



Movin' On Up!



As we close in on the end of 2023 and stand on the precipice of 2024, I am filled with thankfulness for what we have accomplished together. And, I see even greater things on the horizon of 2024.

As an institution dedicated to shaping minds and preparing students for the complexities of the evolving world of work, I reflect on several transformative initiatives that will position us as the Leader College in pursuit of our mission of workforce development. Everything we do is focused on serving students and the businesses who hire them.

Have you enjoyed seeing our students lounging in our new furniture as much as I have? Comfortable furnishings play a crucial role in enhancing the college learning environment by fostering a sense of well-being and focus among students.

Have you been monitoring the progress of the exterior renovations and Tech Center in Clarkston? One of our strategic goals is to "strengthen [our] infrastructure" by "improv[ing] and expand[ing] physical facilities to better serve the service delivery area."

Interior renovations of our main campus are planned to commence in January 2024. Those upgrades will include a newly renovated lobby with a new bookstore, seating area...And, YES...a new CAFÉ that will serve freshly brewed coffee and quick serve dishes.

Interior renovations in Newton Building D will begin simultaneously in January 2024. Those renovations will include a renovated bottom floor featuring a new student one-stop and conference center refresh.

In conclusion, I invite you to join us in embracing the dynamic nature of our academic journey, characterized by a dedication to excellence and innovation in support of student success. So, *cheers* to all that we've accomplished this year, and for the great things that we have yet to realize.

- Dr. Tavaraz Holston, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- College Closed / Dec. 25-29
 > Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!
- Dual Enrollment Spring 2024 Orientation / Jan. 4
 > 6 - 7 PM, register at gptc.edu
- Spring Semester Starts / Jan. 8
- Welcome Week / Jan. 8 - 12

College Hosts First-Ever Monty Awards



DR. ARTHUR EVANS WINS THE FORWARD AWARD, GIVEN BY PRESIDENT HOLSTON.



TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) COMMISSIONER GREG DOZIER CLOSES OUT THE INAUGURAL MONTY AWARDS WITH A HEARTFELT SPEECH, ENCOURAGING THE GPTC STAFF AND FACULTY.



THE LEADER COLLEGE, CLASS OF 2023 AND PREVIOUS GRADUATES ALONG WITH PRESIDENT HOLSTON AND SENIOR STAFF COME TOGETHER, CELEBRATING THE FORMER'S GRADUATION AND COMPLETION OF THE YEAR-LONG PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.



MARTITA KENDRICH GARNERS THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE.



UNITED WAY OF GREATER ATLANTA DONATED \$150,000 TO THE GPTC ADULT EDUCATION READY, STEP, LEAP PROGRAM (CDL, ADVANCED MANUFACTURING, AND CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE), COVERING TUITION, SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS AGES 16-24.



JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. DONATED \$100,000 TO GPTC, SUPPORTING THE DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.



GPTC STAFF AND FACULTY CELEBRATE THEIR FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA.



TERESA WATSON NAMED GPTC ALUMNI OF THE YEAR FROM THE FOUNDATION.



ASSISTANT CAMPUS POLICE CHIEF WALTER PUTMAN WINS THE 'PROMINENT PRESENCE' MONTY AWARD.



MAUREEN WATT WINS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE MONTY AWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY TCSG COMMISSIONER GREG DOZIER.

Letter from: the Executive Director of the GPTC Foundation

Dr. Sharmon Monagan

As we bid farewell to 2023, the Foundation takes a moment to reflect on a year filled with dedicated efforts and remarkable achievements. In the face of the ongoing challenges brought by the aftermath of COVID-19, our students have encountered numerous hurdles on their educational journeys.

The Foundation has stepped in to provide essential support, allocating thousands of dollars toward purge relief and hardship assistance.

From temporary housing and rent/mortgage aid to utility assistance, car notes, insurance, daycare payments, and vital gift cards for groceries and gas, we aimed to alleviate the diverse challenges

our students faced. Additionally, recognizing the importance of a supportive work environment, we established a hardship assistance fund for our dedicated employees.

Amid these challenges, there were moments of joy and celebration. Institute Day, the Red, White, & Blue BBQ, Joint Board luncheon, Donor Appreciation Luau, and the prestigious Monty Awards served as some of the occasions to honor and recognize our donors, alumni, Board of Trustees, and Board of Directors.

Noteworthy milestones included the groundbreaking for the Newton CDL range and Regional Transportation Training Center and a new partnership with the Latin

American Association.

As we eagerly look forward to 2024, the Foundation is poised for further growth.

Our focus remains on reducing financial barriers hindering student success, fostering stronger ties with the business community, and providing crucial financial support for our programs.

In this season of gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the greatest gift we receive—the support of our colleagues. Your generosity propels us forward, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



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