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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

Southern Crescent Technical College is thrilled to welcome new and returning students as we embark on the exciting journey of the Fall 2023 semester. With an anticipated enrollment exceeding 5,100 credit students, we eagerly await the vibrant academic atmosphere that lies ahead. As I am certain you will recognize, this month's edition of Tech Trends captures the spirit of innovation, motivation, and dedication that resonates within our institution.

Our enthusiasm is palpable as we reflect on the recent activities that epitomize our unwavering dedication to pioneering approaches. Notably, the STEMtastic Tiger Summer Camp stands out as a remarkable showcase of experiential learning. Participants were afforded the unique privilege of interacting directly with our esteemed faculty while gaining invaluable insights into our technical education programs. This immersive experience extended to hands-on engagement within our state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms.

Furthermore, SCTC's commitment to Adult Education remains a source of immense pride. The enrollment surge in our Adult Education program during the 2022-23 academic year marks a milestone, reaching its zenith since 2019. A substantial cohort of 1,147 students enthusiastically enrolled in our GED or English as a Second Language (ESL) initiatives. This burgeoning momentum serves as a catalyst for the impending launch of the Career Plus HSE program for our Adult Education students. This groundbreaking initiative embodies innovation by seamlessly intertwining adult education and collegiate pursuits. Adult learners are empowered to concurrently undertake college courses that align with high-demand workforce skill pathways, all while progressing toward the attainment of their high school equivalency credentials.

As you embark on this enriching reading experience, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of Southern Crescent Technical College. Your dedication fuels our commitment to excellence, and we eagerly anticipate the collective impact of our collaborative endeavors.

- Dr. Irvin Clark, President

Adult Education Program Provides Unique Pathways to Earn High School Diploma

Landing a great job, going to college, and living your dreams seems impossible without a high school diploma. But did you know that Southern Crescent Technical College now has more ways than ever to get you on the right path to a better future? With three different ways to earn your high school equivalency diploma including a new innovative approach, our dedicated staff can help you create a road map toward a successful future! Find out which pathway best fits your needs!

• **GED diploma** - The GED test is the most widely known exam and is recognized by colleges, universities, and employers across the country. The GED exam consist of 4 subjects: Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Math. Each test can be taken separately, so students are able to study for each one individually. Students may register for the test at www.GED.com and take it at any of SCTC's three testing centers.

• **HiSET diploma** - The HiSET test is new to Georgia, but is another great way for individuals to earn a high school equivalency diploma. It consists of 5 subjects: Language Arts - Reading, Language Arts - Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Each

test can be taken separately, so students can study for each one individually. Students may register for the test at www.HiSET.org and take it at SCTC's Griffin Campus testing center.

• **Career Plus HSE program** - Career Plus HSE (high school equivalency) is a brand-new program for students who are at least 18 years old and is offered at only a few colleges in Georgia. This innovative program allows students to combine high school credits, GED or HiSET test credits, and college credits to earn their high school equivalency diploma. With the unique combination of coursework that counts toward a high school equivalency diploma, students are able to use what they have and get what they need to reach their goals. The best part of the new Career Plus HSE program is that students are also able to enroll in credit courses at SCTC and earn college certificates at the same time.

Maybe you feel like you are not ready to take the big test just yet? We completely understand! Maybe it has been a long time since you were in school and you need to brush up on those skills before you put them to the test? Or maybe math has always been tough and you are going to need some help.



Southern Crescent Technical College has exactly what you need to succeed! SCTC offers **FREE** Adult Education classes which includes GED and HiSET prep as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at multiple locations with a variety of schedules to meet your needs. While preparing to complete your high school equivalency exam, students also have the option to earn computer literacy certificates, join a pre-apprenticeship program, earn workforce certifications through IETs, and much more!

Our knowledgeable and friendly staff can help guide each student to customize a plan that works best for them. Through each step of the journey, they will continue to encourage, assist, and support those enrolled. As you can see, there are more options than ever to earn your high school equivalency credentials. Let us help you get started today! sctech.edu/AdultEducation

STEMtastic TIGER Summer Camp - Fun for All



Southern Crescent Technical College recently wrapped up a one week summer camp where students were able to explore various STEM careers through programs offered at the College. This camp, held July 17-21 at the SCTC Henry County Center in McDonough, provided this immersive and enriching learning experience for rising 5th - 7th graders.

This camp was carefully designed so that students had the opportunity to explore various facets of technical education career opportunities in the Nursing, Logistics, Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Automotive and Auto Collision, Early Childhood Education, and Mechatronics/Engineering fields. While some program exploration was planned, students were also welcomed by instructors in additional programs offered at the SCTC Henry County Center that sparked their interest. Participants were able to engage in interactive hands-on career-themed activities, hear from guest speakers, and learn from esteemed industry professionals while exploring exciting STEM career fields and educational opportunities in their local community.

The STEMtastic Tiger Summer Camp created a memorable event filled with learning, fun, and friendship and allowed participants to gain valuable insight into numerous lucrative career fields.

HIGH-DEMAND INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



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SCTC Partners with Atlanta Motor Speedway to offer Culinary Arts Internships



Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) is proud to announce a groundbreaking partnership with Atlanta Motor Speedway's Levy Restaurant, providing an extraordinary opportunity for students enrolled in the Culinary Arts program to gain valuable experience through a paid internship program. On Saturday evening, July 8th, three talented culinary students from SCTC signed an Internship agreement, marking the beginning of an exciting collaboration between the two esteemed organizations in Henry County.

Under this innovative agreement, SCTC's Culinary Arts students will have the chance to earn while they learn, combining their academic pursuits with practical training at Atlanta Motor Speedway's renowned Levy Restaurant. This opportunity allows students to accumulate the required internship hours for their culinary program while receiving a competitive industry wage.

The partnership between SCTC and Levy Restaurant signifies a significant advancement in culinary

education, aligning classroom instruction with real-world industry experience. By immersing themselves in a dynamic, fast-paced environment, students will gain firsthand knowledge and develop essential skills that will prepare them for successful careers in the culinary field.

"We are thrilled to forge this partnership with Levy Restaurant at Atlanta Motor Speedway," said Dr. Irvin Clark, President of Southern Crescent Technical College. "This collaboration exemplifies our commitment to providing our students with comprehensive and hands-on learning experiences. By working alongside experienced professionals at a prestigious venue like Atlanta Motor Speedway, our Culinary Arts students will receive unparalleled mentorship and invaluable industry exposure."

In addition to honing their culinary skills, the students will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and a diverse range of culinary experiences, including catering for events and creating innovative menus for the speedway's patrons. This hands-on training will further enhance their abilities and allow them to flourish in a high-pressure, professional environment.

SCTC and Levy Restaurant are confident that this collaboration will pave the way for future partnerships between educational institutions and the culinary industry. By fostering a mutually beneficial relationship, both organizations aim to create a pipeline of skilled culinary professionals who will elevate the culinary landscape in the region and beyond. sctech.edu/Levy

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Semester Begins - August 17, 2023
 - Fall Semester Payment Deadline - August 24, 2023
 - Labor Day Holiday - September 4, 2023
- > Campuses closed, no classes

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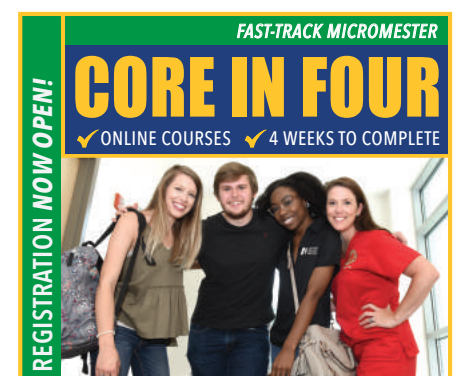
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New Micromesters Allow More Flexibility

SCTC's new 4-week micromesters are an innovative approach to course offerings with focused terms designed to provide students with accelerated education and skills development. These micromesters offer a unique opportunity to dive into specific subjects while acquiring valuable knowledge but in a shorter timeframe.

A diverse range of classes are offered during these micromesters, catering to various fields of study. From general education courses to specialized technical training, students can find classes that align with their specific interests and career goals. Whether you're looking to enhance your professional skills, explore new subject matter, or fulfill specific requirements, our micromesters have you covered. The micromesters are offered at various start times throughout the year, allowing for maximum flexibility in scheduling. By condensing the learning experience into four weeks, SCTC aims to provide a concentrated and immersive educational environment.

SCTC is offering these micromester courses to address the needs of students who may have



limited time availability but are eager to acquire new skills quickly. They are especially beneficial for individuals who are looking to upskill or reskill in a shorter timeframe. Whether you're a working professional seeking to enhance your qualifications, a student wanting to expedite your education, or someone looking to embark on a new career path, our micromesters can be an ideal fit. The condensed format suits those who prefer a focused and intensive learning approach making education more adaptable to your busy lifestyle and career aspirations. coreinfour@sctech.edu

GET TO KNOW: Financial Aid Executive Director Dr. Michelle Bedford



Dr. Michelle Bedford
Executive Director
of Financial Aid

"My passion and commitment to higher education is fostered by knowing that I am able to help others to reach their educational goals. I am most passionate about helping students in demystifying the higher education process, from choosing a college to securing funding. I believe that understanding the challenges students face and being able to navigate the college process is key to academic and personal success."

What is your favorite part of your job?
I enjoy being able to assist students in obtaining the financial resources they need to reach their educational and personal goals.

What are three things you can't live without?
Books, laughter and family - especially my two beautiful grandchildren!

What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?
I like to read - especially legal thrillers.

Where would you take a dream vacation?
Australia

What is the best advice someone has given you?
Treat others as you would like to be treated.

What is something people may not know about you?
I was my high school's mascot - GO WARRIORS!

What is your favorite memory?
Growing up in Newark, NJ, every year as a child, my mom would send my sister and I to Alabama to spend the summer with my Great-Grandmother and my cousins. Running free in the country was awesome!

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID



Southern Crescent Technical College believes all students should have access to an affordable college education. By offering multiple financial aid and scholarship options, we are able to help students navigate the unfamiliar process, easing the financial burden traditionally associated with college. The Office of Financial Aid is committed to providing exceptional service and assisting students with numerous options to finance their college education. With a multitude of funding sources, we make college degrees a reality for hundreds of students each year. We'd like to add you to that list! To find out more about SCTC's Financial Aid options, contact: finaid@sctech.edu | sctech.edu/FinancialAid

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