ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE’S GREENE COUNTY CAMPUS OFFERS ACADEMIC AND JOB SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Greensboro, GA – Athens Technical College’s (ATC) Greene County campus has seen an increase in activity over recent months. With the announcement of the County’s new College and Career Academy and programs such as Dual Enrollment, GED®, ManufactuREADY already running, the College’s satellite campus has become popular amongst County residents.

Athens Technical College partnered with the Greene County School System to develop the County’s first Career Academy. The Career Academy is designed to expose high school students, beginning in ninth grade, to a variety of career pathways and experiences. Through Georgia’s Dual Enrollment program, qualified high school students can take courses through the Career Academy to earn college credit, at no cost to students or their parents. On March 5th, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle presented Greene County with a $3.16 million grant to build the workforce engine for Greene County Schools.

Greene County School System Superintendent Dr. Chris Houston stated, "We are excited to open the doors of the Greene College and Career Academy to our students in August 2018. Having a college and career academy located in our community will not only benefit Greene County, but the entire state and nation because we will be graduating well-trained, highly educated students who are workforce or college ready. We would like to thank Athens Technical College for partnering with the school system to bring the first college and career academy to Greene County. Due to our strong working relationship with Athens Technical College, we were able to receive this competitive grant from the Technical College System of Georgia."

Dr. Andrea Daniel, Athens Technical College’s President remarked, “These are exciting times at the Athens Technical College. It is great to be able to offer so many outstanding programs to the Greene County community. The programs have been developed to teach the skills needed to start and maintain a career within our region. We will continue to work closely with County and the Board of Education to get the word out about the opportunities available to Greene County residence.”

Athens Technical College has also been working closely with County officials on the ManufactuREADY program. ManufactuREADY is a six-week program for individuals who wish to develop new and in-demand technical and professional skills, including certifications for OSHA 10, basic forklift operator, CPR / AED / First Aid, Lean Six Sigma White Belt, and Georgia BEST soft skills. Greene County ManufactuREADY graduates have gone on to careers at local employers such as NIBCO, Novelis, Pure Beauty Farms, A2B Fulfillment, and Greene County Schools.

Sam Young, Economic Development Director for the Greene County Board of Commissioners, stated, “We are excited to see the interest in and activity at our Greensboro Campus of Athens Technical College. Class offerings like ManufactuREADY, Commercial Truck Drivers Licensing, Certified Nursing Assistant, GED® programs and other high school
level Dual Enrollment classes are a great opportunity for people wanting to start working careers, change careers, and for young people exploring career options to get the training they need. We want to get the word out to Greene County and surrounding communities about the great educational and training resources available at our Athens Technical College campus."

Information and applications for both programs are available at ATC's Greensboro campus. For those who are currently unemployed and meet eligibility requirements, fees for ManufactuREADY are fully funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC).

Lenzy Reid, Executive Director for the Greene County Campus, commented, "Athens Technical College is a great resource for the community. The College is extremely excited that the courses and programs being offered are being taken advantage of. Our goal is to assist the community in creating an educated and skilled workforce, and to provide a pathway to meaningful careers."

**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-Claire, 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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