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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



SCTC: Making An Impact

As we bask in the afterglow of a remarkable graduation season, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations once more to the Class of 2024. Your achievements have filled us with immense pride and joy. Watching you cross the stage was a powerful reminder of the dedication, perseverance, and excellence that define our students. Each of our graduates have reached a significant milestone, and we are confident that they will continue to make us proud in their future endeavors.

As we transition from graduation and turn the page toward the Summer Semester, I am excited about the unique opportunities for growth, exploration, and learning that lie ahead. Within this issue, you will find a myriad of updates that highlight our campus life and community outreach. Our students remain at the heart of what we do and our mission continues to be focused on championing workforce development through technical education, economic development, and adult education courses. As always, we take great pride in the work we have accomplished in building a workforce that our local business and industry partners can count on.

As the President of Southern Crescent Technical College, I am continually humbled by the unwavering support and dedication shown by our community and supporters. Looking ahead, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what the future holds. Together, we have the power and unique opportunity to create positive change, foster innovation, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve. With your continued support, I am confident that we will continue to push the boundaries of excellence and unlock new possibilities for generations to come.

- Dr. Irvin Clark, President

2024 Graduation Ceremony Honors Outstanding Graduates

Graduates were all smiles on Friday, May 10, 2024 as more than 500 Southern Crescent Technical College students celebrated their graduation during the annual commencement ceremonies held at New Hope Baptist Church - North Campus in Fayetteville.

Southern Crescent Technical College President Dr. Irvin Clark offered words of praise and encouragement as he addressed all graduates and recognized them for their achievements. "We are so proud of all that our students have accomplished," said Dr. Clark. "Graduation is a special time where we are able to celebrate the culmination of our students' hard work and persistence. I am confident that Southern Crescent Technical College has provided them with the skills and education they need to launch successful careers and build productive lives."

Delivering the commencement address for the morning ceremony was Edward Johnson, Mayor of Fayetteville. Niki Vanderslice, President and CEO of

the Fayette County Development Authority was the keynote speaker for the afternoon ceremony. Both delivered a heartfelt charge to graduates and congratulated them, challenging them to continue their path of success. They communicated words of support and wisdom as they continue to achieve success in both their personal and professional life.

Because of the large number of graduates participating, Southern Crescent Technical College hosted two ceremonies which honored credit and adult education graduates from Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024. This fiscal year to date, SCTC has awarded over 1,500 duplicated credentials to students who have completed requirements for Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Technical Certificates of Credit. That number will continue to rise over the coming months as the Spring Semester ends and more graduation applications are processed.

Clark continued, "The commencement ceremonies were certainly a time for celebration as students were



rewarded for both their achievements and sacrifices in their pursuit of their educational goals and dreams. These graduates have worked diligently for this great accomplishment and should be commended for their dedication to education. I look forward to seeing these graduates as they embark on the next phase of their life journey." sctech.edu/Graduation24

Career Fair Connects Students to Jobs

The Griffin campus of Southern Crescent Technical College was abuzz with energy as approximately 100 students and alumni gathered at the Spring Career Fair on April 17, 2024. The event, hosted by Career and Academic Planning, featured a strong presence of 50 local and regional employers eager to connect with potential candidates.

Employers were impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm displayed by attendees, many of whom arrived prepared with resumes in hand and dressed for success. The fair provided a dynamic platform for meaningful interactions and discussions about existing job opportunities within diverse sectors of the job market.

"Our participating employers were delighted with the caliber of talent they encountered at the career fair," said Adessa Green, Assistant Director of Career Services. "It was heartening to witness such promising connections being made between our students and these leading organizations."



In addition to facilitating these vital introductions, Career and Academic Planning extends ongoing support to students seeking career guidance and employment opportunities. Annita White, Director of Career and Academic Planning emphasized, "Career Services is always available to our students who need help connecting with employers. Students are welcome to visit the CAP Center or register with TIGERLINK to review job postings." sctech.edu/CareerFair

Horticulture Dept Hosts Plant Sale



The Southern Crescent Technical College Horticulture Department hosted the 2024 Plant Sale on Thursday, April 25th and featured a variety of plants including vegetables, annual flowers, perennials, and house plants. The Plant Sale was open to the public with SCTC Horticulture students assisting with seeding, vegetative propagation, and greenhouse management of all plants sold. The students also helped in marketing the event, creating plant tags and a grow guide, and assisting with customer service during the Plant Sale.

Dr. Harris, Horticulture Program Coordinator and Instructor at Southern Crescent Technical College remarks that "This event helps prepare students to enter the Green Industry as they are exposed to greenhouse propagation, pest management, irrigation, and fertilizer management by preparing for the Annual Plant Sale. An experience like this exposes students to nursery and greenhouse operations as well as plant identification." sctech.edu/PlantSale

Annual Student Appreciation Day-Fun for All

Student Appreciation Day was a resounding success at Southern Crescent Technical College's Griffin Campus, Flint River Campus, and Henry County Center! The recent event brought together our students, faculty, and staff who enjoyed a free lunch from the Varsity Food Truck amidst the beautiful weather. We had a blast celebrating our incredible students as they wrap up Spring Semester while enjoying time together outside of the classroom, playing games, and grooving to awesome music!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Summer Semester Begins - May 22, 2024
- Memorial Day - May 27, 2024
> All Campuses CLOSED, no classes
- Juneteenth - June 19, 2024
> All Campuses CLOSED, no classes

GET TO KNOW: SCTC Bookstore Manager Terri George



Terri George
Bookstore Manager

"As the manager of the College's Bookstore, I find genuine fulfillment in serving our diverse student body each semester, witnessing firsthand the pivotal role our store plays in supporting their academic pursuits. Seeing students around campus proudly wearing our logo, I'm reminded of the meaningful impact our bookstore has on their college journey, providing not just goods, but a sense of community and belonging."



What is your favorite part of your job?

Assisting students each semester to reach their goals and working with our awesome Bookstore Staff

What are three things you can't live without?

Coffee, books, and prayer

Where is your favorite place to relax?

My Zen garden

What is the best advice someone has given you?

You can't move forward by looking back.

Where would you take a dream vacation?

Israel

What is something people may not know about you?

I raise Indio Gigante chickens...look them up!

What is your favorite memory?

Spending time with my daddy

What do you hope others learn from you?

The importance of having a strong work ethic.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SCTC Bookstore

The primary goal of the Southern Crescent Technical College Bookstore is to support a student's educational experience by providing books, course materials and related resources necessary for students, faculty and staff at reasonable prices. With locations on the Griffin and Flint River Campuses, our shelves are thoughtfully stocked with an array of resources, from essential textbooks to tools that fuel creativity and organization, ensuring students have everything they need to succeed. Beyond academics, we offer an array of snacks and gifts including branded SCTC merchandise to foster a sense of belonging and pride within our college community and serve as tangible reminders of shared experiences and collective identity. Online ordering is available for your convenience. sctech.edu/bookstore bookstore@sctech.edu

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