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Augusta Technical College Launches Inaugural President's Leadership Institute for Employees

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As part of the college's strategic plan, Dr. Jermaine Whirl, President of Augusta Technical College, established the President's Leadership Institute for full-time employees. The program is part of the college's focus on organizational culture and succession planning. Employees had to apply to take part of the program and the process was competitive. The inaugural class has 20 employees and each year the program will accept up to 20. Utilizing select readings, case studies, distinguished guest speakers, service-learning projects, and hosting sessions throughout the Augusta region are unique characteristics of the program.

The six-month program focuses on six major themes:

- Understanding the history and mission of two-year colleges
- Leadership & community development and engagement
- Higher education innovation and diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Institutional advocacy, advancement, and policy framing
- Best practices, trends, and opportunities in higher education
- Career advancing techniques and coaching

This year's class began April 22 nd at Destination Augusta. The session speakers were Dr. Forest Mahan, President of Aiken Technical College; Cal Wray, President of Augusta Economic Development Authority; Robbie Bennett, Executive Director, Development Authority of Columbia County; Bennish Brown, President & CEO of Destination Augusta; Dr. Walt Tobin, President of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College; and, Dr. Willie Todd Jr., President of Denmark Technical College.

Congratulations to the college's inaugural class.

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Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit <u>augustatech.edu</u>.

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