

## **Athens Technical College: Graduation 2016**

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Athens, GA – Athens Technical College held its annual graduation ceremonies at the Athens Classic Center. Approximately five hundred and fifty students from forty-one programs received their degree or diploma while an additional 61 students received their GED®. The Athens Technical College graduation address was given by Peter Hennessy, co-owner of Hennessy Automotive Companies in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Hennessy is a dealer principal of four Hennessy dealerships which handle Lexus, Honda and Porsche brands. His address focused on the themes of hard work and doing the best that you can at any job. Mr. Ed Benson, an Athens, GA native, provided the address at the GED® graduation and keyed in on workplace and life values. In 1947 he joined the family baking business, and in 1958 he became the President of Benson's Inc. Twelve years later, in 1970, he formed its Hotel Division. Mr. Benson stated throughout his speech that team effort and working together is the best way to accomplish goals. He also referred back to a saying he had learned long ago that, "It isn't me, it's we." Both Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Benson discussed graduation as a stepping stone to greater things.

### **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 150 program specializations in business, health, technical, and manufacturing-related areas. Students attend Athens Technical College on four campuses (Athens-Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Walton Counties), 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, visit [www.AthensTech.edu](http://www.AthensTech.edu).