

Counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and the community:

### **On-Campus**

#### **Shalonda Sanders**

Title IX Coordinator (all campuses)  
Associate Vice President for Human Resources  
Valdosta Campus, Brooks Hall, Human Resources Suite  
(229) 333-5356 or shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu

#### **Katrina Royal**

Student ADA & Section 504 Coordinator (all campuses)  
Director of Testing and Special Populations  
Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 107  
(229) 333-2100 or katrina.royal@wiregrass.edu  
\*student ADA & student disability claims only

#### **Tabora Temple**

Military & Veterans Services Director  
Berrien Hall, Room 106, Valdosta Campus  
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### **Off Campus Resources**

#### **Ben Hill-Irwin Campus**

Ben Hill County Sheriff – 229-426-5111  
Irwin County Sheriff – 229-468-7459  
Fitzgerald Police Department – 229-426-5000  
Ruth's Cottage- Rape Crisis Center – 229-388-1541  
Ben Hill County Health Department – 229-426-5288  
Advocacy Programs – Communities in Schools –  
229-423-7933  
Ben Hill County Courts – Superior Court Clerk –  
229-426-5135  
Magistrate Court – 229-426-5140  
Mental Health Facility – Tift Adult, Child, and  
Adolescent Mental Health Center – 229-391-2300  
Ben Hill Domestic Violence Help – 22-388-1541  
Christian Kitchen – 229-426-5483

#### **Cook Campus**

Cook County Sheriff – 229-896-7471  
Adel Police Department – 229-896-2224  
The Haven – Rape Crisis Center – 229-241-7047  
Cook County Health Department – 229-896-3030  
Children's Advocacy Center – 229-245-5364  
Cook County Courts – Probate Judge – 229-896-3941  
Magistrate Court – 229-896-3151  
Legacy Behavioral Health Services – 229-896-4559  
Domestic Violence Hot Line – 229-241-7047

#### **Coffee Campus**

Coffee County Sheriff – 912-384-4227  
Douglas Police Department – 912-384-2222  
Rape Crisis Center – Satilla Advocacy Center –  
912-283-0987  
Coffee County Health Department – 855-473-4374  
Child Advocacy Center of Coffee County – 912-260-1492  
Local Courts – Coffee County Magistrate Court –  
912-384-1381  
Coffee County Clerk of Court – 912-384-2865  
Coffee County Probate Judge – 912-384-5213  
Hope Center Shelter – 912-383-4495  
Domestic Violence – The Magnolia House – 912-285-5850

#### **Valdosta Campus**

Lowndes County Sheriff – 229-671-2900  
Valdosta Police Department – 229-242-2606  
Rape Crisis Center – The Haven – 229-241-7047  
Lowndes County Health Department – 229-333-5257  
Lowndes County Courts – Magistrate Court – 229-671-2610  
Shelters – The Haven – Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. –  
229-241-7047  
Legacy Behavioral Health Services – 229-671-6109  
Domestic Violence Hotline – The Haven – 229-241-7047  
Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc. –  
229-245-7157

## **Notice of Victims' Rights, Options and Resources**

Pertaining to  
Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,  
The Clery Act as Amended by the  
Violence Against Women Act.

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*Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (WGTC) abides by the Technical College System of Georgia's Policy 2.1.1. Statement of Equal Opportunity. The Technical College System of Georgia and its constituent technical colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, programs financed by the federal government including any Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I financed programs, educational programs and activities, including admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also encompasses the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services. The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.*

## TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program. Employees, in their role under Title IX, are required to report all incidents of sexual violence and other sexual harassment or discrimination to the Title IX Coordinator or other member of the Campus Equity and Compliance Team. Additionally, "Responsible Employees" are required to advise students of their right to file a complaint with the College, regardless of their desire to pursue an investigation with law enforcement. You may do so by contacting:

### Shalonda Sanders

Associate Vice President of Human Resources  
& Title IX Coordinator  
Valdosta Campus, Brooks Hall,  
Human Resources Suite  
**Office:** (229) 333-5356  
shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu

## CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following options will be provided.

### 1. If dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:

- Get to a safe place
- Report the Incident
  - **Emergencies:** 911
  - **Ben Hill-Irwin Campus** – 229-468-2241
  - **Cook Campus** – 229-549-7368
  - **Coffee Campus** – 229-468-2255
  - **Valdosta Campus** – 229-219-3175
  - **Title IX:** Shalonda Sanders, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Valdosta Campus, Brooks Hall, Human Resources Suite, or call (229) 333-5356, or email shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu
  - **WeCare Team** – weCare@wiregrass.edu -

is a non-emergency response team

- **Preserve Evidence** – Preserving evidence in all cases of sexual assault is imperative. For example, avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth if at all possible, after a sexual assault; this could destroy evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement. A forensic sexual assault exam may be conducted and the evidence stored even if you elect not to have law enforcement involvement.
- **Law Enforcement Involvement** – Victims have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If the victim chooses to notify the local police, campus police can assist with that notification. Law enforcement can collect and store evidence even if the victim wishes not to involve police so that it's available should the victim change their mind at a later time.
- **Temporary Protection Orders (TPO)** - A temporary protective order is a legal document issued by court to help victims obtain protection from persons abusing, harassing or stalking them. TPOs are issued through the Superior Court of the County in which the Perpetrator/Respondent resides. If the Respondent is not a resident of Georgia, the TPO may be issued in the County where the abuse occurred or where the Victim/Petitioner resides.

### 2. Confidentiality

- **GA Law** – In accordance with Georgia Open Records Act, the College Police will not release the name or identification of victims of rape.
- **Mostly Confidential** – The College will protect the identity of victims to the fullest extent possible. When a victim wishes to remain anonymous or not have their identity disclosed to a perpetrator, the college's ability to respond to the complaint may be limited.

### 3. Interim Measures Available

- The Title IX Coordinator or Student Affairs Representative can speak to you about possible changes to academic, living, transportation or working situations. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to campus police or local law enforcement.

### 4. Codes of Conduct

- Victims who are students may choose to file conduct charges for violation of policy. Student Affairs Staff members are available to guide you through the conduct process and answer any questions.

#### Contact:

Vice President of Enrollment Management  
Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 302D  
229-333-5356

#### Or

Campus Police Chief  
Ben Hill-Irwin Campus, Room 217  
Office: (229) 468-2241  
Mobile: (229) 560-3012

- Victims who are employees may choose to file complaint following the college's employee grievance procedure. Human Resources Staff members are available to guide you through the process and answer any questions. Contact Associate Vice President of Human Resources at (229) 333-5356.

**Additional information regarding crime victims rights can be found in O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq.**

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