

# 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT



Creating Opportunities for  
**STUDENT SUCCESS**



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## MISSION

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Tri-County Technical College is a public, two-year community college dedicated to serving as a catalyst for the economic and lifelong development of the citizens of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties through outstanding programs and unparalleled service. An open admissions institution with primary focus on teaching and learning, the College serves approximately 6,000 to 7,000 students through both on-campus and distance learning courses. The College grants certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees in technical, career, and transfer programs. The College also offers certificates in continuing education programs.

## VISION

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Tri-County Technical College will be *the* role model for community college education through dedication to high standards, a nurturing environment, community alliances, and innovative leadership.

## VALUES

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At Tri-County Technical College, we value

**Integrity**—respect for the dignity, equality, and potential of self and others in personal and professional interactions

**Responsibility**—accountability in personal, community, professional, and fiscal affairs

**Accessibility**—equal opportunity to advance professionally and personally in a clean, safe, stimulating, and aesthetically pleasing environment

**Collaboration**—partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and community to promote open and effective communication, decision-making, and implementation of ideas and processes

**Learning**—facilitation of intellectual and technical growth through commitment to continuous improvement and innovation

## Friends and Partners,

**C**reating Opportunities for Student Success is the theme of this year's Annual Report, reflecting our desire to make student success our number-one priority in all that we undertake.

At Tri-County, we endeavor to do more than enroll students, teach them well, and assist them in completing requirements for graduation. We also spend many hours in dialogue with other colleges, universities, businesses, and industries to keep our program offerings up-to-date and create unique learning opportunities that will enable students to be successful when they leave Tri-County to pursue additional education, enter the workplace, or move up the ladder of success in their current jobs.

In the pages of this report, you will meet Michael Bellamy, who was chosen for the new BMW Scholars program to learn skills he needs to succeed with a world-class automobile manufacturer; Jamille Reid, who will take advantage of a new agreement with Clemson University that allows graduates of our Medical Laboratory Technology program to enroll at Clemson with junior status in the Microbiology-Biomedicine program; and Rodney Hollingsworth, a lifelong construction worker who lost his job when the economy collapsed and successfully retrained to become a Certified Nurse Aide, thanks to a partnership between Tri-County and Goodwill Industries.

You also will meet Jayne Hutcheson, a graduate of our Veterinary Technology program, and Austin Fagan, a Radio and Television Broadcasting major, both of whom were selected for internship opportunities that gave them unique perspective and experience to help ensure their success; JerMonika Harrison, who was given a second chance for success through our Gateway to College program and plans to pursue additional study and eventually work to improve children's foster care programs; and Ashley Anderson, who decided to give college another try after we opened the Easley Campus close to her home.

We also share stories about donors and alumni who helped make these student success stories possible through their support of the College and its Foundation. Their generosity provides for scholarships, equipment, professional development for faculty and staff, and much more.

This annual report is as much about your success as ours because our students could never accomplish so much without your involvement and support. Thank you for all you do to support Tri-County Technical College and the significant role you play in creating opportunities for student success. We are privileged and honored to serve our community and thank you for your continuing support.



Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.  
President



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Commission Chair W. H. "Ham" Hudson, President Ronnie L. Booth, and Foundation Board Chair David C. Wakefield

# Creating Opportunities for STUDENT SUCCESS



*Students enrolled in Learning through Community and Connections (LC<sup>2</sup>) classes participate in learning communities and have access to an academic support network. Here, Andrea Barnett, Math Instructor, teaches a mathematics-themed freshman seminar course.*



## Student Success Is More Than Good Grades, Graduation Rates, Getting a Job

**W**hen President Ronnie L. Booth talks about measuring student success, he looks at more than good grades, graduation rates, and getting a job.

Those three factors always are critical in gauging the success of students, but today the term ‘student success’ has a broader definition than when Tri-County Technical College was established nearly 50 years ago in 1962, he said.

“I define student success as taking students from where they are to where they need to be; getting them on the right path at the right time, and equipping them with the tools they need for continued success in life. But our students are here for various reasons—to gain transfer credits, to learn a skill for their job, to retrain for a new career, and/or to earn a degree or certificate,” he said.

“We have always had support systems to help students get to their goal. Now we are more engaged in the process. We are providing more resources than ever (a robust orientation process, better informed and constructed assessment, in-depth advising, more accessible tutoring, internships, rigorous study sessions to prepare for certification exams, etc.) and working hard to ensure that more students take advantage of the appropriate services in order for them to be successful. The focus is to help students to be successful by getting elbow deep with them in their own learning, not just show them a path. It’s about engaging with students as full partners in their own learning,” said Dr. Booth.

What goes on outside of the classroom is just as important as the lectures and the labs.

Tri-County's cooperative education program is designed to help meet the needs of local industries in their search for highly skilled technicians. The co-op experience blends classroom studies with real work experience. Currently, the College has several active co-op education programs with Michelin, Duke Energy, BorgWarner, and BMW, among others.

"Our world of work is about teamwork and is often project based. So we are modifying how we teach. So much in today's manufacturing world is done in team-based work cells. That model is huge in terms of engaging how work is done -- not in isolation, but in teams," he said.

The Engineering and Industrial Technology (EIT) Division works on creative team-based projects, service learning opportunities, and community outreach initiatives. This year the Welding students collaborated with the Anderson V Career Campus to turn a junk car into an IMCA-class race car.

"By expanding their learning opportunities, we are connecting learning to doing," Dr. Booth said.

The College also is working to create more partnerships with four-year colleges and universities to expand the educational opportunities for graduates. In addition to the Bridge to Clemson program, currently in its sixth year, Tri-County has transfer agreements with Anderson University, Erskine College, Lander University, Limestone College, USC Upstate, and USC's College of Engineering.

"Our partnerships with senior colleges are changing the way we define success for many of our students," said Dr. Booth. "In the past, it was enough to see them graduate from what we sometimes refer to as terminal degree programs, which are the career-ready programs in our Business and Public Services, Health Education, and EIT Divisions. We are now creating new pathways that allow our students to take advantage of additional education beyond Tri-County without loss of academic credit. Now we work with senior institutions to develop agreements that provide pathways to baccalaureate degrees for students in applied science programs."

One of the most recent and powerful campus initiatives to improve student success is the College's Learning through Community and Connections (LC<sup>2</sup>) initiative that provides students opportunities to become part of focused learning communities within the College. It also connects students to a web-based academic support network linking them to resources that can help lead to success at Tri-County and beyond.

"This translates into greater opportunities for students to be successful. We believe LC<sup>2</sup> will help more students to successfully complete their coursework, persist to the second semester, and to continue on and graduate," he said.

Learning communities reengage students in a holistic, comprehensive approach to learning, said Dr. Booth. "We want to help them to become lifelong learners. This is part of the College's mission. We don't stop at the course level or end of program outcomes (certification exams, for example). As an institution, we have changed exponentially. Our environment has changed, our funding model has changed, the needs of individuals have changed, and our mission has expanded. But the heart of what we do remains the same.

"We live in a different world than we did 50 years ago. The College has had to reinvent itself, but the constant over the years is our individual attention and one-on-one interaction with students. But we are now giving more focus to individual needs than ever before. Our focus on student success, individual learning, and engagement with faculty are points of pride for us. It's at the core of what we do."

## Title III Funding Enhances Student Experience

Tri-County Technical College will enhance the first-year student experience with nearly \$2 million in U.S. Department of Education (DOE) Title III Strengthening Institutions grant funds.

Tri-County was among 48 institutions nationwide and the only applicant from South Carolina to receive funding for the proposed five-year plan to more powerfully focus on student learning and success for first-time postsecondary students.

The proposal's two key components are expanded options for learning communities and a web-based comprehensive academic support network to connect students with resources for goal planning, advising, and other support services.

"The grant will build on successful efforts and initiatives the College has had in providing meaningful learning experiences, and to make them even stronger," said Katy Goforth, activity director for the grant. This funding will pay for resources to help Tri-County expand its current Learning Excellence Initiative, or LEI, that focuses on meeting first-time college students' needs for connection and community.

The grant proposal, named Learning through Community and Connections (LC<sup>2</sup>), outlines a plan for providing students opportunities to become part of focused learning communities within the College and to connect to a web-based academic support network linking them to resources that can help them to succeed at Tri-County.

"LC<sup>2</sup> develops a sense of community and provides an academic support network. Title III funding will help us to reach more students," added Goforth.



*Michael Bellamy is among the Tri-County students chosen for the BMW Scholars program.*

## Tri-County Students Chosen as BMW Scholars

**M**ichael Bellamy always wanted to work in the maintenance field. He just never dreamed he'd have the opportunity, as a Tri-County student at age 20, to train for his dream job at the BMW plant in Greer as part of the company's new BMW Scholars program.

"If you are in the technology field, there is no better place to work than this world-class automotive facility," said Michael, a Mechatronics major.

"I never expected this opportunity just right out of high school," said Adam Grantz, also a Mechatronics major and BMW Scholar.

At an August 3 press conference, BMW executives announced a new BMW Scholars program that partners with Greenville and Tri-County Technical Colleges and Spartanburg Community College.

The workforce development program allows selected students to attend class full time while working part time at BMW. "This is a new way to recruit and train local talent. Technicians are critical to our operations," said Josef Kerscher, president of BMW Manufacturing Company.

The program allows students a chance to pursue their education, gain necessary hands-on experience, and become viable candidates for positions at BMW. During this process, BMW assists with students' tuition, books, and supplies. (Both Michael and Adam are LIFE scholars.)

Students must be full time and maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA. The company will recruit 35 scholars annually. The first 15 now are working in job rotations at the plant. Seven of those are Tri-County students.

"The technical colleges play a key role in workforce development and will take on a bigger role in the future with training," said Annmarie Higgins, BMW's vice president of human resources. "The BMW Scholars program gives students exposure to manufacturing experience and offers them a multi-skilled education," she said.

Students are employed in five major manufacturing concentrations and work 20 hours a week, which they are paid for. "This experience qualifies them as viable candidates for positions here at the completion of their degrees," said Higgins.

"We've been in rotations in the Paint, Assembly, and Body shops so far," said Adam. We've gone from assembling a vehicle to keeping the machine running. It's nice to go from theory in the classroom to application in the plant."

Adam and Michael also have plans to continue their education at Clemson University after graduating from Tri-County and are optimistic about joining the BMW team as Equipment Service Associates. "I'd love to retire at BMW. It's somewhere I want to stay," said Michael.



*Tri-County BMW Scholars pose for a group photo with Governor Nikki Haley and company executives following a press conference to announce the program. Pictured from left to right are: Josef Kerscher, president of BMW Manufacturing Co.; Governor Haley; Cole Johnson, student; Chad Looper, student; Michael Bonham, student; Michael Bellamy, student; Charlton Balcombe, student; Adam Grantz, student; Doug Allen, Industrial Technology department head; Duke Moses, BMW Scholars supervisor; Ryan Childers, project lead, BMW Training & Development; Jasmin Begic, BMW Scholars supervisor; and Harald Krüger, BMW Group Board of Management Member for Human Resources. Not pictured is Kenneth Denmon, student.*

## Health Education Grads Often Meet/Exceed State, National Scores on Certification Exams

**H**ealth Education Division graduates continue to meet and/or exceed state and national average scores on certification exams, with four of the programs reporting 100 percent pass rates.

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing (L.P.N.), Expanded Duty Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory Technology, Surgical Technology, and Veterinary Technology programs have the opportunity to earn State or national credentials in their field of study by taking a computer adaptive exam which tests their knowledge on entry-level competencies.

All graduates are strongly encouraged to take their respective certification exam. Certification usually means a larger salary and the recognition of a credential that most employers require. Licensure is required for several programs.

For the fifth time in a decade, Practical Nursing students who graduated in August 2010 reported a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX-PN). Practical Nursing grads' scores rank above both the State average (95.09%) and the national average (87.06%) figures. In addition, graduates of the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, and Medical Laboratory Technology programs have 100 percent pass rates for 2010.

"One of the keys to the students' success is the excellence of our faculty. Smaller classes and the instructors' constant interaction with cohorts of students contribute to a positive, learning-centered environment," said Dr. Lynn Lewis, dean of the College's Health Education Division.

When 2010 Practical Nursing graduate Kelly Cooley began looking at nursing programs, she immediately noticed Tri-County's consecutively high scores on the NCLEX-PN. "That was one of my first considerations in choosing a college because I know how important the certification exam is to me and employers. I wanted to be as prepared as possible," said Kelly, who works as an L.P.N. at NHC in Anderson (where she did her clinical training) while continuing her education in Tri-County's Associate Degree Nursing program. "I passed my boards, had an interview at NHC the next day, and was offered a job that very day," said Kelly.

"I'm proud to say that our students continue to hit and exceed the bar in program State and national certification exams," said Dr. Lewis. "It is reassuring that we are preparing entry-level, competent, and safe graduates. Effective learning is a 'two-way street' that involves student responsibility and faculty expertise. These scores are important to the graduates as they pursue employment and to the community and

employers who appreciate and value Tri-County health education graduates," said Dr. Lewis.

The College's Associate Degree Nursing department reports an 89 percent pass rate and in 2009 had a 94 percent pass rate. The State average is 89.53 percent, and the national average is 87 percent. Graduates of associate or baccalaureate nursing programs must pass the NCLEX- RN exam to become a registered nurse in the State.

"Our Nursing faculty prepares students for this rigorous exam by working with their classes, spending extra time on test-taking skills, and applying the classroom skills in the clinical setting. It's not unusual for me to call a faculty member and find them still in clinical long after the class has ended. If a learning opportunity presents itself, our faculty will stay as long as they need to," said Janet Fuller, Nursing department head.

Tri-County's Nursing departments are fully accredited by the State Board of Nursing in South Carolina and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

All 12 of the spring 2010 Medical Laboratory Technology graduates earned their national credentials by scoring a 100 percent pass rate on the National Certification Exam administered by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Since 2006 four out of five graduating classes have achieved 100 percent pass rates. The Class of 2007 achieved a 92 percent pass rate. The MLT program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

The 14 Medical Assisting graduates of the Class of 2010 proudly placed the Certified Medical Assistants (C.M.A.) designation after their names after a 100 percent passing score on the American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.

Students prepare all year for the exam by training to be good test takers, said Kaye Bathe, Medical Assisting program coordinator. "They get a national certification simulation exam that mimics what they will sit for. You must pass this test to pass our Medical Assisting program." In 2005, the Medical Assisting program received a maximum seven-year re-accreditation from its national accrediting agency, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Expanded Duty Dental Assisting grads for 2010 also celebrated a 100 percent pass rate on all three parts – infection control, radiology, and general chairside – on the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.



2010 Practical Nursing graduate Kelly Cooley works at NHC in Anderson.



*Jamille Reid plans to enter Clemson's Microbiology program after graduating from Tri-County.*

## Partnership Creates Pathway for MLT Graduates

**E**leven years ago, 18-year old Jamille Reid entered Clemson University to study biological sciences to prepare for a career as a medical technologist.

One year into the program, her plans were derailed. "I am one of five kids and due to lack of finances, I had to drop out," she remembers. Since then, most of her career has been in the hotel industry, but when an opportunity to work as a lab technician, with on-the-job training, presented itself several years ago, she jumped at the chance. The experience reinforced her desire to become a medical lab technician, and she entered Tri-County's Medical

Laboratory Technology program to pursue her dream of working as a member of a medical lab team.

Now she can finish what she started years ago, thanks to a joint program with Clemson University. Beginning this fall, Tri-County Technical College graduates with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, who meet specific criteria, can enroll as juniors at Clemson University. Qualified students will be accepted in the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology degree program, with a concentration in Biomedicine.

“The minute I heard about it, I said this is for me,” said Jamille. “I really want this. It’s an easy, affordable path to a four-year degree.”

After she graduates from Tri-County in May 2012, she plans to work as an MLT and will attend Tri-County for three semesters to take necessary biology and chemistry classes and then transfer to Clemson for three semesters.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and two years of work experience, graduates will be eligible to take the board exams for certification as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, the highest

accreditation level. With this accreditation, she will be qualified for positions in hospitals, public health clinics, industry, research, and forensics.

Other MLT students are looking closely at the program after graduation. “I hope to follow through with a bachelor’s degree because there will be so many more opportunities for me,” said Janice Chuba. Cathy Gentry and Angela Sutton agree it’s a way to get a bachelor’s degree at a fraction of the cost. “The degree will really open doors for us,” said Angela.

“Clemson University is proud to launch this program with Tri-County Technical College that will give students affordable opportunities for well-paying careers in the medical profession,” said James Barker, Clemson University president.

“Our partnership with Clemson University spans nearly 50 years when former President R. C. Edwards donated Clemson land to build our Pendleton Campus. That was only the beginning. Articulation agreements like this one, our Bridge to Clemson program, and countless other initiatives have made our two institutions role models for collaboration,” said Dr. Booth.

## USC Transfer Agreement Added

Officials at Tri-County and University of South Carolina signed an articulation agreement that allows our students who earn an Engineering certificate to transfer those credits to the USC College of Engineering and Computing.

After taking two semesters of engineering classes in our Engineering and Industrial Technology Division, students can enter USC as sophomores and continue their education in chemical, mechanical, electrical, civil, biomedical, and nuclear engineering programs.

“While they are here during their first year of college, they can enjoy reduced class sizes and one-on-one interaction with instructors, while taking advantage of our affordable tuition,” said Mandy Orzechowski, engineering graphics/Project Lead the Way instructor. “We have a vested interest in seeing students succeed so when they leave us, their skills are up to speed and they are ready for the four-year programs.”

Orzechowski added that studies show that a student’s retention rate greatly increases after a successful completion of his or her freshman year.

“We do our best to set our students up for success,” said Dr. Booth. “This is just another way to give students more opportunities to continue their education. We need more students to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and this is a great pipeline to make that happen.”

“I’m very impressed with the technical colleges in South Carolina. You make a tremendous difference in what you do for us,” said Dr. Anthony “Tony” Ambler, dean of the College of Engineering and Computing at the University of South Carolina.

In addition to USC, Tri-County has transfer agreements with Anderson University, Clemson University, Erskine College, Lander University, Limestone College, and USC Upstate.



*MLT students are pictured with Program Coordinator Polly Kay, third from left.*

## Layoff Creates New Career Opportunity

**F**ive months into his new career as a Certified Nurse Aide at Clemson Downs, 51-year-old Rodney Hollingsworth found himself accepting two awards for his quick action in saving a choking resident's life.

"I get emotional just thinking about this," said Rodney, who was honored for his heroic actions by his employer and later by Goodwill Industries. "I was just doing my job," he said of the August 2010 incident where he performed the Heimlich maneuver on a resident who was choking while eating in the dining facility.

The lady was revived, and one month later Rodney was there to help her and her family celebrate her 100th birthday. "The family has been saying I'm their hero, but I'm not a hero. I was just doing the job I was trained to do. It feels great to accomplish something and help others. It touches your heart," said Rodney, who resides in Anderson.

"There are many others who deserve this award. If not for Goodwill and Tri-County working together, I would still be looking for a job," said Rodney, who, in addition to receiving the Clemson Downs accolades, was among the five South Carolina residents that Goodwill Industries of the Upstate/Midlands SC, Inc., honored at its Inaugural Champions Tribute late last year.

After three decades of working in construction, Rodney found himself unemployed because the company he worked for was closing. Just one week prior to that, his wife was laid off from her job at



Rodney Hollingsworth

a medical office. "I was trying to find work, but there were just no leads. I went to the Job Connection at Goodwill and noticed a brochure about Goodwill and Tri-County's Certified Nurse Aide program. I'm so grateful I was accepted into the program," he said. Goodwill Industries helps unemployed individuals to gain new skills for today's workforce through education, training, and employment leading to job placement. Goodwill has teamed with Tri-County's Corporate and Community Education (CCE) Division's programs to offer career training.

Rodney had cared for his father and mother-in-law who both had lost their battles with cancer years ago. "It has always been in my heart to do this work, but if I hadn't been laid off, I probably would still be working in

construction. The door opened for a reason. It was a blessing," he said.

He registered for the five week QuickJobs Nurse Aide training class at Tri-County and began his journey. "Going back to school can be a breeze when you have an instructor like Judy Surak. If I had had teachers like her in high school, I would have gone to college years ago. Her heart is there."

He did his clinical rotation at Clemson Downs and now is a full-time C.N.A. there.

"He saved a life using the Heimlich maneuver. People made a big fuss over it, but he says, 'I was just doing my job,'" said Surak. "When it comes to people, Rodney has no watch. He just leads with his heart and does whatever needs to be done."

# QuickJobs Training Leads Banker to New Career

**O**ffice Skills Center Instructor and Coordinator Barbara Hammond was the first person Diane Blackwell called when she landed a new job in a new field after two years of persistent searching, planning, networking, and finally retraining.

“She was the one who told me to keep looking and not give up. She helped me to acclimate myself to retraining for a new career,” said Diane, who was laid off from the banking industry in 2009 following the nation’s economic crisis and consequent downsizing in the industry. “She knew I could even when I didn’t.”

For 27 years, banking was Diane’s career. “It was all I knew. Like everyone else facing unemployment for the first time, it was terrifying,” she remembers.

“Barbara is always willing to go that extra step so you don’t feel alone,” said Diane, who, after completing multiple certificates in the Office Skills Center at the Anderson Campus, was offered a job this summer as a Patient Counselor at AnMed Health’s main campus.

Diane spent most of her banking career as a personal banker. After five years of retirement, she decided she wanted to get back in the routine of working and found a job as a teller supervisor. That lasted one year and one month. “The bank was downsizing its branches, and my job was among those eliminated. She searched for banking opportunities for two long years. “I submitted so many job applications online and heard nothing. I was so tired and discouraged. I went on several interviews and even with 30 years of experience, they weren’t hiring,” she said.

“I needed a new career that offered benefits, as well as opportunities,” she said. She knew that would entail going back to school for retraining. “I needed short-term training to get back into the workforce quickly. Living in Anderson, the Anderson Campus was so convenient for me.”

QuickJobs training programs include classes that offer quick and affordable training for displaced and under-employed workers in a series of in-demand jobs. QuickJobs training programs can be completed in six months or less through the Corporate and Community Education Division.

“In September 2010, I gathered all the nerve I had and went to Tri-County’s Anderson Campus, searching for information on the first step to a new career. This was a complete life change for me. After talking with Barbara, I decided to enroll in the Medical Terminology class because of



*Diane Blackwell, seated, is assisted in the lab by Barbara Hammond, coordinator of the Office Skills Center located at the Anderson Campus.*

the variety of opportunities,” she said. In less than one week, she was a student.

The Office Skills Center is unique in that instead of classes in a traditional classroom setting with one instructor teaching one course at a time, students take their classes in a lab setting where they work on one class at a time independently of other students. Students schedule up to 25 lab hours to complete a course. An instructor is always available to assist students as needed.

Within six months, she had earned a QuickJobs Medical Office/Billing and Electronic Health Records Specialist certificate.

Things started to change. Within two weeks of her unemployment check running out, job offers started coming in. “I hadn’t worked in two years, but by March 2011, I had two job offers. The lady who interviewed me at AnMed liked the fact that I had completed a QuickJobs certificate from Tri-County, as well as my initiative to go back to school and change careers. She said it showed a strong sense of commitment,” she said.

“Barbara showed understanding, empathy, encouragement, and the willingness to teach. Without knowing it, she gave me my self confidence back,” said Diane.



Jayne Hutcheson

## Veterinary Technology Grad Chosen for Prestigious Internship at UT

**P**roviding compassionate care for animals is what Jayne Hutcheson is passionate about. While a student in the Veterinary Technology program and a weekend employee at the Animal Emergency Clinic of Greenville, she had many diverse and unique opportunities to build a strong foundation as a veterinary technician.

One month after graduating in May 2011, she began to broaden those opportunities. She is among the three veterinary technology students, chosen nationwide from 20 applicants, to participate in a year-long paid internship program at the University of Tennessee (UT). The University's Veterinary Technician Internship Program is the only one of its kind in the country.

The Veterinary Technician Internship Program is a rotating internship for graduate veterinary technicians through the Small Animal Teaching Hospital. It is designed to offer the technician the opportunity to increase knowledge and gain practical experience in an educational environment. Only graduates of AVMA-accredited Veterinary Technology programs are considered.

“I am so excited. I love this field, and I love caring for animals,” said Jayne. “I am so honored and humbled to be chosen. I hope to do everybody proud.”

For the next year, Jayne will do a rotating internship in a small animal hospital at the university, said Janet Jones, clinic director at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine. Core rotations include anesthesia, radiology, internal medicine, surgery, oncology, dermatology, ophthalmology, neurology, and day and after-hours ICU. Elective rotations include avian/exotics, rehabilitation, integrative medicine and nutrition. “This program prepares her to be more marketable in a teaching hospital or a large referral hospital,” said Jones. “She will go to rounds and seminars with residents and interns. We were looking for

students who stood out – those who demonstrate an interest in learning more. We aren’t looking for future veterinarians. We choose those who want to continue to work as veterinary technicians.” Jayne is the first Tri-County graduate chosen for the program.

“I will get a taste of it all and will be taught by the best under the direction of licensed veterinary technicians. My expectations from this internship are that it will further my knowledge and competency of the skills I already possess and provide me with exposure to those areas that I have not experienced,” Jayne said.

“Jayne is self-motivated in every aspect of her life,” said Dr. Peggy Champion, head of Tri-County’s Veterinary Technology program.

“She also has leadership skills, which she has utilized in her responsibilities as the president of her class and National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) student chapter. Of all the students I have taught over the years, Jayne is definitely one of the very best. If I were still in practice, I would hire her at any cost because she will be an incredible asset,” said Dr. Champion.

## RTV Student Interns at The Bold and the Beautiful

Austin Fagan spent the summer of 2010 in Los Angeles, California, as an intern learning the ropes on daytime television’s Emmy-winning soap opera, *The Bold and the Beautiful*.

“It was the chance of a lifetime, and I’m so proud to put this experience on my resume,” said the 21-year-old Radio and Television (RTV) Broadcasting major.

Although non-paid, the production assistant internship earned her three credit hours toward her associate degree and the chance to gain invaluable experience that can’t be duplicated in the classroom, said John Woodson, program coordinator for the RTV department. This is the first time a Tri-County RTV student interned at a national TV show.

An added bonus was living across the street from the CBS studios complex where *The Bold and the Beautiful* is filmed, with her older sister, Dale, an assistant to an executive producer for HSI Productions.

“My sister, who interned with *The Bold and the Beautiful* two years ago, urged me to contact

the show about any internship openings, so I sent a resume and cover letter and they called me for a phone interview,” said Austin, who was among the eight chosen from 75 radio and television students who applied for the eight-week position of production assistant.

“I was able to go on set and watch the actors act. I also was allowed to go into the director’s booth, as well as the lighting and audio booths, where they were calling all the shots. It was so amazing to be able to see all of it happen behind the scenes and see how everything worked,” she said.

“Austin was a wonderful addition to our team. She was hard working, diligent, and always caught on quickly,” said Erica Ginger, internship coordinator for *The Bold and the Beautiful*.

“Our interns typically distribute scripts, write script synopses, update archives, answer phones, and assist on remote shoots. The interns also are asked to do a variety of other projects in other departments which Austin always excelled at. I would recommend her for any position within a production company.”



Austin Fagan

“I learned so much about what it really takes to run a show and how important communication is with everything. I never thought in a million years I would be able to do something like this, and hopefully this will help me to further my career. I not only loved my job, but I now have a new respect and love for this industry,” said Austin.

# Easley Campus Brings College Closer to Home

**A**shley Anderson's life has taken many twists and turns since 1998 when she graduated, at age 16, from Palmetto High School and was on the road to college.

A straight-A student, she had skipped the 10th grade and graduated a year early with 24 credits. She had been working toward college for as long as she could remember.

But life's unexpected events took her down another path, filled with detours and delays. The year she was to leave for college, her mother was carjacked, kidnapped, raped, robbed, stabbed, and left for dead in a parking lot in Georgia. An off-duty security guard found her unconscious there.

The crime traumatized the entire family, and plans for college came to a sudden halt. "Life came at me fast," Ashley said.

"My mother was a single parent – my father died when I was eight – and there was no money for college. My mother wasn't emotionally or physically able to work or care for my younger brother after the assault, so I did," she said. There were a string of minimum wage service jobs that kept the family afloat. But Ashley always had a plan, she said. "These jobs were a means to an end. My goal has always been to go to college. At 16, my dreams were put on hold, but they never went away."

Fourteen years later, she is embarking on that dream that was denied to her as a teen – a college education at Tri-County's newest community campus in Easley.

At 18, Ashley landed a job at Kemet Electric making \$12 an hour as a machine operator and later was promoted to a quality control technician. While working at Kemet, she enrolled in New Horizons computer classes in preparation for college one day.

Along the way she married, had two children, and divorced. There were several times that she started college, but it fell through due to scheduling conflicts and time away from her children.

In 2007 she landed a job with a local psychiatrist as his office administrator. It was there she realized her career calling. "I enjoyed everything I did there. I finally had a job I loved, and I loved the patients," she said. Once again, life intervened, and she was laid off in February 2010. "I didn't have a degree so I couldn't transition with the other staff," she said.



Ashley Anderson

# Creating Opportunities for STUDENT SUCCESS

She looked for employment but nothing panned out. “All I kept hearing was, ‘You have experience, but you don’t have a degree.’”

Her boyfriend urged her to do something for herself – to visit the Easley Campus and enroll. Last year, at age 30, she entered the Associate in Science program. “The Easley Campus is so convenient for me. It’s close to home and the kids’ school. It’s the reason I can attend college. Counselors and teachers here do what it takes for students to be successful,” said Ashley who maintains a 3.5 GPA and works as a part-time IT lab assistant in the open lab at the Easley Campus.

She plans to transfer to Clemson to major in Genetics and Psychology. “I want to work in outreach and to counsel young adults,” she said. Eventually she wants to work as a profiler for a state agency.

“Nothing in my life has been a mistake because I learned from every event. That makes what most people consider mistakes ... lessons learned. I am finally someone my kids, future husband, and I can be proud of. Without my four boys in my life (Tommy, fiancé; sons Levi and Reid; and future step-son, D.J.), none of this would have been possible. I strive every day to repay them for everything they have given to me. All I have ever wanted was a family, a solid, stable family that through good times and bad stuck together no matter what. I have learned through all four of them that family is not bloodlines or last names but the connection you have through the bond of love. The support of my family and the encouragement of all the staff and students at the Easley Campus have opened doors that I thought could never be opened. I am thankful to get the opportunity to return to college as I always dreamed, and I honestly do not think I would have been as successful had I not chosen the Tri-County Easley Campus.”

## Community Celebrates Opening of Easley Campus

“Community-based education is so important,” said Dr. Booth at the December 10, 2010, dedication of the College’s newest and third community campus in Easley. “We are thrilled to have a campus where Pickens County residents live and work.”

The Easley Campus is located on Powdersville Road and gives the College a presence in each of the three counties. The Campus better serves the citizens of Pickens County by offering credit and continuing education courses to residents.

The Campus features an Academic Building, which houses classrooms, offices, a large conference room, student lounge, and science labs, as well as the QuickJobs Training Center, a 4,600-square-foot building used for employee and workforce training. The Academic Building is a 40,000-square-foot facility that was funded through State capital reserves of nearly \$6 million.



*In December 2010, legislators, county council members, and local business leaders joined College officials in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.*

In addition to its signature programs, Practical Nursing, University Transfer, and Industrial Electronics, the Campus offers Criminal Justice and Medical Office Specialist, in addition to the Early Childhood Development and Entrepreneurship/Small Business certificate programs in their entirety. Professional and personal interest classes include Certified Nurse Aide, transportation (truck driving CDL), office skills, and leadership training.

## Ambassadors Program Sets Students Apart

**W**hen Brenda Evans re-enters the workforce as a medical assistant next fall, she knows her year's training as a student ambassador will have honed her communication skills and will give her an added advantage in the job market.

The Anderson resident returned to school in 2010 following a plant layoff and chose Medical Assisting because of the opportunities in the health care field. Returning to school was daunting, but she knew it was now or never. "I really took it seriously, focused on my studies, and ended up making the Dean's List," she said. She didn't hesitate when asked to join a select group of students to become ambassadors for the College. "I had a lot going on, but I knew I could benefit from meeting people and networking. Participating as a student ambassador will set me apart when looking for a job," she said.

"Interested students submitted applications for the program, and this group was selected based on their high academic achievement/standing, referrals from faculty and staff, and their ability to represent Tri-County well," said Lisa Robinson, advisor for the Student Ambassadors and coordinator of orientation services.

Brenda was among the 19 students inducted last spring as members of the Tri-County Technical College Student Ambassadors.

"This program fosters the personal and professional development of students interested in acquiring leadership skills by serving our College," said Robinson.



*Student Ambassador Brenda Evans, left, who served as a guide at the 2011 summer commencement, talks with Tracy Gambrell, of Belton.*

Ambassadors completed the training sessions, which focused on business etiquette and networking, making oral presentations, and guided tours to learn about the College's varied academic programs.

Students are representing the College at internal and external events, such as the college and career fairs, graduations, annual report luncheons, tour guide services, community events, and College promotional initiatives.

"The Student Ambassadors program pushes public service and communication skills," added Alison Reynolds, co-sponsor of the Student Ambassadors and Job Placement Coordinator in Career Services. "It has the potential to put students in touch with future employers. Networking is a huge part of our activities. Brenda is right – having a good public presence and adding this experience to her résumé will be a real plus."

# Gateway Grad Gets Second Chance at Success

**W**hen JerMonika Harrison dropped out of high school at age 15, she had completed just 11 credits toward fulfilling her graduation requirements.

She had endured a turbulent childhood, spending her formative years, ages 12 – 18, in DSS custody and was living in a girls' home in Spartanburg when she learned she was pregnant with her daughter, Asy'Anna. "They wanted to send me to a home in Myrtle Beach, but I wanted to keep my daughter so I ran away," said JerMonika, who was living with friends when she visited the Pregnancy Crisis Clinic in Anderson and noticed a Gateway to College brochure. "I wanted to get back into school but didn't know how it could happen," she said. When she read the brochure about Tri-County's Gateway program that serves high school dropouts, age 17 – 20, who have demonstrated academic ability and meet specific eligibility criteria, it looked like Gateway could be her answer to earning a high school diploma.

JerMonika called the Gateway office and set up an appointment to talk with a counselor. "It was the first program I had seen that fit the criteria for helping me to finish high school. It provided solutions for transportation and childcare. With Gateway, it seemed it would be impossible not to graduate."

She entered the program and two years later (December 2010), she received her diploma from T.L. Hanna High School. She also had 34 college credits. Using a dual credit model, students earn both high school and college credit and may simultaneously complete both the high school diploma (meeting all requirements of the South Carolina Department of Education) and a postsecondary credential.

Along the way, she married longtime boyfriend Travis Harrison and gave birth to her second child, a son, Jeremiah. She is enrolled in the associate in Arts program at Tri-County and will transfer to earn a degree in Social Services. Her goal is to set up a non-profit organization devoted to working with foster kids.

"I want to provide kids with a place to go while their parents get help. I want to start the kind of non-profit that I wish had been available for me when I was a teenager. Helping teens in crisis – that will be my focus," she said.

The journey to graduation wasn't without bumps in the road, she recalls. When she started classes, Asy'Anna was just three months old. She juggled motherhood, studies, and a part-time job. "I studied on the CAT bus and made straight A's the first semester. I had two babies and was newly married. It would have been so much easier to get my GED. But I persevered. I had the support of my husband, family, Gateway staff, and



*JerMonika Harrison, above and below, with Anderson District 5 Superintendent Betty Bagley.*



God – that's how I made it," she said.

"When I received my diploma, I felt like all of my hard work and tears had paid off. For the first time ever, I felt like I had finally achieved something. Most of my life I have felt like I have been taking care of others. It was one time when I was taking care of me," she said.

"I am who I am today because of what I went through," she said. "Therefore, I know how to reach others going through the same things. I identify with teens in crisis and foster care because I have felt every emotion they have. If I can be successful, anybody can," she said.

## Hugh Burgess Is Alumnus of The Year

**H**ugh Burgess has always been a great ambassador for Tri-County Technical College. The 1977 Engineering Technology graduate recognizes that education is a lifelong process, and in his leadership roles in manufacturing and on community service boards, he often looks to Tri-County to fulfill training needs.

At the spring 2011 commencement, he received the College's Distinguished Alumni Award, which highlights his dedication to his alma mater. The recipient of this award must have been awarded a degree, diploma or certificate from Tri-County; must have graduated at least one year ago; and must have made significant contributions to the College, the Alumni Association, or the community.

Back in the 1970's, Burgess was the recipient of a scholarship through J.P. Stevens that allowed him to work full time during the day at the Clemson plant and attend evening classes at Tri-County. "Our plant manager had planned a career path for the scholarship recipients, and we entered into the management training and development program while students. That experience gave me an incredible foundation," said Burgess, who today is President and Managing Partner of Consolidated Southern Industries (CSI), a mechanical, electrical, and general contractor services company located in Anderson.

"School was just an extension of work, and Tri-County's curriculum gave us hands-on training for problem solving. I had incredible mentors while there. It was a great foundation. What stands out most is the relationships I built there that continue today."

Prior to CSI, he spent 25 years in different engineering and management roles in manufacturing, including 11 as Plant Manager with Hexcel Schwebel in Anderson. He remembers Tri-County's World Class Training Center serving as a major training tool for the company. "The



*Hugh Burgess is President and Managing Partner of Consolidated Southern Industries.*

Center's customized, in-house training classes are a huge resource for local companies. It's truly a great partnership."

His last position at Clark Schwebel was Corporate Director of Engineering for Hexcel Schwebel. He left in 2001 to enter into a partnership in 2002 with Anderson businessman Carey Jones, who owned CSI. There are 75 employees at the Anderson business, many of them skilled craft associates who have sharpened their skills sets through credit and continuing education classes at Tri-County. "We're always looking to hire Tri-County graduates," said Burgess.

As chair of the Anderson Interfaith Ministries board, Burgess says Tri-County comes to mind when the board members are discussing its Women and Children Succeeding program. "These women can enter Tri-County and change their lives and their family trees. We are making a difference in people's lives," he said.

"I have incredible memories of Tri-County. I made great friends and contacts and relationships that have served me well over the years," he said.

Burgess is married to Rita Prater Burgess, and they have two sons, Brandon and Johnathon Burgess.

# Schneider Electric Honored with Foundation's Philanthropist of the Year Award

**S**chneider Electric, known in the area by its brand name Square D Company, and Tri-County Technical College have had a long-standing partnership for the past 23 years.

Since 1988, the Seneca company has supported the Tri-County Technical College Foundation through annual gifts, all devoted to advancing educational opportunities and instruction. Because of the company's generosity, through its teaching chair, faculty in the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division have grown professionally through participation in and presentations at seminars and conferences, along with enrollment in advanced coursework.

In addition, Tri-County graduates fill many jobs in vital plant functions at the Seneca plant. "Tri-County graduates are major contributors to the success of our operation. Many graduates are key members of our quality and engineering teams. Several have continued on into supervisory and management positions," said Larry Smith, plant manager at Schneider Electric.

The company was honored with the College Foundation's 2010 Philanthropist of the Year award. This award is the Foundation's highest and most prestigious honor. The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals, foundations, companies, trusts, organizations, or other entities that have made a significant financial contribution, either cash or non-cash, to the Foundation to support the work of the College.

The company's first gift came in January of 1988 to support the purchase of equipment. Since that time, the majority of the company's gifts have been used to establish the Square D Teaching Chair. Earnings from this endowed chair are used each year to support the professional development of faculty who teach in the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division. Including a pledge of \$50,000 to the College's Major Gifts Campaign made in 2009, the Company has given more than \$112,000 to the teaching chair and a total of \$124,750 to the Foundation.



*Schneider Electric was honored with the 2010 Philanthropist of the Year award by the Tri-County Technical College Foundation. Here, Dr. Ronnie Booth, right, presents the award to Larry Smith, plant manager.*

The company also is a member of the College's prestigious Wall of Honor, which is reserved for donors who have contributed \$100,000 or more cumulatively.

"Tri-County plays a crucial role as we see the importance of education in this global economy. We can't depend on the simple jobs to be there anymore. Today's jobs are higher tech and require more knowledge and training. Tri-County fills that valuable role for us," said Smith.

"It's all about partnerships," said Dr. Booth. "It's nice to see our community members step up and recognize the critical role that we play in economic development, job creation, and job sustenance. It helps us in a major way. We just appreciate the role model way that Schneider Electric has been there with us over the years," added Dr. Booth.

## Kleo Stathakis Serves On Foundation Board For 26 Years

After 26 years of faithful service, Kleo Stathakis stepped down as a member of the Foundation Board. A charter member of the Board, Mrs. Stathakis represented Anderson County since the first meeting on June 7, 1985. She served on numerous Foundation-related committees, assisted in the solicitation of major gifts to the Foundation, and since 1993, she has generously contributed to a scholarship established in the name of her late husband, Pete Stathakis. She served as secretary to the Foundation Board since January 1, 1995. Her most notable accomplishment as a board member was when she introduced Mrs. Ruby Hicks to the College and Foundation. Mrs. Hicks, a member of the College's Foundation Board, died October 2, 1992. She bequeathed the majority of her estate, valued at nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, to Tri-County to establish scholarships. Until 2001, this was the largest single donation the College had received in its history.



## Community Leaders Make Permanent Investment in New Easley Campus through Room-Naming Opportunities

Pickens County business and industry leaders are making a permanent investment in Tri-County Technical College's new Easley Campus through room-naming opportunities.

To date, six companies and/or individuals have named rooms in the Academic Building at the College's third and newest community campus located on Powdersville Road. They include: Bowers Emergency Services, who named the Bowers Family Conference Room; Dr. Dan Pasui, an Easley dentist; Tri-Tech USA in Liberty; Cornell Dubilier in Liberty; and Easley Combined Utilities. In honor of former College Commissioner Ben Childress and his wife, Lucille's, dedication to education, an anonymous community donor made a generous contribution to name the lobby of the Easley Campus.

"Through their generous donations, companies and individuals are making a long-term investment in the community for generations to come," said Elisabeth Gadd, director of development.



The College hosted a preview party at its new Easley Campus to showcase the facility and to honor the Pickens County business and industry leaders who are making a permanent investment in the College's new campus through room-naming opportunities. In honor of Ben and Lucille Childress's (pictured left) dedication to education, an anonymous community donor made a generous contribution to name the lobby of the Easley Campus. Dr. Booth, right, made the announcement as he and Commissioner Helen Rosemond-Saunders presented Mr. Childress a gift from the Commission to honor his years of service on the Commission.

## Itron Pledges \$100,000 to Major Gifts Campaign

Itron pledged \$100,000 to the Foundation's Major Gifts Campaign. It was the company's largest gift to the College to date. The gift will support the Improving Technology and Equipment fund by providing a gift of \$20,000 per year for the next five years.

"The commitment will allow the College to purchase machinery and equipment for the industrial training programs," said Dr. Booth. "As a result, we can continue to provide state-of-the-art training for our students and manufacturing partners, such as Itron."

"We are pleased to support Tri-County's technology advancement programs, which provide important training and skill development for today's technology-driven workforce," said Malcolm Unsworth, president and CEO of Itron. "As a solution provider to the rapidly changing utility industry, we depend on colleges and universities like Tri-County to provide programs that prepare people to think outside the box and lead in new, innovative ways."



*Pictured from left are (front row) Dr. Booth; John Lummus, vice president for the Economic and Institutional Advancement Division at the College; and Mike Higgins, Itron plant manager; and (back row) Sue Gray, human resources manager for Itron; Elisabeth Gadd, director of development at Tri-County; and Ken Ambory, Itron comptroller.*

## Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company Donates \$50,000 To Name Manufacturing Resource Center

Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company continued its commitment to Tri-County Technical College and to the community by making a \$50,000 gift to name the Manufacturing Resource Center. The Reliable Sprinkler Manufacturing Resource Center is housed in Cleveland Hall on the Pendleton Campus and serves students in the Engineering Graphics, General Engineering, and Machine Tool Technology majors. The lab is filled with sophisticated equipment that includes a HAAS 5 axis vertical machining center, a rapid prototyping center, and a ROMER seven axis scanner arm.

"As a third-generation, family-owned business, our family strongly believes in giving back and being a part of the fabric of the community we live in," said Michael R. Fee, vice president and owner of Reliable, a leading manufacturer in fire protection equipment, with 20 locations in North America, including the corporate manufacturing facility in Liberty.



*Pictured from left are Michael R. Fee, vice president and owner of Reliable; John Lummus, vice president for the Economic and Institutional Advancement Division at Tri-County; and Courtney White, manager of donor relations for the College.*

# Foundation HIGHLIGHTS

## SCAPA Donates \$100,000 to Support Creation of Asphalt Materials Lab

The SC Asphalt Pavement Association (SCAPA), a statewide trade association of contractors engaged in the production of high quality hot mix asphalt, presented the College with a \$100,000 donation.

The SC Asphalt Pavement Association's donation to the College will provide students with a state-of-the-art asphalt materials testing facility on the Pendleton Campus where they will receive hands-on training in Hot Mix Asphalt applications.

"We are happy to be able to contribute towards the success of another asphalt research laboratory in South Carolina, which we feel will help provide quality research to improve the performance of asphalt materials on our state's roads and infrastructure," said Drew Boggs, SCAPA president.



Pictured from left are (front row) Dr. Booth; Ashley R. Batson, SCAPA executive director; and Michael Crenshaw, president of King Asphalt; and (second row) John Lummus, vice president for the Economic and Institutional Advancement Division at Tri-County; Elisabeth Gadd, director of development at Tri-County; and Mary Corley, program manager for Tri-County's Highway Construction program; (third row) Serji Amirkhonian, consultant; Steve Cosper, owner of Granite Construction and SCAPA board member; Scott Fant, vice president of Sloan Construction; and Lauren Cosper, SCAPA summer intern; and (top row) Doug Truluck, president of PPE-S, Inc.; Ben Poore, summer intern for Granite Construction; and Rick Cothran, dean of the College's Corporate and Community Education Division.

## Sandvik Donates \$5,000



Here, Jaime Herrera-Torres, Sandvik's tooling supply-regional manager Americas, third from left, presents the check to Dr. Booth, second from left. Pictured with them are John Lummus, vice president for the Institutional and Economic Advancement Division; and Elisabeth Gadd, director of development.

Sandvik in Westminster made a \$5,000 donation to the College's Foundation in support of the Major Gifts Campaign. In 2009 the Foundation kicked off the public phase of its first-ever Major Gifts Campaign aimed at moving the College toward achieving role-model status among community colleges in the United States. The Foundation is working toward a goal of \$7 - 9 million, and the campaign will end in 2012 with the College's celebration of its 50th anniversary.

## U.S. Engine Valve Supports Mechatronics



Pictured here are, from left, Rob Griffin, plant manager; Lamar Dendy, a maintenance technician at the plant and a student in the College's Mechatronics curriculum; Dr. Booth; Mary Ann Craft, human resource manager at U.S. Engine Valve; Keizo Harada, technical manager for Nittan; John Lummus, vice president for the Economic and Institutional Advancement Division; and Elisabeth Gadd, director of development.

U.S. Engine Valve made a donation in support of equipment for the Mechatronics program at the College. The two joint owners of U.S. Engine Valve donated \$7,500 from the Eaton Charitable Fund and \$7,500 from Nittan Valve Company towards the purchase of EM614/600-Air Advanced Electronics Sensors Systems with Ejection/Sorting Stations to support the Mechatronics Program.



## JULY 2010

**1** Twelve production operators from Sargent Metal voluntarily signed up for a two-year apprenticeship program taught by CCE instructor Ron Humphries. The first year of the program covered manufacturing skills (Manufacturing Skill Standards Council or MSSC), and job-specific skills are the focus of the second year. The program was paid for by a grant from Apprenticeship Carolina. Apprenticeship programs help employees to raise their skills levels and earn a nationally recognized credential from the Department of Labor.

The Alpha Zeta Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society fulfilled all requirements to be named a 5 Star Chapter and was recognized at the Carolinas Regional Convention.

**2** Kiana Green, of Iva, left, was honored for having the highest GPA, a 4.33, and received the Best Achievement in English Award at the 30th Annual Upward Bound Awards Banquet. Presenting the awards is Dr. Thwanda Davidson, director of the TRiO programs. Upward Bound is designed to help high school students bridge the gap between secondary school and college and to provide them with financial and academic resources to prepare for postsecondary education.

**3** The Corporate and Community Education Division held SmartFun, a series of week-long summer programs for kids ranging in ages from 5 – 14. The program is a way to provide children with a fun alternative during their summer vacation while continuing to encourage their learning. Here, Isaac Johnston and Sydney West play chess.

## AUGUST 2010

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc., (SHARE) partnered with the College to offer free tuition (through American Recovery Reinvestment Act funds) for a limited number of qualified applicants interested in short-term skills training. This QuickJobs training included certified nurse aide, truck driving, office skills, and certified production technician and was designed for those who are unemployed or those looking to upgrade their skills.

**4** Thomas J. (Maine) Dawkins, of Central, flashes a smile after receiving his Business Technology (Management) degree at summer commencement. Prior to graduation, he received the Outstanding Management Student award, along with the Outstanding Phi Theta Kappa Student Award.

**5** The contributions of Veterinary Technology Advisory Committee members earned them the honor of advisory committee of the year. Among their accomplishments were the committee's progress in establishing a 2 + 2 articulation agreement with Clemson University and increasing the number of continuing education events offered on campus for more than 100 veterinary technicians. Dr. Peggy Champion, middle, and Advisory Committee Chair Dr. James Mullikin, of Easley, right, accepted the plaque on behalf of the committee. Making the presentation is Dr. Booth.

The Bridge to Clemson program enrolled 550 students – the largest class ever in the program's five-year history. This invitation-only program blends the traditional academic experience at Tri-County with the social and cultural experiences of being a Clemson University student. Bridge students must earn 30 transfer credits at Tri-County during their two semesters and transfer to Clemson with a 2.5 GPA.

Gateway to College renegotiated its WorkLink/WIA Youth Services contract and started a new partnership with Palmetto Youth Connections (PYC) to provide WIA-funded support services. Tri-County's Gateway program serves high school dropouts age 17 – 20 who have demonstrated academic ability and meet specific eligibility criteria. Using a dual credit model, students earn both high school and college credit and may simultaneously complete both the high school diploma (meeting all requirements of the South Carolina Department of Education) and a postsecondary credential.

Kay Rhodes, admissions liaison for the Nursing department was honored with the Presidential Medallion for Staff Excellence at the annual faculty/staff fall convocation. The medallion, along with a cash award made possible by the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, goes to a person who has demonstrated over and over a strong belief in the purpose and mission of the College.

# 2010-2011 IN REVIEW



## SEPTEMBER 2010

**6** Representatives from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) met with College officials for a tour and a progress update on the turning lane project the Commission generously funded for the new Easley Campus. Pictured from left are Guy Land, chief of staff, Office of the Federal Co-Chair, ARC; Earl F. Gohl, federal co-chair of the ARC; John Lummus, vice president for the Economic and Institutional Advancement Division; Ken Kopera, director of physical plant; and Bonnie Ammons, assistant director of federal grant programs of the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

**7** The College began offering courses in the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (DOT) statewide technician certification program that provides the requirements an individual needs to seek certification as an SC DOT-certified inspector for work performed on construction projects. Cliff Selkinghaus, the State asphalt materials manager with SC DOT, teaches several of the SC DOT Technician Certification program classes.

**8** In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the SGA/Student Life, the Enrichment Series Committee, and the Spanish Club hosted a Hispanic Fest in the Amphitheater. In addition to salsa dancing lessons, participants enjoyed live entertainment, music, and refreshments.

**9** The College's first women's sports teams, basketball and soccer, entered their inaugural seasons. Pictured here is the 2010 basketball team.

## OCTOBER 2010

**10** Machine Tool Technology students were selected for CNC operator/machinist positions at BorgWarner's Seneca plant through a cooperative education venture established with the College. The BorgWarner Education and Skills Training, or BEST program, is a partnership with Tri-County to recruit potential candidates for employment.

**11** Dr. Booth, left, and John Lummus, vice president for the Economic and Institutional Advancement Division, right, presented Pendleton Mayor Randy Hayes with a framed aerial portrait of the Pendleton Campus which hangs in Pendleton's Town Hall.

**12** The College honored former Commission member and Easley resident Ben R. Childress with the Order of Merit, the highest award given by the College's nine-member Commission. Mr. Childress is pictured with wife, Lucille, left, and daughters, Sandi Maddox, third from left, and Karen Clardy, right.



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Sarah Shumpert, director of instructional support, and Margaret Burdette, coordinator of SACS compliance and assessment, presented at the Worldwide Instructional Design System (WIDS) annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. The presentation was titled “WIDS Reconsidered: Developing Program Outcomes for Student Services.”

**13** The Sixth Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament raised \$24,327. American Services was the gold sponsor for this invitation-only golf tournament. Since 2005, the Tri-County Technical College Foundation has hosted this tournament and has raised nearly \$184,000 to support special initiatives at the College.

In October of 2010, the Surgical Technology department received a 10-year continuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Accreditation evaluators complimented the department on its clinical procedures and state-of-the-art equipment.

**14** The College purchased approximately five acres of land and a 43,000-square-foot building formerly occupied by Virginia Carolina Tobacco Company. Located in Sandy Springs, just five miles from the Pendleton Campus, this building will be named the Industrial Technology Center and will be retrofitted to serve as the new location for the College’s Welding and HVAC programs. The targeted completion date is Summer Term 2012.

## NOVEMBER 2010

Dean of Corporate and Community Education Rick Cothran received the Outstanding Continuing Education Professional Award from the South Carolina Association of Higher Continuing Education (SCAHCE) at its annual conference. SCAHCE is the statewide association that promotes Corporate & Community Education and professional development for both two- and four-year colleges.

**15** Nearly 100 students, faculty, and staff represented the College at the Pendleton “Town Takeover” hosted by WHNS Fox 21. Eugene Grant, dean of the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division, was interviewed in a live segment that showcased various student projects.

## DECEMBER 2010

**16** Tori McCowan, right, was one of eleven students recognized with an Outstanding Student award at the annual Learning Excellence Initiative (LEI) Award Ceremony. Presenting the certificate is Jennifer Beattie, English instructor. LEI, which stands for Learning Excellence Initiative, is a program for first-time college students that focuses on improving learning and the transition to college.



**17** Tri-County and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office were the first in the Upstate to host a two-day class on Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). Twenty-seven local law enforcement officers enrolled in the class that trains law enforcement personnel on the latest techniques in responding to active shooter situations.

**18** Dr. C.J. Edens of Easley, middle, pictured here with Dr. Booth, right, and Foundation Chair David Wakefield, attended the preview party for the Easley Campus. "Dr. Edens's family had a longtime commitment to education and because of that, you made this happen," Dr. Booth said to Dr. Edens, who sold his family property on Powdersville Road to the College to build the Easley Campus.

## JANUARY 2011

**19** Tri-County students gathered with several College Commissioners at the State House to voice their support for Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTA). One in three technical college students relies on Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTA) to achieve their educational goals.

**20** Work was completed on a 400-space parking lot on Mechanic Street in Pendleton to be used by the College during peak enrollment periods.

**21** The College hosted the Third Annual FLL Regional Tournament on the Pendleton Campus. For the second consecutive year, The Aliens from Lakeside Middle School in Anderson were named the Champions and received the most prestigious award. Robert Bosch LLC sponsored the event.

**22** The University of South Carolina's president, Dr. Harris Pastides, and his wife, Patricia, pictured here with Dr. and Mrs. Booth, were guests on campus. He spoke to the faculty and staff and commended the 16 technical colleges' work and specifically Tri-County's Bridge to Clemson and Gateway to College programs.

The College began a new Weatherization certification program designed to put people back to work by retraining them for home energy improvement and inspection jobs. The program's training and equipment are paid for through a \$165,477 energy efficiency grant from the S.C. Technical College System. The weatherization program is located at the Easley Campus.

## FEBRUARY 2011

Three faculty/staff members have been honored as the College's Educators of the Year and were recognized at the South Carolina Technical Education Association (SCTEA) annual conference. Dr. Gwen Owens, dean of the Arts and Sciences Division, was the College's outstanding administrator; Chris Worthy, head of the Comprehensive Studies Department, was the outstanding instructor; and, Linda Crowe, administrative assistant for the Comprehensive Studies and Social Science departments in the Arts and Sciences Division, was the outstanding staff nominee.

Sarah Shumpert, director of instructional support, and Galen DeHay, science department head, were co-presenters at the annual conference of the League for Innovation in Community Colleges in San Diego, CA. Their session was titled "Creating a Learning-Centered Orientation: Curriculum, Assessment, and Student Services Intersect." Katy Goforth, Title III activity director, presented "Engaged Learner: Learning is Not a Spectator Sport."

Clemson resident and consultant Bryant Smith discussed the achievements, contributions, and culture of African Americans at a Black History Month presentation held at the College. Smith's speech chronicled the cultural significance of a race of people throughout time.

**23** Prospective students, including high school students and their parents, displaced workers and those seeking retraining for new careers, attended an Open House at the Pendleton Campus. Mandy Orzechowski, an instructor in Engineering Graphics Technology, standing, talks to Madison Stone, a senior at Seneca High School, pictured seated on a Chopper, a custom motorcycle designed and built by Tri-County Engineering Graphics Technology students.

Fifty-three individuals attended an OSHA Update seminar in the Industrial and Business Development Center. Paul Schlumper, CSP, P.E., of the Georgia Tech Research Institute, led the seminar, which focused on new development with OSHA and opportunities for training at the Institute in Atlanta.



## MARCH 2011

The Accounting, Business Technology, and Automated Office Technology programs received full reaffirmation of accreditation following a meeting of the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Associate Degree board of Commissioners.

The Oconee Nurse Aide program was approved again for the maximum time period of 24 months by the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services. There were no deficiencies.

Students and community residents who do not have Internet access at home can take advantage of the computer workstations in the library (Ruby Hicks Building on Pendleton Campus), thanks to the College receiving a portion of a \$5.9 million federal National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant awarded to the S.C. Technical College System to expand broadband access in the state.

**24** Marketing major Christian Elder, of Anderson, standing, talks with panel members following their presentation about the perfect interview during The Steps to Success 2011 seminar sponsored by the Business Technology Advisory Committee. From left are Bill Phillips, campus relations and intern co-op manager for Duke Energy; Bethany Wiley,

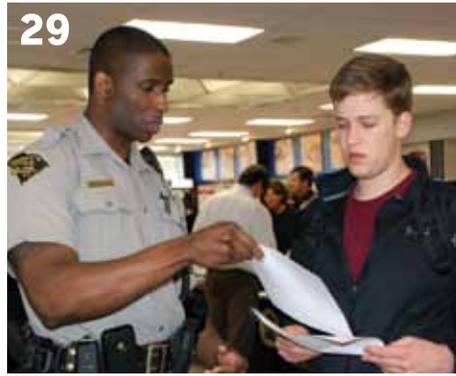
human resource specialist in our Personnel Office; and Dr. Stephanie Lackey, coordinator of recruitment/retention for the School District of Pickens County.

**25** Wanda Morgan, who has taught Interior Design classes for our Corporate and Community Education Division for 29 years, was named 2010 – 2011 Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women. She is the President and Designer of Wanda S. Morgan Designs, Inc., located in Westminster.

Pickens County residents who have not completed their high school credential can gain the skills needed to get into the workforce through a unique program offering GED study and WorkKeys certification. Persons who successfully earn these two credentials have the opportunity to gain more specialized training through “QuickJobs” (six months or less) training at the College’s Easley Campus. This Adult Learning Bridge program is offered through the Pickens County School District’s Adult Education Office and the College.

**26** The College offered a “Computer Readiness for Job Seekers” class for WIA participants at the Sen. Billy O’Dell Learning Center at the Watkins Center in Honea Path. The One Stop Center sponsored these classes in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. Fredda Gilmer, standing, taught the three-week series. Class members included (pictured from front to back) Calvin Fant, Sr., of Belton; Tammy Allen, of Honea Path; and Kimberly Johnson, of Belton.

# 2010-2011 IN REVIEW



**27** Friends and family gathered at the Anderson Campus to celebrate the life of the late Rosemary Lindley, who served on the College's Commission from 2001 until her death in September 2010. The event was hosted by the Anderson Garden Club, who planted a magnolia tree in Mrs. Lindley's honor as a tribute to her friendship and longtime membership in the club.

**28** Tri-County and Anderson University co-hosted an annual awards banquet to recognize all of the deputies, officers, and probation agents in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. Lt. Richard Gooch, of the Clemson Police Department and a 2001 Criminal Justice graduate, right, receives the Tri-County's Criminal Justice Alumnus of the Year award from Clemson Police Chief Jimmy Dixon at the Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet.

**29** Criminal Justice (CRJ) students had a chance to talk to law enforcement agencies about potential jobs and hiring practices at the College's Annual Criminal Justice Career Fair. Representatives from all levels of law enforcement agencies, probation and parole agencies, private investigation and security were on hand to answer questions and to talk about job opportunities. Here, Ryan Borders, who is from Aiken, talks with Deputy Anthony Sampson about opportunities with the Aiken County Sheriff's Department.

## APRIL 2011

**30** Senator Lindsey Graham, right, addressed an audience of manufacturing, government and business leaders and gave them a Washington legislative update at a meeting sponsored by Oconee Alliance and held in partnership with the Anderson, Oconee and Pickens county chambers of commerce and county economic development departments. Here Sen. Graham talks with Rep. Bill Sandifer, left, and Dr. Booth.

The Associate Degree Nursing program received an unrestricted, continued eight-year accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). This is the highest recommendation a program can receive from the accrediting body.

The College held its Annual Career Fair sponsored by the Career Services Office and Student Support Services. The Career Fair is a chance for the College to showcase its students, soon-to-be-graduates, and alumni to area employers. Attendees are able to discuss job opportunities with recruiters and managers and to develop a network of career contacts.

**31** The College hosted an Advances in Infusion Technology seminar at the Oconee QuickJobs Center. CCP and Composites One sponsored the seminar which drew more than 40 attendees from all over the United States. The course is designed to expand on a working knowledge of Vacuum Infusion Principles. Here, Hank Yeagly, technical support manager for Composites One, discusses lamination and infusion materials used.

**32** Around 1,000 concert-goers gathered in the amphitheater on the Pendleton Campus for the sixth annual Bluegrass under the Stars concert. NewFound Road, a bluegrass band from southwestern Ohio, headlined the concert.

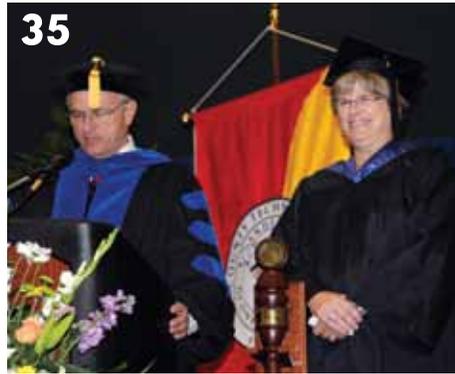
**33** Dr. John Stockwell, chancellor of USC Upstate, left, and Dr. Booth signed the agreement for the Upstate Direct Connect<sup>™</sup> initiative, an exclusive opportunity for two-year colleges that will guarantee admission to USC Upstate for Tri-County students who graduate with an associate degree in the university transfer area (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or selected Associate of Applied Science degrees).

**34** Expanded Duty Dental Assisting student Julie Anne Cook, of Seneca, middle, received the Mary Clary Memorial Achievement Award for Assistant of the Year from the South Carolina Dental Association. Dr. Jerry Ross, a general dentist of Clemson, right, made the presentation at the College's annual awards ceremony. At left is Donna Shannon, allied health/expanded duty dental assisting department head.

Welding students won three first-place and two second-place awards in the State Technical College's Annual Welding Skills Competition at Spartanburg Community College. First- and second-year Welding students competed in six categories: MIG, TIG and stick, welding process, and structural and pipe application.



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The College began a process to develop a Master Plan for the Pendleton Campus. The final plan will be completed during the fall 2011.

The Early Childhood programs of Tri-County and Clemson University co-sponsored a professional development conference for more than 100 teachers, parents, and college students.

Sue Avenall and Brian Moroney took top honors at the S.C. Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (SCSCLS) State Student Bowl at Midlands Technical College. Brian, of Clemson, was named Student Bowl champion for the State. He answered the most questions correctly. Sue, of Anderson, received the “Keys to the Future” award. This honor is awarded to one technical college student in the State.

## MAY 2011

Betty Morgan, a Registered Dental Hygienist who teaches in the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program, received the College’s 2011 Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award. This award is given annually at the spring faculty/staff convocation to the adjunct faculty member who is recognized for excellence in teaching, who has consistently high student evaluations and who supports the philosophy and goals of the College.

**35** Christee Williams, a licensed veterinary technician and instructor in the College’s Veterinary Technology program since 1989, was honored with the highest award presented to the faculty, the Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence, at the College’s annual spring commencement.

**36** The College held its second annual Tri-County 5K Road Race. The race started and ended at the Anderson Campus located at 511 Michelin Boulevard. All race proceeds benefited the programs and services of the Anderson Campus. Awards went to the top three finishers in the Open and Masters categories. Age-group awards also were given to the top three finishers in each five-year category beginning with age 14 and under.

## JUNE 2011

**37** An exhibit of Anderson County’s Rosenwald Schools, which were built primarily for the education of African Americans in the early twentieth century, is the first of many collaborative projects between Tri-County Technical College and the Anderson County Museum. The mini exhibit of Anderson County’s Rosenwald Schools was placed on display in the lobby of the Anderson Campus. Cutting the ribbon for the display are from left, Rusty Burns, Anderson County interim administrator; Eugene Grant, dean of the College’s Engineering and Industrial Technology Division; Alison Hinman, curator of collection at the Anderson County Museum; Beverly Childs, director of the Anderson County Museum; Dr. Booth; Bea Thompson, director of the Westside Community Center; Helen Rosemond-Saunders, a member of the College’s Commission; and Tim Bowen, director of the Anderson Campus.

**38** Students in the Welding Fabrication class collaborated with the Anderson V Career Campus to turn a 1982 Cutlass Supreme from the junkyard into an IMCA class race car. Welding students spent the last several years learning general fabrication skills before taking the car to the Anderson V Career Campus’s Automotive Technology students to do the mechanical work.

## Students Receive \$24.7 Million in Financial Aid

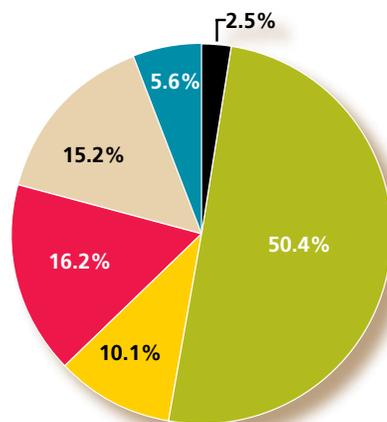
Students 2010-2011	Program	Amount Disbursed	Students 2010-2011	Program	Amount Disbursed
4,257	Pell Grants	14,329,607	42	Gateway to College	55,388
1,218	LIFE Scholarships	4,622,066	26	National Guard	52,495
2,571	Lottery Tuition Assistance	2,600,011	51	TEACH Early Childhood Development	39,820
559	S.C. Need-Based Grants	797,512	14	Veterans Administration	36,789
254	Private Scholarships	627,688	2	Air National Guard CAP (College Assistance Program)	13,500
359	Foundation Scholarships (Endowed and Restricted)	354,164	18	BOA Assist Funds	7,000
62	Employment and Training Services	270,841	13	DL Scurry Loans and Grants	5,812
277	Tuition Waivers	226,579	3	SC Vocational Rehabilitation	3,769
300	Academic Competitive Grant	207,094	8	SC Academic Endowment	2,606
203	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	178,785	6	Upward Bound	2,232
40	Tuition Grants to Children of Certain Veterans	106,030	10,319	Total Awards	\$24,746,381
72	College Work Study	103,585			
32	National Guard CAP (College Assistance Program)	103,009			

Note: Some students received more than one form of financial aid and are counted each time.  
Source: Business Office, July 2011

## Tri-County Technical College 2010-2011 Budget

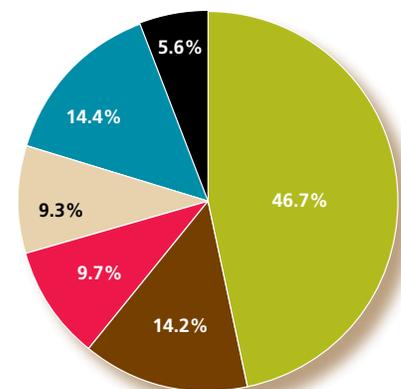
Operations Budget	\$38,754,963
Restricted (Federal/State/Other)	\$40,612,421
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$79,367,384</b>

Source: Business Office, July 2011



**Operations Revenue  
by Source**

Credit Tuition and Fees	50.4%
County Appropriations	10.1%
State Appropriations	16.2%
Auxiliary Enterprises	15.2%
Corporate and Community Education Division	5.6%
Miscellaneous	2.5%



**Operations Expenditure  
Budget by Function**

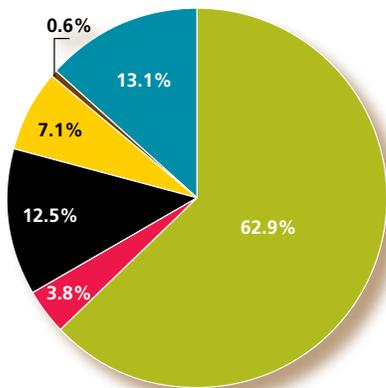
Instruction	46.7%
Academic and Student Support	14.2%
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	9.7%
Administrative and General	9.3%
Auxiliary Enterprises	14.4%
Corporate and Community Education Division	5.6%

## Credit Student Profile

### Fall Semester Comparisons

	2008	2009	2010
<b>Race</b>			
Black	14.3%	14.5%	13.2%
White	80.4%	80.6%	80.5%
Other	5.3%	4.9%	6.3%
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	55.9%	56.2%	57.1%
Male	44.1%	43.8%	42.9%
<b>Enrollment Status</b>			
Full-time	57.9%	60.1%	60.8%
Part-time	42.1%	39.9%	39.2%
Career Development (non-degree-seeking majors)	12.8%	9.9%	9.5%
Technical Programs	53.9%	57.6%	56.9%
University Transfer	33.4%	32.5%	33.5%
Working	65.5%	57.8%	56.5%
Avg. hrs. worked/week	29.1	27.2	27.7%
Average Age	24.4	25.1	24.8

Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2011



## Operations Budget by Category

Salaries and Benefits	62.9%
Supplies and Materials	3.8%
Contractual Services	12.5%
Fixed Charges	7.1%
Faculty/Staff Development/Travel	0.6%
Purchases for Resale (Bookstore)	13.1%

## Fall Semester Headcount

Arts and Sciences	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Associate in Arts	714	852	974
Associate in Science	1,198	1,341	1,354
TOTAL	1,912	2,193	2,328

Business and Public Services	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Accounting	86	86	91
Administrative Office Technology	162	161	170
Computer Technology	163	176	156
Criminal Justice Technology	191	244	237
Early Childhood Development	127	147	141
Management	269	326	339
Radio and Television Broadcasting	104	117	126
TOTAL	1,102	1,257	1,260

Career Development	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Career Development	731	672	662
TOTAL	731	672	662

Health Education	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Expanded Duty Dental Assisting	41	56	65
Health Certificates	0	8	4
Medical Assisting	53	101	105
Medical Laboratory Technology	53	80	96
Nursing	793	1,122	1,217
Practical Nursing	211	279	241
Pre-Health Certificates	47	66	57
Pre-Pharmacy	35	44	45
Surgical Technology	85	115	81
Veterinary Technology	98	107	133
TOTAL	1,442	1,978	2,044

Engineering and Industrial Technology	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Automotive Technology			1
Building Construction Technology	1	1	3
Engineering Graphics Technology	78	72	51
General Engineering Technology	26	48	45
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Technology	40	76	65
Industrial Electronics Technology	165	170	166
Industrial Supervision Technology	42	33	23
Machine Tool Technology	43	39	36
Mechatronics			123
Quality Assurance	1	0	0
Welding	66	119	134
TOTAL	543	658	647

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>6,758</b>	<b>6,941</b>
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Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2011

# Figures, Charts & GRAPHS

## Grant Funding (July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011)

Project Title	Funding Source	Type	Amount
MSSC Statewide Project	AdvanceSC	Private Funds	\$ 250,000
STEM Symposium with Clemson	AdvanceSC	Private Funds	\$ 48,900*
Gateway to College	Bank of America	Private Funds	\$ 2,500*
South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association Grant	SCAPA	Private Funds	\$ 100,000
Title III, Part A “Learning through Community and Connections”	U. S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$1,943,480
TRIO - Student Support Services Year 5 of 5-year project	U. S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 332,566
TRIO - Talent Search Year 4 of 5-year project	U. S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 391,538
TRIO - Upward Bound Year 4 of 5-year project	U. S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 387,591
Perkins IV Postsecondary Program	U. S. Department of Education S.C. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 332,972
Education & Economic Weatherization Grant	S.C. Technical College System	State Funds	\$ 37,784
Energy Efficiency Weatherization Grant	S.C. Technical College System	State Funds	\$ 165,477
Workforce Investment Act Program Adult and Dislocated Workers	U.S. Department of Labor/WorkLink	Federal Funds	\$ 350,000
State Fiscal Stabilization Funds Banner Collaboration Project	ARRA	Federal Funds	\$ 100,000
State Fiscal Stabilization Funds General Allocation	ARRA	Federal Funds	\$1,366,282
SCDSS Early Childhood Development	S.C. Technical College System	State Funds	\$ 20,000
<b>Sub-Total (College Grants)</b>			<b>\$5,777,690</b>
TCTC Foundation			\$ 51,400*
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,829,090</b>

\*Denotes funding that was granted to the TCTC Foundation.

Source: Grants Office and Foundation Office, August 2011

### Jobs from New and/or Expanding Industries

1,042 persons trained for new jobs for the 10-11 fiscal year listed by county:



#### Anderson County

AFCO	4
Bosch	86
Cross Country Home Services	274
Delta Power Equipment Corp.	25
First Quality Tissue	419
Glen Raven Mills	32
Michelin	77
Orian Rugs	8
Timken - Honea Path	70
Unitex Group USA	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,001</b>

#### Oconee County

Covidien	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Pickens County

Tri-Tech USA, Inc.	8
St. Jude Medical	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

**Grand Total** 1,042

Source: readySC™ Office, July 2011

### Fall Enrollment By Campus

<b>Pendleton Campus</b>	<b>5,455</b>
<b>Anderson Campus</b>	<b>1,226</b>
<b>Oconee Campus at the Hamilton Career Center</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Easley Campus</b>	<b>407</b>

(Easley Campus figure represents Spring Semester 2011, which was the first enrollment period during 2010-11 academic year)

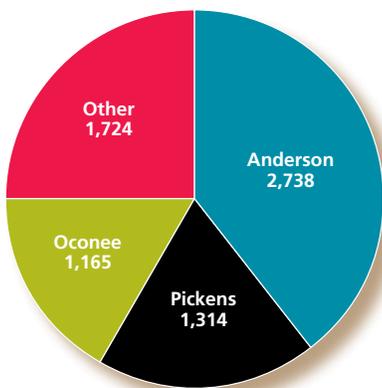
Figures represent enrollment by campus for students who take at least one course at the given campus.

## Graduates & Awards FY 2010-11

	<b>Graduates</b> (Unduplicated Headcount)	<b>Awards</b> (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates)
Summer 2010	238	297
Spring 2011	552	764
<b>Totals</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>1,061</b>

Source: Registrar, July 2011

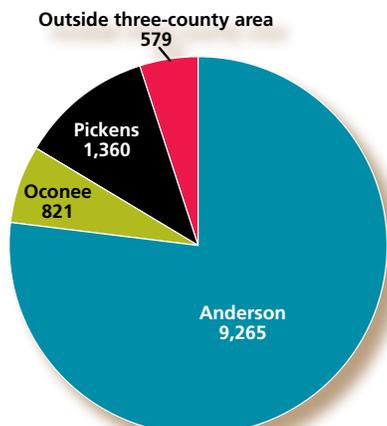
## Credit Students Enrollment by County



**Total: 6,941**

Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2011

## Corporate and Community Education Students Enrollment by County



**Total: 12,025**

Source: Corporate and Community Education Division, July 2011

## 2010-2011

### Program Advisory Committee Chairs

#### ACCESS & EQUITY

Dr. Drew Lanham, Professor and Certified Wildlife Biologist, Department of Forestry & Natural Resources, Clemson University

#### ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

Ms. Croslena Johnson, Coordinator of Student Life and Counseling Services, Tri-County Technical College

#### ARTS & SCIENCES

Dr. Walt Sinnamon, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Southern Wesleyan University

#### BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Denise Bailey, Accounting Resource Manager, Elliott Davis, LLC

#### COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Greg Benton, Director of Software Development, SAM Group

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Martin Brown, Chief of Police, Anderson Police Department

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Rebecca Powell, Instructor, Fred P. Hamilton Career Center

#### ENGINEERING GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Chris Detlefsen, Design Engineer, Magna Automotive

#### EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING

Mr. Shane Simpson, CDA, Fort Hill Family Dentistry

#### GENERAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Ray Orzechowski, Engineer, BASF

#### INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Mike Jenkins, Power Systems Consultant

#### HVAC

Mr. Anthony Gillespie, Parts Sales, Trane (Retired)

#### INDUSTRIAL SUPERVISION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Mike Webber, Senior Production Leader, Milliken & Company – Gerrish Mill

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE

Dr. Jennifer Bushwack, DVM, Electric City Animal Clinic

#### MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Tony Bryant, Koyo Bearings

#### MECHATRONICS

Mr. Stan Owen, Senior Project Specialist TS-39, BMW Manufacturing LLC

#### MEDICAL ASSISTING

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Ms. Brenda Sanders, MT (ASCP) AnMed Health

#### NURSING

Vacant

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#### SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Ms. LaRue Fisher, CNOR, RN, AnMed Health

#### VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

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#### WELDING

Mr. Jesse Cannon, Instructor, BJ Skelton Career Center

#### WORLD CLASS TRAINING CENTER

Mr. Mike Banister, Human Resource Manager, Koyo Bearings

### Ways to Give

There are many ways in which you can support Tri-County Technical College's efforts to achieve excellence in two-year technical education.

Following are some examples:

- Cash
- Non-Cash, i.e., equipment donations, etc.
- Employers' Matching Gifts
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plans
- Trusts and Annuities
- Bequests

For additional information, contact John H. Lummus, Vice President for Economic and Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, at 864-646-1548.

### Family and Friends Remembered

The next time you wish to acknowledge the death of a friend or loved one or are faced with buying a gift for someone, you may want to consider making an honor/memorial gift to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation. These gifts give lasting recognition to the individuals for whom the gifts are made while at the same time helping to ensure the future of the College.

More than 65 honor/memorial gifts totaling \$32,602 were received during 2010-2011. Each donor received a receipt for his/her tax purposes acknowledging that the gift was tax-deductible, and the individual or family honored received a personal acknowledgment from the Foundation.

#### Gifts in Memory

Mr. Jackie Donnelly  
Dr. Don C. Garrison  
Ms. Lucille G. Goldman  
Mr. Eric M. Hansen  
Mr. Milton H. Hansen  
Mrs. Virginia D. Jones  
Ms. Sarah King  
Mrs. Rosemary Lindley  
Mrs. Mary Jane Lukas  
Mr. Bertram Miller  
Mr. Roger D. Swords

#### Gifts in Honor

Dr. Ronnie L. Booth  
Dr. Philip G. Buckhiester  
Mr. Jim Busby  
Dr. Peggy Champion  
Mr. John M. Geer  
Mr. Henry C. Harrison  
Mrs. Martha Parker  
Mr. Pete Quinn  
Dr. Valerie R. Ramsey  
Mrs. Mary Scott West

### Foundation Finance Committee

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Gary T. Duncan, Seneca

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Suzanne E. Morse, Pendleton

Gregg Stapleton (ex officio), Salem

David C. Wakefield (ex officio), Anderson

### Matching Gifts

Many companies and corporations in the United States offer matching-gift programs, giving their employees an opportunity to increase the amount of their donations to charitable organizations. Eleven donors who gave to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, Inc., during 2010-2011 applied for matching gifts. The total amount matched by the following companies was \$10,488:

AT&T  
Bank of America  
Chevron  
ConocoPhillips  
Duke Energy  
IBM Corporation  
St. Jude Medical – CRM Division

## Benefactors' Society

The Benefactors' Society was created in 1993 to recognize those who planned for future gifts to the College through their wills, annuities, life insurance policies, or retirement plans and to encourage similar gifts to the College. Benefactors' Society members realize the importance of a quality education and are interested in seeing Tri-County achieve its vision of becoming the role model for all community colleges.

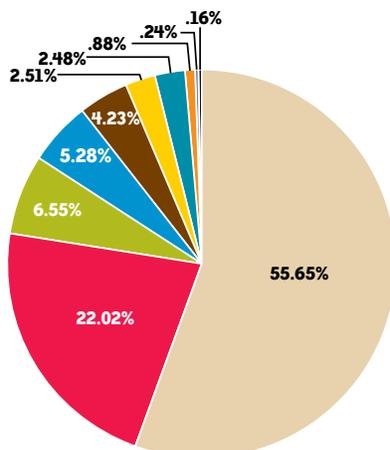
If the College is in your estate plan and you would like to be recognized as a member of the Benefactors' Society, call Mr. John Lummus (864-646-1548), Elisabeth Gadd (864-646-1812), Debbie Nelms (864-646-1809), or Courtney White (864-646-1484). Following is a list of current members:

### Members of the Benefactors' Society

David A. Armstrong (deceased)	Dr. Debra King
Carol Burdette	Mary K. Littlejohn (deceased)
Mrs. Corinne B. Cannon	Susan W. McClure
Dr. Henry Cowart Drake (deceased)	Willie C. McDuffie (deceased)
Linda and Ralph Elliott	Larry and Marge Miller
Alvin Fleishman (deceased)	Broy S. Moyer
Jeanne Fowler	Cameron and Margaret Murdoch (deceased)
Nancy Garrison (deceased)	Mrs. Rita Rao
Dr. John L. Gignilliat (deceased)	David W. Russ
Thomas Hayden	Dr. L. Marianne Taylor
Ruby S. Hicks (deceased)	William L. Watkins (deceased)
Dr. Charlotte R. Kay (deceased)	

## Investments

Short Term Investments	6.55%	Energy	0.88%
Public Equities	55.65%	Special Strategies	4.23%
Bonds	22.02%	Private Equities	0.16%
Multi-Assets	5.28%	Real Estate	0.24%
Commodities	2.48%	Note Receivable	2.51%



## Financial Statement

June 30, 2011

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash	\$ 377,419
Net Pledge Receivables	\$ 694,341
Short-Term Investments	\$ 1,112,210
Interest Receivables	\$ 77,596
Student Loan Receivables	\$ 4,255

**Total Current Assets** \$ **2,265,821**

#### Long-Term Investments

Public Equities	\$ 9,454,366
Bonds	\$ 3,741,331
Multi-Assets	\$ 897,483
Special Strategies	\$ 719,051
Commodities	\$ 420,844
Energy	\$ 149,545
Private Equities	\$ 27,532
Real Estate	\$ 40,217
Note Receivable	\$ 426,712

**Total Long-Term Investments** \$ **15,877,081**

**Total Assets** \$ **18,142,902**

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	\$ 42,332
Investment Fees Payable	\$ 3,731

**Total Liabilities** \$ **46,063**

#### Fund Balance

Fund Balance	\$ 12,094,969
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$ 6,001,870

**Total Fund Balance** \$ **18,096,839**

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## 2012 Begins Final Year of Major Gifts Campaign

In 2009 the Tri-County Technical College Foundation kicked off its first-ever Major Gifts Campaign aimed at moving the College toward achieving role-model status among community colleges in the United States. The campaign, which began with a quiet phase in 2008, will conclude at the end of 2012 when the College celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"The demand for community colleges has never been greater," said Dr. Booth. "Conversely, the cuts in our traditional sources of funding have never been more significant. Therefore, we must look beyond these traditional sources of funding to remain viable. We owe it to this community to find alternative ways to thrive. For this reason, we have embarked upon a journey to seek private funding through our Golden Opportunities Campaign," he said.

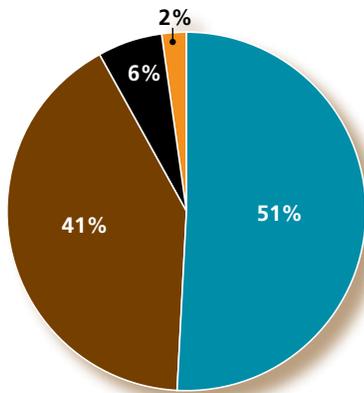
The Foundation is working toward a goal of \$7-9 million and developed four initiatives to address community demands. They include: expanding educational opportunities, improving technology and equipment, enhancing opportunities for student success, and promoting economic and community development.

"Your gift may directly or indirectly provide funding for a scholarship, change a life for the better, strengthen a business or industry, provide better local health care, or ensure a safer community. The choice of how your gift can make a difference is up to you. But one thing is certain. An educated community is the primary resource necessary to create and maintain a healthy, productive, and prosperous community," Dr. Booth said.

"We rely on Foundation dollars to provide students with scholarships, travel abroad and service learning opportunities; to keep faculty current in their fields; and to help keep pace with technology at all of our campuses," said Dr. Booth.

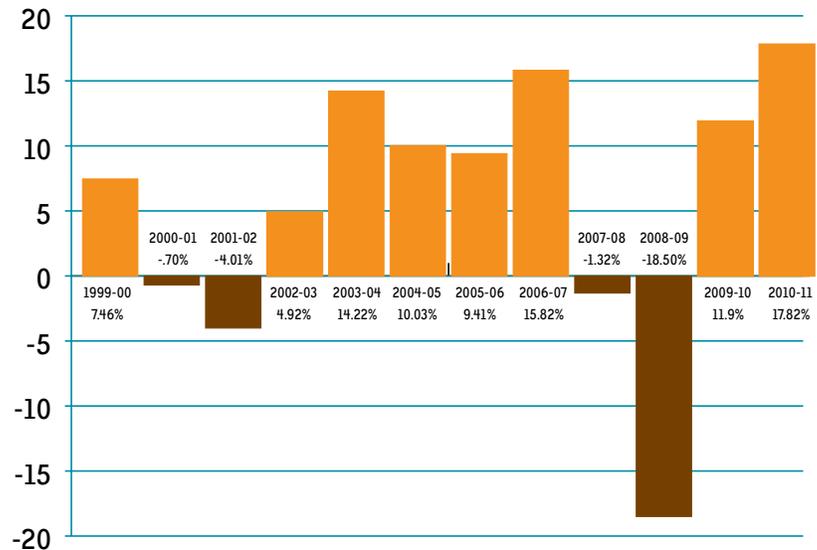
"We want to be the best community college in the nation and to do that we need additional resources," said Dr. Booth. "An investment in Tri-County is an investment in the community – and that results in a stronger economic base due to a trained workforce. To be successful, we need the community's support in reaching our goals."

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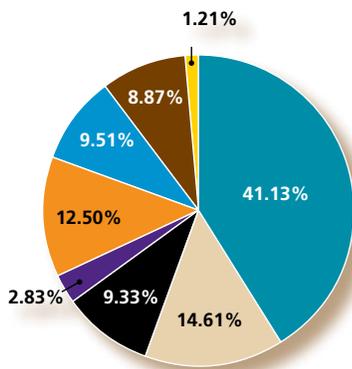


Companies	41%
Faculty/Staff	2%
Individuals	51%
Foundations	6%

## Investment Returns



## Expense Allocation

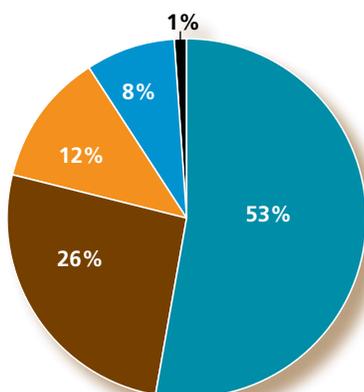


Scholarships	41.13%
Professional Development	14.61%
Educational Support	9.51%
Technology	2.83%
Management/General	12.50%
Fundraising	9.33%
Investment Fees	8.87%
Alumni Relations	1.21%
Operating/Fundraising	14.61%

## The Foundation's Numbers

Total Fund Balance	\$18,096,839
2010-11 Contributions	\$1,320,038
Number of Donors	530
Number of Contributors Who Had Never Given Before	209
Contributions from Faculty and Staff	\$29,334
Average Gift from Faculty and Staff	\$171
Average Gift from Individuals	\$2,631
Average Gift from Companies	\$5,739
Average Gift from Foundations	\$11,186
Funding Provided to Students and Educational Programs	\$601,586

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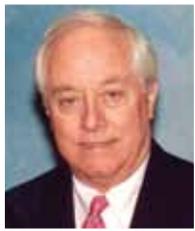


Unrestricted	8%
Technology	12%
Professional Development	1%
Scholarships	26%
Priority Needs/Special Projects/Other Initiatives	53%
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$1,320,038</b>

## New Endowments Established

<b>Priority Needs</b>	<b>Scholarships</b>
Easley Campus	Milton H. Hansen Memorial
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