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ATHENS TECHNICAL SIGNS PATHWAYS PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP WITH VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Athens, GA, August 22, 2016 – Valdosta State University signed articulation agreements with Athens Technical College on Monday, simplifying student transition between the two institutions of higher education.

“Athens Technical College is focused on student success, and we welcome opportunities to help guide them on their educational journeys,” said Dr. Andrea Daniel, president of Athens Technical College. “We are thrilled to announce this articulation agreement with Valdosta State University so that students can seamlessly transition from associate to bachelor’s degrees. We have had a great experience working with Valdosta State University to coordinate this agreement, and we are excited that our students will now have the opportunity to enroll in this outstanding institution.”

The Pathways Program centers on the priorities of Complete College Georgia, an initiative developed to increase the number of Georgians earning a college degree. It is a collaboration between Valdosta State University and partner institutions like Athens Technical College to allow students with approved Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Applied Technology degrees to maximize the transfer of credits in order to complete a bachelor’s degree in two years or less. Pathways students can expect 51 or more transferable credit hours to be applied to either of the three articulated programs — Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership, Bachelor of Applied Science in human capital performance, or Bachelor of Science in office administration and technology — all of which are offered completely online.

“This agreement provides Athens Technical College students with one more option to further expand their education and enter Georgia’s workforce with the knowledge and the critical-thinking, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills needed to be successful,” shared Dr. Kelli Brown, interim president of VSU. “We look forward to welcoming these students into our Blazer Nation family for many years to come.”

Caroline Angelo, vice president of academic affairs added, “This agreement is a tremendous opportunity for our students to continue to pursue their educational goals. The deans and I are very excited about this agreement and the future it opens up for the students.”

The Pathways Program agreement will allow Athens Technical College students with an Associate of Applied Science in one or more of the articulated programs to maximize the transfer of credits in order to

complete either a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership, a Bachelor of Applied Science in human capital performance, or a Bachelor of Science in office administration and technology in two years or less at Valdosta State University, noted Dr. Joseph G. Weaver, director of Off-Campus Programs at VSU.

About Athens Technical College: Since 1958, Athens Technical College has served citizens by providing quality educational programs in a 10-county service area. It offers over 130 program specializations in business, health, technical, and manufacturing-related areas. Students attend Athens Technical College on five campuses (Athens-Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Walton Counties plus the Athens Community Career Academy), Adult Learning Centers, and through Continuing Education opportunities. Athens Technical College is an Equal Opportunity Institution and a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia. To learn more about Athens Technical College visit www.AthensTech.edu.

About Valdosta State University: Established in 1906, the institution's mission is to prepare students to meet global opportunities and challenges through excellence in teaching and learning; to expand the boundaries of current knowledge and explore the practical applications of that knowledge through excellence in scholarship and creative endeavors; and to promote the economic, cultural, and educational progress of the community and region through excellence in service outreach. It seeks to accomplish this mission in a dynamic, student-centered learning environment marked by a respect for diverse abilities, backgrounds, and contributions by all members of the university community.



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L to R – Brian Gerber, Ph.D., Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs (VSU); Kelli Brown, Ph.D., Interim President (VSU); Andrea Daniel, D.B.A., President (ATC); Caroline Angelo, Vice President of Academic Affairs (ATC).

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