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Augusta Technical College School of Cyber and Design Media opens student operated Security Operations Center at the Georgia Cyber Innovation & Training Center

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The Augusta Technical College School of Cyber and Design Media is delighted to announce the establishment of the first student operated Security Operations Center (SOC) Lab, located within the Augusta Technical College suite at the Georgia Cyber and Innovation Training Center.

The SOC serves as an invaluable platform for students to gain hands-on, real-world experience in a Security Operations Center environment. Here, they analyze network traffic meticulously, seeking anomalies that may hint at malicious activities occurring on the Internet. Additionally, students will acquire the skills to utilize SOC tools, identifying vulnerabilities on both end devices and the network itself.



Distinguished leaders from government, education, and the cybersecurity industry attended the opening. Dean Tammy O'Brien warmly welcomed all attendees and introduced faculty member Mr. Dederick Scott, who spoke about the the SOC's significance and its pivotal role in preparing future cybersecurity professionals.

The highlight of the event was the ribbon-cutting ceremony, a task carried out by College President Dr. Jermaine Whirl, symbolizing the official commencement of our SOC's operations.

"Augusta Tech is proud to be the first institution in the Technical College System of Georgia to have a student operated SOC. I commend the faculty and staff of the School of Cyber and Design Media for their commitment to provide real-world hands-on learning environments for our students," stated College President Dr. Jermaine Whirl.

"This investment follows the school's recent implementation of the first Associate of Applied Science Degree in Cloud Computing and Solutions and an interdisciplinary degree with the School of Business: an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting Cybersecurity; both a first in the State of Georgia. We look forward to additional innovations within the school for years to come."

We are thrilled about the possibilities this SOC offers our students and the broader cybersecurity community. It is a testament to our commitment to providing cutting-edge education in this critical field. Together, we stride forward into a future where cybersecurity expertise is paramount.

[Click here to view photos from the ribbon cutting ceremony.](#)

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About the School of Cyber and Design Media

The School of Cyber and Design Media is home to the cyber and cyber-related programs, which offer students a multitude of training opportunities to support the overwhelming need for employees in the field of IT in both business and government sectors. Students can choose from Computer Programming, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Computer Networking, and Computer Support, as well as numerous Technical Certificates of Credit. The courses offer intensive hands-on training covering emerging trends using innovative technology. The Design and Media Production Technology program is constantly evolving to support new technology through engaging lecture and hands on training. Coupled with state-of-the-art equipment and industry software, the program prepares students for employment in a wide range of design-based industries including corporate identity/branding, advertising, print production, web design, photography, videography, and other avenues of visual communication. Learn more at augustatech.edu.

About Augusta Technical College

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 augustatech.edu.

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