

Student Services Newsletter

AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- GOAL Finalist Announced
- Student Services Uses SmartWeb for Updates
- Special Pops Offers Services to Nontraditional Students
- Monster.com—Money Skills Presentation
- Re-apply for Financial Aid
- Lending Library Continues to Grow
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ZACHARY SMITH—A TOP FIVE GOAL FINALIST

Amy Laughter,
Academic Counselor

In February 2009, Zachary Smith was selected by a panel of judges from Augusta Technical College and The Optimist Club of Augusta as the 2009 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) winner for Augusta Technical College. In April he became a state finalist and competed on May 21 in Atlanta and was honored as a top five finalist for Technical Education's student of the year.

Zachary was nominated by his Computer and Electronics Engineering instructor,



Zachary Smith (R) with nominating instructor, Surekha Prasad

Surekha Prasad, based on his academic performance, leadership skills and passion for inventing.

He began his program at Augusta Tech as a 16 year old home school and GED graduate. His age has not held him back from participating fully in the opportunities provided by Augusta Tech. Zach-

ary is an inventor and has used the theory from his classes, as well as the application in his labs to enhance his inventing skills. Ask Zachary what he enjoys about college and he is sure to mention learning and access to the school's labs for his inventions.

Those associated with the GOAL program, judges, advisors and administrators are confident that Zachary will represent Augusta Tech and the Technical College System of Georgia as a confident and eager student of technical education.

STUDENT SERVICES USES SMARTWEB FOR UPDATES

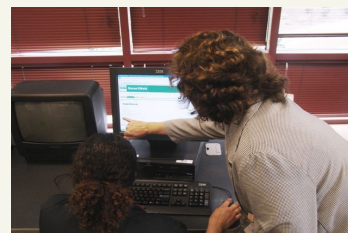
Brian Roberts, Director of Admissions

Embracing the latest technology has long been one of the hallmarks of Augusta Technical College. The college continues that tradition beginning Summer quarter with the switch to SmartWeb as the primary communication portal between Student Services and students.

SmartWeb is easily accessed from the Augusta Tech web site and will allow all students the ability to web register, check their grades, email correspondence, and gain valuable information on campus events and news. Students can access SmartWeb from any computer with internet capability. Not only will this transition prove more convenient to students but it is a significant step in

Student Services going "green." Mailed correspondence will be significantly reduced as a result of this transition.

All offices in Student Services will be on hand to assist students with this transition. It's a significant technological journey, one which the entire Augusta Tech family will be making together.



Special Populations Coordinator, Crystal Monds, shows student how to use SmartWeb

ARE YOU A NONTRADITIONAL PROGRAM STUDENT?

Crystal Monds, Special Populations Coordinator

Nontraditional Occupations (NTO's) are defined as occupations that have less than 25% of one gender employed in the workforce. If your program of study is preparing you for a career that is considered nontraditional for your gender, then that makes you a Nontraditional Program Student! That is one of the special population groups that are given extra support through the Special Populations Program in our Counseling Center.

One of the new resources we have for use by current or potential Nontraditional Program Students is a TV/VCR in the Special Populations computer lab, for viewing one or more videotapes from the series "Her Own Words." These are related to women in traditionally male occupations, and you may be interested to hear some of the accounts of other women in your field.

These tapes, which are about 15 minutes in length, include the following topics:

- WOMEN IN NONTRADITIONAL CAREERS:
AN INTRODUCTION

- WOMEN IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY
- WOMEN IN ENGINEERING
- WOMEN IN FIREFIGHTING
- WOMEN IN MACHINING
- WOMEN IN WELDING
- MATH AT WORK
- SHIFTING GEARS, CHANGING CAREERS
- WORK TALK



Regina Sanchez (L) - Automotive Technology Student with Crystal Monds, Special Populations Coordinator

If you are interested in viewing one of the tapes or want to discuss how we may be able to help you be successful as a Nontraditional Program Student, contact Crystal Monds, Special Populations Coordinator, 706-771-4070, cmonds@augustatech.edu, Building 1300, Room 244 of the Counseling Center (down the hall to the right of the Financial Aid desk).

ULTIMATE MONEY SKILLS PRESENTED BY MONSTER.COM

Amy Laughter, Academic Counselor
Wellness Committee Chair

On April 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, the Augusta Technical College Wellness Committee invited Monster.com to bring a speaker to each of the three campuses to discuss and instruct students on how to better understand their money and how it should be managed.

Money is a tool that many students take for granted, but not having money is one of the main reasons why students are not able to continue in school, some having to leave school to take on an additional job or add hours to their current job to pay for mounting bills.

Al "The Inspiration" Duncan, the charismatic motivational speaker from Monster.com, spoke to students about managing bank accounts, identity theft, credit ratings, and debt.

Mr. Duncan was able to share real examples highlighting the pitfalls that people who are not in control of their finances might encounter such as a low credit score when they are ready to purchase a home or credit ruined because documents with important personal information were not shredded before being thrown away.

If you were unable to attend the presentation, the Counseling Cen-

ter has additional material from the program for students to pick up and review.

Monster.com will return to the campuses to discuss the "Monster College Advantage" in October. This program will discuss how choices a student makes in college about grades, involvement, leadership will affect the student during his or her career search and job opportunities after graduation.



Financial Aid News—Keep the \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Flowing

The financial aid that you are receiving expires June 30, 2009. You must re-apply for the next award year (July 2009—June 2010). Packets will be available in the Financial Aid Office on the Augusta Campus and Student Services Offices on the Thomson & Waynesboro Campuses.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS OFFERS SUPPORT TO STUDENTS IN NEED

Crystal Monds, Special Populations Coordinator

The Augusta Tech Special Populations Lending Library continues to grow! This quarter over 60 students who were unable to purchase all of their textbooks were able to borrow one or more books from the Lending Library. Through the Lending Library, a limited number of textbooks are available for loan free of charge on a quarterly basis, with first consideration given to students who qualify based on the greatest financial need and the least financial aid. Preference is also given to students who are in the category of one of the Special Population groups: single parent, displaced homemaker, or nontraditional program student. An application is submitted to the Special Populations office for consideration, with an individual's eligibility determined by the amount of financial aid being received or other means of purchasing the textbooks needed.

A total of 142 textbooks are now included in the Lending Library collection, which hopefully will continue to increase each quarter. The collection will be able to grow much more quickly thanks to those who make donations of used textbooks. A number of Augusta Tech students, faculty and staff have already kindly contributed used textbooks to the Lending Library, and the students who have benefitted from the thoughtfulness of these donors have been very grateful for this much-needed assistance. The high cost of



Kimberly Hale (L) receives assistance in the Lending Library from Crystal Monds

textbooks is sometimes a major factor in whether a student can afford to remain enrolled in a class or even to stay in school at all. Please consider donating any used textbooks that you no longer need.

The Special Populations computer lab is available for study, completion of homework, or use of software, which includes Keyboarding Pro Deluxe, Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing, CareerScope interest and aptitude assessment, and WinWay Résumé Deluxe. Recently we acquired keyboard covers for use in the lab by those who need to evaluate or improve their keyboarding skills, especially to practice and prepare to meet the requirements of BUS1130.

Pamphlets, booklets, and other materials are available to inform students on a range of issues, including parenting skills, stress management, assertiveness, domestic violence intervention,

money management, nontraditional occupations, and reading skills. Most of these materials are displayed in the computer lab, free for students to take, and some such as DVD's and self-help books are available to borrow from the Special Populations Office. The Special Populations Coordinator is also available to discuss these issues of concern as they relate to your individual situation, and to refer you to agencies and organizations in our community that may be helpful.

If you are interested in borrowing or donating textbooks to the Lending Library, using the computer lab, making use of some of the other resource materials, or discussing an issue of concern to you, see the Coordinator of Special Populations, Crystal Monds, whose office is located in the Counseling Center of Building 1300, to the right of the Financial Aid desk. For more information call 706-771-4070 or email cmonds@augustatech.edu.



Crystal Monds (R) shows Arlene Noble how to use typing software in the Lab

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS...YOU ARE THE ICING ON THE CAKE!

Julie Langham, Enrollment Manager/ Thomson Campus

The Thomson/McDuffie Campus Administrative Professional staff attended the 21st Annual Thomson/McDuffie Chamber of Commerce Administrative Professionals luncheon on April 22, 2009 at the First Methodist Church.

George Lightfoot, Jeanette Lowe, Kim McCord and Liz Williams attended the luncheon where the Administrative Professional of the Year for McDuffie County was announced. In addition to lunch, these employees enjoyed the musical talents of Kyung Kim, the Director of Music at the First United Methodist Church.

Door prizes and individual cakes were given out to celebrate these Administrative Professionals.

Thank you George, Jeanette, Liz and Kim for all you do! You are truly the icing on the cake!



Thomson Campus Administrative Professionals (L-R) Kim McCord, Liz Williams, Jeanette Lowe & George Lightfoot

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 1st
Current Student
Registration Begins

June 11th
Career Fair
9am-12Noon

June 12th
Quarter Ends
Last Day to
Drop Classes

June 15th-17th
Final Exams

June 17th
Graduation-7pm
James Brown Arena

June 25th
SmartWeb
Registration Ends

June 26th
Online Payment Ends

July 3rd
College Closed

July 2nd & 6th
Drop/Add

July 7th
Classes Begin

July 9th
Deadline for
Schedule Changes

August 10th
Midterm

September 7th
Labor Day
College Closed

September 15th
Quarter Ends
Last Day to Drop Classes

September 16th-18th
Final Exams

THE "GAMES" - AUGUSTA TECH STYLE

George Lightfoot, Student & Administrative Services Liaison/Thomson Campus

A large and energetic assembly of Augusta Technical College students, faculty, and staff made the pilgrimage to Diamond Lakes Park for an event now known as the "Games of Augusta Tech."

Cloudy skies and threatening conditions did not dampen the spirits of early arrivals present for the National Anthem and welcome address by President Terry Elam.

Opening ceremonies were followed by an array of competitive activities ranging from physical activities such as Tug-O-War, 50 and 100 yard dashes, and Two Mile Run. Brain games such as chess and checkers were held under the watchful eye of faculty member Freddie Welcher. Other events featuring keen competition continued throughout the morning resulting in laughs and thrills for everyone, especially the participants. Student of the Year (G.O.A.L. Winner) Zachary Smith had a stellar

performance finishing second in the Two Mile Run, winning the Limbo contest, and serving as a crew member on the Paper Boat "Chaos."

The Paper Boat Race was once again the grand finale. Many unique crafts attempted to start and finish the course, but several were not sea worthy. Crossing the finish line and winning the top three positions were first place winner Machine Tool Technology and second and third place winners Industrial Maintenance. Boat Race judges Jay Jefferies and Liz Hill from WAGT-Channel 26 selected Engineering Technology's "U.S.S. Bonfire" as "Best Design" and Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology's "Chaos" as the "Most Creative."

Another highlight of our special day were tunes provided by "Soundwave" DJs Micky Hopkins and Gary Harden. This faithful duo has been furnishing our musical entertainment for over a decade.

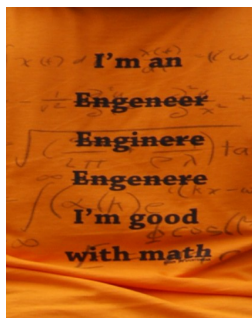
Thanks to all who helped to make the 2009 Games of Augusta Tech a quality experience for everyone!



Zachary Smith carries "Chaos" to the Lakes to compete in the Boat Race



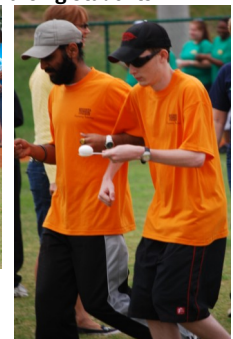
Thomson Campus Nursing Students



1st Place Winner in the T-Shirt Design Contest



GOAT Participants enjoy the tricycle, two-legged, and egg-in-spoon races



GRADUATION NEWS

Augusta Technical College's Commencement Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the James Brown Arena.

Graduates can access the Graduation Newsletter on the college's website www.augustatech.edu for more information.

Congratulations Graduates!!

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Smart People



Smart Choices



Current Student Registration Begins June 1st!!!!

1. Current Students see your advisor and find out what classes you need
2. Web Register using Smartweb
-Available June 1st
-Closing June 25th
3. Pay all outstanding tuition and fees
-Example: \$35.00 Instructional and Technology Fee

Remember, ALL fees must be paid prior to the first day of the quarter or your schedule will be dropped.

This includes the \$35.00 Instructional and Technology Fee.

Career Fair for Students & Graduates

Thursday, June 11, 2009
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Student Services Building (1300)

Come with your résumé and dress for success!

