

Fall Semester 2016

## New Look: Chattahoochee Tech Rolls Out 'the Essentials'

Chattahoochee Technical College recently embarked on a market research study to help gain better insight into who we are as an organization. After months of research and planning, the college has developed a new marketing message and a fresh look.

Simply put, at Chattahoochee Tech, we offer "*the Essentials*."

Achieving the goals of this marketing project was a collaborative process that required the assistance of administrators, faculty, staff, current students, high school students and partners in the community.

This concept is vital to our commitment of offering academic excellence.



To learn more about "the Essentials,"  
[click here.](#)

## Nursing Program Gains National Accreditation

The Associate of Science in Nursing program recently received initial accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

It's a recognition that officials said validates the quality and caliber of the nursing program.

"To the nursing profession, accreditation means that our program is providing evidenced-based teaching, curriculum developed using current professional standards, and that

our students are prepared to successfully enter practice as a new graduate nurse," said Program Director and Associate Dean Quetina Pittman Howell.

Recognizing the nursing faculty, Health Sciences Dean Ron Webb said CTC has an excellent, student-focused nursing program, and accreditation from ACEN validates the quality of education the college provides.

Initial accreditation has been granted for five years.

### Study Abroad Program

Interested in experiencing a **new culture** while earning college credit? Study abroad in **Spain** during May 2017.

Information sessions will be held:

Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in B106, Marietta Campus

Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in B201, North Metro Campus

Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in B201, Marietta Campus

Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in B202, Marietta Campus

For more information, visit [ChattahoocheeTech.edu](http://ChattahoocheeTech.edu)

### Job Fairs

**September 15**

Fall 2016 College Fair  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Marietta Campus

**September 28**

Mini Career Fair  
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Marietta Campus

**November 3**

Mini Career Fair  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Paulding Campus

**November 8**

Manufacturing  
Industry Career Fair  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
North Metro Campus

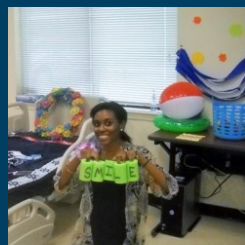
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## Chattahoochee Tech Fall Enrollment Tops 10,000

Classes are officially back in session and Chattahoochee Tech is seeing an uptick in its enrollment numbers with more than 10,100 students registered for the 16-week fall semester. Last year, CTC had 9,815 students registered for the fall term.

"Forecasting enrollment is always a difficult task, but by promoting academic success we strive to position the college as an educational leader in the community. We are certainly pleased with our enrollment trend for the 2016-17 academic year," CTC President Dr. Ron Newcomb said.

The Marietta Campus remains the top physical campus for student enrollment with 4,095 students. The North Metro Campus is next in line with 2,921 students and is followed by the Paulding Campus with 910 students, the Canton Campus with 848 students, and the Mountain View Campus with 727 students. Additionally, 533 students are registered for classes at the Woodstock Campus and another 418 have signed up for classes at the Appalachian Campus. About 4,100 are taking



Chattahoochee Technical College's Campus Life welcomed back students for the fall term with an ice cream social and marketplace day.

at least one class online and 1,266 were exclusively enrolled in online classes.

"We are continuing to see interest in technical education, and our enrollment is the direct result of providing the essentials for students to excel in their career goals. Our qualified instructors, flexible courses and affordability continues to be a draw for students balancing work, family, and higher education," Newcomb said.



## Events

**Popcorn, Popsicles and Plinko**  
**September 21-22**  
*Appalachian, Mountain View, Paulding and Woodstock campuses*

Come Play Plinko Truth or Dare with Campus Life.

**Smoothies for Smarties**  
**October 3-6**  
*All Campuses*

Prepare for mid-terms with a fruit smoothie of your choice.

**Mid-Semester Check-Up**  
**October 10-13**  
*Canton, Marietta, Mountain View and North Metro campuses*

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

**Tip Off**  
**November 8-14**  
*All Campuses*

Meet the Golden Eagles on campus.

**Winter Wonderland**  
**December 1**  
*Marietta Campus*

Bring your family and friends to meet Santa Claus.

**Exam Breakfast**  
**December 5-8**  
*All Campuses*

It's time for finals! Stop by and grab some brain food.

**De-Stress for Success**  
**December 5-8**  
*All Campuses*

Stick around after Exam Breakfast and make stress balls.



## Paramedic Program Now Accredited

The Paramedic program at Chattahoochee Tech earned five-year national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.

"I am very proud of the outcome of the accreditation project. It reflects a great deal of hard work by the faculty. It provides confirmation that the Paramedic program at Chattahoochee Tech offers students excellent training," said Dean of Health Sciences Ron Webb.

Chattahoochee Technical College's Paramedic program, which is located on the North Metro Campus in Acworth, prepares students to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical patients. Students in the program are taught how to perform patient assessments and provide advanced life support.

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Paramedicine program students practice trauma scenarios for hands-on experience.

## AT&T Presents Check for \$12K to Chattahoochee Technical College

AT&T's External Affairs Regional Director Don Barbour presented a check for \$12,000 to Chattahoochee Tech as part of the corporation's continuing commitment to support workforce development efforts.

The donation is being used to help fund the college's Veterans Support Center located in the B Building on the Marietta Campus. The center was created to support the more than 700 Chattahoochee Tech students who have identified themselves as former military or veteran family members. The primary

objective is to assist veterans and their families as they transition to a post-secondary academic environment to promote program completion and career placement.

The funding provided by AT&T supports specific resources, such as dedicated counseling services, academic success programs, career advising, computers for coursework research and an expansion of activities to assist veteran students in the transition process. In addition, workshops for veterans will be offered.



Pictured, from left, are CTC Executive Vice President Dr. Trina Boteler, AT&T Regional Director Don Barbour, CTC President Dr. Ron Newcomb, CTC External Affairs Vice President Jennifer Nelson, CTC Communication and Veteran Services Coordinator Dr. Barry Munday and CTC Executive Director of Retention Services Dr. Lauren Lunk.



Are you a **serious-minded** individual preparing for a career?

**Phi Beta Lambda** chapter can help!

CTC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter is a student branch of a national organization that provides opportunities for students who have career plans in business and office occupations. Students hold monthly meetings, sponsor service projects and participate in state conferences and competitions.

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# Nearly 50 Children Benefit From Backpack Giveaway

As students across metro-Atlanta headed back to school last month, Chattahoochee Technical College's faculty, staff and students rallied together to collect backpacks, snacks and other necessities needed to start the year off right.

Sponsored by the college's Center for Service Learning, the school supply drive benefited children of CTC students.

Through the efforts of those who gave supplies, the Center for Service Learning was able to fill nearly 50 backpacks with back-to-school essentials.

A wrap-up party for the school supply drive was held on the Marietta Campus, and during the event, theater appreciation instructor Willena Moye and her students created games and decorated the room to mimic a pool party theme. Attendees were able to go fishing, play a game of beach ball bowling, and even spell as many words as possible in one minute using letters

captured from the sea.

"I require my theater appreciation classes to participate in Service Learning because I want to connect what they learn in textbooks and lectures to the real world. This semester's backpack drive and indoor pool party gave my students a chance to experience the work of scene designers while volunteering for a worthy cause. Learning through doing helps their knowledge stick long after the class has finished," Moye said.

CTC reading instructor Dr. Judy Cannon also asked her students to get involved in the event. The students graciously gave up their time to help sort the supplies in preparation for the indoor pool party. Speech instructors Shari Szalwinski and Shalanda Dixon as well as English instructor Sheri Easton-Long also provided helping hands during the event.

In addition to receiving school supplies, the children were also able to get haircuts from the barbering students.

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"Chattahoochee Tech's school drive came right on time. It seemed like I had less time this year to prepare since the kids go back to school Aug. 1. I am thankful that Chattahoochee Tech put the drive together and provided some much needed supplies," said CTC student and parent of two Amorata Youngblood, who is enrolled in the Business Management program.

Chattahoochee Technical College's Center for Service Learning supports efforts to include experiential instruction with service in the community in order for students to enhance their career and social skills.



## The Center for Service Learning

A Service Learning course ensures that students not only participate in experiential education but also reflect upon what they are doing and evaluate what they are learning. Students earn college credit for the class when they meet the course requirements for the Service Learning requirement of the course. For more information, visit [ChattahoocheeTech.edu](http://ChattahoocheeTech.edu).



# The Heeter Family

**W**hen faced with the tough decision of where to attend college, Alexandra Heeter and her brother, Nicholas, turned to Chattahoochee Technical College for its flexible classes and affordability – a move that has since inspired their high-school aged siblings to enroll in the college's Move on When Ready program.

As the eldest sibling, Alexandra Heeter, 24, of Woodstock paved the way for her brother and sisters by serving as a prime example that a four-year university is not for everyone.

Alexandra graduated from high school with one goal in mind ... she wanted to earn a degree. But, after multiple universities did not fit her schedule or finances, she needed another option.

"I have Celiac disease along with a couple of other medical conditions that take a lot of time, effort and finances to maintain. While attending the universities, I found myself spending more time and money on strictly education alone while allowing my health conditions to plunge downhill," she said. "I progressively became very ill. I attempted a total of three different universities and left them all."

Despite her hardships, Alexandra refused to give up and instead decided to give Chattahoochee Technical College a shot.

"The flexibility of the hours not only left me with enough time to take care of my health needs, but to also gain hands-on experience in the workforce. The faculty and administration were also extremely helpful in guiding me in the right direction toward pursuing my goals and ambitions," she said.

Chattahoochee Technical College also gave Alexandra the confidence she needed to succeed in life.

"Before attending CTC, I thought that I was a failure and that I was unable to handle real life out of high school. However, my real life was a bit more different than most. I have more responsibilities outside of school that kept me from following the same path that most college students take straight out of high school," she said. "Chattahoochee Tech has offered me the same education for a better deal: The ability to maintain my healthy lifestyle while earning a degree and gaining experience in the workforce."

Alexandra's success payed off this past academic year after



**Pictured are Alexandra, Emily, Catie and Nicholas Heeter.**

she graduated with an Associate of Science in Marketing Management. She also was a finalist for the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership program while attending the college.

"My favorite aspect of CTC is how welcoming the college is. It does not matter what your background is or where you came from, CTC welcomes everyone with open arms. CTC works with the students in order for them to gain the education that they deserve by allowing flexible class schedules, issuing a cost-friendly tuition and providing us with such a great faculty and administration," she said.

Nicholas Heeter, 19, also graduated from Chattahoochee Technical College this past academic year with an Associate of Science in Television Production Technology.

"CTC really taught me a lot about my program of study. It was not just lectures and lessons; it was a lot of hands-on learning, too. The instructors really show you how to work your craft and how to be successful in it," he said. "Everyone is friendly and the teachers are there to help you."

The two youngest Heeters, Emily, 16, and Catie, 15, are the last two siblings attending Chattahoochee Technical College. The high school students became interested in the dual enrollment program at the college after speaking with their older brother and sister about their success at Chattahoochee Tech. Both Move on When Ready students said they enrolled in the program to get one step ahead in their studies.

**Do you have a CTC Success Story of your own to share? Email your story to**

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## John Lee

### Air Conditioning Technology

For Chattahoochee Technical College student John Lee, of Austell, the first step to making a change in his life was facing his fears. Currently enrolled in the college's Air Conditioning Technology program, Lee wanted to share his story with others in hopes that they, too, can turn their lives around.

"My younger brother dragged me to Chattahoochee Tech," Lee said of his earliest memory visiting the college. "After enrolling, I had to take Learning Support math, and I'll be honest with you – I was scared of reading."

In 2015, under the wing of Learning Support reading instructor Judy Cannon, Lee was ready to make a change for the better.

"That lady motivated me — she always had a smile on her face and she was always so patient," Lee said. "At first, I was afraid of going to reading classes, but from that first day and on, I was ready to do anything."

Depending on one's score on the COMPASS placement exam — mandatory for any applicant who is not exempt by virtue of college credit or ACT, SAT or prior placement scores — Learning Support classes may be required prior to enrolling in college credit-level classes. Cannon said that for many students, Learning Support classes are the first introduction to college life and are designed to help students strengthen their foundation of basic skills in English, reading and mathematics.

"These classes also help students build confidence," Cannon said. "John Lee was an awesome Learning Support student. He took his reading class very seriously and attended every session, participated in class discussions and completed all assignments."

Prior to enrolling at Chattahoochee Tech, Lee said he dropped out of school in the eighth grade after hanging around the wrong crowd. As he got older, Lee continued heading down the same path and ended up becoming incarcerated, later dealing with chronic pain from an injury and struggling with a prescription painkiller addiction. However, it was during incarceration that Lee took the first step toward a brighter future — he earned his GED around 2001.

As the years went on, Lee said the only education he gained following his GED was "street education," and after being displaced from Mississippi to Georgia following Hurricane Katrina, Lee eventually met his wife and began working for his in-laws. Following a divorce and losing everything, including custody of his two children, Lee said he knew it was time to



**CTC student John Lee is pictured with Learning Support reading instructor Judy Cannon.**

create a new life for himself.

"It was sad how the divorce happened, but you have to get on your feet, dust it off and keep moving forward," Lee said.

"When you hit rock bottom, there is no place left to go but up."

With the help of state and federal financial aid programs, Lee has been able to fund his education with minimal cost out of pocket.

"Financial aid has been very good for gas money and getting a little something to eat," Lee said.

Executive Director of Student Financial Services Jody Darby said financial aid programs have proven integral to the success of students at Chattahoochee Tech.

"At Chattahoochee Tech, a majority of our students are eligible for some form of financial aid, whether it be HOPE, Zell, Federal Pell Grant, or the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant. Through these programs and others, students who otherwise would be unable to attend college now have the opportunity to earn a certificate, diploma, or degree with little, if any, direct, out of pocket costs to them," Darby said. "With the ongoing rise in the cost of living coupled with the time needed to complete a program of study, many of our students wouldn't consider college as an option if it weren't for these and other federal, state and private financial aid resources."

On track to graduate during the 2018-2019 academic year, Lee said he owes thanks to Cannon and his family. In addition, Lee said he is thankful for the opportunity to attend CTC.

"My family was a big motivator and my mom was the backbone," Lee said. "This is my second chance — God is good."