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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

As we stand on the brink of a new academic year, Southern Crescent Technical College is thrilled to welcome new and returning students as we embark on the exciting journey of the Fall 2024 semester. With an anticipated enrollment exceeding 6,000 credit students, I personally would like to extend a warm welcome to each student and embrace the vibrant atmosphere that lies ahead. As I am certain you will see, this month's edition of Tech Trends captures the spirit of outreach, innovation, motivation, and dedication that defines our great college.

With this new semester, our faculty and staff are eager to engage our students and support their academic and personal goals. We continue our efforts to provide opportunities and resources to aid in our student's success. We regularly collaborate with our partners to ensure that we are providing the knowledgeable and skilled workforce needed to support our local economy. I am proud of the impact that we make day in and day out at Southern Crescent Technical College and I invite you to visit our campus to see it first hand.

As always, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of Tiger Nation for your ongoing support of Southern Crescent Technical College. Your dedication fuels our commitment to excellence, and we eagerly anticipate the impact of our many initiatives and endeavors. We look forward to another remarkable and rewarding Fall Semester. Go Tigers!

- Dr. Irvin Clark, President

SCTC Launches Dundee Promise Program to Assist Students

At a recent meeting of the Griffin-Spalding County School Board, Southern Crescent Technical College President Dr. Irvin Clark, introduced a new College initiative called the Dundee Community Association Technical Education Promise Program which launched Fall Semester 2024. This unique program provides an opportunity for graduating seniors and/or SCTC Adult Education/GED students from Spalding County to have their unpaid tuition balances paid for up to two semesters. This important initiative will make technical education accessible to more individuals and ensure that SCTC remains a first-choice for Spalding County students.

Known as the Dundee Promise Program, this initiative was made possible from a generous donation to SCTC from the Dundee Community Association (DCA). In part, this donation named the main building on the Griffin Campus the Dundee Education Technology Center and provided funds to support projects for the betterment of the College. Members of the Dundee Community Association Tom Gardner, Harry Kierbow, and Elaine White were attended the presentation and approved using a

portion of the funds donated to support the new Dundee Promise Program.

The Dundee Promise Program provides tuition assistance for up to two semesters to eligible participants enrolled in SCTC that meet certain requirements. Among other requirements, participants must be a recent high school or an adult education/GED graduate from Spalding County and meet specific qualifications to receive funding from the Dundee Promise Program. *

Based on annual year 2023 data, Spalding County residents account for 15% of the total student enrollment and 11% of the dual enrollment student population at SCTC. The estimated student impact for the program is 135 Griffin students and 50 Adult Education students. Based on the past three academic years, students have an average balance of \$525.00 after financial aid has been applied which could be covered under this new initiative.

Dr. Clark stated, "Southern Crescent Technical College is delighted to partner with the Dundee Community Association and the Griffin-Spalding County School



System to offer the Dundee Community Association Technical Education Promise Program to Spalding County students. This program will enable the Dundee name and the textile industry to be remembered for its contributions to Spalding County and its citizens for many years to come. Thank you to the Dundee Community Association for being a part of the growth, development, and future of Southern Crescent Technical College in this community."

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*Other qualifications apply. For more information or to see if you are eligible for the program, check with SCTC's Office of Financial Aid.

SCTC Plans to Open Small Business Entrepreneurship Centers



SCTC is thrilled to announce the upcoming opening of three Small Business Entrepreneurship Centers (SBEC) located at the SCTC Flint River Campus, the Butts County Center, and the Henry County Center. Through the Small Business Entrepreneurship Centers, which are designed to nurture and support both established entrepreneurs and those just starting out, the College plans to provide a comprehensive range of resources and services dedicated to fostering entrepreneurial success.

Open to the public, each SBEC serves as a hub for business development, offering workshops, training programs, and personalized consulting

to help entrepreneurs navigate the complexities of starting and growing a business. The facilities are equipped with modern resources and technology to facilitate learning and innovation. The centers also focus on creating a supportive community atmosphere where entrepreneurs can network, share experiences, and collaborate. By providing access to expert guidance, practical tools, and a collaborative environment, these centers aim to empower local business leaders and contribute to the economic vitality of the region.

SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark said, "SCTC's Small Business Entrepreneurship Centers have long been part of our plan to support workforce development and I am elated to finally see this vision come to life. Having a dedicated space that fosters creativity and offers the needed resources and guidance for our students, graduates, community, and aspiring entrepreneurs is a perfect compliment to our programs and curriculum. Whether you're looking to launch a new venture or expand an existing one, the SCTC Small Business Entrepreneurship Centers are committed to helping you achieve your goals and thrive within your community."

SCTC's SBECs offer a variety of courses and amenities designed to support and enhance the entrepreneurial experience with unique facilities

and services tailored to meet diverse business needs. Amenities vary by location and are designed to provide practical support for entrepreneurs at different stages of their business journey, from content creation and product development to meetings and collaboration. Amenities available include:

Podcast Rooms: A professionally equipped space for recording and producing high-quality podcasts. Available for rental, this room is ideal for entrepreneurs looking to create audio content for marketing or thought leadership.

Meeting Spaces: A versatile area available for rental, suitable for business meetings, workshops, or networking events.

Makers Space Room: A creative workshop environment equipped with tools and resources for prototyping and product development. This space supports hands-on innovation and product design.

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for the Small Business Entrepreneurship Center at the SCTC Butts County Center on August 28, 2024 at 11 am. The SBECs at the Flint River Campus and the Henry County Center both plan to open in late September. For more information or to visit the SBEC, contact 770-229-3015 or economicdevelopment@sctech.edu sctech.edu/SBEC

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SBEC Grand Opening - August 28, 2024**
> Butts County Center, 11 am
- **Labor Day - September 2, 2024**
> Campuses closed, no classes
- **Open House & Family Fun Day - September 14, 2024**
> Henry County Center, 1 - 3 pm

GET TO KNOW: Special Services Coordinator Teresa Brooks



Teresa Brooks
Special Services Coordinator

"I have had the privilege of helping many students at Southern Crescent Technical College through Special Services centered around the belief that every individual, regardless of their circumstances, deserves the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential. I am deeply passionate about providing support and resources tailored to the unique needs of each person, ensuring they have the tools and confidence to succeed. It has been so rewarding seeing the profound impact it has on the lives of students; witnessing their growth and accomplishments in achieving their goals. My role integrates seamlessly into Southern Crescent Technical College's mission by fostering an inclusive and supportive environment that promotes the educational and personal development of our students."

What is your favorite part of your job?

Watching the students cross the stage at graduation!

What do you like to do when you are not working?

Spend time with my family

Where is your favorite place to relax?

Beside the pool with a good book

Where would you take a dream vacation?

Italy - in fact, I am taking this trip with all five of my sisters this year

What are three things you can't live without?

My faith, my family, and a great pair of walking shoes

What is your favorite memory?

Watching my oldest child walk down the aisle

What is something people may not know about you?

I am the baby of eight children and I am a sign language interpreter

What do you hope others learn from you?

To be kind and inclusive and love all



Special Services

It is the responsibility of the SCTC Office of Special Services to provide assurances that individuals who are members of Special Populations will be provided with equal access to recruitment, enrollment, career services activities as well as the full range of technical education programs and corresponding College activities. Special Services serves as a resource for students providing numerous methods of assistance including admissions and career counseling, employability and life management workshops, college and community resource referrals, one-on-one needs assessment for classroom accommodations, textbooks, program tools and equipment assistance, tutoring referrals, and academic coaching.

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