

A Newsletter for CTC students • Fall Semester 2015

Open House Held for Renovated Woodstock Campus



Chattahoochee Technical College hosted an open house and ribbon cutting at its Woodstock Campus on Thursday, Oct. 22. More than 350 community leaders, elected officials and local residents came together to celebrate this seamless blending of the past and the future.

The Woodstock Elementary School choir sang “Woodstock in My Heart,” written by City Historian Juanita Hughes, and “My Country Tis’ Of Thee” and then led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chattahoochee Tech President Dr. Ron Newcomb thanked the members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, the members of the state legislature, and the community itself for helping to make all of this possible.

“This campus is a wonderful gift given by the people of Woodstock to the people of Woodstock,” said Newcomb.

Built in the 1930s, the campus sits on the former site of Woodstock Elementary School. The property was leased from the Cherokee County Board of Education in 2004, then deeded by the Board of Education to the state for use by the college in 2013.

With a budgeted cost of \$5.3 million, the 46,011 gross-square-foot building includes 13 classrooms, a library, Student Success Center, faculty offices, office space, restrooms, and a plaza area. Students enrolled in the Technical Specialist Certificate program can take the required core classes at this location, along with Criminal Justice, Introduction to Computers, and many healthcare prerequisites. In addition, the campus may be rented for business meetings and community conferences.

Chattahoochee Tech took great care in refurbishing the former Woodstock Elementary School building to ensure the historical integrity of the site was maintained while upgrading the facilities to educate a 21st century workforce. Generations of families toured the halls of the new Woodstock Campus and reminisced about their time as students and teachers.

While the building has a very proud past, it has a very bright future ahead of it. During her remarks, Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Gretchen Corbin noted that the members of the Woodstock Elementary School choir were going to be in the class of 2023 and that there would be a place for them at the Woodstock Campus in 2024.

“We celebrate a building today and we provide a future opportunity to our students,” said Corbin.

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Chattahoochee Tech Recognized for Tremendous Growth by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*



Chattahoochee Technical College has been recognized for being one of the fastest-growing two-year public institutions between 2003 and 2013 by “The Chronicle of Higher Education.”

“Being featured [in ‘The Chronicle of Higher Education’] is a testament to our success of providing access to world-class education resources to the communities we serve,” Executive Vice President Trina Boteler said. “During those 10 years, Chattahoochee Technical College has undergone a merger, added programs, and upgraded facilities. We have listened to the demands set forth by our business community for programs that teach the skills needed to fill jobs, and to the input from our students asking to provide more areas to study, complete assignments, and to better meet the needs of a growing and evolving student population.”

President Ron Newcomb said the combination of working with businesses and industries, while also seeking to make career education easily accessible, has resulted in a boon for the college, especially during the economic downturn beginning around 2007.

“Expanding our online offerings, for example, has contributed to our growing student population. This makes it possible for more students to go to college on their schedule, and helps us keep students on a path toward graduation,” Newcomb said.



CTC Career Services Hosts *Power Hour+* Events from Nov. 3 - 12

Finding a job is a job unto itself. An effective job search is much more than just writing a resume and posting it online. The ideal candidate for a job will be able to communicate well, to adapt to new situations, to solve problems and to work as part of a team dynamic. Chattahoochee Technical College Career Services is hosting the “Power Hour +” to help students get a job or possibly a promotion at their current place of employment. Students will be able to hear from hiring managers about what skills will help them stand out among the competition. They will also receive tutorials on how to write effective resumes and cover letters, how to target the job search, how to make a good impression during the interview, and how to follow up with the company after the interview.

The following “Power Hour +” sessions will be held:

- Nov. 3 – Paulding Campus from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Room B138)
- Nov. 4 – North Metro Campus from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Room A109)
- Nov. 5 – North Metro Campus from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Room A109)
- Nov. 9 – Appalachian Campus from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Room 320)
- Nov. 11 – Marietta Campus from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Building C, Campus Life Suite)
- Nov. 12 – Marietta Campus from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Building C, Campus Life Suite)

CT Foundation To Receive Portion of Sales at Glory Haus on Nov. 14

Chattahoochee Tech Foundation is partnering with Glory Haus, a company that designs and manufactures home decor products, on Saturday, Nov 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Foundation will receive 20-percent of all sales during that time. Glory Haus is located at 560 Webb Industrial Drive in Marietta. Products are 60-percent off the retail price. For more information, contact Amanda Henderson, Advancement Operations & Accounting Specialist, at 770-528-4461.



Georgia Gives Day ‘Unselfie’ Challenge on Nov. 12

Win up to \$500 for the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation by participating in the “unselfie” contest on Georgia Gives Day! On Nov. 12, we are challenging the public in a “flash mob of giving,” focusing on a 24-hour period to see how much we can raise for Georgia’s non-profits, including the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation. Nearly 100 percent of your donation goes to the non-profit of your choice.

Here's how the #unselfie contest works: 1. Between now and Nov. 2, take a selfie that shows why you're giving to the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation. 2. Post it to your Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram account, and tag it #unselfie and #GAgivesday. 3. On the week of Nov. 9, the Georgia Center for Non-profits will share the top finalists on Facebook and count on their followers to vote for their favorite with a like. The top three vote-getters will receive a donation to the GA Gives Day nonprofit of their choice in their name—\$500 for 1st place, and \$100 each for 2nd and 3rd place.



Study Abroad in Ireland over Spring Break 2016



Students at Chattahoochee Technical College have the opportunity to study abroad this spring break in Ireland. The total cost for the program is \$2,970. This includes round-trip airfare from Atlanta to Dublin, hotel accommodations, guided tours and admission to attractions, all breakfasts and two dinners and medical and travel insurance.

Applications will be accepted through Dec. 1, 2015.

For more information, contact study.abroad@chattahoocheetech.edu

CTC President Dr. Newcomb *Reads for the Record*



Chattahoochee Technical College students, faculty and staff did their part to support literacy awareness by participating in the “Read for the Record” event in October. The event, sponsored by Jumpstart, is a global effort to promote early childhood literacy by motivating children and adults to participate in the world’s largest shared reading experience. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the “Read of the Record” initiative.

CTC’s involvement with the program began five years ago as a project through service learning at the college, which encourages students to become more active in their communities. Students read to children at elementary schools, public libraries, and at home. The project has grown tremendously as students eagerly recruit people to help promote a love of reading.

This year’s event has even greater significance for Chattahoochee Tech. It is dedicated to Barbara Moore who served as Director of Libraries before passing away during the summer. Dr. Judy Cannon, a reading instructor at CTC, spoke of how this event is a perfect way to honor Barbara Moore.

“Barbara had such a great love of books and truly enjoyed sharing her passion for reading,” said Cannon.

Chattahoochee Technical College President Dr. Ron Newcomb took part in the “Read for the Record” event at the Marietta Campus. He read to 8-month-old Wayne Van Blarcom, the son of CTC Criminal Justice student, Karen Higdon.

“When it comes to reading, starting early means starting well. Studies have shown time and time again that the earlier children are introduced to reading, the better off they are at developing the essential communication and processing skills to excel in school and in life,” said Newcomb.

CTC Culinary Arts Program Hosts Chili Cook-Off



Chattahoochee Technical College's Culinary Arts program hosted its Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Mountain View Campus on Oct. 15. The four teams, Cajun Asian, Chili Chili Bang Bang, Red Hot Chili Preppers, and the Tri Top Trio, consisting of two to three students per team, competed for the title of "Best Chili." Each team's entry was judged on taste, presentation, and tenderness.

The Culinary Arts program, established in 2000, is one of the original programs on campus. Known as the "White Hat Brigade," students, ranging in ages from 18 to 60, develop their culinary skills through a combination of theory and practical application. The program, which usually takes a year and a half to two years to complete, provides students with the opportunity to earn an associate degree or a diploma.

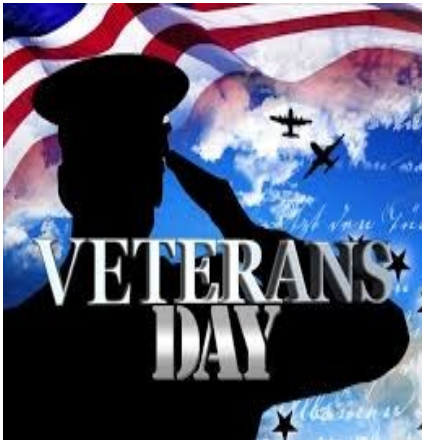
Chef Hillary Gallagher has been an instructor in the Culinary Arts program for the past 10 years and has served as the head of the program since 2011. Ms. Gallagher believes events like the Chili Cook-Off encourage friendly competition.

"It's all about the students. They learn how to collaborate in a fun, relaxed environment," Gallagher said. Montinque' Baugh, a senior from Acworth, said, "Cooking just runs in my family." So she decided to take it to the next level and get her Culinary Arts degree. Ms. Baugh is set to graduate in May of 2016 and already has many job opportunities to choose from.

First-year student, Celina Vicente, is from Powder Springs and participated in a culinary program at her high school. She started decorating cakes at her first job and that quickly evolved into baking cakes. Ms. Vicente hopes to own a bake shop someday.

This year's winner was the Tri Top Trio team. Congratulations to all who participated!

The History Behind Veterans Day Celebration



In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The original concept was for a day of parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially passed a resolution making November 11 a legal holiday—known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had the greatest mobilization of fighting forces in our nation's history and American troops had fought Communist aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by changing the wording from "Armistice" to "Veterans."

With the approval of this legislation, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Chattahoochee Tech strives to assist veterans as they transition from military service to the workforce or with a career change. There are currently more than 730 veterans enrolled at Chattahoochee Tech. We thank all of our veterans and their families for the tremendous sacrifices they have made to secure our freedom.

CTC's Campus Life and Athletics Departments 'Tip-Off' Events Held



Chattahoochee Tech's Campus Life and Athletics Departments hosted various events on all eight campuses in support of the CTC athletes and their upcoming basketball seasons. The festivities include tie-dyeing t-shirts, the Golden Eagle Shoot Out, and a meet and greet with members of the basketball teams, along with other fan-related events.

The Tip-Off games were held on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Smyrna Recreation Center. The women's team held an intrasquad scrimmage as part of the "Pink Out" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Also that evening, basketball alumni showed off their hoops skills and were recognized for their achievements during their playing time at CTC. Alumni "Team Blue" won 66-63. Robert Broderick scored 19 points for the Blue squad, while Josh White scored 20 for "Team White." The last event of the evening was the men's intrasquad scrimmage that "Team Gold" won 47-46.

"Tip-Off week gives students a chance to see who we are and the community we represent. Being a part of this week is special to the program and I am glad that we can show our pride for the school," said Keith Lundy, women's interim head coach.

David Archer, the men's head coach and athletics coordinator, is excited about the energy surrounding the program.

"Coming off a solid 22-9 season last year, one in which we seemed to be underachievers, we believe we are ready to compete for a title this season. This team has a great deal of ability and we look forward to the start of the new basketball season. Both our women's and men's basketball teams have been working hard to prepare for opening night. This Tip-Off event was a great way to introduce our student athletes to the community," said Archer.

For a full schedule of the upcoming Chattahoochee Technical College basketball games visit <http://www.ctcgoldeneagles.com>.



Occupational Therapy Assistant Service Learning Project

Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) students are completing their Service Learning Project this semester by assisting the Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) by training members of the community on assistive technology devices and developing a distribution system.

FODAC is a non-profit organization based in Stone Mountain that collects, refurbishes and redistributes medical equipment that is no longer needed, such as wheelchairs and hospital beds. FODAC approached OTA faculty about helping to upgrade its operations. OTA students are creating training videos, establishing an inventory control system, and developing a decision tree tool to assist FODAC employees to determine which assistive technology devices best suit their needs.

"It has been an honor working with and learning from the individuals at FODAC who are whole-heartedly devoted to serving their clients and the community as a whole," said Stephanie Simonson, OTA Student. "The beginning of this assistive technology program is just another aspect of their desire to expand and deepen the ways in which they serve."

Ryan James, another OTA student, added, "The hands-on experience I've had with the devices that are available at FODAC has helped me broaden my knowledge of the field of assistive technology. It's been a great opportunity working with FODAC to help their clients in a new and exciting way."



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