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## KYLE SHIPMAN IS CHOSEN AS ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S 2017 GOAL WINNER

Athens, GA – Kyle Shipman, a radiography student at Athens Technical College from Athens, GA has been named the College's 2017 winner of the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL). The announcement was made at the College's GOAL recognition breakfast on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Athens Technical College.

Shipman was one of five finalists chosen by a panel of local leaders for this prestigious award. Other finalists were Kenya Rakestraw – computer support specialist, Susan Webb – paralegal studies, Debbie Clack – social work assistant, and Margaret "Peggy" Meyran – hotel, restaurant, and tourism management.

GOAL, as statewide program of the Technical College System of Georgia, honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. Local GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's 22 technical colleges as well as one Board of Regents college with a technical education division.

The announcement of Shipman as the Athens Technical College GOAL winner was made by Dr. Andrea Daniel, College President.

Shipman will now proceed to regional judging. All college GOAL winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta for two days in April. Nine regional finalists (three finalists from each region), will be announced in Atlanta in April. A panel of local leaders from the business, industry, and government sectors will interview them and choose one student as the 2017 state GOAL winner and recipient of the GOAL medallion.

The grand prize also includes a new car, courtesy of Kia Motors of Georgia, the statewide corporate sponsor of the GOAL program. Kyle stated, "Being selected as Athens Technical College's GOAL winner has and will continue to allow me to illustrate the profound impact that the Technical College System of Georgia has played in my life. It is a distinct honor that will grant me the ability to share my past experiences and future motivations with other students as well as working professionals."

Shipman is the son of Walter and Susan Shipman and is originally from Brunswick, GA. He chose to further his education at Athens Technical College, by earning his degree and pursuing a career in the field of Radiography ultimately becoming a college instructor.

**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.

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