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### **Augusta Technical College announces partnership with Augusta United Graduate Academy**

Augusta, GA— Augusta Technical College president [Dr. Jermaine Whirl](#) has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding to promote joint educational and professional development opportunities with the [Augusta United Graduate Academy](#), a youth organization created to coach and mentor high school graduates through spiritual & athletic building experiences.

The Academy's club football team, (The Dream Chasers), participants have access to a comprehensive and customized academic/athletics program designed to:

- Improve student-athletes core GPA to attain scholarships.
- Qualify student-athletes for NCAA eligibility.
- Minimize or reduce academic/athletic down time post-high school graduation.
- Create internship opportunities for athletes that lead to entrepreneurship.
- Teach practical life skills to young adults.



Dr. Jermaine Whirl, Mr. Sherwin Gloston, &  
Mr. Cornell Harris

“Our vision is to create a post graduate high school program that serves as an academic and spiritual character builder for young adults. We aim to unlock the potential of those that participate to recognize their duty to serve our community and become productive citizens,” stated Cornell Harris, CEO/Founder.

Student athletes will enjoy a seamless admission's process by having their own dedicated admissions liaison from the college. To accommodate student athletes' practice schedules, the college will offer a variety of face-to-face classes throughout the day while ensuring participants have access to the college's 130+ academic programs of study. Other academic support services such as tutoring and academic coaching will be offered to ensure participants' success.

“Augusta Tech is honored to partner with the Augusta United Graduate Academy! The student athletes will be a welcomed addition to our Cougar Family. Moreover, they will have access to the college's innovative programs, faculty who are practitioners in their field of expertise, friendly student support service personnel, and real-world learning opportunities - with the personal attention and close-knit culture of a small, private institution, stated Dr. Whirl.

Those interested in becoming a student athlete should contact Coach Damien Postell at [theaugustaunited@gmail.com](mailto:theaugustaunited@gmail.com).

We invite you to join our college community, which includes thousands of graduates who are working in boardrooms, hospitals and businesses across our region, state, and beyond. Summer Term starts May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Fall Term starts August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Apply online at [augustatech.edu](http://augustatech.edu).

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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. For more information, visit [augustatech.edu](http://augustatech.edu).

For more information, please contact Kimberly Holden, Director of Community Engagement & Public Affairs at Augusta Technical College.

***About Augusta United Graduate Academy, Inc.***

Augusta United Graduate Academy Inc is the first of its kind in the CSRA, originally developed from the Gridiron Elite Program established in 2011. Gridiron Elite has supported, coached and mentored over 1000 kids through its spiritual/athletic building experiences. For more information, call 803.439.5631 or visit the Augusta United Graduate Academy, Inc. website: <https://www.theauga.com/home>