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ENDOWMENT NEWS

CREATING A LONG-LASTING LEGACY

The Augusta Technical College Foundation received two new scholarship endowments from a pair of donors who wish to remain anonymous. The gifts recognize both a family patriarch and matriarch. The endowment gifts, totaling \$25,000 each, bring the Augusta Tech Foundation's endowments to 27 totaling more than \$1.39M. Endowment gifts ensure that students have funding in the future.

If you wish to create a legacy gift for your family, please contact the Augusta Tech Foundation at foundation@augustatech.edu.

DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION

DENTISTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Becoming engaged with Augusta Tech and its various programs provides opportunities for donors to help better college programs and student success. Dr. Blake Collins of the Richmond County Health Department and Dr. Emmanuel Ngoh of the Augusta Endodontic Center collectively provided \$3,000 in gifts to benefit the Dental Assisting program. We would like to thank and recognize these special donor doctors who actively participate in our advisory program boards, intern our students, and support our mission of technical education. To learn more about Augusta Technical College's programs and how you can provide support, email us at foundation@augustatech.edu.

SRR DONATES \$5,000 TO ADULT EDUCATION

DONATION WILL FUND GED SCHOLARSHIPS

Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste contractor at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS), recently presented a \$5,000 donation to Augusta Technical College (ATC) to help fund scholarships for the General Education Development (GED) diploma program. ATC offers GED classes through the Adult Education Program. Phil Breidenbach (left), SRR President and Project Manager, presented the donation to President Dr. Jermaine Whirl, following by a tour of the facility. SRR is a team of companies led by Amentum, with partners Bechtel National, Jacobs, and BWX Technologies, Inc. Critical subcontractors for the contract are Orano, Atkins, and Amentum N&E Technical Services.

Click [here](#) to read the press release.



BANK OF AMERICA RECOGNIZES AUGUSTA TECH AS A NEIGHBORHOOD CHAMPION

Program Provides \$50,000 in Grant
Support and Opportunities for Virtual Leadership Training

Bank of America today announced Augusta Technical College as a Neighborhood Champion, a recognition that includes both grant funding and leadership training. The Neighborhood Champions program supports the role strong nonprofit leaders play in advancing economic mobility and is an extension of the bank's signature philanthropic initiative, Neighborhood Builders®, the largest corporate philanthropic investment in nonprofit leadership in the country. In addition to the city of Augusta, the bank will bring the program to over 40 additional communities across the U.S. this fall as part of its commitment to investing in the long-term health of communities.

As part of the program, Augusta Technical College will receive \$50,000 in grant support and an opportunity for engagement in virtual leadership training delivered by experts in the nonprofit sector. Augusta Technical College has partnered with Bank of America for more than 15 years to advance economic mobility and create workforce development opportunities. They have been a leader in tackling challenges the local economy has faced in bridging the trade skills gap needed for local industries to retain and attract a younger workforce.

As we consider many of the challenges that our communities are facing – from the health and humanitarian crisis brought on by the coronavirus to the need for progress on racial equality and economic opportunity – the Neighborhood Champions program is a relevant and timely initiative to support the communities we serve,” said Ora Parish, Augusta market president for Bank of America. “This program enables partners like Augusta Tech to plan strategically for growth and long-term sustainability, and we look forward to seeing how this investment helps Augusta Tech make even greater strides to address the workforce development needs of our community.”

Neighborhood Champions program in Augusta will strengthen the bank's commitment to advancing economic mobility and nonprofit leadership.

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Mrs. Beverly Peltier, Director, Augusta Technical College Foundation and Dr. Lisa Palmer, Vice President, Economic Development



Dr. Jermaine Whirl
President, Augusta Technical College

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL TRI-COLLEGE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Augusta Technical, [Augusta University](#), and [Paine College](#) announced Ambassador Andrew Young as the keynote speaker for the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. annual tri-college birthday celebration.

Andrew Young has earned worldwide recognition as a pioneer in and champion of civil and human rights. Ambassador Young's lifelong dedication to service is illustrated by his extensive leadership experience of over sixty-five years, serving as a member of Congress, African American U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Mayor of Atlanta, and ordained minister, among other positions.

During the 1960s, Young was a key strategist and negotiator during civil rights campaigns that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Appointed as an Ambassador to the United Nations in 1977, Young negotiated an end to white-minority rule in Namibia and Zimbabwe and brought President Carter's emphasis on human rights to international diplomacy efforts.

Ambassador Young also serves on a number of boards, including, but not limited to, the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Morehouse College, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State and Americas Mart. In 2003, he and his wife Carolyn McClain Young founded the [Andrew J. Young Foundation](#) to support and promote education, health, leadership and human rights in the U.S., Africa, and the Caribbean. Young currently serves as the Chairman of the Andrew Young Foundation.

"Augusta Technical College is honored to host this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration with Ambassador Andrew Young as our keynote speaker. His work in civil rights alongside leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his humanitarian efforts around the world have left an indelible mark for us to follow," said Augusta Technical College president Dr. Jermaine Whirl. "But more importantly, Ambassador Young's life embodies civility and servant leadership; attributes we all seek to emulate."

We are grateful for the opportunity to join with our colleagues at Augusta Technical College and Paine College to host Ambassador Young", stated Augusta University president Dr. Brooks Keel. "As educational institutions, we play a key role in facilitating these moments of community and rededication to a greater purpose of service. Ambassador Young's lifelong commitment to creating a better

"future for so many is shared in Augusta University's mission and is an important extension of Dr. King's legacy."

"Paine College is pleased to again join with Augusta's other institutions of higher education to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," stated president of Paine College Dr. Cheryl Evans Jones. That legacy is a "call to action for each of us." We are honored to have Ambassador Andrew Young to serve as the keynote speaker for the occasion. Ambassador Andrew Young's life's work as a minister, civil rights activist, diplomat, and humanitarian has made a global impact. Further, it serves as a model for our mission of "preparing spiritually-centered men and women for positions of leadership and service."

The 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration was held virtually on Friday, January 15, 2021, at 12:00pm via Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

Click [here](#) to view the video on Augusta Tech's YouTube channel.



STATEWIDE RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to Mr. Rah'Mere Williams and Ms. Jacquelyn Green!



Although it was hard to find joy in 2020 and the COVID crisis, Augusta Tech celebrated two special statewide recognitions. Rah'Mere Williams, a graduate of the College's Design Media Program and Jacquelyn Green, an instructor in our Adult Education Program were named the 2020 TCSG Student of the Year and the 2020 TCSG Adult Education Instructor of the Year, respectively.

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) announced the state's top technical college student for 2020. Rah'Mere Williams, a Design and Media Production Technology student from Augusta Technical College was chosen as the year's Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) student.

Rah'Mere won a new 2020 Kia donated by KIA Motors Manufacturing Georgia. He proudly sports around Georgia in his new car and shares the message of how technical education and his instructor, Ms. Sherrie Rowe, changed the course of his life. Rah'Mere was accompanied by College President Dr. Jermaine Whirl in December 2020 as he had the honor of speaking to the TCSG State Board in Atlanta. His impactful speech demonstrated to the Board the importance of technical education to Georgia's continued success.

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

Click [here](#) to view the video.



Ms. Jacquelyn Green was the first Adult Education instructor to earn the distinction of being named the Adult Education Instructor of the Year. A former K-12 teacher, she joined the College four years ago and has made a difference to students seeking the services provided in Adult Education. She has described her win as another example of "Teamwork makes the dream work."

"This is my fourth year teaching at Augusta Technical College in the Adult Education Department", said Ms. Green. "As a lifelong educator, I truly believe that it is never too late to be your best you. Teaching is not just a job for me; it is my calling, my passion! "

Ms. Green also recorded the "teaser" video for the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Tri-College Celebration.

Click [here](#) to view the video.

Congratulations to both of our state winners!



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