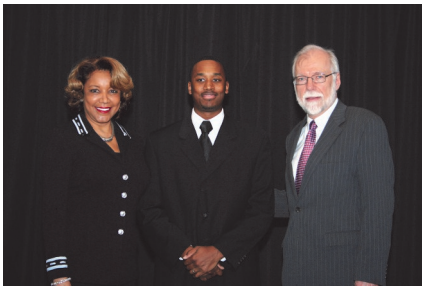


Chattahoochee Tech Honors Best Students and Instructors



Johnson poses for a photograph with retired news anchor Amanda Davis and CTC President Dr. Ron Newcomb

Chattahoochee Technical College named Reading Instructor Judy Cannon of Smyrna and Practical Nursing Student Johntavious Johnson of Cartersville as the college's best. The two were selected from dozens of nominees to represent the college in regional and state competition. Johnson won the prestigious Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) while Cannon was named the college's first ever Carnegie Professor of the Year.

Johnson does not plan on stopping his education with his practical nursing diploma that he is working to earn at the North Metro Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College. He told the audience he wants to work toward a bachelor of science in nursing and eventually a masters of science in nursing.

"Practical nurses are more than drug administrators," Johnson said in his speech to the audience Friday. "They are teachers and patient advocates."

Now in its 43rd year, GOAL, a statewide program of the Technical College System of Georgia, honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's technical colleges, as well as the Board of Regents colleges with technical education divisions.

A new award made its debut at this year's ceremony. The Professor of the Year Award doubles as the college's entry to the statewide award competition of the Rick Perkins Award for instructors. More than 25 instructors were nominated for the award with the field being narrowed down to eight who were interviewed and evaluated.

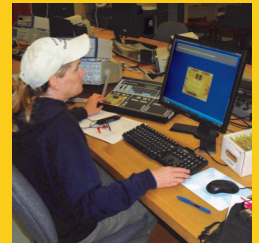
Cannon, who teaches reading to the college's learning support students, said she has known from an early age that she wanted to be a teacher.

"I love teaching learning support students and helping them move into regular college classes," said Cannon. "I'm able to motivate my students to continue on their paths to achieve their goals. It is so wonderful to be able to come to work every day to a job I love and know that I'm making a difference in the lives of my students, just as they are making a difference in my life."



Cannon accepts her award from CTC President Dr. Ron Newcomb

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Windows 8 - Are you ready for it?



An upgrade to Windows 8 on all computers at Chattahoochee Technical College is taking place.

Start Faster - The Start button has returned to the taskbar—tap or click to get to Start. If you prefer, you can now go straight to the desktop when you sign in. And use the same background for both your desktop and Start. Plus, see all your apps at a glance in the new all-apps view.

Search Everywhere - With Bing Smart Search you can search once and see everything—from the web, or the settings, files, and apps on your PC—and act on search results right away. Play a song, call a friend, open an app, or get to your favorite site. Just search and do.

Do More At Once - Chat while gaming, shop while watching, or work while listening. Depending on your screen size, you can now see up to four apps on your screen at once and move with ease through all the ways you use your PC.

Use It Your Way (Customize) - On your Start screen, there are more tile sizes, more color options, and animated backgrounds. On your lock screen, you can see a slide show of your favorite photos, and answer Skype calls, and take photos—all without unlocking your PC.

Type Smoothly - The updated touchscreen keyboard learns as you type, making suggestions based on what you've written before. If you use more than one language, you can enter text more easily with new keyboard layouts. Emoji are now in color.

Always Have Your Files (SkyDrive) - Save documents, photos, and other files to SkyDrive automatically so you'll have them anywhere—even on another device. And they'll be safe if something happens to your PC.

Browse Better - Internet Explorer 11 has faster load times, a full-screen experience that includes side-by-side browsing of sites, and real-time info from favorite sites delivered to your Start screen.

Academic Planning and Advising Is Easier with DegreeWorks Software

Chattahoochee Technical College is rolling out a new option for students when it comes to advising and preparing for graduation. A new web-based program, DegreeWorks, will allow students and their advisors to evaluate course work taken against program requirements to determine progress toward the completion of a student's program of study. The system provides an audit, which is a comprehensive snapshot of a student's academic record, organizing it both chronologically and categorically to better identify what courses have been completed and what still needs to be done to earn that degree, diploma or certificate.

Students can access the program by logging onto their BannerWeb accounts, selecting Student Records, and clicking on the DegreeWorks Link. This new program will help students, faculty and advisors meet the goals of e-MAP, which was launched last semester to place greater emphasis on academic advising and its role in students' success.

Eagle Alert Keeps Students Informed



All students at Chattahoochee Technical College are automatically enrolled in the college's Eagle Alert system. Using the information provided by Banner, students are alerted to campus closings due to weather, public safety emergencies and inclement weather situations via phone message, e-mail or text message. In addition, notifications are provided on the front page of the college website (www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu), Twitter, Facebook, and on 11Alive's closings list.

To ensure timely delivery of messages, students should update their Banner records whenever there is a change. Using a student's 900 number, students may access Eagle Alert to set preferences and add additional contact information at <https://chattahoochee.bbcportal.com/>

Newly Renovated Library Opens at North Metro Campus



Chattahoochee Technical College students, faculty and staff were joined by community members and supporters in December to officially open the new library at the college's North Metro Campus. Construction has been ongoing on the newly renovated 5,277 square foot facility that is more than double the size of the original library that opened in 1989.

"When all these buildings and facilities were constructed, they were done so with a much smaller student body in mind," explained Vice President for Facilities David Simmons. "We are addressing the need for more space, but also the diverse technological demands of today."

Construction consisted of an addition to the existing 2,400 square feet of library space, plus a mezzanine study area. The final design also includes a circulation desk, librarian office, workroom, computer carrels and two study rooms for small groups. The renovations doubled the number of computers, as well as the study space available originally. The \$834,271 contract for the project went to Prime Construction.

"The most interesting feature is that it will feature a mezzanine or loft for students to use for reading, studying, or working on group projects with classmates," Chattahoochee Technical College Director for Libraries Barbe Moore said. "While the building is only one story, the angled ceiling design allowed the space to be built out as a mezzanine area."

CTC Inducts 19 Students into the National Technical Honor Society

Chattahoochee Technical College recognized 19 students for their academic, character and leadership skills. The students, who are studying programs in from all areas of the college, were inducted into Chattahoochee Technical College's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society.

"The mission of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) is to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence, award scholarships and enhance career opportunities," explained Chattahoochee Technical College Academic Director for Distance Learning George Austin. "Inductees must be recommended by an instructor in their program of study and meet high academic standards, as well as show good character in their plans for a career."

In addition to a written recommendation from an instructor, candidates are required to have completed 12 credit hours per semester for two consecutive semesters in one degree or diploma program. He or she must maintain a 3.5 overall grade point average with a 3.75 in the program of study. Candidates must also demonstrate good character, leadership skills and plan to pursue a career in their program of study.

Inductees are awarded a custom certificate, presentation folder, member pin, ID card, window decal, white tassel, official NTHS diploma seal and general letter of recommendation customized for each student's career portfolio. Members also have access to a national online career center, scholarship opportunities and will be listed on the national registry for recruitment opportunities.

"We are proud of these students and their accomplishments while here at Chattahoochee Technical College," said Austin. "They are sure to continue doing great things in the future."

Abiodun Ayanyinka
Kelly Ann Beyermann
Caleb Bowen
Charlotte C. Cook
Brian Erwin
Jeffrey Fontenot
Sabrenn Francis
Carina Galindo
Rodaius B. German
Gary Gilbertson II
Derek R. Gregg
Katherine Hollyday
Sarah Jefferson
Michelle E. Jones
Kimberly Kendrick
Mark A. Kennedy
Cheryl Opdenhoff
Lisa Powelson
Michael Redwine
Jessica Rodefer
Yazmin Roman

Applications Available for Chattahoochee Tech Foundation Scholarships

The application process for the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation Scholarships has begun. Applications are available starting FEBRUARY 3 and will remain open through APRIL 25, 2014 BY 5 p.m. The application is available online at <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/foundation/scholarships/>. Scholarship applications require letters of recommendation, essays and other documents so early completion is recommended.



Scholarships are offered through the Foundation or through community organizations with criteria ranging from student's residence, financial situation, academic achievement or program of study. From several hundred dollars to \$2,500, the scholarships provide assistance for students in terms of tuition, fees, books and equipment necessary for success at Chattahoochee Technical College or in a career. Since 2011, the Foundation has provided \$230,000 in emergency grants or scholarships and assisted 323 students with helping continue their education. Additionally, the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation provided funds to assist in the advancement of faculty, staff and programs at Chattahoochee Technical College.

Graduation is Scheduled for June 3 at 1 p.m. - ONLY Graduation Ceremony of 2014



It is the culmination of semesters of homework, lectures, labs and everything else that goes into school. Wearing a cap and gown, walking across the stage as family and friends clap and cheer, shaking hands and posing for pictures are all a part of a college graduation ceremony. Chattahoochee Technical College announced earlier this year that it will go from two ceremonies each year to one, allowing all students who have completed their coursework during that academic year to participate in the ceremony.

The next ceremony is scheduled for June 3 at 1 p.m. at the Cobb Energy Centre. No December ceremony will be held, as the next ceremony will be held in 2015. Students completing their studies for a certificate, diploma, or degree at the end of Summer or Fall Semesters will be invited to participate in the 2015 ceremony, as well as students completing their courses at the end of Spring Semester 2015.

To graduate, students must complete an application to have their transcripts audited. Information about graduation, including deadlines, requirements, fees, and the application are available at <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/enrollment/registrars-office/graduation-information/>.

Spring Career Fair April 16 at Marietta Campus

Chattahoochee Technical College's Office of Career Services is hoping for a great turnout for the Spring Career Fair scheduled this year for April 16 at the Marietta Campus. A premier event for Chattahoochee Technical College students, alumni and the community, the Career Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event typically attracts local and regional employers looking for full-time, part-time, seasonal and temporary workers, as well as interns. Participants should come dressed in business attire for an interview with plenty of copies of their resume in hand. Keep an eye on SwoopLink for more information <https://ctc.experience.com/experience/login>.

It's a Another Win for the Culinary Students at Ice Fest 2014

It's a three-peat for Chattahoochee Technical College at Ice Fest 2014. A team of four students from Chattahoochee Technical College's Culinary Arts Program won the event again for the third year in a row. Among the students on this year's team (pictured right) were James Clopton of Canton, Jeremy Dudek of Dallas, Jenny Kiewat of Canton and Paul Maphu of Roswell.

The event, which raises money for The Early Autism Detection Unit for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, was held at the Chattahoochee Nature Center on Jan. 25. Chattahoochee Technical College students competed in the event, practicing skills they had picked up from the program's Garde Manger class.



Chattahoochee Tech Students, Faculty, and Staff Recognized for Community Service

Chattahoochee Technical College was honored twice when the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and Georgia Trend recognized 20 local companies for their contributions to Cobb's non-profit organizations at its First Monday Breakfast. The college's Office of Outreach and Community Engagement, which was nominated by the Cobb County Library Foundation, and the Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, which was nominated by the Cobb Community Service Board, were both honored for their efforts.

From food drives and building houses to dance parties and haircuts, Chattahoochee Technical College students have been giving back to the community through service learning and civic engagement projects, as well as through their own time. The college, which has more than 45 different programs of study, encourages its instructors to provide projects and opportunities for students to participate in with local non-profit agencies that take learning outside of the classroom.

Chattahoochee Technical College's Office of Outreach and Community Engagement works with community businesses, non-profits, faith-based organizations and others to foster partnerships within the community. One such partnership is a relationship between the college and the Cobb Library Foundation. Executive Director of Community Engagement Dr. Betty Ann Cook currently is a member of the board of directors for the foundation, as well as being a member of the organization's steering committee with Vice President for External Affairs Jennifer Nelson for the Booked for the Evening Gala. Members of the college staff wrote, directed and produced the video entitled "The Cobb County Library System – Dream *dare* Discover" which won the Telly Bronze Award. In addition, members of the college's library have served as hosts for the gala event.

Chattahoochee Tech Adult Education EAGLE Student to Compete for State Title



Seeing her friends and classmates she grew up with graduate from high school was a deciding factor for Marlee Hardin to go back to school for her GED. The 18 year old from Emerson had attempted online versions of the classes and tests, but realized that they were not accredited. That's when she began attending the free classes at Chattahoochee Technical College's North Metro Campus in Acworth.

Hardin was recently named Chattahoochee Technical College's Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) student, an honor earned by those who are studying for their GED through CTC's Adult Education program. As the Chattahoochee Technical College EAGLE, Hardin will compete against others across the state and attend the annual EAGLE Leadership Institute in 2014.

Hardin, whose family includes her father, step-mother, a sister and two brothers, plans to attend college after she earns her diploma this spring. While she originally considered a career in cosmetology, she's now interested in pursuing a career in criminal justice. She credits her time in the Adult Education Program at Chattahoochee Technical College with giving her the confidence and knowledge to proceed with higher education.

"I didn't realize that I was capable of doing it," she said. "I spent a lot of time in high school thinking I wasn't smart enough or that I was lazy. But I've learned that I'm smarter than I thought I was. I really can do this."

SGA Looking for Student Leaders

The Student Government Association of Chattahoochee Technical College is looking for a few more students to be involved this semester. As an advocate for the student population, SGA works with college administrators to solve student concerns, develop leadership skills, plan events and conduct service outreach throughout the six counties served by Chattahoochee Technical College. SGA positions include a president, two vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer, as well as at least two senators from each campus (based on campus enrollment).

Currently there are three elected positions open – A vice president from Austell, Mountain View, Marietta or Paulding campuses, a vice president from the Appalachian, Canton or North Metro campuses and a treasurer. These positions are open to any currently enrolled Chattahoochee Technical College student with a 2.3 cumulative GPA and in good academic standing with the college. Voting is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. March 4 to 9 a.m. March 13. Applications are due by Feb. 26 either by e-mail at Campus.Life@ChattahoocheeTech.edu or they can be dropped off at the Campus Life Office Marietta Campus Room C1103.

Senators are appointed by the advisor and executive board members with an interview process, if needed. Senators must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and remain in good academic standing with the college. SGA needs multiple senators from each campus. As with the elected positions, applications are due by Feb. 26 either by e-mail at Campus.Life@ChattahoocheeTech.edu or they can be dropped off at the Campus Life Office Marietta Campus Room C1103.

Any questions, requests for applications or additional information can be directed the Campus Life Office via email (campus.life@chattahoocheetech.edu) or by stopping by the office at the Marietta Campus.

Chattahoochee Tech To Host 2-Day Seminar on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in April

After a successful event last year, Chattahoochee Technical College will again host a Child Sex Abuse and Exploitation Seminar, expanding it from one day to two this April. The event, which is scheduled for April 10 and 11 at the Paulding County Campus of the college, will focus on both child sexual abuse and sex trafficking.

The goal of the collaborative event is to educate the public on these issues while highlighting the impact from a sociological, criminological, and psychological perspective. Speakers will provide information that will be helpful to healthcare professionals, early childhood care providers, public safety personnel, parents and students.

This two-day multidisciplinary event which offers several workshops presented by recognized experts from the field. Professionals receive practical instruction, the latest research and information, and the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge about recognizing, intervening and preventing child sexual abuse and exploitation.

“This is a topic that we see in the news and know people who have been personally impacted,” said Instructor and Faculty Director for Service Learning at Chattahoochee Technical College Dr. Marcy Hehnlly. “We want to take it to that next step and work as a community to protect children from exploitation and abuse. So many children worldwide from all socio-economic backgrounds, across all ages, religions and cultures suffer from these crimes every day. We hope that by addressing what people can do, we are giving victims a voice.”

More information and registration for the free event is available at www.chattahoocheetech.edu/service-learning. If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Office of Service Learning at sl@chattahoocheetech.edu.

Learn more about what's going on at a campus near you with the Campus Life Calendar:
<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Spring+2014+Calendar+-+2.19.14.pdf>

Priority Registration for Next Semester Begins March 24, for students with 45 credit hours or more.
Early Registration for New and Returning Students Begins March 28, 2014.

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