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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

As we enjoy the remainder of the summer, it brings me immense pleasure to extend greetings to our friends and supporters throughout Tiger Nation. I reach out to you once again to share with you our successes and celebrate the excellence, innovation, and collaboration that defines our college community.

Within this issue of Tech Trends, you will find a variety of insights and updates that highlight the incredible achievements of our Southern Crescent Technical College students and staff. The value and importance of technical education has never been more apparent as we work to deliver innovative solutions to our students and partners in business and industry, centered around our mission of workforce development. We are reminded each day of the tremendous impact that technical education is making in the lives of the people and communities that we serve.

There are so many reasons to choose a technical education and I encourage our supporters to help us to spread the word about our programs and our college. At Southern Crescent Technical College, we pride ourselves on delivering a flexible, relevant education. Our students are engaged in an interactive learning environment with state of the art equipment. Our programs are designed to equip students with skills that are directly applicable to local business and industry. A technical education offers a practical, efficient, and rewarding pathway to a successful career and the hands-on training our students receive ensures that graduates are adaptable and prepared to be make a meaningful contribution to the dynamic workforce in their chosen field.

Thank you for being an integral part of Southern Crescent Technical College. Your unwavering commitment, expertise, and enthusiasm drive our shared success. I welcome you to stay informed, participate actively, and be inspired by our many achievements both in the classroom and community. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. As we move forward, I hope we will continue to work together to reach even greater heights.

- Dr. Irvin Clark, President

Students Win Gold Medal in National SkillsUSA Competition

Southern Crescent Technical College Horticulture students Ivan Arnold, Carter Payne, and Jennifer Vinko were recently awarded a gold medal at the national SkillsUSA Competition held June 24-27, 2024 in Atlanta. Featuring the best of the best from across the nation, the National Competition gave students the opportunity to put their technical skills to the test in robust career competitions including leadership, health, trade and technical competitions.

The trio competed in the category Career Pathways: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources for their presentation entitled "Horticulture: Bridging Local Communities" where they discussed their partnership and work with the University of Georgia Spalding County Extension Healthy Life Community Garden. Their extensive work, under the guidance of SCTC Horticulture Program Coordinator Dr. Bethany Harris, earned them top honors.

The National Competition allowed state gold medalists to compete head-to head against more

than 6,000 competitors from across the United States in 115 skilled and leadership competitions. This event brings together more than 16,000 attendees, including students, instructors, industry partners, government officials, administrators and more each year.

SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark stated, "We are so very proud of these students for their efforts to win a gold medal at the national SkillsUSA competition. Their success is truly a testament to the great education and leadership opportunities that are provided here at Southern Crescent Technical College. I congratulate them on behalf of the entire campus community and am honored to be able to celebrate their successes with them."

Horticulture student Sabrina Harris also competed in Job Skills Demonstration A where she presented on "Grafting of Ornamental and Fruit Trees". Although she did not receive a medal, Sabrina did place in the top 10 in the nation and received a certificate indicating successful score earnings in her competition.



SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. They are a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. sctech.edu/SkillsUSA

SCTC Expands Henry County Offerings

In an outreach effort to provide additional offerings including a convenient weekend option for those interested in advancing their education, SCTC has partnered with two community and faith-based organizations in Henry County to offer courses at their location. Global Impact Christian Ministries and Stockbridge Community Church will each begin offering SCTC courses for the 2024 Fall Semester.

Through this partnership, classes will be offered in a hybrid format, meaning classes will be held both in-person on Sunday mornings and online. For the upcoming Fall Semester, Global Impact Christian Ministries will offer Medical Terminology, Principles of Management, and Intro to Early Childhood Care/Education and Stockbridge Community Church will offer Principles of Management. Each of these individual courses are part of a pathway to earn a Technical Certificate of Credit from Southern Crescent Technical College. Plans are to expand offerings in the near future, including the addition of General Core courses.



SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark recently said, "This is another step in our plan to meet our students where they are by providing them with more convenient access to higher education. By offering these courses online and on Sunday mornings before their regular church services, we are able to overcome barriers with scheduling and open the door to opportunities that did not previously exist. We are excited about this new initiative and look forward to assisting students as they pursue their educational goals." sctech.edu/ExpandHenry

Two New Members Named to Board

SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark is pleased to announce the recent appointment of George Crews and Lisa Johnson as members of the College's Board of Directors. Both Crews and Johnson were sworn in by Spalding County Probate Judge Jan Hunt at a recent meeting.

"I am pleased to welcome these two outstanding individuals to the Southern Crescent Technical College Board of Directors," Dr. Clark stated. "As members of several civic and charitable organizations, as well as their affiliations with some of our key community and workforce development partners, they both demonstrate strong leadership capabilities and exceptional community involvement. I'm certain their knowledge will be invaluable as we move forward in executing our vision for the college," Clark concluded.

Crews is employed as an Area Manager within the Metro South region of Georgia Power and will represent Henry County on the board. Johnson is the Chief Nursing Officer at Wellstar and will represent Spalding County. sctech.edu/NewBoard



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OPEN HOUSE & FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 10 AM - 1 PM
SCTC HENRY COUNTY CENTER - MCDONOUGH

AROUND CAMPUS

As the summer semester comes to a close, The Office of Student Activities invited SCTC students to take a break from their studies and beat the summer heat with the *Summer Chill with King of Pops* events where students enjoyed popsicles, fun, and fellowship with their classmates.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Semester Begins
August 12, 2024

GET TO KNOW: Student Activities Coordinator Kristin Durham



"As the Student Activities Coordinator, I have the exciting opportunity to handle all the fun and engaging activities outside of the classroom. I oversee student clubs and organizations, plan and coordinate student events, and ensure there are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved and enjoy their time on campus. I absolutely love my job because it allows me to create a vibrant and dynamic campus life, enhance the overall college experience, and foster a strong sense of community among students. Seeing students excited and involved truly makes my work fulfilling and rewarding!"

What is your favorite part of your job?
Organizing events that bring students together and create lasting memories. Plus, I get to work with some pretty awesome people!

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

Shop, explore new coffee shops, and spend quality time with family and friends

Where is your favorite place to relax?

At home on the couch with a good book and a blanket

Where would you take a dream vacation?

Definitely a coastal destination with beautiful beaches and crystal-clear waters - the Maldives or Greek Islands would be nice!

What is something people may not know about you?

I married my middle school sweetheart and it's been an amazing journey together!

What are three things you can't live without?

Coffee, my phone, and music

What do you hope others learn from you?

The power of kindness and a smile. A simple smile can brighten someone's day and kindness has a ripple effect that can make the world a better place.

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Student Activities

It is the responsibility of the SCTC Office of Student Activities to plan and host a variety of student-focused events, oversee clubs, and plan and organize open house sessions or receptions to promote programs and services available to students. SCTC offers a vibrant Campus Life that is open to all students and includes athletics, student organizations, and planned outings and gatherings. Joining one of SCTC's many student organizations gives students the opportunity to enhance their college experience by meeting new people, building teamwork and leadership skills, and giving back to the community and college. For the most rewarding college experience, all students are encouraged to participate. Contact us for more information on any SCTC student organization or activity. studentactivities@sctech.edu sctech.edu/Student-Activities



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