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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

As the vibrant hues of spring paint our campus with renewed energy and optimism, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude - for what we have planned, what we have accomplished, and for the unwavering support of our college community.

With the Spring term drawing to a close, we are looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of graduates at the upcoming graduation ceremonies. Graduation is always one of the highlights of the academic year as we are able to see first-hand the impact of our efforts on all of our graduates. We have two ceremonies planned, each with a dynamic advocate for technical education as the keynote speaker. For the 10 am ceremony, Fayetteville Mayor Ed Johnson will deliver the address to graduates, followed by Niki Vanderslice, President and CEO of the Fayette County Development Authority, at the 2 pm ceremony. We are thrilled to be able to celebrate our graduates' persistence and determination and know they will make a significant impact as they embark on their next journey.

As you can see in this issue of Tech Trends, our outstanding students and instructors continue to excel in all that they do. We look forward to celebrating with GOAL Winner Savannah Payton and Rick Perkins Winner Julie Gates next week as they head to their respective State Competitions, held in conjunction with the Technical College System of Georgia Leadership Summit in Atlanta.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of Tiger Nation for your ongoing support and dedication to our College. Your belief in our mission and commitment to our shared values serve as a source of inspiration for us all.

- Dr. Irvin Clark, President

Culinary Arts Hosts Successful PAIRINGS Fundraising Event

The Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation and the Culinary Arts Program and Advisory Committee's ninth annual Food and Wine Pairings, held on April 18th on the Griffin Campus, 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, each served and prepared by the outstanding and talented chefs and students in the Culinary Arts program. Early estimates indicate that proceeds from the event will exceed \$44,000, with that money going to support student scholarships and the Study Abroad internship for the Culinary Arts program.

Culinary Arts Advisory Committee Member Dick Morrow stated, "The Food and Wine Pairings Event has grown in size and has become one of the most popular events at the College. You are privileged to be one of the select few to enjoy the exquisite food and wine pairings tonight in perhaps the most exclusive restaurant

around, as this dining experience only happens once a year for two hours. It is indeed a treat to be able to share in this unique culinary experience with so many friends of the College."

The evening began as guests first gathered in the atrium for a cocktail reception where various appetizers were served with sangria. The gathering then moved into the Event Center where guests were able to visit five impressive food stations, each with exceptional presentations, service from students, and exquisite wine pairings.

The Food and Wine Pairing was such a success primarily due to the unwavering support of the guests, the expertise, innovation, and culinary skills of our instructors and students, as well as the generosity of a multitude of contributors and sponsors. Throughout the evening, Dr. Clark along with Foundation Chair Jack Bowdoin expressed gratitude on behalf of the College and thanked those in attendance which were comprised



of representatives from area businesses as corporate sponsors and other faithful friends of the College. sctech.edu/Pairings24

Nursing Program Receives Equipment Grant

Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) is proud to announce that it has been awarded the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce (GBHCW) Nursing School Grant totaling \$478,000. The funds from this grant will be used to significantly enhance SCTC's nursing program by acquiring additional state-of-the-art simulation manikins, including three adult SimMan 3G Plus and two pediatric SimJunior Plus. The acquisition of these five high-fidelity manikins will be instrumental in overcoming critical barriers currently in place as we work to increase the number of much-needed nursing graduates.

SCTC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kimberly Register, stated, "This grant represents a transformative step for SCTC and our nursing programs. With these advanced simulation manikins, we are able to provide our students with unparalleled practical experience, ensuring they are fully prepared to meet the healthcare challenges of our communities."

The addition of these simulation manikins will allow SCTC to expand its capacity in nursing education, training additional nurses and significantly

improving the hands-on learning experience for students. The acquisition of the simulation manikins enables SCTC to offer a more efficient and highly effective training environment while addressing the pressing need for more clinical placement spaces and faculty. This enhancement to the nursing program is anticipated to have a long-term impact, bolstering SCTC's capacity to meet the growing healthcare needs of the community.



College President, Dr. Irvin Clark, added, "The support we have received from the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce for this initiative underscores the confidence in our institution's ability to make a meaningful impact on healthcare education. It is a testament to our commitment to excellence and our role in nurturing the next generation of nursing professionals." sctech.edu/GBHCW

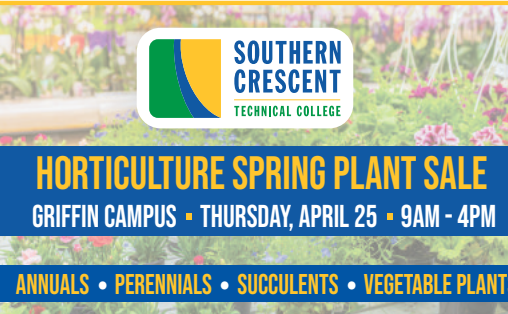
Five CNC Students Receive Scholarship



Five Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) students have received the Gene Haas Scholarship, which rewards academic excellence and provides financial support for students working toward a degree, diploma or certificate in the Precision Machining and Manufacturing program. Sage Spade of Coweta County; Tyler Peacock, Justin Rotella and Michael White of Henry County and Camden Cook of Pike County have each received the Gene Haas Scholarship for the upcoming Summer 2024 semester.

The Gene Haas Foundation recently awarded \$8,000 to the SCTC Foundation to fund student scholarships and to help pay for textbooks or supplies for students currently enrolled in a machining-based program. With these funds, students were able to purchase laptops needed to run industry-specific software. These laptops will be an excellent tool for these students as they train for their career.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Gene Haas Foundation," said SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark, "These funds will enable students in our Precision Machining and Manufacturing program to stay the course and be well-prepared to enter the workforce. We are so thankful for our partnership with the Gene Haas Foundation and their efforts to make this investment in the next generation of highly-skilled workers in this high-demand field." sctech.edu/GeneHaas



Program Selected as FAA Training Program

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has recently selected SCTC's small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Technical Certificate of Credit program for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Collegiate Training Initiative program (UAS-CTI).

Offered at the Griffin Campus and the Fayette County Center, the FAA's UAS-CTI program recognizes institutions that prepare students for careers in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones. In order to qualify for the initiative, schools must offer a bachelor or associate degree in UAS or a degree with a minor, concentration, or certificate in UAS. Schools must provide curriculum covering various aspects of UAS training, including hands-on flight practice, maintenance, uses, applications, privacy concerns, safety, and federal policies concerning UAS.

Kimberly Register, SCTC Vice President of Academic Affairs, stated "This partnership is a significant step toward preparing our students for future careers in drone technology, aligning our training programs with the needs of the National Airspace System and fostering the development of highly qualified professionals in this evolving field."



This program establishes a collaborative relationship, enabling SCTC to be part of a network of institutions that prepare students for careers in UAS, aligning its curriculum with the needs of the National Airspace System and industry standards. Students will receive education and training that support the requirements of the National Airspace System and the demands of UAS careers. This preparation includes knowledge of current UAS laws, regulations, policies, and procedures, increasing their employability in the field. This agreement facilitates opportunities for facility visits, workshops, seminars, internships, and other programs, enhancing students' practical understanding of UAS safety, operations, and activities. sctech.edu/Drone

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Summer Semester Begins - May 22, 2024
- Memorial Day - May 27, 2024

> All Campuses CLOSED, no classes

GRADUATION



SAVE THE DATE! MAY 10, 2024

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - NORTH CAMPUS - FAYETTEVILLE, GA

GET TO KNOW: 2024 SCTC GOAL Winner Savannah Payton



Savannah Payton
Registered Nursing Student
2024 Recipient
Georgia Occupational
Award of Leadership

"I am truly honored to represent Southern Crescent Technical College as the 2024 GOAL Recipient. This role has opened doors for me to engage with my community and advocate for the valuable opportunities offered through a technical education. My dream is to bring a renewed sense of compassion and empathy to the nursing profession, and SCTC is playing a pivotal role in helping me achieve that goal. Through their unwavering support, I have gained confidence in my ability to succeed in my chosen field. Additionally, this journey has provided me with the opportunity to demonstrate resilience to my young son, showing him that there is no obstacle that we cannot overcome with hard work, determination, and perseverance."

What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?

Watching movies, creating memories with my family, spending time outdoors

What are three things you can't live without?

Faith, family and love

Where is your favorite place to relax?

The Beach

What is the best advice someone has given you?

Growth begins outside your comfort zone

Where would you take a dream vacation?

Australia Zoo

What is something people may not know about you?

I love animals and want to one day open up my own animal conservation organization

What is your favorite memory?

Sitting on my Nana's front porch drinking coffee and talking about life.

"Savannah truly shines as a standout student at Southern Crescent Technical College. Her dedication to nursing and her pursuit of excellence reflect our core values and promise a future where she not only achieves her dreams but also elevates the standard of patient care."

- Kimberly Register
Vice President for Academic Affairs

As SCTC's Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership winner, Payton will represent Southern Crescent Technical College throughout the upcoming year as our local ambassador for technical education. She has recently competed at the region level which could give her the possibility to compete at the state level against other GOAL winners from across Georgia's 22 technical colleges for the state title. The state GOAL winner will be announced in late April. sctech.edu/GOAL24

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