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A NEWSLETTER FOR CTC STUDENTS



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Chattahoochee Tech Launches Redesigned Website

ChattahoocheeTech.edu has a new look.

The college revamped its website and mobile app to provide a more satisfying user experience.

The new design is intended to make it easier for users navigating the site to find resources such as credit and non-credit programs as well as information about enrollment and financial services.

Much of the information on the website has remained unchanged; however, there have been

navigation improvements and other changes made to allow for ADA compliance. The website also features clear and concise main menus (top navigation bar) that direct site visitors to the college's programs and courses, administrative offices involved in the enrollment process, an abundance of student financial services, as well as other college-related departments.

The front-page sliders direct visitors to a variety of services offered by the college, including International Services and



Check out the new mobile-friendly [site](#).

Veteran Services. The site also features links to "college news" and the college's social media pages.

On the front-page footer, visitors can access driving directions to each of the college's campuses.

What's Happening at the Library:

There's a general consensus that libraries are passé, but that is not at all true. Chattahoochee Tech's seven libraries are up-to-date with the latest in information and research support.

The libraries have what you would expect with a collection of facts, history and classic literature; however, you'll also find best-sellers, graphic novels, self-help, and DIY materials. The Canton Campus library grew its graphic novel collection in the past year, and the North Metro Campus is expanding their fiction collection.

The online resources are just as dynamic as the paper books on the shelves. You can access much of the library material online through the college's website. Select "Me at CTC" followed by "Library" to access library books and databases.

GALILEO is a wonderful source for thousands of articles from journals, magazines and newspapers. GALILEO also provides access to many other databases. To access GALILEO off-campus, you'll need a password, which you can obtain from library staff. Stop by or call your campus library for more information or help. The library staff is here to help you.

Submitted by Lynette Blackwell, library assistant at the Canton library.

Mountain View and Canton Classroom Campuses Only

Chattahoochee Technical College has implemented new streamlining measures at two of its campuses. The Mountain View and Canton campuses are classroom campuses only, meaning front-line positions in Student Affairs and Student Financial Services will be available only on designated campuses.

Students are now being directed to the Appalachian, North Metro, Paulding or Marietta campuses for any face-to-face needs from enrollment or financial services.

Students at the Mountain View or Canton campuses who are unable to travel to another campus to speak with personnel about enrollment or financial services may call 770-528-4545 or visit [ChattahoocheeTech.edu](#) to have their inquiries addressed.



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Partnership Leads to First-of-Its Kind Venue

Chattahoochee Tech, Cherokee Office of Economic Development and the Woodstock Office of Economic Development share a passion for encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit and recently teamed up to create Fresh Start Cherokee's The Circuit, a first-of-its-kind venue in Georgia.

Located on Chattahoochee Technical College's Woodstock Campus at One Innovation Way, The Circuit was created to foster entrepreneurship and business development within Cherokee County and is now available for use by business owners, startups and students. Similar to a business development center, tenants are offered training resources for preparing business plans, marketing strategies and increasing cash flow. The Circuit also has centralized office resources available, and is open to



Chattahoochee Tech students mingle at The Circuit located on the Woodstock Campus.

Chattahoochee Tech students as a student center.

By providing businesses and startups with a place to network, host meetings or tap into training resources, The Circuit will create value in the area through new jobs and investment.

Events

Coffee and Conversations
February 20-23 at 10 AM
All Campuses

Join Campus Life for coffee, hot tea and hot chocolate, and get to know our administrators.

Sending Your Child To College: College 101 Seminar
Feb. 28 at 6:30 PM
North Metro Campus

Invest in your child's future without sacrificing yours. CTC and Ameriprise Financial invite you to join us for a special seminar.

Mid-Semester Checkup
March 13-15 at 11 AM
Canton, Mountain View and North Metro campuses.
March 20 at 11 AM
Marietta Campus

Check-in and check-up with our different student services.

National Grilled Cheese Day
April 12 at 12 noon
Marietta and North Metro campuses

Stop by and grab a grilled cheese!

Earth Week Event
April 17-20 at 11 AM
All Campuses

Stop by and make a potted plant to take home.

Swoop Spectacular
April 24-27
North Metro Campus

Join us for fun, games and prizes at this carnival-themed event.

For the full Campus Life calendar, visit ChattahoocheeTech.edu

Join in on the Action



Diesel Lab Expands in 2017

Thanks to an allocation of state world-class lab funding, Chattahoochee Technical College's Diesel Equipment Technology diploma program, located at the North Metro Campus, will grow in 2017.

"With nearly 100 students enrolled in the Diesel Equipment Technology program during the 2015-2016 school year, the program is ready for updates and expansion," Marcy Smith, dean of business and technical studies, said.

The new equipment, which is expected to arrive this spring semester, includes new trucks and engines as well as training and simulation equipment to help students get a hands-on feel for the line of work. In addition, the Diesel Equipment Technology lab has nearly doubled in size thanks to the modification of the existing facility, which will allow the college to plan for an eventual specialization for light diesel trucks and off-road diesel equipment.

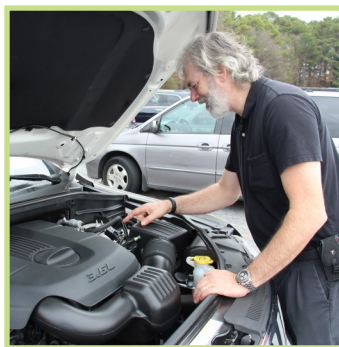
For more information, visit ChattahoocheeTech.edu.

Tutors are back!

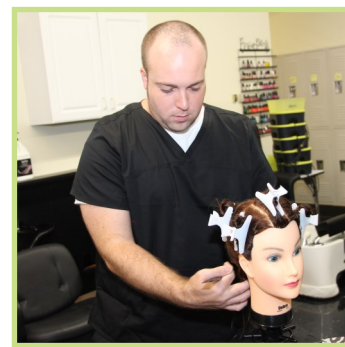
Academic Success Centers provide free tutoring to currently enrolled CTC students on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Academic Success Centers also provide a place to study and use computers.

For more information and directions to our centers, visit www.chattahoocheetech.edu/academic-success-centers/

Online tutoring is also available for those who cannot make it to a success center location.



Automotive Technology purchased 22 newer-model vehicles, which will be distributed to the North Metro, Marietta and Appalachian campuses.



The cosmetology lab at the North Metro Campus received 22 new styling stations and hydraulic chairs to keep up with the industry standard.

Chattahoochee Tech's Nursing Program Ranks Fifth in State

Chattahoochee Tech recently received the distinction of hosting one of the top 10 nursing programs in Georgia by www.registerednursing.org.

Listed at No. 5, CTC was ranked for its Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program.

"Nursing programs were assessed on several factors which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond,"

RegisteredNursing.org Founder and Managing Editor Brooke Wallace said.

"We analyzed past and present National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) pass rates, weighted by year."

The website used CTC's pass rates from 2011 to 2015 and analyzed 40 total institutions in the state of Georgia. The institutional graduation rate for Chattahoochee Tech's ASN program is more than 70 percent.

Quetina Pittman-Howell, Associate Dean of Nursing for CTC, said this accomplishment was made possible by the hard work of the college's faculty and

students. Pittman-Howell, who is a registered nurse, a doctoral candidate and holds a Master of Science in Nursing Education, said CTC students are "truly amazing."

The Associate of Science in Nursing and Associate of Science in Nursing – LPN to RN Bridge Option programs are located at the college's Paulding Campus.

Upon completion of the highly rigorous and competitive Chatt Tech nursing programs, students are eligible to apply and sit for the NCLEX-RN.



Do you need help with **interviewing** skills as you prepare for a career?

Discover Your **Toastmasters** chapter can help!

Starting March 2, all CTC students, employees and members of the community are invited to join the chapter, which meets from 12 noon to 1 PM in Building B, Room 202 at the North Metro Campus in Acworth on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Members are responsible for a one-time \$20 registration fee and \$36 membership dues every six months. For more information, contact Toastmasters@ChattahoocheeTech.edu.

Andrea Newsome to Represent CTC as EAGLE Winner

After experiencing a devastating loss five months ago, a local woman persevered and is well on her way to completing her GED through Chattahoochee Technical College's Adult Education program.

Andrea Newsome's dedication and tireless effort has not gone unnoticed, as the 32-year-old Acworth woman was recently named the college's Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) student.

EAGLE is the first statewide program in the nation that recognizes and rewards excellence among students enrolled in adult education programs. This student recognition program is designed to create greater awareness of educational opportunities that are available in local communities across the state and to foster greater involvement in lifelong learning pursuits.

As the Chattahoochee Technical College EAGLE student, Newsome will now go on to compete against others across the state at the Technical College System of Georgia-sponsored EAGLE Leadership

Institute in March. This event recognizes and honors those students who have demonstrated superior achievement in adult education classes and programs.



A. Newsome

The road that led Newsome to Chattahoochee Technical College's Adult Education program was a long one. In 2014, she enrolled in a Cobb

County-based adult education program to provide a better life for her children, but, when faced with increased rent that she could not afford, she dropped out and moved to the Acworth area, where she found an affordable home for her family.

"Once I was settled, I was determined to get back on track," Newsome said. "I searched for local GED programs in the Acworth area, and I found the Adult Education program at Chattahoochee Technical College. I enrolled that same day."

Newsome, however, would soon face a great hardship in her life.

"I recently lost my oldest daughter to a fatal syndrome called Sanfilippo (a genetic error of metabolism)," Newsome said. "This has been very difficult for me and my family. I am thankful for CTC because at a very low time in my life they comforted me with encouraging words to stay in school."

Newsome returned to school at the North Metro Campus just 15 days after losing her 13-year-old daughter.

"Andrea has a drive that exemplifies strength and dedication," said Transition Program Specialist Jackie Magee. "She was one of only three students who earned a Georgia Department of Labor GeorgiaBEST (soft skills) certification during our pilot program last spring. She has turned her unsurmountable grief into fuel to reach her goal of higher education."

Since enrolling in the college's Adult Education program, Newsome has completed two parts of the GED and is on track to complete the science and math components by next month.

Physical Therapist Assistant Student Recognized as GOAL Winner

At an annual awards luncheon held at the North Metro Campus in Acworth on Friday, Jan. 27, Chattahoochee Technical College President Dr. Ron Newcomb named **Katherine Hamilton of Woodstock** the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) winner.

GOAL is a statewide program that 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.

Hamilton, who is studying to be a Physical Therapist Assistant, was ultimately selected as the GOAL winner for her dedication to academic excellence and leadership. The path that led Hamilton to Chattahoochee Technical College is a compelling story – one that shows commitment, drive and strength.

"The ability to read common words such as "and" and "the" is easy for most elementary school kids, but, for me, reading these words was my greatest struggle. In the third grade, I was diagnosed with a severe form of dyslexia," she said. "The following years included many hours of hard work and frustration."



K. Hamilton

When people close to Hamilton told her that she wasn't college material, she was determined to prove them wrong. She continued to make educational gains and earned a bachelor's degree. However, Hamilton soon became interested in pursuing a career in physical therapy, and when her degree was not sufficient for this field, she enrolled at Chattahoochee Tech.

To learn more about Hamilton's story, visit our website at ChattahoocheeTech.edu.

Students Celebrate Donors during Thank-a-Thon Event

Five Chattahoochee Technical College students who benefited from scholarship opportunities and emergency grants reached out to make personal thank you calls to more than 100 donors in the community whose generosity helped fund their education as well as the education of more than 50 other students during the 2016-17 academic year.

The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation hosted a Thank-a-Thon in an effort to acknowledge all donors for their contributions to the college.

During 2016, the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation provided \$59,100 in scholarship funds to well-deserving students, and issued \$8,426 in emergency grant funds to help students at risk of not

continuing their education due to unexpected financial dilemmas.

“Donations to the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation ease the financial burden many students face while attending college,” said Director of Alumni and Annual Giving Stephanie Hubbell. “At Chattahoochee Tech, our students have access to a world-class education, but we cannot do it alone. Thanks to businesses and individuals believing in our mission, we are able to make higher education an affordable reality for students in our community.”

Kymberely Wisener, of Paulding County, was one student who benefited from scholarship funds. Wisener said she volunteered to make thank you calls to



Clifford Acquaye participates in the Thank-a-Thon.

donors because she is grateful for the resources that allowed her to complete her degree.

Cobb County resident **Clifford Acquaye** said he participated as a way to give back.

“I felt like saying ‘thank you’ to those who helped me,” he said.

LGE Donates to Student Leadership Academy

The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation recently received a gift of \$2,000 from LGE Community Credit Union. The funds will be used to sponsor the upcoming session of the Student Leadership Academy.

“When we find partners in the community, like LGE Community Credit Union, who are willing to sponsor extracurricular programs, like Student Leadership Academy, our students are able to take advantage of opportunities outside of the classroom that help them grow as leaders and future members of our workforce,” said Executive Director of Development Advancement Melanie Lambert.

About The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation:

The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation’s mission is to provide philanthropic support to the college, its students, and programs. Designed to support the mission of Chattahoochee Technical College, the Foundation partners with businesses, alumni, and friends, to make higher education an affordable reality for students in our community. To learn more about the Foundation, visit ChattahoocheeTech.edu and select “Foundation/Alumni” in the menu bar.



The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation raised \$24,097 during a Reverse Raffle held in the fall. The funds will be used to provide scholarships and emergency grants to students.



Yancey Bros. Co. presented a \$3,500 check to Chattahoochee Tech President Dr. Ron Newcomb in support of the Diesel Equipment Technology program.



The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation will hold its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 21. The Foundation has received more than 200 applications.

Veteran Service Center Unveiled

With unwavering respect, gratitude and complete appreciation for the selfless men and women who serve this country with courage and strength, Chattahoochee Technical College unveiled the Veteran Service Center, which is located on the Marietta Campus.

At the Veteran Service Center, Chatt Tech veterans and their families will have access to “the Essentials” such as counseling services, career advising and computers for coursework research. In addition, workshops and guest speakers on pertinent topics, such as PTSD and traumatic brain injuries, will be offered.

Through the Veteran Service Center and continued outreach, such as advisory committee groups throughout the college’s six-county service area, Chattahoochee Tech pledges its continued commitment to ensure the college’s veteran population, as well as their family members, receive the care and recognition they deserve.

The Veteran Service Center was made possible, in part, by a \$12,000 donation from AT&T, which was awarded to the college for its participation in AT&T’s \$20K for 2020 workforce development competition this summer.

AT&T’s External Affairs Regional Director Don Barbour, who is also a member of the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation Board of Trustees, presented the check to the college as part of the telecommunication corporation’s continuing commitment to support workforce development efforts.



The Veteran Service Center is now open at the Marietta Campus.



VETERAN BENEFIT EXPO



In an effort to provide both resources and awareness information to transitioning military members and veterans, Chattahoochee Technical College is planning a Military Veteran Benefit Expo at our North Metro Campus in Acworth on Thursday, March 16, from 9 AM to 3

PM. The event is designed to assist veterans and veteran family members on how to transition from combat boots to loafers.

Invitees include guardsmen and reservists from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Chattahoochee Tech’s current student enrollment of more than 700 veterans or veteran family members, as well as other veterans residing in the area.

Green Zone: More than 175 Chattahoochee Tech

employees are trained and are available at every campus to help connect our veteran student population to a well-deserved service or support source either internal or external to the college. Additionally, there are more than 50 veterans employed at the college.

All About The Veteran Service Center

The Veteran Service Center is located on the Marietta Campus, Building B, Room 138, which is immediately adjacent to the atrium. Hours of operation are Mondays through Thursdays, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM and on Fridays, from 8:30 AM to 12 noon. Come by to visit, relax and converse with other military veterans or have a cup of coffee. We would like to meet you!

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