



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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60 YEARS STRONG



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends and Supporters of Columbus Tech,

At Columbus Tech, our team is continuously grateful for the opportunities we have to support and serve students in their quests for careers that will support and sustain their families, and we are always grateful for the ongoing support the college has from

the communities we serve. We are especially grateful for the chance each day to do work that makes a difference – to the individuals in our classes and training sessions, to the business and industry partners for the whom they work, to the families they love and for which they provide support, and to the communities where they live and work.

As you review the photographs and highlights from the past year that are shared in the following pages, you will see examples of that difference-making in the work of the college and the successes of its students. You will most certainly see evidence of the positive impact Columbus Tech continues to have in its six-county service area.

Columbus Tech students are accomplishing great things! Columbus Tech celebrated 1,386 graduates in Academic Year 2021, an increase of 8% over the prior year. Together those graduates earned 2,736 credentials (technical certificates of credit, diplomas, and associate degrees). With Columbus Tech's 98% job placement rate, those credentials position the 2021 graduates to increase their annual earnings by 9.4

million dollars over what they would have earned with a high school diploma alone, dollars that will be support families in our community and be reinvested in our community.

During 2021 the CTC team has been grateful to be safely on campus, in person, as well as online, to provide quality instruction and learning opportunities, and serve by supporting students to success. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, *"The purpose of life is... to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."* Making that difference is exactly why the Columbus Tech team does what we do, and, we believe, it is the reason the community and college donors, support CTC in the ways you do.

All throughout 2021 and looking forward to 2022, Columbus Tech has been and continues to be optimistic about the future of the college and the students and communities we serve. With new programs beginning in January, new partnerships being built, and new facilities and resources on the horizon, there is much about which to be excited! As you look toward the future with CTC, we hope you share our optimism and continue to see value in the work done at Columbus Tech. Your ongoing support is deeply valued and sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Ann Todd".

Martha Ann Todd
President, Columbus Technical College

VISION STATEMENT Columbus Technical College will be the educational gateway to community prosperity.

MISSION STATEMENT Columbus Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a two-year public college which offers programs and services that support student and community success through the attainment of associate degrees, diplomas, technical certificates of credit, customized training, continuing and adult education. The College supports the economic empowerment of its six-county region by focusing on teaching and learning and developing a globally competitive workforce. We provide traditional classes, distance learning, and training experiences for career development and transfer. (TCSG SB 3-18)

COLLEGE ACCREDITATION Columbus Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the Associate Degree, Diploma, and Technical Certificates of Credit. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Columbus Technical College.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION Columbus Technical College has 14 academic programs that participate in programmatic accreditations. Visit columbus-tech.edu to learn more.

VALUES Integrity • Respect • Philanthropy/Stewardship • Teamwork • Passion for Learning • Quality

CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS



For sixty years, Columbus Technical College has proudly served Columbus and the surrounding areas through education and workforce training.

Columbus Tech opened its doors on December 1, 1961 with a total of 39 students, seven instructors, and eight program offerings. Today, CTC has an annual enrollment of nearly 5,000 students and offers more than 200 programs to meet both personal and workforce needs. In addition, CTC has an Adult Education division which offers high school equivalency credentials, job training, and English Language Learning. The Economic Development division provides continuing education courses and customized contract training.

While Columbus Tech has come a long way from its vocational school roots, it remains true to technical education while continuously evolving to meet workforce needs and serve its students well.



1960s

A school that's going places!



Columbus Tech gets renamed

Columbus Tech to buy empty textile mill



2000s



1970s

The Largest Voc-Tech in the State



Columbus Tech has big plans



2010s



1980s

Vo-Tech Work Ahead of Schedule



1990s

'Tech' Work



December 1, 1993

EDUCATION

New library tops Columbus Tech wish list



2020s

Columbus Technical College faces ribbon Tuesday on a newly rena

COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Welding lab opens after \$1.69 million renovation

2021 HIGHLIGHTS



"When I see my students, I see myself all those years ago. Technical education programs in Georgia provide highly qualified, passionate, and competent graduates that become great assets to the companies and organizations that employ them."

Amber Brazile

2021 Rick Perkins/ Tim Justice Award



"I retired from the military and wanted to continue to serve others. Being in the funeral service industry was the perfect fit for me. Columbus Tech is very affordable and has one of the only funeral service education programs in the state."

Rodrigo Lopez

2021 GOAL Student of the Year



"She is certainly a team player, as she supports her co-workers without hesitancy whenever she is called upon for assistance."

"She always has a positive attitude!"

"She takes pride in everything that she does, and she does it with a smile on her face."

Glenda Jakes

2021 Support Services Employee of the Year



#2021Graduation #TechChella #Orientation #SummerFun #TechnicalEducationRocks #60YearsStrong



HONORING OUR STORIES



Everyone has struggles and those struggles are going to prepare you for the future. A great friend of mine once said to me, "keep your eye on the target and your hand in God's hand. Always forward." This statement is something that I will share with others along with my story and it is also something that I will remind myself of when times gets challenging. My journey has not been easy, but with determination and hard work, the outcome will always be worth it.

My name is Angela Sevier and I have been attending CTC for two years.

I am 37 years old and originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee. I moved to Columbus three years ago and made the decision to enter the Valley Rescue Missions Women's Addiction Recovery Program. This decision allowed me to start on the path becoming the person I want to be. After years of feeling defeated, I started taking steps to improve my health and then I focused on my education. I knew by getting my high school diploma, not only would that further my opportunities but it would also allow me to lead by example when it came to encouraging my daughter and others about the value of an education. I successfully completed the recovery program in July of 2019 and began working at the Women's and Children's Center in September and then entered the Adult Education program.

CTC impacted my life by providing me with the foundation and tools, I needed to become a successful learner. I say "learner" because I will be able to apply these skills to my personal, professional, and educational goals. Not only did I learn how to receive and interpret the information, but I also learned how to retain and apply it. The knowledge that I have gained at CTC goes beyond the classroom walls and were not just "taught" but also experienced by working with fellow students and my instructors. When I started my journey at CTC, I was a nervous student who was scared and afraid to fail at life. After being at CTC, that frame of mind quickly went away, and I became a confident and courageous student that is excited to learn and grow.

My current goal is to complete my Associate degree in Human Resource Management and to continue working towards my Master's degree. It is my hope that I will be able to work in the business office at the Valley Rescue Mission when I graduate. I am excited to see what is to come.

I will be the first person in my family to graduate from college. I now believe in myself and am more confident than I have ever been. Achieving this goal has allowed me to prove to myself that I can do anything. Working towards my Associate degree, I am not worried or fearful of failure but confident that I will achieve this as well.

#AngelasStory

#MarksStory

My name is Mark Komendantov and I have worked at CTC for 21 years.

I employed at Columbus Carpet Mills (now the Wright Health Science Center) for about 15 years while I obtained my bachelor's degree. When Columbus Carpet Mills closed, I was unemployed. In December 1999, I decided to take some computer networking classes at CTC. I began my career as a CIS adjunct instructor in January 2000. It was one of the most fulfilling careers I've ever had.

When my wife passed away in 2009, I was suddenly a single-parent of 18-month-old twin boys. My CTC family supported me during this traumatic time in so many ways. Former President Bob Jones hired me in a full-time position as the manager of the CTC Bookstore. Besides being an adjunct and working in the bookstore, over the last 21 years I have also been a Programming Application Developer in IE. Currently, I serve as the Computer Support Lab, Math and Writing Lab Coordinator for the division of Academic Support.

After taking my courses, students knew the material and knew it well. I enjoyed knowing they retained the material I presented. Even though I'm no longer in the classroom, I still enjoying helping students and faculty. Often, I must put on my detective cap to solve a problem or resolve an issue across multiple departments, so I am still learning various areas as needed to assist students.

I believe that learning is a life-long process, so I want to teach students how to help themselves. My job is to help them learn or know where to go for help because technology is always changing! I know many people struggle with the decision to go back to school. I would tell them that CTC is unique because it offers both hands-on training with affordable tuition. With so many other colleges in the area, CTC's faculty cares about student success. CTC offers so much assistance to students struggling, academically, financially, or emotionally. It doesn't matter if students are in high school or coming to learn things after retiring, we have programs that work for any stage in life.

My CTC family helped me through one of the worst times in my life. I cannot fully express my gratitude for all the love and support I felt. Now, I strive to help students and faculty. I hear stories of people who are also going through major life experiences, and it puts things in perspective. We all have bad days. In some small way, I hope I made a difference for them.



Technical education allows you to quickly realize your dreams of becoming a professional in a career you can be proud of doing each day.



My name is Sharron J. Cook and I have worked at CTC for 20 years.

Prior to CTC, I worked with the U.S. Army as a Dental Assistant. I also volunteered with the American Red Cross in Germany to include the communities of Grafenwohr, Vilseck and Hohenfels, teaching Dental Assisting courses to military family members.

I enjoy being a part of changing lives, helping someone to achieve their dreams and starting a career that allows them to make an impact without having to work nights, holidays, or weekends. I started teaching with the Red Cross because there was a shortage of dental assistants in our community. My first class was so successful that we increased our class size and included two other communities in our service area. When my husband ended his tour of duty in Germany, we returned to the United States and our family was stationed at Fort Benning. I worked at Ft Benning DENTAC for two weeks and the job at CTC became available. Fortunately for me, I applied and got the job! I started the Dental Assisting Program at CTC. We graduated the first class in December 2001 and have graduated a class every year since.

I want my students to leave with a great work ethic, and a love for the profession. I want them to be knowledgeable in their field and represent Columbus Technical College in a positive light in our community. I believe that if you love your job, you will never view it as work.

CTC has allowed me to grow in the dental assisting field and become superior to other dental assisting programs in the state. I have been allowed to dream bigger, by obtaining the Emerald Scanner and the 3D printer in our clinic. I was allowed to dream and my dreams have come true. We are the only dental assisting program in the state of Georgia with this equipment. This will allow our students an opportunity to obtain extra skills that no other school in Georgia is currently offering.

Technical education in general gives students job ready skills that will guarantee employment. Our students quickly and seamlessly find work in this community and beyond upon completion of the program. I take pride in the fact that I have had a positive influence on so many people's lives.

#SharronsStory

#BensStory

My name is Bentavious Trammell and I attended CTC between the years 2011-2013.

Prior to attending CTC, I was student at Troy University. Upon high school graduation, I enrolled at Troy University; however, my career at Troy was cut short due to academic and financial hardship. At the time, my career aspiration was to become a physical therapist. I was forced to change my career path which was one of the best things to happen to me.

I was inspired to come to Columbus Tech after a conversation with my mother-in-law who told me that CTC has great programs from which to choose. Having a sister who completed the Radiology Technology program, she suggested that I give CTC a chance. She spoke so highly of the programs at CTC, and how it's an institution that caters to a nontraditional student, that I felt it would be a great opportunity for me to start over.

My time at CTC impacted my life in a major way. I was able to meet one of my mentors, Ken Lockhart, who was a big influence in my life. Through Mr. Lockhart's guidance, I became an active member of the campus life, serving as an officer in the Student Leadership Council and Phi Beta Lambda student organizations. My instructors at CTC were very patient with me and understood that I was not the traditional student. I was working two jobs while attending school.

The classrooms were smaller so the whole class was able to interact with one another and it felt more like family. Upon completing my degree in business management, I was hired at Auburn Bank. From there, my experience working as a Student Assistant in Student Affairs, as well as my banking experience helped me get hired at Auburn University.

While working at Auburn University, I started my pressure washing business, initially only working on weekends and after work to make extra money. The skills I learned at CTC have helped to develop me as an entrepreneur.



CTC taught me that it's okay for your academic journey to look different. This school works WITH you, and it's a set up for success all the way around.

2021 PARTNERSHIPS



CTC SIGNS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH TROY

In May, leaders from Columbus Tech and Troy University came together to clear the way for an easier path to educational success for students from both institutions. Fifty courses from Columbus Tech will now seamlessly transfer to Troy with the majority being in the general studies/core curriculum area.

Also included in the transfer agreement are program-specific courses related to pathways in the criminal justice, accounting, healthcare, and computer fields.



CTC PARTNERS WITH CEFGA TO LAUNCH CONSTRUCTION READY PROGRAM IN COLUMBUS



In August, Columbus Tech joined local leaders and officials along with several local businesses to announce the launch of the Columbus Construction Ready job training program.

To meet the city and state need for a skilled construction workforce, Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) CEFGA will offer a free Construction Ready Bootcamp on the campus of Columbus Tech beginning in October. Columbus Technical College president Martha Ann Todd praised the partnership with the mayor's office and CEFGA. "We see

it as a great stepping stone," she told the construction leaders. "Hopefully you'll hire every one of these folks and you'll send them right back to us to gain more skills."



ADULT ED JOINS TRUTH SPRINGS TRADE SCHOOL'S WORKFORCE INITIATIVE EFFORT



In March, Columbus Technical College Adult Education division conducted an 8-week special course with Truth Spring Trade School.

Sixteen students of Columbus' North Highland community took their first step into a full year of training and job-readiness education known as Truth Spring Trade School. The first eight weeks were a combination of high school equivalency prep, digital literacy certification, soft-skill training, forklift safety training, OSHA Safety Training, and CPR provided by Columbus Tech.

One hundred percent (100%) of the students completed the Forklift Safety, Osha 10 Safety, and CPR Safety

certification programs. One hundred percent (100%) of the students completed Professional Development Certifications and 81% of those students increased their math, language, and reading scores from the first day of class.

Vice President of Adult Education at Columbus Technical College April Hopson said, "These last eight weeks have been simply amazing. I have seen all 16 students transform day by day and they are more confident and truly excited to see what they can accomplish next. I cannot wait to see what they will accomplish by December, and we are honored to be a part of this life-changing journey."

BY THE NUMBERS

2021 ACADEMIC YEAR ENROLLMENT STATISTICS



SUMMARY

4,439
COLLEGE STUDENTS

508
DUAL ENROLLMENT

638
ADULT EDUCATION

5,463
CONTINUING EDUCATION
(18,728 TOTAL HOURS)

22
CUSTOMIZED TRAINING
NO. OF COMPANIES SERVED
(12,155 TOTAL HOURS)

622
MILITARY CONNECTED
STUDENTS
(14% OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT)



FINANCIAL AID

1,695
HOPE

40
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

2,399
PELL GRANT

372
VA (VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION)

14
WIA (WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT ACT)

293
OTHER FINANCIAL AID

3,209
TOTAL STUDENTS



AGE

32.6% <21

24.5% 21-25

16.3% 26-30

10.5% 31-35

6.1% 36-40

10.1% 40+

GENDER

72.58% FEMALE

27.42% MALE

RACE

0.45% AMERICAN
INDIAN/
ALASKAN NATIVE

1.13% ASIAN

45.82% BLACK OR
AFRICAN AMERICAN

13.36% HISPANIC/
LATINO

0.52% NATIVE
HAWAIIAN/
OTHER PACIFIC
ISLANDER

3.27% TWO OR
MORE RACES

1.64% UNKNOWN

33.81% WHITE

ENROLLMENT STATUS

FULL TIME
2,152

PART TIME
2,287



GRADUATES
1,386

**ASSOCIATE
DEGREE**
521

DIPLOMA
271

**TECHNICAL
CERTIFICATE
OF CREDIT**
1,944

**HIGH SCHOOL
EQUIVALENCIES**
59

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

STATE APPROPRIATIONS
11,022,916.52

FEDERAL FUNDS
1,836,567.12

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY -
COVID 19**
1,410,224.76

OTHER FUNDS (LOCAL)
11,750,277.33

TOTAL REVENUE
26,019,985.73

PERSONNEL SERVICES
18,089,643.27

OPERATING
7,930,342.46

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
26,019,985.73

Columbus Technical
College students realize
an **AVERAGE** annual
rate of return on their
education investments at

27.6%

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2021/22

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During FY21 and FY22 Q1, the Columbus Technical College Foundation, Inc. has been able to provide students, faculty and staff with scholarships, stipends, and/or emergency funds, as well as educational benefits. None of this would be possible without the overwhelming generosity of our donors. CTC is grateful to all of our supporters for making our success stories possible!

FY21 Total FY22 Q1

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