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Women in Philanthropy Award Grant to Benefit Special Populations



Pictured left to right: Dan Hillman, Child Enrichment; Shelia Stuberfield, First Bank; Beverly Peltier, Augusta Technical College Foundation, Crystal Monds, Augusta Technical College, Special Populations, Augusta Technical College and representatives of the Lydia Project.

The Augusta Technical College Foundation was the recipient of a \$7,500 grant to benefit the College's Special Populations Department. The funds will be used to provide emergency child care assistance, emergency transportation assistance and emergency funds for tuition and books.

The grants were presented during a ceremony recognizing the first year's grant recipients of Women in Philanthropy, a newly formed group of women helping women in the community. One hundred women each donated \$1,000 to start the chapter. Their focus will be to support women and children's issues. This year's grant recipients also included Child Enrichment and the Lydia Project.

Denise Walker Named Teacher of the Year



Left to right: Denise Walker and President Terry Elam

Denise Walker, a Business Office Technology Instructor, was named Augusta Technical College's 2009 Rick Perkins Teacher of the Year. Walker, a Business Administrative Technology Instructor at Augusta Tech's Waynesboro campus, was named Instructor of the Year. President Terry Elam announced the news at the monthly faculty and staff meeting and then again at a luncheon honoring the winners.

Walker joined the faculty of Augusta Technical College in September of 2005. She also serves as advisor for the Medical Office Specialist Program, which was recently added to the program offerings on the Waynesboro/Burke Campus.

"Ms. Walker is a concerned instructor, who is enthusiastic, passionate, skillful, resourceful and creative. Rather than employ the traditional method of lecturing, she chooses a variety of instructional techniques to ensure that students get the required competencies and skills for employment", said Ms. Ella Jones, Vice-President of Operations for Augusta Technical College, Waynesboro campus.

Before coming to Augusta Tech, Denise worked as a high school business education teacher at Jefferson County High School in Louisville, Georgia. In addition to her experience in education, she has several years of experience in private industry having held positions in purchasing and humans resources.

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Our Fall Quarter began on September 30th and I am very pleased to report another year of record enrollment for Augusta Tech. We have over 5,000 credit students this quarter. Our parking lots are overflowing with both new and returning students. I want to thank our staff in Student Services, Student Accounts and Financial Aid for the many long hours spent registering, testing, and processing financial aid. It was a challenging start to the quarter but a rewarding one as well.



Terry D. Elam, President
Augusta Technical College

The economy has helped drive students to Augusta Technical College. As the specialist in workforce development and technical education

for this area, students are realizing the importance of having a technical skill set. Having a useful skill set makes our graduates very attractive to potential employers. Our job placement rate for 2009 is 97% and we take great pride that 80% of those placements are specifically in-field placements---meaning that our graduates are working in their program of study.

Although it has been a difficult economy, we continue to forge ahead on college projects. The Columbia County Campus is now under construction. Our Associate Degree Nursing

program (ADN) has been granted approval to begin in Fall of 2010. We are developing curriculum for a Nuclear Technology Program in advance of the Vogtle 3 and Vogtle 4 reactors going up. We have been busy working to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

On another note, I am happy to welcome our new Chairwoman of Augusta Tech's Board of Directors, Mrs. Irma Riddick. She replaces Walter Dukes of Georgia Power that just rotated through his term. I want to thank Walter for his service as the Board Chairman. Walter will continue to serve as a member of the College's Board of Directors.

I also would like to recognize Augusta Tech's Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year for 2009, Ms. Denise Walker, a Business Administrative Technology Instructor from our Burke County Campus. Ms. Walker will represent the College at the annual Lighthouse Conference where a winner will be selected from all of Georgia's technical colleges. We wish Denise well in her endeavor.

As I look towards the future of Augusta Technical College, I see many good things happening for both the College and our current and future students. Come visit us and see why smart people are making smart choices at Augusta Technical College.

Sincerely,

Terry D. Elam, President



Dr. Joan Puryear Establishes College's 12th Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Joan Puryear, the retired Dean of General Education and a former trustee of the Augusta Technical College Foundation, recently established the Dr. Joan S. Puryear Scholarship Endowment. This new endowment is the Foundation's twelfth permanent scholarship endowment and will be funded over a period of five years.

Dollar General Awards \$10,070 for GED Scholarship

The Dollar General Foundation awarded over \$4.8 million dollars in grants to 327 nonprofits nationwide in its fight against illiteracy. This year, the Augusta Technical College Foundation was a recipient organization of a \$10,070 grant to be used to provide GED Test Scholarships to 106 students who have been preparing for the GED Exam. Each scholarship is \$95.00 and helps to pay the exam fee. Successful applicants that pass the GED Exam receive their high school equivalency diploma and a \$500 voucher to be used at any public college or university to continue their education.

Dollar General is a leading discount retailer with more than 8,000 neighborhood stores.

Dollar General stores provide convenience and value to customers by offering consumable basic items such as food, snacks, health and beauty aids and cleaning supplies, as well as basic apparel, house wares and seasonal items at everyday low prices. The company has a longstanding tradition of supporting literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$24.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 1 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about Dollar General, visit www.dollargeneral.com.

Foundation President's Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters:

I believe in technical education and I thought I would share with you the following information compiled by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) staff on the benefits of enrolling in a technical college:

Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Attend a Georgia Technical College

1. Georgia's Technical Colleges Train for In-Demand Jobs in Today's Workforce: Georgia's technical colleges offer more than 600 in-demand programs from which to choose at 28 colleges. Augusta Tech currently offers over 100 programs of study at three campus locations.

2. A Georgia Technical College Education Can Fast-Track You to a Career: The ability to receive your certificate, diploma, or associate degree in two years or less means students can enter the workforce in less time and with less cost but with a higher opportunity to find a job in today's competitive job market.

3. A Technical College Education Leads to a Profitable Career: Median salaries of new associate degree graduates are over \$32,000.

4. Georgia's Technical Colleges Offer Strong Career Placement: Six months after graduation, 98% of Georgia Technical College graduates are either employed or continuing education at a higher level.

5. Georgia Technical College Tuition is Among the Most Affordable in the Nation: Georgia Technical Colleges have the lowest tuition among public post-secondary institutions. TCSG students are eligible for many avenues to help pay for college including Georgia's HOPE Grant and the federal Pell Grant, which can cover most of the cost of a Georgia Technical College education.

6. A Georgia Technical College Education is Accessible: Convenient locations in communities throughout the state allow students to commute and eliminate the need for room and board, saving students thousands of dollars annually.

7. Georgia Technical Colleges Offer Flexible Class Scheduling: Adaptable class scheduling is designed for today's busy students, who balance school, work and family responsibilities. Maximum flexibility is provided through day, weekend, evening and online classes.

8. Georgia Technical College Instructors Teach Real-World Experience: Georgia's technical college instructors are expert practitioners and excellent educators who share their knowledge and real-world experience with their students. TCSG instructors go beyond the curriculum by including relevant, revealing, real-world insights and tips.

9. Georgia Technical College Students Get Hands-On Learning: TCSG students are provided with true-to-life study environments in classrooms, labs and live-work projects where hands-on experiences prepare them for their careers.

10. Georgia Technical Colleges Offer a Guaranteed Education: If a TCSG student graduates under a standard program and an employer finds that the graduate is deficient in one or more competencies as defined in the standards, the TCSG guarantees that the technical college will offer retraining at no instructional cost to the graduate or the employer.

I think you can see that technical education offers some very good benefits for all students whether you are fresh out of high school, or looking to change careers or updating skill sets. Come experience what technical education has to offer. Staff members are available to assist you in finding your niche at Augusta Technical College.

Sincerely,

Tim Maund, Foundation President

Purification Cellutions and the MeadWestvaco Foundation Support Technical Education



Purification Cellutions and the MeadWestvaco Foundation presented a \$6,000 donation to the Augusta Technical College Foundation to advance technical education. John Nichols, Plant Manager at Purification Cellutions, presented the check to President Terry Elam and Vice President of Operations in Burke County, Ella S. Jones.

Pictured left to right: President Terry Elam; John Nichols, Plant Manager, and Ms. Ella S. Jones, Vice President of Operations for Augusta Tech's Burke County Campus

Family First Campaign Raises Over \$24,000

Despite a difficult economy, faculty and staff from Augusta Technical College generously pledged and donated over \$24,000 in support of the Foundation's annual fundraising effort called Family First. Family First demonstrates to the community that our employees are committed to the advancement of technical education, our College and our students. Thank you Augusta Tech Faculty and Staff!

Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation Named Outstanding Foundation by Association of Fundraising Professionals

One of the supporters of the Augusta Technical College Foundation was named the 2009 Outstanding Foundation by the Greater Augusta Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in recognition of National Philanthropy Day. The Augusta Technical College Foundation nominated the Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation for the award in April 2009 for their support and service to the community and to Augusta Tech.

The Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation has been supportive of the Toolbox Scholarship Program which provides funds for students to purchase books, tools and supplies for their programs of study.

The award will be presented at the annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon in November recognizing all the recipients of the 2009 awards. This is the Foundation's third winner since 2003.

Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation Funds \$7,500 in Toolbox Scholarships

The Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation and their Operation Round Up Program recently provided a grant to the Augusta Technical College Foundation in support of Toolbox Scholarships. These scholarships help students with the cost of books and tools for their program of study.



Janice Richardson, Vice President of Augusta Tech, accepts a check for toolbox scholarships from Jefferson Energy's Marketing Manager, William Irwin.

Cullum Foundation Funds \$10,000 in Toolbox Scholarships

The Cullum Foundation managed by Wachovia recently provided a grant to the College in support of Toolbox Scholarships. Due to current economic conditions, more students are seeking financial assistance for books, tools

and uniforms. The Cullum Foundation generously approved a grant for \$10,000 which means a great deal to our students. Students may apply for a one time scholarship up to \$250 for assistance each financial aid year.

Toolbox Scholarships

Toolbox scholarships are provided to students that need assistance with the purchase of books and tools for their particular program of study. Toolbox scholarships range in value from \$25 to \$250 depending on need. If your business is interesting in underwriting toolbox scholarships for students, please contact the foundation office at 706.771.4023.



Jefferson Energy Donates Equipment to Electrical Construction and Maintenance Program



Ulmer Bridges of Jefferson Energy Cooperative presents Michael Hudson of Augusta Tech with a base meter for student training purposes.

Jefferson Energy recently donated a 3 phase base meter to Augusta Technical College's Electrical Construction and Maintenance Program. Presenting the donation to the program chair, Michael Hudson, was Jefferson Energy's Director of Economic Development, Ulmer Bridges.

The base meter will be used for instructional purposes. In addition, the

donation will be matched dollar for dollar by a matching grant program through the State of Georgia called TechMatch. TechMatch enables technical colleges to secure additional funds for instructional equipment purchases when companies donate usable instructional equipment to the foundation.

Wal-Mart Supports GED Scholarships



Store Manager Steve Moss presents Beverly Peltier of the Augusta Technical College Foundation a check.

The Wal-Mart in Waynesboro recently presented the Augusta Technical College Foundation with a check for \$1,000 to benefit GED Scholarships. Presenting the check to foundation director, Beverly Peltier, was store manager Steve Moss.

Ekko Smyre and Peggy Shepherd Awarded Medical Assisting Scholarship



Dr. Paul Fischer of the Center for Primary Care presents Ekko Smyre, a Medical Assisting Scholarship, while flanked by Lisa Nagle, Program Chair for Medical Assisting and President Terry Elam of Augusta Tech.

Congratulations to Ekko Smyre and Peggy Shepherd, medical assisting students from the Augusta campus. Ekko and Peggy received the Lisa Nagle Medical Assisting Scholarship presented by Dr. Paul Fischer and the Center for



Lisa Nagle, Medical Assisting Program Chair (left) and Dr. Paul Fischer, Center for Primary Care, presents Medical Assisting student, Peggy Shepherd (right) a scholarship.

Primary Care. Dr. Fischer established the endowment in honor of Lisa Nagle for her hard work and dedication to the medical assisting profession. Ekko's mother is also a graduate of the medical assisting program at Augusta Tech.

On-Line

Be sure to check out our website at www.augustatech.edu Your continued support to Augusta Technical College and the Foundation are much appreciated by the faculty, staff and students. If you would like more information about institutional advancement or the Foundation, contact Beverly Barshafsky Peltier at 706-771-4023.

Foundation Hosts Seventh Annual Retiree Brunch



Left to right Dr. Pete Crawford, Mrs. Gloria Patrick, Dr. Joan Puryear, Dr. Jim Puryear and Foundation Director, Beverly Peltier

The Augusta Technical College Foundation played host to Augusta Tech retirees in October. Each year, retirees return to campus to enjoy a delicious brunch, learn about new enhancements to the campus and socialize with old friends.

Rotary Club of Augusta Awards GED Funds



President Ernie Sizemore presents a check to Augusta Tech President Terry Elam for GED Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Augusta awarded the Augusta Technical College Foundation a check for \$1,000 in support of GED Scholarships. Presenting the check for the club was Ernie Sizemore, President, and accepting the check for the foundation was Augusta Technical College President Terry Elam.

2009 IRA Charitable Rollovers

The recent financial system bailout has provided non-profit organizations with the opportunity to utilize several "Tax Extenders" including the IRA Charitable Rollover. This rollover provides a creative way for our patrons to give to Augusta Technical College.

The IRA Charitable Rollover legislation extends the opportunity for individuals age 70 ½ and older to make direct transfers from their IRA of up to \$100,000 in 2009. These transfers can be made to the charity of choice without having to recognize the transfer as income. Additionally, any transfers that are made count toward the annual minimum required distribution each individual over 70 ½ is required to take from their retirement accounts.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who qualifies for this new program?

Any individuals who are age 70 ½ at the time of the gift are eligible to participate.

How much can I transfer?

Any amount up to \$100,000 during 2009 can be transferred.

How long is the charitable rollover option available?

This option expires on December 31, 2009.

From what accounts can I make a transfer?

All transfers must come directly from IRAs to the chosen charity, i.e., Augusta Technical College. If donors have retirement funds in a 401(k), 403(b), etc., they must first roll those funds into an IRA, and then the donor can order the IRA to transfer funds from the IRA to the charity.

What are the Federal and State Tax implications?

- **Federal:** Donors do not recognize the transfer as income, provided funds go directly from the IRA provider to the charity. It should be noted, however, that donors are not entitled to an income tax charitable deduction for this type of gift.

- **State:** Each state has different laws, so it is a good idea for donors to consult their own financial advisers. Some states have a state income tax and will include this transfer as income. Within those states, some will allow these gifts as a state income tax charitable deduction. Other states will base their state income tax on the federal income and federal tax paid, and still other states have no income tax at all.

As with all investment decisions, please consult your financial advisor.

Augusta Tech Hosts Franks 4 Fall

Student Activities held a "Franks 4 Fall" event for students at all three campuses of Augusta Tech. Students were welcomed to the college with a free lunch of hotdogs, chips and sodas. Faculty and staff volunteers grilled and served over 3,000 hotdog lunches to the student body.



The grill masters at work.



Augusta Tech students enjoying the Franks 4 Fall cookout.



Foundation Director, Beverly Peltier, serves up a Coke and a smile to students.



Julie Carter, Surehka Prasad and Denise Anderson help serve hotdogs.

Augusta Tech to be Tobacco Free

**Effective January 1, 2010,
Augusta Technical College
will become a tobacco
free campus.**

Smoking and use of tobacco products will not be permitted anywhere on the campus including all campus buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, building entrances and common areas, and in college-owned vehicles.

Planned Giving

Leaving a legacy to benefit Augusta Technical College is easier than you may think. Gifts of cash, life insurance, bequests and stocks are simple ways to support the college's foundation.

Gifts of cash are as simple as writing a check payable to the Augusta Technical College Foundation. They are the easiest gifts to make.

Life insurance policies that are no longer needed by you or your family are another way to establish a legacy. You can either donate the life insurance policy to the college or name us as your beneficiary.

Bequests in wills are another popular way to insure your last wishes are fulfilled as intended. You can leave the Augusta Tech Foundation a specified sum of money or a particular item or piece of property or you can even specify a percentage of your estate to be donated to us.

Bequest language should include the following:

I, (your legal name), of (city, state, zip), give and bequeath to the Augusta Technical College Foundation (written amount or percentage of the description of the property) for its unrestricted use and purpose.

Gifts of stock are another popular gift that can be given to the Augusta Tech Foundation. Our investment house is Stifel Nicolaus located at 633 Berckman Road and they are always willing to assist in the transfer of gifts of stock on our behalf. We encourage you to call the foundation office to make us aware of your desire to donate stock.

Please check back with the Augusta Technical College Foundation in the coming months for more information on planned giving opportunities.

**Contact: Beverly Barshafsky Peltier
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Support the Annual Fund at Augusta Technical College

By providing support to the Augusta Technical College Foundation's Annual Fund Drive, you are helping the college continue three important missions:

1. Advancing workforce development through technical education
2. Providing the opportunity for citizens in our area to become literate through the Adult Education and the English as a Second Language programs
3. Enhancing economic development through business and industry training and training opportunities provided by Georgia's Quick Start program

Donations to the annual fund made be sent to:

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3200 Augusta Tech Drive
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