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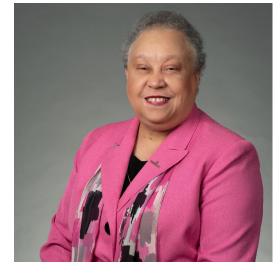
Augusta Technical College announces Dr. Belle Wheelan as Keynote Speaker for June 2023 Commencement Ceremony

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The Augusta Technical College Board of Directors, Faculty and Staff, and the 2023 Graduating Class invite the community to attend their commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 10:30am at the James Brown Arena.

To be considered as a candidate for graduation, students must have completed all requirements of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and Augusta Technical College's Board of Directors and been certified by the

registrar as having met all academic requirements.



This year's graduating class is comprised of over 700 students from the Adult Education program and the Schools of Arts and Sciences; Aviation, Industrial and Engineering Technology; Business; Cyber and Design Media; Health Sciences; and Public and Professional Services. The college has over 430 students registered to participate in the ceremony.

Dr. Belle Wheelan has been selected as the Augusta Technical College 2023 Commencement Keynote Speaker. Dr. Wheelan currently serves as President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans over 40 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education.

Angel Maestre, Pastor of the Centro Cristiano Oasis De Bendicion in Augusta, Georgia, will serve as guest pastor and give the invocation and benediction for the ceremony.

The Augusta Technical College 2023 Commencement Ceremony will also be streamed virtually via the college's **Facebook** page and **YouTube** channel.

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 <u>augustatech.edu</u>.

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