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Chattahoochee Tech Ranked 10th Among Georgia's Colleges and Universities by Atlanta Business Chronicle



Chattahoochee Technical College is ranked as 10th in the state of Georgia by the Atlanta Business Chronicle's list of the area's 25 largest colleges and universities. The annual listing is part of the publication's 2014-2015 Book of Lists, which contains 115 lists of Georgia schools, businesses, healthcare agencies, industries, hospitality, real estate and more.

"We are proud to say that Chattahoochee Technical College has been in the top ten for the past several years," said Chattahoochee Technical College President Dr. Ron Newcomb. "To be named one of the top colleges and universities in the state is a significant statement that students choose CTC for its quality education, the dedicated

faculty and staff and the strong student support programs we strive to provide for our community."

The ranking includes Chattahoochee Technical College as the largest of the Technical College System of Georgia's technical colleges around the state. It is one of two 2-year colleges to make the top ten with Georgia Perimeter College ranked as 5th in the state. The list is compiled based on Fall 2014 enrollment numbers and includes information about tuition, fees, accreditation and degree offerings.

More than 10,000 students are served by the college's eight campuses and online course offerings each semester. Chattahoochee Technical College offers associate degree, diploma and technical certificate of credit programs in many in-demand fields. The college also offers a wide variety of student activities, competitive events, athletics and support services.

New Blog Features CTC Programs and Services

If you follow Chattahoochee Technical College on social media you might have noticed some new content related to programs and services at the college. The new blog is a part of marketing efforts to drive prospective students to the college's website and increase enrollment.

Using program information, industry facts, and other trends, the blog posts look at program offerings and career options for graduates of the program. Visitors to the site can learn more about the services that make Chattahoochee Technical College unique and keys to success for students in technical college programs. Content has included blog posts, videos, interactive quizzes, and infographics that help provide lots of details in an easy to understand format.

Content is updated frequently at www.ChattahoocheeTechBlog.com.



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Service Learning Conference to Focus on Mental Health

For two years Chattahoochee Technical College Office of Service Learning has hosted an event to learn more about the effects and prevention of child sexual abuse and sex trafficking. In its third year, the Chattahoochee Technical College Service Learning Conference will focus on mental health with a one-day conference on April 23 at the North Metro Campus in Acworth.

The goal of the collaborative event is to integrate multiple disciplines and programs, by highlighting different approaches to issues facing students and the community. Speakers will provide information that will be helpful to healthcare professionals, community leaders, public safety personnel, parents and students. The focus of the conference will concentrate on medical, social and legal aspects of those coping with various mental health issues.

In previous years we have held conferences on Child Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Prevention,” said Sociology Instructor and Faculty Director of Service Learning Leigh Kever. “We wanted to develop a new conference to address current community needs in the areas our students work and live, as well as address a need for those agencies and organizations in our area who can benefit from student engagement and awareness to community issues. In addition, we want to facilitate breaking the stigma that comes with mental illness.”

This multidisciplinary event 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 the issues of mental health. On hand will be various mental health representatives from Cobb, Cherokee, Paulding, Bartow and Fulton counties, as well as sessions that offer POST credit to individuals working in the field of criminal justice. Notable speakers include Fulton County Chief Jailer Mark Adger, Cobb County Superior Court Judge Mary Staley and Catheryn Coone-McCrary of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – In Our Own Voices.

As a part of the college’s service learning initiative, students will play a large role in the activities of the day. According to Kever, students will complete service learning projects to illustrate how they are learning about mental illness in their classes. Criminal Justice, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Sociology, English, Public Speaking, and several Nursing students will be contributing to student presentations for conference participants and mental health organizations.

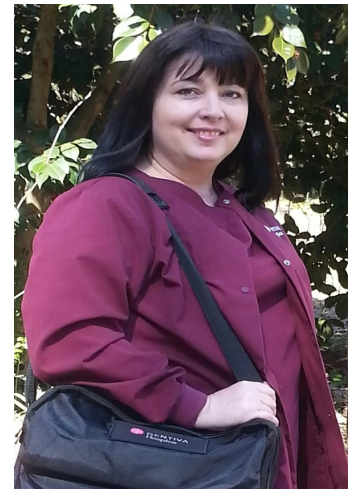
More information and registration for the free event is available at www.chattahoocheetech.edu/service-learning.

Service Learning Leads to Career for Nursing Student

Like many students Vicki Price eagerly read her syllabus to learn what would be expected of her in her English class. Finding out that she would be required to complete 15 hours of community service and a 600 word essay or a term paper with a 2,500 word count and eight citations, Price began to consider her options. Adding in another 15 hour requirement for a Sociology class, the Chattahoochee Technical College student began looking at her volunteer choices.

“Honestly, at first I thought, ‘UGH,’” said Price. “I am not picking up trash off the side of the road! Once I looked at the many choices of activities Chattahoochee had listed, I was very happy. There are a lot of places and choices of companies to volunteer for. I was over the moon to see Gentiva Hospice as one of the choices.”

Price is currently completing her prerequisites to apply for the Associate of Science in Nursing Program with hopes of becoming a hospice nurse. So the idea of working at Gentiva Hospice caught her eye. The mother of two sons heard back immediately, learning that she could help by answering phones and working in the center’s office. Additionally, since Price had already earned her Certified Nursing Assistant license, she was able to serve as a relief caregiver in people’s homes and as a bereavement counselor.



“I met a lot of the nurses and aides coming in to go to meetings or get supplies,” said Price. “Everyone is so nice and loves what they are doing. I also got to provide caregiver relief. That was very rewarding. People that are caring for someone that has a long-term illness do not want to leave their loved one alone. They need someone to stay so that they can go to the store and get groceries. People have a hard time dealing with death and if the illness is long term, family and friends can get run down.”

After the volunteer experience was over, Price was offered a job at Gentiva Hospice. She is now working as a hospice aide, which she calls a very rewarding occupation. Working every other weekend, she hopes to move up the ladder once she earns her nursing degree.

“If not for the service learning projects at CTC I know I would not have been offered the job,” she said. “I have no former experience working as a CNA. They only decided to hire me because of my volunteer work. This experience has helped me know with certainty that my goal of being a hospice nurse is the path I am meant to be on. I think it is great that students can volunteer at a company that they are going to school to learn that field.”

Chattahoochee Tech Libraries Celebrate Women's History

The Chattahoochee Technical College Libraries will be recognizing Women's History Month with a large collection of resources with information about famous women and related topics. Celebrated in the month of March, Women's History Month highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

"It is a time to pay tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society," said Chattahoochee Technical College Director of Libraries Barbara Moore. "It's also an opportunity for us to learn through biographies of famous women, stats and facts about women and more."

Students, faculty, and staff can visit the library's website to search the catalog for women's history. Resources available through the catalog include books, online tools, and articles. Topics include a wide variety of subjects and events related to women's history. For more information on this and other services provided by the Chattahoochee Technical College Library, students and faculty are encouraged to speak with a librarian at any of the college campuses or visit www.chattahoocheetech.edu/services/library/.

Students Prepare for National Competition in North Carolina



Fifteen students, along with faculty from Chattahoochee Technical College, will board a bus March 11 for North Carolina State University in hopes of returning as the best of the best at the 39th annual Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Student Career Days. The three-day event includes seminars, a career fair, and is highlighted by a competition where students will be pitted against more than 60 other colleges and more than 850 students in a hands-on, academic competition.

Students from Chattahoochee Technical College have taken home the trophy for the highest score and best performance out of more than 60 competing schools twice. Additionally several of the last few Superstar students (the individual with the highest score in five events) have also come from the college's Acworth Campus.

"We certainly feel the pressure of this tradition of excellence," said Horticulture Instructor John Hatfield. "Our students on this team are taking on this event as an extra responsibility to their already busy lives. They are studying and practicing in addition to their classes, jobs and family responsibilities."

Student Career Days is an annual three-day event designed to help build careers for college horticulture students in the green industries. Students compete in events that are directly related to the skills necessary for a career in the green industry, including irrigation, construction cost estimating, wood construction, sales presentation, landscape lighting and various types of plant

identification. They also participate in a career fair and networking events.

Mock Trial More than Fun and Games for EMT Students

An EMT's job is to provide care in the field for a patient in distress. They aren't usually attorneys or witnesses in a courtroom, but the students in R. Scott Anderson's Emergency Medical Services class at Chattahoochee Technical College were playing those roles during Thursday's mock trial exercises.

"The students walked in the first day of class this semester and were handed a summons," said Anderson, who filled the role of judge for the exercise. "I chose the cases based on observations the students had made during previous ride-along experiences of with local professionals. These weren't actual court cases, but they could easily be something that a professional would encounter."

The students were placed on teams and picked roles to fulfill the task of bringing the scenarios from the classroom to the courtroom. Hours of research into medical terms and facts, as well as procedures took place before the mock trials. Each were played out in front of a jury of students from other health science programs at Chattahoochee Technical College. But the real focus was on Patient Care Reports and how critical they are in the field.

"Something that isn't recorded is something you didn't do," said Peter Meadows, acting as the plaintiff's attorney in the first case.

"I think this experience is invaluable," said Theresa Stephens, who was an attorney in one of the cases. "We learn so much about completing the Patient Care Reports in this program. They really try to hammer it to you. But this exercise is showed us what a crucial document it is in trying to prove that you have provided the level of care required for your patient."

Career and College Expo March 27 at Marietta Campus

More than 60 companies, organizations and universities will be at the Marietta Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to recruit students, alumni and community members. A wide range of companies will be represented seeking students and graduates in all programs for positions including entry-level, experienced, trainees, seasonal and full-time positions. With the theme of Steer Your Future, the event is being held in partnership with Georgia Department of Labor and Goodwill of North Georgia – Smyrna Career Center.

Participants in the Career and College Expo should sign in at the atrium between buildings B and C and visit tables set up along the hallways of the adjacent buildings. Lists of participating companies and staff will be available to point people in the right direction. Additionally, there will be workshops for job seekers that include topics on what employers want and professional/social etiquette. Participants will also have the opportunity to have a free professional headshot taken for LinkedIn and other social media sites for career searches.

Chattahoochee Technical College Career Services Coordinator Annette Davis suggests participants research the companies prior to attending and become knowledgeable about the products and/or services the various companies offer.

“In addition, participants should target the companies that have positions in the field(s) they are interested in first, then visit some of the other companies,” said Davis. “Prepare a one minute commercial that summarizes your skills, qualifications, experience and goals. Practice this until you feel comfortable using this as your opening. Anticipate the employers asking interview questions and practice your responses. Remember that you want to leave a lasting first impression with the employers.”

Davis stresses the importance of preparation for events like the Chattahoochee Technical College Career and College Expo. Participants are encouraged to come with copies of their resume and dressed professionally for an interview. Resume and interview tips are available online at chattahoocheetech.edu/career-services/. Current students and graduates may also have their resumes critiqued and practice interviewing skills prior to the event by making an appointment with Career Services.

Impressions are important, according to Davis. Dressing professionally, having a great resume and practicing answers are the first step. Firm handshakes, making eye contact and showing interest in the organization are also necessary.

Two Financial Aid Workshops Scheduled

Chattahoochee Technical College will host two workshops for students and parents about financial aid at Georgia’s largest technical college. The sessions are designed to provide help with completing the FAFSA, one on one assistance with Financial Aid representatives, and more information about Federal and State Grants and Federal Work Study opportunities

Marietta Campus: Friday, **March 13, 2015**, 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.
Location: G-Building, Room G1121

Canton Campus: Friday, **March 20, 2015**, 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.
Location: Room A119



This event is sponsored by College Goal Georgia www.collegegoalga.com

Graduation Information Sessions

This year’s graduation ceremony will be May 1 at the Cobb Energy Centre. To be eligible to graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from Chattahoochee Technical College, a student must satisfactorily complete the program of study in which he/she is enrolled with a program grade point average of 2.0. All students must have completed a high school diploma or GED certificate before graduating from Chattahoochee Technical College.

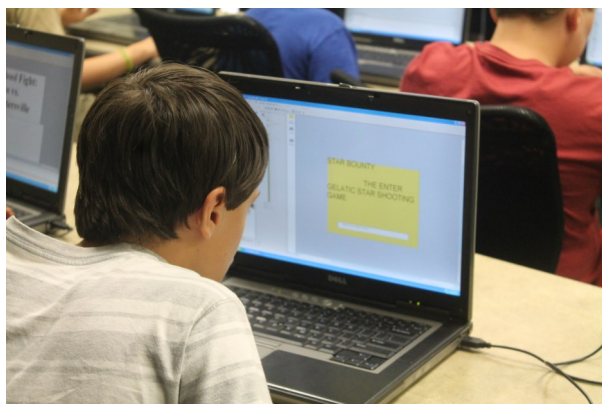
To participate, graduates must attend one of the following mandatory graduation meetings:

Monday, March 30, 2015, at the Marietta Campus- Building F, Room 1129 at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the North Metro Campus – Building B, Room 214 at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the North Metro Campus – Building B, Room 214 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at the Canton Campus – Room A101 at 6 p.m.

For more information visit www.chattahoocheetech.edu/graduation/.



Spring Break Camps at Chattahoochee Tech



Building toys that actually work, designing robots made from Legos, working as a pit crew to design and build racing vehicles, or learning to create a video game that will focus on racing, are all opportunities for elementary and middle school students during Spring Break at Chattahoochee Technical College. In partnership with Metro Atlanta Engineering for Kids, Chattahoochee Technical College will host four different camps for Pre-K through eighth graders at its Marietta Campus. Scheduled for April 6-10, the camps will be offered for both half day and full day time slots.

Full-day sessions will run \$299 and last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for students to eat the lunch they brought from home. Half-day sessions are available from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for \$195.

For Pre-K through second grade students camps include:

Junior Robotics: Amazing Mechanisms: The morning session includes this class that mixes fun and learning using LEGO® WeDo™ Robots. With LEGO® bricks, students will build a dancing bird, a smart spinner and a drumming monkey. They also learn how to program and operate their creations using a laptop computer.

Junior Mechanical Engineering: Let's Make Toys: The afternoon class introduces the youngest of engineers to fundamental concepts of energy, materials and movement. Students explore and construct six different toys throughout this unit, including spinners, magical boomerang cans, wind-up whirligigs and more.

Older students from third through eighth grade will have the opportunity to participate in two different camps.

Momentum Madness: During the morning session students will focus on how fast an object can go without compromising safety. Students in this camp will work with their pit crew to design and build vehicles such as dragsters and hovering levitrons.

Video Game Design: Racing Games: The afternoon session of this week-long camp will also have a race theme as students can create their own video games by designing a racetrack, race cars and an environment for the competition. At the end of the camp, students take home a copy of the game they created.

For more information about these camp sessions, visit <https://engineeringforkids.com/location/metroatlanta/camps>. For questions about the camps, contact Raushanah Butler at 770-529-2369.

Science for EveryBODY: Circulating Knowledge

Imagine traveling the equivalent of twice the earth's circumference at breakneck speed, stopping to load and unload precious cargo along the way. Sound exhausting? Now imagine making that same journey every 2 minutes! For a red blood cell, this is routine. Students, families, and children of all ages will enjoy an incredible 1-2 hour journey through the circulatory system from the inside. Hold a real heart, observe dissections, inflate healthy lungs, and discover disease pathology, all to help better understand what lurks beneath the skin. Although no reservations are required, please email Science@ChattahoocheeTech.edu for groups larger than 10.

Friday, March 27, 2015

The event will be held at Chattahoochee Technical College's **North Metro campus** at 5198 Ross Road, Acworth, Ga 30102 in Building D. Parking is located in Lots A and B. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Atlanta Science Festival at Centennial Olympic Park
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

curious?
ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Chattahoochee Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Inquiries related to the college's accreditation by the Commission may be directed to SACS/COC, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or telephone 404-679-4500. Questions related to admissions and the policies, programs, and practices of Chattahoochee Technical College should be directed to the College.

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CTC Announces GOAL and Instructor of the Year Winners

Chattahoochee Technical College announced Friday the winners of its outstanding student and instructor competitions. Shardé Beatty of Canton, a Business Management Technology student at Chattahoochee Technical College, has been named as the college's winner of the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL). Chattahoochee Technical College Speech Instructor Shari Szalwinski of Marietta was awarded the college's 2015 Carnegie Instructor of the Year Award.

"I first chose technical education in high school," said Beatty, who graduated from Columbia High School in DeKalb County and with an associate degree in early childhood care and education from Southern Crescent Technical College. "I chose Chattahoochee Technical College because I wanted to learn more about business to be successful in my career goals."



CTC GOAL Winner
Shardé Beatty

Beatty, who is the daughter of a single mother Darlene Beatty, has always had a mind for business. According to her speech, she became an entrepreneur at 8 years old, worked in her first job at 15 and by 18 was a leasing agent at an apartment complex. From there she moved up through various positions to property manager. She now directs an after-school program in Cherokee County and recently started a career as a realtor. She hopes to someday own her own brokerage and appraisal business. Beatty is also the mother of a 4-year-old son.

As the school's winner, Beatty receives a plaque, a \$26,500 scholarship from DeVry University to finish her bachelor's degree, and a new Apple iPad. All four of the finalists will receive scholarships from the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce.

GOAL, a statewide program of the Technical College System of Georgia, honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. Local GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's other technical colleges as well as the two Board of Regents colleges with technical education divisions. Beatty will now proceed to regional judging. All college GOAL winners will travel to Atlanta for two days in April. Nine finalists will be announced while

in Atlanta and if chosen, she will compete with the other GOAL finalists from the other state technical college campuses. A panel of leaders from the business, industry and government sectors will interview them and choose one to be the 2015 state GOAL winner and the recipient of the GOAL medallion and a new Chevy Cruz. A car similar to the one the state winner will receive was on display at Chattahoochee Technical College at the awards ceremony courtesy of Day's Chevrolet in Acworth.

Szalwinski will also move forward to regional competition with her newly awarded plaque and a new Apple iPad. An instructor in public speaking, Szalwinski could not resist making a few comments to the audience at the ceremony.

"I told the panel [of judges] that I was not the best instructor at Chattahoochee Tech or even in my department," she said. "I routinely stand on the shoulders of giants at this institution."

As the school's Carnegie Instructor of the Year, Szalwinski also serves as the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction nominee in a statewide program initiated by the Technical College System of Georgia to honor outstanding instructors at the System's member institutions. Nominations for the award come from faculty and staff.



Instructor of the Year
Shari Szalwinski

Chattahoochee Tech Student Wins State Design Contest



CTC Graduate and
Design Winner
Alarise Burton

Chattahoochee Technical College graduate Alarise Burton's artwork will be featured in this year's Winners' Book and other publications for the 2015 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) and Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction. This was the fifth year for the contest, which is open to all students at Georgia's technical colleges. This is the second win for a Chattahoochee Technical College student in this competition.

"I started with my vision of what I thought of when I heard the word GOAL," said Burton. "The design features a runner crossing the finish line to signify accomplishing a goal."

As the winner of the contest, Burton will be awarded \$500 and her picture will appear in the back of the book. Her design was selected from submissions from technical college students throughout the state. Burton is a resident of Powder Springs, Ga. and recently completed her studies in Design and Media Production Technology at Chattahoochee Technical College and now hopes to continue her education at Kennesaw State University. In the meantime, she's begun freelancing with area companies to further her design skills.