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Augusta Technical College Celebrates Community College Month, Showcasing Workforce Development and Student Success

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This April, Augusta Technical College is proud to celebrate Community College Month, recognizing the vital role two-year institutions play in providing accessible, high-quality education and workforce development opportunities. As a leader in career and technical education, Augusta Tech continues to empower students with innovative programs, hands-on training, and strong industry partnerships that drive regional economic growth.

Community colleges are at the forefront of closing the skills gap by offering affordable, career-focused education tailored to meet industry demands. At Augusta Tech, our state-of-the-art training facilities and employer-driven programs equip students with the skills needed for in-demand careers in fields such as healthcare, business, engineering technology, cybersecurity, automotive, and more.

"We take great pride in serving as a gateway to opportunity for our students," said Dr. Melissa Frank-Alston, Interim President of Augusta Technical College. "Community colleges are engines of economic mobility, and Augusta Tech remains committed to fostering student success while meeting the evolving needs of Georgia's workforce."

Augusta Tech is dedicated to providing students with the tools they need to succeed in the workforce or continue their education. Through dual enrollment programs, apprenticeship opportunities, and workforce certifications, the college ensures that graduates are job-ready on day one.

Additionally, the college's Accelerate Augusta initiative—a transformational effort to provide state-of-the-art workforce training in high-demand industries—demonstrates Augusta Tech's commitment to equipping students with real-world experience that prepares them for lifelong career success.

As part of its mission, Augusta Tech partners with local businesses, industries, and community organizations to create pipelines for skilled professionals. Through collaborations with companies like Aurubis Richmond, students gain access to internships, hands-on training, and employment opportunities.

With Community College Month highlighting the role of technical and community colleges, Augusta Tech reaffirms its dedication to academic excellence, workforce innovation, and student achievement.

Throughout April, Augusta Tech will share student success spotlights to celebrate the contributions of community colleges. Follow us on social media and visit <u>augustatech.edu</u> to learn more about our programs and how we are shaping the future of Georgia's workforce.

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About ACCT

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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.

Founded in 1961, Augusta Technical College is committed to providing high-quality career and technical education that supports workforce development in Augusta, GA, and surrounding communities. With a strong focus on student success, innovation, and industry partnerships, Augusta Tech prepares graduates for careers in high-demand industries while fostering lifelong learning and economic growth. For more information, visit augustatech.edu.

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