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Initially, two flagship, two-year programs (Associate in Arts and Associate in Science) were offered in their entirety. They were followed by Criminal Justice Technology and Early Childhood Development

Corporate and Community Education programs include Commercial Truck Driving, Heavy Equipment Operation, Customized Training for Business and Industry, Handgun Safety and Proficiency, Office Skills, Small Business Workshops, and more.

Tommy Dunn, chairman of the Anderson County Council, said in the 10 years since the Anderson Campus opened its doors, Anderson County has recruited \$3 billion in new and existing industry and as a result, more than 6,300 jobs have been created. “The Anderson Campus is vital to Anderson County in terms of job creation,” he said. “Job training and other services provided here and at the main campus in Pendleton give us a major competitive edge as we work to bring business and industry to the area and to improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Anderson County.”

Rep. Brian White summed it up by saying, “These 10 years have been wonderful. We look forward to the next 50 years. 50 is going to be fabulous.”

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Following the program, speakers and College Commissioners planted an “October Glory” Red Maple outside the rear doors. Pictured from left are **Michelin’s Mr. Bib**; **Melanie McLane**, facility personnel manager for Michelin’s manufacturing facilities in Anderson County; Commissioners **Helen Rosemond Saunders**, **John Powell**, and **Butch Harris**; **Dr. Booth**; Anderson County Council Chairman **Tommy Dunn**; **State Rep. Brian White**; **Jennifer Simmons**, associate in Science major; **Travis Rice**, associate degree Nursing major; Commissioner **Ham Hudson**; and **Lucy Dunn**, associate degree Nursing major.

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Connecting

Celebrating the Past, Envisioning the Future

Ten years ago, Tri-County Technical College reached a significant milestone when we opened the doors to our first community campus—the Anderson Campus on Michelin Boulevard.

Business, industry, and community leaders joined us for our 10th anniversary celebration and a commemorative tree planting on March 27. At this event, we announced a new partnership with Michelin—the Michelin Manufacturing Scholars program, which will begin Fall Semester 2017.

When we opened the Anderson Campus in 2007, we had three primary goals: to bring our services closer to where Anderson residents live and work; to increase our involvement in the Anderson community; and to expand educational opportunities in both credit and non-credit programs offered at the facility.

This Campus is where we started our highly successful Technical Career Pathways program with Anderson School District Three in August 2013. We started with seven Crescent High School students who completed a TCTC Basic Electronics Certificate before they graduated from high school. Six went on to enroll in associate degree programs in technical areas.

This program was initially funded through a special proviso in the State Legislature and is now fully supported with State funding. Today, well over 100 high school students are enrolled in the Technical Career Pathways programs in all seven school districts in the College's service area. This program serves students who might have considered college beyond their reach. Now, the vast majority continue on after high school graduation to earn an associate degree in a technical field at Tri-County.

In 2013 we opened the QuickJobs Development Center just across the street from our Anderson Campus on an additional strip of land we own. This is where our Corporate and Community Education Division teaches courses specifically designed to meet locally-identified workforce needs, as well as customized training for local industries. The industry training programs have been enormously successful, as well as career programs, like Commercial Truck Driving and Heavy Equipment Operation.

The QuickJobs Center is also home to the SC Works Center for Anderson County. Our co-location helps individuals transition from unemployment to work through programs, such as QuickJobs training.

The Anderson Campus also is the site of the only reproduction in the United States of a one-room Rosenwald School. These schools were built in the early twentieth century for the education of African American students. It was constructed by students in the College's Building Construction program and dedicated during the spring of 2014. Local public schools regularly bring children over to tour the facility and learn more about the history of education for African American students in the early 20th century.

We have much to celebrate, and even more to look forward to. Most significant will be our partnership with the new Anderson Institute of Technology that will serve students in Anderson School Districts Three, Four, and Five. We have the opportunity to create a model of collaboration for South Carolina and even for the rest of the country. The Center will be built next door to the Anderson Campus and open in Fall 2019.

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Dr. Ronnie L. Booth
President



Spotlight on Manufacturing Scholars Program

Michelin, Tri-County Announce Manufacturing Scholars Program

The 10th anniversary celebration of the College's Anderson Campus, its first community campus, included the launch of a pilot Manufacturing Scholars Program with Michelin North America designed to build and grow the workforce of the future.

This special partnership announcement was held at the Anderson Campus, located at 511 Michelin Boulevard.

"We are excited to launch our pilot of the Michelin Manufacturing Scholar Program alongside our Tri-County Technical College partners," said Melanie McLane, facility personnel manager for Michelin's manufacturing facilities in Anderson County.

"It is the first of its kind in the State and will serve as a model for the other Michelin plants and technical colleges in South Carolina," added Dr. Booth. The program will begin Fall Semester 2017.

The new Michelin Manufacturing Scholars Program is designed for entry-level manufacturing professionals and is a pathway leading to manufacturing careers with Michelin North America. The one-semester program is completely customized to meet the needs Michelin has for qualified entry-level manufacturing professionals at their two plants in Tri-County's service area—US 2 in Sandy Springs and US 8 in Starr.

It includes a nine-credit-hour certificate in Manufacturing and paid work hours each week at Michelin for hands-on experience.



Dr. Booth, left, talks with **Roy Chamlee**, director of state and local government affairs at Michelin North America, and **Leesa Owens**, director of community relations for Michelin North America, following the ceremony.



The 10th anniversary celebration of the College's Anderson Campus included the launch of a pilot Manufacturing Scholars Program with Michelin North America designed to build and grow the workforce of the future. Following the announcement, **Mr. Bib** made an appearance and joined **Melanie McLane**, facility personnel manager for Michelin's manufacturing facilities in Anderson County, standing, and **Dr. Booth** on stage.

Nearly a year ago, Michelin and Tri-County officials began working together to address a skills gap Michelin faced in hiring employees for manufacturing professional careers. In response to this need, Michelin officials worked to develop this program that aligns the daily duties of the Michelin Scholar with the curriculum developed by the Tri-County team.

"It is about broadening the concept of our current Michelin Technical Scholars program—expanding it by doing something new and different for manufacturing professionals while building our community and ensuring our growth," said McLane.

"We knew our desire to build, develop, and grow the workforce of the future is a shared vision in Anderson County," said McLane. "Michelin's ambition is to establish similar programs at other technical colleges in proximity to our sites around the State. The expansion and further deployment potential has been a part of the overall vision as we have worked to create a program that is sustainable and expandable," she said.

"Ultimately, we have a simple goal: we want to develop the workforce of the future. By doing this, we can influence the stability of our communities, economic growth in our State, and more families can enjoy the same benefits that mine has. It's an honor and a privilege to work in a company with a high purpose. We care about giving people everywhere a better way forward," said McLane.

April Is Community College Month

Community colleges like Tri-County Technical College serve 11.5 million students nationally, making the two-year degree the first choice for almost half of the undergraduate students in the U.S.

With enrollment exceeding 9,000 annually, Tri-County still offers small classes taught by full-time, experienced faculty with real-world backgrounds who can offer practical, one-on-one instruction.

“Our job is about helping students get from where they are now to where they want to be,” said Dr. Booth.

10 Reasons to Attend Tri-County

1. Student Success Is Our Top Priority



At Tri-County, students are a Name, not a Number. We have a 19:1 student-faculty ratio and the highest success rate among the 16 technical colleges in the State. In addition, we are ranked in the top five percent nationally for successful transfers to four-year colleges and universities.

2. What a Value

A two-year degree at Tri-County costs roughly less than one semester at a four-year college or university. Tri-County has the lowest tuition of all colleges and universities in the Upstate and ranks in the lowest quartile among the 16 technical colleges in S.C. The Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTA) Scholarship makes attending Tri-County even more affordable. Eligible full-time students (12 or more credit hours) can receive up to \$1,140 per semester, and part-time students taking six to eleven credit hours can receive up to \$95 per credit hour.

3. A Diverse Student Population

Students of all demographics come to Tri-County Technical College at different stages of their lives. Some are traditional, others non-traditional. Among the student population are working moms, displaced workers, frustrated workers, those embarking on second careers, and recent high school graduates, as well as dually-enrolled high school students. But they share a common

purpose. Most have personal and professional success as their goal; however, they are taking different and diverse routes to arrive at the same destination.

4. Tops in Technology



Every time a visitor has toured the Industrial Technology Center (ITC) in Sandy Springs, each person’s verbal response is the exact same word—an emphatic “wow.” The 43,000-square-foot Center that houses the Welding and CNC programs was specifically designed to mimic a real-world industrial setting. The state-of-the-art equipment that students train on matches industries’ expectations of what graduates will use on the job.

5. Graduate Debt Free



Hoke Durham was a student at Daniel High School when he signed up for the Machine Tool Technology classes at the Pickens County Career and Technology Center. That experience led to being hired at United Tool and Mold as a co-op. A 2015 Scholar Technician scholarship from Alliance Pickens and the tuition reimbursement program at United Tool and Mold are enabling him to attend Tri-County Technical College debt free.

6. Technical or Transfer—We Offer Both

Tri-County appeals to those looking for a technical degree. We're also a lead-in for those students planning to go the university transfer route and continue their studies at a four-year college or university. There are options for everyone. Most majors feature traditional classroom and online classes leading to a certificate and/or associate degree. Shane Simpson, a 2009 Dental Assisting graduate, transferred to Clemson University, where he received a B.S. in Biological Sciences. He was accepted into dental school in 2016 and is at Meharry Medical College in Nashville.



7. Get A Head Start

Tri-County offers high school students several opportunities to get a head start on college through Technical Advanced Placement (TAP), and Dual Enrollment or Technical Career Pathways Program.

Dual enrollment allows qualifying high school students the opportunity to gain high school and college credits at the same time by taking college-level courses in their high schools or career centers, as well as on Tri-County's campuses or online.

TAP enables qualified high school students to earn credit towards Tri-County's technical programs that lead toward an associate degree, diploma, or certificate.

8. Providing a Clear Path to Success



There are so many good things about the College's Technical Career Pathways program that it's hard to pinpoint which one is

best. At the top of the list is free tuition, compliments of the SC General Assembly, who approved funding to cover tuition and related expenses for high school students taking college courses in Technical Career Pathways. These students also earn a credential (Technical Operator I certificate) from Tri-County before they graduate from high school.

Industry leaders tout the program as an answer to finding trained and competent graduates with the skills needed in advanced manufacturing and other STEM-related careers.

9. Co-ops and Internships: Earn While You Learn

Caleb Nelson, a 2015 Easley High School graduate and an Industrial Electronics Technology major, is a BMW Scholar who works in the plant's body shop, in addition to being a full-time student. "This is a once in a lifetime experience. I will graduate debt free from Tri-County in May," said Caleb.

Work-based learning opportunities are the key to producing work-ready graduates with 21st-century workplace skills. Ninety-nine percent of employers responding to surveys give high marks to Tri-County grads.



10. Flexible Class Schedules and Close to Home



Making college accessible, available, and affordable is a priority. The Anderson and Easley campuses, along with the Oconee Campus at the Hamilton Career Center, Industrial Technology Center in Sandy Springs, and classrooms at the Watkins Community Center in Honea Path, serve several of the College's goals by bringing its services closer to residents.

A Shared Experience

As part of the College's journey to improve student learning and success, this spring we have chosen to focus on learning more about poverty because of its pervasive nature in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. One way to help us to help under-resourced students be successful was through a poverty simulation exercise.

SCThrive conducted these poverty simulations for all faculty and staff March 1–3. The intent of the experience was to help everyone to develop a deeper understanding of the environmental barriers and challenges faced by people living in poverty. Creating greater institutional awareness is a first step, and additional development opportunities will be offered in the future to learn how to assist students in poverty to learn and succeed in the classroom and beyond. Education plays a critical role in helping to reduce poverty and is directly connected to our vision to transform lives and build strong communities one student at a time.



During the simulation, logistical barriers like long lines were in place to prevent individuals from being successful.

Future development opportunities will focus on other characteristics of under-resourced students.

The College partnered with SCThrive earlier this year to help connect individuals with resources. Through the Benefits Bank (BB), seven Tri-County staff members were trained as BB counselors and help students learn what they can connect to and what services are available.

Medical Assisting Students Support Salvation Army

Medical Assisting day and evening cohorts recently chose the Salvation Army as their Medical Assisting Student Association project need. They had a friendly competition to see which cohort would gather the most items to donate to this needy organization. Both cohorts donated 772 items (day–494, evening–278).



Pictured from left are, back row, **Tiffany Robinson, Shanice Gibson**, Salvation Army Representative **Michele Wells, Bailey Goss, and Brook Keller**, and front row, **Keaira Groves, Keyondra Woods, and Olga Nechitaylo**.



Students Volunteer at Clemson Elementary

Students representing the Honors Experience and the International Student Association volunteered Saturday, March 4, for Clemson Elementary School's annual International Festival and Art Show. This is the third year that students have given their time to help at this event.

Pictured above from left are: **Lindsay Adair, Autumn Hinson, Benjamin McKie, Timeko McFadden**, faculty advisor and Spanish instructor and coordinator of our Humanities Department, **India Young, Jessica Strutko, Amani Altwan, Dina Altwan, and Precious Galvez**. Not pictured are **Amberlyn White** and **Gabrielle Tallman**.

Annual College Transfer Fair a Success

Brittney Nodine, right, was among the students who attended the annual College Transfer Fair hosted by the Arts and Sciences Division March 14 on the Pendleton Campus. Here she talks with **Dr. Brandi White**, professor and director of the Division of Healthcare Studies at MUSC.

Counselors from the following institutions were present: Anderson University, Armstrong State University, The Citadel, Clemson University, Columbia International University, Claflin University, Coastal Carolina, Columbia College, Erskine College, Furman University, Johnson and Wales University, Lander University, Limestone College, MUSC, North Greenville University, SCAD, S.C. Technical College System, Southern Wesleyan University, Troy, USC-Columbia, USC Upstate, Western Carolina University, and Webster University.



Student Nurses Association RN to BSN Expo

The Student Nurses Association (SNA) sponsored an RN to BSN Expo for Nursing students and graduates of the program to learn about educational pathways leading to earning their BSN degree while working.

Ten nursing programs from across South Carolina and several from out of state set up information tables, and representatives were on hand to talk about their individual BSN programs.



Mack Roberts, associate executive director at Claflin School of Nursing, talks with **Sonja Cheek**, an OR nurse at Oconee Memorial Hospital and a 2014 graduate of our associate degree Nursing program.



Many thanks to our SNA officers who hosted the Expo. From left are **Chelsea Layman**, **Hayley Hatfield**, **Taylor Bell**, **Travis Rice**, **Dr. Booth**, **Emily Washam**, **Danielle Hicks** and **Stacy Smith**, SNA advisor.

Students Reduce Stress with Free Massage



Ashlee Cleveland was among the students who enjoyed a free massage by Licensed Massage Therapist **Jenefer Nadenicek**, owner of Prana Yoga & Spa in Pendleton. The Student Development and Wellness Office offered this as a way for students to improve their heart health by reducing stress. This Leading EDGE Experience (LEE) is aligned with the Practical Life Skills series, supporting the 21st-century learning outcome of Integrated Learning.

Foundation News

Clemson Downs Continues Support of our Nursing Students

Clemson Downs made a \$1,000 donation to the College's Foundation to continue its support of a scholarship for a nursing student in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties.

Tri-County alumni make up one third of the workforce at Clemson Downs, working in positions ranging from health care providers, to administrative assistants, to business office managers, to marketing specialists.

Dr. John LeHeup, executive director of Clemson Downs, fourth from left, presented **Dr. Booth**, fifth from left, with the check. Also pictured are, from left, **Dr. Lynn Lewis**, dean of our Health Education Division; **Debbie Nelms**, fiscal analyst for our Foundation; **Courtney White**, director of development for our Foundation; **Barbara Huss**, administrator at Clemson Downs; and **Grayson Kelly**, executive director of Tri-County's Foundation.



excellence through service

"**4-C-Able Futures**," a week-long summer camp for high school youth in foster care, will receive the outstanding Innovation Program Award at the annual Community College of Appalachia (CCA) meeting June 13. CCA is a voluntary association of public community colleges serving the common interests of member colleges and their communities through programs and services responsive to the unique cultural, geographic, and economic development challenges facing the region.

Last year, under the direction of Marketing Director **Gayle Arries**, the 4-C-Able Futures camp was held June 12-17 on the Easley Campus and at Southern Wesleyan University.

Its primary focus is to develop career and personal goals, confidence, and self-esteem for this group of high-risk students.



Dr. Amoena Norcross

Dr. Amoena Norcross, curriculum consultant for the Curriculum & Instructional Support department, presented "Written Reflection: The Core Element of High-Impact Educational Practices" at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Two-Year College English Association—Southeast held in Charleston February 22-25.

A piece of artwork by Adjunct Art History Instructor **Rick Morgan** and his graduate school friend, Mary Telfer, won the "Artistic Merit" blue ribbon award in an international juried show entitled Women's Works held annually in Woodstock, Illinois. The piece, entitled *Coupon Queens*, is a diptych measuring 4' x 4' (both panels) and is an enhanced digital photograph. More than 500 pieces were entered in the show, but only 110 works accepted. A judge writes, "I love the performative nature of this piece, as well as the multi-layered feminist interpretations and the use of a contemporary medium of manipulated digital photography."



Our College Family



Jimmie Cash

in transition

Jimmie Cash has joined our Campus Police Department. He comes us to from the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, where he worked for seven years. Prior to that, he worked for the Anderson City Police Department from 1995–2008. He worked for Dyncorp International as an advisor in Iraq (2008–2010).

Jimmie served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1981–88 and in the SC Army National Guard from 1986–87. He is a member of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigations. Jimmie lives in Anderson.

Tracy Worley is the Administrative Assistant for the Bridge to Clemson Program. She worked for five years as an Administrative Assistant in the Oconee 10th Circuit Solicitors Office. She and her husband, Curtis, live in Westminster.



Tracy Worley

Jenna McCullough is a Recruiter in the Admissions Office. Her experience includes working as a Child Welfare Investigator for the

Department of Social Services and a Career Coach for Anderson Interfaith Ministries.

She holds a B.S. in Sociology from Lander University. She is a member of the Anderson Behavioral Health Board, and she lives in Iva.



Jenna McCullough

Margaret Dieringer is the Coordinator of Student Support for Dual Enrollment and Career Pathways. Margaret holds a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Illinois and an M. A. in Education from the University of Michigan in Flint. She was an adjunct instructor (College Success) for Greenville Technical College from 2013–2016. She was an adjunct College Success instructor for DeVry University from 2009–2014. Prior to that, she was an elementary and middle school teacher for Everest Academy in Clarkston, MI. She also has worked as an Advertising Writer for RJ Michaels as well as a Staff Writer and Copy Editor for several newspapers.

Margaret authored (under the pen name Meg Deere) a kindle e-book titled Before the Good Feelings Are Gone. Margaret and her husband, Mark, live in Easley and have three children, Anna, 22; Grant, 21; and Reid, 18.



Margaret Dieringer



Amanda Blanton and husband, Rex, adopted **Tom**, at the March 16 Veterinary Technology Pet Adoption Day. Dogs are leash trained and taught basic commands, while the cats are socialized with people and other cats. All animals have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated.



Chanta Moore, counselor and intake coordinator for the Anderson Adult Education Center, sent his note to Dr. Booth:

“On behalf of myself and **Katie Brown**, director of Anderson Adult Education

Centers 3, 4 and 5, we want to extend a heartfelt thanks to you and your staff. Because of your generosity, one of our students, Cavarus Miller, has begun his collegiate journey—something he almost gave up hope on before it even began. I'm certain that without the support of caring educators, like yourself, **Diana Walter**, **Cindy Mobley**, and **Amanda Blanton**, Cavaris would not be thriving as he is now. Please know that your partnership is one that we deeply treasure.”

Anderson Campus Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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Anderson Campus Milestones:

Technical Career Pathways

Recently, the Campus added the first year of Mechatronics and Industrial Electronics Technology as part of an expanded program plan to support the area's advanced manufacturing opportunities.

The Technical Career Pathways (TCP) program began at the Anderson Campus in August 2013. The TCP program allows participants to graduate with a college certificate as high school seniors and transition directly into an associate degree program at the College or enter the workforce.

QuickJobs Development Center

The Anderson Campus QuickJobs Development Center opened October 11, 2013. It is located across the street from the Anderson Campus. The facility was funded by a grant to Anderson County from the Appalachian Regional Commission through the S.C. Department of Commerce and by Tri-County Technical College.

Rosenwald School

The Campus also is the site of the Nation's only full-scale reproduction of a one-teacher Rosenwald School. These schools were built in the early 20th century for the education of African Americans in the rural South. The 900-square-foot reproduction Rosenwald School was constructed in 2012 by students in the College's Building Construction program.

Looking Ahead

"We have reached many milestones here... and even greater things lie ahead," said Dr. Booth. "Most significant will be our partnership with the new Anderson Institute of Technology that will serve students in Anderson School Districts Three, Four, and Five. Three school districts coming together to do this is amazing and a testament to the leadership in the districts."



ABOVE, LEFT: "This place is special to me," said **Travis Rice**, left, pictured with friend and mentor **David Little**, who taught him Anatomy and Physiology courses at the Anderson Campus. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in Architecture and Real Estate Development from Clemson University, Travis spent the first half of the 2000s working as an Architect/Developer in Atlanta. A layoff in 2008 resulted in his decision to change careers, and Travis enrolled in prerequisite classes to prepare for applying to the College's associate degree Nursing program. Travis will receive his associate degree in Nursing in May.



ABOVE, RIGHT: "Our goal is to offer the College's services and programs right where people live and work. Initially, it was all about easier student access to the College; now it's about student success and helping people of all ages to reach their educational and life goals," said **Tim Bowen**, director of the Anderson Campus.



LEFT: Husband and wife **Adam and Jennifer Simmons**, of Starr, are students at the Anderson Campus. After a 20-year hiatus, Adam who works at Michelin's Sandy Springs plant as a Bib Standard facilitator, is pursuing a Manufacturing Management and Leadership degree. Jennifer, who delivered the invocation at the 10th anniversary program, is an Associate in Science major and plans to transfer to Clemson to pursue an Environmental Science degree.

WorkLink Job Fair Hosted

Tri-County was the site for SC Works WorkLink's annual community job fair held March 21 in our Café. Attendees were able to meet and talk with 40-plus employers/training providers about jobs and training opportunities available to them.



Anderson Adult Ed Hosts Pizza Party for I-Best Students



Janice Walpole, director of Anderson 1 and 2 Adult Education, center, hosted a pizza party for students who this semester started the two college classes (COL 120 and MFG 101) in Level 2 of the I-BEST Manufacturing Career Pathway Program. “We are behind you and we are proud of you and encourage you to keep it up. This class will do nothing but open doors for you. We are grateful to Tri-County for this collaboration.” Also pictured are **Diana Walter**, director of Technical Skills for Success (TSS), front row, sixth from left, and **Robin Long**, TSS instructor, far right.

Service Excellence Team Arranges Chick-fil-A Day

As a small token of appreciation to TCTC employees who strive daily to provide excellent customer service to our students, colleagues, and external partners, the Service Excellence Team arranged with Chick-fil-A to come to the Pendleton Campus to provide a Chick-fil-A Day lunch option March 9 from 11am–2pm.

There was music from our own campus radio station, 95.1FM, and the Chick-fil-A Cow was on hand for photo-ops. He is pictured here with **Laura McClain**, Medical Assisting program coordinator and chair of the Service Excellence Team committee.



College Ranks Third in Nation Among MSSC Testing Centers

Since 2013, more than 500 area individuals have enrolled in the South Carolina Manufacturing Certification (SCMC) class taught through the Corporate and Community Education Division.

Recently a report released by the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) ranked Tri-County third nationwide among individual testing centers. The College has awarded a total of 2,236 credentials. S.C. ranks fifth in the nation among the 30 states that offer these programs.

The SCMC training is a 200-hour curriculum that includes the opportunity to earn 11 nationally-recognized credentials. Topics include industrial safety, quality, blueprints and measurement, production processes, and some basic understanding of industrial equipment and maintenance. Participants may earn an OSHA 10-hour safety card, a Lean Six Sigma yellow belt certification, and national MSSC credentials in safety, quality, production systems and maintenance awareness which translate into stackable credentials for college credit.

Envisioning the Future

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What essentially amounts to co-location of our facilities will allow us to come together in ways we have yet to imagine. Students can move seamlessly between high school classes and college classes in one high-quality, integrated educational experience at the same location. Close proximity also will increase opportunities for students to participate in our Technical Career Pathways program.

The Michelin Manufacturing Scholars program, designed for Michelin US Plant 2 in Sandy Springs and US Plant 8 in Starr, is expected to expand to the Anderson Campus after the pilot is completed in Pendleton. This highly-customized, one-semester program will train entry-level manufacturing professionals who are interested in beginning a career in manufacturing at Michelin. A first of its kind in the State, the Michelin Manufacturing Scholars program will be a model for the other Michelin plants and technical colleges in South Carolina.

For ten years, the Anderson Campus has played a key role in helping the College to fulfill its mission to support economic development by preparing a highly-skilled workforce. We look forward to many more years of positively impacting our communities and economic growth in South Carolina.

Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.
President

Easley Campus Site for National Health and Nutrition Survey

Pickens County was one of 15 counties selected nationwide to be part of the latest National Health and Nutrition Survey (NHANES). The study was conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCJS), as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NHANES provides important data on public health problems from a national perspective.

NHANES held an Open House Media Day March 16 at our Easley Campus with faculty, staff, and students participating in the assessments done the first day. The next day doctors and health care professionals conducted assessments about the health and diet of eight Pickens County residents. These residents were chosen for a battery of tests that would total \$4,200 if paid out of pocket. These participants are helping to develop and evolve national health programs



Dr. Brian Swords, senior director of community campuses, was a participant during the Open House. A dental exam, performed by Dr. Angela Ramirez, was part of the battery of tests for the survey.

and policies. Residents received a free and confidential health and nutrition evaluation.

Individuals were selected randomly and included all ages, races, and ethnicities to represent the U.S. population as whole. Respondents first participated in a health interview conducted in their homes followed by the health examinations that took place in a mobile examination center. While no medical care was provided directly in the mobile exam center, a report on physical findings is given to each participant, along with an explanation from survey medical staff. All information collected in the survey is kept confidential and privacy is protected by law.



Heather Scranton, of Seneca, a Practical Nursing major, volunteered to participate during the Open House. Here she get a body composition scan.

Executive Staff Summary

- **CAPITAL BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS:** Cara Hamilton, VP of Business Affairs, led discussion about planning for near-term capital renovation needs, particularly on the Pendleton Campus.
- **SERVICE HUB MODEL:** The College will pursue the development of a service hub delivery model to meet business and industry training needs on an ongoing basis.
- **FY 18 BUDGET PLANNING:** Budget planning is underway during the months of March and April.
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE REPORT-OUT - RECRUITMENT PLAN:** Tiffany Blackwell, director of Recruiting, Admissions, and Orientation, and Gayle Arries, director of Marketing, presented the new College-wide recruiting plan. The plan was developed by a project team

as part of the College's strategic plan. The project creates unified definition of recruitment at Tri-County and identifies a framework and collaborative recruitment opportunities with other stakeholders at the College.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND PROCEDURE:** Executive Staff approved the College's first official social media policy and procedure, which will be available on the Policies and Procedures link on the Employee tab in eTC. Additionally, the Marketing Department maintains social media usage guidelines that offer specific directions for requesting and establishing an official College social media presence at the department or division level.
- **OTHER:** President's Advisory Council planning; policies and procedures.