CORA HOLCOMB NAMED AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2019 GOAL WINNER

Augusta, GA, February 26, 2019 – Cora Holcomb, a Business Healthcare Technology student at Augusta Technical College, has been named as the college's 2019 winner of the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL).

Holcomb was chosen by a panel of local leaders from The Optimist Club of Augusta and the Augusta Technical College Foundation Board over three other nominees for the award. The runners-up were: Ms. Tiffany Allen, Chemical Technology; Mr. Cody Smith, Business Healthcare Technology; and Jarrod Zyjewski, Cybersecurity.

The announcement of Holcomb as the winner was made by President Terry D. Elam at the college's faculty and Staff meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. All GOAL nominees will be recognized at the Best of the Best college luncheon on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, which is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

GOAL, a statewide program of the Technical College System of Georgia, honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. Local GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's 22 technical colleges.

Mrs. Cora Holcomb, 2019 Augusta Technical College Georgia Occupational Award of the Year Winner.

Holcomb will now proceed to regional competition at Central Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins on February 27, 2019. All college GOAL winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta for three days in April. Nine regional finalists, three finalists from the three regions, will be announced in Atlanta on April 16, 2019. A panel of leaders from the business, industry and government sectors will interview them and choose one to be the 2019 State GOAL Winner, TCSG's Student of the Year, and the recipient of the GOAL medallion. The grand prize also includes a brand new car.

"Going back to school at a technical college has given me so much more out of life," stated Holcomb. "I have more confidence, and I feel like I have a purpose outside of being a mother and a wife. Ultimately, my going back to school will lead to helping others, and I hope to one day share my story and experiences so that it may encourage others to do the same."

Holcomb's husband is an active duty military member, and she is the mother of five children, four daughters and one son. She chose to attend Augusta Technical College to earn her degree and pursue a career as a Nurse.

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 www.augustatech.edu . For more information, contact Kimberly Holden Director of Community Engagement & Public Affairs, Augusta Technical College 706.771.4819.

About the Technical College System of Georgia
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