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U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock Visits Columbus Technical College to Highlight Workforce Development and Student Success

COLUMBUS, Ga. – Columbus Technical College recently welcomed U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock to campus for a visit focused on workforce development, technical education, and preparing students for high-demand careers. During his visit, Senator Warnock met with students, faculty, and industry partners to learn more about the college's role in developing Georgia's skilled workforce and supporting economic growth throughout the region.

Senator Warnock toured instructional programs, including welding and advanced manufacturing training areas, where he observed firsthand the hands-on learning experiences that prepare Columbus Tech students for careers in some of Georgia's most in-demand industries. He also participated in a welding demonstration alongside students, highlighting the value of technical education and skilled trades training.

The visit included a roundtable discussion with students, college leadership, and representatives from local employers, including Pratt & Whitney and Columbus Water Works. Conversations centered on workforce needs, career pathways, apprenticeship opportunities, and strategies for connecting students with meaningful employment opportunities after graduation.

Senator Warnock also discussed his bipartisan **Pathways to Prosperity Act**, legislation designed to strengthen partnerships between technical colleges and businesses. The proposal would expand opportunities for students to gain workplace experience while completing their education, helping create stronger pathways to high-wage, high-demand careers.

Throughout the visit, Senator Warnock emphasized the importance of investing in workforce development and ensuring students have access to affordable, career-focused educational opportunities that lead directly to employment and economic mobility.

Columbus Technical College continues to serve as a key workforce development partner in the region, providing education and training programs that support industries such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, information technology, and skilled trades. Through strong employer partnerships and innovative training opportunities, the college remains committed to preparing students for success in today's evolving workforce.

About Columbus Technical College

Columbus Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, provides high-quality academic and workforce training programs that empower students to achieve their career goals and meet the needs of employers throughout the region.

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