



## Thanks to our Faculty and Staff



As we conclude another academic year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and commitment to our students' success. Your passion for creating unforgettable learning experiences is the foundation of our institution, and the achievements of our students reflect the profound impact you have on their academic and personal lives.

Your role as educators extends beyond imparting knowledge. You inspire curiosity, foster critical thinking, and nurture the growth of future leaders. Your efforts, whether inside or outside the classroom, guide and support students through their academic journeys and personal challenges. This dedication is deeply valued by our entire college community.

In today's rapidly changing world, the demands facing our college community are greater than ever. Despite these challenges, I encourage you to rise to the occasion, adapting to new teaching methods and finding innovative ways to engage and inspire our students. Your resilience and creativity serve as a powerful example for them.

Student success is a collective effort, and your contributions are integral to this process. The knowledge, skills, and values you impart help shape their futures, preparing them for the complexities and job opportunities ahead. Your influence is crucial to their ability to thrive both academically and personally.

I encourage you to continue believing in the transformative power of education and your ability to make a difference. Every lecture, personal interaction, and deed of kindness contributes to their growth and success.

- Dr. Tavaraz Holston, President

## Governor visits College, naming ceremony



May 9, 2024 was truly a red-letter day at GPTC! Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp joined officials with Johnson Controls, Industries to celebrate JCI's investment in our Building Automation Systems (BAS) and other industrial-focused programs. The First Couple joined other dignitaries on a tour of the BAS labs before unveiling plaques naming the learning spaces in honor of JCI.

## GPTC celebrates 2024 graduates with special appearance



Georgia Piedmont Tech held its 2024 commencement ceremony on May 18, 2024 at Springfield Baptist Church. Graduates were surprised with a special appearance from the College's new mascot, "Monty," the GPTC Lion. From L to R: Student of the year, Allison Hammer gives her remarks to the student body, congratulating them on their achievements; President Holston shows his "paws" with Monty; Students, family and friends enjoy Monty's appearance at graduation.

## SPRING REWIND: Graduations, one-stop enrollment and career fair



Spring 2024 is all abuzz with events! GPTC held its annual Spring Career Fair on March 20, connecting students to potential employers. April 18th was graduation day for Adult Education students, honoring their momentous achievements. GPTC held its One-Stop Enrollment Workshop event on April 19, supplying students with the needed tools and resources to succeed. On May 16th, 26 students graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy—the largest class yet! Way to go!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Memorial Day / May 27**  
 > No classes; College is closed.
- **Wellness Wednesday / May 29**  
 > Newton Campus
- **Pride Month Event / June 5**
- **Trivia Thursday / June 6**  
 > Virtual, Link sent to students
- **Red, White & Blue BBQ / June 14**  
 > Newton Campus, Building B
- **Juneteenth Event / June 18**  
 > Newton Campus, Building D
- **Juneteenth Event / June 20**  
 > DeKalb Campus Courtyard

## Foundation Spotlight: Masquerade ball supports students



On March 23, 2024, the GPTC Foundation held its second annual fundraiser, the Masquerade Ball, where faculty, staff and stakeholders shared an evening of fun, helping students unmask their potential through generous donations.

## WELCOME TO THE PRIDE

CELEBRATING NEW EMPLOYEES

- LENISERA BARNES-BODISON
- JI'KERIA BASLEY
- EBONY D. BRITTON
- ANGELA BROWN
- SHERRY E. COCHRAN
- VICTOR CORNIER
- JERROD GRIER
- JAMEEL HASAN
- CIANNA K. HORNSBY
- RICHARD S. JAMES
- LYN JOHNSON
- CONSTANCE KING LACEY
- DANIEL MCCULLOUGH
- SAMANTHA NIX
- MELINDA ROBINSON-MOFFETT
- YASHICA L. SCAREBROOK
- RAYNA SHEALEY
- YOLANDA SOPHIA STERLING
- CHILESHE S. WILSON



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