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Augusta Tech Announces New Scholarship for Construction Trades

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Augusta Technical College is pleased to announce the creation of the Robert Fields Annual Scholarship to benefit students pursuing instruction in various construction-related fields. This scholarship was created in Mr. Fields' memory by his cousin, Ms. Adrian Arnold of Sacramento, Calif. Mr. Fields, who passed away in 2011, lived in the CSRA and many of his family members still reside here. The scholarship was announced December 5 during a surprise party at Augusta Tech for his friends and family, including his mother, Mrs. Elease Harris.

"My cousin, Robert A. Fields, was dedicated to a lifetime of improving himself and those around him," Ms. Arnold said. "As an honor to his mother, Ms. Elease Harris, I chose to financially support the construction trades students at Augusta Tech. Prayerfully, these resources will be used to assist many in improving their educational endeavors in her son's name."

Adrian S. Arnold is a Clinical Informatics Nurse in California. Originally from Augusta, she says that she greatly admires Augusta Technical College for their commitment to their students and the community.

The scholarship will be administered by the Augusta Tech Foundation, an independent 501(c)3 organization that works to raise and appropriate philanthropic resources to support Augusta Technical College's mission of excellence in workforce education.

"We are delighted to help Ms. Arnold honor her cousin with this new scholarship," said Cheryl Ciucevich, Augusta Tech's Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "Although our tuition and fees are much lower than other colleges in the area, most of our students face financial barriers to accessing good-paying, sustainable careers. Scholarships like the Fields Scholarship ensure that more people in our community will be able to achieve their goals."

Annual scholarships at Augusta Tech can be established with a minimum commitment of \$500 per year for at least three years. An endowed scholarship, which will exist in perpetuity, can be created with a minimum gift of \$10,000, which can be given in installments over several years. To find out more about funding scholarships at Augusta Tech, contact the Foundation office at 706-771-4023 or foundation@augustatech.edu.



L-R: Elease Harris (mother of Robert Fields), Adrian Arnold, Dr. Melissa Frank-Alston and Dr. Quentin Cooks.

About the Augusta Technical College Foundation

Founded in 1987, the Augusta Technical College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to raising resources that advance the college's mission of providing excellence in workforce education. These resources contribute to Augusta Tech students' career advancement and economic empowerment.

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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