- ✓ Lake Lanier
- ✓ Stone Mountain
- ✓ Braves Game
- ✓ Tour local museums
- ✓ Tour historic sights
- ✓ Eat lunch at McDonalds!



Our customs, our language, and our food will likely feel (and taste!) a little strange to our visitors. If we were going to school 6,500 miles away, we'd probably feel the same way. These students really want to get to know you (or else they wouldn't have come), so please look for them and make them feel welcome. Be courteous and go out of your way to help them. You might be laying the foundation of an enduring friendship! Dr. Cook correctly points out, "This initiative will allow students (theirs and ours) to develop lifelong friendships with other students from across the globe."

## SkillsUSA Winners

What is SkillsUSA? It's a national non-profit organization that advocates a partnership of students, teachers, and industries working together to ensure that America has a skilled workforce. Student members prepare for careers in trade, technical, and service occupations. Each year, contests are held at the local, state, and national levels to showcase the best career and technical students in the nation. The contests are designed to test the skills needed for employment in a variety of occupational fields.

Here's their organizational philosophy: Reward students for excellence, involve industry in evaluating student performance, and keep education and training relevant to employers' needs.



*How did CTC students place at the SkillsUSA state competition in Augusta and Atlanta in April?*

### Gold Medal

**Darrell Ellis**, Diesel Equipment Technology  
**Jason Miller**, Residential Wiring  
**Joe Simone**, Firefighting

### Silver Medal

**Thomas Hadaway**, HVAC  
**John Stringer**, Motorcycle Service Technology

### Bronze Medal

**Kevin Grube**, Automotive Service Technology



## This is Good Advice!

Ombudsperson Dr. Betty Ann Cook gives you something to think about...

**Remember that potential employers might view what you write on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and other social networking sites. Your posted words may turn out to be more important than what you write on your job application!**



## International Festival

For two hours on May 18, the Marietta Campus Atrium was transformed into a mecca of international sights, sounds, tastes, and smells as students experienced the first *International Festival* hosted by the merged college. Students enjoyed the lively festivities as they sampled delicacies from Jamaica, China, Australia, Mexico, Nigeria, and the Mediterranean region. A rich variety of ethnicities were represented through the entertaining performances of multiple music and dance artists (including fellow students)! Many attendees took the opportunity to be adorned with beautiful designs produced by the henna artist.

Significant benefits can result from bringing nations of people together for a few hours of fun and fellowship. Think about this: With understanding, comes cooperation.

With cooperation, comes appreciation. With appreciation, comes lasting friendships between individuals of different nationalities, races, creeds, and colors. At Chattahoochee Tech, we're proud to foster an atmosphere that breeds acceptance, support, and goodwill among students, faculty, and staff from all heritages and backgrounds. We celebrate our international student community, which adds a dimension to the classroom experience that goes beyond anything that book learning and application of knowledge can offer. Our students are prepared to function—and excel—among the global population they will encounter in the workplace.

We are pleased to report that, according to International Services Coordinator Greg Moor, the 2010 *International Festival* was overwhelmingly deemed a rousing success!



## Facility & Event Management Class Assists in Georgia Games

**Sport and Recreation Management** is a relatively new degree program at Chattahoochee Technical College, but students enrolled in that program have already made their mark in a fairly significant way! On April 29 and May 1, the **Facility & Event Management** class assisted with the execution of the **Georgia Games Taekwondo Championships** at the Smyrna Community Center, according to Sport & Recreation Management Instructor Patrick O'Brien. His students assisted in the following areas:

- ★ Set up & event preparation
- ★ Parking detail
- ★ Registration
- ★ Rules enforcement
- ★ Awards
- ★ Security
- ★ Tear down & clean up

These were sizeable tasks performed during this truly historic event. Dating back to 1990, the Georgia Games were associated with Atlanta's 1996 Summer Olympic Games bid. This year's event was billed as a "celebration of 20 years of outstanding sporting events." The Georgia Games were to "descend upon the greater metro Atlanta area in grand Olympic style"!



The Georgia Games are held annually for Georgians of all ages, abilities, and socio-economic backgrounds. This year's **Georgia Games Taekwondo Championships** ranked among the largest events of its kind in the nation in terms of participation and attendance. This annual sports festival continues to "keep the Olympic dream alive in the hearts and minds of all Georgians."

Our students evidently earned appreciation and respect, since their evaluations (including recommendations for improvement of the event) will be used by Georgia Games Executive Director, Eric Pfeifer, for the 2011 **Georgia Games Taekwondo Championships**!

The outstanding performance of our students at such a high-profile event reflects the quality of programs, instruction, and instructors here at Chattahoochee Tech.



Mallory Thomas, Emanuel Aklin, Jason Alexis, Emily Seibert, Devin Payne

## Success Centers Now Open On All Campuses

An Open House at the Appalachian Campus on June 1 celebrated the official opening of one of the three new **Success Centers** at the college. Free tutoring in math, English, and writing is available to all students; tutoring in science and accounting may become available. Future plans also include free workshops in study techniques, test-taking strategies, and public speaking. Have questions? Just stop by the nearest Success Center to get answers!

### Contact Information, by campus...

Appalachian	Room 405	Nancy Allain
Austell	Room 1106	Helen Rhoads
Marietta	Room D-2203	Dr. Miguelita Austin, <i>Director of Academic Success</i>
Mountain View	Room 233	Corteles Howard
North Metro	Room 120	Melody Mulkey
Paulding	Room B-109	Diane Busse
Woodstock	Room 100	Greg Matthews

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The two other newly opened Success Centers—Austell & Woodstock Campuses—will each host an Open House in the near future. Watch the website for details.

Information and hours of operation for all seven centers can be found by clicking the **Academics** tab then selecting the **Success Center** link (left side of page) at [www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu](http://www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu)

## Student Awards Day

This year, Chattahoochee Tech's annual *Student Awards Day* event was held on May 27 at the Marietta Campus. Students who have become local, statewide, and national award winners were recognized for their individual accomplishments during the past year. *Here's where our students "took the ball and ran"...*

- ◆ Phi Beta Lambda — North Georgia District Conference & State Leadership Conference
- ◆ SkillsUSA Georgia State Competition
- ◆ National Technical Honor Society (inductees)
- ◆ PLANET 2010 Student Career Days (secured first-place win for the college)
- ◆ 2010 BEA Media Arts Competition (Television Production Technology & Digital Media Arts)
- ◆ Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL)

### *Winners of Outstanding Student Award...*

**Kimberly Baggett, Criminal Justice Technology**

**Ebony Brown, Cosmetology**

**Brandi Cantrell, Interiors**

**Geoffrey Dennis, Industrial Systems Technology**

**Blair Garbarino, Practical Nursing**

**Victoria Lynn Holliday, Drafting Technology**

**Adam Holmes, Surgical Technology**

**Judy Lynn Hoppe, Environmental Horticulture**

**Carol O'Neil, Accounting**

**Courtney Pinson, Physical Therapist Assistant**

**Jennifer Redden, Early Childhood Care & Education**

**Emily Seibert, Sport & Recreation Management**

**Barbara Taylor, Business Administrative Technology**

**Jason Voyles, Management & Supervisory Development**

**Jorge L. Walker, Electrical Construction & Maintenance**

**Aiyng Wang, Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology**

Many more students received recognition for their accomplishments. For a [complete listing](#), please see the article on our website under *In The News* entitled, *Chattahoochee Technical College Honors its Own*.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

