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Industrial Technology Center Move-in Date Nearing



State-of-the-art welding booths in the ITC

Construction on the new Industrial Technology Center (ITC) is 99 percent complete, and we've begun moving the Welding equipment into the new facility located on Highway 76 in Sandy Springs.

The Office of the State Engineer gave its seal of approval October 25 on the facility, signaling that it was ready for occupancy, said Ken Kopera, the College's physical plant director, who has overseen the design, procurement, and construction of the ITC.

The 43,000-square-foot Center will be home to the Welding and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning programs beginning Spring Semester, 2013.

"The building's size is comparable to our Anderson and Easley campuses," Ken added.

"This is a state-of-the-art industrial training center designed to mimic a real-world industrial setting," added Ken. The structure used various types of construction techniques in the retrofitting process to be used later as teaching tools in the classroom.

Through the end of the year, movers will continue to transport welding and HVAC equipment from the Pendleton Campus to the new facility. "There's literally tons of equipment to move," said Ken.

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Welding booth in Clarke Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Benevolence in November..... Nov. 1-30
Donation bins available on all campuses
Thanksgiving Holidays
College Closed Nov. 22 and 23
Last Day of Classes
Session A Dec. 3
Session C Dec. 4

Check the College Activities Calendar in
eTC for additional activities and events.

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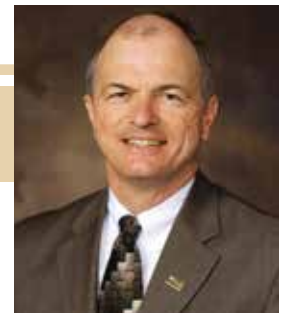
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Dr. Ronnie L. Booth
President

As you have heard me say many times, our focus as a College is on helping our students to be successful. During our recent faculty/staff meeting, I talked about our definition of student success: Students are successful when they are able to meet their goals in a timely way, whatever their goals may be... to graduate, to transfer to a four-year college, to gain new skills to move ahead on the job, or even something else as defined by the student.

Our role is to take students from where they are to where they need to be – to position and equip them for this journey and to support them at each step. This begins with a clear, easy-to-navigate matriculation process and comprehensive developmental advising. It continues with a student success culture built around teaching and learning, with each of us embracing personal accountability for student success, just as we hold students accountable for their role in being successful.

I share our culture of student success with everyone I come in contact with, including more than 150 business, industry, and community leaders at our 50th Anniversary Annual Report Luncheon on October 30. The theme of this year's luncheon and report was "Since 1962 we've had ONE GOAL ... to help you reach yours." This theme is grounded in our commitment to student success.

"Our role is to take students from where they are to where they need to be - to position and equip them for this journey and to support them at each step."

- Dr. Ronnie L. Booth

Wayne Culbertson of Michelin North America was our keynote speaker and shared his greatest fear – there won't be enough skilled technicians to keep his plants running in the years to come. Rather than standing by and hoping for the best, Michelin has joined our student success agenda and committed to tripling the size of the Michelin Technical Scholars program. They also are working with us to refine and expand our curricula to ensure it meets their requirements, as well as allowing us to bring groups of high school guidance counselors and career development facilitators to their plants to give them a first-hand look at the great career opportunities available to students in the world of manufacturing. The first of these visits takes place on December 5 for more than 50 people.

The annual report publication distributed at the luncheon tells stories of student success through the eyes of the students who have lived the Tri-County experience.

We shared the story of Jennifer Barley, a graduate of our Pre-Pharmacy program, who is one step closer to fulfilling her dream after receiving acceptances from three schools of pharmacy. She has chosen MUSC, which has a specialized nuclear track enabling graduates to become authorized users of radiopharmaceuticals.

Billy Suprenant is another success story. After committing himself to the 18-month rehabilitative program at Haven of Rest Men's Training Center in Anderson County, he completed his GED and enrolled in Industrial Electronics Technology at Tri-County. He is

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Spotlight on Career Coach

The College recently launched a new online tool that provides potential and current students, as well as the general public, with best-in-class, local data on employment opportunities, wages, educational programs, and job postings for their career interests.

Career Coach, a web-based data tool, helps students to explore careers and to determine if they are a good match for their interests. "Through a simple keyword search, students can learn about the employment prospects of careers they want to research. This real-time information is customized to our tri-county area and includes detailed wage estimates, the credit and continuing education training that Tri-County offers, if employers are hiring, and up-to-date job postings with a given career," said Chris Marino, director of research, evaluation and planning. Career Coach can be accessed by visiting www.tctc.edu/careercoach.

New students, area high school students, persons changing careers, those returning to school, and graduates, can use Career Coach. "This is the best localized data source available," said Chris.

"If you find a career that you like, enter the data or key terms and press return. The search interface works just like Google. It's easily accessible, localized, and relevant to the area where we live. Within 10 seconds, you can get useful information," said Chris.

Persons can search job information between a five- and 100-mile radius of the Pendleton Campus. "This is beneficial because statistics show that 85 percent of our graduates stay in the area," he added.

Career Services Director Glenn Hellenga says he doesn't miss an opportunity to show the Career Coach website to students with career counseling and job placement questions. "They will know about it before they leave my office," he said.

Tyrone Blocker, of Anderson, a Computer Technology major, was sold on the site at first glance. "There are more than 1,000 jobs listed on the site. It puts the information in one place and is easier than any other program I've used. It's a great resource that doesn't lack a thing."

"Career Coach really is for everyone," said Glenn. "New students who want to obtain information on different majors will



Glenn Hellenga, career services director, standing, demonstrates Career Coach, a web-based data tool that helps to match students to careers, for **Tyrone Blocker**, a Computer Technology major.

benefit, as well as job changers who are looking to re-enter the workforce and need to acquire new skills. They can look at the careers in demand and learn what training is needed to pursue employment in those fields."

Graduates who are looking for employment will find it helpful because it shows how many employees there are in each occupation within a 100-mile radius, in addition to how many openings there are per year, said Glenn. There also is a graphic representation of wages from the lowest 10 percent to the 90th percentile.

"Another interesting feature is it shows the ages of the folks who are working in occupations and how many are close to retirement. In this tri-county area, that's a sizeable number," said Glenn. "It's a consideration if someone wants to stay local. Career Coach gives individuals a sense of the demand for specific jobs."

Amanda Blanton, dean of Enrollment Management, plans

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SPOTLIGHT is a regular feature of CONNECTION that highlights College instructional programs, activities, and support services. Surveys show that our own faculty and staff play a significant role in influencing potential students to apply to the College. We're all ambassadors – so stay informed and keep doing a great job spreading the word that Tri-County is a great place to learn and grow!



Laura Thompson, administrative specialist for the Nursing and Veterinary Technology Departments, sent this e-mail:

“I just want to take a moment to thank **Lisa Saxon**. She was able to get me surveys for both my advisory committee meetings in minutes, which really helped me out. She always has been willing to try and get me information when I have needed it for various reports, and I always appreciate her help.”

Congratulations to **Jennifer Beattie**, Comprehensive Studies department head, who became Jennifer Beattie Hulehan on October 12 when she married Trent Hulehan. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

If you wish to thank someone publicly, share personal news, brag about a recent accomplishment in your unit, or any other highlight, send it in for our “Brag & Share” column. E-mail your submission (65 words or less) with “Brag & Share” in the subject line to Lisa Garrett at lgarrett@tctc.edu.

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New furniture and equipment for the programs also will be arriving. The Welding program will have the latest robotic technology – two new \$50,000 robots – and the HVAC program will have all-new gas packs for the heating and air conditioning units.

“There’s still a lot of work to do between now and the end of the year,” said Ken, “but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.”

The building, formerly the Virginia Products Tobacco Building, was purchased by the College in 2010.

Yeargin Potter Shackelford Construction has been the contractor for the classrooms and parking lot, and Melloul-Blamey is the general contractor for the laboratories.

The building is just four miles from the Pendleton Campus. The Sandy Springs location will allow the College to keep the industry training programs centrally located in the service area, which is important to our students who enroll from all three counties and for the local industries served by the College.

Our College Family

excellence through service

Congratulations to Campus Safety Director **Rick Clark**, who was elected Sheriff of Pickens County in the November 6 election.



Rick Clark



Helen Rosemond-Saunders

Commissioner Helen Rosemond-Saunders was elected to the Diversity Committee of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) at its meeting last month. She is among the 10 individuals (two Commission representatives from each region) elected to serve on the committee for two terms.

The Diversity Committee ensures leadership for the involvement of historically underrepresented diverse populations within the governance activities of ACCT. It promotes respect for and acceptance of diverse individuals and promotes awareness and educational opportunity for underrepresented populations. It advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

Butch Merritt is serving as chair of the Business Advisory Board for Anderson School District Five Career Center.



Butch Merritt



Tonia Faulling

Tonia Faulling, math instructor in Comprehensive Studies, represented Tri-County at the South Carolina Association for Developmental Education annual conference. Her presentation, “Teaching to the Test: Not Always a Bad Thing,” received accolades from developmental instructors across the State, many of whom left with plans to implement her strategies into their own developmental math programs. As Tonia explains, her presentation started with the question “Why don’t our students think critically?” The answer: “We never gave them a reason to.” The presentation was the story of how one small change in the type of test questions she uses resulted in a cascade of positive changes in the way she teaches. Thanks to Tonia for her continued efforts to improve student success.

Meg Allan, Business Technology department head, has been appointed to serve as a board member of the Anderson Free Clinic. This is a three-year term.



Meg Allan

Executive Staff Updates

Congratulations to these Tri-County faculty and staff who were chosen by the South Carolina Technical Education Association (SCTEA) to present at the SCTEA 2013 Conference set for February 21 - 23, 2013, at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort:

- **Robin McFall** and **Galen DeHay**: Shifting from First to Second Gear
- **Laura Thompson**: Insider Information: 7 Things an Online Student Wishes Instructors Knew
- **Dr. Jerry Marshall** and **Rick Murphy**: Access to Quality STEM Education Activities

in transition

Lyndsey Thompson is the new Administrative Assistant in the TRiO Department. She graduated in May 2011 from Anderson University with a bachelor's degree in English. Lyndsey lives in Townville.



Lyndsey Thompson



Cheryl Garrison

Cheryl Garrison joined the Career Services office as its Job Placement Coordinator earlier this month. Cheryl's background is in education, working for the School District of Pickens County for 10 years as a physical education teacher and homebound instructor for K - 5 and high school students.

She also worked for the Oconee County School District as a Health Education teacher and homebound instructor. In addition, Cheryl spent three years as an Exercise Specialist at Bon Secours St. Francis Health System in Greenville.

Cheryl earned a bachelor of science in Physical Education from Gardner Webb University and a master of arts in Education from Furman University. She holds certifications in ACLS, CPR, and water safety. She and her husband, Donnie, have two sons, Bolt, 13, and Bryant 9. They live in Six Mile and are members of Secona Baptist Church.

The following have left the College to pursue other opportunities. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

Azure Agnew

Congratulations to Tri-County's HydroHawks, a group of our faculty and staff who placed second in the college division at the Team Up for Clemson Regatta fundraiser. The Regatta was held October 27 at Lake Hartwell, and 33 amateur rowing teams competed to raise money for local charities. From left to right, **Kate Williams, Sarah Shumpert, Margaret Burdette, Anne Bryan, Sharon Colcolough, and Chris Marino.**

Heather Swaminathan



- **Early Alert Project:** The College's Title III grant calls for the development of an early alert system to identify at-risk students. A project team will begin the design phase of this initiative during this academic year, with plans to pilot and institutionalize the program over the next two years.
- **2012-13 Strategic Plan Report-Out:** The President's Advisory Council held a mid-year working session in late October to assess the progress being made toward achieving the activities set forth in the Strategic Plan. They also provided input into the development of a zero-based State funding strategy.
- **Ed Goal:** A new online tool has been put into place that allows advisors to review and update students' educational goals each semester. Students select a goal, identify factors that may influence completion of the goal, and report their level of commitment to the goal. Advisors will be trained to use the tool, which will be implemented during the advising process with new students during the Spring Semester registration period and with returning students beginning Spring Semester 2013.
- **Industrial Technology Center:** Progress continues in completing the retrofit of the new Industrial Technology Center in Sandy Springs. HVAC and Welding programs will be relocated in time for Spring Semester.
- **2013-14 Strategic Planning:** The Executive Staff engaged in two strategic planning workshops in preparation for the development of the 2013-14 Strategic Plan.
- **Other:** Temporary suspension of online payment services; input for faculty/staff survey; emergency preparedness planning; policies and procedures updates; matriculation process update; review of Summer Term 2013 and Fall Semester 2013 Academic Calendars.



Each month throughout 2012, CONNECTION will devote two pages to celebrating the College's golden anniversary. Through photos and articles, we will highlight the events which have shaped the College into the role model for community college education that it is today.

After 32-Year Tenure, Dr. Don Garrison Announced Retirement in 2002

Ending a 32-year tenure at the helm of one of S.C.'s largest technical colleges, Dr. Don C. Garrison announced in 2002 his plans to retire as president of Tri-County Technical College. "It's been a joyous journey, and I believe Tri-County's best days are yet to come," said Dr. Garrison, whose entire professional life – more than four decades – was devoted to education in South Carolina.

"I leave Tri-County knowing that the College is in good shape in pursuit of its primary mission to be a tool for economic development by providing unexcelled educational opportunities for the people of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties," Dr. Garrison

said when announcing his retirement. "Tri-County is known nationally and internationally for its contributions to economic development and for its excellence in education. Tri-County couldn't have risen to its prominence in higher education, locally and nationally, without total community involvement and support. And I am grateful to everyone for that kind of support."

Dr. Garrison began his career as Tri-County's second president on November 1, 1971. He led the College from a technical education center



offering seven technical courses to a comprehensive two-year college featuring 20 associate degree, 8 diploma and 37 certificate programs at the time of his retirement.



Ashley Marie Fowler (now Brady), left, participated in the May 2000 pinning ceremony for graduating Veterinary Technology students. Pinning her is **Dr. Roseann Marshall**, then-department head. In 2007, Ashley returned to the College -- this time as an instructor in our evening Veterinary Technology program. After graduating from our Veterinary Technology program, she entered Murray State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Veterinary Technology/Animal Health Technician with a minor in Equine Science in 2002. She worked as the Head Technician in the Animal Department and Surgical Suite at the University of Tennessee for a year before moving back to S.C. She worked at Creek Run Veterinary Clinic for the last four years. Ashley is a member of the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians.



Robert Morgan, author of the award-winning and best-selling novel, *Gap Creek*, was on campus in 2001 to read from his works and to talk with students, faculty, and staff. Here, he talks with **Heather Donald**, of Anderson, an associate degree Nursing major.

Commission Unanimously Selected Dr. Ronnie Booth As Third President

In May 2003 the College and Commission members hosted a reception to welcome our new president, Dr. Ronnie Booth, and his family.

For eight months, the Commission was engaged in a comprehensive search process to find the right leader for a new era. "We were looking for someone who could build on the past while moving the College forward—someone with the vision, the integrity, and the capability to help this College to accomplish even greater things for the future. The Commission was united in the type of individual we were seeking, and we were unanimous in our selection of Dr. Booth as the person who would make the best leader for this College," said then-Commission Chair Dr. Mendel Stewart.

He said Dr. Booth stood out in his breadth of experience across all areas of the campus in terms of administrative responsibilities.

"His experience in key administrative areas will serve him well at Tri-County. His combination of experience and his professional and personal integrity are central to everything that he has done. Consistently, he is a person of great capability and devotion to doing things right and to doing the right thing."

Dr. Booth spent several years at Gainesville College as its Vice President for External Programs, and his first day as President of Tri-County was July 1, 2003. Dr. Garrison worked in a consulting role during July and officially retired July 31, 2003.

"We believe that under Dr. Booth's leadership, built on Dr. Garrison's foundation, that Tri-County will continue to flourish," said Dr. Stewart.

Over the last nine years, since accepting the job as Tri-County's third president on July 1, 2003, Dr. Booth has led the College to such



noteworthy accomplishments as being named one of the fastest-growing technical colleges among the 16 in the State; establishing the extremely successful Bridge to Clemson program, a first of its kind in the State; and envisioning and opening three community campuses in just four years.



Three founding fathers of the technical education system appropriately were honored in October 2002 at the College's first Founders' Day (commemorating the 40th anniversary) for their vision and foresight in creating a formalized system of technical education in S.C. in the early 1960's. **Dr. R. C. Edwards**, of Clemson, (now deceased), second from left; **O. Stanley Smith**, of Columbia, third from left; and Governor **Robert McNair**, of Columbia, (now deceased), fourth from left, were inducted into the Order of the Trilon, which recognizes community and state leaders who have contributed to the development of Tri-County Technical College and the State Tech System. Pictured with them are **Dr. Mendel H. Stewart**, former chair of the College Commission, left; and **President Don Garrison** (now deceased).



Michelin North America pledged \$50,000 to name the Job Placement/Cooperative Education Center and to establish an endowed chair in Dr. Garrison's name. Pictured from left are **Andy Delscamp**, public relations; **Bob Hoepfl**, industrial safety and security; **Terry Bailey**, human resources manager, Anderson County; **Dr. Don C. Garrison**; **Wayne Culbertson**, plant manager, Starr and Sandy Springs plants; and **Butch Merritt**, the College's director of Job Placement and Cooperative Education.

Golden OPPORTUNITIES to shape the future

U.S. Engine Valve Donation Supports CNC Classes at Oconee QuickJobs Center

U.S. Engine Valve/Nittan Valve made a \$15,000 donation to the Foundation to purchase a milling machine for the Oconee QuickJobs Center. The gift will support CNC classes taught at the Center. Pictured from left to right are **Elisabeth Gadd**, director of development; **John Lummus**, vice president of economic and institutional advancement; **Dr. Booth**; **Bobby Dover**, plant manager, Westminster U.S. Engine Valve plant; and **Keizo Harada**, technical manager at the plant. U.S. Engine Valve has been a member of the College's Center for Workforce Excellence (formerly the World Class Training Center) since 1989 and has been a strong supporter of the College Foundation, having endowed a scholarship and provided funding for professional development and equipment.



McGee Heating and Air Pledges \$20,000 for ITC

McGee Heating and Air Conditioning, located in Anderson and Georgia, owned and operated by Walter McGee, third from left, pledged \$20,000 to name the Residential and Light Commercial Comfort Cooling Lab in the College's Industrial Technology Center. Set to open in January 2013, the 43,000-square-foot Center will be home to the Welding and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning programs beginning Spring Semester, 2013. The facility is located on Highway 76 in Sandy Springs on five acres of land and is just four miles from the Pendleton Campus.

Pictured with him are, from left, **John Lummus**, vice president of economic and institutional advancement; **Elisabeth Gadd**, director of development; **Dr. Booth**; **Robert Kesler**, general manager for McGee Heating and Air Conditioning in Anderson; and **Chad Ankerich**, general manager for the company in Georgia.



Bank of America Supports C2C

Bank of America Charitable Foundation made a \$3,000 donation to Tri-County Technical College's Connect to College (C2C) program. The funds are designated for textbooks for students in the program that serves high school dropouts age 17 – 20 who meet specific eligibility criteria and live in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. Using a dual credit model, students earn both high school and college credit and may simultaneously complete both the high school diploma (meeting all requirements of the South Carolina Department of Education) and a postsecondary credential.

Presenting the check is **Kerri Myers**, Bank of America/Merrill Lynch assistant vice president, third from left. Also pictured are, from left, **Gary Duncan**, Tri-County Foundation board member; **John Lummus**, vice president for economic and institutional advancement; **Diana Walter**, director of the Connect to College program; and **Elisabeth Gadd**, director of development.



Eighth Annual Fall Classic Raises \$33,000

The Eighth Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament, held October 5 at Smithfields Country Club in Easley, raised \$33,000. Since 2005, the Tri-County Technical College Foundation has hosted this tournament and to date has raised nearly \$232,000 to support special initiatives at the College.

This year, the money raised will help support Connect to College (C2C), a dropout recovery program for youth between the ages of 17-20. The first of its kind in the State, C2C has helped many deserving young people to get back on track and focused on an education leading to a promising, productive future. C2C students take dual credit courses taught by Tri-County faculty in order to meet requirements for the high school diploma (awarded by one of the high schools in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties) and to generate college credit toward a postsecondary credential.

Through C2C, youth who have not been successful in traditional high school environments get a second chance to earn a diploma, to grow as individuals, and to gain confidence in their ability to succeed in the future. Money raised at the Fall Classic will directly provide support for these deserving students by purchasing textbooks and other course materials, by establishing an “emergency fund,” and by providing achievement and graduation awards.



Representative **Brian White's** team took home the first-place prize for the tournament. From left are **Craig Thornton**, White, **Kim Kent**, and **Mark Kent**.



Golf Team member **Steven Reid**



Golf Team member **James Rushton**



Michael Fee, vice president and owner of The Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company in Liberty and a member of the Foundation Board, right, talks with a representative from **Kent Wool** who was on hand to give players Kent Wool socks as part of the registration package.



Connect to College students attended the tournament and served as volunteers. Pictured from left to right are **Chesley Tench**, interim support specialist, and students **Judah Slack**, **Casey Davis**, **Rodney Teasley**, and “**Ques**” **Galloway**.

Dr. Tim Marshall Supports Frank Breazeale Teaching Chair



Dr. Tim Marshall, right, presents John Lummus, vice president for economic and institutional advancement, with a \$2,000 donation.

Dr. Tim Marshall, principal scientist at St. Jude Medical CRM, made a \$2,000 personal contribution to the Frank Breazeale Teaching Chair. He presented the check to John Lummus, vice president for economic and institutional advancement, at the Annual Report Luncheon.

Frank, who joined the College in 1973, retired in 2007 after teaching biology and serving as Science Department Head. Dr. Marshall made his first donation at Frank's retirement celebration. He said at the time, "Frank definitely left a mark on Tri-County in his 30-plus years of teaching." Dr. Marshall taught physics and chemistry as an adjunct instructor here from 1994 - 97. "Frank hired me at Tri-County when I needed a job," he said, "and I wanted to repay Frank and the College for giving me the opportunity to teach. Frank and his instructors always made me feel a part of the family. This is my way honoring him and the department." To date, Dr. Marshall has donated a total of \$25,000 (including matching gifts from St. Jude).

Second-Annual Wine Tasting a Success

The College hosted its second-annual wine tasting fundraiser event October 18 at the Anderson Campus. This signature event will benefit a Culinary Arts certificate program set to begin in the fall of 2013.

The event was catered by the Lake Keowee chapter of Les Marmitons, an international culinary club that gathers monthly in the culinary lab of the Anderson Campus. They prepared gourmet hors d'oeuvres served with wine pairings. "This was a learning event as well as a social gathering," said Courtney White, manager of donor relations for the Foundation, which hosted the event.

South Carolina Bank and Trust of Anderson was the premier sponsor of the event.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about wine selections and food pairings while enjoying a relaxing evening of fun and fellowship. Also, they could tour the Anderson Campus where, beginning next fall, the one-year Culinary Arts certificate program will be offered through the Business and Public Services Division. The program will focus on food preparation and serving, as well as the business side of managing a restaurant or owning a catering business.



Clinky Seabrook, right, and her husband, Cordes (not pictured) enjoyed the delicacies prepared and served by Les Marmitons, an international culinary club, that gathers monthly in the culinary lab of the Anderson Campus to learn about cooking.



South Carolina Bank and Trust of Anderson was the premier sponsor of the event. Pictured here are **Leo Smith**, senior vice president, right, and **John Lummus**, vice president for economic and institutional advancement.



Foundation Board member **Ann Herbert**, left, decorated the Anderson Campus for the wine tasting event. She is pictured with **Julie Barton**, former Foundation Board member.

Pendleton High Students Take Automotive Technology Classes



Our Automotive Technology classes have relocated from Anderson V Career Campus to Wilson Hall on our Pendleton Campus. Thirty-five students are enrolled in day and evening classes for the two-year degree program. Thirteen of them are Pendleton High seniors who take two classes four days a week. Pictured here from left, Pendleton High School 11th grader **Hunter Martin**, adjunct instructor **Ron Kennedy**, **Jace Dickson**, and **Chase Landreth**, also juniors.

Benefits Fair Attended by Many



Ana Interiano, a cashier in the Business Office, right, talks with TD Bank staff at the Benefits Fair. Pictured with her are, from left, **Rachel Wilson**, customer service representative and a 2010 graduate of our Business Technology program, and **Desiree Galloway**, a teller at TD Bank.

Spotlight

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to use Career Coach in reaching out to area high schools, including guidance counselors, career specialists, students, and parents.

“Our enrollment counselors are visiting the guidance offices and giving them an iPad with Career Coach loaded on the homepage,” she said. “We are telling them about the tool and encouraging them to share it with students to plan next steps beyond high school. We also are sharing the tool with Career Specialists so they can work with students in the classroom.”

Career Coach also will be promoted in marketing, outreach, and recruiting efforts to area high schools. “We’ll include it in our print and online materials, and we plan to share it with prospective students as we are working with them during the enrollment process,” said Amanda.

“Because Career Coach is tied directly to our programs at Tri-County, students can see how what we offer connects to their future. It provides a wealth of information, which will help students develop a solid career plan,” added Amanda.

In addition to supporting student success through career counseling and outreach strategies, Career Coach also is available to the public. By making this tool accessible to everyone, the College is supporting its mission to be a catalyst for the economic development of its service area.

Career Coach is funded by a five-year U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions grant the College received in 2010. The grant focuses on learning and student success for first-time postsecondary students. Career Coach is part of a web-based comprehensive academic support network that connects students with resources for goal planning, advising, and support services.

Michelin VP Says Company Is Teaming with Tri-County to Make Manufacturing Jobs More Attractive to Students

When asked what keeps him awake at night, Michelin Executive Vice President Wayne Culbertson says it's the thought of not having a qualified and skilled manufacturing workforce.

Culbertson, who, since 1974, has worked for Michelin in various manufacturing roles, including serving as plant manager of the Spartanburg, Sandy Springs, and Starr facilities, spoke to a crowd of business, industrial, education, government, and political leaders at the College's Annual Report Luncheon.

It's Michelin's mission to communicate to young people the rewarding and broad range of career opportunities available to them in manufacturing, said Culbertson, who currently is Personnel and Chief Human Resources Officer. He said the company is teaming with Tri-County and the other technical colleges in the State to make manufacturing jobs more attractive to students beginning in middle school. He added that the company will triple the Tech scholars program, whereby students work part time at the plant, attend classes at Tri-County part time, and are paid by Michelin. "It's a known formula that works. There will be 13 Michelin Technical Scholars at Tri-County next year," he said.

"For 40 years we've been partners with Tri-County," said Culbertson. "We have a strong partnership with the College and the other technical colleges in the State. It's an important relationship for us. Hundreds of Tri-County graduates are now Michelin employees. We must do more to make the workforce of the future aware of these career opportunities. We want to appeal to kids and help them to develop an interest in technical fields and manufacturing. People are our most valuable resource. I am confident we will meet these challenges of the future."

Following Culbertson's speech, Dr. Booth talked about the College's 50th anniversary celebration that is coming to a close in December.

"In 1962, Tri-County Technical College had one goal – to help students to reach theirs. Fifty years later, the College remains dedicated to providing students with the education and support they need to stay on track and be successful in achieving their academic, individual, and professional goals," he said.

"We're now trying to be more intentional in terms of discovering and understanding what students' goals are and helping students to reach them," said Dr. Booth.

These goals are as diverse as the students nationwide who attend community colleges like Tri-County. Today, reaching a



Wayne Culbertson, who, since 1974, has worked for Michelin in various manufacturing roles, including serving as plant manager of the Spartanburg, Sandy Springs, and Starr facilities, talks with Commissioner **Helen Rosemond-Saunders** following his speech.



Carly Heventhal, who received her high school diploma through Connect to College this summer, also is featured in the report. The Alpha Zeta Beta honor society member is enrolled in University Transfer classes this semester.

goal, or student success, doesn't just mean earning a degree or certificate and entering the workforce. "It's about getting students from where they are now to where they want to be," explained Dr. Booth. "The starting and ending points are different for each student," he added.

"Our job is to be your college in the community," he added.

David Wakefield Honored with Order of Merit

The College honored former Foundation Board of Directors Chair and Anderson resident David C. Wakefield October 30 with the highest award given by the College's nine-member Commission. Dr. Booth presented Mr. Wakefield with the Order of Merit at the College's Annual Report luncheon.

The Order of Merit is an honorary society that recognizes community and State leaders who have contributed to the development of Tri-County Technical College, and the State Technical College System.

"This is a tremendous and unexpected honor and one I'll always cherish," said Mr. Wakefield. "Tri-County is one of the most vital cogs in the educational engine, and our community couldn't get along without it."

"David has served selflessly in his five years as chairman of Tri-County Technical College's Foundation Board of Directors," said Dr. Booth. "He has been a steadfast and strong supporter of quality educational programs and facilities at all of the College's campuses. He is a great leader."

Mr. Wakefield joined the Board in 1998, representing Anderson County. He was appointed to the Finance Committee in 2004 and remained a voting member until he was elected chairman of the Board in 2007. He led the Foundation in its first-ever Major Gifts Campaign. After stepping down as Chairman June 30, 2012, he remains a valuable member of the Board, and was reappointed to serve as a voting member of the Finance Committee.

He and his wife, Sally, exhibited a commitment to student success and the future of Tri-County by establishing the Hill M. Seigler Scholarship in memory of their son.

A longtime Anderson County resident and a highly respected banking executive, Mr. Wakefield served as president and CEO of First Southeast Financial Corporation and First Federal Savings and Loan Association (which became Carolina First), and later served as director of Carolina First Corporation and Carolina First Bank (now The South Financial Group).

He is an active community member, formerly serving on boards for Carolina First Corporation, Carolina First Bank, and the Anderson County Development Partnership, Inc., as well as the Anderson Rotary Club.



David Wakefield, left, and Dr. Booth



This semester nursing students are able to practice their clinical skills outside of the classroom setting with a portable nursing kit that contains low fidelity simulators conceptualized and designed by 2012 Practical Nursing graduate **Tanya Mikkelsen**, pictured here with son, **Zack**. Tanya is one of the students featured in the Annual Report publication.



Tori Denardis, an Associate in Science major, sang the National Anthem for the assembled guests. Tori, a Bridge to Clemson student, is enrolled in Music 101 and 104.

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maintaining a 3.7 GPA, working full time, and has been reunited with his family.

The report also features Matt Dance, whose lifelong dream to attend Clemson University was fulfilled through the Bridge to Clemson program. He successfully crossed the bridge last summer with a 3.0 G.P.A. and is now a sophomore majoring in Computer Information Systems, serving as a Bridge Ambassador, and working as a resident assistant for the Bridge housing program at Highpointe.

These are only a few of the success stories that appear in the report, along with other highlights of the 2011-12 academic year. I urge you to read it in its entirety. Copies are available through the Public Relations and Marketing Office, and it is posted on the public website.

As we state in the theme of our report, "Since 1962 we've had ONE GOAL... to help you reach yours." We live in a different world than we did 50 years ago. The College has had to reinvent itself, but the constant over the years is our commitment to student success. It's at the core of what we do.

In 50 years, I hope the people who were chosen to carry on our legacy will look back and nod their heads in agreement that some things never change.



Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.
President

Student Republicans Attend Young America's Conference in Florida



By Chase Kelley, leader in Tri-County Student Republicans

The Tri-County Student Republicans traveled to Orlando, Florida, October 12-13 for a Young America's Foundation Freedom Conference. The Student Republicans met with 200-plus students representing Florida State University, DePaul University, Penn State Law, UNC Chapel Hill, Michigan State Law, and more.

The group had the opportunity to listen and ask questions of speakers from all walks of the political field. Some of these include best-selling authors Katie Pavlich, Peter Schweizer, and Jason Mattera, as well as political activists Bay Buchanan, Dinesh D'Souza and even the Senior Advisor to President Bush 43, Karl Rove. The topics ranged from "Conservatism vs. Liberalism," "Hollywood Hypocrites," "American Exceptionalism," "Current Events," and "Student Involvement in Government." This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet with national conservative leaders, learn how government works, and promote Tri-County student involvement across the United States.

With the upcoming election, it is extremely important that young people become informed of the history of our nation and how we want to move forward. I often hear the phrase "I'm so young that I don't matter in the roll of government." Nothing could be further from the truth. As young voters, we must understand that the unemployment rate directly out of college is double that of the national unemployment rate, college is increasingly more expensive, and four in 10 adults are now living at home with their parents. It is an important time, and college students have the voice to change it. The government's role is to protect the rights of the citizens, not control them. The United States was built on individual freedom, constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility, and yes, free markets. Young voters do have a responsibility, a voice, and a choice.

Student Leaders, Dr. Booth Bury Time Capsule in Celebration of 50th Anniversary

In celebration of our 50th anniversary, the College buried a time capsule filled with items that will give future students and administrators a glimpse of the College and its culture in 2012.

The time capsule is a 2' x 2' x 2' hermetically-sealed cube containing symbolic items ranging from graduation programs and College publications to presidential election bumper stickers and People magazine. It was buried by President Ronnie Booth and student leaders October 24 during a ceremony outside the Student Center on the Pendleton Campus. The capsule will be unsealed in the year 2062 on the occasion of the College's 100th anniversary.

"Tri-County Technical College students in 2062 will have special insight into what the College was like in 2012, thanks to this time capsule," said Croslena Johnson, coordinator of Student Life and Counseling Services. "This was a student-led event," said Croslena, acknowledging that the Student Government Association took the leadership of this project. "All students, clubs and organizations, divisions/departments, and alumni were invited to submit items for consideration."

"They included individual items that reflect our College and the culture of our time," added Croslena.

Student Government Association (SGA) President Donald Joslyn, who participated in the ceremony, said the time capsule will give students in 2062 a "blast from the past. However, what I have found over time is the things that really matter don't really change and are timeless. Of course, it's fun to see how hairstyles and clothing are different, how technology has changed with the invention of the cell phone and the Internet, but it's the relationships with people and the good feelings created through



Eric Griffith, of the Maintenance staff, supervises the lowering of the time capsule into the ground as Gregg Rowe (not pictured) operates the forklift. Many thanks to those who helped to make the time capsule burial possible: Maintenance Department, SGA officers and ambassadors, Time Capsule Committee, Public Relations and Marketing, RTV Department, Printing Services, and the TCTC Café.

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On display in the café were a sampling of the items selected for the time capsule.

shared experiences that we carry forward with us to create a better world. Dignity, kindness, and respect are timeless qualities."

The Criminal Justice major added, "It is my hope that in another 50 years the things in this capsule will be great fun to look at and wonder about, but it will be the people who follow us and the relationships they share that are our true legacy."

Faculty/Staff Teach On Professional Development Day



Prior to teaching Spanish at Tri-County, **Timeko McFadden** worked as a pastry chef at several restaurants including *The Cliffs at Glassy in Landrum*, *Soby's on the Side in Greenville*, and the *Greenville Country Club*. "In my other life, I was primarily a country club chef," she said at the "Unique Baked Gifts for the Holidays or Anytime" session she taught on Professional Development Day. Timeko gave ideas on how to make holiday gifts from the kitchen -- some edible, some not. "It's about packaging and how you put it together. When you put the time into a product, people really appreciate it," she said.



Did you know that **Dan Holland** is a world-famous rope jumper? In fact, he was identified as one of the three best rope jumpers in the world in the 1980s and spent the early part of his career traveling the world working as a trainer to the *Detroit Pistons*, collegiate professional athletes, actors and actresses, and the best tennis players in the world like *Andre Agassi*, and *Monica Seles*. While working for *Spaulding Sportswear*, a company that manufactured a two-pound jump rope, Dan set the rope jumping world record of 2,500 revolutions in one hour and 47 minutes. "Jumping rope is the best exercise in the world to get your heart rate up," he told the class he taught, outlining the proper form and techniques of jumping rope. "If you jump rope for five minutes at a steady pace, it is the equivalent of running a mile," he said.

TRiO Celebrates 32 Years Of Service and Success

The TRiO staff gathered November 1 to celebrate 32 years of service and success in the tri-county community.

The College's two TRiO programs, Educational Talent Search (ETS) and Upward Bound, hosted a drop-in reception in the Board Room in Ruby Hicks Hall.

For more than 30 years, Tri-County has provided the services of these two federally funded programs. Tri-County's TRiO programs are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are designed to help students to overcome class, social, and cultural barriers to higher education. They provide information, counseling, academic instruction, tutoring, and assistance in applying for college financial aid.

ETS, which has been federally funded at Tri-County since 1981, is designed to assist students in grades 7 - 12 who need assistance in understanding their educational opportunities and options.

Last year the U.S. Department of Education granted the College a five-year, \$391,538 continuation grant to provide academic support and cultural exposure to 854 students in the tri-counties. Tri-County was among the eight colleges and universities in the state to receive ETS funding. Tri-County has the only ETS program in the Upstate.

Upward Bound, which began in 1980 at Tri-County, is designed to help high school students to bridge the gap between secondary school and college and to provide them with financial and academic resources to prepare for postsecondary education. The Upward Bound project serves 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders from Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties and provides high school students with services year-round through its academic and summer bridge components.



Haley Scott, of Seneca, an associate in arts major, second from left, spoke about how Educational Talent Search (ETS) benefitted her from grades 9 - 12. She plans to transfer to Anderson University to study art or writing. Pictured from left are **Herm Allen**, ETS coordinator; **Cindy Trimmier-Lee**, ETS counselor; **Stacie Custer**, ETS counselor; **Joyce Shepherd**, ETS counselor; and **Dr. Thwanda Davidson**, TRiO director.



TRiO participants **Antonio Scott**, of Westminster, third from left, **Devin Wansley**, fourth from left, and **Devante Gilliard**, fifth from left, spoke about their experiences in the Upward Bound program. Pictured with them are from left, **Tequisha Whitener**, Upward Bound coordinator; **Lori Ford**, Upward Bound counselor; **Lyndsey Thompson**, administrative assistant; and **Dr. Thwanda Davidson**, TRiO director.