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Augusta Technical College names Dr. Beth Sacksteder Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Foundation Executive Director

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Experienced higher education leader to guide institutional advancement, philanthropic initiatives and strategic partnerships

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Augusta, GA - Augusta Technical College has announced the appointment of Dr. Beth Sacksteder as Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Augusta Technical College Foundation, effective December 1, 2026.

Sacksteder, who currently serves as Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Development at Augusta Tech, brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education, with a professional background spanning institutional advancement, fundraising, alumni engagement, enrollment management and student services.

In her new role, Sacksteder will lead the college's institutional advancement strategy and provide executive leadership for the Augusta Technical College Foundation. Her responsibilities include guiding philanthropic initiatives, strengthening corporate and community partnerships, advancing alumni engagement, supporting the Foundation's board of trustees and overseeing the stewardship of charitable resources. Working with college leadership and community partners, she will help align philanthropic investment with institutional priorities, expand opportunities for students and support regional workforce development.

"Dr. Sacksteder brings extensive experience in higher education, a strong understanding of institutional advancement and a deep commitment to Augusta Technical College," said Dr. Kendricks D. Hooker, president of Augusta Technical College. "Her leadership will be instrumental as we continue to strengthen the Foundation, expand our partnerships and create new opportunities to elevate the Augusta Tech experience for our students and the communities we serve."

Prior to joining Augusta Tech, Sacksteder served as director of the Aiken Technical College Foundation in Aiken, S.C. Her previous experience also includes positions with the Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity Foundation, the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University and the University of Alabama. Sacksteder holds the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential, a professional designation recognizing experience, knowledge and ethical practices in philanthropy. She earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama, a master's degree in education from the University of Akron and a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Mount Union.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving Augusta Technical College in this new role," Sacksteder said. "Over the past two years, I've seen firsthand how philanthropy and strong community partnerships can open doors for our students. I'm excited to build on the Foundation's momentum, deepen relationships with our alumni, donors and industry partners, and create meaningful opportunities to invest in the future of our students and our region."

Sacksteder succeeds Cheryl Ciucevich, who is retiring after serving as Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Augusta Tech since 2023.

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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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