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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

Hello SCTC Friends!

As you can see, this month's Tech Trends newsletter has some fantastic stories showcasing the positive impact we've made in the communities we serve. As President, I spend a great deal of time criss-crossing our eight county service area and I take great pride in the work we've accomplished to support workforce development.

Our mission is centered around championing technical education, economic development, and adult education. Every single day, we remain committed to serving over 7,000 students who enroll in our technical education, adult education, and non-credit programs each semester.

Through our efforts, our students remain at the heart of what we do. We take great pride in providing the resources that each student needs to be successful. As we gear up for the Fall 2023 Semester at Southern Crescent Technical College, I encourage you to share your experiences and how SCTC has influenced you or your organization. Whether through social media or by reaching out to our Marketing Department (marketing@sctech.edu), please feel free to provide a testimonial. We'd love to share your story with others.

Wishing you a delightful reading experience!

– Dr. Irvin Clark, President

Honoring our Graduates

Graduates were all smiles on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 as almost 450 Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) students celebrated their graduation during the annual commencement ceremony held at the Stockbridge Amphitheater in Henry County.

Southern Crescent Technical College President Dr. Irvin Clark offered words of praise and encouragement as he addressed all graduates and recognized them for their achievements. "We are so proud of what our students have accomplished," said Dr. Clark. "We genuinely want our students to succeed and we are confident that Southern Crescent Technical College has provided them with the skills and education they need to launch successful careers and build productive lives."

Delivering the commencement address for the morning's ceremony was Carlotta Harrell, Chair of the Henry County Board of Commissioners and an advocate for technical education. She delivered a heartfelt charge to graduates and congratulated them, challenging them to continue on their path of success. She offered them words of support and wisdom as they continue to achieve success in both their personal and professional life.

Harrell stated, "I am confident that Southern Crescent Technical College has provided these graduates with the skills and education they need to launch successful careers and build productive lives. I look forward to seeing these graduates as they embark on the next phase of their life journey."

The 10 a.m. outdoor ceremony primarily honored credit and adult education graduates from this fiscal year including Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 semesters. Southern Crescent Technical College has awarded 4,890 credentials to students who have completed requirements for Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Technical Certificates of Credit. Additionally, this fiscal year, 127 GEDs were awarded to students enrolled in the adult education program at SCTC.



Clark stated, "The commencement ceremonies were certainly a time for celebration as students were rewarded for both their achievements and sacrifices in their pursuit of their personal and educational goals. The graduates have worked diligently for this great accomplishment and should be commended for their dedication to education. I am confident that they will go on to do great things."

SCTC Faculty & Staff Raise Over \$50,000 for Student Needs



Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation recently wrapped up the FY24 Internal Tiger Fundraising Campaign where pledges were submitted with 80% of full-time faculty and staff participating, donating a grand total of \$50,031 for student support and scholarships. Of that 80%, 67 employees pledged one percent of their salaries to become a member of the President's One Percent Club.

Over the last five years, the SCTC faculty and staff have pledged a total of \$237,144.54 in the internal campaign allowing the SCTC Foundation to award over 1,000 scholarships to students from the contributions of this campaign.

Southern Crescent Technical College President, Dr. Irvin Clark said, "It is truly remarkable to see the investment our employees make to ensure the success of our students. I am so proud to work with individuals that believe in our mission and give their own resources to support others."

Some of the scholarships from the Tiger Campaign account for financial aid assistance for students who do not qualify or have capped their financial aid funding while others are established to purchase program-specific tools and textbooks. Without these scholarships, many recipients say that they would not be able to continue their studies and reach their educational goals. sctech.edu/tigercampaign

41 Nursing Students Pinned in Ceremony



SCTC is excited to announce the pinning of 41 Registered Nurse graduates at a recent ceremony. During the ceremony, each student was recognized individually as they received their pins from SCTC Nursing instructors. The pinning is a time-honored nursing school tradition that signifies the entrance of a nurse into their new brotherhood or sisterhood of the career. The ceremony is often accompanied by the lighting of candles and the recitation of the Nurse's Pledge.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN state board exams to become official Registered Nurses. The NCLEX exam, also known as the National Council Licensure Examination, tests all areas in the nursing profession to assure nurses have obtained the knowledge to practice safely in clinical settings. The last cohort of Registered Nursing graduates received a 94% pass rate on the NCLEX exam. SCTC also offers the Practical Nursing program which boasts a 100% pass rate for December 2022 graduates.

Southern Crescent Technical College was well represented at this year's Technical College System of Georgia Leadership Conference in Atlanta where Registered Nursing student Jacob Johnston competed in the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership-GOAL competition and Biology instructor Dr. Jerry Hubbard competed in the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction competition against representatives from each technical college in Georgia.

Amazon Makes Donation to Support SCTC, Partners with Goodr for Community Event



Local families still struggling after recent tornadoes and severe weather were able to receive much needed relief in the form of free groceries and toys at a pop-up event hosted by SCTC in conjunction with our partners at Amazon and Goodr, a sustainable waste management and hunger relief company. This community event, held on Saturday, April 29 at the Ellis Crossing Education and Training Complex at SCTC's Griffin Campus, provided groceries and toys for 200 preselected families.

A kick-off was held prior to the event where several community leaders as well as local and state representatives spoke of the importance of rebuilding in the wake of recent events. To further spread good cheer and invest in the local community, Amazon made a surprise donation of \$25,000 to Southern Crescent Technical College to support the needs of the College and students.

During the event, SCTC faculty and staff members assisted participants as they selected toys supplied by Amazon Studios and shopped from the Goodr Mobile Grocery Store which provided families with a week's worth of groceries.

"We are excited to continue our commitment to communities in and around Metro Atlanta with the donation of goods to families impacted by severe weather in Griffin," said Terreta Rodgers, Head of Community Affairs, Amazon, Atlanta Region. "We

are grateful to our partners at Goodr and Southern Crescent Technical College for aligning with Amazon to provide support and relief to local families during this critical time. We hope that this donation to Southern Crescent Technical College will further assist students as they pursue their educational and career goals."

"We are thrilled to partner with Amazon and Goodr to host this very special event to provide for local families that were impacted by the recent storms in our area," said SCTC President, Dr. Irvin Clark. "We cannot thank Amazon enough for all they have done to invest in our college and community. Despite the tough times we have endured this year, we continue our commitment as a responsible community partner to make a positive difference and improve the lives of those in our area."



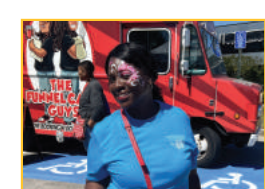
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AROUND CAMPUS



SCTC's Student Government Association recently hosted the highly-anticipated Spring Fling event at four campus locations which drew an impressive crowd of over 900 faculty, staff, and students to enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.



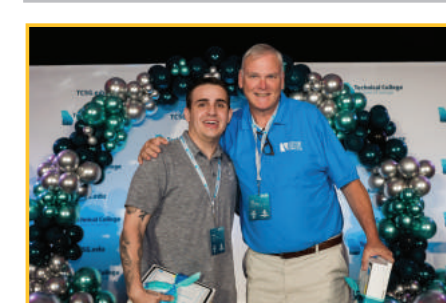
Horticulture students hosted the Annual Plant Sale featuring a wide variety of annual perennial, succulent, and vegetable plants grown and sold by students in the program.



SCTC welcomed over 60 local employers to our recent Career Fair sponsored by the Office of Career Services to connect students and graduates with employment opportunities in the area.



The Registrar's Office hosted a Graduate Block Party where graduates were able to celebrate their accomplishments, prepare for graduation, and meet with potential employers/graduation sponsors from Aylo Health, Bellamy-Strickland Automotive, Bennett International Group, Takle Eye Group, and the SCTC Foundation.



GET TO KNOW: Associate VP Dr. Drew Todd



Dr. Drew Todd
Associate Vice President for
Enrollment Management

"It is my hope that potential students are able to learn about the many benefits of a technical education from Southern Crescent Technical College. Day in and day out, we prepare students to successfully enter the workforce by offering programs that are cost-effective, short-term, and job-specific."

What is your favorite part of your job?
I enjoy being able to connect the resources we have at SCTC with the needs of business and industry partners, school systems and students in our service area.

What are three things you can't live without?
Family, friends, and Coca Cola

What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?
I like to read, jog, and play golf

Where is your favorite place to relax?
At home in my den

Where would you take a dream vacation?
Back to my hometown of Waleska, GA

What is the best advice someone has given you?
Take advantage of state funding programs for college in place of going out of state and using student loans.

What are you reading or watching?
I'm always reading the latest New Yorker and watching Atlanta Braves baseball—often at the same time.



Culinary Arts Hosts Annual PAIRINGS Event

The Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation and the Culinary Arts Program and Advisory Committee's eighth annual Food and Wine Pairings received well over 200 guests who enjoyed an evening of fine dining, wine, and fundraising.

The guests were impressed by the various appetizers, entrees, and desserts which were all served and prepared by the outstanding and talented students in the Culinary Arts program. Proceeds from the event exceeded \$43,000 with that money going to support student scholarships for the Culinary Arts program.

The Food and Wine Pairings was successful primarily due to the unwavering support of guests as well as our many contributors and sponsors. sctech.edu/pairings

LEARN MORE ABOUT DUAL ENROLLMENT



Dual Enrollment at SCTC allows eligible students to take transferable college courses prior to high school graduation. These classes can be occupational, academic, or a combination and may count for both college and high school credit. In simple terms, a student receives two credits - one at the college and one at the high school - but only takes one class. The State of Georgia covers tuition, fees, and textbook costs for dual enrollees prior to graduation for up to 30 semester hours. Participating students are only responsible to pay course-specific fees (if applicable). Dual Enrollment is a win-win for the student because it allows them to get a jump-start on their college coursework, enabling them to save both time and money. It is an incredible opportunity for a student to get out of school and into the workforce at an earlier age. To find out more about the benefits of SCTC's Dual Enrollment program, contact Drew.Todd@sctech.edu sctech.edu/DualEnrollment