

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Student organizations and activities are an integral part of student life at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and are strongly supported by the faculty and staff. Because the faculty and staff believe that a student's academic life is greatly enhanced through involvement in activities that develop and promote professionalism and interaction with other students, all students are strongly encouraged to participate in one or more of several student professional organizations supported by the college.

## **Association of Surgical Technologists Student Association (ASTSA)**

The Association of Surgical Technologists Student Association promotes leadership and education for program surgical technology students through planned activities within Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and through planned seminars around the state and nation. ASTSA is nationally affiliated with the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST). Its leadership consists of club officers and a club advisor.

## **Dental Assisting Technology Student Organization (DATSO)**

The purpose of DATSO is to advance the science of dental assisting technology. Students enrolled in the Dental Assisting program have the opportunity to participate in this organization. This group works to promote public awareness of good oral health, provide community service during dental clinics, and improve student awareness of the profession. The organization is affiliated with the Georgia Dental Association for Expanded Functions (GDA) and the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA)..

## **National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)**

NTHS is an organization for honor students where membership is by invitation only. Full-time and part-time students are recommended for membership by their instructors, approved by the administration, and must meet local and national membership standards. Membership is determined by overall grade-point average, work ethics, and professionalism. WGTC has a state and national affiliation with NTHS and is governed by selected student officers and a faculty advisor.

## **SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is a professional student organization that consists of students from technical trades, health occupations, and business programs. SkillsUSA members participate in activities that promote leadership and professionalism through competitive events at the local, state, and national levels, as well as through various community service functions each year. SkillsUSA has a state and national level affiliation with SkillsUSA, Inc. SkillsUSA leadership consists of elected student officers and faculty advisors.

## **Society of Radiologic Technology Students**

The Society of Radiologic Technology Students is composed of students in the Radiologic (X-ray) Technology program. Students compete in local and state competitions designed to promote technical and leadership skills in categories related to the education and training received in the program.

## **Student American Dental Hygiene Association (SADHA)**

The Student American Dental Hygiene Association is an organization for students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program. This organization supports student participation in networking, clinics, and competitions. SADHA is a component of the American Dental Hygiene Association, a constituent of the Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association, and is affiliated nationally with Sigma Phi Alpha. SADHA is governed by student officers and a faculty advisor.

## **Student Government Association**

Student Government Association (SGA) is a representative body of students composed of student representatives from each diploma and degree program at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. The members are trained to foster the general welfare of students through committee work, volunteer experience, and leadership skills training. Composed of representatives from each instructional program, governed by the SGA Constitution, and led by a staff of elected student officers, SGA voices students' issues concerning school policy, rules, and practices. SGA also provides activities which

are open to the entire student body each semester. By assisting other student organizations, SGA is able to serve the WGTC student population. Georgia Student Government Association has a national affiliation with the American Student Government Association.

### **Student Veterans of America (SVA)**

The mission of SVA is to provide military veterans with the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education and following graduation. SVA is a coalition of student veterans groups on college campuses across the globe. These member chapters are the “boots on the ground” that help veterans reintegrate into campus life and succeed academically. SVA is open to both veterans, and non-veterans who would like to be supportive of veterans. SVA's leadership consists of club officers and faculty advisors.

### **Wiregrass Georgia Tech Collegiate Fellowship (WGCF)**

All Wiregrass Georgia Technical College students are invited to join and participate in the activities of the WGCF. The purpose of the organization is to provide members with opportunities to grow, learn, and develop in Christian faith and fellowship. WGCF members participate in local ministries and in community activities, such as service to The Haven and area nursing homes. This organization is affiliated with the VSU Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

### **Wiregrass Health Information Technology Students (WHITS)**

Wiregrass Health Information Technology Students (WHITS) promotes awareness of the profession and educates the community about Health Information Technology. Through WHITS, students support each other and network with HIT professionals to gain career and educational insight by attending South Georgia Health Information Management Meetings. WHITS brings awareness of HIT to others through its participation in community and College events.

**Student meetings or assemblies on campus must be approved by the President or appointed representatives.**