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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### SCTC: Making An Impact

As we near the end of Fall Semester, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable successes we are experiencing on the incredible journey we are undertaking. Each day, as I visit with our local leaders, industry partners, staff and students, I am continually inspired by the meaningful impact that Southern Crescent Technical College is making in each of the communities that we serve.

In this edition of our newsletter, I am delighted to share updates on the exciting happenings around campus as well as Southern Crescent Technical College's remarkable milestones. As we set our sights ahead toward Spring Semester, I would like to thank our dedicated faculty and staff for contributing to the impressive 6.8% enrollment growth over this time last year. SCTC's enrollment continues on a steady incline as we remain committed to furthering workforce development in our region.

With the Thanksgiving holiday drawing near, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every member of Tiger Nation. To our students, faculty, staff, alumni, supporters, and workforce partners - thank you for being an integral part of our community. Your valued contributions help to propel the economic engine that defines Southern Crescent Technical College.

- Dr. Irvin Clark, President

## Annual Golf Tournament Hosted by SCTC Foundation

The Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation recently hosted the Drive "Fore" Education Invitational Golf Tournament on November 12, 2024, at the Heron Bay Golf & Country Club in Locust Grove with 25 teams participating.

The Lauderdale style tournament was presented in partnership with Impact Office Interiors. Early estimates indicate that proceeds from the tournament will be near \$49,000 with that money going to support the needs of the College, including student scholarships and campus expansion.

SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark expressed gratitude on behalf of the College and thanked the golfers in attendance before the 10 a.m. shotgun start. Dr. Clark stated, "Your attendance here today shows your commitment to the mission and purpose of Southern Crescent Technical College, and we cannot thank you enough for supporting our students and helping to make their career dreams a reality. We take great pride in building strong students, strong careers, and strong communities, and your support is a vital part of the success of the College."

The Drive "Fore" Education Invitational Golf Tournament was a phenomenal success, primarily due to the

unwavering support of those who participated and those who so generously donated items for auction. The Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation expressed its great appreciation when Foundation Chair Jack Bowdoin stated, "The College deserves the very best we can offer in our support, and our community partners have surely risen to the occasion with their attendance and their donations. We are very thankful for their generosity and the opportunities it affords the students of Southern Crescent Technical College."

Tournament participants represented various business and industry partners from the College's eight county service area. Impact Office Interiors took home top honors with a score of 18 under par. There was a tie for second and third at 13 under par with their place determined by regression. Upson Regional Medical Center placed second and United Bank finished third. With 12 under par, there was another tie for fourth and fifth with their place determined by regression. Smith & Sons Funeral Home placed fourth and Georgia Banking Company finished fifth place.

Barbara Jo Cook, Vice President for Advancement at Southern Crescent Technical College commented, "We



SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark, Golf Tournament Winning Team from Impact Office Interiors - Chip Johns, Jonathan Kimbell, Buster Franklin, Tyler Whitehead, and SCTC VP for Advancement Barbara Jo Cook

were beyond thrilled with the participation and support we received for the Southern Crescent Technical College Drive "Fore" Education Invitational Golf Tournament. Team representation and tournament sponsorships covered each of the eight counties that we serve, and the Foundation trustees were thrilled to host this tournament as a way to bring our external stakeholders together to support the needs of the College and our students." [sctech.edu/GolfTournament24](http://sctech.edu/GolfTournament24)

## SCTC Partners with UGA Griffin for Fall Harvest Dinner - the First in a Series

On November 6, 2024, supporters of Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) and The University of Georgia Griffin Campus (UGA-G) joined together to attend the first of four intimate and casual dinners at the Dundee Café on The University of Georgia Griffin Campus. This dinner series aims to foster community and educational partnerships between the two institutions and highlight key programs offered locally.

Local community members and supporters gathered to enjoy a gourmet meal provided by talented SCTC Culinary students under the guidance of their faculty. This collaboration aims to enhance students' culinary technical skills through food preparation and presentation and provide real-world experience in customer service and business operations, while introducing the community to SCTC and UGA Griffin's academic programs and services.

Dr. Irvin Clark, SCTC President and Dr. Jeffrey Dean, Assistant Provost and Director of the University of Georgia Griffin Campus kicked off the Fall Harvest Dinner by welcoming attendees to the event. After dinner, participants moved outside to learn more about SCTC's Nursing programs. Kimberly Register, Vice President of Academic Affairs at SCTC introduced Amy Adams, Dean of Nursing, and Erin



Jones, Department Chair of Nursing, who both highlighted the highly acclaimed Nursing programs at the College. A portion of the proceeds from this dinner will benefit SCTC's high-demand Nursing Programs.

"Southern Crescent Technical College and UGA-Griffin are equally focused on creating unique opportunities for both the students and communities that we serve," said Dr. Clark. "We are thrilled to partner with our colleagues at UGA-Griffin to offer this dinner series where we can showcase both institutions and our remarkable programs while strengthening our commitment to our local partners."

The next SCTC/UGA-G dinner will be held on January 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dundee Café. [sctech.edu/FallHarvestDinner](http://sctech.edu/FallHarvestDinner)

## SCTC Hosts Annual College Fair

To further their commitment to assisting students reach their educational and career goals, SCTC's Career and Academic Planning (CAP) Center recently hosted the annual College Fair on the Griffin Campus with representatives from 20 colleges and universities in attendance. This informational event aligned with National Student Transfer Week and provided information about articulation agreements and transfer opportunities to SCTC students and graduates who aspire to continue their education at four-year institutions after graduation. Earlier this month, the CAP Center also hosted a First-Generation College Student celebration that aligned with National First-Generation College Celebration Day where

first-gen college students received information about institutional resources that may help during their tenure at SCTC. [sctech.edu/CollegeFair](http://sctech.edu/CollegeFair)



## Advisory Councils Meet for Program Review

More than 200 business and industry professionals and community leaders met on November 7 on the Griffin Campus for the annual Fall Semester Advisory Committee dinner and meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to ensure that SCTC programs and their teaching content remains up-to-date with the constantly changing industry needs. During these meetings, program staff solicit



input from members to assist in the evaluation of program effectiveness, job development, job placement, program promotion and evaluation (in relation to standards), program advocacy, and business and industry support of the program. Advisory committees promote interaction between program faculty and businesses and industries served by the program and faculty use the expertise of advisory committee members to enhance program content.

SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark addressed the members stating, "Your expertise and knowledge are at the center of the success of our academic programs and services. I cannot thank you enough for your time, efforts, and commitment to the betterment of this great College." [sctech.edu/Advisory](http://sctech.edu/Advisory)

## SCTC Cuts Ribbon for Small Business Entrepreneurship Center in Henry



Along with numerous community partners and supporters, SCTC officially cut the ribbon for the Henry County Small Business Entrepreneurship Center (SBEC) at a Grand Opening Ceremony held on November 8 at the SCTC Henry County Center in McDonough.

Open to both the public and students, the SBEC is designed to nurture and support both established entrepreneurs and those just starting out and 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 facility is equipped with modern resources and technology to facilitate learning and innovation. The center also focuses on creating a supportive community atmosphere where creative entrepreneurs can network, share experiences, and collaborate. By providing access to expert guidance, practical tools, and a collaborative environment, the center aims to empower local business leaders to thrive within the community.

This occasion marked the second SBEC recently opened by the College, with the first located at the SCTC Butts County Center. SCTC's SBEC in Upson County is scheduled to open in January. [sctech.edu/SBECHenry](http://sctech.edu/SBECHenry)

## Fall Festival FUN

The Griffin Campus recently came alive with SCTC's annual Fall Festival and Open House. The atmosphere was filled with autumn excitement, and a fantastic time was had by all that attended! Students and guests were treated with a jam-packed lineup of food and fun with program displays and a variety of activities. The event was held in partnership with the Griffin Regional College and Career Academy and all participants were encouraged to learn more about offerings at both institutions. The Fall Festival was a whirlwind of fall fun for those in attendance!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Break - November 25-29, 2024  
> Campuses open 11/25-27, no classes
- Thanksgiving Holiday - November 28-29, 2024  
> Campuses closed, no classes
- Spring Semester ROAR - December 5, 2024
- Last Day of Fall Semester - December 12, 2024



APPLICATION FEE WAIVED FOR THE WHOLE MONTH!

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 7

APPLY TODAY

## Heroes Honored at Veteran's Day Celebration

To celebrate Veteran's Day, SCTC Office of Student Activities hosted a brunch to honor and thank our student, faculty, and community Veterans that served our great country with respect and honor. Attendees heard from several former members of the military as they reflected on their years spent serving.



## GET TO KNOW: Associate Vice President Dr. Sean Brumfield



**Dr. Sean Brumfield**  
Associate Vice President  
Academic Affairs

"The best part of my job is working with faculty and staff to create meaningful opportunities for students. I really enjoy collaborating with colleagues who share the same passion for education and student success. Together, we come up with strategies and resources to help students not only meet their academic goals but also prepare for rewarding careers. There's nothing better than seeing a student overcome challenges, build confidence, and achieve something they thought was out of reach. Knowing I play a small part in their journey makes it all worthwhile."

**What are three things you can't live without?**

Family/friends, coffee, and a good book

**Where would you take a dream vacation?**

New Zealand is currently at the top of my very long list

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

I love being outdoors—hiking, walking, or just relaxing in nature—with my family and my greyhound, EllieMae.

**What is the best advice someone has given you?**

"Keep calm and carry on. Change is inevitable, but so is your ability to adapt." It's a great reminder that resilience is key to facing whatever comes your way.

**What are you reading or watching?**

I'm currently rereading *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. Didion's writing is so honest and moving—it's one of those books that stays with you.

**What is something people may not know about you?**

I enjoy writing poetry. It's a creative outlet that helps me reflect and process life in a meaningful way.

**What do you hope others learn from you?**

The value in persistence and adaptability. Life will always throw challenges your way, but if you stay focused and open to change, there's so much you can achieve.



## Academic Affairs

With a mission of workforce development, SCTC offers a variety of programs to help students prepare for careers, advance their skills, and grow professionally. Currently offering over 200 programs in the areas of allied health, business, computers, film technology, public safety, professional services, and technical and industrial training, SCTC's Academic Affairs Division lies at the center of the operations of the College. Academic Affairs oversees all educational programs and services with a focus on managing, evaluating, and developing quality courses; collaborating with leadership, faculty, and workforce partners to establish new instructional programs; supporting, supervising and leading faculty; and making sure students have the resources they need to succeed. [AcademicAffairs@sctech.edu](mailto:AcademicAffairs@sctech.edu)

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