

CHATT TECH TALK

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Student Finds Success as HVAC Technician

After discovering that he had a passion for performing minor repairs on machinery, Canton resident Kris Hickman enrolled in Chattahoochee Technical College's Air Conditioning Technology program to pursue a career in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning industry.

"I enjoy figuring out why something isn't working, what made it stop, and then trying to correct the issue," said Hickman, who currently is employed by R&D Mechanical Services in Canton. "I knew I was on the right path because not only do I enjoy fixing things, but I also enjoy helping people in need just as much. There's

nothing like seeing a person's face in the summertime when you get their cooling back working."

With labs on the college's Canton and Marietta campuses, as well as at the Bartow County College and Career Academy, the Air Conditioning Technology program provides students with a dynamic, hands-on learning environment where they are educated on installing, maintaining, diagnosing and repairing heating, cooling, ventilation and refrigeration systems.

As a new graduate of Chattahoochee Tech, Hickman encouraged others to pursue a



Kris Hickman graduated from CTC with a degree in Air Conditioning Technology.

career in HVAC if they have a passion for working on equipment, diagnosing the problem and correcting it.

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Students Participate in Spring Commencement



More than 500 students will make their mark on the workforce or move on to even higher education after graduating from Chattahoochee Technical College on Thursday, May 18. The most popular area of study for graduates was Health Sciences, followed by programs in the area of Business Sciences as well as programs in the field of Public and Professional Services.

Chattahoochee Technical College **In** the News

So far, for the month of May, CTC has secured about **\$5,000** in free advertising through published news articles. Total circulation of CTC news mid-month is **60,000** and the total exposure for the college is **200,000** views.



Members of the Paulding Engagement Team participated in Touch a Truck in Paulding County last month. The college's booth had 200-plus visitors that day.



Allatoona Elementary School students received a lesson on germs from students in Bhavya Mathur's microbiology class as part of a service learning project.



Angibel Tome-Martinez won first at SkillsUSA. Pictured are Cobb County Police Lt. Hurst, Officer Smith, CTC instructor Jennifer Combs and SkillsUSA State Director Tjazha Mazhani.

Trustee Honored for Service, Commitment to Foundation

Described by her peers as a constant champion of technical education, Susan Stephens was named Volunteer of the Year by the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation for her commitment to Chattahoochee Technical College and its students as a longtime member of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees.

CTC’s Executive Director for Development Melanie Lambert praised Stephens for going above and beyond the call of duty as a trustee.

“Susan Stephens is truly one of those volunteers that development staff dream about,” Lambert said. “She is wholeheartedly committed to helping our students and never stops thinking about ways that she can connect potential

donors with the life-changing work happening at Chattahoochee Tech.is always just one phone call or one email away whenever staff need assistance.is an honor and pleasure to work with her, and we have no doubt that she will continue to be a partner in our mission for years to come.”

Stephens has served in various roles on the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, said it has been an honor to advocate for technical education and the difference it can make in the lives of students.

Through her unwavering commitment to Chattahoochee Tech Foundation, Stephens was instrumental in assisting the nonprofit in reviving its Reverse Raffle this past fall. She personally engaged 37



Pictured, from left, Ronald Mehl, Michael D Stephens Jr., Matt Stephens, Allison Stephens Nelson, Susan Stephens, Chattahoochee Tech Foundation Chair Don Barbour and Chattahoochee Tech President Dr. Ron Newcomb.

donors and generated \$5,000 for the event, which ultimately raised \$24,000. Stephens also helped the Foundation secure a new scholarship from The Magnolia Garden Club in Cartersville.

Chef Hones Skills in Spain

Having worked in the hospitality industry for more than two decades, Chattahoochee Technical College’s culinary instructor Chef Hillary Gallagher is no stranger to exploring exotic flavors. The college’s top chef now has an opportunity to learn the nuances of emerging trends as she navigates Spain’s culinary scene while traveling abroad until May 25. Over the course of the 11-day trip, students and faculty will visit Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Valencia, Granada, Costa del Sol, Segovia and the Rock of Gibraltar.



Chef Hillary Gallagher is traveling to Spain with the college’s study abroad program through May 25.

National Technical Honor Society Inducts 14 Students



Pictured, front row, from left, are: Jessica Warren of Acworth, Felisha Flowers-Moore of Marietta, Emiline Hoskins of Canton, and Kaitlin Barrett of Rockmart; back row: CTC instructor/NTHS co-advisor Celnisha Dangerfield, Takeysha Collier of Austell, Joyce Crockett of Marietta, Jeffrey Dyer of Adairsville, and CTC instructor/NTHS co-advisor Kathy Coleman. **Not pictured:** Casey Carter of Smyrna, Rebecca Justice of Marietta, Francis Mukanga of Dallas, Christopher Newman of Canton, Johnathan Newman of Canton, Nathaniel Newman of Canton and Brandon Samsury of Acworth.