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Augusta Technical College Announces the 2022 Den of Distinction Alumni Honorees

Awards will be given at the college's annual Induction Ceremony.

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The Augusta Technical College Den of Distinction Committee is excited to announce the second class of inductees to the Den of Distinction.

The Den of Distinction celebrates a select group of alumni within Cougar Nation who have fulfilled the promise of technical education. Each inductee has an innovative spirit and embodies Augusta Technical College's vision and values. The stories of these alumni are filled with diverse perspectives and experiences that are remarkable, triumphant, and trailblazing. You will be able to learn more about our 2022 inductees through features on our college website.

Earlier this year, the Committee accepted nominations for inductees. We had many highly qualified applicants and after a rigorous review process, the college accepted 10 members to induct into the Den of Distinction.

This year's inductees are:

- Dr. Delester Brown, Jr., Chief Data Officer, Army National Guard
- Shannon DeConda, President and Founder, National Alliance of Medical Auditing Specialists & Coding & Billing Services and Doctors Management, LLC
- Anthony Dixon, President & CEO, Verge Erosion Control
- Wayne A. Gossage, Jr., VP of Energy Services, Jefferson Energy Cooperative

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- Lisa Hill, Director of East Georgia Learning Resources System, CSRA RESA
- Kimberly Holden, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Augusta Technical College
- Ceretta Smith, City Councilwoman, City of Grovetown, GA
- Scott Stevens, Peripheral Vascular Manager, Piedmont Augusta
- · Ayiende Toby, Plans Examiner, City of Augusta, GA
- Dr. Hermecender Walton-Williams, Nurse Manager/Practice Site Coordinator, Augusta University Health

"The college community is excited to celebrate these 10 alumni who have displayed excellence within the community and within their professions," stated College President Dr. Jermaine Whirl. "We look forward to saluting them in celebration of their personal and professional accomplishments."

The college will induct the honorees on Friday, September 30 with a semiformal event.

This is an invitation-only event. If you have any questions about the Den of Distinction, please reach out to Valarie Chapman at 706.771.4177 or via email at <u>valarie.chapman@augustatech.edu</u>.

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