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ANNUAL REPORT 2010





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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Craig R. Wentworth, E.d.D., President

Dear friends and supporters,

I am proud to present to you the Southwest Georgia Technical College (SWGTC) 2010 Annual Report. For the past 63 years, SWGTC has been, and continues to be, an educational leader dedicated to serving students, citizens, business, and industry. We are proud that our friends and neighbors – high school graduates, dislocated workers, individuals needing retraining, businesses and manufacturers requiring leading-edge training for their employees, or individuals interested in enrichment experiences – are turning to SWGTC for their educational and training needs.

Last year, SWGTC achieved many accomplishments, and we are happily sharing them with you in this Annual Report. I hope you will enjoy reading about the success of our students, the recognition of our 2010 Technical College System of Georgia Instructor of the Year, the progress on our campus expansion, and the designation of Grady, Mitchell, and Thomas counties becoming certified work ready communities.

Last year also brought sadness to the SWGTC family with the passing of two of our beloved colleagues, Lillie Jackson Gregory, Radiologic Technology faculty member, and Dr. Richard (Rich) Miller, Clinical Laboratory Technology faculty member. Both Ms. Gregory and Dr. Miller sincerely cared for each and every one of their students, and they touched and changed the lives of many. While Ms. Gregory and Dr. Miller's presence on our campus will forever be missed, their legacy lives on through the Lillie Jackson Gregory Memorial Scholarship for Radiologic Technology and the Dr. Richard Miller Memorial Scholarship for Clinical Laboratory Technology. The memorial scholarships were established to honor our friends and colleagues by creating a lasting legacy that will go on to serve the students they cared so deeply for during their tenure with SWGTC.

As we reflect upon 2010, we are proud of what we have accomplished and are equally excited about the direction in which we are headed. I am pleased to share that in August of 2011, the College will be converting from the quarter system to the semester system. This move will create a more seamless education for students as they will be able to move more easily between the K-12 system, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia. Also in August, the College plans to open the doors to its new Health Science Building which will house a state-of-the-art virtual hospital with 10 patient rooms populated with Human Patient Simulators, a tiered lecture hall with seating for 144, and classrooms and laboratories for various health programs including: Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Patient Care Assisting, and natural science courses. In addition, the College plans to expand its credit program offerings include two new programs of study in the new Health Science Building.

SWGTC is proud of the role it plays in our communities, and we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for our students, their families, and the region we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig R. Wentworth, E.d.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig R. Wentworth, E.d.D.
President

HEALTH SCIENCE BUILDING



Dedicated to our students

Southwest Georgia Technical College (SWGTC) is growing and that growth is reflected in the 52,000 square foot addition of a new Health Science Building. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building were held in October 2009 and over the last 18 months the progress of the construction has been very exciting. The design of the new Health Science Building will continue to unify the campus in the architectural language established by the new Classroom/Student Affairs/Administrative Building, the campus's "flagship building" which was completed in 2005. This new building will have comparable architectural features providing campus unity.

Plans for the building began when SWGTC administration identified the need for increased learning space, additional programs and state-of-the-art teaching equipment was crucial to meeting the needs of our community and service areas. Over the last five years, SWGTC has enjoyed placing over 96% of graduates successfully in-field. Our mission is clear and the administration, faculty, and staff are dedicated to maintain the high quality education that SWGTC has been delivering for over 63 years.

The Health Science Building will accommodate faculty and students of various Allied Health programs including: Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, and Patient Care Assisting. The facility will also house Natural Science classrooms and labs such as: Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, and Physics. The space is programmed to provide a tiered lecture hall which will seat 144 students, general classroom space, computerized classroom space, equipment storage for classrooms, program lab space, Biology lab space, Microbiology lab space, Chemistry lab space, general offices, and a virtual hospital area.

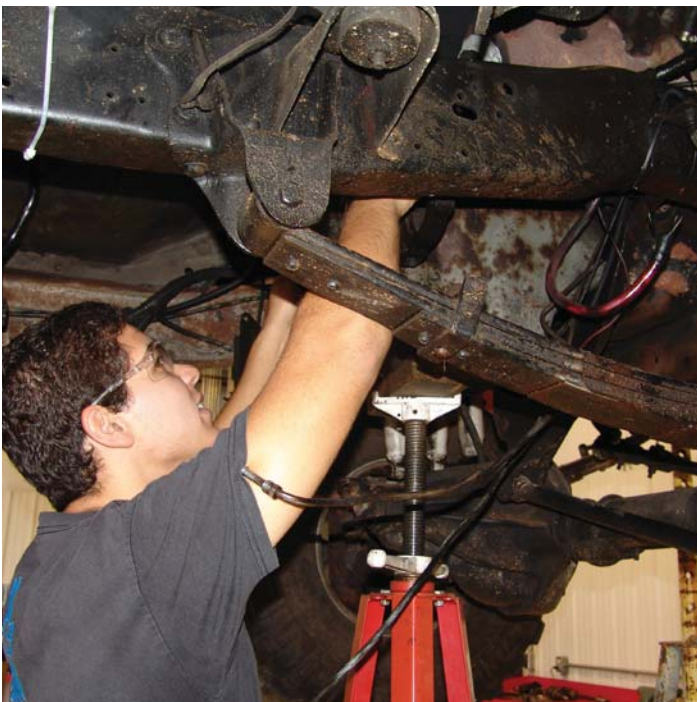
The Virtual Hospital space will be state-of-the-art and will expand and enhance the hands-on training opportunities for SWGTC students. It will house 10 patient rooms populated with Human Patient Simulators (HPS). HPS is the top-of-the-line fully automatic, high-fidelity patient simulator specifically designed for training in anesthesia, respiratory, and critical care. HPS provides a high level of automatic and enhanced features. It is the only patient simulator with the ability to provide respiratory gas exchange, anesthesia delivery, and patient monitoring with real physiological clinical monitors.

"The simulators will allow students to tend to patients prior to performing their hands-on clinical work at local healthcare facilities," said Dr. Craig Wentworth, President of SWGTC. "The simulators are equipped with basic human functions such as breathing, drinking, blinking, sweating, and have the capability to show improvement in patient conditions or indicate if a procedure was properly performed by the student," said Wentworth.

"The human patient simulators are a fantastic training tool for our Allied Health students," said Dr. Annie McElroy, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Each student will train on the HPS before entering their on-site clinical site. We believe that this will give our students the most advanced learning experience in the area. A full 50% of our students are enrolled in an Allied Health program and the demand for graduates from healthcare programs is increasing. This new building will allow us to better serve a growing number of students seeking careers in these fields. The addition of this building exemplifies the growth of the College and our commitment to provide the best educational services and facilities to our service areas."

committed to our community

ENROLLMENT



| ENROLLMENT | FY 2009 | FY 2010 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| • Total Enrollment | 5568 | 3243 |
| • Credit Programs | 2497 | 2752 |
| • Adult Education | 1295 | 1334 |
| • Economic Development | 2557 | 1494 |

| CAMPUS BREAKDOWN | FY 2009 | FY 2010 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| • Grady County | 997 | 647 |
| • Mitchell County | 875 | 476 |
| • Thomas County | 2911 | 1539 |
| • Other | 785 | 581 |

| GRADUATES AND AWARDS | FY 2009 | FY 2010 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| • Business and Computer | 128 | 155 |
| • Allied Health | 323 | 335 |
| • Technical and Industrial | 199 | 257 |
| • Professional Services | 175 | 162 |
| • Graduate Awards | 825 | 909 |
| • Unduplicated Awards | 675 | 720 |

| JOB PLACEMENT | FY 2009 | FY 2010 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| • SWGTC Overall | 99.10% | 100% |
| • SWGTC In-Field | 94.85% | 96.03% |
| • *TCSG Overall Average | 96.7% | *57.6% |
| • *TCSG In-Field Average | 81.3% | *90.8% |

STEWARDSHIP



Southwest Georgia Technical College is primarily funded through the State of Georgia and like most state agencies, significant reductions in funding have been experienced. Fortunately SWGTC also is supported by the SWGTC Foundation and many community members and partnerships that support our mission and our students. We are proud that we continue to meet our mission and the needs of business and industry in our service areas.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| State | 8,487,995 |
| Local | 2,528,071 |
| Grants | 140,256 |
| Adult Literacy | 624,446 |
| Federal | 413,654 |
| Capital Outlay | 180,567 |

TOTAL: 12,374,989

EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries and Benefits | 8,094,170 |
| General Operating | 1,180,366 |
| Grants | 140,256 |
| Adult Education | 624,446 |
| Construction | 665,271 |
| Equipment | 233,304 |
| Maintenance and Operation | 1,280,173 |
| Carryover to FY 2011 | 157,003 |

TOTAL: 12,374,989

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2010 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 311,490

Student Enabling 2,538

Faculty & Staff Scholarships 54,483

Technology & Equipment 55,945

Administration 55,945

SWGTC Program Expense 148,282

2010 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 311,490

IN MEMORY

Mrs. Lillie Gregory



Lillie Gregory, Clinical Coordinator for the Radiologic Technology Program at Southwest Georgia Technical College, passed away in 2010 and it was a great loss to the SWGTC family. She had been an integral part of the College since 1987.

“Lillie was the Clinical Coordinator for the Radiography program for 25 years and during that time she helped develop the curriculum and standards that made the program what it is today,” said Wally Waldron, Radiology Technology Program director. “She was an integral part in ensuring that students were prepared for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist certification exam striving to maintain a 100% pass rate annually.”

“I will never forget her and how much she helped in the program,” said Radiologic Technology graduate Hollie Brinson. “She was a wonderful instructor and a great lady. She truly cared about each

and every one of her students and she was always there to offer help and encouragement when it was needed. She will be greatly missed.”

“She was the go to person for the students, willing to listen and give honest advice when issues appeared to be getting in the way of their success. You could always see her enthusiasm for students,” Waldron said. “Lillie was an example to other women who were striving to get ahead by being a role model. She raised a family, taught, worked at the hospital, and got a degree in education. She was more than a friend and colleague and will be missed.”

In 2010, Gregory had been one of four faculty members vying for the Rick Perkins Award, which recognizes individuals who are exemplary instructors and display exceptional leadership and concern for their students.

“Lillie was truly one of a kind and we were fortunate to have had the honor and privilege of working with her,” Waldron said. A scholarship has been established in her name at Southwest Georgia Technical College, so that other students may continue to benefit from her legacy. The SWGTC faculty, staff, and students are also dedicating a lab/classroom in Ms. Gregory’s memory.

IN MEMORY

Dr. Richard Miller



Our campus family suffered another very tragic loss in 2010 with the passing of Dr. Richard Miller. Dr. Miller was the program director of the Clinical Laboratory Technology program.

“While we all were fortunate to call him our colleague, many of us were also lucky to call him a friend. He will be sorely missed, and I know SWGTC has lost not only a gifted teacher but a wonderful man as well,” said Dr. Annie McElroy, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

“There is a quote that reminds me so much of Dr. Miller,” said Carla Barrow, Dean for Academic Affairs. “A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops and this was certainly true of Dr. Miller. He has greatly influenced all of us. We were privileged to know him and privileged to learn from him. His influence will continue on in each of our lives.”

In keeping Dr. Miller’s legacy alive, the College Foundation has established the Dr. Richard Miller Memorial Scholarship for Clinical Laboratory Technology. Dr. Miller was a charter member of the Foundation’s 1% Club. This means he contributed 1% of his gross salary each year to our annual campaign so that our students would have the opportunities needed to complete their educational goals. This scholarship honors him and continues to provide opportunities for the students he cared so deeply for. The SWGTC faculty, staff, and students are also dedicating our CLT laboratory in Dr. Miller’s memory.

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TCSG 2010

Jessica Barfield

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR



Jessica Barfield and former SWGTC President, Glenn Diebert

Jessica Barfield, Early Childhood Care and Education instructor at Southwest Georgia Technical College, is a self-proclaimed “cheerleader for technical education” and every day is a pep rally. “I just want to shout out to the world how strongly I believe in technical education,” she says with great enthusiasm. “I am so excited to be a part of it and always excited to have the opportunity to tell people about it.”

As the Technical College System of Georgia’s (TCSG) 2010 Instructor of the Year, (Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Education) Barfield now has a statewide forum for spreading the word on the benefits of technical education.

Barfield is serving as the technical college system’s ambassador for technical education instruction and a representative of her fellow instructors at Georgia’s 28 technical colleges.

She has made numerous appearances around Georgia to speak about the great opportunities offered by the technical college system. She will also be honored by the Georgia General Assembly and receive a personal commendation from the Governor. “I have enjoyed being able to speak about technical education around the state and have loved getting to meet lots of new people, people who are as on fire about technical education as I am. I believe in this educational avenue in achieving success in the world,” she says. “There are just so many opportunities out there and a technical college education can open so many doors for those who take advantage of it.”

Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Ron Jackson made the announcement during a banquet held on May 27 at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel. He presented Barfield with the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction and a \$1,000 check.

“Jessica Barfield is a talented and dedicated instructor who inspires her students to learn and achieve,” says Jackson. “She possesses an unbelievable commitment to bringing out the very best in her students, who graduate better-prepared for the workforce and therefore more likely to find success in their chosen careers. This is a well-deserved honor for her to be recognized as one of Georgia’s great technical college instructors.” Barfield was selected from among six finalists for the award by a panel of judges representing business, industry, and higher education in Georgia. Selection criteria included teaching experience, leadership abilities and professionalism, proven innovation in teaching techniques, community involvement, and a strong commitment to the technical education mission of the TCSG.

“I am honored that out of the thousands of dedicated, qualified, and amazing faculty members working for the TCSG system I was selected for this award,” said Barfield. “Teaching is my passion and it is so rewarding to be recognized for what I love to do each and every day. There is no better profession than teaching; I help change lives daily and I do not take that responsibility lightly.”

Dr. Glenn Deibert, former President of SWGTC, considered Barfield’s being named Instructor of the Year his last “hurrah” before leaving for his new post in Alabama. “It made me very proud to see Jessica win this award,” he said. “I am thrilled that I was able to be here to see her win. It was a pleasure working with her during my tenure at SWGTC and I know she will be an outstanding representative for technical education. Everyone at SWGTC is extremely proud of her.”

FINALIST

Lauren Harnevious

TCSG GOAL PROGRAM

Lauren Harnevious, SWGTC's Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) winner for 2010 was chosen as one of the top four finalists in the state-wide competition, which is sponsored by the Technical College System of Georgia. The program recognizes excellence in academics and leadership among students in the technical college system. "I was thrilled to have made it this far in the competition. This was a great opportunity for me," said Harnevious. "I am so happy that I was able to be a part of it and am very proud to have had the chance to represent SWGTC. I believe in technical education and am so grateful for the experiences being part of the GOAL program has provided for me."

Harnevious, who has since graduated from SWGTC with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), was originally chosen from 16 nominees at SWGTC and continued on to represent SWGTC at the regional level against other GOAL winners from technical colleges in the southern section of Georgia. The top three from each of Georgia's three regions then went on to compete for the state GOAL title. After the interview process, Harnevious was named one of the top four in the competition. "It was a great achievement for Lauren to make it this far in the competition," said Ellen Terrell, Adult Education Transition Coordinator at SWGTC. "The GOAL winners from around the state represent the best and the brightest in technical education and we could not have been any prouder to have SWGTC represented by Lauren. She did an outstanding job."

Harnevious came to SWGTC to earn her GED after she finished her home school studies and then enrolled so that she could earn her ADN. She is continuing her studies and plans to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. "Technical education was the right choice for me and it can change your life too. Technical education put me on the path to fulfilling my educational and career goals. There are so many opportunities available through technical education and it has been wonderful for me to be able to share my thoughts and experiences with others through the GOAL program."



Glenn Diebert, former SWGTC President, presents GOAL Winner Lauren Harnevious with the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership at a special Thomasville Kiwanis Club meeting.

MITCHELL COUNTY

Nanette Harvey

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Nanette Harvey was awarded the Mitchell County Scholarship and says she is so grateful for the assistance it gave her. "I appreciate having won this scholarship and thank those who made it possible. With this scholarship I am going to be able to stay on track and graduate next spring as I had planned. Without it, continuing my education would have taken longer and been a struggle." Harvey is a student in the Respiratory Care Technology program. "I love my instructors and thank them for all of the support and encouragement they have given me, because this has been a difficult journey at times. Tammy Miller, our Respiratory Care Technology instructor has been especially helpful and has always been there to push me to believe in myself and have the confidence I needed to succeed in the program. The tutoring center has also been extremely important to me and I can't say enough positive things about them. There are so many people here at Southwest Georgia Technical College that I owe a debt of gratitude. I am so happy that I made the decision to enroll here and am very excited about what the future holds for me after graduation. I want to work in my field somewhere in this area, because I want to stay here and give back to the community that has given so much to me and helped me accomplish my goals."

GRADY COUNTY

Hollie Brinson

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Hollie Brinson is employed as a Radiological Technician at Donalsonville Hospital, after earning her Associate Degree in Radiological Technology from Southwest Georgia Technical College. "I love my job and am very happy with my career choice. I am thankful that Southwest Georgia Technical College was here for me," said Brinson. "It was wonderful to go to school without having to move away or commute long distances. I also enjoyed the fact that I was able to complete my degree program in just two years. I find my career rewarding, challenging, and provides a bright future for me. My experiences at SWGTC were so positive. I can't put into words how much I appreciate the people there who helped me along the way. I am thankful to have known Mrs. Lillie Gregory, who was one of my instructors and has since passed away. She was such an inspiration to me and my classmates. She was a fantastic instructor and she wanted all of us to succeed. We learned so much from her and Wally Waldron. They made sure we were prepared and ready to hit the ground running after graduation." Hollie is also very appreciative of the SWGTC Foundation and the scholarship she received when she was a student. "Receiving the scholarship was a great honor for me and it certainly helped me meet my financial obligations as a student. We are very fortunate that we have these opportunities available to us and I encourage other students to take the time to become informed about SWGTC and consider one of the many programs offered. I could not be happier with the decision I made to enroll at SWGTC and the career that I now have because of it."

FOUNDATION

Vincent Pate SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Vincent Pate graduated from the Surgical Technology program at SWGTC in 2010 and credits his Foundation Student Enabling Scholarship with allowing him to complete his studies. "I was about to finish up and graduate, but funds were running low and I really don't know what I would have done without this scholarship," he said. "The scholarship made it possible for me to graduate on time and I cannot express to you how much that meant to me." Now employed at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Pate has plans to further his education and become a Licensed Practical Nurse. "I love my job very much and enjoy going to work every day, but my ultimate goal is to become a nurse. I am re-enrolling at Southwest Georgia Technical College and look forward to getting back into class. Being a student here is a wonderful experience. The instructors are truly dedicated to the success of their students and they go above and beyond to help you. They stay late or allow you to call them after hours for any extra assistance that you needed and I greatly appreciated that. I want to offer my deepest gratitude to SGWTC and to the Foundation for all they have done for me. They were there for me when I needed them most and I won't forget that. I recommend SWGTC every chance I get and encourage others to enroll, so that they too can find a rewarding career and improve their lives."

iStand for Success



Students from Southwest Georgia Technical College (SWGTC) are on a mission to make a difference in the lives of a group of children at Scott Elementary School. A group of college students are serving as mentors for children in kindergarten through fifth grade in a program called "iStand for Success".

"The iStand for Success program has been very enjoyable for our students. It has given them the opportunity to be role models for these children and also become their friends," said Asha Dillard, Student Activities Coordinator.

The iStand volunteers have lunch twice a month at Scott Elementary School, enjoy holiday-related activities, play games, read, and even offer help with schoolwork. The goals of the mentoring program are to help improve self-esteem, cultivate social skills, and strengthen communications skills which all contribute to better school attendance and higher grades.

"The purpose of this program is to help guide these students and offer them support," said Dr. Jeanine Long, Career Services Director at SWGTC. "Most importantly, the mentors will serve as positive role models for these children and to give them someone to confide in and look up to."



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