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Welcome to Winter Quarter at Chattahoochee Tech! Half a year has flown by since we became the largest technical college in the state. Our apprehension about the merger process is past history; now it's time to start evaluating how we're doing, what we're doing, and what we can do better to facilitate growth and expansion, both in geographical area and in the scope of our program offerings. Chattahoochee Tech exists because of **you**, our students...our #1 priority. Please remember that instructors and administrators may act as guides, facilitators, and mentors, but **you** are the reason we open our doors each day. From day one, President Chandler emphasized (a lot!) that the "new" Chattahoochee Tech would operate as a model for the state...and the nation...in commitment and dedication to the success of every student on every campus in every program. In addition to telling us how we're doing and what you need from us, it would be good for you to examine some things that **you** can control: Have you taken full advantage of the different services available on each campus? Do you attend Campus Life events? Have you been to a campus library or inquired about Career Services? What about expanding your network of friends here at CTC? For our part, *Chit Chatter* will continue to highlight different departments, events, and programs that can enhance your college experience. Please contact the editor at glargo@ChattahoocheeTech.edu with suggestions for topics you'd like to see in future issues of *Chit Chatter*...and...STAY WARM!

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A milestone for the college: The ADN Program

Chattahoochee Technical College has earned the distinction of becoming one of the few technical colleges in Georgia to achieve approval from the **Georgia Board of Nursing** to develop an **Associate Degree Nursing** program. Successful program completion will permit students to sit for the **Registered Nurse (RN) licensing exam (NCLEX-RN)**.

At a Glance...

- ◆ Located at the South Cobb Campus
- ◆ Competitive program admission based on:
 - Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Nursing entrance exam
- ◆ 6 prerequisite courses +
6 quarters of Nursing courses +
5 additional courses required for graduation

Potential Employment Opportunities...

Hospitals	Private industry
Physicians' offices	Government agencies
Long-term care facilities	Hospice programs
Outpatient clinics	Home healthcare agencies

According to projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, RNs top the list of the 10 occupations with the largest projected job growth in the years 2002-2012. Although RNs have listed among the top 10 growth occupations in the past, this is the first time in recent history that RNs have ranked first.



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The ADN curriculum at Chattahoochee Tech will provide a strong foundation in the practice of nursing and prepare students to function safely and effectively within the framework of the registered nurse's role.

Throughout the program, students integrate classroom theory with clinical experiences that are related to the theory component. The nursing curriculum incorporates effective

therapeutic communication techniques, critical thinking skills, and the development of sound nursing judgment and technical skills. Clinical experiences are selected to provide the registered nurse student with the greatest opportunity to become clinically competent. The ultimate goal of the faculty is to prepare students to become safe nursing practitioners who will be an asset to the nursing profession.

Prospective students must submit a completed application for the ADN program no later than September 17, 2010.

Meet CTC's New Mascot!



What's a mascot?

A person, animal, or object believed to bring good luck, especially one kept as the symbol of an organization, such as a sports team.

How did they come up with **Golden Eagles**?

A survey was conducted, and students overwhelmingly chose the name, Golden Eagles. It's definitely appropriate that the Golden Eagles' name and logo fit very well with the golden color in CTC's new school logo!

List of Sports:

Current...

- ◆ Men's & Women's Track
Cross Country
Half-Marathon
- ◆ Competition Cheering
- ◆ Men's Basketball

Coming in 2010...

- ◆ Women's Basketball



Looking into...

- ◆ Women's Fast Pitch Softball
- ◆ Men's Baseball
- ◆ Soccer
- ◆ Football

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Congratulations to CTC graduate, **Christopher Ray Forte**, on achieving a **4.0 GPA**. He's earned an **Electronics Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree**.
Way to go, Christopher! We're proud of you!

Great Job!

Sport & Recreation Management Program's First Graduating Class!

Chattahoochee Tech launched the **Sport & Recreation Management** program during fall quarter 2008. Six students from that inaugural program graduated on December 16, 2009, with wonderful prospects for the future. The first graduate to obtain employment in the field is Paige Hansen. She was recently hired by the prestigious Ainsley Golf Club as the Assistant Director of Athletics and Aquatics. Another graduate, Charles Dunlap, will pursue his B.S. degree in Sport Management at Kennesaw State University in the spring. We are confident that all of these graduates will make their mark in this growing and dynamic field.

From left to right:

Robbie Phillips, John-Neshia Delay, Paige Hansen, Tom Entz, Patrick O'Brien (instructor)

Graduates not pictured: Charles Dunlap and Jerry Russell



Criminal Justice Technology (Awesome class trip!)

No, they didn't go hiking or boating or skiing; six Criminal Justice Technology students, along with their instructor, Ms. Marcy Hehnlly, took a trip to the **East State Penitentiary** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! It might not sound like a trip you'd like to take, but those six students are genuinely "pumped" about what they saw, heard, and experienced during the five days they spent touring the area where the Constitution of the United States was written, where the Liberty Bell sits, and where the first prison in this country (yes, it's East State Pen) is located.

Six members of the Public Safety Club took a class trip (October 14-18, 2009) that greatly enhanced their knowledge of, and appreciation for, our nation's criminal justice system. Ms. Hehnlly's students were asked to write a research paper about a serial killer and were then given the option to go on this trip based on the resulting grades. The educational trip included a visit to Independence Hall, East State Penitentiary, the Liberty Bell, and several other sites that are significant to the field of criminal justice. Ms. Hehnlly's observation: "Students walked away from the trip with a sense of history and a greater understanding of issues in criminal justice." Here's what a couple of students had to say...

What did I learn in Philly? I learned that the 4th of July is not really Independence Day! July 2, 1776, is the day Congress voted for independence. It wasn't until August 2, 1776, that the written Declaration of Independence actually was signed. So, the real Independence Day is August 2! I had so much fun on this trip and learned a lot of great history. I'd go back to Philly in a heartbeat! Here's some trip trivia: What are the 2 names on the Liberty Bell? Pass and Stow. John Pass and John Stow repaired the Liberty Bell's crack. I thought that was cool! -Katie King

I learned about careers in Public Safety that I had not thought about before. It was interesting to find out about the "high-profile" people who had once been jailed in East State Pen, such as Al Capone! From the trip, I realize that if students stay focused and complete their programs, they can seek employment in any state they choose to live.

-Ayanda Barnett

It's possible to complete the Criminal Justice Technology program in 8 quarters.

What's Criminal Justice? Here's the dictionary definition:

Criminal Justice is a generic term for the procedure by which criminal conduct is investigated, arrests made, evidence gathered, charges brought, defenses raised, trials conducted, sentences rendered, and punishment carried out.

Students who went on the trip...

- ◆ Sara Saeed
- ◆ Cara Shaw
- ◆ Lisa Smart
- ◆ Katie King
- ◆ Eric Williams
- ◆ Ayanda Barnett

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Inside Independence Hall Museum



Lisa outside E. State Pen



In front of Liberty Bell



Lisa, Sara, and Ms. Hehnlly in E. State Pen on tour!

Job Prospects...

- ◆ Corrections
- ◆ Police Departments
- ◆ Courts
- ◆ Security

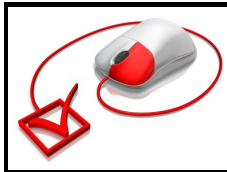
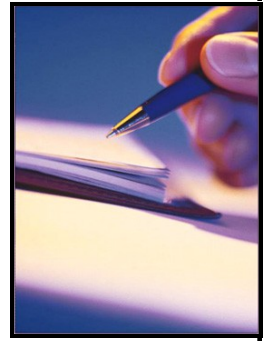
CTC Recognized at GED Awards Luncheon

The Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Adult Education recognized some outstanding GED recipients (and the educators and staff who helped them achieve their goals) at the annual *GED Awards Luncheon* on October 28, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta. Alpharetta resident, Brett Laughlin, was awarded the *Award of Exemplary Performance* for receiving the **highest GED test scores in the nation!** Mr. Laughlin took the exam at Chattahoochee Tech's **North Metro** campus. It is satisfying to note that a CTC campus was easily accessible and available to him when he sought out a testing site.

Also at the luncheon, Chattahoochee Tech's **Appalachian campus** was recognized as one of three medium-sized

testing centers in Georgia that has experienced the largest growth in the number of people taking the GED exam. To meet community needs, Chattahoochee Tech offers GED testing on a regular basis at both the Appalachian and the North Metro campuses.

TCSG's Commissioner, Ron Jackson, noted, "The amount of hard work and perseverance put forth by Georgia's adult learners to overcome life's obstacles and obtain their GED is inspiring to us all." We agree, and we're glad that Chattahoochee Tech has enabled some of those learners to achieve their dreams!



Student Survey Winner!

More than 700 students participated in the online **media preference survey** last October to help the college determine the best ways to market our school. And the winner is...

Robert Reynolds, Industrial Electrical Technology student, who plans to graduate in 2011. His prize? The **iPod Nano 8GB**. Congratulations Robert!

Thanks to all who participated in the survey!

HEC Ribbon Cutting

A formal ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the new **Health Education Center** at the North Metro campus (on December 10, 2009) "officially" signaled the opening of its doors to students; in actuality, though, the first classes were held on September 30, the beginning of fall quarter. Faculty, staff, and students were invited to tour the beautiful facility and enjoy light refreshments during the afternoon. In the evening, a *Business After Hours*—for local dignitaries and other invited community members—was held there in conjunction with the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce. There was an excellent turnout with approximately 200 people in attendance. The HEC will house a variety of health-related programs that are currently offered by the college. Dr. Sanford Chandler,

college president, indicated that, collectively, graduates from these programs will emerge as a well-trained workforce that will skillfully serve the vital healthcare needs of Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, and Paulding counties.



One interesting note about the structure itself: As a "green" building, the HEC has been certified at the *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's silver level!* *The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System* was

developed by the U.S. Green Building Council in 1998 and provides a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction. Check out the building the next time you're at the North Metro campus.

News Flash! Health Sciences Programs Relocate!

The South Cobb Campus is being renovated to accommodate Health Sciences programs. The four programs listed below will be housed there. Health Sciences core classes as well as some general education classes will also be taught at that location.

The following programs have moved—or will be moving—to the **South Cobb Campus**:

- Associate Degree Nursing program, effective Winter Quarter 2010
- Marietta Campus Practical Nursing program, effective Fall Quarter 2010
- Marietta Campus Medical Assisting program, effective Fall Quarter 2010
- Marietta Campus CNA program, effective Spring Quarter 2010

The following program will be moving to the **North Metro Campus (Health Education Center)**:

- Marietta Campus Surgical Technology program, effective Summer Quarter 2010



First Physical Therapist Assistant Grads!

Members of the first **Physical Therapist Assistant** class graduated on December 15, 2009. This demanding program began in 2008 with support from WellStar Health Systems and is only one of four of its kind in the state. Three of the graduates have already secured employment with WellStar and Manor Care; one will seek employment following a move from this area. We're proud of this outstanding program and of the graduating class of 2009!



Jessica Arnold, Ashley Moore, Kent Hicks, Rose Harris

Public Safety Club Hosts Veterans Day Luncheon

In honor of CTC employees who have previously served or who currently serve in the military, the **Public Safety Club** hosted a *Veterans Day Luncheon* at the Marietta Campus on November 11, 2009. According to club members, the luncheon was an expression of “thanks” to those employees for their commendable service to their country. Students

presented an outstanding program for attendees (in addition to serving a tasty meal)! The entire event was well organized and properly reflected the dignity of the occasion. In addition to showing a PowerPoint presentation, the club's president, Jeff Grant, and vice president, Derreck Ridings, gave a brief history of the Veterans Day celebration.

Reactions?

Attendees were overwhelmed by the luncheon itself and by the expressions of appreciation made throughout the entire event. *Here are a few of their comments...*

I truly appreciate what the Public Safety Club has done for all of us vets. Please pass on my sincere thanks.

Rocky Rockovitz (Retired CCPD, Security Officer for CTC)

I want to let you know how much I appreciate the time and effort these students have put into recognizing the service of America's veterans this year. *Larry Stevens*

Please pass on my appreciation to the students for such a well organized event. I'm very glad the Criminal Justice program put a lot of thought into this kind gesture, which took time away from students' lives and busy schedules. *Darrell Streefkerk (Retired CCPD, Security Officer for CTC)*

We hope this event will be repeated in the future and ask that CTC employees continue to support the Public Safety Club in its mission to reach out to those in the military as well as to all public servants.

Marcy Hehly (Criminal Justice Technology Instructor)

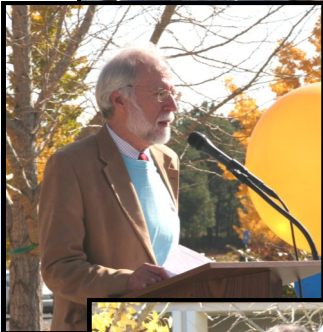


Sports Program Holds 1st Pep Rally for Merged College

It was a beautiful fall day on the North Metro campus (November 19), and CTC students, faculty, and staff were in for a treat! Dr. Ron Newcomb introduced Ms. Audra Tillman, Student Affairs Specialist and Cheerleader Advisor, who sang a stirring rendition of *God Bless America*. Ms. Jennifer Nelson introduced President Chandler who spoke briefly about his commitment to and backing of CTC's growing Sports program. Dr. Ron Dulaney then presented the *Golden Eagles* cheerleaders who performed a very exciting routine! Coach David Archer next introduced *Golden Eagles* basketball team members. Coach Steve Prettyman introduced members of the cross country team and presented them with a plaque for placing 2nd in the region! Track team members were introduced by Coach Pat O'Brien.

Greg Starks, Director of Technology Arts, was responsible for the music that played throughout the rally (definitely made you want to dance)! Many attendees received *Golden Eagles* T-shirts, hats, and valuable door prizes. Mr. John Furman handled the raffle ticket drawing for several door prizes, including an *iPOD Shuffle*. The rally was brought to a resounding conclusion with Ms. Audra Tillman singing a Miley Cyrus hit, *The Climb*. Make plans to support the next pep rally—where a good time will be had by all!

Go Eagles!





Chattahoochee Tech's Department of Public Safety



An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure. What does it mean? Basically, that it's much better to avoid problems in the first place than it is to try to deal with them after the fact. Who came up with that idea? **Benjamin Franklin.** In 1736, fires were a big threat to Philadelphians (Franklin had moved to Philadelphia from Boston). So, Benjamin Franklin organized Philadelphia's **Union Fire Company**, the first in the city. So, in actuality, his famous "ounce of prevention" saying was really fire-fighting advice! It's excellent advice, however, for many situations we face in life. Preventing safety issues and maintaining your security while on campus is the #1 priority of CTC's Dept. of Public Safety. It would be wise for you to take your personal safety and security very seriously as well—on and off campus.

Take Your Safety Seriously!

It's easy to let your guard down while walking around campus, because you're surrounded by your peers and your instructors. CTC's Public Safety Officers have been assigned to all campuses for **your** protection, so heed their warnings.

Here are a few **Safety & Security Tips** to follow...

- ★ Be aware of your surroundings. If you *feel* that something or someone is suspicious, call your campus Public Safety Office. (See phone #'s on next page.)
- ★ Use the "Buddy System" and walk with a classmate to and from your vehicle. If you would like to have a security escort, call the Public Safety Office.
- ★ Avoid being in unlit areas. Report any darkened areas to your Public Safety Officers.
- ★ Do not publish anything on the internet (Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.) that you don't want everyone to see. Don't give out personal information, such as credit card, social security, and drivers license numbers.
- ★ Do not leave items in your vehicle where they can be seen by anyone passing by. The safest place for your valuables is at your house; the next best place is in the trunk of your car.



What services do they offer?

- ▶ Escorts to and from vehicles
- ▶ Investigative services
- ▶ Medical emergencies
- ▶ Emergency jump starts
- ▶ Parking permits
- ▶ Student identification cards
- ▶ Lost and Found
- ▶ Routine patrols



*Public Safety Officers will not unlock vehicles to retrieve keys.
Check with Public Safety Officers to find out what additional services may be offered on your individual campus.*

**You can never be too careful! Get to know your Public Safety Officers (call or stop by).
Trust your instincts! Keep emergency #'s in your cell phone.**



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Department of Public Safety (continued)

Why are officers on campus?

Today's social and economic environments are changing rapidly; things you didn't worry about only a short time ago are now becoming causes for concern. Chattahoochee Tech's **Public Safety Officers** want you and your friends to be able to pursue your education and training free from concerns about the safety and security of your person or your belongings. They are here to help prevent crimes of all types and to address any issues that may occur in a prompt, courteous, and conclusive manner.



There's reason to have confidence in your Public Safety Officers...

The officers who serve you at CTC have a wide range of qualifications and experience. Several officers have served in the criminal justice field in excess of 25 years! Many have served in leadership positions with some of the largest police departments in Georgia. CTC's Department of Public Safety employs experienced investigators, police academy instructors, patrol commanders, and security officers who have faced numerous challenges within the private and public sectors.

Public Safety Officers at CTC: Who are they? *(keep this information)*

Appalachian Campus: 706-253-4574

Lead Officer Roxanne Janes

Marietta Campus: 770-528-4467

Chief Darell Streefkerk, Assistant Director of Public Safety
Lead Officer Emanuel Odums
Officer Horace Ayers
Officer Ron Braddock
Officer Paul Elliot
Officer Gary Hudgins
Officer Carmen Nelson

Mountain View Campus: 770-509-6318

Lead Officer Jerry Reece
Officer Perry Arnold
Officer Rick Ward

North Metro Campus: 770-529-2311

Chief Willis Wade, Director of Public Safety
Lead Officer Hashim Ahmadani
Officer Roy Ledford

Paulding Campus: 770-443-3634

Lead Officer Lynn Quick
Officer Bill Gorman
Officer David Hindman

South Cobb Campus: 770-732-5911

Lead Officer Connie Douglas
Officer Joe Benjamin

Woodstock Campus: 678-454-1813

Lead Officer James Cheek
Officer Rocky Rockovitz

Parking Permits & Student ID's (for all students)

All students are required to obtain a **parking permit** from your campus Public Safety Office. You will need to show your driver's license and your student ID number to obtain the permit. There is a **\$1.00 replacement fee** for lost/misplaced parking permits.

All students are required to obtain a **student identification card** from your campus Public Safety Office. You will need to show a picture ID, such as a driver's license (you will also need to know your **student ID number**). If you don't know your student ID number, log into BANNER and retrieve it, or you may get it from the Registrar's office on your campus. There is a **\$5.00 replacement fee** for lost/misplaced student ID cards.

We are privileged to have the opportunity to serve so many students.

We are up to the challenge. We stand ready to serve. *Public Safety Chief, Willis Wade*