

# The Veteran Voice

News for Military Service Veterans and their Family at Chattahoochee Technical College



## Summer Registration

The Course Schedule for Summer Semester 2015 will be available soon.

**Early Registration for Summer Semester begins March 23, 2015**

for current students on the following priority schedule:

March 23—students with 45+ credit hours

March 24—students with 30+ credit hours

March 25—students with 15+more credit hours

March 26— April 29 all current students

**Early registration payment deadline: May 1, 2015**

*Students receiving financial aid do not need to reapply for the Summer Semester.*

**Big News! There are sixteen veterans who have met graduation requirements in their respective programs. Also, there are ten veterans' family members who also will be receiving degrees, diplomas or certificates.**

**Congratulations to all!**



### **H \* E \* L \* P Needed With the CTC Veterans Student Support Survey**

Your feedback is very important. This survey is designed to provide you an opportunity to let us know about the quality of our services and to provide the services you would like to see at the college. Please take the time to complete the survey. We want to provide/ improve the services for you but those need to be known. Please help us serve you better . **To date only 28 students (of 640) have responded.** The survey link and passkey are provided in the email accompanying this newsletter.



## Coming Events

**Career and College Expo at CTC \* Marietta Campus \***

**Friday, March 27, 2015, 9 am—1 pm**

- ◇ Bring your resumes!
- ◇ Interview opportunities!
- ◇ Be dressed for success!

(See last pages for list of participating companies and other colleges/institutions)



### More Job Fair Information

Here is a link to the Georgia Department of Labor advertised

Job Fairs in the coming months:

<http://www.dol.state.ga.us/Access/Service/ListCurrentJobFairs>.

Some are specifically for veterans and are indicated as such.

### 2015 Holidays/College Closures

March 17, 2015: Staff and Faculty Training Day (college closed)

April 6—11, 2015: Spring Break (college open)

May 11—June 7, 2015: Summer Break (college open)

July 3—5, 2015: Independence Day (college closed)

September 4-5, 2015: No classes (college open)

September 7, 2014: Labor Day (college closed)

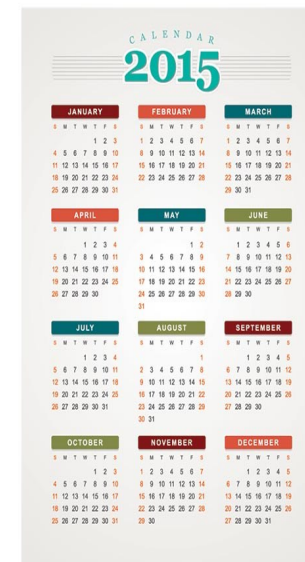
September 8, 2015: Staff and Faculty Training Day (college closed)

November 25, 2015: No classes (college open)

November 26—28, 2015: Thanksgiving (college closed)

December 14—24, 2015 No classes (college open)

December 25, 2014—January 3, 2015 (college closed)



**2015 Important CTC Dates**

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 20, 2015	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE - FULL SPRING SEMESTER 2015 COURSES
MARCH 23–27, 2015	EARLY PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 FOR ALL NEW AND CURRENT STUDENTS BEGINS
APRIL 21, 2015	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE FROM MARCH START SPRING SEMESTER 2015 COURSES
APRIL 22–23, 2015	PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 2015 BEGINS BASED ON # OF HOURS COMPLETED
MAY 1, 2015 - NOON	SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 REGISTRATION PAYMENT DEADLINE
MAY 1, 2015	SPRING 2015 GRADUATION—COBB ENERGY CENTER
MAY 6–9, 2015	SPRING SEMESTER 2015 FINAL EXAMS
MAY 22, 2015	SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 PROGRAM CHANGE & FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE (SAME AS APPLICATION PACKAGE DEADLINE)
JUNE 3, 2015—NOON	SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 REGULAR REGISTRATION PAYMENT DEADLINE
JUNE 8, 2015	SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 BEGINS
JUNE 8–10, 2015	ADD-DROP PERIOD FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER 2015
JUNE 10, 2015— 7 PM	SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE
JULY 13, 2015	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE– SUMMER SEMESTER 2015 COURSES
JULY 17, 2015—NOON	FALL SEMESTER 2015 EARLY REGISTRATION PAYMENT DEADLINE
JULY 31, 2015	FALL SEMESTER 2015 PROGRAM CHANGE & FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE (SAME AS ADMISSION APPLICATION PACKAGE DEADLINE)
AUGUST 3–4, 2015	SUMMER SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS
AUGUST 12, 2015	FALL SEMESTER 2015 REGISTRATION PAYMENT DEADLINE
AUGUST 17, 2015	FALL SEMESTER 2015 BEGINS
AUGUST 17–19, 2015	ADD-DROP PERIOD FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 2015
AUGUST 19, 2015—7 PM	FALL SEMESTER 2015 FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE
OCTOBER 23, 2015	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE—FULL FALL SEMESTER 2015 COURSES
OCTOBER 26–29, 2015	EARLY PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER 2016 FOR ALL NEW AND CURRENT STUDENTS
NOVEMBER 17, 2015	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE FROM OCTOBER START FALL SEMESTER 2015 COURSES



**CHECK IN WITH US** &  
*Get yourself a Check up*

**Marietta Campus Atrium**  
**March 24th, 2015 • 11:00am– 1:00pm**

**STOP** by the Atrium to make sure you are checked in for the semester!

- Advising
- Graduation
- Financial Aid
- Support Services
- Tutoring
- And MANY MORE

**FREE**  
**Aunt Pearl's**  
**Mini Donuts!**



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You need to know....

- ⇒ Spring Semester course withdrawal (with a “W” deadline is Friday, March 20, 2015. Withdrawal from a course does not impact your grade point average (GPA) but could impact your financial aid completion rate (67% required) and financial aid eligibility.
- ⇒ Plan to seek assistance for advisement for registration for the Summer Semester particularly if you are participating in the eMAP pilot program. Don’t go it alone. Self-advisement can lead to registration difficulty and extend your college journey.

# What's Your Story?

You can provide input to a future *Veteran Voice* newsletter. If you have a story to tell as a veteran or veteran family member, please send your “news” to Barry Munday at [barry.munday@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:barry.munday@chattahoocheetech.edu). You may also send suggestions for future article topics about issues of interest to you. This newsletter is for you!



.Are you growing or rooted in the same old spot in your life? Are you troubled by difficulties that seem to take satisfaction out of life? Students often face many obstacles and troubling situations while in college; not all of them related to academics. Limited personal counseling as it relates to the educational experience is designed to help students share problems with a caring, non-judgmental counselor who is trained to help with reflection, support, and solutions. Counseling can help students understand and clarify their life choices. Through counseling, students can learn to reach their potential through meaningful introspection, well-informed choices and resolution of problems of an interpersonal nature. Brief counseling strategies are often utilized to help students resolve issues over a short period of time. If you think you could benefit from short term counseling, make an appointment soon! Students served by Chattahoochee Tech represent a broad range of educational experiences, age, socioeconomic, and lifestyle differences. Due to the diversity of this population, a range of counseling and supportive services are utilized to meet students’ needs as they relate to educational, personal, and career goals. Students often face many obstacles and troubling situations while in school; not all of them based in academics. Counseling can help students experience success in all facets of their life experiences.

For more information, contact:

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## In our Spotlight



Mr. Nate Beardsley is in our spotlight this semester. Nate is the Director of Admissions and is the sole contact point for the Georgia Military Exemption Applications. His efforts to promote, process and approve the applications have allowed several veterans to receive in-state tuition rates with less than twelve months residency. This resulted in cost savings to the veterans and/or family members of veterans who have returned to Georgia within thirty-six months of their separation from the military. Nate is also first to share news about veteran programs or legislation which benefits you as a veteran or family member. Thank you Nate for your service to those who have served us.

## Student Veterans of America (SVA)



Would you like to be a charter member of the local chapter of this exciting national organization promoting veterans? If interested, please contact me via email, [barry.munday@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:barry.munday@chattahoocheetech.edu).

Starting the organization depends on the student interest. You can be a part!

For more details about the SVA visit the following website:

<http://studentveterans.org/>

Keep Informed! Below are website links of various veteran departments, organizations and associations which are heavily involved in veteran benefits. Use these to stay abreast of important legislation, benefit changes, and other issues which impact you and your family as military veterans. If you know of other similar sites to share with other veterans, please let me know.

Department of Veteran Affairs: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/>

Georgia Department of Veteran Services: <http://veterans.georgia.gov/press-releases>

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): <http://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/>

Noncommissioned Officer Association: <http://ncoausa.org/index.php/legislation/legislative-action-center/?vsrc=%2fBills>

The Retired Enlisted Association: <http://trea.org/02182015.html>

Air Force Sergeants Association: <http://www.hqafsa.org/news.html>

American Legion: <http://www.legion.org/legislative/>

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.



News Release (Atlanta Journal Constitution, February 17, 2015)

## **Bill formalizing academic credit for military members passes Senate By Janel Davis- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

The state Senate unanimously approved legislation Tuesday formalizing policies allowing service members to receive college credit for their prior military experience when attending Georgia's technical colleges.

The technical college system already grants this type of credit, but Senate Bill 18 makes the policy official, said bill sponsor Sen. Ed Harbison, who called the bill a "big welcome home" for service members.

"This legislation embraces the thought that when our veterans return we are providing an opportunity for them to not miss a beat and get reconnected with civilian life post-deployment," said Harbison, D-Columbus. "It shows that we intend to care for our veterans. It's just the right thing to do." Harbison, a former Marine and Vietnam War veteran, previously sponsored similar legislation formalizing the policy for military members attending schools in Georgia's public University System.

Georgia is home to about 776,000 veterans and 100,000 active-duty military personnel, including guardsmen and reservists, and ranks fifth in the nation for states with the most active-duty service members, according to information from the state department of veterans services and the military affairs division of the University System of Georgia.

The bill would cost the Technical College System of Georgia about \$241,500 for fiscal 2016, including \$115,000 to pay for a staff person to manage the program, \$101,500 for a prior learning assessment contract to determine how military and occupational experiences apply to tech programs, and \$25,000 for database and website updates, according to a fiscal note attached to the legislation.

SB 18, which passed the Senate with a 53-0 vote, now moves to the House for consideration.

The Technical College System of Georgia is already working to formalize the transfer of college credit for military training you have received. Work is underway under the direction of Ms. Patricia Ross, TCSG Military Affairs Director, to determine credit equivalency for each military specialty training as well as professional military education and initial basic military training. More news to come.....

## External Veteran Support Services

Community College of the Air Force - <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

Joint Service Transcript (Army, Navy & Marines) - <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>

National Personnel Records Center - <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

State of Georgia Department of Veterans Service - [www.sdvs.georgia.gov](http://www.sdvs.georgia.gov)

USA Jobs (civil service employment opportunities) - <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Veterans Affairs Department - <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Georgia Department of Labor Veteran Support: [rohiff.shaffer@gdol.ga.gov](mailto:rohiff.shaffer@gdol.ga.gov)

## Information Sources

**For housing: [www.vahomes.com](http://www.vahomes.com)**

**For medical information: [www.doctorsareus.net](http://www.doctorsareus.net)**

**For discount tickets: [cheapseats.org](http://cheapseats.org)**

**Veteran Support Returning Combat Veterans' Readjustment Counseling Center :**

**[www.va.gov/rcs](http://www.va.gov/rcs) or tollfree 1-877-WAR.VETS (927-8387)**

**Seeking a job related to your military specialty: Check out this website for converting your former AFSC, MOS, etc., to civilian job titles:**

**<http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>**



**Are you struggling with coursework? Do you need tutoring assistance? Visit one of our Academic Success Centers.**

Success Centers are located on seven of our eight campuses. The Woodstock Campus is closed due to renovations. Tutoring is available in English, math, reading, and more. Tutoring may be offered for other subjects depending upon availability of tutors. There is no charge for this service. TUTORING IS FREE. The college also provides an on-line learning center where all students may access tutorials and many other resources to help you with your learning. The following is the schedule for the Success Centers. We are here for you!

Appalachian Campus Room 215 (706) 253-4519 Sandra Hughes Wooldridge	Monday - Thursday: 8am-5pm Friday: CLOSED
Austell Campus (NO TUTORING) Room A1117 (770) 732-5924 Helen Rhoads	Monday -Thursday: 8am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-6pm Friday: CLOSED
Canton Campus Room A106 (770) 720-3596 Sabrina Nation	Monday & Wednesday: 9am-6pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-5pm Friday: CLOSED
Marietta Campus Building D, Room 2203 (770) 528-4588 Paula Gronemeyer	Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm Friday: 9am - 2pm Saturday: 9am-2pm (TUTORING)
Mountain View Campus Room 233 (770) 509-6346 Diane Busse	Monday - Thursday: 8am-6pm Friday: (CLOSED)
North Metro Campus Room A133 (770) 975-4243 Melody Mulkey	Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm Friday: 9am-2pm (TUTORING OFFERED) Saturdays: (CLOSED)
Paulding Campus Building C (770) 443-7948 Montreal Thomas	Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm Friday: (CLOSED)
Woodstock Campus	CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

**Do you need other college support services?**

**General questions: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/ask-swoop/>**

**Campus Life and Student Clubs or Organizations**

**<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/student-clubs-and-organizations>**

**Campus Police**

**Call 770-529-2311 (any campus)**

**Career Services**

**<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/career-services>**

**Counseling**

**<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/counseling-and-support-services>**

**Disability Services**

**<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/disability-services/>**

**Financial Aid**

**<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/enrollment/student-financial-services/financial-aid-office>**

**Special Populations**

**<http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/special-populations-services/>**

**Veterans Education Benefits -Veterans Certifying Official**

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**Degree Works Will Work For You!!!**

Does this sound familiar?

*Registration for the next semester begins next week...what courses do I need? I know some courses transferred from my last college but I don't know which courses apply to my program. I have to work and cannot get to the college to get help with registration.*

Here is the answer to these questions and concerns:

Chattahoochee Technical College has rolled out a new option for our students when it comes to advising and preparing for graduation.

DegreeWorks is a computerized degree audit program and academic advising tool designed to assist you and advisors in reviewing your program progress. A Web-based program, DegreeWorks re-organizes your transcript chronologically and categorically, easily identifying courses you have completed and what courses you still need in order to fulfill your program requirements.

Students can start accessing DegreeWorks by logging into their BannerWeb accounts, selecting Student Records, and clicking on the DegreeWorks Link. **This program has the capability for "What If" exploration if you are considering a program change.**

If you have any questions about your audit and the courses being applied, please contact your academic advisor.

If you are having difficulty accessing your audit, please contact [Degree.Works@Chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:Degree.Works@Chattahoocheetech.edu).

**After determining which courses are needed, here is how to register for those courses:**

Banner Web Registration Instructions

1. Read registration criteria above.
  2. Read and print these registration instructions for future use.
  3. Click the "BANNER" button at the top of the page to continue to Chattahoochee Tech's BannerWeb page
  4. Select the BannerWeb link/logo to continue to the secure area
  5. Type your student identification number (your Social Security number) in the User ID field without using dashes See the following example: Example: User ID = 123456789.
  6. Type your personal identification number (PIN) in the PIN field. Your banner web PIN is your birth date. See the following example: Example: Birth Date = April 21, 1959 PIN = 042159
  7. Click the "Login" button.
  8. Click "Student Services and Financial Aid" at top of page.
  9. Click "Registration."
  10. Click "Add/Drop Classes".
  11. Click on the term in which you need to register.
  12. Click "Submit Term."
  13. If you know the CRN numbers: Enter CRN numbers in the input boxes. Click "Submit Changes".
  14. If you do not know the CRN numbers: Click "Class Search". Enter search criteria. Click "Find Classes".
- Click checkbox on the left side of the screen to indicate the course you need.
15. Click "Register".
  16. Scroll down and make sure all the classes you chose show and their status is "Registered Web" on the right side of the screen. If your schedule indicates registration errors please contact your adviser.
  17. Click "View Fee Assessment" at bottom of page.
  18. Print a copy of your assessed fees for your records.
  19. Please verify that your Financial Aid is complete.
  20. Click "Detail Schedule" at the bottom of the page.
  21. Print a copy of your schedule for your records.







## IMPORTANT CAREER FAIR PREPARATION

The workshop Power Hour+ event,  
*Résumé: You on Paper*

at the  
**Marietta campus has been rescheduled to:**

**March 16, 2015 & March 18, 2015**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Campus Life Suite, Building C, Room 1103**

**There will be door prizes as well.**

### Logistics & Supply Chain

Kelly Services  
Randstad Staffing  
XPO Last Mile

### Marketing

Alorica  
Benton House  
Beyond Computer Solutions  
BiTech Medical  
Georgia Public Broadcasting  
Landmark Landscapes

### Medical Assisting & Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Billing & Coding

Accord Services  
Benton House  
Grady Health System  
Jewish Family & Career Services  
Kelly Services  
Lighthouse Nursing Agency

### Practical Nursing

Accord Services  
American Red Cross  
Benton House  
Lighthouse Nursing Agency

### Physical Therapist Assistant

BenchMark Rehab Partners

### Surgical Technology

Reproductive Biology Associates

### TV Production

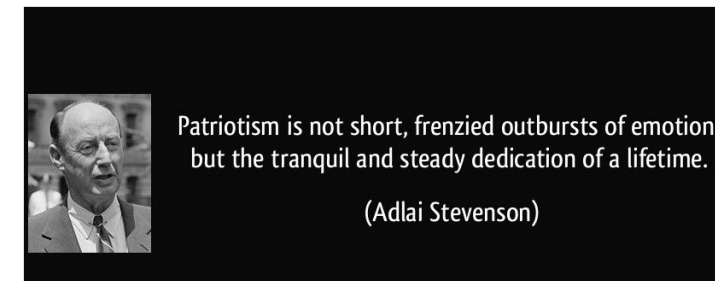
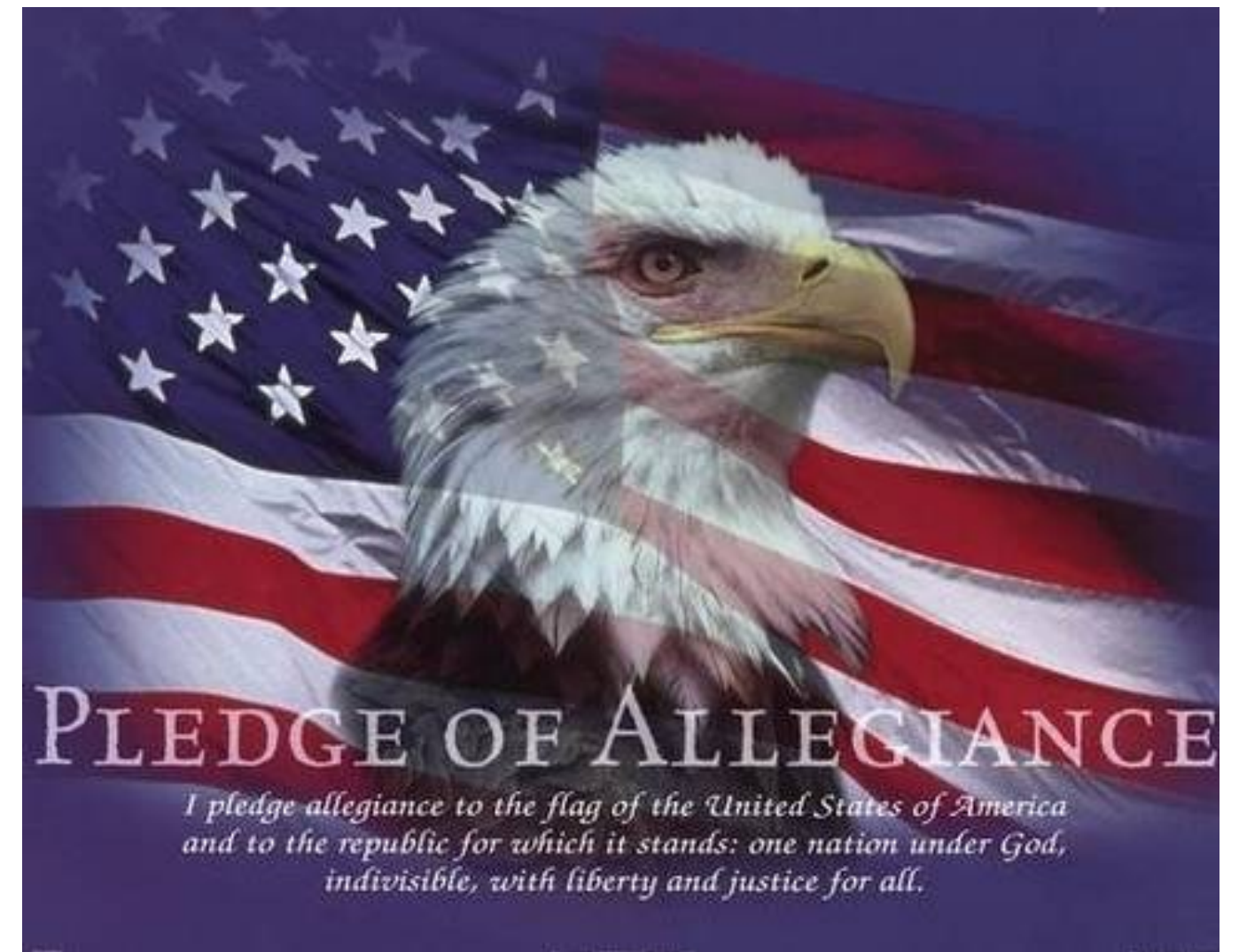
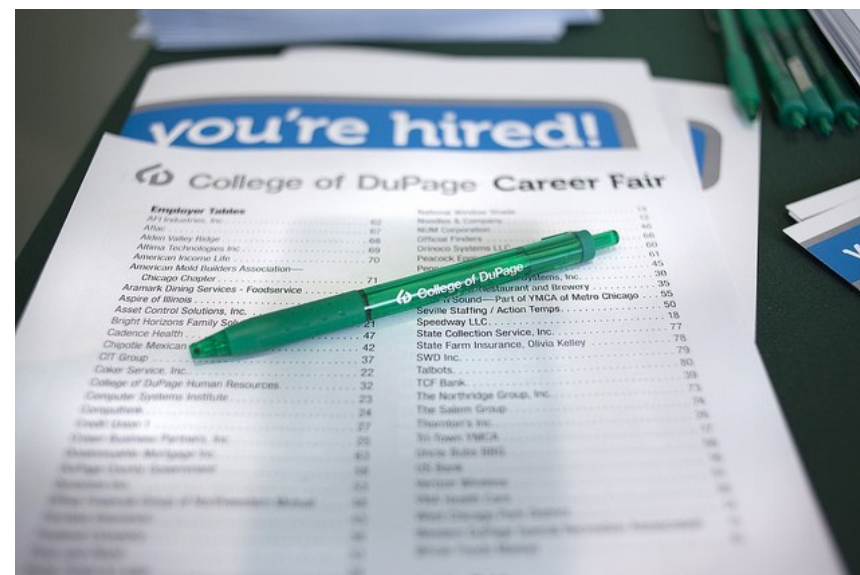
Georgia Public Broadcasting  
WUPA-TV, CW-69, Cable 10

### Welding & Joining

Integra Business Alternatives  
Mills Specialty Metal  
Randstad Staffing

### College Recruiters

Chattahoochee Technical College  
Clayton State University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia Southernwestern State University  
Georgia State University  
Kennesaw State University  
Life University  
Mercer University  
University of Phoenix  
University of West Georgia



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