2021 Annual Report





Interim President's Message

DeAnnia Clements Interim President

Dear Friends of Wiregrass,

This annual report covers Wiregrass's fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. One could describe this year as one of transition, from returning to in-person instruction and opening the campuses in August 2020 after the lockdown to Dr. Tina K. Anderson retiring as President of Wiregrass in April 2021.

Even in a year of transition,

students and graduates continued to succeed with the help of staff and faculty. You will find several examples of this dedication as you read the Employee of the Year story and the success stories of some of our graduates. Wiregrass's mission of workforce development continues to be at the forefront of all we do. From Dual Enrollment to Economic Development to Adult Education, Wiregrass is educating and impacting the communities we serve. This is possible through great partnerships through the Foundations that allow students the opportunity to succeed

Chris Clark, President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Wiregrass Interim President DeAnnia Clements, and Jason Dunn, Executive Director for the Fitzgerald - Ben Hill County Development Authority during a Georgia Chamber Luncheon.

by staying in college. The Apprenticeship Program at Wiregrass is one of the most successful programs in the state and is made possible through partnerships with local businesses and industries.

Regardless of the challenges, we are standing firm in our mission and working with students at the very start. Students begin with our Admissions and Financial Aid teams, who work with students to start their academic journey. Then, students meet with advisors at the Advising and Retention Center, where they are advised on their program of study. This year, we celebrated the renaming of Lowndes Hall to the Sidney and Sharon Morris Hall thanks to their generous donation to the college. Another celebration was Wiregrass's SkillsUSA state team, who competed virtually this year at National SkillsUSA. Wiregrass brought home two gold medals for Mechatronics and two silver medals for Electrical Construction Wiring and Industrial Motor Control. Six students were recognized as placing in the "top nine" in the nation for their competitive field.

As we look back at the 2020-2021 year, we see the many faces of Wiregrass staff and faculty who pushed through this year of transition

and continue to make students and the college their number one priority. Wiregrass is proud of the partnerships and relationships that the college has formed in the communities we serve. We thank you for those partnerships and for your support through your time commitment, in-kind donations, and financial giving. Your involvement in what we do is invaluable to the success of each student.

DeAnnia Clements, Interim President Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

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April McDuffie, Wiregrass Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Charles White, Field Representative for Congressman Austin Scott; DeAnnia Clements, Wiregrass Interim President, Jody Redding, Field Representative for Governor Brian Kemp; Representative John Corbett; Representative John LaHood, and Public Service Commissioner Jason Shaw.

Wiregrass President Dr. Tina K. Anderson Announces Retirement

After a 30-year career in higher education, Dr. Tina K. Anderson announced her retirement in April 2021. She is now trading her heels and suits for outfits perfect for gardening or riding the motorcycle with her husband Tony. The creativity and energy that Dr. Anderson has brought to Wiregrass has positively impacted the 11 counties the College serves in South Georgia. Dr. Anderson began her career as the Director of the Career Resource Center at Middle Georgia College in 1995. She was promoted to Vice President of Student Services in 2000 and Vice President of Instruction in 2001. In 2003, Dr. Anderson was named President of Moultrie Technical College. She served as Interim President at Valdosta Technical College in the Fall of 2007 and as Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), Office of Technical Education in 2008.

Dr. Anderson was named as the President of Wiregrass in 2013. Under her leadership, Wiregrass reached the following successes: #1 RN program two years in a row, multiple SkillsUSA state and national awards, a top SkillsUSA chapter in the nation two years in a row, the first college in Georgia to receive accreditation by the National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment, and a Military Friendly and Best for Vets College designation every year since 2015. Wiregrass was also selected as a charter institute for the Excellence in Academic Advising by NACADA and the Gardner Institute. The Moody AFB Testing Center for Wiregrass has been recognized as a Top 25 CLEP Testing Center since 2012, and it has also been recognized for greatest growth nationally. Dr. Anderson helped bridge



Dr. Tina K. Anderson, Wiregrass President 2013 - 2021

partnerships with the Georgia Department of Corrections and Core Civic to provide college programs in prisons. This partnership has resulted in 513 technical certificates of credit graduates since FY17.

Under Dr. Anderson's leadership, Wiregrass has awarded over 18,000 non-credit certificates, has the highest number of apprenticeships in TCSG, received two one-million dollar donations (first in college's history), constructed two new health science buildings (Coffee and Valdosta Campuses), collaborated on the start of two career academies (Coffee High School and Fitzgerald High School), was the only postsecondary recipient for a safety grant in Georgia that partnered the college with local K12 and law enforcement organizations, lead the college to be the recipient of its first National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, and had the highest dual enrollment growth in 2019 in the state. Additionally, the College has also seen growth in graduation and retention rates leading to more skilled and ready graduates entering the workforce. Greg Dozier, TCSG Commissioner, appointed DeAnnia Clements as Interim President for Wiregrass upon the retirement of Dr. Tina K. Anderson. Clements began her role as Interim President on May 3.

Wiregrass Tech Renames Lowndes Hall after Sidney and Sharon Morris

Long-time supporter and friends Sidney and Sharon Morris were honored at a special Renaming Ceremony of Lowndes Hall to the Sidney and Sharon Morris Hall on the Valdosta Campus. The building houses the President's Suite, Business and Computer Information Systems programs, Esthetics program, Neuromuscular program, Early Childhood program, online services, Printing and Graphics lab, and the library.

Sidney Morris was a founding member of the Valdosta Technical Institute Foundation in 1988 and continues to serve as a Wiregrass Foundation South Trustee. He has served Wiregrass students for over 30 years. In 2018, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) recognized Mr. Morris as the TCSG Volunteer of the Year.

Wiregrass President Dr. Tina K. Anderson welcomed guests, including state legislatures, local dignitaries, and long-term supporters of the college, Dr. Ed and Rhonda Mark. Speakers included: Stacy Bush (Wiregrass Foundation Chairman), Tim Golden (Georgia Department of Transportation Chairman), Ben Copeland (TCSG Board Member), and Greg Dozier (TCSG Commissioner). A special benediction was provided by Rabbi Mosha Elbaz (Temple Israel of Valdosta). The event also included the Topping Off Ceremony for the new Dr. Ed and Rhonda Mark Health Sciences Building.



Wiregrass supporters Sharon and Sidney Morris and Dr. Edward and Rhonda Mark stand in front of the newly named Sidney and Sharon Morris Hall. The new Edward and Rhonda Mark Health Sciences Building is currently under construction to the left of this building and will open in Spring 2022.



The beam to the new Health Sciences Building was on display prior to the Renaming and Topping Off Ceremony for college students and employees to sign. Members of the health care field, graduates and ceremony guests were also invited to sign the beam.



Wiregrass President Dr. Tina K. Anderson presents college supporters Sharon and Sidney Morris with a portrait of the new signage reflecting their names on the building.



Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the newly expanded and renovated Manufacturing Technology Training Center at the Wiregrass campus.

Wiregrass Renovated Manufacturing Technology Training Center Grand Opening

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority hosted a grand opening of the newly expanded and renovated Manufacturing Technology Training Center at the Coffee campus on May 20, 2021. Lidell Greenway, Wiregrass Vice President for Facilities, welcomed guests. Philip Smith, Elixir Extrusions Plant Manager, gave an invocation followed by a message from DeAnnia Clements, Wiregrass Interim President. Stuart Smith, Douglas National Bank President and Chairman of the Douglas-Coffee Economic Development Authority closed the ceremony highlighting the benefits of community partnership. The Technical and Industrial classroom and lab area at the college was enlarged to add more capacity and an enhanced instructional environment for students and contract training participants. Community leaders and college supporters toured the Manufacturing Technology Training Center, which includes a welding lab, renovated classrooms and labs, and an economic development training space. These renovations were made possible through a partnership with and a grant from the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority to provide stronger educational support to existing and future industries.

"The Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority is proud to partner with Wiregrass Technical College as we take this huge step forward in developing the workforce of the future. The opening of the Manufacturing and Technology Center will enable Wiregrass Technical College to align technical training and education with the needs of our industry partners. The Economic Development Authority would like to thank the leadership at the college for having the vision to make this important component of workforce development possible," shared Stuart Smith, chairman of the Economic Development Authority.

"On behalf of Wiregrass Tech, we were thrilled to be able to partner with the Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority on this project," shared Wiregrass Interim President DeAnnia Clements. "This was one of those 'win-win' situations. It's a win for Wiregrass students and faculty to have a great facility to learn and work in, and it's a win for the community. As our college attracts more students, we will in turn be graduating more skilled and educated graduates into the workforce here in Coffee County."

The programs in the new training center include Diesel Truck Maintenance, Commercial Truck Driving, Industrial Systems Technology, Precision Machining and Manufacturing, Technical Studies, and Welding.

Wiregrass 2020 Rick Perkins Winner, Mike Day, Named TCSG Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year

With the pandemic, the state GOAL and Rick Perkins competition and announcement was delayed until the Fall of 2020 and presented virtually. Wiregrass hosted a watch party to honor Day and to await the announcement from the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) Commissioner Greg Dozier. After the name of the first runner up for State Rick Perkins Winner had been announced, silence fell upon the Coffee Campus student center as college administrators, employees, and Day waited to hear the name of the State Winner. Seconds after Mike Day

"Teaching is like welding: we can take rough materials that are sometimes broken in places, join them together again, and turn them into something stronger and more beautiful than they were before."

— Mike Day

was announced the 2020 Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year, TCSG Commissioner Dozier and other TCSG officials surprised Day with an in-person congratulations.

Mike's passion for technical education coupled with his life experiences tells a unique and inspiring story. Having served in the U.S. Army for 21 years, he learned occupational skills in diesel mechanics. One day when a vehicle went down and no parts to fix it were around, he grabbed a welder and welded a part together and repaired the vehicle. That moment sparked a new passion for Day. Upon retiring from the military, Day enrolled at Wiregrass to receive formal welding training. After graduation he entered the welding field and had a successful career as a welder. Day, with a desire to serve his country again, returned to serve in the military. Upon his official retirement from the military, Day began a new career as a welding instructor.

By working nonstop and in his spare time, he recruited and built relationships in high schools and industries. The Coffee Campus Welding Program increased from 12 students in 2017 to 119 students in 2020. When asked what makes his welding class so special, Day responded, "Teaching is like welding: we can take rough materials that are sometimes broken in places, join them together again, and turn them into something stronger and more beautiful than they were before. I can't imagine a more noble way to serve my community than being a welding instructor for the Technical College System of Georgia."



Mike Day, Welding Instructor, TCSG 2020 Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year



Commissioner Dozier, Mike Day, and Dr. Tina Anderson



Benjamin Sandusky (Mechatronics), Parker Metcalf (Mechatronics), Ryu Sindberg (Engineering), and Joshua Whittington (Mechatronics Instructor/Assistant Dean for Technical and Industrial Programs) after their practice Mechatronics Capstone Project presentation.

Mechatronic Students Build Training Simulator for Blue Triton (Former Nestle)

The mission of Wiregrass is simple: Workforce Development. Through the college's rigorous curriculum and hands on training, students gain valuable, real-world experience. Three students from the Mechatronic Technology degree program and one from the Engineering Technology degree program worked as a team to build Blow Mold Trainer for Blue Triton (Former Nestle) in Lee, Florida. As a senior capstone project, Mechatronics Instructor/Assistant Dean for Technical and Industrial Programs, Joshua Whittington invited Blue Triton Operations Manager Dennis Taylor to discuss some project ideas the company had with the students. As part of their senior capstone project, students worked as a team to design a simulator to meet the needs of the operation. After researching the costs, materials, and design, the Wiregrass seniors pitched their presentation to the company, who approved the plans and provided the materials. The project took nine weeks to design and construct. The simulator, which is now being used at the Blue Triton plant, is designed to help new employees learn how to use the Blow Molds that create the water bottles manufactured. The employees are able to get in plenty of practice time without slowing down production on the line, therefore saving the company time and money. All three students have now graduated. "This by far is the largest capstone project we have done," shared Joshua Whittington, "It was fascinating watching these students as my role was to be a sounding board, this was 100% their project." Students who worked on the project were Benjamin Sandusky (Mechatronics), Parker Metcalf (Mechatronics), Joseph Gaudette (Mechatronics), and Ryu Sindberg (Engineering).

This is How You Succeed Sooner

Success stories of Wiregrass graduates were shared to highlight the college's alumni's success and to hopefully inspire others to consider enrolling and starting their career path.

DAWN LONGIERLIERE - Dawn is a graduate of the Neuromuscular Massage Therapy program. Through her education at Wiregrass, she has found ways to provide additional benefits of massage therapy in ways not many have considered. She is employed at a local hospital, helping patients who struggle with addiction to painkillers. Dawn states, "We are trained with tools to treat individual muscles or muscle groups that can be the cause of their pain. Instead of covering the symptoms with pain killers, we can actually treat the cause of their pain and hopefully alleviate their discomfort or lessen it to improve their quality of life." Dawn adds that massage therapy does offer pain relief, just not instantaneously. It comes in the days following treatment when patients notice a decrease in their pain levels.





who is now working as a Videographer and Editor in Atlanta. He knew early on he wanted a career in movies and television. Devonte enrolled at Wiregrass to take core classes the summer after his high school graduation. After graduating with his Associate Degree in Digital Media Technology, he moved to Atlanta and enrolled in the Digital Filmmaking and Video Production Program at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Devonte is now an In-House Videographer and Editor at Tyler Students in Atlanta and the owner of his own business, Visionz by Von, LLC.

JAMES VU – James is the Optical Manager at Southern Eye Center in Valdosta. He graduated with his Opticianry Diploma in 2014 and returned to Wiregrass to complete his Associate Degree in Opticianry in 2020. In addition to being an adjunct instructor for the Opticianry Program, James has served on the advisory committee for a number of years. He has great insight as a student and employer and has been able to provide valuable advice on new ideas and eyeglass trends and to help prepare students to enter the opticianry career. Through his opticianry career, James has been able to travel on mission trips to Mexico to fit eyeglasses to those in need.





entrepreneur with an inspiring story to share. Having missed over 500 meals with her family for two years, she is role model demonstrating that dedication, hard-work, and work ethic can have a positive impact on one's life. Jenna describes herself as an 'Entrepreneur Businesswoman' and is working as a Master Cosmetologist at Whimsy Salon & Boutique. She started her business in the Spring of 2020, just before the pandemic hit. Even with having to go on lockdown for a couple of months, she surpassed the financial goals and business plan she set for herself. If you sit in her chair at the salon, you'll hear her sing the praises of her instructors, who often stop by to check on her, offer business advice, or just to say, "hey."

HEIDI SHELLEY – Chef de Cuisine Heidi Shelley is serving up a unique fusion of flavors at Billiard's on Baytree in Valdosta. Graduating in December 2019, this Culinary Arts graduate wasn't sure how she would manage to find a job during the pandemic. She was working three jobs serving under area chefs in Valdosta and was a baker at a local bakery. As businesses shut down, she found herself down to one job. She was contacted by a friend and offered a job to help out in the kitchen of a new restaurant. Once they realized what type of food Heidi could offer, they gave her full reign of the kitchen, and as the old saying goes, "the rest is history." Being from South Georgia and of Scandinavian descent, she is able to provide a menu that was a fusion of those two, along with French techniques she learned at Wiregrass. She's getting excellent reviews as Billiards is one of the hot spots to go in Valdosta.



Wiregrass team earns National and State SkillsUSA Competition Medals

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College had an overwhelming showing at the 2021 SkillsUSA State Championship held virtually at college campuses across the state. The college brought home 15 gold, eight silver, and three bronze medals in the skills competitions against other colleges. The college medaled in 93% of the contests and 90% of Wiregrass students who competed earned a medal. Wiregrass has won the most medals in the state for the last four years of the competition.

In 2021, four students medaled at the 56th Annual National SkillsUSA Competition. In past years, the college's SkillsUSA team that earned gold at the state level traveled to Kentucky for the National competition.



Wiregrass Tech's 2021 National SkillsUSA Gold Medal Winners in Mechatronics Parker Metcalf, and Benjamin Sandusky.

Wiregrass competed in eight competitions at nationals, resulting in two gold medals, two silver medals, and six named in the top nine in the nation.

Mechatronic Technology recent graduates Parker Metcalf and Benjamin Sandusky earned a Gold medal in Mechatronics and the Georgia Postsecondary Curtiss P. Bell Award of Excellence in Team Competition (highest scoring). The Gold medalists were advised by Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Mechatronics Instructor Joshua Whittington, and Mechatronics Instructor Cory Leghorn. In the Electrical Construction Wiring Competition, Industrial Systems Technology student Jacob McSpadden earned a Silver medal. In Industrial Motor Control, Tyrek Robinson, an Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies student, also earned a Silver medal. Both students were advised by Drew Vickers Electrical/Industrial System Technology Program Coordinator.

Wiregrass's Dual Enrollment Program

During AY21, Wiregrass' Dual Enrollment program served over 1,800 high school students, making up 30% of the total Wiregrass enrollment. Dual Enrollment students earned 15,193 credit hours, resulting in a \$2.9 million savings to parents. Classes Dual Enrollment students take range



from degree level core classes to occupational classes that lead to a Wiregrass technical certificate, diploma or degree. Some dual enrollment students enroll at Wiregrass to get a jumpstart on their technical college degree, while others take their academic core through Wiregrass to further their education at a four-year college or university. During AY21, 420 Dual Enrollment students graduated from Wiregrass with a Wiregrass technical certificate, diploma or degree. The Valedictorians and Salutatorians at 16 partner high school were current or former Wiregrass Dual Enrollment students.



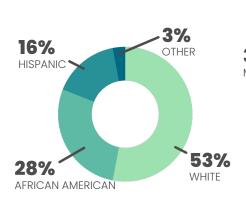
Tiannah and Tiarrah Larkins graduated in 2020 from Valdosta High School with honors. They choose to follow their heart after taking college courses through the Dual Enrollment program and enrolled in Wiregrass' Cosmetology program in August 2020. The twins will graduate in December of 2021 with their diploma in Cosmetology.

Dual **Enrollment**











423 DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS EARNED A WIREGRASS CREDENTIAL

500

TOTAL AWARDS EARNED

2 ASSOCIATE DEGREES

3 DIPLOMAS

495 TECHNICAL **CERTIFICATES OF CREDIT** 1,868 2,825 ACADEMIC OCCUPATIONAL, CORE

CLASSES TAKEN

285 CREDENTIALS WERE IN **HIGH DEMAND** CAREER FIELDS



POPULAR PROGRAMS

Nursing

Cosmetology

Barbering

Culinary Arts

Early Childhood Education

Welding

CONGRATULATIONS WIREGRASS DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS! 2021 VALEDICTORIANS & SALUTATORIANS



Atkinson County High School



Berrien Academy



Brooks County High School



Citizens Christian Academy









Community Christian Academy



Cook **High School**



Echols County High School



Fitzgerald High School College and Career Academy



Georgia Christian



Coffee

High School

Highland Christian



High School



Lanier County



Victory Christian



Wilcox County



Academy

Wiregrass Regional College and Career Academy

Shelby Trimble Named Wiregrass Tech Student of the Year



Shelby Trimble

Shelby Trimble, Radiologic Technology student, was named Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's 2021 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) winner.

Shelby knew as a senior in high school that she wanted to pursue a career in radiology. While in high school, she watched her mom receive excellent care from healthcare professionals and wanted to be a part of that community. "After watching my mom deal with a major health issue and watching health care professionals treat her, I knew I wanted to be part of a team that looked after others during one of the most horrible times in their lives."

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— Shelby Trimble

shared Shelby. She credits the technical college for allowing her to learn side-by-side with experienced technologists at various clinical sites. The confidence she gained through her educational classes on campus fully prepared her to step into her career when she graduates in December 2021. Shelby credits her instructors for their role in helping her reach her career goals.

Cherlyn Sands-Anderson Named Wiregrass' Instructor of the Year



Cherlyn Sands-Anderson

Cherlyn Sands-Anderson received the 2021 Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction, also known as Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year award for Wiregrass, and was named one of the top nine finalists.

When asked about her reaction to receiving this honor Cherlyn Sands-Anderson responded, "I am beyond grateful for this honor to be recognized for my work ethic, my passion for education and the students I serve, my organization, Wiregrass Tech, whom I have truly loved all the 31 years I have been employed here."

Sands-Anderson started teaching at Wiregrass after being a stay-at-home-mother. She discovered the opportunity through a friend who let her know the technical college was looking for a part-time GED teacher. She applied and was hired to help remediate women at the battered women's shelter to prepare them for the GED test. She shared that her first class consisted of five determined women who were on a mission to gain their independence. "I grew to love the position because of the rewarding experience of helping people change their lives," shared Sands-Anderson.

"Accepting the position turned out to be one of the best career moves I ever made as I remain in the same department 31 years later."

She also shared that her teaching goals in the classroom coincide with two of her favorite Chinese proverbs: "A person's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark" as well as "If you're planning for a year, sow rice, if you're planning for a decade, plant a tree; if you're planning for a lifetime, educate people." These proverbs describe a system that encourages people and opens their minds to possibilities. They enable people to lift themselves out of poverty and take on skills that they can use to create opportunities for themselves. Sands-Anderson shared, "As an instructor, I've had the opportunity of teaching Adult Education, the foundation in a student's life, the second chance, instilling in them that their past is not their future, and able to empower them by ministering to them the power of education and how education can change their life."

Doggett and Thomas Named Wiregrass Employees of the Year

Trevecca Doggett, Adult Education Services Administrative Assistant, was awarded the ninth James A. Bridges Vanguard Award for the staff member of the year. She is described by her peers as a hard working individual who strives to initiate new ideas and activities to recruit and retain Adult Education students. One nomination for Trevecca stated, "she does a tremendous job. She is willing to take on any task and does so with professional courtesy. When the

"My favorite part is testing day.
When students come back from
the Testing Center, we all anxiously
wait for their test scores to come in
and then we celebrate together.
That is an amazing feeling."

— Trevecca Doggett



Trevecca Doggett

college moved online, she took the task of implementing Virtual Enrollment for Adult Education. This allowed the program to be one of the first in the state to offer this to

students." As the Department Assistant for Adult Education, Trevecca provides advanced and diversified clerical duties for the Adult Education programs. Trevecca is an alumnus of Wiregrass and has worked for the college for five years.

Shelia Thomas, Director of Financial Aid, was awarded the ninth Lewis I. Brinson, Sr. Leadership Award for the supervisor of the year. One nomination for Shelia stated, "She leads in a manner that can best be described as servant leadership. She leads in a calm, inspiring and genuine way, with completely open communication to all employees. She demonstrates responsibility to the employees and the college, with an emphasis on service – service to students and the other college

"Great experiences await you in technical education. You can achieve your dreams. Be dedicated to the work. You can go further at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, and it is so worth the journey!"

— Shelia Thomas



Shelia Thomas

departments." Serving Wiregrass as the Director of Financial Aid, Shelia is responsible for coordinating the student financial assistance function for the college, which includes

preparing and maintaining active and inactive financial aid program files and records; preparing and analyzing financial aid award reports; and providing guidance and advice regarding grant and scholarship policies and processes, VA awards, vocational opportunities, educational requisites, and state policy. Shelia A. Thomas started her career with the State of Georgia at Ben Hill-Irwin Technical Institute in August 1994 as the New Connections to Work Coordinator for single parents and displaced homemakers. Her career progressed to East Central Technical College (ECTC) as an Admissions Career Planner and then to Financial Aid Director. She was selected as the Financial Aid Director for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College during the 2010 merger of ECTC and Valdosta Technical College.

Economic Development

Contract Training





95 companies served



6,961

Top Areas of Training

Leadership Academy

OSHA

ServSafe

Georgia Dept. of Corrections

Apprenticeship Training

Continuing Education





814

students served

Top Areas of Training

Drivers Education

American Heart Association

GaTAPP



We had teacher candidates from 3 different cohorts this year, beginning with 26 teachers. Since last summer, 16 have completed their certification program - 6 were early completers!

Apprenticeship Program



3

New Businesses/Industries



15

Registered Apprentices

Adult Education



848







Apprentices who received a USDOL Certificate of Completion





Revenue & Expenditures



Total Expenditures: \$36,194,517 **Reserve for FY20:** \$5,794,940

Reserve From Prior Year: \$4,782,222 Total Funds available: \$41,989,457

Enrollment Statistics



5,425

Overall Enrollment

2,259

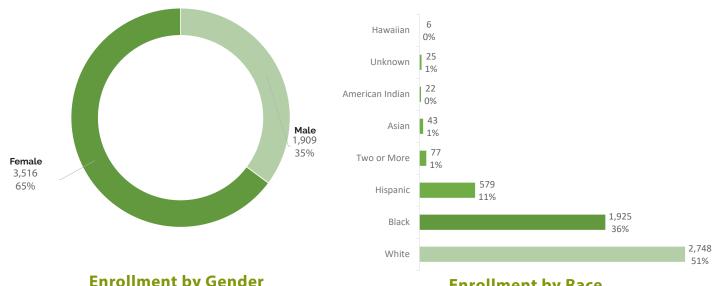
FTE

3,285

Online Enrollment

1,800

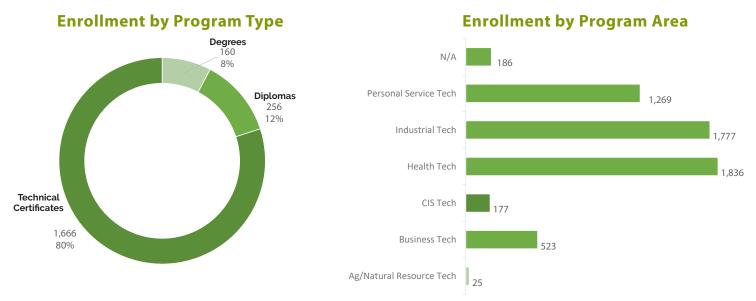
High School Collaboratives



Enrollment by Gender

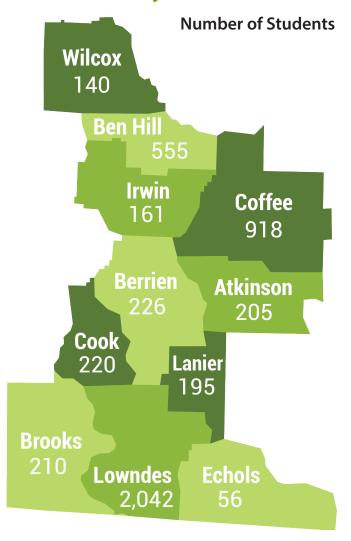
Enrollment by Race

Enrollment Statistics Continued



A student may enroll in more than one technology group within an academic year.

11 County Service Area



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Foundation North Scholarships Awarded

Total	¢20.627.03
Textbooks Purchases	. \$9,356 . 35
TCSG Last Mile Scholarship	. \$2,565.00
STEAM Grant	. \$474 . 39
Satilla REMC Scholarship	. \$5,510.00
Roger Crenshaw Memorial Scholarship	. \$250.00
Premium Peanut Scholarship	. \$400.00
Marion H. Massee, III Scholarship	. \$800.00
Ken and Cheryl Coffey Memorial Scholarship	. \$750.00
Howard Jordan Scholarship	. \$500.00
Francis Lott and Douglas Lions Club Scholarship	. \$1,000.00
Fisherman's Fund Scholarship	. \$9,907.00
Dual Enrollment Scholarship	. \$1,549 . 92
CDL Scholarship	. \$1,176.00
Buck and Libby Anderson Scholarship	. \$600.00
Adult Literacy Scholarship	. \$1,120.00
Adopt a Student	. \$2,679.31



Jacquelyn Mitchell, Howard Jordan Scholarship recipient.

Foundation North Contributions

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Wal Mart Distribution Center **WGTC Student Government Association**

President's Club

(Contributions of \$20,000-\$49,999)

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WGTC Student Leadership Council Windstream Communications

Dr. Diane Wright

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(Contributions of \$5,000-\$9,999)

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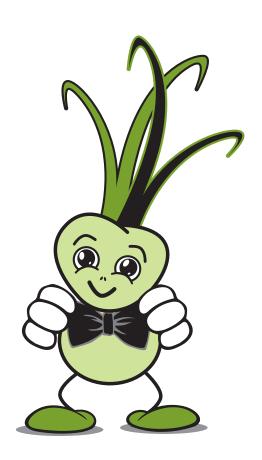
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