

COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COLLEGE



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VISION STATEMENT

Columbus Technical College will be the regional college of choice, serving as the catalyst for building vibrant communities, improving economic well-being, and providing hope and opportunity.

MISSION STATEMENT

Columbus Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a two year public college which offers programs and services that support student and community success through the attainment of associate degrees, diplomas, technical certificates of credit, customized training, continuing, and adult education. The College supports the economic empowerment of its six county region by focusing on teaching and learning and developing a globally competitive workforce. We provide traditional, distance learning, and training experiences for career development and transfer. (TCSG SB 2-14)

VALUES

Integrity. Respect. Philanthropy/Stewardship. Teamwork. Passion for Learning. Quality.

COLLEGE ACCREDITATION

Columbus Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the Associate Degree, Diploma, and Technical Certificates of Credit. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Columbus Technical College.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Columbus Technical College has 13 academic programs that participate in programmatic accreditations. Visit www.columbus-tech.edu to learn more.

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President
Lorette M. Hoover

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

What an amazing year at Columbus Technical College! Our school has been named the #4 Top Community College in Georgia by WalletHub®, The 7th Most Affordable Online College in Georgia by Affordable Colleges Online®, and we have earned recognition as a Military Friendly School for the fourth consecutive year. Thanks to their hard work supporting our College and the countless efforts in being cheerleaders on our behalf, our Local Board has been named a 100% Certified Board for the 10th consecutive year while our Foundation Trustees have earned the distinction of a Role Model Board.

Columbus Technical College is a giving micro-community. We strongly believe in helping our neighbors and, in turn, they help us grow and prosper. Faculty, staff, and students volunteered more than 15,000 hours for non-profit sponsored events like the Collegiate challenge Habitat Build, United Way Fundraiser, and the Literacy Alliance’s Trivia Bee. While on campus, our college hosted important presentations on Black History Month, various job and recruiting fairs, and a Women’s Panel Discussion. There are also plenty of just-for-fun festivities like our Back 2 School BASH, Trunk or Treat, and Graduation Gala.

Columbus Technical College proudly boasts an affordable, quality-driven education. Over the last year,

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we have added and/or enhanced several programs of study including Culinary Arts, Barbering, Business Technology, and Paramedicine. We are fortunate to have top-notch Program Advisory Committees. More than 250 employers volunteer their service as subject matter experts connecting job expectations in soft skills, technical skills, academics, and knowledge with the certificate, diploma, and degree programs. Our students are taught by the best industry professionals around while getting access to free support and tutorial services in our specialized computer, math, science, and writing labs.

In the pages that follow, we will present you with visual evidence of our past year and share important data showcasing how Columbus Technical College helps its students every day...all while being a responsible steward of the state’s money and the top workforce education source for southwest Georgia.

Thanks for your support of Columbus Technical College.

Very Sincerely,

Lorette Hoover

Lorette M. Hoover
President



#4 Top Community College



#7 Most Affordable Online College



Named Military-Friendly College 4th Straight Year



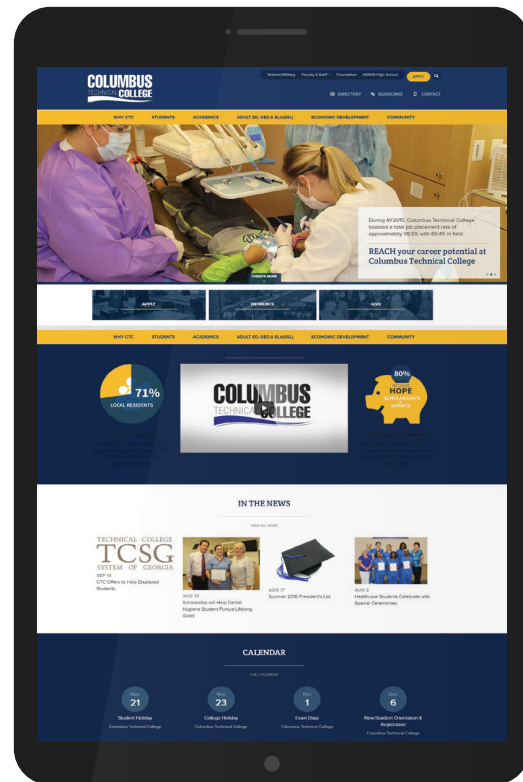
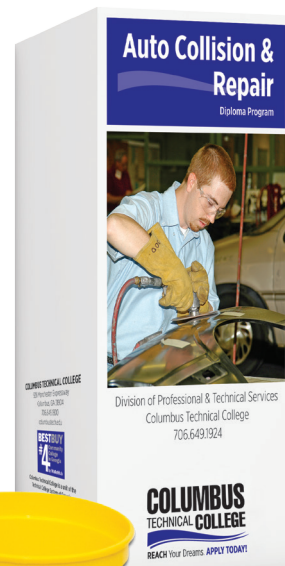
#4 Nursing Program in Georgia

OUR NEW LOOK!

Columbus Technical College felt that in an effort to embrace the one constant in our lives –change- it was time to step it up a notch.

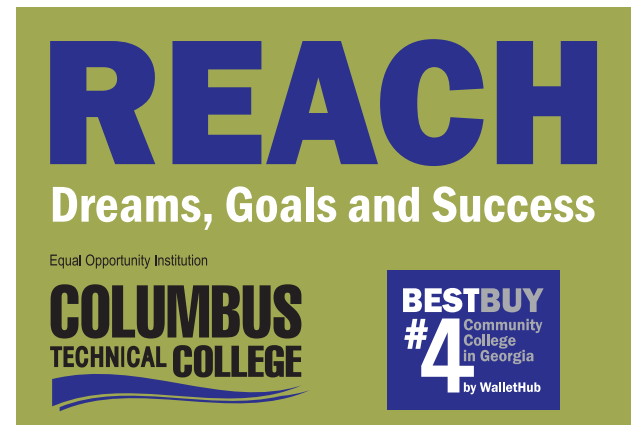
The waves at the bottom of the new logo pay homage to the mighty Chattahoochee River and its tributaries which extend and connect us to our six-county service area. You'll also see the word "COLLEGE" is very prominent. That is because

**COLUMBUS
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**



Columbus Technical College is no longer the Vo-Tech or Trade School of years gone by. It is a college in the truest sense of the word.

This design is the cornerstone of Columbus Technical College's fresh identity which includes signage, stationary, advertising and recruiting elements, and a completely rebuilt and user-friendly website. Visit columbustech.edu and see for yourself!



NEW PROGRAMS

The mission of Columbus Technical College means continuously striving to meet the workforce needs of our community. Through input from business professionals and partners, civic organizations, and evolving trends in industry, we are constantly evaluating and updating our academic programs of study. Research has led the way for the College to add several programs over the last year which will help our students find satisfying careers while enhancing our area's tax base and labor force.

We have added several programs of study including Barbering, Business Technology (Administrative Assistant), Culinary Arts, Engineering Technology, and Paramedicine. Employers tell us in the future they'd like to see the College offer Aviation Maintenance, Funeral Service Education, Physical Therapy Assisting, and Mechatronics. If you see a workforce need and Columbus Technical College can help fulfill it, please feel free to contact us at 706-649-1837.



(above) Culinary Arts student Shalita Hartwell sautés steak au poivre (left) Vernita Harris addresses her Business Technology class (below l to r) Instructor Charlotte Bush directs EMT students Brian Price, Brandon Warrick, and Rosemond D'Haiti.



Trekwon Johnson practices his new barbering skills on fellow student Korre Summers.



AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Georgia's Move on When Ready (MOWR) law is an incredible opportunity for the state's high school students. That's because MOWR allows these young people to earn free college credit while they're still enjoying their high school experience. Over the last year, Columbus Technical College served 1,139 MOWR students and more than 2,800 free college courses were earned. Many students get a head start on careers while others may be able to complete their full freshman and even sophomore years of college while still in high school.



College debt is a serious problem in today's society. Tens of thousands of college graduates in America not only find themselves without a job after graduation but often have a debt well into the five, sometimes six-figure range. There is a better way.

Between affordable tuition (\$89 per credit hour), the HOPE Scholarship and Grant, Pell, Veteran's Assistance, Georgia's Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG), the Move on When Ready (MOWR) law, the Go Back Move Ahead initiative, and more, Columbus Technical College is the smartest choice. SIWDG provides free tuition for enrollment in certain programs while MOWR provides high school students free college courses, programs, and even books!

A full time student will pay only \$2,704 in tuition and fees per year. If that student earns the HOPE Scholarship or Grant, 75% of his or her tuition (\$1,608) will be covered, leaving balance due of only \$1,096. If a student receives the Pell Grant, the maximum support for that year would be \$3,876.

Plus your education at Columbus Technical College is guaranteed for two years after graduation. *"If one of our graduates educated under a standard program and his/her employer finds that the graduate is deficient in one or more competencies as defined in the standards, the technical college will retrain the employee at no instructional cost to the employee or the employer."* - TCSG

So if you're ready to go to college, earn college credit while in high school, or go back to finish what you started years ago, Columbus Technical College is here to help.



OUR WINNERS

Each year Columbus Technical College recognizes the best of the best for the adult education student of the year, college student of the year, and instructor of the year.

The 2016 GOAL (Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership) student for Columbus Technical College was 50-year-old respiratory care technology student, father of two, and Army veteran Donald Thrasher. Thrasher holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Mercer University and hopes to pursue his Master's degree in either healthcare or public administration. At the state competition, Donald was named in the Top nine from all technical colleges!

The 2016 Rick Perkins/Tim Justice Instructor of the Year was Early Childhood Education instructor Dr. Tara Scott. Dr. Scott also competed at the statewide level this spring.

The 2016 EAGLE (Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education) winner for Columbus Technical College is mother of two, Lacie Spencer. Lacie placed in the Top 8 statewide for the EAGLE competition. She completed her GED program and has kept the momentum going by enrolling at Columbus Technical College, taking registered nursing (RN) core classes. Spencer wants to eventually transfer to Columbus State University for a bachelor's degree.

Congratulations to all our winners!



(above l to r) **EAGLE** winner Lacie Spencer with Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and TCSG Commissioner Gretchen Corbin. **GOAL** and Rick Perkins winners Donald Thrasher and Dr. Tara Scott each pose with the Commissioner.

(below l to r) **Dr. Scott** addresses the crowd at graduation. Lacie and Donald accept student scholarships from VP of Student Affairs Dr. Tara Askew and Asst. Dir. of Admissions & Recruitment Ken Lockhart. Donald with his nominating instructor Matt Dennis and President Lorette M. Hoover.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

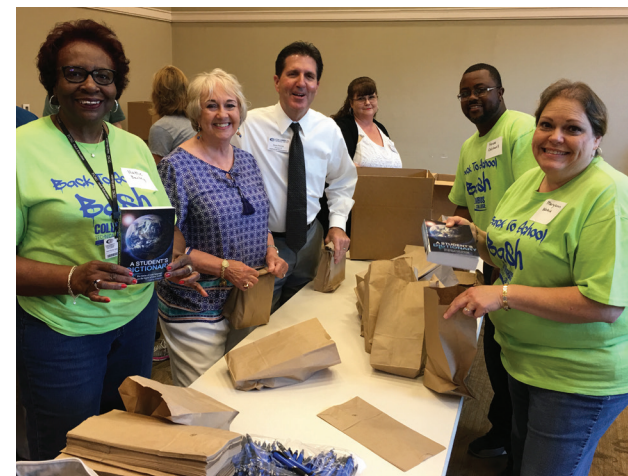
A college is more than a place to get an education. It's an environment where, ideally, one can grow as a person and learn to appreciate what life has to offer. That's why Columbus Technical College places such a large emphasis on the values of Philanthropy and Stewardship. By giving back to our community, we get so much in return. Thank you to those who donate their time, talents, and hearts to make our College a warm and generous place to grow.

Some of the organizations served by our College family

include: American Cancer Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, B.R.I.D.G.E. (Building Responsible Individuals through Discipline, Guidance and Education), Georgia Film Academy, Girls Inc., Goodwill Industries, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, Literacy Alliance, March of Dimes, National Infantry Museum, Pasaquan, Salvation Army, Springer Opera House, Tri-Community Directors of Volunteer Services, United Way & United Way Women's Leadership Council, Valley Interfaith Promise's Bed Race, and many more.



(clockwise from top left) VP of Operations Tommy Wilson gets dunked at the United Way fundraiser. VPs of Administrative Services and Institutional Effectiveness, Karen Thomas and Monique Baucham, ring in the holiday spirit for the Salvation Army. SSG Rosemond Dhaiti (EMT Student) participated in our annual Veterans Day celebration. Kids from all over came to the annual Back 2 School BASH where they got free school supplies, had fun, and learned about hands-on education and job opportunities through the College.



(top row, l to r) Rebekah Kreyling, Alicia Anderson, and Melody Thomas show off their costumes at the annual Literacy Alliance Trivia Bee. Students, faculty, and staff take part in the Collegiate Challenge home build for Habitat for Humanity. (second row, l to r) Members of the Phi Beta Lambda student organization prepare and serve food at the Salvation Army. Kids of all ages had a blast at our annual Trunk or Treat. (third row, l to r) Columbus Technical College volunteers pack up dictionaries to give to 3rd graders as part of our partnership with the Literacy Alliance (bottom row, l to r) Economic Development's Deana Beauford surprises Career Connect student Jaheem Jordan with a brand new art kit. Welding students helped build a set for the Springer Opera House.



ADULT ED/ESL

Adult Education at Columbus Technical College is making amazing strides. Over the last year, services were provided to more than 1,300 students in our region. To make these life-changing opportunities even more accessible, an additional 19 locations have been opened in our six-county service area providing GED, ESL, Adult Basic Education (ASE), and other services. Dozens of area organizations have welcomed Adult Education with open arms by providing space for our instructors to come and teach classes. Thank you all so much and we are proud to call you partners in this important mission.

Student Achievement

(upon exiting the program)

92%

Obtained GED (ASE)

56%

Enrolled in College or submitted applications for Spring

30%

Entered Enrollment

26%

Retained Employment

THANK YOU TO OUR NON-PROFIT PARTNERS!

Fox Elementary
Goodwill Career Center
Open Door Community House
Harris County Educational Opportunity
Georgetown Learning Center
B.R.I.D.G.E.
Literacy Alliance
St. James AME Church
Mildred Terry Library
South Columbus Library
Chattahoochee County Board of Education
David H. Aldridge Community Center
Elizabeth Canty Housing Authority
Parks Memorial Library
Talbot County Schools Library
North Columbus Library



Columbus City Councilman Walker Garrett (second from left) is presented with a certificate recognizing a GED scholarship in his name. Also pictured (l to r) are: Dir. of Institutional Advancement David Fletcher, Dir. of CLCP Barbara Moushon, Foundation Board Chair Cedric Hill, Dir. of Adult Education April Hopson, and President Lorette M. Hoover.



Adult Education faculty and staff help distribute school supplies at the Harris County Community Center.



Christopher Hayes (above) and Cifton Mitchell (below) received their GEDs at graduation.



(below left) Columbus Technical College representatives accept a donation for GED testing from Flint Energies. (below right) ESL students and family members embrace their heritage at their International Day event.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development division at Columbus Technical College provides customized training for area businesses, community education courses, driver's education classes, tax retraining credit services, leadership training, and more. The Economic Development division is a certified testing center for the American Heart Association. We also proctor tests and offer courses in CPR/First Aid, ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), BLS (Basic Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), PEARS (Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization), and Heartsaver®.

For the fourth consecutive year, Site Selection magazine has named Georgia the #1 State in which to do business

and living up to that expectation is something Economic Development and the Technical College System of Georgia take very seriously. Between partnerships with the State of Georgia, the Quick Start® training program, and industry professionals, we stand ready to support and serve our industries by providing the best in continuous workforce training and development.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING **264** COMPANIES
40,000 HOURS **4,777** EMPLOYEES/ STUDENTS

The Columbus Technical College had a big contingency at this year's Manufacturers Appreciation Week luncheon. More than a dozen supporters came to the event including representatives from our Board, the Foundation, the Columbus Chamber, Georgia Dept. of Labor and even the Labor Commissioner himself, Mark Butler (front row, third from right).



- ▶ Saved \$1.5 Million for 31 companies through the GA Retraining Tax Credit program.
- ▶ Nearly 300 high school students from our service area earned their driver's license certification for FREE thanks to a new Driver's Education initiative in Georgia.
- ▶ Economic Development coordinated, and conducted a community Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis for Chattahoochee County in support of their pursuit of a College & Career Academy.
- ▶ The Career Connect course was offered to 850 ninth grade students in Harris, Muscogee, Stewart, Chattahoochee, and Quitman counties. This program helps strengthen the basic literacy/numeracy skills, financial literacy skills, work ethics and other employability skills, and provides career exploration for participating ninth graders as they make the transition into high school. Career Connect was named a "best practice" by the Technology Association of Georgia.



(above) Georgia Labor Commissioner Mark Butler addresses a workforce development forum at Columbus Technical College. (below) Celebrating Manufacturers Appreciation Week 2016 with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and our regional Manufacturers of the Year. Pictured left to right - David Gill, Sue Hall, and Brian Burr (Kodak); Tom Bode and Keith Bagley (Pratt & Whitney); David Edwards (Oneda); and Victor Morales of Pratt & Whitney.



(above) 2016 State MAW artwork winner, Harris County High School's Cody Moore. (right) The first class of Driver's Ed students show off their certificates of completion.



OUR SUCCESSES

Student success is at the center of all we do at Columbus Technical College. The primary goal of each department is to have knowledgeable, well-trained representatives that offer an exceptional experience to our students from application to graduation and beyond to their chosen career and beyond.



Columbus Technical College wants every student who enters the College to leave with a workforce ready credential. To achieve

this goal, academic programs and advisors work together to ensure all students are set up for a successful future in the profession of their choosing.

Columbus Technical College provides personal attention and makes an investment in the success of each student.

Some of our student success initiatives include:

- ◀ Math, Writing, Science, and Computer Support Labs
- ◀ Mentoring programs
- ◀ Expert Advising
- ◀ Special Events
- ◀ Student Organizations



2016 NUMBERS

2016 Students Served

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| 5,231 | College Students |
| 1,315 | Adult Education/GED/ESL |
| 4,777 | Customized Training for Business & Industry |
| 391 | Continuing Education |
| 1139 | High School Students |

12,853

Graduates

962

Awards Conferred

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| 469 | Associate Degrees |
| 190 | Diplomas |
| 861 | Technical Certificates of Credit |

1,520

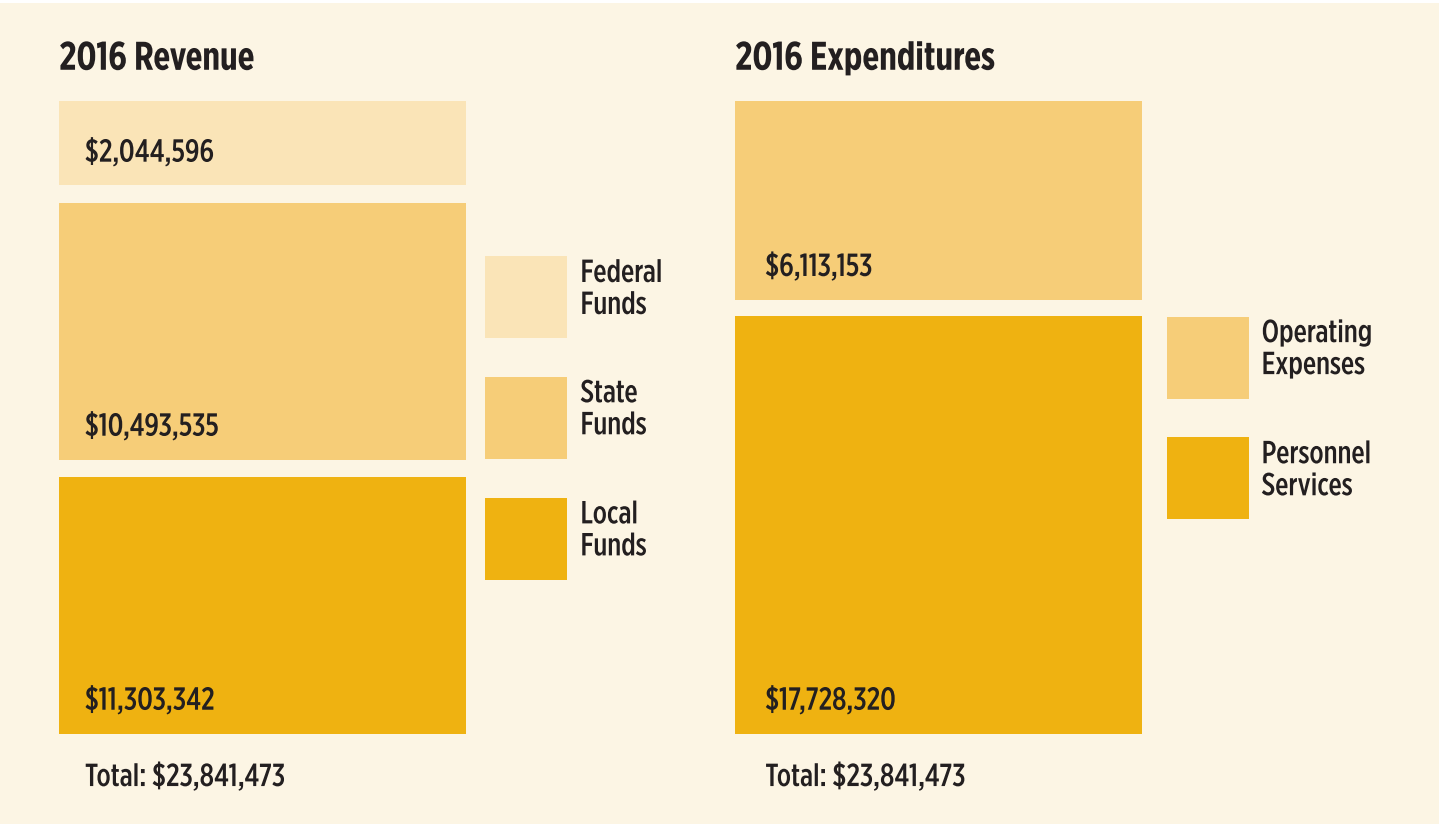
Enrollment by Financial Aid

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| 2,663 | Pell |
| 2,040 | HOPE Scholarship and Grant |
| 1,300 | VA |
| 33 | Local Scholarship |
| 33 | Vocational Rehab |
| 11 | Dislocated Worker |
| 26 | WIOA |

6,095

Economic Development

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| 9,560 | Continuing Education Training Hours |
| 264 | Companies Served |
| 38,998 | Customized/Contract Training Hours |



FOUNDATION

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- Jane Seckinger
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- Shaun Roberts
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The Columbus Technical Foundation, Inc. helps Columbus Technical College students by managing and distributing scholarships, stipends, and/or emergency funds. Faculty and staff at the College wishing to continue their education benefit from the Foundation through special development grants.

The Foundation functions as a development organization to receive charitable contributions for the improvement of the College. The Foundation provides assurance to those considering gifts that the assets will be kept separate from public funds, will be invested in a prudent manner, and will only be used as directed by the donor.



Columbus Technical College Foundation Board Chairman Cedric Hill shows off the 2016 Role Model Board award. Looking on are (l to r) Director of Institutional Advancement David Fletcher, recently-retired Executive Director of the Foundation Gloria Johnson, TCSG Commissioner Gretchen Corbin, Vice Chair Jane Seckinger, and President Lorette M. Hoover.

If you would like to support Columbus Technical College through its Foundation, please visit columbus-tech.edu/foundation.

Over the last year, the Columbus Technical College Foundation:

- Provided \$16,200 in assistance, serving 102 students
- Managed a \$1,600 GED Scholarship donation from Flint EMC, serving 40 students with 38 passing on the first try
- Purchased 98 GED Tests and 100 practice tests through a \$4,330 GED Scholarship donation from the Harris County Family Connection

- Invested \$5,284 from a SunTrust donation to provide collateral materials for 1,058 students to attend Fiscal Responsibility workshops
- Assisted eight Columbus Technical College faculty/staff members with continuing their education through \$10,000 in Faculty and Staff Development Grants
- Provided \$2,477 in scholarship funds for four College employees and immediate family members
- Awarded \$3,450 for seven scholarships:
 - Four Radiologic Technology (Fred Aranas Memorial Scholarship)
 - Two Nursing (Paul A. and Velma Urquhart Klayder Memorial Continuing Nursing Scholarship)
 - One Dental Hygiene (Emile T. Fisher Dental Hygiene Scholarship)

Scholarships & Presentations



Emile Fisher



Klayder



Pam Tinnell Special Presentation



Aranas

Faculty & Staff Development Grant Recipients



Alan Ashmore



Leatha Cyprian



Kathleen Decker



Melinda Delbridge



Donna Emmons



Kristoffer Mellinger



Mary Ann Woyke

Columbus Technical College Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax-deductible.



Each year, the Foundation hosts an internal fundraising campaign and Columbus Technical College faculty and staff give at 100 percent. This means each full time employee makes a financial commitment to the cause. The following employees were generous enough to pledge one percent of their take-home pay. The funds raised help provide scholarship opportunities, subsidize program improvements, support new programs and fund recognition awards.

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| Mary Alexander | Kris Jain |
| Monique Baucham | Christine Kernodle |
| Meg Burkhardt | James Loyd |
| Annie L. Carey | Jose Marrero |
| Elaine Chester | Michael Martin |
| Christopher Cunningham | Brandie Mellinger |
| Melinda Delbridge | Kristofer Mellinger |
| Martha Dollar | Cheryl Myers |
| David Fletcher | Minnie Polite |
| Barbara Gaither | Daniel Ragan |
| Felicia Harris | Berton Stewart |
| Tracy K. Hayes | Melanie Thornton |
| Steve A. Hicks | Tommy Wilson |
| Lorette Hoover | |

CLICK UPDATE

Based on in-depth reports, data, and survey results, Columbus Technical College has discovered that many of our students need help with basic computer skills; not being equipped with such skills is a major deterrent in today's workplace. In order to help them overcome that obstacle and be more computer savvy, the College has adopted CLICK (Computer Literacy is Critical Knowledge) as its Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP. Thanks to the implementation of the QEP and the commitment by Columbus Technical College faculty and staff, our student learning outcomes and the environments in which our students learn have vastly improved.

One prominent feature of this multi-year initiative included the opening of a second-to-none computer support lab. The CLICK lab is located in room 132 of Carl Patrick Hall, is manned with skilled tutors, and is open every day.

Since its grand opening in November of 2015, the CLICK Computer Support Lab has been visited nearly 5,400 times.



To keep the College engaged and energized about our QEP, we hosted a CLICK Re-Boot Week in November. (clockwise from upper left) **Ebony Wilson** shows off a new laptop she won in a grand prize drawing. The ribbon is cut on the CLICK Computer Support Lab. A student shows off some of the fun freebies she got during CLICK Week. 3-D virtual technology is among the many state-of-the-art learning systems adopted through CLICK.

State of Georgia
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The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Title IX and Section 504 coordinator: Patricia Hood, Executive Director of Human Resources, Columbus Technical College, 928 Manchester Expressway, Columbus, Georgia 31904-6572, or email phood@columbustech.edu.



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