



**Augusta Technical College Employees Receive Recognition from the  
National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development**

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Augusta Technical College (ATC) is proud to announce its recipients of the annual National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards.



Honorees from ATC are:

- Dr. Vicki Vandervelde, Accounting Department Head
- Quentin White, Recruitment Specialist/High School Coordinator
- George Norman, Custodian
- Amy Laughner, Academic/Career Counselor
- Kimberly Holden, Director for Marketing & Public Relations
- Donna Wendt, Director for Career Services
- Catherine Hnatkovich, Web Content Maintenance Specialist and
- Michael Cummings, Adjunct Construction Instructor-not pictured

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. In 1989, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. The response to that ceremony was so positive that NISOD began what has become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators and staff.

“These individuals are the college’s inaugural NISOD honorees and it’s a well-deserved recognition,” said ATC President Dr. Jermaine Whirl. “In 2022, they were selected as the institution’s employee of the year award winners. Their relentless pursuit of excellence and support for our students is on display every single day. Congratulations to each of them!”

Excellence Award recipients are recognized during NISOD’s annual

International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. Excellence Awards recipients receive a specially cast, pewter medallion hung on a burnt-orange ribbon.

“Recognizing those individuals who have contributed to student success and their college’s mission is something we look forward to doing each year,” said Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD’s Executive Director. “The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We’re honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements.”

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### ***About Augusta Technical College***

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit [augustatech.edu](http://augustatech.edu).

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### ***About NISOD***

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. NISOD provides budget-friendly, high-quality, and faculty-focused programs and resources for community and technical colleges that want to make the most of their professional development dollars. For over 40 years, NISOD has aligned a wide array of benefits with the needs of our members, which explains why the American Association of Community Colleges named NISOD, “The country’s leading provider of professional development for community college faculty, staff, and administrators.” For more information about NISOD, visit [www.nisod.org](http://www.nisod.org).

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