MISSION
Tri-County Technical College, a public community college, focuses on teaching, learning, and helping students reach their goals. The College supports economic development for Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties in South Carolina by preparing a highly-skilled workforce.

VISION
Passionate people transforming lives and building strong communities one student at a time.

VALUES
- **Integrity**: To be our ideal selves, doing right, and upholding and demonstrating high ethical standards at all times.
- **Respect**: An understanding that everyone is important and is valued. To be open to accepting and balancing the different views of yourself and others. To preserve dignity in ourselves and others and to interact in a manner that promotes trust, openness, and understanding.
- **Community Minded**: To be good citizens within the College community, upholding policies and procedures and taking responsibility for making the working and learning environment better for all. To go above and beyond the boundaries of our position descriptions, departments, or divisions and work for the overall good of the College.
- **Commitment to Excellence**: The desire or drive to make improvements each and every day in ourselves and our environment.

ON THE COVER
Nearly 150 students enrolled at Tri-County Technical College’s newest campus in Oconee County, which opened its doors on August 20, 2018, for the 2018-19 year. A story about the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony appears on pages 4-5.
Partners and Supporters,

It has been another remarkable year.

More than 200 people joined us for the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for our long-awaited Oconee Campus on August 17. Three days later more than 150 students joined us for the first day of classes for Fall Semester 2018.

Once again, Tri-County Technical College earned the top ranking in student success, transfer, and graduation rates among the sixteen colleges in the S.C. Technical College System. We rank in the top five percent nationally for successful transfers to four-year colleges and universities. Several of our medical programs achieved 100 percent graduate pass rates on licensure examinations.

The first cohort of the Michelin Manufacturing Scholars (MMS) program graduated, and a second class is underway. MMS garnered the Outstanding Instructional Program Award from Community Colleges of Appalachia and is being replicated in other areas of the State. Graduates of our I-BEST manufacturing pathway continue to find success in the workplace and through additional education.

Our Technical Career Pathways and dual credit programs for high school students continue to grow, enrolling more than 800 high school students during the past year. For the second consecutive year, the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, the largest in the State Technical College System, raised more than $1 million dollars.

In the pages of this report, you will meet some of the students behind these rankings, recognitions, and achievements. Their stories take many forms, from lifelong dreams finally realized to perseverance despite overwhelming odds. All have one thing in common—their lives were transformed by their educational experience at Tri-County Technical College, and our communities are better for it.

We could not be successful without your support and partnership. You share your valuable time and resources by serving on our advisory committees, offering work-based learning opportunities for our students, providing financial support, and sharing our message in the communities where you live and work. It takes all of us working together to achieve our vision to transform lives and build strong communities—one student at a time.

Thank you for your friendship and support.

Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.
President

Mrs. Peggy G. Deane, Chair
Tri-County Technical College Foundation

Mr. John M. Powell, Chair
Tri-County Technical College Commission
Oconee Campus
Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony

A standing-room-only crowd broke into applause as representatives from Oconee County’s government and school district and Tri-County Technical College cut the ceremonial ribbon and dedicated the long-awaited Oconee Campus August 17.

“This is a big day—to open a full-fledged campus in Oconee County,” said Dr. Booth. “This is for everyone. It is the culmination of a lot of hard work.”

The Oconee Campus is the first building to be constructed on the site of the Oconee County Workforce Development Center, located at 552 Education Way in Westminster.

The Oconee Industry and Technology Park will co-locate the Oconee Campus, a new Career Center servicing the Oconee County School District, and industry. The result will be a unique center for technical education, work-based learning, and economic development. The project is a partnership between the College, the School District of Oconee County, and Oconee County.

“It’s about people working together, doing what’s best for Oconee County and the community,” said Dr. Michael Thorsland, superintendent for the School District of Oconee County. “We’ve got more high school students from Oconee County enrolled at Tri-County than ever before,” Thorsland said. “It has already paid off. We are proud to be a partner.”
Credit program offerings include the first two semesters of Industrial Electronics Technology, Mechatronics, Technical Operator 1 and 2 (Certificate), CNC Programming and Operations (Degree), Manufacturing Management and Leadership (Degree), Business Administration (first year - core curriculum) and University Studies (Certificate). Corporate and Community Education offerings include South Carolina Manufacturing Certification, CNC Machine Operator Training, Mechatronics; and certificates such as ISO 9001, Lean Manufacturing, and OSHA.

In addition, high school students can enroll in technical career pathways classes as well as dual enrollment (University Transfer) courses.

“There are many benefits to co-locating with the Career Center and industry,” said Dr. Booth. “It supports our highly successful Technical Career Pathways program that enables students to earn a Tri-County credential by the time they graduate from high school. The program gives them a head start on college, allowing them to complete an associate degree within one year of full-time study after high school. That’s good for the students and good for industry,” he said.

Co-location also makes good economic sense, said Dr. Booth. “Rather than purchase similar equipment at two locations, we can share some of the same equipment and labs with the Career Center when they join us in 2020. Also, industry will have the opportunity to groom future employees by providing internships and co-ops on site for high school and college students.”

“The Career Center is planned for the site in 2020. We can’t find an example of these three entities in the same location anywhere,” said Dr. Brian Swords, director of Tri-County’s community campuses. “This is a new model which has opened the doors for discussions on partnerships, operational pieces, and pathways,” he said.

Program offerings were specifically selected based on jobs that are available in Oconee County, said Mandy Elmore, dean of the College’s Engineering and Industrial Technology Division. “Our curriculum offerings are industry driven. We engaged with members of our advisory committees as well as our community partners in economic development and manufacturing in the area. It was a collaborative effort.”


This campus provides opportunities for additional business and industry to locate here in Oconee County,” added Senator Thomas Alexander.

“We’ve waited a long time for this day,” Tri-County Commission Chairman John Powell said. “It’s taken all of us working together to make it a reality. As an alumnus and a Commissioner, I couldn’t be prouder.”

Learning Commons Named in Honor of Senator Thomas Alexander

The College acknowledged Senator Thomas Alexander’s unwavering support of the new Oconee Campus by naming the Learning Commons in his honor.

The Senator Thomas Alexander Learning Commons was unveiled at the ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony August 17. The Learning Commons bears his name on both the exterior of the wall and on a plaque inside the Learning Commons.

“Many of you may not know that Senator Alexander played a tremendous role in helping to make this campus a reality,” said Dr. Booth. “It would not be here today if not for him. He was determined to get State funding to support this dream to have a Tri-County Technical College campus in Oconee County.”

An emotional Senator Alexander said, “I am overwhelmed and touched from the bottom of my heart. Thank you. It is a privilege and an honor to serve the folks of Oconee County.

I believe in Tri-County and its mission and its impact over the decades.”

He continued: “To my colleagues in the House, had it not been for the overriding of the Governor’s veto, we wouldn’t be here today. Had it not been for the partnerships, we would not be here today. It was a team effort that got us to this day. He acknowledged his fellow legislators for their part in the project. “I am proud to be part of that team,” he said.
I am grateful for the opportunity, so I try my best to be an ambassador for the MMS program.

JAKE JACKSON
**Jake Jackson**
**Michelin Manufacturing Scholar**

Jake Jackson never imagined his life could change so dramatically over the course of a year.

Since completing the Michelin Manufacturing Scholars (MMS) program in December 2017, he has been hired as a full-time Manufacturing Professional at Michelin’s Sandy Springs plant, he has paid off his car, and he and his wife, Suzanne, bought their first home. He has never had health and dental insurance—now he has both.

“It was like winning the lottery,” said Jake, 27, who since graduating from Palmetto High School, worked jobs in forklift driving and furniture moving—jobs that paid no more than $11 an hour, had no benefits and required long hours, at times six days a week.

“I wanted a career,” said Jake, who was one of eight students accepted last year to the first-of-its-kind and first-in-the-state Michelin Manufacturing Scholars (MMS) Program designed to build and grow the workforce of the future.

MMS is a program that helps students to transition from low-wage jobs or unemployment into a manufacturing career with a company that cares for them and their future.

It is designed for entry-level manufacturing professionals and is a pathway leading to manufacturing careers with Michelin. The one-semester program is customized to meet the needs that Michelin has for qualified entry-level manufacturing professionals at US2 in Sandy Springs and US8 in Starr.

MMS includes a 13-credit-hour Manufacturing Operator I certificate and paid work hours each week of extensive hands-on training at Michelin. Students earn a College certificate and two industry-recognized national certifications. Participants may receive an offer of full-time employment after successfully completing all program and employment requirements and have the opportunity to continue their education toward an associate degree.

There is no cost to the students, with tuition and books covered by Michelin.

“It’s a great opportunity. That sold me,” said Jake, who attended ITT in Greenville after graduating from Palmetto, but college was cut short following the deaths of his father and sister. He began working full time after he and his mother assumed custody of his sister’s children.

“The jobs were paying the bills, Jake says, “but I was stuck in the same place as when I graduated from high school.”

He only began to think of college again when his wife, a student at Tri-County, told him about the I-BEST pathways, one of which is MMS, that are designed to meet workforce needs. His wife, who works for Cross Country, will soon graduate from Tri-County. “Tri-County has helped both of us,” he said.

I-BEST pathways focus on immediate employment and pathways to careers requiring an associate degree. They blend college credit, non-credit training, and industry-recognized skills certifications. They also build confidence and competence for jobs that pay family-sustaining wages and for continued college study.

He talked with Julianne DiCocco-Wiles (I-BEST Coordinator) and later watched a Michelin video.

“I-BEST instructor Melinda Hoover, a former plant manager, provided real-world knowledge in addition to textbooks. She has been there. She brought her experiences and stories to the class. She taught us the basics of how a plant operates,” he said.

After four months of working from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the plant and attending class at 4 p.m., Jake was offered a job on one of Michelin’s rubber mixing lines.

“Michelin provides a wonderful work environment that drew me in and made me want to stay. They want the best for us and for us to be the best employees we can be,” Jake added.

“The MMS program wasn’t easy, but it was well worth it. I knew I would better myself, but I had no idea it would be this fast. I buckled down, and it paid off. I still have debt from ITT, but with Tri-County, I have zero debt and earned a net profit. I am so grateful for the opportunity, so I try my best to be an ambassador for the program,” he said.

“It’s the best job I’ve ever had,” said Jake.
"There are no ceilings if you believe in yourself." - T.J. Earle
No one—not even close family members—knew T.J. Earle didn’t earn a high school diploma back in 1997. It was a source of pain and shame that weighed on T.J. over the years, as he worked minimum-wage jobs to support his family and struggled with self-doubt.

“No one knew my story,” said T.J., who dropped out of high school while being one credit short of graduating from Pendleton High School.

“We all have a dream, but sometimes time, age, situations, social status, and excuses about why you can’t or haven’t achieved them get in the way. But it’s important that you make time for that dream. I’m a living example of that,” he said.

He was a good student at Pendleton High School, earning A’s and B’s and was a member of the basketball team with the dream of playing on a college team after graduation.

He had good grades and plans for college. How did he go from honor roll student to high school dropout? He says he got complacent.

“I slacked off and was one credit shy of graduation. One of his teachers said you have to make a B on your final exam to get credit for the class. In other words, you have to pass this class to graduate,” he said.

“I felt the pressure—I exempted all of my exams but this one. I made a C. I took it again and made a C again.” The day he went to pick up his cap and gown, he discovered he would not be graduating with his class.

He agonized over how to tell his mother and grandmother that he wasn’t going to graduate.

“It was devastating. That moment changed my life.”

The plan went from going to college and playing basketball to working minimum-wage jobs that barely kept him afloat.

“Life was passing me by,” he noted.

The oldest of four children raised by his single mother and grandmother, T.J. stepped into the role of surrogate father to his younger brother and moved on to jobs in temp agencies and restaurants. Several years later he became a father and was now raising his brother and his own two sons.

He admits he hadn’t forgiven himself for sabotaging his high school graduation and a chance at college and a basketball career.

“I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. No one knew I was a high school dropout, but I sure did,” he said.

During moments of self-reflection, he realized he needed to go back to school and get his diploma. He made several attempts over the past few years to enroll, but schedule changes at work prohibited it. In 2017 he signed up for GED classes through Oconee Adult Education. Within several weeks he passed the GED test on his birthday and was college ready.

He decided he wanted to continue at Tri-County. “They gave me some information on the new I-BEST program. They explained you get a feel for college and you can make up your mind whether you want to go into the workforce or college. I felt like a million bucks,” he said.

He enrolled in the new tuition-free I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) Manufacturing Pathways program which offers opportunities for under-resourced adults to earn college credit, national certifications, and WorkKeys credentials at a silver level or higher.

T.J. jumped in full throttle, determined to make up for lost time. “There are no ceilings if you believe in yourself.”

Within 365 days, his life was totally different. He completed the I-BEST classes and received a Manufacturing Production I Certificate at 2017 spring commencement.

“The week before graduating from the I-BEST program, I received three calls for three interviews within three days,” he said. He was offered two jobs. For the first time in a long time, he said to himself, “Wow, I’ve got options. It felt good to have a choice about what to do.”

He chose BorgWarner, where he was hired for an entry-level position in the warehouse. Now working as a Material Associate in the Shipping and Receiving Department and in the Management Training program, he credits I-BEST and its instructors with his success. “This program works. I-BEST is a pathway to somewhere. I tell folks to use this class as an opportunity to do bigger and better. If you are undecided, this is the perfect program for you. The class helps you to find your value and your worth.”

He still has a list of goals—at the top is earning an associate degree. “I haven’t plateaued. I-BEST taught me things about myself I didn’t know were there.”
You don’t get an opportunity like this every day.

ANASTASIA BERDAN
Anastasia Berdan is ambitious and driven. She’s also inquisitive and curious. “I’m always looking to learn something new. I much prefer difficult over boring,” said the 35-year-old Russian native, who now fondly calls South Carolina home.

Back in 2004, she was the first person from her high school, located in the village of Vanino in Russia, to be accepted to Lomonosov Moscow State University—one of the highest-ranked universities in Russia. Anastasia is the first in her family to go to college. She earned a master’s degree in Social Science in 2010.

Now living in the United States, she is a student in the Computer and Information Technology (CIT) program where she was named its outstanding student and is the College’s first BMW IT Scholar.

During the week, Anastasia is a full-time student working toward completing a CIT degree while maintaining a 20-hour a week internship as one of BMW’s five IT Scholars. She’s also a self-taught sushi chef, and in a former career, she was an award-winning nail designer for 13 years in her homeland of Russia.

In 2011 she and her now ex-husband relocated to the United States as he embarked on a one-year research project at Clemson University. She says working as a nail designer in Russia was a lucrative profession. “I was earning good money there,” she said.

That wasn’t the case when she moved to South Carolina where she worked in local beauty salons as a manicurist/nail designer. She knew very little English, and she says she mastered the English language by listening to and engaging in conversation with her clients. “But I wasn’t being challenged. There was no room to grow,” she said. Although she held a master’s degree in Social Science, she says she didn’t want to be a social worker.

Again, she elected to learn something new and decided to change career paths.

She visited Tri-County and took tests to learn more about her aptitudes. Her results surprised her—her proficiencies were in science, architecture, and computer information technology.

She remarried in 2015, and she and her husband were living in Seneca when she enrolled in college classes. “I chose Tri-County because it was close, convenient, and affordable. I didn’t transfer any of my classes from my degree. I started fresh because I still needed practice with the English language.” Before beginning the CIT curriculum, she had to enroll in and complete a Comprehensive Studies Reading 100 class. By spring 2017 she was a full-time student and quit her nail salon job to concentrate on her education.

Testing was followed by a first interview. “It was so scary. It was my first-ever job interview.” She received a second interview with a panel of 10 people. “I was nervous because this seemed too good to be true. I told myself I am not losing anything today; I am only gaining experience.” Weeks passed and on a Sunday afternoon, she received a call from BMW telling her she was selected to be a scholar. “I screamed. I was so happy. I felt special.”

She joined the BMW Innovation Lab team, where she works with data analysis 20 – 25 hours a week (they work around her class schedule). “I love my job,” she said. The internship is a paid position, and college expenses are paid by BMW as well. “I am so lucky and fortunate to work for such a great company,” she said.

Although now she speaks fluent English, she says her interaction with BMW colleagues continues to improve her language skills. “I have to communicate with people on a wide range of topics and present my work to my colleagues during team meetings,” she said.

In December 2018 she will graduate from Tri-County debt free and will complete the Scholars Program in March 2019. “BMW is a great company with great benefits, and I work with a great team.”

Prior to working as a BMW Scholar, on weekends she and her husband performed in area clubs showcasing original songs by their band called Berdan Primer. After graduation, the plan is to revive the band where she sings and plays bass guitar, a skill she learned from her husband. She had never played an instrument in her life until he took one of her poems and put it to music.

“I’m always looking for a creative outlet,” she said. “I’m curious about the world. My mother said that’s why I was born two months early—I wanted to know about everything. I am looking forward to pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science after graduation from Tri-County. I love computer programming. There’s always something to learn.”

She also has fallen in love with S.C. “It feels like home. I am happy where I am and with who I am,” said Anastasia, who has applied for citizenship this year.
Dalton Fleming
Technical Career Pathways Honor Graduate

In many people’s minds, including his own, Dalton Fleming has achieved the impossible.

The Belton-Honea Path (B-HP) senior received his high school diploma in May and just one term later, he graduated from Tri-County Technical College in August with an associate degree in Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC).

At age 18, with a college degree in hand, he went straight into full-time employment as a technician at McGaha Heating and Cooling in Honea Path.

It’s all possible through the Technical Career Pathways Program, which he learned about as a high school sophomore.

The Technical Career Pathways program allows participants to graduate with a college certificate as high school seniors and transition directly into an associate degree program at the College or enter the workforce.

Dalton didn’t set out to complete his degree at this accelerated and unparalleled pace. As he progressed, he began to see it was possible. He will be the first high school student to complete an associate degree at Tri-County in one term after graduating from high school.

He learned about the pathways program during a tour of Tri-County when he was a sophomore. After hearing a presentation about the demand for skilled employees, Dalton says it was clear “if you went to Tri-County and earned a degree, you could secure a job.”

During his junior year, in addition to taking classes at BHP from 8 – 11:30 every day, he enrolled in four classes at Tri-County from 12:30 – 3 p.m. He took online classes last summer to gain general education courses to apply toward meeting high school requirements, enabling him to come to Tri-County full time in the fall and spring semesters. He also worked at McGaha as well as at a local feed store. “I studied at night after I got off work at 10 p.m.,” says Dalton, who maintained a 3.5 GPA. He completed a mandatory paid co-op this summer with McGaha working 8 – 4 and headed to Tri-County for two evening classes to complete the requirements for his HVAC degree.

“It has been a tough schedule,” he said, initially thinking it would take a year after high school to earn the degree. “But I wanted to get it done, and I pushed myself. You have to be motivated and prepared.” He says it will really pay off when at age 18 he begins a career of his choice. “There was a full-time job waiting for me at McGaha when I graduated from Tri-County,” he said.

“Thanks to a strong work ethic, supportive parents, and dedicated instructors at Tri-County and BHP, I’ve been successful,” said Dalton, who has worked seven days a week while managing a full academic load.

“My parents are proud, and I am proud of myself,” he said.

TCP Students Enter as Sophomores

Before they even marched in their high school graduations, five Anderson County 18-year-olds were Tri-County Technical College sophomores with two Technical Operators certificates in hand and taking summer school classes in the Industrial Electronics Technology and Mechatronics programs.

Pictured above are Jacob Shaw, a Belton-Honea Path graduate, left, and Bryant Newsome, a Palmetto graduate.

Several weeks before, they had walked across the stage at Littlejohn Coliseum with Tri-County’s Class of 2018 when they earned Technical Operators I and II certificates. The following week they entered summer school as sophomores with less than a year to complete their degrees.

Both have their sights set on working in manufacturing when they graduate next year.

Today, well over 100 high school students are enrolled in the Technical Career Pathways programs in all seven school districts in the College’s service area. This program serves students who might have considered college beyond their reach. Now, the vast majority continue on after high school graduation to earn an associate degree in a technical field at Tri-County.
“In the beginning I thought it can’t be possible, it’s too good to be true. I never thought I would attend college for free.”

DALTON FLEMMING
It’s a longshot that turned into the chance of a lifetime.

CARRIE BAXLEY
Carrie Baxley
NASA Intern

Carrie Baxley fully expected to finish her Industrial Electronics Technology degree this fall while working as a BMW Scholar at the company’s Greer facility. Instead, she is spending her final semester as TCTC’s first NASA intern.

The 30-year-old Lexington native enrolled at Tri-County to prepare for a career change. After high school she earned a bachelor’s in Economics and Statistics from Clemson University and a master’s degree in Public Health from USC, but hadn’t experienced career satisfaction.

Like so many college grads who struggled to find employment back in the 2009 recession, she was unsuccessful in her job search. Frustrated, and with “no other options,” she did what many did—she headed to grad school where she acquired another degree and substantial debt. The economy had improved by 2011, and she landed a job as a Research Manager for a senior primary care practice in Columbia.

“I soon realized I kind of fell into a career that I didn’t want,” said Carrie. That wasn’t the case when she enrolled full-time in Industrial Electronics classes and was accepted into the prestigious BMW Scholars program where she gained hands-on experience, earned a salary, and received assistance with tuition, books, and supplies.

“I had done what I was supposed to do—now I was doing what I wanted to do,” she said.

But this past spring, another unexpected opportunity arose—one she never dreamed possible—one she couldn’t turn down.

“It’s a longshot that turned into the chance of a lifetime,” said Carrie, who was selected to intern at NASA’s Langley, Virginia, location as an (student trainee) Engineer Technician while taking her final two classes at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia.

She is an intern in NASA’S Pathways Intern Program for the entire semester. “If I perform satisfactorily, and if the funding is there, I will convert over to the Engineer Technician Apprenticeship program and become a permanent employee with benefits and retirement while I complete a two-year apprenticeship,” she said.

The NASA Pathways Intern Program provides students with the opportunity to explore NASA careers and gain meaningful work experience.

“Leaving BMW isn’t easy,” Carrie said, “because it has made a huge difference for me in school. What I learned in class, I got to see happen at work. It all made sense.”

“I had a dilemma—choosing between two wonderful career opportunities. I loved the BMW job, but I have dreamed about working for NASA. When I told BMW I had a full-time position with NASA and I accepted it, they all supported me,” she said.

She said the skills she learned at BMW will make her a better intern at NASA. She said her work at Tri-County turned her life around.

“When I moved here from Columbia I was at a crossroads,” she said. She worked at Clemson University for two years where she managed research projects for the experiment station and left that job to take a part-time job at the Botanical Gardens mechanic shop. “I worked outside, fixing things, working with my hands. I finally found a job I loved.”

But it was not paying the bills. “My aunt suggested I go to Tri-County and talk to a counselor and see what my options were,” she said.

“After Industrial Electronics Technology Program Director Robert Ellenberg showed me the labs, I determined IET was the best fit for me,” she said. By August she was accepted into the BMW Scholars program and was an IET major.

In spring of 2018, she discovered the Pathways Program while perusing NASA’s website. What caught her eye was a job listing for one Engineer Technician position at the Langley Research Center in Hampton.

“I applied—I really wanted this. I met the qualifications, but so did hundreds of others so I didn’t know whether I had a chance,” she said. She talked it over with her spouse, applied, and forgot about it when she didn’t receive a response.

In late June, she received a phone call—it was NASA calling about the Pathways Program. A phone interview and an in-person interview followed. She flew to NASA June 25, and on July 3 she was offered the internship which began August 6 and ends December 17, 2018.

She says the experience and expertise she acquired at BMW prepared her to secure the NASA job.

She credits Tri-County instructors like Ellenberg for giving her “the best college experience ever. I didn’t really succeed academically until I got to Tri-County. I had never achieved a 4.0 (President’s List) until I got here. I succeeded because I was given the resources to succeed. When I need help, I get it. If I have a question, instructors are always here to answer. Mr. Ellenberg loves what he does and that comes across. He and other IET instructors have real-world experience and prepare you for jobs at places like BMW and NASA. If you do the work, you will succeed.”
“Thanks to mentors, I also discovered leadership qualities I didn’t know I had.”

DANAE GAINES ACKER
When talking about college and career readiness to her students at Robert Anderson Middle School, Danae Gaines Acker reflects on her educational and professional journey—to emphasize how varied experiences can lead to continuous learning.

“All of my experiences led me to the classroom,” said Danae, a 2007 Media Arts Production graduate who teaches Technology to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

From the time she was their age, she wanted to be a dance teacher. After graduating from Belton-Honea Path High School, she went to Columbia College on a partial scholarship and majored in education with a dance emphasis. “Dance had been a big part of my life, but my freshman year I realized I didn’t want to make a career of it,” said Danae.

While contemplating her choices, she remembered John Woodson (Media Arts Production Program Director) coming to her video production class at the Anderson Career Center 1 and 2 and giving a presentation about the varied careers in multimedia.

“He talked about the professors who were also professionals in their field. That stuck with me,” she remembers. She moved home and enrolled in the MAP program the next semester and immersed herself in student life by serving as a Student Ambassador, President of the Minority Student Association, a member of the Alpha Zeta Beta honor society, and singing the National Anthem at College events.

“I took advantage of everything Tri-County had to offer.” Thanks to mentors, she says, “I also discovered leadership qualities I didn’t know I had. I learned things inside and outside the classroom. Tri-County changed my life.”

After earning her bachelor’s degree, she worked at Brown Mackie College as Assistant Director of Admissions.

Several years passed and she took a break to get married and start her family. She decided to revisit her desire to teach and entered the PACE program, or the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators, established to enable degreed individuals, who otherwise do not meet certification requirements, to gain employment in the public schools in a PACE-approved subject area teaching position.

For the past three years she has been a Technology teacher at Robert Anderson Middle School. She also teaches Yearbook and Journalism classes, drawing on her Tri-County experience in the MAP program. “We create the yearbook, newscasts, and interviews and post them on our website,” she said.

A master’s degree always was her goal after high school—last year she began pursuing a master of Education in Instructional Technology at Strayer University.

But she says the Tri-County degree had the biggest influence on her both personally and professionally.

“I proudly display my Tri-County diploma in my College Corner in my classroom,” she said. “I can change the face of education in my classroom by telling my own story. We spend a lot of time on reflection in class. I’ve talked to my students about my career changes. They like that. It makes me relatable. I’m honest and open with them. Sometimes you have a plan and it doesn’t work—then you must fail forward. And that’s okay. It’s what you do afterward that matters.”

Gaining leadership skills while serving as a voice on campus and in their communities is the goal of the Multicultural Student Association (MSA, formerly the Minority Student Association). Members meet twice a month to discuss and plan ways to promote diversity and inclusion on all of the College’s community campuses, said Briana Johnson, advisor and mentor for the MSA, in addition to academic resource specialist for the Business and Public Services Division. They sponsor cultural activities on campus, such as Black History Month and an International Food Fest, and participate in community service projects.

Members develop their leadership skills by attending conferences like the Men of Color Summit held April 12 and 13 in Greenville. The Summit brought together approximately 2,000 high school and college students, including a group from Tri-County, pictured above, business professionals, educators, government officials, and community leaders from around the country.
“Education is the key to success. It removes barriers, but you still have to perform in the position. It’s about lifelong training.” — NICK JOHNSON
As Senior Associate Development Specialist at Robert Bosch, LLC, Nick Johnson lives for those “aha” experiences in the classroom—those magical light-bulb moments when an associate understands a concept, a skill, a strategy, or a new idea.

“You see the look on an individual’s face—like he or she ‘gets it’ now. It’s so rewarding. I live for that ‘aha’ moment and later when you can see the difference in an associate’s performance,” said Nick.

“It’s imperative that employees stay up to speed,” said Nick, whose job is to implement and manage the assessment, training, evaluation, and tracking processes for the 1,300 hourly associates (operators and engineering apprentices) at the Anderson plant. On a daily basis, he is devoted to developing processes and product expertise and tracking the outcomes.

“Bosch values education and training. It’s more than just a piece of paper. You have to demonstrate and apply those skills to be successful in the workplace. That application is the focus of my training classes,” he said.

As a senior at Westside High School in the late 1980’s, he never dreamed he would be an instructor. After graduating, Nick says he was unsure of a career choice. At 17 he joined the Marine Reserves and in 1988 joined the Bosch team starting as an operator and later working in the warehouse.

He served in Desert Storm from 1991 – 92. The following year, he entered Tri-County’s General Engineering Technology (GET) program, was accepted into Bosch’s Apprenticeship Program and began working as a Production Technician at the plant. “Bosch has a good relationship with Tri-County. The program was a launching pad for me. It gave me technical skills and allowed me to develop technically and professionally. I was able to integrate the leadership skills I learned from the Marines into the business atmosphere. I always wanted to go to school, and Bosch afforded me the opportunity. College would have been much different for me without the Apprenticeship Program. The Tri-County classes did a good job of providing hands-on applications to support the theories. The faculty gave support outside of class, and it made a difference,” he said.

The Apprenticeship Program’s requirements were high, but the payoff was worth it, said Nick, who was selected to participate in the prestigious program that provides participants with an opportunity to begin technical training (while still in high school or as a current Bosch associate) and to enjoy career-enhancing benefits.

Back then he received a weekly 40-hour paycheck for 20 hours of work while in the program. Bosch paid the tuition and all educational expenses for his two years of study. In addition, he received a Journeyman Certificate from the U.S. Department of Labor. Most importantly, he was guaranteed a position at the Anderson plant.

“It was a way to go to school, to work, and to make myself promotable,” he said.

Which is exactly what he did.

After four years as a Production Technician, he was named Apprentice Supervisor/Technical Trainer in 1998.

“After graduation, I worked all shifts over the entire plant on different lines and received several promotions including trainer. “I was honored to become an instructor,” he added. It’s very satisfying to watch students make progress and to become successful.”

After years of teaching, he accepted a position in Central Purchasing where he managed the company’s supply bases for North America for turned parts. After four years, he is now back in the classroom he loves.

“I missed training—it’s in my blood. I missed developing folks and the personal relationships you build. I just enjoy working with people,” he said.

“Education is the key to success. It removes barriers, but you still have to perform in the position. It’s about lifelong training,” he said.

In addition to his GET degree, Nick earned a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from South Carolina State University. Bosch paid for his associate degree as well as his bachelor’s degree. “I graduated from both colleges with zero loans. Bosch has a tuition reimbursement program, and I took full advantage of it. The company really makes an effort to develop its people,” said Nick who is the first in his family to graduate from college.

“I graduated from Tri-County in 1994 with honors (cum laude). I still remember that day,” he recalled. “In high school I hadn’t thought about college and went into the Marines. But Tri-County put me on a path to success. It gave me confidence and the skills to achieve professionally. With that and some drive, you can be successful—good things are going to happen.”
I have a heart for the students and a passion for the program.

DENISE BAILEY
Denise Bailey
2018 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Denise Bailey (Class of 2004) received Tri-County Technical College’s 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award at the College’s spring commencement. The award highlights her dedication to her alma mater, along with significant contributions to the College, the Alumni Association, and the community.

Denise, the leader of Accounting Systems Consulting Specialty Group for Elliott Davis in Greenville, tells recent college graduates that today there are so many accounting career options to consider—positions in consulting that include improving accounting processes through the use of technology. “It’s not just math and numbers. That is always involved, but it is so much more,” said Denise, who was the first student from Tri-County to transfer to Franklin University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and a master’s degree in Business Administration (Finance).

As a member and Chair of Tri-County’s Business Technology Advisory Committee, she tells Tri-County students to think outside the box, not just about debits and credits and tax and audit compliance services. Although she started out as a Staff Accountant preparing tax returns, she listened to instructors and colleagues, who became mentors, such as Accounting instructor Brenda Mattison, who boosted her confidence to continue her education during her time at Tri-County, and colleagues at Elliott Davis, who encouraged her to develop her area of expertise.

“In college and in the workforce, I found individuals to invest time in me. Find people you trust and admire who can help you to get where you need to be,” Denise said.

She knew college was in her future but not immediately after graduating from a private high school at age 16. She worked for two years in her mother’s cleaning business and at 18 she married her high school sweetheart. Six years passed and in 2001 she entered Tri-County at age 24, while working full-time and taking a full academic load of online and day classes.

“I chose Tri-County because in my research I discovered a rigorous program that would prepare me for the workplace,” said Denise. Cost and convenience were two major factors for the Pickens resident as well. “I was the first in my immediate family to go to college, so this was a big deal,” she added. She was awarded scholarships through the College’s Foundation and lottery tuition assistance funds, enabling her to graduate from college debt free.

Her first job was as a Staff Accountant at Stancil Cooley Estep and Stamey, LLP, in Seneca. She entered the bachelor’s program online through Franklin University while working full time. Several years later, she was working on her master’s degree when she was hired at Elliott Davis in 2006 as a Staff Accountant in the Tax Department. Six months later, in April 2007, she was promoted to Manager of the Accounting Advisory Group.

She helped to develop the department and in 2014 started a new department called Accounting Systems Consulting where she and her team provide businesses of various sizes with accounting systems analysis, implementation, and process improvement consulting.

Another way to recruit for Elliott Davis while giving back to her alma mater is serving on the Business Technology Advisory Committee. “It’s a way to give back, say thanks and show students what you can accomplish beginning with a Tri-County Accounting degree,” said Denise.

“Tri-County is a good place to start. Your degree sets you apart and is the first step to continuing your education,” she said.

She says that she will always make time for Tri-County. “I have a heart for the students and a passion for the program,” she said.

In addition to serving on the Advisory Committee, she is active in her church, Pickens View Wesleyan Church, where she serves as a Board Member and Treasurer. She also serves on the SC District Board for the Wesleyan Church.

She is a member of the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants and is an Accredited Business Advisor in South Carolina and Advanced Certified QuickBooks Pro Advisor.
Riley Johnson  
(Class of 1987)

Michael (Porkchop) Branch  
(Class of 1998)

Jimmy Watt  
(Class of 1989)
For many years, graduates of the Media Arts Production (MAP) program (formerly Radio and Television Broadcasting) predominantly worked behind the camera and microphone. Often students’ internships at local TV and radio stations turn into full-time employment before getting their degrees.

The Internet changed the format and speed at which we receive information. Today graduates are getting jobs in traditional media, but they also are working as spokespersons for school districts and government agencies, and at hospitals, non-profits, churches, and businesses as videographers, graphic designers, and freelance photographers.

Alumni and local media professionals Riley Johnson, Michael (Porkchop) Branch, and Jimmy Watt say as technology transformed, so did the way they do their jobs. Communication skills were re-engineered to conform to these new viewing and listening habits—and sometimes they reinvented themselves by pursuing new avenues in the multimedia arena.

Riley was always interested in a career in communications, and after graduating from Seneca High School in 1985, he was awarded a football scholarship to Newberry College. “They didn’t have a Broadcasting curriculum so I moved home and enrolled in Tri-County, which was the only school around with a Broadcasting department,” he said. After graduating as the department’s top student in 1989, he had thoughts of transferring to USC, but his path changed when WESC in Greenville offered him a full-time job as 7-midnight announcer and later promoted him to the mid-day time slot. Years later, Riley moved into advertising sales at WESC, and later at Entercom. In 2010 he accepted the job as Events Coordinator for the City of Seneca. In addition to planning, organizing, and advertising weekly events like Jazz on the Alley via social media, he is in charge of Seneca Fest and other annual festivities. He also schedules guests for Saturday Morning City Talk with Mayor Dan Alexander on 94.1 The Lake.

He still exercises his love for the medium by writing, editing, recording, and producing commercials for the city and serving as a consultant to city departments to help them to determine the best possible way to allocate their advertising dollars. “Everything I learned at Tri-County I still use,” said Riley.

Jimmy also headed to Tri-County right after graduating from Seneca High School where he received the Roy D. Adams Scholarship. He worked part time at WZLI in Toccoa before graduating as the department’s outstanding student. WZLI became Jimmy’s first full time job in the media, where he served first as a Morning Show Producer and then transitioned into being an on-air personality.

Over his career, Jimmy was an on-air personality and later Sports Director for WCCP in Clemson, WSNW in Seneca, and for 1070-AM in Greenville. He also covered college sports for several national radio networks during that time.

In 2000, Jimmy joined AirOne Live Traffic, Inc., and in 2001, he became the full-time Traffic Reporter for WYFF News 4. He also hosted the Fifth Quarter Show for the Clemson Tigers Sports Network from 2013 – 2016 for Learfield and in 2017 for JMI Sports. Jimmy, who has been involved in ministry work since 2005 and is an ordained minister, is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Religion online through Liberty University.

In 2013, Jimmy accepted the position as Public Information Officer for the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office. He serves as the official spokesperson for the office and is the liaison between the Sheriff’s Office and the media. Jimmy is a Class Three certified deputy, a certification he earned through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

“My media background allows me, in my present position, to continue to use those skills I learned at Tri-County and in my previous jobs,” said Jimmy.

Porkchop graduated from West-Oak High and headed to Tri-County on a Science Fair scholarship. “I fell in love with the RTV department. It felt like home. It sparked an interest, and I’ve never left radio,” said Porkchop, who in 1998 received the department’s outstanding student award.

The day after graduation he went to work at WRIX where he worked in all capacities—from Mid-Day Announcer to Station Manager. “It gets in your blood,” said Porkchop, who has remained in radio for his entire career.

In 2013 he left WRIX and headed to WLHR in Lavonia, Georgia, where he is Operations Manager and On-Air Personality from 6 – 10 a.m. daily. He also serves on the MAP Advisory Committee.

The MAP program provides the basic principles that you need to do any multimedia job, said Porkchop, who credits instructors with preparing him to be versatile.

“I tell graduates don’t pigeonhole yourself into a broadcasting career. The role of media is expanding—technology changed but a Tri-County background helps you to jump in and not miss a beat,” said Jimmy.
May 7 was a bittersweet day for Regina Wherry, 52, and Jasmine Brotemarkte, 22, a mother and daughter from Anderson who spent the last two years as Tri-County Technical College students preparing to enter new phases of their lives.

They celebrated the culmination of their hard work (both have GPAs that exceed 3.5), but it also began a five-day countdown to when Jasmine relocated back home to Pittsburg to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science at the University of Pittsburg.

Regina, who earned an Administrative Office Technology degree, has been working for the past year as a Paralegal with the law firm of White, Davis, and White in Anderson.

Regina graduated debt free, thanks to a Hayden Abney Fulp Memorial Scholarship and other financial aid. Although Jasmine acquired a small loan from her first year as an out-of-state student, she was awarded a College Foundation scholarship her second year that covered most of the costs of college.

"Coming to Tri-County helped me find direction and confidence," said Jasmine.

"For me as well," said Regina, who, with a great deal of trepidation entered college for the first time at age 50.

Regina had worked in office management in manufacturing and had traveled all over the world with her ex-husband and his job. She had served as a caretaker for her ailing parents and when relocating to the Upstate, she decided to enter classes at the Anderson Campus.

Regina says she was intimidated by the entire experience at first. "I had a few freak-out moments when I had to take a deep breath to continue forward," she said. She also questioned her abilities. "I hadn’t taken a test in 30 years. I soon realized if I took college seriously the instructors would take me seriously. They really want you to succeed."

She said beginning college at the Anderson Campus was "perfect because it is a small, cozy atmosphere. I didn’t feel overwhelmed. It was very welcoming. I was nervous, but people shouldn’t be afraid to come back to school for a career change. I feel younger than I did five years ago. I feel renewed. Often when women get divorced they are afraid of what is next. I tell them to go take a course at Tri-County. You’ll be amazed."

When Jasmine moved to Anderson to live with her mother, she discovered a full-time student who was very busy. "She was also very confident and happier than I had seen her. I think it was the mix of South Carolina, career direction, and the fact that everything had fallen into place for her."

Regina’s major in Administrative Office Technology (AOT) led to her current position at the law practice. AOT Program Director Dr. Pam Goodman called Regina personally to ask if she’d be interested in the position and then gave her the name of the lawyer she needed to contact. "She was the first student I contacted – she ended up being the only one I needed to contact since she was hired on the spot," said Dr. Goodman.

"During her time in the AOT program, Regina always showed a strong commitment to her studies and was an excellent role model for her peers. When recommending Regina for the position at the law firm, I knew she would represent the AOT program with great aplomb. After only a few months working as an Administrative Assistant, I was excited to hear that Regina was promoted to a Paralegal position. Her hard work and dedication have really paid off."

“Tri-County prepared me to do this job. The job is good for me and I am good for them," said Regina.
Jesus De Luna Soto
Proud Policeman

Every day Corporal Jesus De Luna Soto of the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office strives to make a difference in the lives of the students attending Seneca Middle School.

He wants to be the positive influence on these sixth, seventh, and eighth graders that Officer Keith Brooks was for him nine years ago when he was a student at Walhalla High School.

“Officer Brooks became my mentor. He talked to everyone. He was friendly and always wanted to help. I looked up to him. He is the kind of police officer I wanted to be. Today he is a colleague and a friend, and he is still my mentor,” said Jesus.

Now the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Seneca Middle School, Jesus extends the same open door policy to the students he interacts with daily. “I want to make a difference by impacting their lives positively,” he said.

He does that first and foremost by making safety his priority. He also knows them by name through personal interaction and by working at JV and Varsity football, basketball, and baseball games. He also is the head JV soccer coach at Seneca High School. “It helps to build relationships. They see me in my police uniform and as a coach. I can mentor them doing two things that I love. We work on their teamwork and leadership skills. It really makes a difference,” said Jesus. He and other SRO officers attend a boys’ summer leadership camp. “I love my job,” said Jesus, who is married with two children.

From the time he was in the fifth grade experimenting with a fingerprinting kit, Jesus wanted to be a police officer who made a difference in his community. But there were some obstacles along the way.

Jesus, who is 25, moved with his parents from Nogales Sonora, Mexico, to the United States (Oconee County) when he was nine years old. None of them spoke a word of English. “It was very scary, and there were challenges,” said Jesus, who entered public school in Oconee County in the third grade. “It wasn’t easy. I struggled with the language barrier and with the cultural differences, not to mention making friends,” he said. Afternoons were spent in Rosetta Stone classes where he taught himself to master the English language. “Teachers were patient with me and worked with me. I was dedicated to learning the language.” It wasn’t until he was in the sixth grade that he felt confident enough to raise his hand and answer a question in class.

“I’m proud to say I graduated from West-Oak High School with a 3.0 GPA,” said Jesus, adding, “I knew I would need a college degree to do the job I wanted to do.”

After graduating, he spent two years working in a production job before entering Tri-County’s Criminal Justice program. “Tri-County was so affordable. I graduated with no debt thanks to lottery tuition assistance and a Pell grant. Instructors brought to the classroom real-world knowledge from working in law enforcement,” he said.

Prior to graduation in 2015, he participated in departmental mock interviews with area law enforcement officers which resulted in multiple job offers. “The interview process was most helpful,” said Jesus, who accepted a job with Clemson University’s Police Department. He received the 2016 Clemson University Officer of the Year award, as well as a recognition of outstanding effort in 2017.

Two months before he secured the job at Clemson, he became a U.S. citizen.

He began working as an SRO a year ago and decided to pursue a bachelor’s degree online at Anderson University. The plan is to continue on with a masters’ degree.
Corey Evans, College Skills coordinator for the Comprehensive Studies department and former Spanish instructor, was honored with the Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence at the College’s spring commencement.

AWARDS

- Linda Jameison, assistant vice president for student support and engagement, received the 2017 Clarice W. Johnson Outstanding Professional Award. She was honored by the South Carolina College Personnel Association (SCCPA) for her contributions to the field of student affairs.

- Dr. Jackie Blakley, dean of the Business and Public Services Division, was honored with the 2018 Martha Kime Piper Award for her service and support of women in higher education.

- Three faculty/staff members were honored as Tri-County Technical College’s Educators of the Year and were recognized at the South Carolina Technical Education Association (SCTEA) conference. Glenn Hellenga, director of Career Services, is the College’s outstanding administrator; Timeko McFadden, Spanish instructor, is the outstanding instructor; and, Dr. Amoena Norcross, curriculum consultant, is the outstanding staff nominee.

- Rachel Campbell’s commitment to excellence and her devotion to student success earned her the Presidential Medallion for Staff Excellence. Rachel is a Success Coach in the College Transitions Division.

- Dr. Booth was a recipient of a 15 over 50 award presented to longstanding leaders in the community. The Anderson Independent-Mail annually recognizes 15 inspirational leaders in the community who have experienced success in their professional careers, are active in philanthropic and community service organizations, and are helping to shape the young leaders of tomorrow.


- The S.C. Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) selected College Commissioner Ham Hudson as the recipient of the Commissioner Award and Kathy Brand, executive assistant to Dr. Booth, as recipient of the Board Staff Award. Their awards will be presented to them at the SCATCC Academy in January 2019. Both were nominees for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Southern Region Competition.

- Welding students garnered three awards—including a first-place recognition—at the Annual South Carolina Technical College State-wide Welding Competition. Fifty-two students representing 10 technical colleges competed at Central Carolina Technical College.

- The Michelin Manufacturing Scholars Program received the Outstanding Instructional Program award from the Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) at its annual conference.
DISTINCTIONS

- Tri-County’s Library (now called a Learning Commons and located in the new Student Success Center) is the first and only in South Carolina to have an automated book retrieval and storage system. S.C. is one of 12 states in the country with libraries who employ this technology.

- Stephanie Brown, a licensed veterinary technician who is program director/instructor in the Veterinary Technology program, is one of seven instructors in the United States and Canada chosen to review the newest edition of Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians, the standard textbook for almost every Veterinary Technology program. Joining her as a reviewer is retired Veterinary Technology instructor and current adjunct instructor Christee Williams.

- English instructor Ashley Polasek is the Editor and Designer of a new book titled *A Plum Assignment: Discourses on P. G. Wodehouse and His World*. It is co-authored by actor and author Curtis Armstrong (*Revenge of the Nerds, Moonlighting, Supernatural*) and the former president of The Wodehouse Society (US), Elliott Milstein.

- Dr. Aristide Sechandice is currently serving in his first year (of a two-year term) as President of the SC Sociological Association. This year he helped organize and deliver the State conference, as well as host the Clemson Undergraduate Social Sciences Symposium.

- Surgical Technology Program Director Denelle White is among a select group of educators chosen by the Association of Surgical Technologists to participate in a two-day summit to evaluate the program’s educational processes and to develop a future course for surgical technology education.

- Meredith McClure Dickens, program director/instructor for Early Care and Education, has been approved to become a National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Higher Education Accreditation Peer Reviewer.

- More than 1,000 individuals were trained in the SCDOT Technician Certification Program taught through the Corporate and Community Education Division. It is the only program of its kind among the 16 SC Technical Colleges. Students from all over South Carolina attend these classes each year to attain SCDOT Technician Certifications. Although most of these classes are designed for incumbent workers, the two types of Pre-Highway classes are designed especially for unemployed people or brand-new hires to help them get started in the field of highway construction inspection.

- Tri-County was among nine organizations who received grant awards from the S.C. Department of Commerce Office of Innovation as part of its Startup Fuel Challenge grant series. Funds were awarded to advance innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology-based economic development. Tri-County received a $100,000 grant for the INSPIRE Lab project in cultivating a network of small businesses. The College strives to create an entrepreneurial education curriculum that supports the INSPIRE Lab, which is mirrored after the LemonADE Stand program piloted through e-Merge @ the Garage in Anderson.
Rankings and Recognitions

CERTIFICATION SCORES

- All 13 of the 2017 Medical Laboratory Technology graduates received a 100% pass rate on the National American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) exam.

- All 14 graduates of the Medical Assisting program received a passing score on the American Association of Medical Assistants’ Certification Exam and are designated as Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs).

- CCE reports a 97% pass rate for the 42 candidates from the Spring AHS 117 Program who took the Nurse Aide Certification Test the first week of May.

ACCREDITATIONS

- The Medical Laboratory Technology program’s accreditation was extended for another 10 years following a successful self-study and site visit. The program had no deficiencies or recommendations.

- The Nurse Aide program and AHS 117 (Care of Patients) were approved for re-certification for the maximum time period of 24 months by the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services. There were no deficiencies.

- The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program completed its site visit with the Commission on Dental Accreditation and does not have any additional reporting requirements.

For the third consecutive year, Tri-County Technical College’s Surgical Technology graduates reported a perfect pass rate on the National Certification Exam. The 12 August 2018 graduates who took the National Board Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting Certification Exam received passing scores and now are designated as Certified Surgical Technologists (C.S.T.). The national pass rate for the exam is 70 percent. Graduates who obtain national certification as a C.S.T. demonstrate an understanding of the basic competencies for safe patient care in the operating room.
TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2017-2018 BUDGET

OPERATIONS REVENUE BY SOURCE

- Credit Tuition and Fees: 54.4%
- State Appropriations: 18.0%
- Auxiliary Enterprises: 9.9%
- County Appropriations: 6.8%
- Corporate and Community Education: 6.1%
- Miscellaneous: 4.8%

Operations Budget: $45,756,000
Restricted (Federal/State/Other): $38,891,000
Total Budget: $84,647,000

OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION

- Instruction: 47.0%
- Academic and Student Support: 20.5%
- Administrative and General: 9.7%
- Operations and Plant Maintenance: 8.7%
- Auxiliary Enterprises: 8.3%
- Corporate and Community Education: 5.8%

OPERATIONS BUDGET BY CATEGORY

- Salaries and Benefits: 68.8%
- Contractual Services: 14.3%
- Purchases for Resale (Bookstore): 7.2%
- Fixed Charges: 4.9%
- Supplies and Materials: 3.8%
- Faculty/Staff Development & Travel: 1.0%

STUDENTS RECEIVED NEARLY $24 MILLION IN FINANCIAL AID

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Note: Some students received more than one form of financial aid and are counted each time.
Source: Business Office, July 2018
## Fall Semester Headcount 2017

| Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2018 |

- Arts and Sciences: 2,947
- Business and Public Services: 833
- Career Development: 874
- Engineering and Industrial: 722
- Health Education: 693
- **Total**: 6,069

### Jobs from New and/or Expanding Industries

- **535 persons trained for new jobs in the 2017-2018 fiscal year**

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### 2017-2018 Program Advisory Committee Chairs

- **Alcohol & Other Drugs**
  Ms. Croslena Johnson, Manager of Student Development and Wellness Programs, Tri-County Technical College

- **Arts & Sciences**
  Mary Von Kaenel, Ph.D., Director, Bridge to Clemson and Transfer Academic Programs, Clemson University

- **Automotive Technology**
  Mr. Bill Leverette, Lecturer, Automotive Technology, Tri-County Technical College

- **Business Technology**
  Ms. Denise Bailey, Director of Accounting Systems Consulting, Elliott Davis, LLC

- **CNC Programming and Operations**
  Mr. Truman Nicholson, Engineering Associate, Machining and Technical Services, Clemson University

- **Community Paramedic**
  Randy Bowers, CEO, Bowers Emergency Services

- **Computer Technology**
  Mr. Greg Benton, Director, Project Management, SAM Group

- **Criminal Justice**
  Mr. Drew Sisco, Pickens County Prison Director

- **Early Care and Education**
  Ms. Shannon Vaughn, Director, Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources (SHARE)

- **Engineering Design Technology**
  Mr. Bryan Batten, Owner, Palmetto Precision Machining, Inc.

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  Mr. William Tatum, Greenville Health System, Oconee Memorial Hospital

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  Mrs. Julie Evans, Keowee Smiles

- **General Engineering Technology**
  Mr. Matt Varney, Cornell Dubilier

- **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology**
  Mrs. Charlie Dickerson, Director of Facilities, Anderson University

- **Highway Construction**
  Interim Chair: Mary Corley, Program Manager, CCE Highway Construction Department, Tri-County Technical College

- **Industrial Electronics Technology**
  Mr. Mike Jenkins, Senior Project Manager, S.C. Division, Power Services (Deceased)

- **Institutional Animal Care and Use**
  Dr. Mark Moore, DVM, Seneca Animal Clinic

- **Manufacturing Management and Leadership**
  Mr. Mike Webber, Senior Production Leader, Milliken & Company, Gerrish Mill (Retired)

- **Medical Assisting**
  Mrs. Jan Haguewood Gibbs CMA (AAMA), ST, Lecturer, Medical Assisting Program, Tri-County Technical College

- **Medical Laboratory Technology**
  Mrs. Jean Parsons, MT, Hematology Supervisor, Self Regional Health Care

- **Nursing**
  Ms. Jackie Rueledge, Nursing Department Head, Tri-County Technical College

- **Pre-Pharmacy**
  Jim Hammett, RPh., Assistant Director, Department of Pharmacy Services, AnMed Health

- **Surgical Technology**
  Mr. LaRue Fisher, CNOR, RN, AnMed Health (Retired)

- **Veterinary Technology**
  Dr. James Mullikin, DVM (Retired)

- **Welding**
  Mr. Gary Jones, Quality Manager, Greenwood Inc.

### Credit Student Profile

| Source: readySC Office, July 2018 |

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### 2017 Fall Enrollment by Campus

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Figures represent enrollment by campus for students who take at least one course at the given campus.
MORE THAN $700,000 IN GRANTS AWARDED TO TCTC

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TOTAL $733,907

Source: Grants Office, July 2018

2017-18 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION STUDENTS

Enrollment by County

Note: The majority of the registrations outside the three-county area participated in State-wide training programs taught at TCTC or were involved in an international conference that was delivered by TCTC during the year.

Source: Corporate and Community Education Division, July 2018

FALL 2017 CREDIT STUDENTS

Enrollment by County

Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2018

1,037 GRADUATES

1,342 CREDENTIALS AWARDED

Source: Registrar’s Office, July 2018
Dear Friends and Partners,

On behalf of the Tri-County Technical College Foundation Board, Foundation Office staff, and the College’s administration, I thank each and every donor listed on pages 39-41 for the gifts they made during 2017-2018. These donors are making it possible for the College to provide exceptional service to its students, business/industry partners, etc. We are humbled by the support we receive year after year.

The Foundation had another successful year in 2017-2018. For the second year in a row, we raised more than $1 million, with 46% of our contributions being designated for endowed scholarships. Other major gifts funded the purchase of equipment for the College’s new Oconee Campus, capital projects, robotics programs, and educational/support services provided to our community’s 50-plus population who are actively seeking employment.

Fundraising is, of course, a top measure of success for any foundation; however, we also measure our success by the amount of financial support we provide to the College and its students. Scholarships continue to be the Foundation’s largest expenditure, with the majority of funds coming from earnings generated by endowed scholarships. Approximately 400 students received scholarships totaling more than $430,000, making it possible for these students to work toward their educational goals. In addition to scholarships, the Foundation also contributed approximately $784,000 to the College to fund employee professional development activities, facility renovations, equipment/technology purchases, and other educational program priorities. The fact that 88% of our expenses during 2017-2018 directly benefited the College and its students is a true testament of the Foundation’s commitment to provide financial assistance to deserving students, while at the same time improving educational programs and meeting employers’ needs.

Finally, the third measure of the Foundation’s success lies in the prudent investment of gifts made by donors who established endowments for scholarships, technology, professional development, and other priority needs of the College. The market value on the Foundation’s investments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, was $23,743,231, and the return on those investments was 8.88%. We are extremely pleased with how well our investments have performed, and we believe we are successfully fulfilling our investment purpose of generating support for the College as it educates both current and future generations of students.

Tri-County Technical College prides itself on being a pathway to success for students and employers, and we thank all current and past donors who have supported our efforts. Gifts to the Foundation are improving the lives of our students, while at the same time strengthening the tri-county community and the State.

Grayson A. Kelly
Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Business Relations
Thrift Brothers, Inc., Named Philanthropist of the Year

The Tri-County Technical College Foundation named Thrift Brothers, Inc., the recipient of its 2017 Philanthropist of the Year award.

This is the Foundation’s highest and most prestigious honor reserved for individuals, foundations, companies, trusts, organizations or other entities that have made a significant financial contribution, either cash or non-cash, to the Foundation to support the work of the College.

On behalf of the company’s co-founders Sam Thrift and his brother, Tom, who passed away on January 1, 2018, Marcia Hydrick, daughter of Tom Thrift and president of the company, and her husband, Tim Hydrick, accepted the award. Grayson Kelly, executive director of the Foundation, presented the award at the College’s Annual Report Luncheon.

Thrift Brothers, Inc., of Seneca, has been a loyal donor to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation since 1994.


In 2016 Thrift Brothers continued its support and commitment to the advancement of the College by making a $300,000 gift to support campus expansion. “Their love of their community is demonstrated through donations which support education in the tri-county service area. They recognize that Tri-County graduates are their future employees and see the importance of employees needing skills in forklift operation, truck driving, accounting, and mechatronics,” said Kelly.

Thrift Brothers’ initial gift of $30,000 in 1994 established an endowed teaching chair. This endowment supports the professional development of faculty in the Business Administration program and allows its faculty to attend conferences to keep up to date on current practices.

Thrift Brothers made a $10,000 endowment gift in 1999 that has been instrumental in supporting Tri-County’s mini-grant initiative. Faculty and staff apply for these mini-grants on an annual basis to support their attendance at seminars and workshops, advanced course work or other professional development activities.

Additionally, Thrift Brothers, Inc., has supported the College by contributing funds for many Foundation-sponsored golf tournaments and other fundraisers.

To date, Thrift Brothers, Inc., has given a total of $356,300.
Oconee Campus Donations

The College acknowledges the generosity of donors who provided financial support for the new Oconee Campus. In 2017 Blue Ridge Electric Co-op made the first donation of $100,000 to name the Robotics Laboratory.

Duke Energy’s $100,000 gift will provide equipment funding for programs in the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division. Pictured from left are Grayson Kelly, vice president for institutional advancement and business relations; Dr. Booth, Kodwo Gharty-Tagoe, state president for Duke Energy; and Emily DeRoberts, district manager for government and community relations in South Carolina for Duke Energy.

BorgWarner donated $50,000 to name the Hand Tools Laboratory. Pictured from left are Nikole David training operator; Grayson Kelly, vice president for institutional advancement and business relations; Rob Danenberger, training coordinator, and Jeff Chandler, training specialist.

Schneider Electric donated $50,000 to name the Motor Controls Laboratory and provide equipment. From left are Zac Lawson, maintenance technician, Garvin Barker, plant manager; Grayson Kelly, vice president for institutional advancement and business relations; Katie White, human resources business partner; and Joseph Soler, quality control analyst.
Donors Meet Scholarship Recipients

Pendleton resident and former Tri-County Technical College Foundation board member Jim Smith and his wife, Marjorie, center, are longtime supporters of the College. They are pictured with Tri-County students who are the recipients of two of the five scholarships they have endowed at the College over the years.

The first scholarship they endowed in 1997, the Five Smith Sister’s Endowed Scholarship, is in honor of their five daughters, Jamie Ellers, Wendy Kress, Melody Lutz, Allison Quarles and Shannon Tollison. Amy Merritt, of Starr, a University Transfer major, fourth from left, and Charity Martin, of Central, an Early Care and Education major, far right, are recipients of the Five Smith Sisters’ Endowed Scholarship.

In 2013 Mr. Smith endowed a scholarship in honor of his wife. Jessica Kinard of Pendleton, an associate degree Nursing major, left, is the recipient of the Marjorie C. Smith Endowed Scholarship.

Scholarships Support Student Success

Mrs. Judy Darby of Anderson, pictured middle, and her late husband, Steve Darby, have given benevolently to the educational programs at Tri-County Technical College since 1994.

Mrs. Darby is pictured with two of the recipients of endowed scholarships, Lauren Hawthorne, of Belton, left, and Rosemaria Serradimigni, a Bridge to Clemson student from Myrtle Beach.

Rosemaria is the recipient of the Julia M. Darby Scholarship established in June of 2006 by Mr. Darby in honor of his beloved wife.

Lauren is the recipient of the E. Steve Darby Memorial Scholarship which was established shortly after his death in January of 2007.

The Anderson couple first endowed a scholarship in honor of Mrs. Darby’s uncle, Claude Moore of Pendleton, who had served as head of the Automotive Mechanics Department (now Automotive Technology) from 1963 until his retirement in 1970. In November of 2001, they made a major gift to the Foundation to support former English instructor Ron Rash’s writing. In addition, they contributed to the Don C. Garrison Instructional Excellence Endowment in 2003 and to the Linda Craven Elliott Endowment in 2005.
**FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS**

**HMR Sponsors President's Cup**

HMR Veterans Services, Inc., in Anderson was the premier sponsor of the 2017 President’s Cup Golf Tournament. The company made a $10,000 donation to the event that is designed to raise money for College priorities and needs. The 2017 tournament raised $68,190. Pictured from left are Courtney White, director of Development; Bill Biggs, president/CEO of HMR; and Tammy Fiske, director of Annual Giving.

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**Tom and Susan O’Hanlan Establish Endowment**

Tom and Susan O’Hanlan established the “Susan and Tom O’Hanlan Infinity and Beyond” Endowment Fund this year to help address student needs not covered through traditional scholarships. The endowment’s name was inspired by one of Tom’s favorite movies, Toy Story. The Liberty couple pledged $25,000 to establish an endowed scholarship that would pay for necessities over and above books and tuition, like job interview attire and personal needs/emergencies.

The fund will provide perpetual funding to students “who are reaching up and beyond,” said Tom, who serves on the College’s Foundation Board and is President of Sealevel Systems, Inc., in Liberty.

Scholarship recipients must be Pickens County residents and be 21 years or older.
Donations to Employee Giving Campaign Make Real Impact

Donating to the Employee Giving Campaign can make a real impact on our students’ education and the quality of their lives, said Tammy Fiske, director of annual giving.

“Participation was the first goal of our annual Employee Giving Campaign which kicked off in September,” added Tammy.

One hundred and eighty-five gifts were made by faculty and staff. These financial contributions fund important initiatives at Tri-County. In 2017 faculty and staff raised nearly $40,000. FEED-A-PIG Challenges are a tradition among college campuses and serve as a symbol that a little change will make a big difference.

Faculty and staff may choose how their gifts make a difference by directing their donations to scholarships or any of the College’s priority needs, such as Equipment/Technology and Professional Development, or they designate their contributions to go to a specific program at the College, Tammy said.

“Every dollar given improves opportunities for students,” said Tammy, adding that a goal is to significantly increase alumni giving over next year.

“Donors can feel proud that a gift of any amount will have a lasting impact for future students. “Donating contributes to the success of our students and to our College.”

Thank You, Abney Foundation

No other foundation, individual, or company has contributed so generously to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation. The Foundation sponsored the Fourth Annual Abney Day on August 30. The event was designed to show appreciation for the College’s largest contributor to date.

The Abney Foundation’s Executive Director Emeritus and Trustee Carl Edwards, far right, and Executive Director and Trustee Dr. Lisa McWherter, far left, were on campus to meet with Abney Scholars, past and present. Prior to a luncheon, alumni who were Abney Scholars expressed their gratitude for how the scholarship helped them to achieve their goals.

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THE FOUNDATION’S NUMBERS

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS REMEMBERED

The Tri-County Technical College Foundation received 59 honor/memory gifts totaling $25,232 during 2017-18.

Gifts in Memory
- Mr. John Deane
- Ms. Esther Drumnings
- Mr. T. Rhett Evatt
- Mrs. Pamela M. Holland
- Mr. Glenn W. Jones
- Mr. Frank C. Kenyon
- Mrs. Madeline M. Kenyon
- Mr. Charles T. King
- Mrs. Mollie B. King
- Mr. John Spragins
- Mrs. Sally M. Wakefield
- Ms. Kathryn T. White

Gifts in Honor
- Dr. Ronnie L. Booth
- Mr. Tim Bowen
- Mrs. Laura Crenshaw
- Mr. Mark Dougherty
- Mr. Tyler Hargreaves
- Mr. Scott Harvey
- Mr. Glenn Hellenga
- Mr. William H. (Ham) Hudson
- Mrs. Kathie O. Jones
- Ms. Mary Orem
- Dr. Brian D. Swords

Benefactors’ Society

The Benefactors’ Society recognizes those who have planned for future gifts to the College through their wills, annuities, life insurance policies, or retirement plans.

- Anonymous
- Mr. David A. Armstrong (deceased)
- Mr. Ellis E. Bradford (deceased)
- Ms. Carol Burdette
- Mrs. Corinne B. Cannon
- Dr. Henry Cowart Drake (deceased)
- Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Elliott
- Mr. Alvin Fleishman (deceased)
- Mrs. Jeanne Fowler
- Ms. Nancy Garrison (deceased)
- Dr. John L. Gignilliat (deceased)
- Ms. Vickie L. Grant-Smeal (deceased)
- Mr. Thomas Hayden
- Mrs. Ruby S. Hicks (deceased)
- Mr. Charles R. Johnson
- Dr. Charlotte R. Kay (deceased)
- Dr. Debra King
- Mrs. Mollie B. King (deceased)
- Ms. Mary K. Littlejohn (deceased)
- Mrs. Susan W. McClure
- Ms. Willie C. McDuffie (deceased)
- The late Larry Miller and Marge Miller
- Ms. Stephanie J. Montgomery
- Mrs. Broy S. Moyer (deceased)
- Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Murdoch (deceased)
- Mrs. Rita Rao
- Mr. David W. Russ
- Ms. Patricia H. Senn (deceased)
- Dr. L. Marianne Taylor
- Mr. William L. Watkins (deceased)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 2018

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The Tri-County Technical College Foundation Board and staff are grateful to you, our donors, for the support you have given. This list recognizes donors who made gifts to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation during 2017-2018, beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Every effort has been made to correctly list each donor; but if you find an omission or incorrect listing, please call the Foundation Office at either (864) 646-1809 or 1-866-269-5677 (within the 864 area code), ext. 1809. You can also send an e-mail to dnelms@tctc.edu.

### Benefactors’ Club ($100,000 and Over)
- Abney Foundation
- Anonymous
- Duke Energy Foundation

### Partners’ Club ($50,000 - $99,999.99)
- AARP Foundation
- Bosch Community Fund on Behalf of Local Bosch Partners
- The Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trust

### Ambassadors’ Club ($25,000 - $49,999.99)
- Schneider Electric North America Foundation Sealevel Systems, Inc.

### Donors Who Made Pledges of $25,000 - $49,999.99
- Anne J. Gambrill Foundation
- Gene Haas Foundation
- Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation
- W. C. English Foundation
- Mr. David C. Wakefield, III
Donors Who Made Pledges of $10,000 - $24,999.99

- Liquid Properties, LLC
- DeHay, Mr. Galen
- Deane, Mrs. Peggy G.
- David Taylor Heating and Air Conditioning
- D. L. Scurry Foundation
- Cindy Fox Miller & Associates
- Carson, Mr. Billy J.
- Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative
- Anderson County Woman's Club
- ($1,000 - $2,499.99)
- Tri-County Entrepreneurial Development Corporation
- South Carolina Broadcasters
- S. C. Upstate Equine Council
- Oconee Federal Savings & Loan Association
- Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore H.
- Marshall, Dr. Timothy R.
- Juneau Construction Company, LLC
- Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Gary T.
- Cornell Dubilier Marketing, Inc.
- South State Bank
- HMR Veterans Services
- Greenville Horse Show & Fair
- Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore H.
- ($5,000 - $9,999.99)
- Bank of America Charitable Foundation
- Anderson County Woman's Club
- ($100 - $499.99)
- One World Technologies, Inc.
- Oconee Federal Savings & Loan Association
- Charlotte Community Foundation
- Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore H.
- ($100 - $499.99)
- Delta Dental of North Carolina
- Anderson County Woman's Club
- ($100 - $499.99)
TCTC FOUNDATION, INC.

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC., BOARD MEMBERS

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Tri-County Technical College Executive Staff

Members of the Executive Staff are (seated, from left) Linda Jameison, Assistant Vice President, Student Support and Engagement; Dr. Ronnie L. Booth, President; Marci Leake, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources; and Galen DeHay, Senior Vice President (standing, from left) Cara Hamilton, Vice President, Business Affairs; Dan Cooper, Director, Economic Development and Government Relations; Rebecca Eidson, Director, Public Relations and Communications; Jenni Creamer, Dean, College Transitions; and Grayson Kelly, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Business Relations.
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