

Aiken Technical College Community Benefit Report

2013



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MISSION

Aiken Technical College is a public, open-door, two-year, comprehensive institution of higher education established to provide citizens of greater Aiken County opportunities for educational, economic, professional, civic and personal development. Through its focus on teaching and learning, the College supports economic growth and community development by educating and training students for entry into the workforce or for further higher education.

VISION

We envision Aiken Technical College as a catalyst for developing educated, engaged and employable individuals whose collective energy will be the driving force for prosperity and the quality of life in our diverse community.

President's Letter



Pathways and partnerships led to progress and success for Aiken Technical College in 2013. In partnership with our local community, ATC celebrated the many achievements and successes of its students, faculty and staff and continued to fulfill the College's vision – developing pathways for educated, engaged, and employable individuals to prosper throughout Aiken County's diverse communities.

With the help of our community partners, significant progress was made toward construction of the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. The Center will provide state-of-the-art training to make ATC students the preferred candidates for the many advanced manufacturing and nuclear opportunities in our region. Through the generosity of our partners, the College has raised more than \$1.8 million toward the \$2 million goal of our *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign.

The College continued to create educational pathways to support veterans in their pursuit of higher education. ATC launched its Accelerated Veterans Education and Transition (AVET) program in 2013 to help veterans brush up on their skills and avoid developmental courses that exhaust their benefits. In addition, the College launched a Tower Installation certificate program and, in partnership with the Warriors 4 Wireless program, began training veterans to serve as wireless tower technicians. We were pleased to be a part of this exciting opportunity, which truly is an example of how two-year colleges and the business community can partner to grow our economy.

ATC's engaged and caring students brought home numerous accolades on the state, regional and national level for student projects that involved not only our campus, but the community at large. Our George H. "Buck" Grant and Student Service Award recipient, 2013 graduate Faith Moore, is a shining example of the success our students are capable of at Aiken Technical College.

During the past year, ATC's Practical Nursing program was reapproved by the South Carolina Board of Nursing, and the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program received an accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements" from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Accreditation is a tangible confirmation that our students' education and training is of the highest quality and meets the standards expected by employers.

Among the College's other achievements in 2013 was the opening of the College's new Enrollment Services Center, which combines the admissions, financial aid and academic advising functions into one convenient location. In addition, the College launched math and English boot camps to prepare students for college-level courses and provided STEM opportunities for our local youth through various scouting events and a partnership with Midland Valley Preparatory Charter School. ATC also debuted its first QuestATC camps designed to engage local youth in a variety of programs that will lead to future careers.

Throughout this community benefit report, you will read more about these initiatives and the many partnerships the College has engaged in this past year, all aimed at creating pathways for our citizens. We are honored to share these successes with you, and look forward to celebrating more achievements with our community in 2014.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan A. Winsor". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Susan A. Winsor, President





Pathways to Excellence

ATC Programs Receive Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Aiken Technical College strives to provide the highest quality education and training to its students to prepare them for the workforce and put them on the path to enjoying long, successful careers.

ATC received confirmation of this commitment in 2013 not only through the employability and successes of its students, but also through a number of ATC's programs that received

reaffirmations of their accreditation statuses.

“Enhancing our students’ experiences and ensuring they are receiving the highest quality education is vital to our role as educators,” said ATC Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock. “Accreditation is an additional benchmark that affirms the value of our students’ education.”

Right: An ATC Dental Assisting student practices taking dental X-Rays on a simulated patient.

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ATC's Practical Nursing program was reapproved and the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program was reaffirmed following comprehensive evaluations by their respective state and national assessment boards.

Program accreditation and approval standards set a high bar for teaching and evaluating students' learning. Accreditations and approvals create a clear understanding of the standards to which a program adheres, and signal to a future employer the rigorous expectations to which the student was held.

ATC's Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program was reevaluated in 2013. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without

Certified Dental Assistants.

The Practical Nursing program was reapproved through 2018 by the South Carolina Board of Nursing following a site visit in October.

ATC's Practical Nursing program had a 90 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) between April 2012 and March 2013. The Practical Nursing program prepares graduates to provide direct patient care in a safe, effective manner across multiple settings, and the program has seen its graduates find full-time employment at the area's many medical facilities throughout the CSRA following graduation.

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reporting requirements." The College's Dental Assisting program prepares students to work closely with a dentist as an assistant providing preventative and restorative care to patients. Program graduates are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination to become

confirmation that our faculty and staff are providing the highest quality education for our students, but it also allows us to assess our academic programs and develop a path forward to maintain the highest standards," said Frock.



Pathways to Success

Student Accomplishments and Leadership

Faith Moore crossed the stage at graduation in May with a smile and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. Having been out of school for nearly a decade before returning to college, she came to Aiken Technical College as a pathway to a Bachelor's degree, but she left with much more.

In addition to her Associate in Arts degree, Moore graduated ATC as the President of the Student Government Association and the Vice President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. When ATC awarded its two highest honors at an annual Awards Night in April, Moore was on stage accepting both the George H. "Buck" Grant Award and the Student Service Award.

Above: Faith Moore, a 2013 ATC graduate, was the recipient of the George H. "Buck" Grant Award and the Student Service Award for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Right: ATC student leaders participated in the SC Technical College System's Student Leadership Conference at Florence-Darlington Technical College. Pictured from left to right: Campus Ambassador and SGA Treasurer Steven Waller; Campus Ambassador Ashley Morgan; Campus Ambassador Jesse Watts; SGA President Bianca Bradley; SGA Secretary Victoria Robins; Campus Ambassador and SGA Vice President VeNoya Lovett; and Campus Ambassador Danielle Turner.

“You can do anything you put your mind to if you just believe and put your whole heart into what you’re doing,” Moore said. “You have to be persistent. I hope others will see that the finish line is there - you just have to keep going for it.”

Moore is just one example of the many ATC students who received recognitions for their



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achievements and successes, which were abundant in 2013.

The 2012-2013 SGA officers received a first place award in the 2013 South Carolina Technical Education Association Student Community Involvement Project for the semester-long U-Knighted 4 Fitness: Students Get Active campaign. The SGA officers encouraged students, employees and the community at large to commit to staying active and leading healthy lifestyles.

The College’s PTK chapter also received regional and national honors, bringing home 12 awards from the 2013 PTK Carolinas Regional Convention in March. In April, PTK was honored at the 2013 Annual PTK Awards in San Jose, CA for their Honors in Action Project, a political awareness forum and voter registration drive held on campus. The chapter

was named to the Top 100 list of chapters around the world for overall excellence.

Walking across campus on any given day, the same energy, determination and commitment to service that Moore exhibited can be seen in other student leaders making a difference in their campus community.

The 2013-2014 SGA officers launched their semester-long FACTS (Financial Awareness Campaign Targeting Students) initiative in the fall, hosting activities aimed at increasing financial literacy and encouraging smart money management.

ATC initiated its Campus Ambassador program in Spring 2013 to give students an opportunity to serve as representatives of the College. Campus Ambassadors lead tours, assist with recruitment activities, and plan events across campus. In October, the Campus Ambassadors took a leadership role in planning fundraisers for the College’s 2013 United Way of Aiken County campaign.

In September, SGA officers and Campus Ambassadors attended the 2013 SC Technical College System’s Student Leadership Conference at Florence-Darlington Technical College. They learned about leadership with their peers from other student organizations throughout the system.



Pathways to Education

One-Stop Enrollment Services Center Opens

Early Childhood Development major Danielle Turner first set foot on the Aiken Technical College campus as a transfer student in fall 2012, and often found herself running from one office to another to become enrolled.

When she enrolled in her summer 2013 classes almost a year later, Danielle went to the newly opened Enrollment Services Center and completed the same enrollment steps in a convenient, one-stop location.

The 6,090-square-foot Enrollment Services Center, located in the College's Ashley J. Little Administration Building, combines the College's admissions, financial aid, registrar and student advising services in a one-stop shop for students. The \$1.5 million newly renovated center opened in spring 2013, and there have been over 27,000 separate student visits since that time.

Right: Students and family members learned about the enrollment process during an admissions fair on campus.

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“The new Enrollment Services Center has made things so much more convenient. Everything is more organized and all of the offices are in one place, so there is no more running all over campus,” said Turner. “The Enrollment Services Center is my favorite improvement that the College has made.”

The goal of the new Center is to eliminate barriers to enrollment and alleviate much of the stress often associated with the college intake process.

“First-time college students come to us with great anxiety about their admission and how they are going to pay for college,” said Associate Vice President for Marketing and Enrollment Management Bryan Newton. “The purpose of

will route documents to the individuals responsible for processing, and enable the Center to move students through the enrollment process more quickly and efficiently.

The new facility and streamlined process make it easier for students to take care of necessary administrative tasks so they can spend their time and energy focusing on what is most important – their studies.

Each day of the week, Campus Ambassadors – participants in an ATC student leadership program – dedicate time to assist in the Enrollment Services Center by processing documents, routing students to appropriate offices, and giving tours. Campus Ambassadors – Turner included – reach out by phone to recent applicants in the days

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the Enrollment Services Center is to make the admissions, advising and financial aid processes of the College easier so that students are prepared and ready to learn on their first day of class.”

In addition to conveniently locating offices, the Center has introduced a document imaging system to allow for the smooth, easy and timely transfer of student information from one campus department to another.

Working with transcript provider Parchment, the College implemented a new e-transcript system, allowing students and graduates to request and send official electronic transcripts to potential employers, transfer institutions or other recipients completely online, without having to visit campus.

In late 2013, the College worked to prepare a workflow system for implementation in early 2014. The system

following their initial application to the College to welcome them and answer questions about each student’s path to enrollment.

“The most important part for me is to make sure the students understand everything they have to do,” Turner said. “If they understand what they are doing, then they feel better about the enrollment process and can get everything done easily and correctly.”





Partnerships for Progress

Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing

Aiken Technical College's nuclear and advanced manufacturing programs have increasingly gained industry recognition in recent years. Soon, that recognition will extend to state-of-the-art training facilities that will house those programs.

With the ongoing support of industry and community partners, Aiken Technical College continued progress in 2013 towards construction of the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing.

"We have some very high quality programs and we want to give them facilities and equipment that will enable them to go even further than they could with the aging facilities we have now," said ATC Department Chair for Nuclear and Skilled Trades Programs David Deal. "With this new building, we're going to be able to take these programs to the next level."

Above: Pictured is an architectural rendering of the future Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing.

ATC completed the design phase for the \$8.5 million training facility with Greenville-based architectural firm McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture after a competitive bidding process.

The state-of-the-art facility will combine the College's mechatronics, welding, radiation protection technology and nuclear quality systems programs. The building will feature a versatile space design and cutting-edge industry quality equipment.

Bays (labs), classrooms, a multi-use training room, and faculty offices will all be part of the Center. A flexible design will allow for easy

The College received a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration that required a dollar-for-dollar match from other sources. The ATC Foundation kicked off its *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign in September 2012 and reached \$1.8 million of its goal by the end of 2013.

Contributions to the capital campaign, coupled with substantial support from the Aiken County legislative delegation, made it possible for ATC to move forward with a Center that will provide high quality training for the region's manufacturing and nuclear workforce. A one-time \$2.445 million state budget allocation approved in the 2012 legislative session helped the College take a significant step toward making the new facility a reality.

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- Dr. Susan Winsor, ATC President

changeover between training spaces, enabling the College to accommodate evolving training needs both now and in the future.

“The College is looking to do some unique things with this building, and has been very good about engaging the corporate community to understand what their needs are, both in South Carolina and regionally,” said McMillan Pazdan Smith architect Gable Stubbs. “The goal is to create spaces that are flexible enough so you can have crossover between classes and labs. It's all about the flexibility.”

Continued progress on the Center was made possible, in large part, due to the tremendous support from community and industry partners who contributed to the College's *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign.

“We are deeply appreciative of the tremendous support received from our legislative delegation and the community,” said ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor. “Individuals, businesses, and government have all partnered to build a Center for Energy & Advanced Manufacturing that will be an economic engine for growth in Aiken County.”

McMillan Pazdan Smith is continuing its collaborative work with ATC faculty and staff to determine the specific training needs of the College's academic programs to ensure synergy between the new Center and existing campus buildings. Groundbreaking for the new facility is expected to take place in 2014.



Pathways to Veterans' Careers

ATC Launches Warriors 4 Wireless Partnership

The United States has more than 315 million people, more than 300 million of whom are wireless subscribers. Of those, only about 20 percent are 4G-network capable, and the telecommunications industry nationwide anticipates tremendous growth in updating to 4G from coast to coast in the coming years.

In order for the industry to reach that next level, trained and qualified operators are needed to install and upgrade wireless towers across the country. Thousands of positions will need to be filled in the next five years alone, and Aiken Technical College has formed a nationwide partnership to meet the need.

Above: Left to right: Aiken-Augusta Warrior Project Education Advocate Al Steele; Aiken Technical College President Dr. Susan Winsor; Aiken Technical College Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock; and Aiken-Augusta Warrior Project Executive Director Kim Elle in front of the White House in Washington, D.C., following the formal launch of the Warriors 4 Wireless initiative.

Right: ATC launched its first Tower Installation class in November.

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In November, a public-private partnership was announced between Aiken Technical College and Warriors 4 Wireless (W4W), a national non-profit founded by the Dynis Corporation that is dedicated to transitioning veterans to careers in the growing wireless telecommunications industry. Through the partnership, ATC became the exclusive educational provider of W4W's Tower Installation training – the first of its kind – in the southeastern United States.

The initiative was formally announced at a ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C. in November, and the first cohort launched during the same week.

The course teaches theory and hands-on competency in a number of areas: basic rigging, principles of electricity, fiber optics training, wireless technology overview, cell site components, antenna basics, fall protection theory and spectrum management. Graduates of the program receive job placement assistance from W4W to ensure employment within 90 days of completing the program.

Program participants must have the physical ability and agility to climb in excess of 100 feet carrying tools and equipment that may weigh approximately 70 pounds.

Veterans, active duty military and civilians are all eligible to apply for the program.



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- Deborah Key, ATC Veterans Affairs Advisor

“Aiken Technical College has a long history of partnering with others to meet the needs of veterans and the military in our area, and this partnership continues that commitment,” said ATC Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock. “The program allows veterans to build upon the military training that they already have and transition their skills into well-paying careers in the private sector.”

Following completion of the intensive 14-credit hour, five-week program, participants earn an Applied Science certificate in Tower Installation. The credential equips the student with the entry-level knowledge and skills needed to gain an apprentice position in the wireless tower industry.

A second cohort began in January 2014, and as a starting point, the College hopes to train at least 130 wireless technicians per year.

“We are proud to be involved in this unique partnership that puts veterans on the path to careers in a high-demand, well-paying industry,” said ATC Veterans Affairs Advisor Deborah Key. “Thousands of positions will be created in the coming years to meet the workforce needs of the growing wireless telecommunications industry, and graduates of the Tower Installation program will be in high demand.”



Partnerships for Economic Growth

Raising Awareness of Manufacturing Opportunities

A group of more than 60 career and guidance counselors from Aiken County Public Schools toured Aiken Technical College's manufacturing training facilities in August after stops at Bridgestone and Tognum's MTU Plant earlier in the day. The counselors — many of whom had not previously set foot in high-tech manufacturing facilities — took back to their schools an important message for students: Manufacturing is thriving in Aiken County.

Aiken Technical College provides pathways to prepare local citizens with the education and training needed to become the preferred candidates for career opportunities coming Aiken County's way.

Above: More than 60 career and guidance counselors from Aiken County Public Schools toured ATC's Manufacturing and Technology Training Center this summer.

Manufacturing employers who have invested and expanded their facilities in Aiken County require highly skilled employees in a broad range of technical, engineering and professional careers.

Manufacturing Works: Build a Career on It, a study commissioned by the Economic

The day-long manufacturing in-service in August was a result of the *Manufacturing Works* study's recommendation to ensure that counselors, parents and students are aware at an early age of the manufacturing opportunities available in Aiken County.

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- Dr. Susan Winsor, ATC President

Development Partnership in collaboration with ATC, the University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken County Public Schools and Aiken County government, found that 670 new technical and engineering jobs and an abundance of other business support positions within the manufacturing sector would be needed in the next three to five years. Furthermore, hundreds of retirements are expected among the area's more than 7,000 current manufacturing workers.

The study was rolled out at a manufacturing summit in March that brought area industry, education, and community leaders together to discuss the future of manufacturing in Aiken County.

“By working together with Aiken County employers, economic developers, educators and other community leaders, we are addressing the growing need for a highly skilled manufacturing workforce,” said ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor. “It is crucial that we work collaboratively to prepare our next generation of employees with the skills our area's manufacturers require.”

ATC offers quality training in a variety of manufacturing-related fields, including electronic engineering technology, industrial maintenance technology and welding. The College partners with local industry to offer the Technical Scholars program in which students are provided tuition and book costs while gaining on-the-job training at area manufacturing sites – training that most often leads to a job offer.

Through youth opportunities like summer camps and scouting workshops in science, technology, engineering and math, ATC is opening students' eyes at an early age to the possibilities that are within their grasp in the manufacturing sector.

Aiken County is addressing now the critical manufacturing workforce needs of tomorrow. ATC is an essential partner in ensuring manufacturing continues to thrive, and in preparing the community's workforce for the economic opportunities to come.



Partnerships to Support Veterans

ATC Creates New Veterans Initiatives and Programs

Steven Waller graduated from Aiken High School in 2003, and immediately joined the U.S. Navy. He deployed to the Middle East, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and ended his service in 2006.

He spent time in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida, where he worked for a few years. The recession hit, however, and Waller – a veteran who served his country – found himself homeless.

Eventually, Waller found his way back to Aiken and enrolled at Aiken Technical College, pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Even though he found himself in a good place, he couldn't figure out how to fit in at a school with recent high school graduates, adults pursuing second careers, and the diverse population of the College.

Above: Rep. Joe Wilson spoke with local veterans at a Veterans Job Fair hosted by his office to connect veterans in South Carolina's 2nd congressional district with job opportunities and resources.

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“Coming out of the military, I felt detached – like nobody would understand what I had been through,” said Waller, who soon realized that other veterans on campus were experiencing the same challenges in transition from military to civilian life.

training to Guard members that can later be directed toward a degree in Network Systems Management at Aiken Technical College.

- ATC offers an Accelerated Veterans Education and Transition (AVET) program, allowing veterans to take an accelerated boot camp to assist in mastering developmental course material.

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- Dr. Vinson Burdette, ATC Dean of Student Development

To meet the needs of a growing veteran and military population at ATC, Waller founded the Student Veterans Association and currently serves as its President. The organization serves as a support system for the College’s more than 200 veterans and dependants. Waller has found his niche on campus and has become involved in a number of campus organizations and activities, while at the same time helping other veterans become comfortable with the transition to a civilian world.

By avoiding expenses for developmental education, veterans can preserve educational benefits and put themselves on the path toward the completion of a college degree.

- ATC, AWP, and the University of South Carolina Aiken are partners in the Veterans to Careers initiative, working with area businesses to match student veterans’ academic pursuits with skills needed in temporary positions at participating companies.
- The College worked with the office of Congressman Joe Wilson to host a veteran’s job fair on campus, and with the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta to present a health care town hall meeting for all area veterans.
- Most recently, ATC partnered with Warriors 4 Wireless to be the exclusive provider of wireless technician training for veterans transitioning from the military to the private sector throughout the southeastern United States.

The College, which has received recognition as a “military-friendly school” by multiple organizations in recent years, offers a multitude of initiatives to support student veterans and their families.

In 2013, several programs to support veterans were launched or continued, including the following:

- ATC partners with the Aiken-Augusta Warrior Project (AWP) to ensure that one of their representatives is always available on campus to facilitate issues important to veterans. Lounge and office space in the Student Activities Center has been allocated for both AWP meetings with veterans and for ATC veterans to use as a place to get to know one another.
- The College continues a partnership with the SC Army National Guard to offer 25B Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)

“ATC strives to ease the transition of our military veterans into civilian life by providing resources to help them engage and succeed as students,” said ATC Dean of Student Development Dr. Vinson Burdette. “We are proud to be able to help those who have served our country in uniform achieve their goals.”



Pathways to STEM Careers

Youth Initiatives Encourage STEM Understanding

Virtual and hands-on welding; DNA proteins; digital drawing and animation – these are just some of the topics rising eighth through 10th graders explored during week-long adventures on the Aiken Technical College campus this past summer.

The students were participants in week-long QuestATC summer camps focused on welding, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and multimedia designed to provide area youth with an understanding of exciting career pathways.

Above: Campers learned about DNA through hands-on activities during a QuestATC STEM summer camp.

“More and more careers are requiring an understanding of science, technology, engineering and math skills, but students are not always aware of these career options,” said ATC Dean of Business, Computer Technology, and Training Dr. Steve Simmons, who managed the QuestATC summer camps.

academy in collaboration with Midland Valley Preparatory Charter School.

During weekly visits to ATC, which supplemented their regular curriculum at MVP Charter School, eighth grade students participated in a variety of hands-on activities to increase their understanding of the various STEM competencies.

“Through all of our youth initiatives, we strive to teach young people, in a fun, hands-on environment, what opportunities are available to them.”

- Dr. Steve Simmons, ATC Dean of Business, Computer Technology and Training

In addition to specific career topics, campers participated in team building and problem solving activities, and learned “soft skills” that will help them in any career path they choose.

While the eighth through 10th graders were learning about welding, STEM and multimedia in QuestATC camps, elsewhere on campus, a group of recent high school graduates were getting their first glimpse of opportunities available in the nuclear industry.

The students participated in ATC’s Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI) Academy, developed out of a grant received by the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO). The program allowed participants to enroll in four college courses, and at the completion of the program, students received six college credit hours towards a certificate at ATC, a Career Readiness Certificate, a 40-Hour HAZWOPER certificate, and valuable career skills.

In another opportunity to broaden an understanding of STEM among Aiken County youth, ATC piloted a STEM enrichment

The program was successful in its 3-month pilot session, and will continue into 2014.

ATC also offered seven Scouting Saturday workshops in collaboration with the Georgia-Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of South Carolina Mountains to Midlands. Through the workshops, scouts developed skills in STEM and obtained various scouting badges and patches. Workshops in chemistry, welding, electricity, electronics, nuclear science, engineering and energy efficiency were offered.

“Through all of our youth initiatives, we strive to teach young people, in a fun, hands-on environment, what opportunities are available to them,” said Simmons. “By engaging students in understanding its value, we hope to encourage an interest in STEM in future generations, and ensure that a highly-trained workforce exists to fill high-demand careers available in our region.”



Pathways to Academic Success

Boot Camps Increase Student Preparedness

Scott Brown graduated high school more than two decades ago. He returned to school ready to pursue a degree, but knew he would have to brush up on some skills before entering college-level courses.

Through Aiken Technical College's math boot camp – offered along with an English boot camp – Brown was able to successfully assess into the next level of math and avoid a semester of developmental education.

Math and English Boot camps were offered in July for students entering in the fall, and a second session for spring applicants was held in October. Students participated in the July boot camps for 20 hours over the course of a week, attending class each day and completing both in-class and out-of-class assignments. During the October session, boot camps were held each evening for five weeks.

Above: Students participated in math and English Boot Camps in July and October in order to increase their placement test scores and avoid the need for developmental courses.

Right: Participants in the Accelerated Veterans Education and Transition (AVET) program were recognized for their successful completion of the program in August.

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“I showed up every day and I felt like I learned something new; it was just like a light bulb went off every day,” Brown said. “I graduated high school 25 years ago, and much of this was not new to me, but I needed assistance. All of the instructors have been very helpful in learning a lot in a short amount of time.”

To be eligible for boot camps, students scored within five points of the cut-off score based on the COMPASS standardized test for their course level. Students who successfully completed the boot camps were able to advance to the next course level.

Students also had the opportunity to concentrate on areas of academic weakness with tutors, and to learn about math technology and labs available at the College.

ATC also launched an Accelerated Veterans Education and Transition (AVET) program in summer 2013. AVET is an eight-week, full-time education and college readiness boot camp made possible through a \$60,000 grant from the national Wounded Warrior Project.

The goal of the AVET program is to shorten the time needed for veterans to complete their academic programs, allowing them to obtain their education before exhausting veterans’ education benefits.

During the eight-week program, students participate in accelerated competence-based education to increase test scores and avoid the need for developmental education prior to enrolling in college-level courses.



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- Scott Brown, ATC Boot Camp Participant

By helping students to progress faster through developmental math and English courses, almost \$600 in tuition and fees per student can be avoided and students can complete their educational objectives sooner.

“Next is Math 101,” Brown said. “I’m pursuing a welding degree, and hopefully this will help me get through faster.”

The first sessions of the English and math boot camps saw successful completion by the majority of students.

“The AVET program helps veterans to be prepared academically, financially and mentally for achieving their goals of post-secondary education and employment,” said ATC Vice President for Education and Training Dr. Gemma Frock. “Both the AVET program and the math and English boot camps help students prepare for college-level courses while saving them time and financial resources.”



Partnerships in Nuclear

National Nuclear Science Week Observance

A group of nuclear industry professionals gathered in October to discuss the current state and future of the nuclear industry in the United States. Nuclear Energy Institute President and CEO Marv Fertel was present, as well as nuclear industry executives from throughout South Carolina.

Many questions were asked at this gathering, but the questions were not from industry executives; they were from students and recent graduates of Aiken Technical College's Radiation Protection Technology (RPT) program, and Augusta Technical College's Nuclear Engineering Technology (NET) program.

Above: Students in Aiken Technical College's nuclear programs posed with the AREVA-sponsored Nuclear Clean Air Energy Indy racecar at an event held at the Kroc Center in Augusta during National Nuclear Science Week.

The student reception was coordinated by the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization's Nuclear Workforce Initiative as part of a weeklong celebration of National Nuclear Science Week.

Among ATC's representatives was 2013 ATC RPT graduate Robert DeSiders, who opted to pursue a career pathway in the nuclear industry following four years of service in the Navy. DeSiders shared his experiences in the RPT program, as well as his hopes for the future, with industry executives.

"As a student, you want to know there is good job security out there, and it was reassuring to hear leaders in the nuclear field say that the industry is headed in a good direction," DeSiders said. "It was really

and awareness about nuclear technologies and the many careers available within the nuclear industry both locally and nationally.

As part of the week's events, ATC hosted a STEM Energy Fair for elementary school-age Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to participate in hands-on activities and learn about energy. Representatives from AREVA and Southern Company taught scouts about topics including fission reaction, energy efficiency, structural engineering, Newton's Laws of Motion and more.

The same scouts were invited back to the ATC campus a few days later to meet Indy Car Driver Simona de Silvestro and to see her Nuclear Clean Air Energy

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- Robert DeSiders, ATC Graduate

meaningful to me, because many of them started off where I am now, and that gave me a lot of confidence. I am striving to be what they are right now."

Having the opportunity to discuss the industry that he is now a part of with those who have a lifetime of experience was priceless, DeSiders said.

DeSiders recently was hired to work an outage at an Ohio nuclear power plant. He will then move to other locations to complete similar work.

The local observance of National Nuclear Science Week was intended to bring educators, students, employers, and the community together to encourage education

and awareness about nuclear technologies and the many careers available within the nuclear industry both locally and nationally. The famous driver, who spoke with the scouts about the important role STEM education plays in her career field, presented them with a special clean energy badge to add to their uniforms and sashes.

ATC also participated in the CSRA's celebration of National Nuclear Science Week at the annual Edward Teller lecture, and as part of a panel discussion, both organized by Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness.

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Milestones & Awards

Energy Leadership Award

ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor was recognized with a 2013 Energy Leadership Award from the Charlotte Business Journal for her contributions to training the region's nuclear workforce. The award highlighted Winsor's role as chair of the regional Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI), the creation of ATC's Radiation Protection Technology and Nuclear Quality Systems programs, and the planned construction of the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing.

American Heart Association

ATC raised a total of \$3,455 for the American Heart Association during its annual fundraising campaign. Employees and students raised money for AHA through various fundraisers, including a bowling night, jeans pass sales, and holiday basket drawings. Employees, students and families also participated in the CSRA Heart Walk on the North Augusta Greenway in March. (Below: ATC faculty and staff wore red to show their support for the American Heart Association.)



Pathways and Partnerships

SCTEA Awards

The South Carolina Technical Education Association named its 2013 ATC Educator of the Year award winners. The recipients were: Dean of Health Sciences Hermecender Walton, Administrator of the Year; Academic Coordinator for Welding Gregg Witt, Faculty Member of the Year; and Administrative Specialist for Education and Training Shareffa Harris, Staff Member of the Year. (Below, left: ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor and award recipients Shareffa Harris, Gregg Witt and Hermecender Walton.)

United Way Fundraising

Faculty, staff, and students at ATC worked together this fall to raise \$7,682 for United Way of Aiken County – significantly exceeding ATC’s 2013 goal of \$6,500. The College raised money through fundraisers including Dress Down Fridays, a silent auction, Massage Day, and various contests. Student-led fundraisers organized by ATC Campus Ambassadors included a car wash and a 3-Point Basketball Shootout tournament.

Department of Energy Grant

ATC received a \$95,000 grant in September for the purchase of an Orbital Welder that is appropriate for nuclear power industry training needs, and a Bevelmaster beveling machine to be used with the Orbital Welder. The advanced welding equipment will be used in both advanced manufacturing and nuclear training.

ATC Employees of the Year

ATC recognized Department Chair for Mathematics Lynn Rickabaugh as the Faculty Member of the Year and Director of Financial Accounting and Analysis Don True as the Staff Member of the Year at the College’s annual Commencement ceremonies in May. The award recipients were nominated by their peers and selected by an appointed committee. (Below, right: Award recipients Lynn Rickabaugh and Don True.)



2013

Student Achievement



Commencement Ceremonies

ATC celebrated its 2012-2013 graduates in two Commencement ceremonies well-attended by proud families and friends on May 7. A total of 514 graduates earned between them 792 degrees, diplomas and certificates. Jeffrey B. Archie, Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer for the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) served as the ceremonies' guest speaker, and encouraged the graduates to focus on leveraging their credentials to achieve future goals.

Readers' Theatre

ATC Human Services students and residents from Cumberland Village in Aiken worked together to plan, rehearse, and perform a series of comical skits in an intergenerational theater activity held on campus in April. The Readers' Theatre activity encourages a healthy lifestyle by working on memory and cognition, promoting social interaction, and increasing motivation. (Below: ATC Human Services students and Cumberland Village residents.)



Pathways and Partnerships

VITA Tax Preparation

Trained ATC Accounting students prepared and processed 44 tax returns for other ATC students over the course of two months in Spring 2013. The students were recognized with certificates from the Internal Revenue Service for their participation in the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. (Below, right: ATC Accounting students who participated in the VITA program were recognized during a ceremony on campus.)

Developing Professionalism Series

ATC's Student Development Division offered a "Developing Professionalism" Series in Spring 2013 to educate students on various workplace professionalism topics, as well as on culture and diversity. Twenty six ATC students successfully completed the series, and earned a new certificate of achievement to help them to be more competitive in the workforce.

Student Awards Night

Aiken Technical College students were recognized for their academic accomplishments and contributions to the College and community at ATC's 2013 Awards Night in April. Faith Moore won two of the evening's top awards, the George H. "Buck" Grant Award and the Student Service Award. Outstanding Student Awards were presented to seven students in recognition of excellence in academic, campus and community activities, and 60 student scholarships were awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year. (Below, left: Faith Moore was presented an award by ATC Dean of General Education and University Transfer Father Gregory Rogers.)

Critical Thinking Treasure Hunt

In an effort to promote critical thinking skills, students participated in treasure hunts that required them to solve a series of critical thinking problems in order to progress. The treasure hunts, as well as other activities, are part of the College's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) efforts.



New Student & Family Orientation

Nearly 200 new students, many accompanied by family members and friends, attended the 2013 New Student and Family Orientation in August, which had a theme of “Finish What You Start.” New students learned about campus resources and programs, and heard from current students about what to expect as college students.

VA Town Hall Meeting

ATC and the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta collaboratively organized a Veterans Healthcare Town Hall meeting on campus in June. The town hall meeting provided information to veterans and dependants about obtaining and maintaining medical support from the VA, and opportunities available to veterans through ATC.

PTK All-State Academic Team

PTK members Adelaide Marcoux and Jeremiah Thayer were among 25 students from technical colleges in the state named members of the 2013 PTK All-State Academic Team during a ceremony at the S.C. State House in March. The students were nominated based on their academic performance, leadership accomplishments, and service to their colleges and local communities. (Below, left: ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor, award recipients Jeremiah Thayer and Adelaide Marcoux, and ATC Department Chair for History and Social Sciences Bruce McCord.)

Student Leadership Conference

Members of the Student Government Association and Campus Ambassador Program attended the 2013 S.C. Technical College System’s Student Leadership Conference at Florence-Darlington Technical College. Student leaders represented all 16 of South Carolina’s technical colleges.

PRESS Initiatives

ATC’s PRESS for Completion team continued to engage faculty and staff in identifying and implementing initiatives for student success. A peer tutoring initiative was launched to put students who excelled in their biology courses into current sections of biology courses to work with other students and help them learn the material. The initiative is to be extended to English courses next.

Welding Competition

Three ATC students competed in the S.C. Technical College System’s 31st annual Welding Skills Competition in Sumter, S.C., in April. ATC student Aaron Floyd won first place in the state in the Gas Tungsten Arc Welding category. (Below, right: Instructor Gregg Witt; students Michael Craig, Aaron Floyd, and Ben Watkins; and instructor Marty Bell.)



Pathways and Partnerships

Career Services

ATC launched its Career Services Office on campus to provide assistance with job searching, resume writing and interviewing skills for ATC students and graduates. The Career Services Office opened in response to the closure of the S.C. Works One-Stop Center that was previously housed on campus.

Phi Theta Kappa Awards

ATC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society brought home 12 awards from the 2013 PTK Carolinas Regional Convention in North Carolina in March. The chapter received eight overall awards, as well as individual awards recognizing President Jeremy Hargis and Vice President Faith Moore for their leadership. The chapter was also recognized at the 2013 Annual PTK Awards in San Jose, CA, earning a spot on the Top 100 list of chapters worldwide for overall excellence.

SGA U-Knighted 4 Fitness Award

ATC's Student Government Association received a first place award in the 2013 South Carolina Technical Education Association (SCTEA) Community Involvement Project contest for the students' semester-long U-Knighted 4 Fitness: Students Get Active campaign. SGA officers led the student body, faculty and staff, and members of the community at large in committing to staying active and leading healthy lifestyles. (Below: ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor; 2012-2013 SGA officers Ieshia Abney; Angela Thomas; Mallory Harmon and Faith Moore; and ATC Dean of Student Development Dr. Vinson Burdette.)



2013

College Activities



Legislative Allocations

The Aiken County Legislative Delegation designated a one-time \$2.445 million budget allocation in the 2012 legislative session toward ATC's Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing, and most recently, a \$640,000 allocation was approved for renovation of the College's 300 Building. The 300 Building has not been significantly renovated since it was first built in the early 1970s. (Below: An architectural rendering of the future Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing on the ATC campus.)



Pathways and Partnerships

United Kingdom Nuclear Tour

Thanks to the generosity of the URS Corporation, Dr. Susan Winsor, Dr. Gemma Frock and Mr. David Deal had the opportunity to tour the Sellafield nuclear complex in the UK in February and see the types of activities and approaches taking place at nuclear facilities worldwide. Understanding nuclear activities implemented at other sites will be beneficial to the College as it continues to develop its nuclear programs.

Credit Program Transition

ATC transitioned its Certified Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Assisting and Electronic Health Records programs from its noncredit to credit divisions. Students who pursue the new credit certificates will be eligible to receive federal financial aid.

Faculty Academies

ATC full-time and adjunct faculty members participated in faculty academies throughout the year. Focusing on assessment, the faculty members came together to look at processes at the College and implement strategies learned in their courses. (Below left: ATC faculty exchange ideas.)

Nursing Pass Rate

ATC's Associate's degree in Nursing (ADN) program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) during the period from April 2012 to March 2013. The Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program achieved a 90 percent pass rate. (Below, right: ATC's Fall 2013 ADN graduates.)

ASSIST Improvements

Over the past two years, ATC's ASSIST-to-Work program has developed eight non-proprietary courses – courses with material that is not copyrighted and does not require students to purchase textbooks – in online or hybrid formats. The grant also allowed the College to purchase instructional and training equipment over the course of two years.





ATC's Student Government Association and its elected officers serve as leaders on campus, planning campus and communitywide activities and encouraging student engagement and participation at ATC.

ATC's Alpha Xi Lambda chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recognizes the academic achievements of two-year college students and provides opportunities for growth and development through honors, leadership and service.



The Student Veterans Association serves as a support system for ATC's more than 200 veterans and dependents to connect with other military students and to address issues that affect veterans.

ATC's Christian Life Club offers students opportunities to come together in fellowship, discipleship and service both on campus and in the local community.



ATC launched its Campus Ambassador Program in spring 2013 to provide an opportunity for students enrolled in different programs of study to develop leadership skills through participation in the College's social, cultural and marketing activities.

Student Demographics & College Financials

ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS*

*BASED ON UNDUPLICATED HEADCOUNT

| <i>Gender</i> | Students | Percentage |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Female | 2462 | 63.32% |
| Male | 1426 | 36.68% |
| TOTAL | 3888 | |

| <i>Race/Ethnicity</i> | Students | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| American Indian/ Alaska Native | 35 | 0.90% |
| Asian | 28 | 0.72% |
| Black/African American | 1328 | 34.16% |
| Hispanic | 119 | 3.06% |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 15 | 0.39% |
| Unknown | 57 | 1.46% |
| White/Caucasian | 2306 | 59.31% |
| TOTAL | 3888 | |

| <i>Age Range</i> | Students | Percentage |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <18 | 12 | 0.31% |
| 18-24 | 2041 | 52.50% |
| 25-29 | 670 | 17.23% |
| 30-39 | 665 | 17.10% |
| 40-49 | 338 | 8.69% |
| 50-59 | 136 | 3.50% |
| 60+ | 26 | 0.67% |
| TOTAL | 3888 | |

| <i>Residency</i> | Students | Percentage |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| In County | 2807 | 72.20% |
| In State | 548 | 14.09% |
| Out of State | 533 | 13.71% |
| TOTAL | 3888 | |

GRADUATES

| | Fall 2012 | Spring 2013 | Summer 2013 |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Degrees | 119 | 133 | 83 |
| Diplomas | 72 | 132 | 72 |
| Certificates | 20 | 1 | 17 |
| TOTAL | 211 | 266 | 172 |

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

| Assets | 2013 | 2012 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current Assets | \$14,783,456 | \$12,334,114 |
| Noncurrent Assets | \$22,569,443 | \$22,218,805 |
| Total Assets | \$37,352,899 | \$34,552,919 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | \$1,913,519 | \$1,596,900 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | \$1,195,468 | \$1,422,243 |
| Total Liabilities | \$3,108,987 | \$3,019,143 |
| Net Position | | |
| Total Net Position | \$34,243,912 | \$31,533,776 |

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

| Revenues | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$11,398,509 | \$12,101,277 |
| Net Nonoperating Revenues | \$12,138,765 | \$12,484,078 |
| Expenses | | |
| Operating Expenses | \$23,465,991 | \$23,793,857 |
| Capital | | |
| Appropriations, grants and transfers | \$2,638,853 | \$211,084 |
| Increase in Net Position | \$2,710,136 | \$1,002,582 |
| Net Position | | |
| End of Year | \$34,243,912 | \$31,533,776 |

Pathways and Partnerships



MISSION

The Aiken Technical College Foundation will undertake activities to acquire and manage resources that will facilitate the fulfillment of the mission and goals of the College, while strengthening positive community partnerships.

VISION

We envision the Aiken Technical College Foundation to be the preferred community non-profit organization of private and corporate donations, which are viewed as an investment in the College and the economic development of this region.

Sustaining Excellence

A Message from the ATC Foundation Director



The Aiken Technical College Foundation is dedicated to making the students of Aiken Technical College successful. Our sole purpose is to advance the mission of the College by raising funds that support the College's students, faculty, staff and programs.

To accomplish this, the ATC Foundation actively supports the strategic plan of Aiken Technical College by providing and encouraging growth in scholarships, cutting-edge technology, faculty and staff professional development, and programs to further enhance student accessibility and improve the learning environment.

The ATC Foundation serves as the recipient of all gifts made for the benefit of Aiken Technical College. Gifts to the College make the dream of a quality education a reality for many deserving students, and also help ATC sustain its tradition of excellence in providing academic programs and services to the residents of the Central Savannah River Area.

All contributions, small and large, are appreciated. I would be delighted to share with you ways in which your support could help Aiken Technical College enhance the quality of its programs and help students reach their educational and career goals.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Commons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Commons" clearly legible.

Mary Commons, Director



Putting Knowledge to Work Capital Campaign

— in support of the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing —

Our excitement continues to grow as contributions come in for the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing. We have been planning for this newest addition to our campus for many years, and it will soon become a reality when we break ground in 2014.

The Center will allow Aiken Technical College to expand academic programs in radiation protection technology, nuclear quality systems, mechatronics, advanced manufacturing, and welding. The Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing will provide new instruction space and equipment for the College's students and faculty, and it will help us build a highly skilled workforce for this community. Through the Center, Aiken Technical College will be able to expand technical courses and programs that prepare students for high paying careers right here in Aiken County.

With our economic development partners, we will recruit and graduate students in high demand career fields that attract new businesses to our region. New manufacturing and nuclear employers will bring good, high paying jobs to our community, and this new workforce will benefit segments of our local economy such as banking, real estate, retail, hospitals, food service and more.

It is your support and partnership through our *Putting Knowledge to Work* capital campaign that is moving the Center to reality. Individuals, businesses, legislative and government support have all come together to build a facility that will be an economic engine for growth in Aiken County.



We are close to reaching our campaign goal of \$2 million to match a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. To date, we have raised \$1.8 million, thanks to the many businesses and individuals listed here that are helping us reach our goal.

CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

GOLD LEVEL

(gifts of \$100,000 or more)

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations
Bridgestone Trust
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions
Savannah River Remediation/
URS Corporation
Shaw AREVA Mox Services, LLC
Tognum America

SILVER LEVEL

(gifts of \$50,000 - \$99,999)

Kimberly-Clark
University Health Care System
WSI-SRS

BRONZE LEVEL

(gifts of \$10,000 - \$49,999)

ASCO Numatic
BAE Systems
Carlisle Transportation Products
Hass & Hilderbrand
Honeywell
Hubbell Power Systems
Newport News Shipyard
Potash Cotporation
Solvay Advanced Polymers
SRP Federal Credit Union

LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

GOLD LEVEL *(gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999)*

Aiken Sertoma Club
B & S Machine Tool
SC State Credit Union

SILVER LEVEL *(gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999)*

Aiken Standard
Atlantic Broadband
Durban-Laird Insurance
First Citizens Bank
International Flavors & Fragrances
Savannah River Banking Company
VistaBank
Wells Fargo Bank

BRONZE LEVEL *(gifts of \$1,000 - \$2,499)*

Meybohm Realtors
RCS Corporation
Sam's Club
SC Metal Products/McGreggor Metal
Security Federal Bank
State Farm Insurance, Collette Ball Agency
State Farm Insurance, Joe Harrison Agency
State Farm Insurance, Denny Michaelis Agency
TTX Hamburg

INVESTOR SOCIETY

BRONZE LEVEL *(gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999)*

Randy Garver
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Susan Winsor

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Aiken Pest Control | Charlie Hartz | Ben Reeves |
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| Holly Heating & Air | Duncan Johnson | Jason Stewart |
| Hutson-Etherredge Companies | K.D. Justyn | Josh Stewart |
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| Pat Cunning | Jason Rabun | |
| Sandra Fairchild | Deborah Randall | |
| Pat Guglieri | | |

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Foundation Highlights

13th Annual Scholarship Benefactor & Recipient Breakfast

The ATC Foundation hosted 100 scholarship benefactors and recipients for its annual breakfast where donors met their scholarship recipients face-to-face. The event included remarks from scholarship benefactors and recipients. This year's event also included a "thank you" video from the scholarship recipients. (Below, right: A breakfast in January allowed student scholarship recipients to meet and thank the benefactors whose generosity supported their education. Pictured are students in ATC's Pre-Engineering Academy with benefactors Sen. Greg Ryberg and Ms. Betty Ryberg.)

Aiken Mended Hearts - Chapter 294

ATC's Cardiac Care Lab was dedicated in honor of the Aiken Mended Hearts Chapter 294. Since 2007, the Mended Hearts have contributed \$40,000 to the ATC Foundation to purchase cardiac care related equipment that is used by nursing, EMT, and paramedic students. On November 6, National Philanthropy Day, the chapter was awarded Outstanding Volunteer Association of the Year at a luncheon held by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. (Left: Contributions from the Aiken Mended Hearts Chapter 294 since 2007 have allowed the ATC Foundation to purchase cardiac care related equipment for nursing, EMT and paramedic student training.)



Pathways and Partnerships

Family Giving Campaign

The ATC Foundation Family Giving Campaign turned into a fiesta this year with the theme of Give Mas! Live Mas! Faculty and staff were treated to fellowship and a luncheon catered by Taco Bell while learning about the importance of contributing to the campaign that supports student scholarships, unrestricted funds and many other programs. Guests were then encouraged to have a little fun with a piñata breaking, huevos ranchero run and Guess the Bean contest! A silent auction was held later in the month and the campaign raised over \$10,900.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

The 7th Annual "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" gala was a tremendous success in 2013. The theme was "country chic" and the secret entertainment was four-time Grammy Award Winner David Holt and Grammy nominee Josh Goforth: A Two Man Tornado of Tunes and Talent! Funds raised by the event support student scholarships. (Below, left: Dr. Susan Winsor, ATC President, addressed the crowd at this year's 7th annual event.)

Dr. Thomas Truitt Scholarships

Ms. Lana Truitt established two \$2,500 scholarships for Expanded Duty Dental Assisting students in memory of her husband, Dr. Thomas Truitt. Dental Assisting students Casey Fulmer and Hannah Boatwright were the scholarship's first recipients. (Below, right: Casey Fulmer and Hannah Boatwright.)



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Scholarship Recipients

Ashley J. Little Scholarship Endowment

Kaitlyn Hunsicker
Eric Jeffery

Presidential Scholars

John Bradham
Dawn Brantley
Cassandra Byars
Taylor Commons
Hannah Gibson
Matthew Jones
Michael Kneipp
William Lewis III
Rebecca Turner
Kristin Wallace

American Association of University Women Scholars

Marilyn Abellan
Neysa Aiken
Sarah Batson
Johanne Chery
Tina Corbin
VeNoya Lovett
Emily Maclay
Amy Mixon
Hui Qian
Ashley Swartz
Ashley Trull

Aiken Regional Medical Centers Scholar

Mallory Harmon

Beta Delta Chapter Scholar

Shaquenta Bryant

Donald Bleasdale Memorial Book Scholar

Lamar Andrews

Criminal Justice Book Scholar

Jesse Ownes

Bridgestone Americas Scholars

Tyler Hart
Nicholas Murrell
Chad Vincent
Jesse Watts

John D. Bryan Criminal Justice

Tony Cornachia

Henry Pickens Cato II Scholarship Endowment

Jessica Barlet

Hilda Delionback Scholarship Endowment

Jermaine Mitchell

George Dickey Scholarship Endowment

Melissa Hayslip
Vinnita Lawton

James Greer/Phi Theta Kappa Scholar

Gina Hastings

Larry D. Hawes Memorial Scholar

Paul Wittke

Carrie Haller Memorial Nursing Scholar

Ashley Eubanks

Hospital Auxiliary of Aiken County Scholars

Kelsey Church
Wesley Dingle
Lori Golden

Mike King Memorial Paramedic Scholar

Ciara Timblin

“This is giving me even more opportunity to follow my dreams of achieving a college degree to make a better and brighter future for myself.”

- Lamar Andrews, Donald Bleasdale Memorial Book Scholarship

Energy Solutions Engineering Technology Scholars

Dustin Ray
John Strom
Forrest Tucker

Vernon R. Ford 2nd Year Scholars

Brittany Fulmer
Laura Lewis
Sara Lewis

Criminal Justice Skills USA Scholar

Lourdes Mireles Angeles

Marlin Knight Memorial Nursing Scholarship Endowment

Emily Neal

Kolosvary Scholars

Amanda Houston
Brittany Lybrand

Aiken Lion's Club Scholars

Kelli Holton
Amy Jones

Rudy Mason Scholarship Endowment

Ashley Morgan



Robert Moldenhauer Scholar, Lavaun Odom.



George Dickey Scholar, Melissa Hayslip, with her children.

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Midland Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholar

Ezekiel Jones
Summer Green

Travis Miller Memorial EMT Scholar

Richard Biles

Amelia G. Mottel Memorial Nursing Scholar

Victoria Carpenter

Diane Murrell K-12 Scholar

Haley Gregory

D.A. Norton Scholarship Endowment

LeAnn Gibson
Taylor Melcher

R.E.A.D. Scholar

Lisa Hartsock

Roger Book Scholar

Concetta Adams

Sand River Women's Club Scholar

Shawna Walker
Elizabeth Burger

Katie Scott Memorial Education Scholar

Erin Hayes

Frances Smothers Memorial Book Scholar

Shelby Dixon

Nancy Moore Thurmond Scholarship Endowment

Angela M. Thomas

Weldon Computer Book Scholar

Brian Gavin

WSI-SRS Team Criminal Justice Scholars

Steven Waller
Brandon Waymer

Vernon R. Ford Incentive Scholar

Taylor Commons

Aiken County Home Builders/Maurice Williams Scholar

Freddy Negrete

Women of Woodside Book Scholar

Zinaida Armosova-Jones

ATC Foundation Scholars

Keith Crump
Leann Adams Goodger
Ronkeem Sallywhite
Kaitlyn Shreve

Vernon R. Ford High School Scholars

Waylon Burns
Anthony Distasio
Deidra G. Jefferson
Casey Hunter Moss
Jennifer Sue Rutland

Vernon R. Ford Career Center Scholars

Brain Anthony Clouse
Tiffany Anne Crawford
Mark Alex Edwards
Adam Dakota Hart
Tyler Lloyd Hughes
Ashli Nicole Kitchens
Jessica Desire Moore
Taylor Leanne Randall
Aaron Chase VanPelt

DOE Welding Scholars

John Craig
John Hart
Jesse Jackson
Sheldon Poole
Douglas Ramp
Joel Wightman

DOE Nuclear Quality Systems Scholars

Brenda Delloso
Tabitha Golden

General Book Scholars

Leann Goodger
William Luchey

Georgialina Physical Therapy Associates Scholar

William Luckey

Ryberg STEM Initiative Scholars

Logan Boatwright
Jared Bridges
Christian Heatherly
Kenneth King
Savannah Lawson
Colin O'Briant
Mensah O'Bryant
Alexzander Stone
Dakota Swearingen
David Welsh

Thomas Truitt Dental Assisting Scholars

Hannah Boatwright
Casey Fulmer

Robert Moldenhauer Human Services Scholars

Taylor Commons
Megan Deegan
Suzanne Deegan
Michael Kniepp
Dale Martin
Eve Padgett
Lavaun Odom

"The scholarship helps to lift financial burden. I hope someday I will be able to help other students achieve their goals as you have helped me."

- Brenda Delloso, Department of Energy Nuclear Quality Systems Scholarship



WSI-SRS Team Criminal Justice Scholar, Steven Waller, with ATC Director of Counseling Services Rich Weldon.

The Aiken Technical College Foundation awarded
126 students
scholarships
totaling more than \$97,918 for
the 2012-2013 academic year.

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Donors

A Taste of Heaven
Aiken Brewing Company
Aiken Community Playhouse
Aiken County Home Builders Assoc.
Aiken Downtown Development Assoc.
Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Aiken ENT
Aiken Golf Club
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Aiken Pest Control, Inc.
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Economic Development Partnership
Edible Arrangements
Becky Edwards
Elite Sporting Goods
Energy Solutions
Sammara Evans
Tommy & Beth Everitt
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Patsy Fields
First Citizens Bank
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Folly, Laurens Street, Aiken
Kathryn Fowler
Athena Freeman
Janice B. & Wade Friday
Gemma Frock
Carol Gardner
Randy Garver
Mike & Kathy Girard
Bob & Ida Giroir
Gold's Gym, Aiken
Patrick Green
Pat Guglieri

Thomas & Suzanne Guido
Michelle Hall-Moore
Chrystal Hamilton
Karen Hamm
Jack & Ava Hammond
James Hammond
Phillip Hare
Charles Hartz
Jill Hartzog
Hass & Hilderbrand, Inc.
HCA Caring for the Community
Robin Herrin
Kimberly Holdren
Hospital Auxiliary of Aiken County, Inc
Houndslake Country Club
Hubbell Power Systems
Edythe Hubler
Paul & Dana Hudson
Janayah Hudson
Thomasina Hughey
Lee Hunt
Hutson-Etherredge Companies
International Flavors and Fragrances

"Thank you to all those who have contributed generously to the ATC Foundation during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. In the words of Winston Churchill, 'We make a living from what we get; we make a life from what we give.'"

- Mary Commons, ATC Foundation Director

Augusta Green Jackets Baseball Team
Augusta Laser and Skin Center
Automotive Workbench
B&S Machine Tool
BAE Systems
Lawrence & Collette Ball
Lynde Ball
Jeanne Barnard
Courtney Newkirk Barnes
Robert and Mary Barnett
Carolyn Barnett
Belk
Miriam Berendsen
Maureen Bergstrom
Beta Delta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma
Erynn Black
Robby & Karen Bowles
John & Janet Boynton
Bradley Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Bridgestone Americas

Cengage Learning
Mark Chapin
Kevin & Shenita Chapman
Chick-fil-A at North Augusta
Chris' Camera Center
CMC - Commercial Metal Company
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Anna Dolianitis

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Toni and Joey Marshall
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Stephanie Nicholson
William Nolan
Shannon Norris
Vernonica O'Berry
Kate O'Hara-Goergen
Thomas Oline
Osbon Laundry & Cleaners
Palmetto Package
Palmetto Tire & Brake Center
Park Avenue Paints
Jimmy Patience
Pearson Education
Robin Perrett-Ashby
Karen Peterson
Phi Theta Kappa
Gina Phipps
Piney Grove Church
Plum Pudding
John Pownall
Prestige Appliance
Evelyn Pride
Prime Steakhouse
Morgan Purvis
Robert Purvis
Jason Rabun
Deborah Randall

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Red Lobster
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Fredrick Rogers
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Greg & Betty Ryberg
Peter & Lynn Sampson
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Savannah River Banking Company
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
Savannah River Remediation LLC
SCANA/SCE&G
Russ & Jean Schwalbert
Security Federal Bank
Javed Shah
Susanna Shastri
Shaw, AREVA, MOX Services LLC
L. Andrew & Joanna Siders
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Tim Simmons
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Daniel & Karen Skiff
Mitch Smith
Barbara Smoak
Lisa Sommers
Nicole Spensley
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Participants in ATC's first Professionalism Series last spring were recognized with certificates of completion.



Faculty and staff took part in the Foundation's Give Mas! Live Mas! Family Giving Campaign festivities.

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 Wayne's Automotive
 Charles Welch
 Rich Weldon
 Lynne Weldon
 Wells Fargo Foundation, Inc.

Lynda Woodward
 WSI - SRS Team
 Thomas Young, Jr.
 Zax Incorporated

“Without this scholarship I would not be able to continue in fulfilling my dream of graduating and becoming an early care and education professional. I give you all the thanks from my heart.”

- Shaquenta Bryant, Beta Delta Chapter-Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship

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 Brian Bernard
 Lisa Tharp-Bernard
 The Fluor Foundation
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 TTX SRD
 Dan Turner
 Meredith Ullry

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 Beth Williams
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ATC's Cardiac Care Lab was dedicated in honor of the Aiken Mended Hearts Chapter 294 in February for the group's support of ATC health sciences students.



Scholarship benefactor John Stewart with recipients of the Bridgestone Americas Scholarship and Hubbell Industrial Maintenance Scholarship.

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Foundation Financials

Assets

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$1,394,720 |
| Investments | \$4,475,537 |
| Pledge Receivable | \$592,547 |
| Other Current Assets | \$199 |

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|--------------|-------------|
| Total Assets | \$6,463,003 |
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Liabilities & Net Assets

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|------------------|-------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$231,143 |
| Net Assets | \$6,231,860 |

Revenue & Additions

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Contributions | \$1,031,080 |
| Investment Income | \$142,483 |
| Net Investment Income Losses, | \$328,221 |
| Other Income | |

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|---|-------------|
| Total Revenue, Support & Reclassifications | \$1,501,784 |
|---|-------------|

Expenditures & Other Deductions

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Administration | \$58,353 |
| Fundraising | \$107,585 |
| Scholarships | \$109,304 |
| Equipment & Building Support | \$53,673 |
| Student Programs | \$22,427 |
| Special Projects | \$31,518 |

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| Total Expenditures & Other Deductions | \$382,860 |
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Total Liabilities & Equity

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Increase in Net Assets | \$1,118,824 |
| Net Assets June 30, 2012 | \$5,112,936 |
| Net Assets June 30, 2013 | \$6,231,760 |

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