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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

As we finally usher in the cool, crisp air and vibrant colors of fall, we are reminded of the changes and growth happening both in nature and in our college community. The 2024 Fall Semester is off to a fantastic start, and I am thrilled to share this issue of Tech Trends which highlights some exciting updates that reflect the energy and enthusiasm we've seen across campus.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our students, faculty, and staff. The positive atmosphere on campus is truly inspiring, with students actively engaging in classes, extracurricular activities, and campus events. Whether it's through academic programs, new initiatives, student organizations, or athletics, it's clear that our dedication to learning, personal growth, and community outreach is stronger than ever. Our great College remains at the forefront of technical education in Georgia and the highlighted data from our previous academic year confirms our achievements. We are enthusiastic about where we are going and proud of where we have been.

As we embrace this cool fall weather, let's also reflect on the warmth of our shared purpose—changing lives through technical education. Thank you for your steadfast support. Together, we are making dreams come true for our students.

— Dr. Irvin Clark, President

SCTC Awarded \$3.95M Grant to Expand Nursing to Rural Areas

Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$3,952,010 through the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR) Workforce Expansion Program. SCTC is one of only five institutions nationwide selected for this competitive grant, which will be distributed over a four-year period to support nursing education in rural and underserved communities. In the first year, SCTC will receive \$960,575 to launch this important initiative.

The grant will also support efforts to petition the Georgia Board of Nursing (GBON) for approval to expand the program to Butts and Jasper County, creating new opportunities for individuals in rural communities to pursue careers in nursing serving areas that face critical shortages in nursing professionals.

The nursing shortage is particularly acute in rural Georgia, where access to healthcare services is often limited. By expanding the LPN/Paramedic to RN Bridge Program, SCTC will help fill these gaps by training more highly skilled registered nurses (RNs) who are equipped to serve their local communities.

The proposed program will offer working LPNs and paramedics a streamlined path to becoming RNs, providing them with the advanced skills needed to improve healthcare outcomes in underserved areas. "We are thrilled to receive this HRSA NEPQR Workforce Expansion grant, which is a game-changer for healthcare in rural Georgia," said Dr. Irvin Clark, President of Southern Crescent Technical College. "This funding will allow us to meet the growing demand for registered nurses in areas that need it most, while also providing local residents with new educational and career advancement opportunities."

The expansion of the LPN/Paramedic to RN Bridge Program aligns with SCTC's mission to provide accessible, high-quality education that meets the workforce needs of the region. The program will not only enhance the skill sets of nursing professionals but also increase the number of qualified healthcare workers in communities that are currently underserved. By focusing on rural counties like Butts and Jasper, SCTC is addressing a significant healthcare challenge by ensuring that residents in these areas have access to skilled nurses who can deliver critical services close to home.



"With the full support of our workforce, community, and economic development partners in Butts and Jasper counties, we are looking forward to expanding our Nursing program into these communities. This grant is part of our broader commitment to prepare healthcare professionals who will make a real difference in their communities," said Kimberly Register, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Southern Crescent Technical College. "By expanding our Bridge Program to rural communities, we're not only helping individuals achieve their professional goals but also improving healthcare delivery in areas that need it the most." www.sctech.edu/HRSANursing

Former SCTC President Peters Named as Griffin Exchange Club's Man of the Year

Former Southern Crescent Technical College President, current SCTC Foundation Trustee, and long time College supporter Dr. Randall Peters was recently named the Griffin Exchange Club's 2024 Man of the Year. As he accepted the award, Dr. Peters stated, "This is probably the biggest honor that I will ever receive in my life. I stand here on behalf of so many others who have worked tirelessly for this community. Thank you for this enormous honor. I may never see the likes of this type of recognition again in my lifetime and I am most appreciative to receive this award."

Peters was President of Southern Crescent Technical College from 2010 - 2016 and worked diligently to move the college forward following the merger between Griffin Technical College and Flint River Technical College in Thomaston. In addition to his long-term commitment to SCTC, Peters has been active in the Griffin Spalding Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Griffin Rotary Club, and the Griffin/Spalding Airport Authority.

Exchange Club President Matt Middleton stated, "Dr. Peters' commitment to improving the lives of those around him, his tireless work to bring about positive change, and his unwavering belief in the power of the community have set him apart as a true leader and role model."



The Griffin Exchange Club's Man of the Year Award is a prestigious honor reserved for individuals who have demonstrated remarkable dedication, compassion, and service to the community. According to SCTC President Dr. Irvin Clark, "Dr. Randy Peters has done all of that and more. He made a significant impact on the College as a former President, and that impact will continue to be felt by current and future students. He has helped our students achieve their personal and professional goals through his commitment to the mission and vision of the College. Being named the Griffin Exchange Club's Man of the Year is such a deserving honor to recognize his outstanding accomplishments to the College and the community." sctech.edu/Peters

Tigers and Lady Tigers Gear Up for Season

The SCTC Tigers and Lady Tigers will kick off their 2024-25 Basketball season on November 5, 2024. Congratulations to Matthew Willis, a returning Tiger and transfer JaCarlin Dennis for being named to the the preseason All-GCAA team. We hope to see all of Tiger Nation this season on the court! sctech.edu/basketball



SGA Elects New Slate of Officers

College-wide student elections are in and new Student Government Association officers have been announced for the 2024-2025 academic year. Congratulations to

each of our student leaders. We are looking forward to another exciting and productive year! sctech.edu/sga



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- College Fair - October 23, 2024
> Griffin Campus, 11 am - 2 pm
- Convocation - October 24, 2024
> Griffin Campus, 3 pm
- Micro-mester 3 Begins - November 4, 2024

JOIN US!

FALL FESTIVAL OPEN HOUSE

Griffin Campus
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 5 pm - 7 pm



FREE ADMISSION!
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Food! Games! Prizes!

Program Exhibits, Tours &
SCTC Information Available

SAVE THE DATE



November 12, 2024
Heron Bay Golf Club

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GET TO KNOW: Chief Information Officer Michael Shiver



Michael Shiver
Chief Information Officer

"I love seeing individual's lives changed through the skills they learn at Southern Crescent Technical College. As Chief Information Officer, I see first hand the connection between technology and careers. Having a hand in providing technology for students that is used in their training is very important to me and I am always eager to learn about new technologies that can be implemented for our students. I enjoy seeing how technology can help students overcome obstacles, make confident decisions, and turn their ambitions into achievements."

What do you like to do when you are not working?
Reading, walking and spending time with my family

Where would you take a dream vacation?
Either a tour of Europe or Australia

What are three things you can't live without?
Books/music, family, and a nice comfy chair

What is your favorite memory?
The day I found out I was going to be a father

What is something people may not know about you?
I play the piano and I am an ordained minister.

What do you hope others learn from you?
Everyone has a story. To truly understand someone, learn their story to get to know them.

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SCTC's Information Technology

SCTC's IT Department supports all things that are technology related at the College from network infrastructure and cyber security to software, hardware, and audio visual equipment. The IT Department guides the college on a path that keeps the College networks safe and secure for staff and students while also allowing the academic freedom to use technology to ensure that today's students are prepared for tomorrow's workforce. We are constantly working with staff, faculty and industry vendors to find and implement the best technology initiatives to position SCTC as the leader in workforce development in our area.

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