



# WIREFRASS

GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Annual Report FY 2011



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Wiregrass Tech Family, Friends, and Supporters:

Thank you for taking a few moments to read our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College officially came to be on July 1, 2010, as a result of the merger of East Central Technical College and Valdosta Technical College. This report includes the highlights of the first year of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

Our first year was terrific! In November 2010, we were recognized as the nation's fastest growing public two-year college with a fall enrollment between 2,500 and 5,000 students. Also, in November we were named a Top Military Friendly College. In December 2010, we were recognized as Georgia's very first Technical College of the Year!

Most importantly, we touched the lives of over 9,000 credit students, over 1,400 continuing education students, and over 3,000 adult education students through our programs and services. Each of the nearly 13,500 students that took courses at Wiregrass came to us with specific education and career goals. Regardless of how many students come through our doors, we are committed to working with each student individually to help make those education and career goals come to pass.

We believe our college is a special place. Our instructors are passionate about our students and our mission of workforce development. Our Foundations have a long history of supporting technical education in South Georgia through providing thousands

of dollars in scholarships each year as well as assisting the college in purchasing equipment and other needed materials. Our staff members are committed to providing the highest level of customer service in meeting the needs of our students and their families. Each community we serve stays involved with the college by serving on advisory committees. All of these- instructors, Foundation, staff, and board members- come together to make Wiregrass Georgia Technical College one of the best technical colleges in the nation.

Thank you for your support of our students and our college. We ask for your continued support as we carry on our important work of "building futures, one student at a time."

Sincerely,



Ray Perren  
President, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The WGTC Board of Directors serves both in a community advisory capacity and in a limited administrative capacity, performing certain oversight responsibilities as designated by state board policy.

The local board is comprised of members from the business and industrial communities from the eleven-county service area. State board policy defines the roles and responsibilities of the local board. Board members are selected because of their experience, ability, and dedication to deal with issues that relate to the mission of occupational education and are without contractual, employment, or personal financial investment in the school.



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## PROVOSTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS

### Provosts

**Brandy Wilkes** – Associate Provost for Coffee County Campus

**Holly Greene** – Associate Provost for Cook County Workforce Development Center

**Lisa Tomberlin** – Provost for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

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**Dr. Ron O'Meara** – Vice President for Academic Affairs



## YEAR IN REVIEW

### **July 2010 College Emerges as Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**

Wiregrass is no longer just foliage growing beneath longleaf pines. It is now a uniting element of two technical colleges.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College will be the name of the combined East Central Technical College and Valdosta Technical College, beginning July 1, 2010. The merger of Valdosta and East Central are the last in a plan that will result in 13 state technical colleges merging their administrations into six colleges.

"The new name gives us the opportunity to honor the legacy of our past by building a strong workforce for the future success of our region," said Dr. Ray Perren, currently the president of VTC and future president of the new college. "It reflects the pioneering spirit of those who settled the region, and paved the way for many generations to come."

### **August 2010 Faithful Service Awards Announced**

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College recently presented Faithful Service Awards to six employees in the northern region and six employees in the southern region for their years of dedicated service to the college. Jana Williams, English instructor; Scott Howell, telecommunications instructor; and Wayne McDuffie, business administrative technology instructor, were honored for five years of service. Sylvia Lockett, director of adult education services; Sabrina Cox, director of distance education; and Connie Coffey, vice president for student affairs, were honored for 15 years of service. Michael Fletcher, director of facilities, and Mark Whitson, auto collision repair program coordinator, were honored for five years of service. Brooke Hamrick, director of admissions, and Cheryl Pinkard, shipping and receiving technician, were honored for 10 years of service. Tom Feagle, dean of arts and sciences, was honored for 10 years of service to the Technical College System of Georgia. Debbie Haskin, WIA program coordinator, was honored for 20 years of service.

### **September 2010 Wiregrass and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**

**Sign Agreement** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College President David Bridges and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College President Ray Perren updated

an inter-institutional agreement recently in order to better serve students at both institutions.

Based on Board of Regents Policy (303.0602 Career Degrees), ABAC will accept 36 semester hours of block credit (55 quarter hours of credit) to combine with 25-26 semester hours of core curriculum classes (plus 2 hours of Health and 2 hours of Physical Education as an institutional requirement) to award the associate of applied science degree in the following areas: business, health services, and technology. In addition, WGTC students must take at least 16 semester hours of the core curriculum hours in residence at ABAC.

### **October 2010 Wiregrass Recognized as Top Military Friendly College**

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College has been named one of America's Top Military Friendly Colleges and Universities by Military Advanced Education magazine.

Honorees were selected by an independent panel of judges from the fields of both education and the military. Selections were based on each institution's favorable policies toward the men and women serving in uniform.



### **November 2010 Student Receives State GED® Award**

Laura Bailey, a recent GED diploma recipient, received the 2010 GED Diploma Recipient Outstanding Achievement Award at the Georgia Adult Education Fall Conference Luncheon.

Laura is the first in her family to graduate and attend college. She has earned a GED diploma, Work Ready





Gold Certificate, and a Customer Service Specialist Certificate from Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, where she is currently pursuing a Business Administration Technology Associate Degree. Because of her technical college experience, Laura's career goal is to work in a post-secondary educational school setting.

**December 2010 Achieves Record Enrollment and Receives Statewide Award** Enrollment at the 26 colleges of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) has grown at a record pace over the last couple of years with the addition of tens of thousands of out-of-work and under-employed Georgians who are looking to learn new skills and retool for in-demand careers in today's highly competitive job market.

The surge in student enrollment has earned fifteen TCSG colleges the distinction of being among the fastest-growing public two-year colleges in the nation. Valdosta Technical College (which is now Wiregrass Georgia Technical College) earned the honor as being the fastest-growing college in the nation among colleges with enrollments of equal size.

**Wiregrass Georgia Technical College was named Technical College of the Year** at the meeting of the State Board that oversees the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).

"Our technical colleges in Georgia are critical components of our overall economic development strategy," Governor Perdue said. "I am proud to congratulate Wiregrass Georgia Technical College on this honor. Georgia's technical colleges are emerging from this downturn stronger and ready to meet the advanced, high-tech workforce demands of today's global economy."

The Governor Sonny Perdue Award for the Technical College of the Year will be presented annually to the top college in TCSG. Judging for the award is based on almost two dozen performance criteria, including enrollment numbers, graduation rate, student retention, job placement rate, cost



(L to R): Chairman Dean Alford, State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; TCSG Commissioner Ron Jackson; WGTC President Ray Perren; and Ben Copeland, Member, State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia

efficiency, completions in adult education programs, and trends in specialized workforce training.

**January 2011 College Receives U.S. Department of Labor Grant** As a recipient of a \$3.4 million US Department of Labor - Community Based Job Training grant, WGTC has implemented the Regional Education and Careers in Healthcare, or REACH Project. The focus of the REACH Project is to recruit, train, and place individuals who are unemployed or underemployed in health care sector employment. The REACH Project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is intended to create jobs and promote economic growth. This grant is one of the largest ever awarded to a technical college.

REACH Project Technical College System of Georgia partners include WGTC, Okefenokee Technical College, and Southwest Georgia Technical College. These institutions of higher learning will service individuals across the South Georgia region. The technical colleges have formed a consortium with a number of health care industries, allied health professions, public and private employers, Workforce Investment Boards, and the Department of Labor.

"Our goal is to help individuals achieve academic success leading to good paying jobs, in high-demand health care fields," said Judy Hesters, REACH Project Director. "In order to accomplish this, the REACH Project offers a number of academic and financial support resources."



## YEAR IN REVIEW

### February 2011 Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Practical Nursing Instructor and Program Coordinator, Jackie Spriggs, Receives 2011 WGTC Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction

This award is designed to recognize and honor technical college instructors who make significant contributions to technical education through innovation and leadership in their fields.

Spriggs was nominated by two of her coworkers. She is described as diligent and dedicated to nursing education, accepting nothing less than the best from her students. Spriggs has taught in nursing for more than 20 years and her students have a 100 percent pass rate on the nursing board exam. She was also nominated because of her efforts in preparing her students for real-world nursing and for promoting workforce development in the communities she serves.



### Wiregrass Georgia Technical College student, Cliff Kirkland, Winner of the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership

"As a nontraditional student, I chose technical education because it offered extensive learning opportunities in both the classroom and in the field of nursing," said Kirkland. "Technical education has offered me a second chance to correct mistakes from my past and to finally excel in a career in which I will be able to help others as well as myself."



**March 2011 WGTC Wins Marketing Awards** The Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Office of Public Relations received gold and silver awards in the 2011 Higher Education Marketing Report national competition in the technical, vocational, and business college category. It's the largest competition of its kind in the country with 2,500 entries received from more than 1,000 colleges,

WGTC received a gold award for its search piece titled "It's Possible." The search piece is a colorful six-page publication that illustrates the many possibilities available to students who receive an education at the technical college. The project was a collaborative effort between the Office of Public Relations and the Printing and Graphics Technology Department.

The college video used to promote the merger of Valdosta Technical College and East Central Technical College received a silver award in the video view-book category for business and trade schools. The video was created in the spring of 2010 by videographer DJ Stange and the Office of Public Relations. It features a complete overview of the newly merged college and it is used for recruiting and promotional opportunities.

**April 2011 Wiregrass and Southern Polytech Agree to a True 2+2 Program** In an effort to streamline educational opportunities, Wiregrass Georgia Tech and Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) are expanding their partnership. Wiregrass signed an articulation agreement





that allows students to complete their first two years of a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology degree at the technical college.

The agreement will allow students at Wiregrass and other approved technical colleges to select a pre-engineering technology associates degree program, specializing in electrical engineering technology, industrial engineering technology, or mechanical engineering technology. They can take the associates degree courses at an accredited TCSG college such as Wiregrass, and then either enter the workforce directly, or transfer those credits and complete a bachelors degree in engineering technology at SPSU.

**May 2011 College Recipient of Several Grants** For baby boomers who started college and began working toward a degree or certificate but didn't finish, community colleges are revving up a new grant-funded initiative that will help them reach their dreams. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College was among 11 colleges recently selected by the **American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)** to participate in the Plus 50 Completion Strategy and the only college in Georgia.

The colleges involved with the initiative will strive to increase the number of students age 50 and up, especially those with some prior college credits, to complete credentials and degrees that will help them get hired. The new completion effort builds on AACC's Plus 50 Initiative, which has devoted the last three years to helping colleges improve services and support for baby boomers.

Reinforcing its commitment to help people of all ages gain basic literacy skills and improve their education, the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** awarded a grant to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. The \$15,000 grant will be used to assist in the continuation of the FAST Track adult education class.

Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards adult literacy grants to organizations in communities served by its stores. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation's adult literacy grants support nonprofit organizations that provide adult education services such as adult basic education, general education diploma preparation, or English language acquisition.

### **June 2011 Irwin EMC Awards Wiregrass Adult Education Services Grant**

By giving a few cents a month, Irwin EMC members are making a difference in their communities. Through the Operation Round Up program, participating members allow their bills to be "rounded up" to the next highest dollar with the change placed in a foundation.

An organization known as the Irwin EMC Foundation, Inc. oversees Operation Round Up. The ten-member voluntary board of directors decides how funds will be disbursed within the Irwin EMC service territory. Over \$309,000 has been awarded to local organizations for educational and charitable causes since the program began in April 2004.

A \$2,000 grant was recently made to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College to fund scholarships for students desiring to take the GED tests. Wiregrass Georgia Tech was awarded the grant to use in Ben Hill, Coffee, Irwin, and Wilcox counties. Students in these counties who need assistance in covering the fees for the GED tests are eligible for a scholarship if:

- They are a Georgia resident. Residence will be verified through the information provided on the Intake Assessment Form.
- The test-taker has scored a 500 average standard score on the Official GED Practice Tests (OPT) AND no lower than 450 on each subtest (Forms C, D, E, F, or G only) and consistently scored this on two sets of practice tests.
- The test-taker has spent a minimum of 12 hours in Adult basic Education classes and must have moved an educational functioning level.
- If the test-taker receives a scholarship and wants to take all five parts on one test date, all scores on the OPT must be 500 or greater.
- The test-taker must sign a release of information consent form.

# FACULTY AND STAFF

## 5 years of service

Jana Williams, English instructor  
Scott Howell, telecommunications instructor  
Wayne McDuffie, business administrative technology instructor  
Michael Fletcher, director of facilities  
Mark Whitson, auto collision repair program coordinator  
Frank Barnett, pharmacy technology program coordinator  
Deanna Edwards, professional services department assistant  
Dondra Holloway, admissions counselor  
Steve Jaramillo, chief of security  
Jim Goodsen, fire science technology program coordinator  
Steven Gottlieb, information network administrator  
Jennifer Mann, admissions technician  
Alice B. Hobson, director of evening operations Ben Hill-Irwin Campus  
Ira McCook, maintenance technician  
Michael Williams, English instructor  
Heather Brown, admissions technician  
Ramona Thomas, financial aid technician  
Patrice Toomer, library and media services coordinator

## 10 years of service

Brooke Hamrick, director of admissions  
Cheryl Pinkard, shipping and receiving technician  
Tom Feagle, dean of arts and sciences  
Mary Hayes, Cook Co. Workforce Development Center assistant  
Diann Riley, patient care assistant coordinator  
Marilu Wentworth, printing and graphics technology program coordinator  
Lynn Bennett, accounting program coordinator  
Angela Crance, special assistant to the president  
Shalonda Sanders, human resources executive director  
Dr. Randall Smith, assistant director of dental programs  
Linda Gelatt, business administrative technology instructor

## 15 years of service

Sylvia Lockett, director of adult education services  
Sabrina Cox, director of distance education  
Connie Coffey (Sumner), vice president for student affairs  
Mary Ann Davis, practical nursing instructor  
Drew Vickers, industrial systems technology program coordinator  
Alison Watkins, business administrative technology instructor

## 20 years of service

Debbie Haskin, WIA program coordinator  
Dr. Penelope Schmidt, director of workforce development

## 25 years of service

Sally Dorminey, executive director of distance education  
Helen Penny, vice president for institutional effectiveness

## 30 years of service

Dorothy Cox-Carter, surgical technology program coordinator

## Perren and Schmidt Receive Awards

Dr. Perren was awarded the Loyce W. Turner Outstanding Public Service Award, presented by Valdosta State University's Public Administration Advisory Board. This award is presented to a member of the community involved in public service based on nomination from community leaders.

The VSU Public Administration Department also presented Dr. Penelope Schmidt with the Hugh C. Bailey Outstanding DPA Student award. Dr. Schmidt recently completed her doctorate in Public Administration at VSU.





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Douglas represented Wiregrass Georgia Technical College at the EAGLE- (Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education) Leadership Institute held in Atlanta. The Leadership Institute recognizes and honors those students who have demonstrated superior achievement in adult education classes and programs.

### Wiregrass Tech Students Bring Home the Gold, Silver, and Bronze!

Students brought home nine gold, seven silver, and five bronze medals from SkillsUSA state competitions in Columbus and Atlanta.

Automotive Collision students, Kenneth Spradely of Lakeland, and Jess Anderson of Valdosta, brought home the gold in Automotive Refinishing Technology and Collision Repair Technology. Sharita P. Fairman of Valdosta won gold in Cosmetic Esthetics. Telecommunications students, Jeremy Vittitow of Abbeville and Cagney Slusmeyer of Willachoochee, won gold in Mobile Electronics Installation and Telecommunications Cabling. Additionally, Gary Wheeler of Ambrose won gold in Medical Terminology. Allen Travelstead of Ocilla won gold in Sheet Metal, and Jeremy Johnson of Fitzgerald won gold in Technical Computer Applications. Criminal Justice students Casey O'Neil of Valdosta, Lance Morris of Douglas, and Irene Rodriguez of Pearson won gold in Crime Scene Investigation.

Silver medal winners from WGTC were printing and graphics students Aaron Musgrove of Valdosta and Laura Dame of Lake Park, Automotive Technology student William Jones of Ray City, Machine Tool Technology student Jeremy Maine of Lake Park, Cosmetology student Shequitta Adams of Douglas, Industrial Systems Technology students Raymond Bell of Ray City and Todd Roop of Lake Park, and Practical Nursing student Josh White of Axson.

### Students to Attend EAGLE Leadership Institute

Brittany Gray of Lakeland and Vicky McKinnon of

### Three Wiregrass Georgia Tech Students Appointed to Statewide Leadership Roles

Three Wiregrass Georgia Tech students were recently awarded statewide leadership positions. Banking and Finance student on the Valdosta Campus, Akeena West will be a state officer for the National Technical Honor Society. The National Technical Honor Society recognizes students who have completed a minimum of 35 credit hours and a cumulative GPA of 3.66 or better in a diploma or degree program.



Shequitta Adams, Cosmetology student on the Coffee Campus and Anthony Horton, Automotive Collision Repair student on the Valdosta Campus, will also serve on a statewide level. Shequitta was named the president of the Statewide Student Leadership Council. Anthony was named vice president for the council. This is the first time in history that the president and vice president have been from the same college.

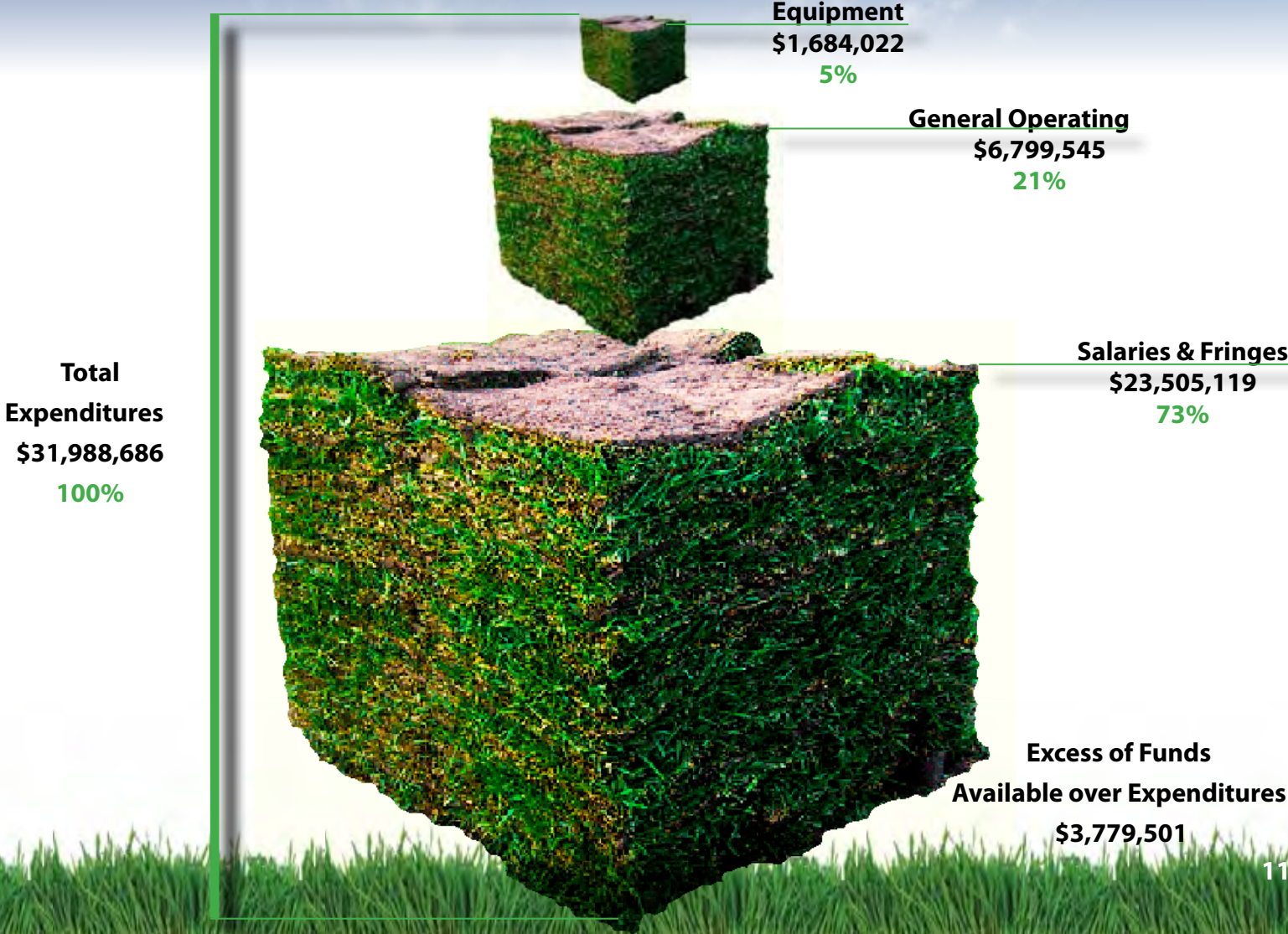




# WGTC REVENUES



WGTC EXPENDITURES



# ENROLLMENT

## TCSG Sets Enrollment Record With Highest Ever One-Year increase

An unprecedented 22 percent jump in the number of students attending Georgia technical colleges has set a new annual enrollment record for the Technical College System of Georgia.

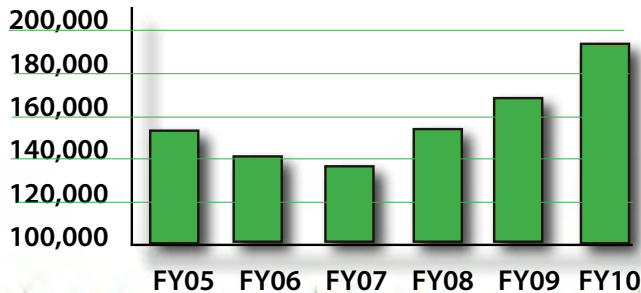
The system's 26 colleges enrolled 190,842 students in fiscal year 2010, which ended on June 30. The total smashes the previous record high enrollment set in 2009 by more than 34,000 students.

"Valdosta Tech and East Central Tech experienced record enrollment last year," said Dr. Ray Perren, president of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Wiregrass Tech was formed by the merger of Valdosta Technical College and East Central Technical College on July 1.

"Additionally, Valdosta Tech had the highest one-year increase of any college in the system, growing 34.1 percent in total enrollment and 48.1 percent in full-time enrollment. The annual enrollment for the two colleges combined was 9,149 students," said Perren.

The surge in enrollment has been fueled in part by people who are either out of work or under-employed due to the stagnant economy. Those Georgians are turning to the technical colleges for training and skills enhancement in programs where the job outlook is more promising, like health care, energy and the environment, information technology, and even entrepreneurial trades such as plumbers and electricians.

**TCSG Enrollment FY05 — FY10**



## Total Unduplicated Enrollment Full Time

10,771

## Business and Computer Science Program Enrollment

2,800

## Allied Health Program Enrollment

4,224

## Technical and Industrial Program Enrollment

1,242

## Professional Services Program Enrollment

2,505

## Dual Enrollment

356

## Online

3,572

## HOPE Recipients

8,056

## PELL Recipients

5,689

## Adult Education Enrollment – (KMS totals)

3,010

## GED Graduates

738

## GED Graduates who have begun classes at WGTC

302



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Number of companies served

327

Continuing Education hours delivered

122,033

Contract Training hours delivered

14,022

### Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Works With Georgia Quick Start

to ensure readiness when opportunities arise to provide world class training to new and expanding companies. Three Quick Start projects were active during fiscal year 2011. Through these projects, training was delivered to 8,368 students providing a well trained workforce for Packaging Corporation of America in Valdosta, Orcon Products in Douglas, and Pilgrim's in Douglas.

### Wiregrass Tech Receives \$400,000 in Work Ready Grants

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College was the recipient of \$400,000 in grants for the Bioscience Technology Circle of South Georgia Work Ready Region and the Wiregrass Advanced Manufacturing Work Ready Region. Both regions are served by Wiregrass Tech and each region received a \$200,000 Sustainability Grant from the Governor's Office of Workforce Development to continue their workforce and economic development efforts through the Work Ready program.

Both regions have worked collaboratively with businesses, community organizations, educational institutions, and residents to assess the skills of the workforce and help them earn Work Ready certificates as proof of their skills. The regions have also encouraged the workforce to increase their certificate levels and "Go for the Gold" to better prepare for the higher skill jobs of the 21st century. This will be a key area of focus with the sustainability grant.

Another area of focus under the sustainability grants will be continuing to increase the high school graduation rates. Graduation coaches and other school personnel are encouraged to work with the

Work Ready Regions to develop and fund strategies to help in this area. Teachers will also have some training opportunities under the grant. Several educators and business leaders throughout the Wiregrass Tech service area were recently featured in a video about Work Ready. The video is available for viewing at <http://www.gaworkready.org/videos>.

The Bioscience Region and the Wiregrass Advanced Manufacturing Region have also partnered with businesses and industries to conduct job profiles in which jobs are analyzed to determine the skill levels needed. Businesses can then match the job profile results to applicants' Work Ready scores to help businesses hire the most qualified candidates.

As a result of using these profiles and assessing their workforce, several businesses were recognized at the Work Ready Summit in Atlanta in December 2010. CJB Industries in Valdosta and BASF Corporation in Sparks received Work Ready Business of the Year awards, the only two businesses in Georgia to receive this award. In addition, Regal Marine in Valdosta received the Certified Work Ready Facility award.



# LEADERSHIP GIVERS

## Wiregrass Foundation South Scholarships FY 11

Community Foundation of South Georgia	\$3,500.00
Georgia Gulf Sulfer	\$250.00
Ben Copeland Scholarship	\$2,195.00
Jerry Jennett Scholarship	\$250.00
Colquitt EMS Scholarship	\$14,000.00
Adult Education and GED testing	\$4,758.00
Armed Forces Scholarship	\$500.00
Brooks County High School Alumni Scholarship	\$500.00
Kevin Acree Scholarship	\$500.00
American Dental Association	\$700.00
ACT Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Homebuilders Association Scholarship	\$500.00
Fisherman's Fund Scholarship	\$8,312.77
Chick-Fil-A Scholarship	\$1,000.00

**Total \$37,965.77**

## Wiregrass Foundation North Scholarships FY 11

Adopt a Student	\$9,295.00
Bennie Anderson Loan Fund	\$250.00
GED Testing	\$14,326.00
John Henry Dorminy, Jr.	\$1,750.00
Ken & Cheryl Coffey Memorial	\$250.00
Omega	\$200.00
Presidential	\$500.00
Ronnie G. & Caryl Tucker Branch	\$ 750.00
Childcare Development Center Scholarships	\$1400.00

**Total \$28,721.00**

## Wiregrass Foundation South Trustees

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 Joe Belson/Metis Planning  
 Tom Call/Coldwell Bank Commercial Premier Real Estate  
 Larry Carter  
 Byron Courson/Valdosta Insurance Services, Inc.  
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 Jeff Reames/Reames & Son Contruction Co.  
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 Bill Whitfield/Johnson Distributing Company  
 Cynamon Willis/Ambling Companies, Inc.

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 Howell C. Taylor/Taylor & Towson Insurance  
 Wyndall Walters/Fitzgerald Ford and Lincoln

## Wiregrass Foundation South

### Platinum (\$50,000 & Above)

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 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crane  
 First State Bank & Trust Company  
 Harley Langdale Jr. Foundation, Inc.  
 Propex Foundation  
 South Georgia Medical Center  
 The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation  
**Gold (\$20,000-\$49,999)**  
 AT&T  
 Beall Optical  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boese  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Bridges  
 Estate of Marie Burns  
 Colquitt EMC  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Copeland  
 Georgia Power Foundation  
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Putnam  
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Reames

## Silver (\$10,000- \$19,999)

Bank of the Ozarks  
 Dollar General Literacy Foundation  
 Mr. and Mrs. Owen Harris  
 Estate of Mike Bajalia  
 Ellis, Rickett, & Associates  
 Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation  
 Mrs. Carolyn Eager  
 Ms. Vivian Jones  
 Kentucky Fried Chicken of Valdosta, Inc.  
 Lowndes Associated Ministries to People  
 Loyce & Annette Turner Foundation  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Morris  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Motley  
 NAPA Auto Parts  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Newell  
 Packaging Corporation of America  
 Mr. Mark Scheller  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Scruggs  
 Scruggs Concrete Company  
 South Georgia Pecan Company  
 Southwestern District Dental Association.  
 TeamTemps Personnel Staffing, Inc.- Mr. Giovanni Panizzi  
 Waller Heating and Air Conditioning  
 Weyerhaeuser Foundation  
 WRD, Inc. - Mr. Jim Respass  
 Xerox Foundation  
**Bronze (\$5,000-\$9,999)**  
 Ambling Companies, Inc.  
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