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# President's Message



## Our Mission:

Columbus Technical College (CTC), a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), is a public college that provides workforce development and supports student success by offering associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates; customized training; and adult education opportunities throughout the six-county region of Chattahoochee Valley.

## Dear Friends and Supporters of Columbus Tech,

At Columbus Tech, our promise to the community is workforce development. We fulfill that promise by providing our students the education and training they need to get a job, build a career, support a family, become financially independent, and contribute to the communities in which they live. Our team is continuously grateful for the opportunities we have to support and serve students, and we are always grateful for the ongoing support the college has from the communities we serve. We are especially grateful for the chance each day to do work that makes a difference – to the individuals in our classes and training sessions, to the business and industry partners for whom they work, to the families they love and for which they provide support, and to the communities where they live and work.

As you review the photographs and highlights from the past year that are shared in the following pages, you will see examples of that difference-making in the college's work and its students' successes. You will most certainly see evidence of Columbus Tech's positive impact in its six-county service area.

Columbus Tech students are accomplishing great things! Columbus Tech celebrated 964 graduates in Academic Year 2022. Together those graduates earned 2,020 credentials (technical certificates of credit, diplomas, and associate degrees). With Columbus Tech's 98.7% job placement rate, those credentials position the 2022 graduates to increase their annual earnings by 7.5 million dollars over what they would have earned with a high school diploma alone, dollars that will support families in our community and be reinvested in our community. Making that kind of difference is exactly why the Columbus Tech team does what we do, and, we believe, it is the reason the community and college donors, support CTC in the ways you do.

Throughout 2022 and looking forward to 2023, Columbus Tech has been and continues to be optimistic about the future of the college and the students and communities we serve. With a new culinary facility under construction, plans in development for a CDL training facility and VECTR Workforce Development Center in South Columbus, new partnerships being built, and a new Advanced Manufacturing/Mechatronics/Engineering facility on the horizon, there is much about which to be excited! As you look toward the future with CTC, we hope you share our optimism and continue to see value in the work done at Columbus Tech. Your ongoing support is deeply valued and sincerely appreciated.

*Martha Ann Spald*  
PRESIDENT



# Highlights of 2022!



**Shelley Le**

2022 Goal Student of the Year



**Natasha Snider**

2022 Rick Perkins/Tim Justice Award



**Gypsi Alexander**

2022 Support Services Employee of the Year



**Frances Edwards**

2022 Adult Ed Teacher of the Year





## National



### **Federal grant awarded to Columbus Tech**

Students at Columbus Technical College (CTC) benefited this year from grant funding totaling over \$1.2M through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). These grant funds were used to help provide a safe campus learning environment; provide wrap-around services to address life challenges – such as food insecurity or lack of Internet access; provide textbook vouchers, and support students in both graduating with little to no student debt and entering the workforce in a career that will allow them to be economically self-sufficient.

## State

### **Chattahoochee County students to benefit from CNA/Geriatrics Healthcare Workforce Pilot**

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) chose the partnership between Columbus Technical College (CTC) and Chattahoochee Valley Academy (CVA) in conjunction with Magnolia Manor of Marion County in Buena Vista, GA, as one of only 10 pilot programs statewide. The award funding will offset the tuition costs of the Technical College Nurse Aide program and pay for each participant's CNA exam costs.



## Local

### **Columbus Tech recognized during National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week**

The Mayor's proclamation identified CTC's commitment to both students and the community at large and highlighted valuable relationships with local EMS departments, hospitals, healthcare facilities, and the community. The program was also praised for providing students with a practical application-driven learning experience through innovation, best practices, and real-life educational experiences. CTC was honored for 'rising to the challenge' by providing state-of-the-art equipment and facilities that evoke true to life and authentic experiences for candidates matriculating through medical programs.



# Honoring our stories

## Meet Fort Benning Graduate, Kya Brown-Horne!

Congratulations to our Fort Benning Graduate Kya Brown-Horne! She graduated in 2022 through a military friendly partnership between CTC and Fort Benning. She obtained certification in the Early College Essentials program of study.

When asked about her reason for choosing to attend Columbus Tech, she shared, "My main motivation for pursuing a college degree is a desire to learn more and better myself in order to be successful in life."

We wish her the best in her future military and educational career endeavors.



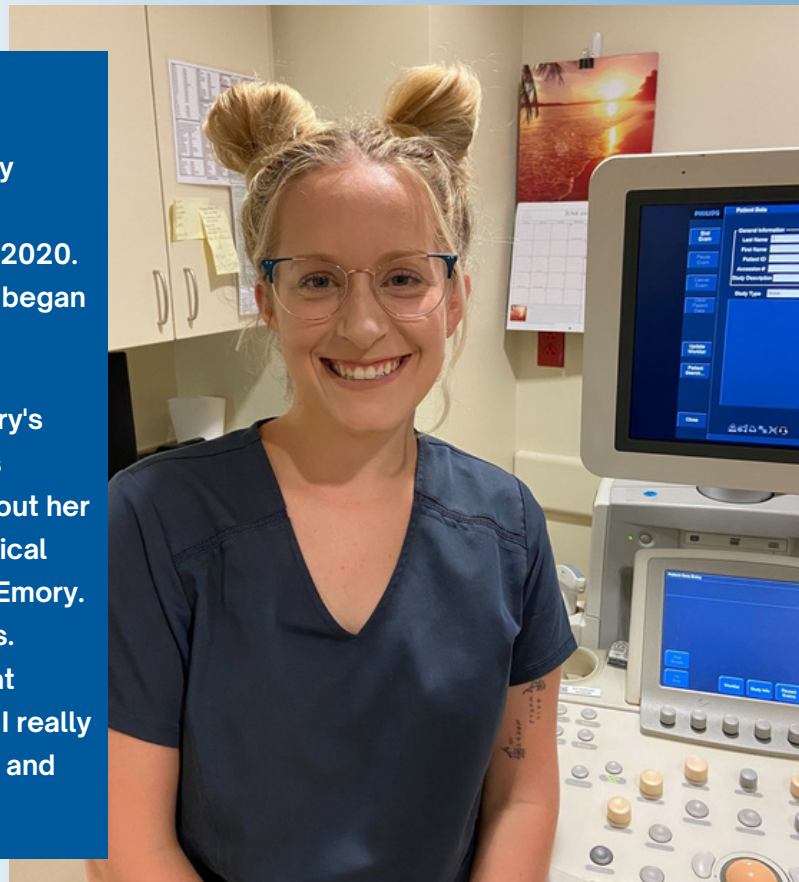
FORT BENNING GRADUATION



## Meet CTC Alumni, Annie Goodwin!

She graduated from CTC's Diagnostic Medical Sonography program in May 2021. She moved from the Atlanta area to Columbus after being accepted in the program January of 2020. Less than one month after completing the program, Annie began working for Emory Healthcare of Atlanta.

This year, Annie was nominated by her supervisor for Emory's Radiology "Staff Member of the Quarter" and received this designation in April. The former student had this to say about her time at CTC, "The ultrasound program at Columbus Technical College prepared me to have a very successful career at Emory. Every day I get to do what I love and show others kindness. Helping people always feels great and I am so grateful that Columbus Tech gave me the opportunity to do something I really enjoy." Kudos to Annie on both successful job placement and award-winning performance in her new role.





# Honoring our stories



## Meet Victoria Quillen and Mildred Williams

Congratulations to this year's Inductees of the Lambda Epsilon Chi #LEX National Paralegal Honor Society!

Victoria Quillen and Mildred Williams (pictured), as well as Caroline Gariss and Samantha Rollier (not pictured), are applauded for their great achievements in Paralegal Studies. Internal and external partners are proud to see how Columbus Tech students continue to #THRIVE and expand their careers in this program of study.

## Years of Service

### Retirement of Mary Alexander

Family, friends, and colleagues came together on June 30th to celebrate with Mary Alexander as she officially retired after 42 years at CTC! Mary began at Columbus Tech in 1979 and has served the college in many different roles - always with the same commitment, dedication, and cheerful attitude.

### 50 years with Dennis McCollum

We celebrate 50 years of commitment and dedicated service of Dennis McCollum! Dennis started his journey with Columbus Tech on September 27th, 1972. We are grateful to have him still in our midst then and now!







The CTC leadership team hosted key community partners, board members, and trustees to formally charge the construction team with the renovation project designed to create a state-of-the-art culinary experience for students. When finished, the facility will include a formal teaching kitchen, a baking kitchen, a demonstration classroom, and a café. President Martha Ann Todd welcomed guests and gave the official demolition charge. Tracy Sayers and Cassie Myers from Pezold Management Group were on hand to give remarks, along with Robert (Bob) Jones, who is a former CTC President and the project visionary.

## 2022 Partnerships

On August 1st, the CTC leadership team celebrated a Ribbon Cutting and Open House of Enrichment Services Program, Inc.'s new Child Development Center located here at Columbus Tech!

Columbus Tech is excited about this partnership with Enrichment Services Programs, the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), and Bright From the Start, which is making this opportunity possible for our community!

Thanks to Mayor Skip Henderson, Muscogee County Superintendent Dr. David Lewis, and Rep. Sanford Bishop's Chief of Staff Kenneth Cutts, and District 140 State Representative Teddy Reese for supporting CTC at this event.







# EMPOWER YOUR PATHWAY



Columbus Technical College, in its ongoing work as a military-friendly institution, has quite a robust relationship with the Fort Benning military community. Through an ongoing partnership, CTC is able to provide courses on base and online that help military personnel and dependents hone their skills and achieve additional certifications. In 2022, funding was made available through the Defense Community Grant. The grant was offered during the summer semester to cover any out-of-pocket expenses for active-duty service members and their spouses. Career Coaching was also provided for this demographic through the CTC Economic Development division.

## 2022 Partnerships

Columbus Tech's Adult Education Program annually works with the Fort Benning WHINSEC (Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) soldiers and their families to provide an ESL (English as a Second Language) course and celebrates successful completion each May. CTC has formed a strong relationship with WHINSEC over the years, and this celebration provides an example of the importance of community partnerships. During their time with CTC, these students participate in ESL classes and enjoy cultural events such as a cooking competition featuring dishes from their home countries and field trips to the Columbus Museum and Library, helping to immerse them into the local community.







Columbus Tech (CTC) and Columbus State University (CSU) signed an official agreement in 2022 providing CTC students, staff and their families membership access to CSU's Student Recreation Center, as well as opportunities to participate in CSU's Intramural Sports programs.

Leaders at both institutions have long supported ways to cooperatively enhance educational opportunities for students. This co-op now places student health and wellness front and center and makes it a priority measure for all involved.

On April 20, leaders from Columbus Tech and Mercer University signed an articulation agreement outlining a clear path for eligible CTC associate degree students to obtain a bachelor's degree at Mercer.

Under this agreement continuing education pathways available to CTC graduates were greatly enhanced and the road to success became easier.

## CTC GETS ACTIVE



COLUMBUS TECH CARES ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS!

# 2022 Partnerships



On July 28th, the CTC Carpentry team and students placed the finishing touches on the tables located at Fetch Dog Park Columbus! CTC is always excited to support our community and help showcase the talents of CTC students and how amazing our city is!



CTC appreciates its apprenticeship partnership with and the ongoing commitment of McCauley Propeller. This opportunity creates a great pathway for CTC students with high placement rates, and it ensures great team members for McCauley.





Columbus Technical College is working to develop a commercial truck driving training facility in south Columbus at 2339 Fort Benning Road, near the entrance of the base, and planning for the VECTR (Veterans Education Career Transition Resource) Workforce Development Center at the same location. The VECTR Center will include multiple labs and flexible classroom space including adult education programs and entry level health programs. It will provide accelerated training opportunities in high demand career fields tailored to the workforce needs in the Chattahoochee Valley. The VECTR Center will serve all while targeting enlisted soldiers, veterans, military dependents, and residents of the economic opportunity zones in the south Columbus area. The location is ideal for current and exiting military members to enhance their employable skills and credentials, for military spouses to earn transferable credentials while stationed in Columbus, and for easy access by community residents.

## 2022 Partnerships

Columbus Tech already has strong partnerships with Fort Benning to serve enlisted individuals pursuing promotion with education. Credit-based programs on the base include welding, utilizing a state-of-the-art mobile welding lab. Approval has also been granted for CTC to provide future semesters of Automotive Technology certificate programs, Paralegal Fundamentals, Medical Coding, Health Care Professional, Welding, and Early Childhood courses.





# By the Numbers

## 2022 Academic Year Enrollment Statistics



### Summary

**4,230**  
College Students

**660**  
Adult Education

**1,126**  
Customized Training

**463**  
Dual Enrollment

**2,916**  
Continuing Education

**473**  
Military Connected  
Students

**98.7%**  
Overall Placement

**91%**  
In-field Placement



### Financial Aid

**3,105**  
Total Students

**1,387**  
Hope Scholarship

**2,257**  
Pell Grant

**16**  
Workforce Investment  
Act

**620**  
Hope Career Grant

**27**  
Local Scholarship

**316**  
Veterans  
Administration

**631**  
Other Financial Aid

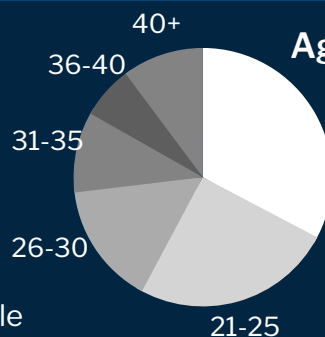


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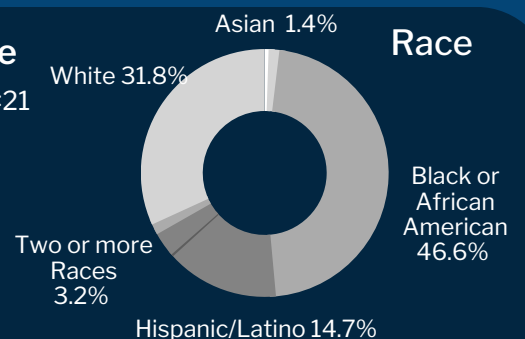
#### Gender

71.6% Female | 28.4% Male

#### Age



#### Race



### Graduates

**964**  
Total Graduates

**201**  
Diploma

**64**  
High School  
Equivalencies

**486**  
Associate Degree

**1,333**  
Technical Certificate  
of Credit

**2,020**  
Total Award

**75**

The number of companies taking  
advantage of Economic  
Development program is up by 71%

**660**

The number of students taking  
advantage of Adult Education  
opportunities is up by 23%



### Revenue & Expenditures

**11,649,151.86**  
State Appropriations

**10,547,206.08**  
Federal Emergency

**21,361,265.28**  
Operating

**40,929,683.84**  
Total Revenue

**1,899,499.23**  
Federal Funds

**16,833,826.67**  
Other Funds (Local)

**19,568,418.56**  
Personnel Services

**40,929,683.84**  
Total Expenditures



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## 2022 CTC FOUNDATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT

The Columbus Technical College Foundation, Inc. has been able to provide students, faculty, and staff with scholarships, stipends, and/or emergency funds, as well as educational benefits. None of this would be possible without the overwhelming generosity of our donors. CTC is grateful to all of our supporters for making our success stories possible!

A total of 444 students received assistance from the CTC foundation through the Student Success Fund, the student assistance program, the Last Mile Fund, and merit-based scholarships.

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|--------------------|----------|
| Total Scholarships | \$60,800 |
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| Student Success Fund | \$90,000 |
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| Student Assistance | \$10,239 |
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|---------------------------|----------|
| Faculty/Staff Development | \$20,277 |
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| CTC Family Scholarship | \$5,363 |
|------------------------|---------|

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| Goodwill Gap Fund | \$10,000 |
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| Last Mile Fund | \$8,230 |
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|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Total Students Assisted | 444 |
|-------------------------|-----|

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