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ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM'S FIRST GRADUATE

Athens, GA, June 15, 2016 – Ryan Thomas is from Danielsville, Georgia where he attended Madison County High School. Upon graduation, Ryan made the decision to attend Athens Technical College to further his education. He stated, "Growing up near Athens, I always knew that Athens Technical College would be convenient for me to get my core classes taken care of prior to continuing my education. Athens Technical College afforded me the opportunity to determine the best degree for my educational and career path." Ryan goes on to say, "I chose the Business Management program because I felt like it would benefit me more than any other program. It would also give me real life situations that I would encounter on a daily basis."

When asked what he enjoyed most about the Business Management program, he responded, "My professor, Mr. Chapman. He made every activity a very beneficial way of understanding new information. My favorite part was how he treated his class like a business, so students could start getting used to what being a manager would be like in any given organization."

In reflecting on the benefits of the Business Management program, Ryan felt that the program provided a great foundation on how to grow an organization and manage employees. He also saw that his degree would be beneficial because "regardless of where you choose to work, you are always going to have to have managers to determine how that company operates."

In addition to his program of study, Ryan was a 2015-2016 initiate of Phi Beta Lamda, Inc., the college version of the high school organization Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Phi Beta Lamda's mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Phi Beta Lamda focuses on leadership development, academics, educational programs, and community service.

Ryan provided some insight to those who are looking to attend Athens Technical College. "Athens Technical College is a great school and really helped me get adjusted to how high school and college differ. The college also offered smaller class sizes which helped me understand new information and communicate with my professor and classmates easier."

Ryan currently works for a global transportation, e-commerce, and business services company where he plans to use the knowledge gained at Athens Technical College to develop the company and further his career. In the near future, he plans to continue his education at a 4-year school and major in Business.

As a parting note, Ryan said, "Don't ever doubt yourself, and live up to your goals!"

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