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JONATHAN SWINSBURG IS CHOSEN AS ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S 2017 EAGLE WINNER

Athens, GA – Jonathan Swinsburg, a 2015 Hart County Honors GED graduate from Athens Technical College's Adult Education Program has been named the College's 2017 winner of the Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE). The announcement was made at the College's EAGLE recognition breakfast on November 30th at Athens Technical College.

Swinsburg was unanimously selected by a panel of internal judges consisting of Program Chairs, Directors, Coordinators and a former EAGLE State finalist for this prominent award. Other nominees were Norma Blanco- Clarke County, Vivian Johnson – Clarke County, Sandra Herrerea – Clarke County, and Elaina Bunch – Wilkes County.

EAGLE, launched in 1993, celebrates 23 years of recognizing adult learners in pursuit of excellence. The Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education program honors students from throughout the state who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in Adult Education classes. EAGLE was conceived to create awareness of educational opportunities available in local communities across the state and foster involvement in lifelong learning pursuits.

The announcement of Swinsburg as the Athens Technical College EAGLE winner was made by Dr. Andrea Daniel, College President. Swinsburg will now move on to compete at the regional level. The regional competition results in eight delegates, two from each region, selected to compete during the State EAGLE Leadership Institute for the designation of State EAGLE winner. The grand prize winner will receive a two year scholarship courtesy of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to be used at any TCSG college. Jonathan stated, "Being selected as the Athens Technical College EAGLE winner will allow me to use the knowledge and skills I've obtained through technical education to pursue my goal of obtaining a second degree in Radiology and becoming a Biomedical Equipment Technician, working on the same machines that helped save my life". It is an honor to have been nominated for EAGLE. This will award me the opportunity to inspire, and share my experience of technical education with others, so that they will consider continuing their education within the Technical College System.

Swinsburg is a native of Dunellen, New Jersey and currently resides in Hartwell, Georgia with his wife Elizabeth Swinsburg and their four sons, Damion, Zackery, Benjamin, and Jonathan Jr. Swinsburg is currently enrolled in the Electrical Systems Technology program working towards an Associate Degree.

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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