



HGTC IMPACT



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORE

Dear Members of the HGTC Community,

As we reflect on this exciting semester, I am thrilled to share some incredible news about the growth and momentum at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Our fall enrollment has increased by an impressive 7%, nearly surpassing the highest in our college's history. This remarkable achievement speaks to the trust and confidence our community places in HGTC to prepare students for successful futures. For nearly 60 years, we've been more than just a place of learning — we've been a foundation for dreams, innovation, and opportunity. This growth symbolizes the enduring bond between our college and the communities we proudly serve.

This year, we are embarking on an even more transformative journey with the launch of our new strategic plan, IMPACT 2024-2027. With this plan, we aim to enhance the educational experiences and outcomes of our students while driving economic growth throughout the region. At its core, IMPACT will strengthen student success by emphasizing persistence, achievement, and long-term support. We are also sharpening our focus on performance funding to ensure our programs and services continue to provide value to both students and the industries they join. Our commitment to innovation and quality education remains steadfast as we shape the future of the workforce in Horry and Georgetown counties.

As we look to the future, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our community partners, supporters, and alumni who continue to stand by HGTC. Your support enables us to grow, innovate, and maintain the high standards that have defined our legacy. With over 30,000 HGTC alumni, 90% of whom have chosen to stay in the region, we see the lasting impact our graduates make every day. Together, we are shaping the future of our region, and I invite each of you to join us on this exciting journey as we continue to make an IMPACT that benefits us all.

Sincerely,



Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore
President, Horry-Georgetown Technical College



HGTC MISSION

Horry-Georgetown Technical College is dedicated to enriching the lives of students and empowering communities through accessible and affordable education. We are committed to fostering economic development and innovation by providing a premier, comprehensive two-year collegiate and workforce education experience that will leave a lasting positive impact on our students and the regions we serve.

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College Area Commission, a nine-member body, is an outstanding group of dedicated, community-minded professionals, individually and collectively committed to advancing higher education at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. It is our goal, each day, to provide the policy guidelines and broad-based vision that promote and ensure the success of the College, under the direction of its President, Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, and accomplished by the efforts of our wonderfully able team of professional faculty, staff, and administrators.

HGTC Area Commission



Tommy Branyon – *Chairman*



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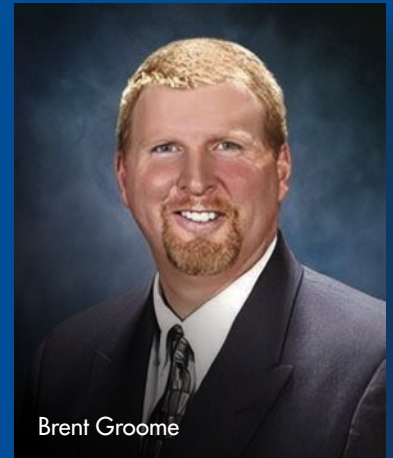
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COMMUNITY IMPACT



1966

12 PROGRAMS

530 STUDENTS

2024

75+ PROGRAMS

11,100 STUDENTS

\$67 MILLION OPERATING BUDGET

9,100 CURRICULUM STUDENTS ANNUALLY

2,000 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS ANNUALLY

COLLEGE SUCCESS



4TH LARGEST Technical College in South Carolina



\$250 MILLION Our Local Economic Impact

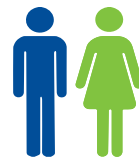


\$2,186 PER SEMESTER One of the Most Affordable Colleges in South Carolina



600 Employees

STUDENT PROFILE



36% MALE **64%** FEMALE

AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS: 24



41% FULL TIME **59%** PART TIME



90% ARE SC RESIDENTS

92% RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

STUDENT SUCCESS



90% of HGTC Graduates Live, Work, & Thrive in South Carolina

95% University/Job Placement Rate

Financial Stewardship and Accountability to Taxpayers

HGTC invests in strategic initiatives to support the mission of the College and its commitment to student success while maintaining financial strength and economic stability.

In June 2024, the State of South Carolina approved the College's 5-year \$179 million strategic capital plan that reflected the input from employers, faculty, staff, and students. The plan was designed to sustain the growth in our area and to continuously support the needs of employers and students.

An essential component of that plan is HGTC ensures sound financial practices, transparency with stakeholders, and a fair allocation of resources.

As evidence of its fiscal stewardship, HGTC:

- Received excellent ratings from its independent auditors for over 15 years.
- Has no debt and imposes no capital/debt fees on students.
- Has the second lowest tuition in South Carolina.
- Maintains an appropriate contingency fund.
- Consistently demonstrates growth in its net assets.
- Exceeds the State requirement for cash reserves.

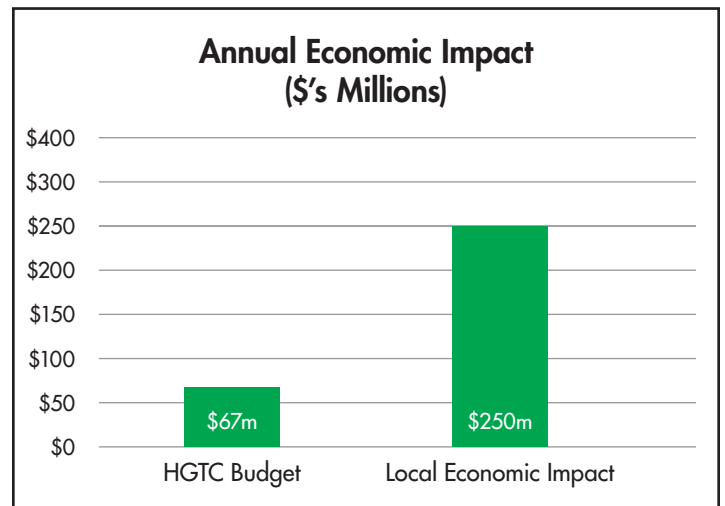
HGTC has approximately \$53 million in capital projects in progress.

HGTC benefits from 6.7% of the Horry County \$.01 (Penny) Educational Sales and Use Tax and uses these funds to support its capital budget in Horry County. In using those funds along with other resources, HGTC has increased its total square footage by more than 30% over the past decade.

In addition to maintaining sound financial practices, HGTC creates a \$250 million impact to the local economy each year.

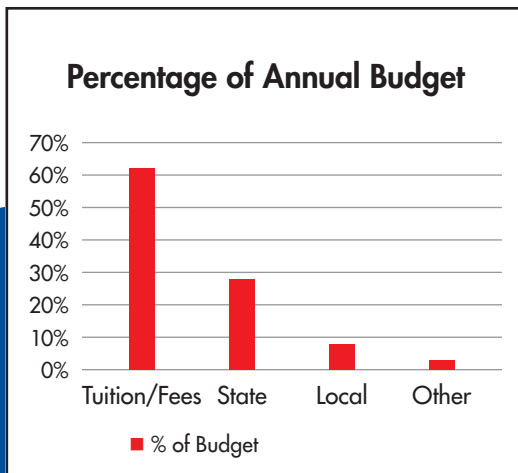
An HGTC graduate will earn an estimated 33% more over their lifetime than an individual with only a high school diploma.

**Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.*

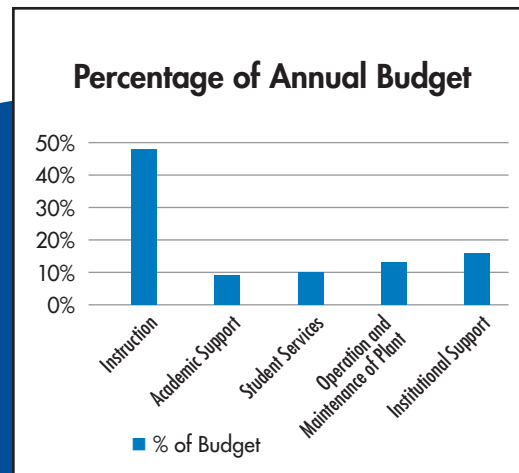


As evidenced by the data below, HGTC has allocated its resources consistent with practices at other institutions across the State Technical College System and has wisely invested its capital funds as demonstrated by its dramatic increase in instructional space.

SOURCES OF FUNDS



USES OF FUNDS**



** Allocations are consistent with those across the SC Technical College System.

Student Success





HGTC Secures Fifth Straight Turf Bowl Championship

HGTC continued its winning legacy as its Golf & Sports Turf Management (GSTM) team claimed the Turf Bowl Championship for the fifth consecutive year at the 2024 Carolinas Turf Bowl Championship. The championship, held during the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association (CGCSA) Conference and Show at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, showcased the exceptional skills and dedication of the HGTC team. This remarkable achievement cements HGTC's position as a dominant force in turfgrass education and a leader in preparing future professionals in the field.

Presented in partnership with The Aquatrol Company, this year's Turf Bowl brought together 12 teams from six (6) colleges, including Clemson University, which finished second, North Carolina State, Sandhills Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The victorious team, coached by Professor Charles Granger and Professor Jim Huntoon, consisted of four (4) outstanding GSTM students: Max Fieber, Bryson Hardin, Grayson Long, and Lane Roberts.

Professor Charles Granger, who leads the HGTC Golf and Sports Turf Management Program, credits the team's dedication and unique preparation opportunities for their continued success. *"When a student joins HGTC and the turfgrass program, they're immersed in the industry,"* said Granger. *"Most of our students work at golf courses, some even full-time, so they bring a high level of passion and hands-on experience to the competition."*

Students also benefitted from an exclusive presentation from leaders at Quail Hollow Club, offering insights into what to expect from internships at the prestigious venue, home to an annual PGA Tour event, a Presidents Cup, and an upcoming PGA Championship. Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, president of HGTC, expressed her pride in the students' dedication and the program's consistent excellence.

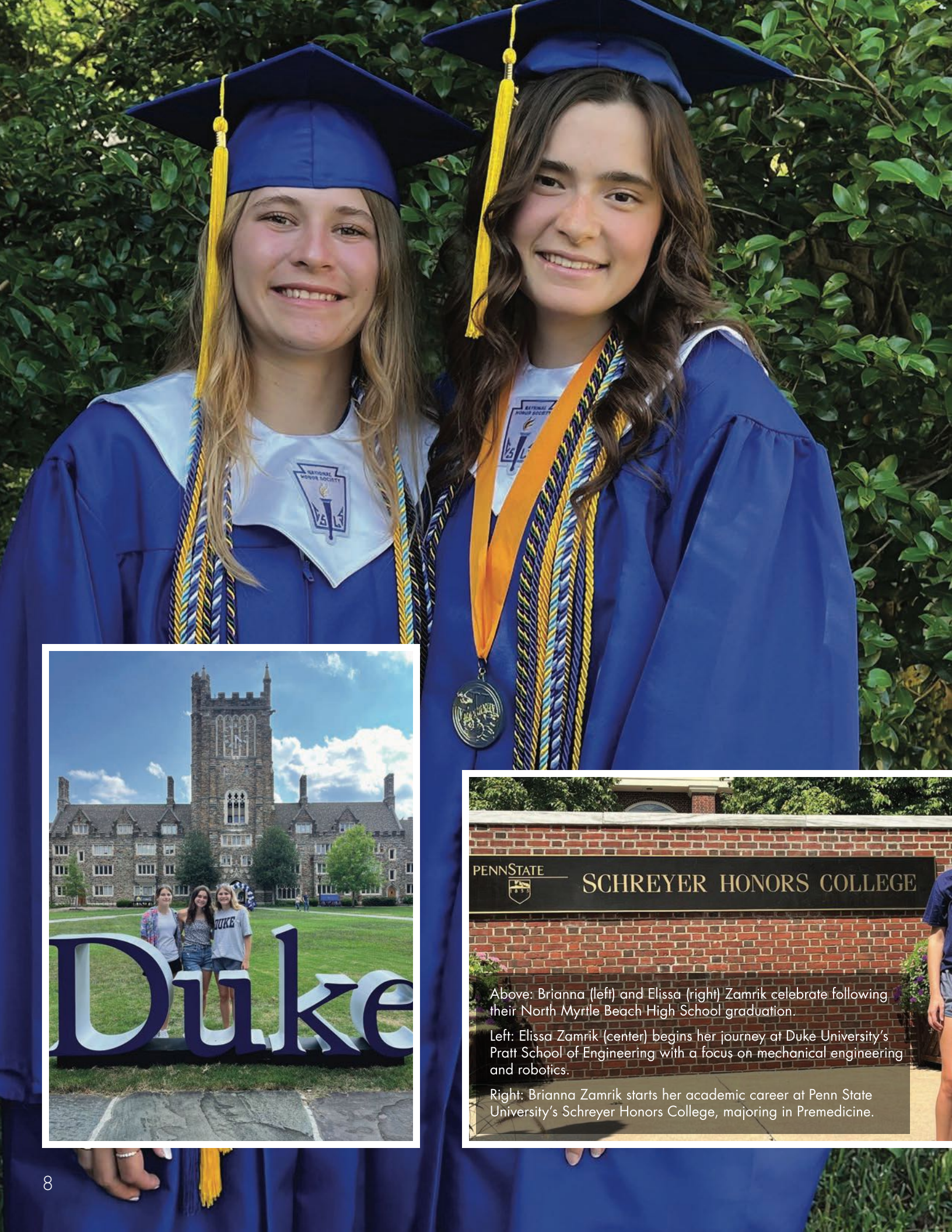
"Winning the Turf Bowl for five consecutive years is a testament to the hard work of our students and the leadership of our outstanding faculty," said Dr. Fore. *"At HGTC, we provide opportunities for our students to excel, and their accomplishments reflect the exceptional education and real-world experience we offer."*

The Turf Bowl Championship highlights the value of HGTC's location, resources, and commitment to fostering a strong connection between academics and industry, setting students up for success in the competitive world of turfgrass management.

For more information, please visit Golf & Sports Turf Management at hgtc.edu/golf.



Left to right: Charles Granger, HGTC Chair and Professor of Golf & Sports Turf Management; Lane Roberts, Bryson Hardin, Grayson Long, and Max Fieber, Golf & Sports Turf Management Students; Jim Huntoon, HGTC Professor of Golf & Sports Turf Management.



Above: Brianna (left) and Elissa (right) Zamrik celebrate following their North Myrtle Beach High School graduation.

Left: Elissa Zamrik (center) begins her journey at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering with a focus on mechanical engineering and robotics.

Right: Brianna Zamrik starts her academic career at Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College, majoring in Premedicine.

Twins Excel Through HGTC's Dual Enrollment Program, Paving the Way to Prestigious Universities

As the new academic year began at Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC), the institution proudly celebrated the remarkable achievements of two exceptional students from the Program for Accelerated College Enrollment (PACE), also known as the Dual Enrollment program. Elissa and Brianna Zamrik, twins and recent graduates of North Myrtle Beach High School (NMBHS), have embarked on their college journeys at prestigious universities, thanks to the opportunities provided by HGTC's dual enrollment program. As the family moved their daughters into the college dorms, they reflected on their journey through the HGTC program for high school students.

Elissa Zamrik, who graduated as the valedictorian of NMBHS this year, is beginning her journey at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering with a focus on mechanical engineering and robotics. Her twin sister, Brianna Zamrik, who finished fifth in her class, is starting her academic career at Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College, majoring in Premedicine. Due to her participation in the HGTC PACE program and her Advanced Placement (AP) classes—all taken on the NMBHS campus—Brianna enters college with 30 credits, positioning her as a sophomore right from the start. Brianna's outstanding academic achievements have also earned her an invitation to join a prestigious Bachelor of Science/Master of Business Administration program, a unique opportunity that reflects the high caliber of students fostered by the HGTC PACE program.

Dana Zamrik, the proud mother of Elissa and Brianna, recently expressed her gratitude to HGTC for the incredible opportunities the PACE program provided her daughters.



"The PACE courses available at NMBHS not only sparked a love for learning in our twins but also paved the way for their acceptance into two of the nation's most prestigious colleges. We are immensely grateful to the guidance counselors and teachers at NMBHS and the PACE program for setting them up for success. Thanks to this partnership, our twins graduated in June with Elissa as the class valedictorian heading to Duke and Brianna starting at Penn State as a sophomore. This program has made a significant difference and served as the launching pad for their college education!"

Adding to the Zamrik family's excitement, their third child is set to begin the PACE program at NMBHS this fall, continuing the tradition of academic excellence.

HGTC President, Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, proudly commented on the success of the Zamrik twins, *"Elissa and Brianna's achievements are a testament to the strength and effectiveness of our PACE program. We are committed to providing high school students with a strong foundation for their future academic and professional pursuits. The success stories of students like Elissa and Brianna inspire us to continue expanding opportunities for all young scholars in our community."*

The Program for Accelerated College Enrollment (PACE) at HGTC is designed to provide high school students in Horry and Georgetown counties with access to college-level courses. Through partnerships with local school districts, HGTC enables high school juniors and seniors to earn dual credit, simultaneously fulfilling high school graduation and college degree requirements. This head start on college coursework saves students time and money and gives them a competitive edge in the college admissions process.

HGTC remains dedicated to offering comprehensive resources and support to dual enrollment students, including financial assistance through the SC Lottery Tuition Assistance program and access to free educational tools and tutoring services. The PACE program is a powerful catalyst for academic and personal growth, preparing students to excel in higher education and beyond.

HGTC currently has over 1,600 dual enrollment students registered for fall 2024.

The 2024 enrollment for high school students is up by 20% over fall 2023 and up 27% over fall 2022.

"HGTC's Dual Enrollment programs provide high school students in Horry and Georgetown counties the opportunity to earn college credits that not only apply to HGTC certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees but also transfer to four-year institutions. We are proud of the growth we've seen through the years, including our newest partnerships with Carvers Bay Early College High School and Atlantic Collegiate Academy which allow HGTC to serve more high school students than ever," said Hope Wofford, HGTC Director of Dual Enrollment.

For more information about the HGTC PACE Dual Enrollment Program, please contact Hope Wofford, Dual Enrollment Director, at 843-477-2097 or hope.wofford@hgtc.edu.



Michael Roemhildt, Owner of Michael's Kitchen

HGTC Culinary Arts Graduate

Michael Roemhildt Turns Passion into Culinary Business Success

Michael Roemhildt's path to becoming a successful entrepreneur and chef was anything but traditional. Born in China, Michael's life changed dramatically when he was adopted at age twelve in 2015. After a few years in Nebraska, his family moved to Darlington County, South Carolina where he graduated from Hartsville High School in December 2020. Though he initially planned to follow in his parents' footsteps in healthcare—his father is a physician, and his mother is a retired nurse—Michael found his heart captured by the art of cooking.

Michael's journey into the culinary world began at fifteen when he started helping his mom in the kitchen. His passion for food led him to HGTC's International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach, where he began in spring 2021. *"I fell in love with cooking. I love it, and I have no regrets,"* he reflects, crediting the hands-on training and supportive chef instructors, particularly Chef Tom Mullally, for helping him reach his potential.

In addition to his studies, Michael seized every chance to gain real-world experience, working in local restaurants and even founding his own business, Michael's Kitchen LLC, in June 2022, almost a year before he graduated. His dedication, talent, and self-promotion efforts on social media have fueled his entrepreneurial success. Specializing in a range of dining experiences, Michael's Kitchen offers private, multi-course meals, chef's table events, sushi experiences, and elaborate menus, such as barbecue spreads, seafood boils, and taco bars.

One of Michael's career highlights came in August 2024, when he was hired by former NFL star Rob Gronkowski's family to prepare several meals while they vacationed in Garden City. *"It was both exciting and nerve-wracking,"* Michael shared. *"It was my first time cooking for a celebrity, so definitely high standards—no rookie mistakes. Thankfully, everything went smoothly!"* The experience has since opened new doors for Michael, and he has seen a surge of interest in his services.

As the sole team member at Michael's Kitchen, Michael occasionally enlists his former HGTC classmates to help with large events, including weddings, family gatherings, and other celebrations. From intimate dinners to serving up to 100 guests, he relishes the challenge and freedom that come with being his own boss.

For those considering a career in culinary arts, Michael advises, *"There will be challenges—some classes will test you. Just push through, do your best, and know that at the end, it will all be worth it. Every tear, every ounce of sweat."* Looking ahead, Michael dreams of expanding his business beyond South Carolina, with plans to branch into major cities across the country.

Michael Roemhildt's journey from a teenager with a newfound love for cooking to an HGTC graduate and accomplished business owner is a testament to what's possible with passion, resilience, and the right support. As one of HGTC's brightest alumni, he embodies the spirit of HGTC—transforming lives and communities, one plate at a time.



Left to right: Elizabeth Walters, HGTC Culinary Arts Instructor; Laura Smith, Student; Emily Watts, Student; Jacob Benton, Graduate; Andy Pena, Graduate; Sundy Barth, Student; Nicholas Papotto, Student; Dana Mahanay, Student; Jazmin Jimenez, Student; Emiliano Melandez, Student; Lui Wilson, HGTC Culinary Arts Instructor.

HGTC Culinary Arts Students Shine at Charleston's Food & Wine Classic

HGTC students from the HGTC International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach showcased their exceptional culinary skills by volunteering at the prestigious Food & Wine Classic in Charleston. Both current and past HGTC Culinary Arts students worked alongside renowned chefs, playing vital roles in preparing, cooking, and plating food for a variety of vendors.

The students were invited to assist the Duvall Catering Group, where initial hesitations from chefs quickly turned into praise as the HGTC students exceeded all expectations. Chef James Fox from Duvall noted, *"These are the best culinary students I've ever worked with. I was skeptical at first, but they completely won me over, and we'll be asking for their help at future events."*

The students not only gained hands-on experience but also had the opportunity to network with notable figures in the culinary world. They met chefs, restaurant owners, and celebrity personalities such as Chef Stephanie Izard and actor Tony Cavalero. Chef Jeremiah Bacon from the Indigo Road Hospitality Group also made the occasion special by arranging a private kitchen tour at Indaco, offering students an inside look at high-end culinary operations.

HGTC President, Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, expressed her pride in the students, *"This experience highlights the dedication and skill of our Culinary Arts students. Their performance at the Food & Wine Classic reflects the high standards we uphold at HGTC. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our College."*

The Executive Director of the HGTC International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach, Chef Joseph Bonaparte, added *"Our students consistently rise to the occasion, and this event was no different. Their hard work, professionalism, and passion for the culinary arts have earned them recognition from top industry professionals."*

HGTC is proud to recognize the students and graduates who volunteered:

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| Sundy Barth | Dana Mahanay | Andy Peña |
| Jacob Benton | Emiliano Melendez | Laura Smith |
| Jazmin Jimenez | Nick Papotto | Emily Watts |

Their contribution reflects the bright future of the HGTC Culinary Arts program and demonstrates the impact of their education at HGTC.



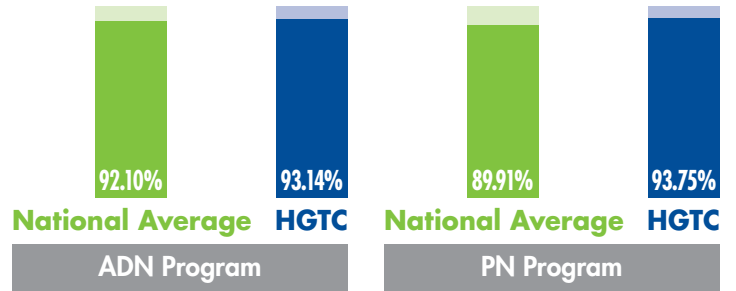
HGTC Nursing Students

HGTC Nursing Programs Exceed National Pass Rates in 2024 NCLEX Licensure Exams



HGTC announced the exceptional NCLEX licensure pass rates achieved by its nursing students for 2024 to date, once again surpassing national averages. HGTC's nursing programs, including both the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN), have achieved outstanding results, affirming HGTC's commitment to excellence in healthcare education and solidifying the College's position as a leader in nursing education across the region and state.

The 2024 NCLEX results for HGTC nursing students reflect the strong commitment to excellence:



These impressive outcomes distinguish HGTC as a leading institution in nursing education, especially given the number of nursing students relative to other technical colleges in South Carolina. HGTC's commitment to academic excellence and hands-on training continues to produce well-prepared graduates who contribute significantly to healthcare in our communities.

Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC, expressed her pride in the achievement, *"Our nursing students have consistently demonstrated their dedication to excellence, and these results are a testament to their hard work and the unwavering support of our faculty, staff, and leadership. We are fortunate to have outstanding facilities and equipment, which, combined with exceptional instruction, allow our students to excel on the national stage. We thank the community for its ongoing confidence in our programs and congratulate our students for their remarkable success."*

HGTC's performance reflects its strong leadership in nursing education, providing high-quality, highly trained nurses who are making a positive impact on healthcare in the region. The College remains steadfast in its mission to provide students with the education, training, and resources necessary to meet the growing demands of the healthcare industry.

With the expansion of the new Nursing & Health Sciences Institute on the Grand Strand Campus, a new location with Tidelands Health in Murrells Inlet, and the potential acquisition of existing buildings along Highway 501 for the Conway Campus, HGTC is poised to significantly enhance its capacity for nursing education, with plans to increase enrollment to 600 students by 2030.

South Carolina is among the top states for NCLEX pass rates, ranking third nationally for Registered Nurses (RN) and eighth for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). HGTC's nursing students are proud to represent such excellence within the state and beyond.



HGTC Launches New Workforce Development Program for Water and Wastewater Management

HGTC announced the addition of a new Water and Wastewater Management training program within its Workforce Development Division. The program is a timely response to the growing demand for skilled water and wastewater management professionals in Horry and Georgetown counties.

The program, designed as a three-week intensive course, is aimed at providing critical upskilling opportunities for employees of local municipalities and industries that manage water and wastewater treatment systems. These organizations now have the chance to send their workforce to HGTC to receive training that will help them secure vital licenses and certifications. This initiative will support the increasing demand for safe, efficient, and sustainable water treatment services in the region.

Joining the College's esteemed faculty is Associate Professor James Friday, an industry veteran with over 40 years of experience in water and wastewater management. Friday brings a wealth of knowledge and a diverse background that spans local government, private industry, and even world-renowned entertainment destinations.

Beginning his career at just 19-years-old at Texas Instruments, Friday spent 11 years honing his expertise before returning to South Carolina to serve as Lead Operator at the Rock Hill water treatment plant for a decade. From there, he took on the role of Superintendent of Water and Wastewater for the City of Camden, followed by an exceptional opportunity as Life Support Operations Manager at Walt Disney World in Florida. In this role, Friday was responsible for treating water in contact with animals at both Epcot and Animal Kingdom.

After his time with Disney, Friday continued to expand his expertise, serving as Utility Director for the City of Mount Holly, NC for eight (8) years, followed by a decade as Utility Director for the City of Conway, SC. His retirement in August marks the beginning of his next chapter with HGTC, where he officially joined the College on September 3.

Friday holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Central Carolina Technical College and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management from Columbia Southern University. His impressive resume and dedication to the field make him a tremendous asset to the new program and to the students he will mentor.

"With the increasing strain on water and wastewater services in our region, it is essential that we provide our local professionals with the training and tools they need to stay ahead," said Brandon Haselden, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Academic & Workforce Development. *"The addition of this program and the expertise that James Friday brings to our team will ensure that our community has access to world-class training, helping to secure a more sustainable future for water management."*

The new Water and Wastewater Management program is open for enrollment. For more information about the training available through the HGTC Workforce Development Division, call HGTC at 843-477-2020 or visit hgtc.edu/jobtraining to start a path to success.





Left to right: Mr. Jeff Ball, HGTC Chair and Professor of Academic & Workforce Development; Mr. James Friday, HGTC Associate Professor of Water & Wastewater Management; Dr. Marilyn Fore, HGTC President; Mr. Brandon Haselden, HGTC Assistant Vice President and Dean



First cohort of the new HGTC Water and Wastewater Management program.

HGTC Announces Launch of Insurance Licensure Certificate Program this Fall

HGTC announced the launch of its new Insurance Licensure Certificate Program, a dynamic educational pathway designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the insurance industry.

The program, offered through the college's Workforce Development Division, features comprehensive coursework in Property & Casualty Insurance as well as Life, Accident & Health Insurance. This curriculum not only prepares students for the South Carolina Property & Casualty and Life, Accident, and Health insurance state examinations but also integrates several business courses to foster the development of well-rounded insurance professionals.

President of HGTC, Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, expressed her enthusiasm for the new program, *"We are thrilled to introduce the Insurance Licensure Certificate Program to our workforce development offerings. This program embodies our commitment to providing practical, career-focused education that responds to the needs of the industry and empowers our students to achieve professional success."*

The new Insurance Licensure Certificate Program underscores HGTC's dedication to workforce development and its role in supporting the economic growth of South Carolina. Instrumental in the development of the new Insurance Licensure Certificate Program is Callie Wise, a State Farm Insurance agent serving the North Myrtle Beach area with insurance and financial services since 2015.

"Recognizing growing insurance workforce needs in our area and serving as a member of the insurance advisory council, I believe that HGTC is in an excellent position to customize a program to prepare future insurance professionals for a successful career. I am excited to be part of this transformational program," said Callie Wise, Owner at Callie Wise State Farm Insurance.

To learn more about HGTC's new Insurance Licensure Certificate Program, contact Dr. Theresa Strong, HGTC Assistant Vice President & Dean, at 843-349-7559 or theresa.strong@hgtc.edu.



Left to right: Brandon Haselden, HGTC Assistant Vice President and Dean; Callie Wise, State Farm Insurance Agent at Callie Wise State Farm; Dr. Theresa Strong, HGTC Assistant Vice President & Dean

HGTC Correctional Officer Training Program Launched this Fall

HGTC, in collaboration with the Horry County and Georgetown County Sheriff's Offices, launched the new Correctional Officer Training Program to support the consistent demand for dedicated correctional officers at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center and the Georgetown County Detention Center. The Correctional Officer Training Program, designed as a comprehensive four (4) course certificate program, equips students with the knowledge and skills required to excel in the challenging world of correctional services.

"HGTC is delighted to partner with the Horry County and Georgetown County Sheriff's Offices in this endeavor. This is part of our ongoing commitment to providing top-tier education and professional training for our community. Together, we aim to fortify the ranks of correctional officers and enhance the safety and security of our region," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC President.



Left to right: Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC President; Solicitor Jimmy Richardson, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; Sheriff Phillip Thompson, Horry County Sheriff's Office; Sheriff Carter Weaver, Georgetown County Sheriff's Office; Dr. Dan Wysong, HGTC Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean for the School of Public Service; Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks, HGTC Executive Vice President for Academic and Workforce Development.

Dr. Dan Wysong, HGTC Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean for the School of Public Service, has been working closely with the Horry County Sheriff's Office and the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office to develop the program and is proud to launch the program when classes begin August 26.

"The program combines classroom education at HGTC's Conway Campus with practical, hands-on experience within the correctional environment, supervised by seasoned correctional staff. Participants will gain valuable insights into professional and personal information handling, effective communication, financial management, and stress and conflict management. What sets this program apart is the opportunity it offers to students once successfully completed," said Dr. Wysong.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years of age or turn 18 upon completion of the Correctional Officer Program at HGTC.
- Have a High School Diploma or GED
- Clear a Criminal Background Check (CBC)

Sheriff Phillip Thompson of Horry County shared his enthusiasm about this collaboration, stating, *"This program provides a pathway for individuals interested in serving their community and working within our correctional facilities. It's a remarkable opportunity to develop a rewarding career in law enforcement."*

Sheriff Carter Weaver of Georgetown County added, *"We're proud to be part of this initiative that not only educates and prepares individuals for a vital role in our criminal justice system but also contributes to the betterment of our local communities."*

"We are thrilled to announce that there is currently zero tuition cost for the Correctional Officer Program, making this an accessible and affordable opportunity for aspiring correctional officers," continued Dr. Fore.

Upon meeting the eligibility criteria, graduates may secure full-time employment as a correctional officer with one of the Sheriff's Offices, including a competitive full-time salary and an array of benefits after successfully completing the Basic Correctional Officer Program at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, South Carolina. The requirements to be employed as a correctional officer include but are not limited to a background check, drug screening, and health physical.

For more information about the new Correctional Officer Training Program, contact Professors Dr. Larry Muncey at 843-349-3648, larry.muncey@hgtc.edu; Kenny Hoffman at 843-349-3684, kenneth.hoffman@hgtc.edu; Donna McQueen at 843-477-2006, donna.mcqueen@hgtc.edu; or Dr. Dan Wysong at 843-349-5326, daniel.wysong@hgtc.edu.

HGTC Announces New Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management

HGTC announced the approval of a new Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management pathway within the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Business Administration degree, along with a new certificate program. Beginning in Fall 2025, the program will equip graduates with the critical knowledge and skills needed to address emergency services and disaster response challenges across local and state government agencies.



Left to right: Emergency Management Division, Horry County Government: Mr. C. Loren Wallace, Mitigation & Recovery Program Manager and Mr. Samuel Hodge, Director of Emergency Management. HGTC: Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President; and Dr. Theresa Strong, Assistant Vice President & Dean.

The pathway and certificate, developed in response to community feedback and a formal needs assessment, will focus on both the management and technical aspects of emergency services. Students will gain expertise in areas such as emergency services law and ethics, municipal finance, critical incident response, emergency planning, and grant writing. The 31-credit certificate program includes 10 courses designed to cover the breadth of emergency management and disaster preparedness.

HGTC President, Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, expressed her excitement about the program's potential, *"This new program not only reflects HGTC's commitment to staying ahead of the evolving needs of our community, but it also opens doors for our students to engage in a critical and growing field. We are proud to provide the education and training necessary to shape future leaders in disaster preparedness and emergency management."*



A key driver for the creation of the program was the growing demand for professionals in the field, as highlighted by a comprehensive needs assessment conducted by the College. This assessment indicated the need for 54 new positions by the end of 2024, increasing to 61 by 2026. Full-time professionals in this field can expect an average salary of \$53,640, while part-time positions offer an average wage of \$21.75 per hour.

Samuel Hodge, Director of Emergency Management for Horry County Government, praised the initiative, *"With the increasing complexity of emergencies in our region, the need for trained professionals has never been greater. HGTC's new program will play a pivotal role in ensuring we have qualified leaders who are prepared to respond to and manage crises."*

The Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management pathway is also expected to foster new transfer opportunities with HGTC's senior institution partners, including Coastal Carolina University, The Citadel, Francis Marion University, and others. This will offer graduates additional pathways to further their education in emergency management and related fields.

Dr. Theresa Strong, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Business, Computer Technology, and Personal Services, highlighted the importance of the new program, *"This pathway gives students a unique opportunity to specialize in a rapidly growing area of public service while building a strong business administration foundation. It's an ideal blend of technical expertise and management skills that will make our graduates stand out in the workforce."*

The program is the result of extensive collaboration between HGTC, local industry experts, and an advisory board comprised of key community leaders. Their unanimous support underscores the critical need for emergency management education in the region.

For more information on the Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management certificate and pathway, please contact Dr. Theresa Strong, HGTC Assistant Vice President & Dean, at 843-349-7559 or theresa.strong@hgtc.edu.

Partnerships

HGTC, Tidelands Health Partner to Open Education Center, Significantly Expand Nursing Program

Tidelands Health and Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) are expanding the organizations' longtime partnership with an innovative strategy to educate and train more registered nurses to meet growing demand. Through support from the not-for-profit health system, HGTC is expanding its nursing program to a new location on the Tidelands Health campus in Murrells Inlet.



The partnership is allowing more aspiring nurses to enroll in HGTC's nursing degree program, which had reached capacity at its locations in Myrtle Beach and Georgetown. The new location's first cohort of up to 24 nursing students starts class today and will officially move into the new Tidelands Health HGTC Education Center on the Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital campus this fall when renovations are complete.

"We are thrilled to announce a significant milestone for Horry-Georgetown Technical College and the communities we serve," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC president. *"Starting in the fall of 2024, we will extend our nursing classes to a new location in Murrells Inlet. This expansion reflects our unwavering commitment to providing accessible and high-quality nursing education. It has been made possible through the generous support and longstanding partnership with Tidelands Health, representing an ongoing collaborative effort to meet the growing health care needs of our region."*

The newly established education site coordinated by the region's largest health system and HGTC provides the opportunity for an additional 24 students to enroll in the two-year nursing program, training more nurses to help meet demand in the fast-growing Grand Strand region. Students may qualify for zero tuition through the SC-WINS program, a workforce initiative that allows students entering fields such as nursing to get their education paid through grants.

"The Tidelands Health HGTC Education Center is a game-changer as we continue to pursue creative strategies for recruiting and training future health care professionals," said Jeremy Stephens, Tidelands Health executive vice president and chief human resources officer. *"Tidelands Health can always count on our partners at Horry-Georgetown Technical College to work with us on innovative ways to meet workforce needs with a focus on the health and well-being of the residents in our region."*

Students in this new cohort will be headquartered on a hospital campus – a first for HGTC's health care program.

The Tidelands Health HGTC Education Center will be located on the Tidelands Waccamaw campus, where students will complete classroom instruction in an innovative 12,000-square-foot center that will simulate a health care environment with hospital patient beds and exam rooms. Students will also complete clinical rotations inside Tidelands Waccamaw.

"Our clinical team is eager to welcome these students to our Murrells Inlet campus this fall," said Ashley Capps, vice president of operations and chief nursing officer at Tidelands Health. *"This new initiative with Horry-Georgetown Technical College provides a wonderful opportunity for future nurses to learn in a real-world environment and get a true sense of what it's like to be a dedicated nurse providing high-quality, compassionate care. Our Tidelands Health nurses embrace this opportunity to share our passion and expertise in caring for others with these new nursing students."*

As part of its McRoy and Jo Skipper Initiative for Learning and Teaching, Tidelands Health is donating infrastructure and equipment for the simulation center and providing adjunct faculty for the nursing program, which is part of the health system's comprehensive strategy to invest in the next generation of health care professionals to serve the region. Tidelands Health and HGTC have collaborated on health care education and training initiatives for decades. In 2004, the health system donated \$1 million to support the construction of the health care education wing on HGTC's Georgetown campus.

"As we prepare to welcome students to the new site this fall, I invite everyone to join us in celebrating this achievement and sharing this exciting news," Dr. Fore said. *"Together, we are not only educating the next generation of nurses but also strengthening the health and well-being of the communities we serve."*

Left to right: Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks, Executive Vice president for Academic and Workforce Development at HGTC; Jeremy Stephens, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at Tidelands Health; Jo Beck, Professor and Chair of Nursing at HGTC; Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President at HGTC; Bruce Bailey, President and CEO of Tidelands Health; Ann Daniels, Assistant Vice President and Dean for the School of Nursing at HGTC; Caitlyn Krask, Manager Student and Volunteer Programs at Tidelands Health; Nathan Mattox, Director Hospital Medicine Clinical Services Center at Tidelands Health.

HGTC Supports Stand Down for Homeless Veterans Event on October 18

HGTC proudly supported and participated in the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans event hosted by The Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center (VWHRC) on Friday, October 18, 2024. The event was held at the Myrtle Beach Outpatient Clinic location, 1800 Airpark Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

The Stand Down for Veterans event is designed to provide essential services to veterans, particularly those who are homeless, and is part of a nationwide initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). HGTC is committed to being a part of this important event by providing vital health services through the College's Dental and EMT programs, as well as offering workforce development information.

At the event, HGTC hosted a table where attendees learned about educational and career opportunities available through the College's workforce development efforts. HGTC dental students, supervised by a licensed dentist, performed basic dental screenings and provided referrals for ongoing dental care. In addition, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students assisted VA personnel with vital signs, check-in, and medical history assessments, ensuring that veterans receive thorough health evaluations.

Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC, emphasized the importance of community involvement for students and the College alike, *"At HGTC, we believe that community service ignites a spark of compassion and responsibility in our students, and this event is a shining example of how they can give back to those who have served our country. Supporting veterans not only aligns with our College's mission but also enriches the lives of our students through hands-on experience and service."*

This initiative also allowed HGTC's Health Sciences division to meet its program promotion and community service objectives, highlighting the College's commitment to giving back to the community while providing essential care to those who need it most.

The Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center's mission is to end veteran homelessness by assisting local honorably discharged veterans with job placement, filing claims with the VA, helping those facing financial difficulties, and providing temporary shelter to homeless veterans until permanent housing can be secured.



HGTC and CCU Celebrate School Counselors at Appreciation Luncheon



Dr. Cindy Johnston, HGTC Assistant Vice President for Student Enrollment Services, presents HGTC information to the school counselors at the appreciation luncheon.

HGTC and Coastal Carolina University (CCU) proudly co-hosted the annual School Counselor Appreciation Luncheon, celebrating the commitment of high school counselors who guide the region's youth toward a bright future. The luncheon, held in the elegant Allen Ballroom of the Singleton Building on the CCU campus, honored the essential role of school counselors in preparing students for success and connecting them to life-changing educational opportunities.

Each year, this much-anticipated event brings together school counselors from local counties, providing them with fresh insights, resources, and tools to help students navigate their academic journeys. More than 40 counselors were in attendance this year to learn more about the two (2) higher education institutions.

The luncheon featured inspiring presentations from HGTC and CCU leaders, sharing exciting updates on new academic programs, expanded facilities, admissions processes, and initiatives designed to make college more accessible and affordable. These updates equip counselors with the latest information to support students and families in making informed choices about their educational paths.

Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC, expressed deep gratitude for the counselors' work, stating, *"School counselors are the champions behind our students' successes. Their tireless support, encouragement, and guidance light the path for our future leaders. We are immensely grateful for all they do."*

HGTC and CCU leaders also emphasized the power of partnership in making a positive impact on the community. This luncheon embodies the spirit of collaboration between HGTC and CCU, underscoring the shared commitment to excellence in education and student success.



Stand Down for Veterans event, October 18, 2024.



BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING



Above left to right: BJ Beaver, Partnership Grand Strand; Eileen Patonay, South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce; Doug Obenour, Building Talent Foundation; Vincent Myers, Horry-Georgetown Technical College; Amanda Van Natta, Horry County Schools; Morgan Dendy, Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

Small sampling of programs represented.

BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING

**Mechanics
Industrial Maintenance Technician**

ENTRY WAGE	ENTRY SALARY	DESCRIPTION
\$22.21	\$46,321	Operates, sets, maintains, or adjusts mechanical, electrical, pneumatic, or hydraulic machinery and equipment. May operate mechanical equipment to assemble or repair electrical information or data such as all types of radio, building, or for similar industries. They repair equipment, or hardware when needed. May assist engineers in testing and designing solution equipment.

EDUCATION REQUIRED
Apprenticeship
On-the-Job Training
Technical College

JOB TRAINING
Employees in these occupations usually spend one or two years of working training, both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING

Landscaping & Groundskeeping Worker

ENTRY WAGE	ENTRY SALARY	DESCRIPTION
\$16.89	\$35,120	Landscapes or maintains grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: mowing, weeding, trimming, pruning, watering, fertilizing, digging, seeding, spreading mulch, and installation of mulch-free engineered concrete masonry wall curbs.

EDUCATION REQUIRED
No Education Required
Apprenticeship
On-the-Job Training
Technical College

JOB TRAINING
Employees in these occupations are typically not required to have a formal education or training beyond high school. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING

Commercial Truck Driver

ENTRY WAGE	ENTRY SALARY	DESCRIPTION
\$26.12	\$54,320	Operates commercial trucks to transport goods and passengers. May be required to drive long distances. May be required to drive through difficult terrain. May be required to drive through difficult terrain. May be required to drive through difficult terrain.

EDUCATION REQUIRED
No Education Required
Apprenticeship
On-the-Job Training
Technical College

JOB TRAINING
Employees in these occupations are typically not required to have a formal education or training beyond high school. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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HGTC Celebrates Success of “Build Something Amazing” Event

HGTC, in partnership with the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, Horry County Schools, Partnership Grand Strand, and the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, successfully hosted the “Build Something Amazing” event on November 20, 2024, at HGTC’s Grand Strand Campus Conference Center. The career exploration event welcomed nearly 500 high school seniors from across Horry County for an immersive experience in skilled trades, connecting students directly with faculty, industry leaders, and hands-on demonstrations in fields such as electrical, HVAC, welding, and automotive technology.

This impactful collaboration between HGTC, local businesses, and community partners provided students a first-hand look at the career opportunities available within skilled trades. Business representatives, faculty, and advisory board members worked together to give students a comprehensive understanding of career and apprenticeship options, including pathways in plumbing, construction, and mechanics.

“We were thrilled to see so many Horry County students engaging with local industry professionals and exploring the possibilities available to them in skilled trades,” said HGTC President, Dr. Marilyn “Murph” Fore. *“This event represents our shared commitment to guiding students towards careers that not only support our community but also offer them fulfilling and rewarding futures. It was a true celebration of partnership and purpose.”*

The event highlighted HGTC’s commitment to workforce development, showcasing the college’s extensive degree and certificate programs tailored to meet the needs of today’s evolving economy. Students gained valuable insights through hands-on demonstrations, faculty interactions, and discussions with representatives from local businesses, apprenticeship programs, and organizations like Apprenticeship Carolina and the Building Talent Foundation.

“The success of the ‘Build Something Amazing’ event was a true testament to the power of collaboration,” said Dr. Fore. *“With the incredible support of Horry County Schools, Partnership Grand Strand, the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SC DEW), and the Building Talent Foundation, we were able to provide a transformative experience for Horry County’s high school seniors. Together, we offered students an in-depth look at the promising careers available in skilled trades and underscored the strength of our region’s commitment to developing a robust and talented workforce. We are grateful for the unified efforts of all our partners in creating an inspiring pathway to success for these young individuals.”*

Key Highlights of the Event

Interactive Career Exploration: Students rotated through engaging stations representing fields such as CDL, diesel mechanics, machine tool technology, and marine and boat building, discovering the diversity of careers available.

Pathways to Apprenticeships: With representatives from leading local businesses on hand, students learned about apprenticeships and job shadowing opportunities, gaining a clearer picture of the skills and experiences needed for success in various trades.

Community Partnership: Business leaders, educational partners, and community organizations united to bridge the gap between industry needs and educational offerings, fostering a stronger connection between students and future employers.

Through this unique experience, students left with a new understanding of the many opportunities available to them right here in Horry County. The event underscored the region’s commitment to building a skilled workforce and the valuable role that education, business, and community collaboration play in preparing the next generation of professionals.

Scott Shoemaker, HGTC Professor, talks to students about the HGTC Electrical Lineworker Program and other engineering technology programs.



BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING

Truck Driver (CDL)

ENTRY WAGE \$15.05
ENTRY SALARY \$31,304

DESCRIPTION
Drive a motor vehicle combination or a truck with a capacity of 10,000 to 20,000 pounds which is registered in this state, or a motor vehicle combination or truck, requires commercial driver's license. Includes tow truck drivers.

EDUCATION REQUIRED
No Education Program
High School Diploma or GED
Apprenticeship
On-the-Job Training
Technical College

JOB TRAINING
Employees in these occupations need experience from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

See QR Code For Related HGTC Program Information.

BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING

Construction Laborer

ENTRY WAGE \$15.05
ENTRY SALARY \$31,304

DESCRIPTION
Perform tasks involving physical labor at construction sites. May operate hand and power tools of all types at homes, earth-retention, water control, small industrial plants, or other construction projects, and a variety of other equipment and installations. May clean and prepare sites. Employees are known to support the tasks of excavation, erect scaffolding, and take up utility, electric, and other water materials. May assist other work workers.

EDUCATION REQUIRED
No Education Program
High School Diploma or GED
Apprenticeship
On-the-Job Training
Technical College

JOB TRAINING
Employees in these occupations need experience from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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BUILD SOMETHING AMAZING

Electrical Lineman Technician

ENTRY WAGE \$23.63
ENTRY SALARY \$49,150

DESCRIPTION
Install or repair cables or wires used in electrical power or distribution systems. May erect poles and fight or heavy duty transmission lines.

EDUCATION REQUIRED
High School Diploma or GED
Apprenticeship
On-the-Job Training
Technical College

JOB TRAINING
Employees in these occupations need experience from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

See QR Code For Related HGTC Program Information.

HGTC Celebrates Local Workforce Development at Annual Apprenticeship Appreciation Event

HGTC, in partnership with Apprenticeship Carolina, hosted its first Apprenticeship Appreciation Event at the HGTC Conference and Business Center on the Grand Strand Campus. The event brought together local businesses, apprentices, and community leaders to celebrate the success of Registered Apprenticeship programs in the region.

Participating organizations included AGRU America, Brightwater Senior Living, Building Talent Foundation, Carolina Temperature Control, City of North Myrtle Beach, Doctors Care, First Choice Plumbing, Kokobeez, Positive Moves, UCI Medical Affiliates, the US Department of Labor, and Visions. The event featured engaging discussions, networking opportunities, and a slideshow showcasing apprentices and staff from the participating companies.

"This event was a powerful reminder of how partnerships between industry and education can transform careers and strengthen our community," said Vincent Myers, HGTC Workforce Development Manager. *"We were honored to recognize the contributions of our apprenticeship partners and the remarkable potential of their employees."*

The event highlighted the value of Registered Apprenticeship programs in addressing workforce development needs by providing hands-on training opportunities. Attendees celebrated the success stories of apprentices while fostering connections to support the growth of these programs in the future.

HGTC and Apprenticeship Carolina remain committed to empowering local businesses with the talent and resources needed to thrive in today's economy.

For more information about apprenticeship opportunities with HGTC, please contact Vincent Myers, HGTC Workforce Development Manager, at vincent.myers@hgtc.edu or 843-349-5387.

For more information about Apprenticeship Carolina, please contact Tania Appel, Apprenticeship Consultant, at appel@sctechsystem.edu or 803-397-0278.



Left to right: Vincent Myers, Horry-Georgetown Technical College; Tania Appel, Apprenticeship Carolina; Cleveland Williams, U.S. Dept. of Labor; Amber Morris, UCI Medical Affiliates; Roy Robinson, U.S. Dept. of Labor; Leslie Lovett, Apprenticeship Carolina.





HGTC and CCU Present the 3rd Annual Light Up the Night 5K

HGTC and Coastal Carolina University (CCU) teamed up again to support the CCU Department of Public Safety's efforts to assist HGTC & CCU students affected by relationship violence. Over 400 runners walked, strolled and ran for the third annual Light Up the Night 5K, which took place on Friday, October 25, at 7:30 pm! The race started at Coastal Carolina University, winding through HGTC's Campus, and finished with an epic afterparty and awards ceremony at CCU's Brooks Stadium. All ages and abilities were welcome, and everyone received a Light Up the Night T-shirt and swag bag. All proceeds went to support the CCU & HGTC Victim Assistance Fund, helping student victims of relationship violence. It was a great run for a great cause!



HGTC Culinary International Institute to Host ProStart Leadership Training and Teacher Recognition Dinner

The HGTC International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach hosted the ProStart Leadership Training at the Grand Strand Campus. This event is organized in partnership with the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (SCRLA) and included participation from both South Carolina and North Carolina ProStart instructors.

The two-day event featured a series of skills workshops, industry presentations, and networking opportunities aimed at enhancing the culinary and management skills of ProStart educators. The event also included a Teacher Recognition Dinner, honoring the dedication and contributions of culinary instructors. This dinner is expected to be attended by approximately 50 instructors.

Event Highlights:

- **Skills Workshops:** Hands-on sessions led by renowned chefs, including:
 - Chef Middleton: Understanding How We Taste to Create Memorable Plated Desserts
 - Chef Lui: Wok Techniques & Stir Frying
 - Chef Tany: Understanding and Making Perfect Risotto
 - Chef Schuster: Contemporary Plant Forward Cooking
- **Industry Presentations:** Insights from industry leaders such as Martin Cauz from Divine Dining Group and Chef Brian Hay, Culinary School Specialist at Zwilling School Knife Program.
- **Teacher Recognition Dinner:** A special dinner to honor culinary instructors, fostering a sense of community and appreciation among educators.

Dr. Marilyn “Murph” Fore, President of HGTC, expressed her enthusiasm for the event, stating, *“We are thrilled to host the ProStart Leadership Training at our International Culinary Institute. This event underscores our commitment to culinary education and the professional development of our educators. We look forward to welcoming instructors from both South Carolina and North Carolina and providing them with valuable learning experiences.”*

Chef Joseph Bonaparte, Executive Director of the International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach, added, *“The ProStart program is instrumental in shaping the future of the culinary industry. By hosting this event, we aim to equip educators with the skills and knowledge they need to inspire the next generation of culinary professionals. We are excited to collaborate with SCRLA and other industry partners to make this event a success.”*

Below: Students and teachers arrive at the HGTC International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach for the opening reception.

Right: Chef Kurt Lechner from the HGTC International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach conducts a chocolate tempering and truffle-making workshop.



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Zero Tuition

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HGTC Continues Zero Tuition Programs for 2024-2025 Year

HGTC proudly announced the continuation of its zero tuition programs for the 2024-2025 academic year. HGTC remains committed to providing affordable education that aligns with high-demand career fields as one of the most affordable institutions of higher education in the state. Students can pursue their career goals without financial worry as HGTC makes education more accessible and affordable.

“We are dedicated to supporting our students in achieving their educational and career aspirations,” said Dr. Marilyn “Murph” Fore, President of HGTC. *“Students taking classes in Fall 2024 may receive the SC·WINS funding if eligibility and program criteria are met. It is important to note SC·WINS provides funding for courses taught through the Academic and Workforce Development divisions.”*

The South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SC·WINS) is a statewide technical college scholarship program designed to address workforce shortages in South Carolina. The scholarship supplements Lottery Tuition Assistance to help cover any tuition and mandatory fees left after applying all other scholarships or grants.

The SC·WINS guidelines outline priority program categories for all colleges in the South Carolina Technical College System. These programs were selected based on statewide data in critical workforce areas and include both academic and workforce development tracks.

HGTC is proud to highlight the inspirational journey of Kimberly Brown, a 26-year-old single mother whose life has been transformed by the SC·WINS scholarship. Originally from North Carolina and now residing in South Carolina, Kimberly’s story is a testament to resilience, hard work, and the power of education.

She moved to South Carolina in February 2021 and initially completed a certificate in office administration after high school. However, her passion for the medical field remained unfulfilled. As a single mother with a 15-month-old daughter, Kimberly faced significant financial challenges. Prior to her pregnancy, she worked 14-hour shifts in sales at Coastal Chevrolet Cadillac in Pawleys Island, a job she enjoyed and excelled in. But the demands of motherhood necessitated a



Christine Farrior (right), HGTC Professor of Phlebotomy and 2024 HGTC Professor of the Year, instructs Kimberly Brown (left), HGTC Patient Care Technician student, in her phlebotomy class.



Kimberly Brown (right), performs what she’s learned on a fellow student in the phlebotomy class at HGTC.

career change, leading her to part-time work as a server at Cracker Barrel, while also caring for her disabled mother.

Despite these challenges, Kimberly’s determination to improve her life and provide a better future for her daughter never wavered. In May 2024, she began classes at HGTC, aiming to complete the Patient Care Technician program by spring 2025. She has already begun her clinicals in phlebotomy at Waccamaw Hospital, demonstrating her commitment and dedication to her studies.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SC·WINS

Academic Program Students:

- Must be a South Carolina resident.
- Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Complete the required documentation.
- Complete the FAFSA and all required Financial Aid documents.

Workforce Development Students:

- Must be a South Carolina resident.
- Complete the required documentation.



Kimberly credits the SC·WINS scholarship for making her educational journey possible.

"The scholarship has helped me so much," she shared. "I did work before I got pregnant with my daughter, but with the 14-hour shifts, I just was not able to continue. When I initially sought to go back to school, I was turned down for financial aid because I was making enough income at my previous employer. I had given up on my dream and then, my advisor told me about the SC·WINS program. Of course, without the scholarship, I couldn't financially go back to school on my own. Being in the medical field has been a long-term goal of mine, and this scholarship is providing me with a way to do that."

The Patient Care Technician program at HGTC is an accelerated program, preparing students like Kimberly for immediate employment in the healthcare sector. Her long-term goal is to continue her education by pursuing an associate degree in nursing, with hopes of eventually becoming a teacher in the field. Her dedication to caring for others has been a driving force throughout her life, and she is eager to make a positive impact in her community.

"I am grateful to Horry-Georgetown Technical College for the opportunity to do what I love," said Brown. "I heard good things about the instructors, and they have lived up to every expectation."

Kimberly Brown's story is a powerful reminder of how scholarships and educational opportunities can change lives. HGTC is honored to be part of her journey and looks forward to seeing her achieve her dreams.

The SC·WINS Scholarship is also available to Dual Enrollment students who are receiving a Lottery Tuition Assistance Program Scholarship (LTAP) and majoring in a critical workforce area as defined by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. An additional affidavit will need to be completed and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid.

Eligible students will be provided access to the scholarship (up to a maximum of \$5,000 for the academic year). The scholarship provides \$2,500 per semester (Fall and Spring, with any remaining balance up to \$5,000 applied to Summer if necessary) to cover the cost of tuition, fees, and course materials. SC·WINS is a "last dollar" scholarship, applied after all other sources of aid.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit hgtc.edu or contact the HGTC Office of Financial Aid.

"Building on the success of previous initiatives, HGTC remains committed to empowering students and enhancing the local workforce by offering education without the burden of tuition costs. Join us in the 2024-2025 academic year and take the next step towards a brighter future," said Nicole Hyman, HGTC Public Relations Director.

Employee News

HGTC Employees Raise \$1,260 for Leukemia Research Foundation During Blue Jeans Week Fundraiser

HGTC employees, under the leadership of the Academic and Workforce Development Division, raised an impressive \$1,260 for the Leukemia Research Foundation (LRF) during the semi-annual Blue Jeans Week Fundraiser held from September 23-27, 2024. This initiative, which allows participants to wear jeans for a donation of \$5 per day or \$20 for the entire week, was created to foster community engagement and support important causes like leukemia research.

This year's event had a special significance for the HGTC family. A few years ago, LRF played a crucial role in supporting one of HGTC's own, Jill Glasser, during her personal battle with leukemia. The assistance provided to Jill and her family was instrumental in her journey, and this year, the HGTC community came together to give back.

Reflecting on her experience, Glasser shared, *"LRF provided me with information and support while I battled leukemia. I had access to the latest in treatment and clinical trial data, which helped me in my fight. I am an active member of their patient advocate committee, which supports worldwide trials, research, and information for those who have experienced the trauma of a leukemia diagnosis. This organization helped me in many ways, and I am honored that HGTC has chosen them for the Blue Jeans Week charity. Thank you to my HGTC family for all the support and love I feel daily. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful family."*

The funds raised will support LRF's mission to cure leukemia by funding innovative research and providing vital assistance to patients and families during their cancer journey. In the U.S. alone, over 62,000 people will be diagnosed with leukemia this year, with more than 23,000 losing their battle to this devastating disease.

HGTC President, Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, commended HGTC employees for their incredible efforts, *"I am continually amazed by the generosity and compassion of our faculty*



Jill Glasser, Director of Institutional Research (left) and Kari Royals, Administrative Assistant for Academic & Workforce Development.

and staff. This fundraiser exemplifies the heart and spirit of HGTC. By coming together in support of the Leukemia Research Foundation, we're not just raising money, we're giving hope to countless families. Our employees are making a real difference, and I couldn't be prouder of our HGTC community."

HGTC's Blue Jeans Week Fundraiser is held twice a year, with each event benefitting a charitable organization that has made an impact on the lives of employees or students. For Fall 2024, the focus was on leukemia, a cause close to the hearts of many at HGTC.

HGTC Employees Support Colleague Through Blue Jeans Week Fundraiser for Employee Hardship Fund



HGTC employees participated in a special Blue Jeans Week fundraiser October 28 through November 1, raising significant contributions for the Employee Hardship Fund to support a colleague in need. This initiative highlights the College's strong sense of community and dedication to mutual support, as employees come together to lend a helping hand during challenging times.

"Our faculty and staff are the heart of our College," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC. "When we come together to help one another, we demonstrate what it means to be a compassionate community. Through contributions to our Employee Hardship Fund, we're making sure no one faces their difficulties alone."

The Employee Hardship Fund exists to support HGTC employees in times of unforeseen financial difficulty, from medical emergencies to other personal hardships. This Blue Jeans Week is one of many ways HGTC ensures its employees are supported by a network of peers who care. Employees were encouraged to donate through a convenient online portal, allowing easy access to the Employee Hardship Fund.

"We are grateful to everyone who participated," said Jackie Snyder, HGTC's Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Relations. "When we contribute to the Employee Hardship Fund, we're investing in our community, showing that each of us is ready to support a colleague when life takes unexpected turns. It's a reminder that our workplace values go beyond our daily tasks to include care for each other."

The fundraiser comes alongside uplifting news regarding a beloved HGTC faculty member who recently received a successful kidney transplant, thanks to a matching donor. This heartfelt story of resilience and community support highlights the power of kindness within the HGTC family.

Leila Rogers, Professor of Sociology and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, shared her gratitude. *"I want to thank everyone for their prayers and positive vibes for my hope to get a kidney. After a week post-transplant, I am doing remarkably well! The new kidney is kicking! I also want to thank all of you who may have reached out to MUSC to be tested on my behalf. It means more than you will ever know. I was fortunate to find a living donor match quickly, and it could have been one of you! Thanks to everyone for your support and well wishes!"*

This powerful display of unity and compassion is a testament to the strong bonds among HGTC's faculty and staff, reinforcing that each contribution truly makes a difference.



Brandon Haselden, Assistant Vice President, Dean for Academic & Workforce Development; Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks, Executive Vice President for Academic & Workforce Development; Ivan Johnson, Adjunct Welding Professor, Adjunct Faculty of the Year 2024; Terry Smith, Assistant Chair & Professor of HVAC; Jeff Ball, Chair for Academic & Workforce Development.

HGTC Announces Ivan Johnson as Adjunct Faculty of the Year

HGTC presented Ivan Johnson, HGTC Adjunct Faculty for Advanced Welding Technology, with the 2024 HGTC Adjunct Faculty of the Year. As a distinguished member of the Advanced Welding Technology program and an alumnus of HGTC, Mr. Johnson has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the art and science of welding. His commitment to quality of instruction is evident in his efforts to maintain a learning environment where students receive the highest quality of welding instruction. Under his guidance, students have not only met but also exceeded their educational timelines, securing employment and internships ahead of schedule. Congratulations, Ivan!



Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President, presents Temporary Staff of the Year Award 2024, to Karen Focarazzo (right), Adjunct Faculty for Culinary Arts.

HGTC Names Karen Focarazzo Temporary Staff of the Year 2024

HGTC named Karen Focarazzo, HGTC Adjunct Faculty for Culinary Arts, the 2024 HGTC Temporary Staff of the Year. Karen has been a dedicated and invaluable member of the Fowler Dining Room team at the International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach since 2015. Her commitment to excellence, her organizational skills, and her deep care for HGTC students' education have made her a beloved figure in the HGTC community. Congratulations, Karen!

HGTC English Professor Publishes New Book on the Sociocultural Prophecies of Kurt Vonnegut

HGTC announced the publication of *God Bless You, Mr. Vonnegut: The Sociocultural Criticisms and Prophecies of Kurt Vonnegut* by Dr. Michael Roberts, HGTC Professor of English. This compelling work offers a profound analysis of Vonnegut's literary contributions, examining the sociocultural themes, philosophies, and prescient critiques that continue to resonate in today's world.

In this non-fiction work, Dr. Roberts meticulously examines Vonnegut's insights on contemporary issues such as politics, government, environmental challenges, social power dynamics, equality, and the impact of social media. His years

of dedicated research and teaching experience at the college level bring depth and clarity to his exploration of Vonnegut's writings, making the book a valuable resource for both scholars and general readers.

"Dr. Roberts' dedication to literature and to his students is evident in every page of his work," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC. *"This book underscores his commitment to exploring relevant and timely social questions through the lens of literature. We are immensely proud of his achievements and the important contributions he continues to make in academia."*

Dr. Roberts, who has taught at HGTC since 2016 and has over 20 years of experience in higher education, holds degrees from NC State University (Doctoral Degree), UNC Pembroke (Master of Arts), and St. Andrews University (Bachelor of Arts). He is also an accomplished poet, having published three (3) full collections of poetry, including *Scribbled Lines: Life in Pieces*, *The Sounds a Shadow Makes*, and *Aftermath*, as well as chapbooks *Random Roadside Cemetery* and *Daughters, Soulmates, and the Spirit in the Urn*.

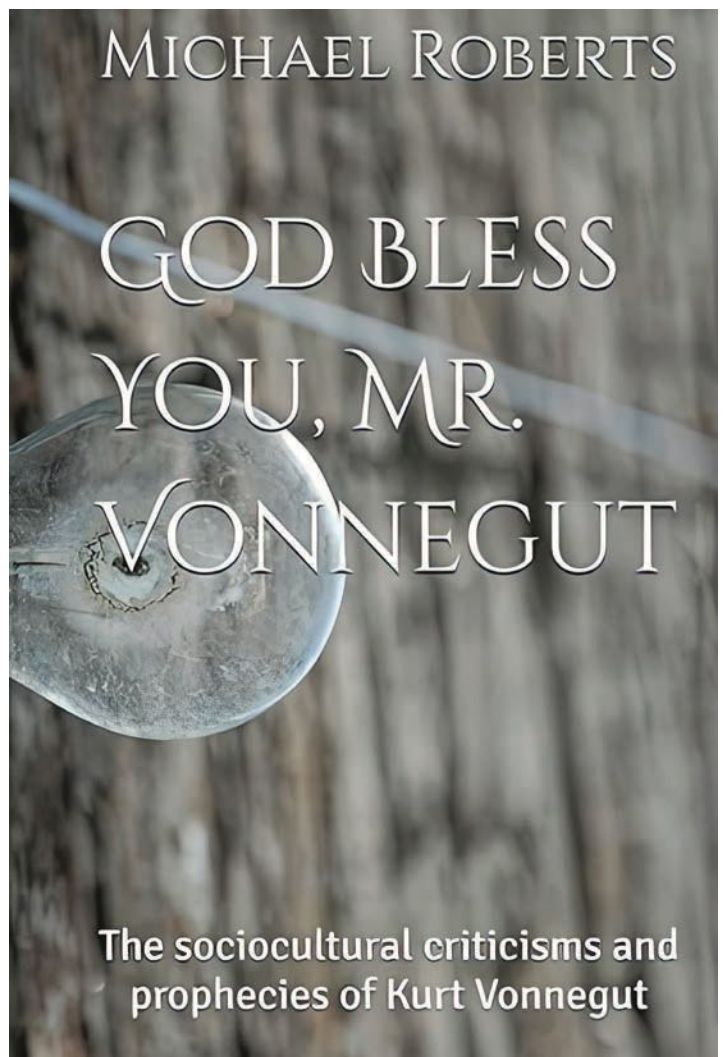
"In exploring Vonnegut's work, I discovered how his narratives and social critiques remain powerfully relevant to our world today," said Dr. Michael Roberts, Professor of English at HGTC. *"Vonnegut saw with striking clarity the complexities of human behavior and the dangers of unchecked power, environmental neglect, and societal division. I hope this book offers readers new insights into his prophetic vision and inspires reflection on how literature can illuminate our present and guide us toward a more conscious future."*

God Bless You, Mr. Vonnegut is available on Amazon and other major retailers. For those interested in exploring the intersections of literature and contemporary societal themes, Dr. Roberts' book promises to be an enlightening and thought-provoking read.

"I have been intermittently working on this book for over five years," continued Dr. Roberts. *"I was always a fan of Vonnegut's novels, and I have read them all—some multiple times. My affinity for his literature led me to present a conference paper on this very subject, initially focusing on just one novel. The response and the rich conversation that followed inspired me to expand the work into a full book. While I've written five books of poetry in the same period, this project has been a true labor of passion, engaging my intellectual side more than the creative impulse poetry often requires. Vonnegut's insights into society remain as thought-provoking as ever, and I hope this book offers readers fresh perspectives on his visionary critiques."*



Dr. Michael Roberts, HGTC Professor of English.



HGTC Employees Spread Holiday Cheer with Meals on Wheels “Adopt a Senior” Program

HGTC employees made the holiday season brighter for local seniors through the Meals on Wheels of Horry & Georgetown Counties “Adopt a Senior” program. As part of the College’s annual Angel Tree Project, individual employees and departments adopted 38 Meals on Wheels seniors, fulfilling their holiday wish lists with thoughtful gifts and essential items.

“This year’s Angel Tree Project was a tremendous success, thanks to the compassionate and giving spirit of our HGTC family,” said Dr. Marilyn “Murphy” Fore, HGTC President. *“We are honored to partner with Meals on Wheels to support their incredible mission and bring comfort and joy to some of our most vulnerable neighbors during this special season.”*

Meals on Wheels provided HGTC with the wish lists, which included practical items such as hygiene products, snacks, clothing, books, stamps, and more. Employees generously shopped, wrapped, and placed the gifts in festive bags, ensuring a joyful holiday for these homebound, elderly, and terminally ill community members.

“The support from Horry-Georgetown Technical College has been nothing short of extraordinary,” said Michael Snuggs, CEO of Meals on Wheels of Horry & Georgetown Counties. *“Their generosity through the ‘Adopt a Senior’ program ensures that 38 of our seniors feel valued and cared for this holiday season. Partnerships like this make our mission possible and bring hope and joy to those who need it most.”*

Currently, Meals on Wheels of Horry & Georgetown Counties serves over 500 locals by providing free, home-delivered meals and companionship to those who are homebound, elderly, or terminally ill. The organization’s “Adopt a Senior” program is a cherished initiative during the holiday season, allowing community members to spread kindness and support.

For more information about Meals on Wheels of Horry and Georgetown Counties, please contact Michael Snuggs or Marlene Straley at mowhorry4@gmail.com or 843-970-2330.



HGTC's beloved mascot, Chomp, delivering gifts to Meals on Wheels as part of the "Adopt a Senior" program, ensuring a happy holiday for 38 local seniors.



HGTC Foundation Partners with the Rebecca C. Parsons Foundation to Support the Andrews Community

The HGTC Foundation announced the establishment of the Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship, made possible by a generous gift from the Rebecca C. Parsons Foundation. The Parsons Foundation has initially committed \$100,000 to this program and has further committed to increasing this gift to accommodate additional students and interest in the Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to provide crucial financial support to residents of the Andrews, SC area while pursuing education or career development at HGTC, particularly those who have been impacted by the recent closure of the International Paper plant. Through this initiative, eligible students will gain access to HGTC's Workforce Development and Advanced Manufacturing programs, empowering them with the skills and training needed to succeed in the evolving job market.

The Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship provides up to \$5,000 per semester (or program term for Workforce Development participants) to assist eligible students with various non-course-related expenses, including rent, utilities, gas, and more. This funding ensures students can focus on their studies without financial strain, covering necessary living costs once federal and state financial aid has addressed tuition and fees. The scholarship is open to students residing in the 29510 zip code and enrolling in any of HGTC's Workforce Development or Advanced Manufacturing programs in the 2025 calendar year. Programs may be completed on any of HGTC's campuses or online. The Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship is in addition to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds that students may be eligible for through SC Works.

"We're immensely grateful for the incredible support from the Rebecca C. Parsons Foundation," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC President. "This scholarship will uplift members of the Andrews community, allowing them to pursue education and training that paves the way for new career opportunities. The scholarship represents our commitment to supporting

student success, not only in the classroom but in every aspect of their lives."

The HGTC Foundation will further amplify the scholarship's impact through a community-wide matching grant campaign, challenging additional donors to extend financial assistance beyond Andrews to all workers affected by the International Paper plant closure. This initiative aims to build a robust fund to support displaced workers without geographic restrictions.

William Gaskins, Jr., a Trustee of the Rebecca C. Parsons Foundation, shared his excitement for the partnership. *"The Parsons Foundation is proud and honored to support the people of Andrews through this scholarship. We hope that many can take advantage of this opportunity in these trying times for our community. In this moment, our Foundation's trustees felt the need to take bold action to support our neighbors. This is the first step of an investment in the personal growth of our fellow citizens and our community's path to economic recovery. We hope this will serve as a catalyst for other donors to join us in supporting those who need it most in our community."*

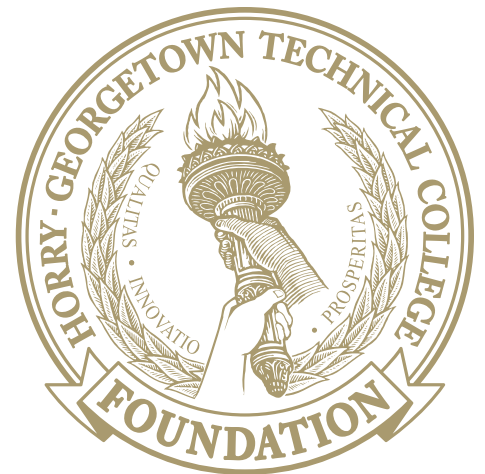
Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the opportunity for meaningful change. *"The Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship is a life-altering gift for residents in Andrews facing unexpected economic challenges. We are inspired by the Parsons Foundation's leadership in this effort and are committed to leveraging this opportunity to bring long-lasting benefits to our entire region."*

The HGTC Foundation looks forward to formally recognizing this partnership and the Parsons Foundation's generosity with a check presentation ceremony during the upcoming International Paper Rapid Response Hiring Event on November 21-22 in Georgetown. This event will serve to highlight HGTC's role in Georgetown County's economic recovery, the opportunities presented by this scholarship, and the call to other community members and organizations to consider making contributions to support HGTC students as they work toward brighter futures.

"While dislocated workers qualify for tuition and some supportive assistance through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the additional funding available through the Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship will be an invaluable resource," said Rusty Gaskins, Business and Economic Services Manager for the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments. "This scholarship is designed to go beyond tuition, covering essential living expenses that may otherwise hinder an individual's path to success. We're committed to helping these workers rebuild their futures with the confidence that they have the support they need every step of the way."



Left to right: Jeff Ball, HGTC Chair for Academic & Workforce Development
Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC President
Brandon Haselden, HGTC Assistant Vice President, Dean for Academic & Workforce Development
Frank McClary, Mayor of Andrews
William Gaskins, Jr., Trustee of the Rebecca C. Parsons Foundation
Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO
Mauretta Wilson, Town Administrator for Andrews



For more information on the Parsons Foundation Opportunity Scholarship or eligibility requirements, please contact the HGTC Foundation at 843-477-2105 or visit the website.

HGTC Foundation Receives \$10,000 Matching Grant from Anderson Brothers Bank on Giving Tuesday

The HGTC Foundation announced that Anderson Brothers Bank has pledged a \$10,000 matching grant on Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2024. This generous commitment amplifies the Foundation's efforts to support students and communities affected by the International Paper plant closure through the innovative IP Opportunity Scholarship initiative.

This matching grant aligns with the HGTC Foundation's partnership with the Rebecca C. Parsons Foundation, which has issued a \$100,000 Challenge Grant to galvanize additional contributions from area businesses. Together, these funds aim to build a robust scholarship program providing displaced workers in Horry and Georgetown counties with vital financial resources to access HGTC's Workforce Development and Advanced Manufacturing programs.

"Through Anderson Brothers Bank's generous contribution, we are doubling the impact of Giving Tuesday donations," said Shannon Detzler, President & CEO of the HGTC Foundation. *"Their support reflects our shared commitment to empowering individuals and strengthening our community. Together, we are creating life-changing opportunities for those impacted by the International Paper plant closure."*

The IP Opportunity Scholarship offers displaced workers up to \$5,000 per semester to help cover essential living expenses such as rent, utilities, and transportation. By addressing these financial barriers, the scholarship allows recipients to focus on their education and career development, setting them on a path to success in the evolving job market.

This Giving Tuesday, the HGTC Foundation invites the community to join this transformative initiative. Contributions will be matched effectively doubling the impact of each donation. Donors can choose to designate their gifts to the IP Opportunity Scholarship or any other HGTC program that resonates with their values.



Left to right: Bryan Lenertz, Anderson Brothers Bank Senior Vice President – Regional Executive; Taylor Anderson, Anderson Brothers Bank Vice President, Branch Manager – Georgetown; Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO; Harold Hawley, HGTC Vice President for Finance & Administration.

How to Give

Visit the HGTC Foundation website at [HGTC Foundation Donation Link](#) to make a secure donation online. Contributions are tax-deductible and help transform the lives of students in our community.

For more information about the IP Opportunity Scholarship, eligibility requirements, or how to contribute to this life-changing initiative, please contact the HGTC Foundation at 843-477-2105 or email Shannon Detzler at shannon.detzler@hgtc.edu.

The purpose of the HGTC Foundation is to raise funds to support the programs, services and activities of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, its students and employees, and to create and strengthen positive relations between the College and the community.

For more information on the HGTC Foundation's Giving Tuesday campaign, please visit the website or call 843-477-2105.

HGTC Foundation Receives \$25,000 Grant from Ocean View Memorial Foundation

The HGTC Foundation was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Ocean View Memorial Foundation. This generous donation will support the College's ongoing efforts to enhance educational opportunities and provide essential equipment for its programs, particularly in response to the workforce needs within the healthcare sector.

The grant was presented by Jon Craig Howell with the Community Grants Committee of the Ocean View Memorial Foundation, reflecting a commitment to improving the lives of students and the community in Myrtle Beach.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from the Ocean View Memorial Foundation," said Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, President of HGTC. "This funding will not only enhance our educational resources but will also play a crucial role in preparing our students for successful careers in healthcare. Our long-term partnership with the Ocean View Memorial Foundation exemplifies the shared dedication to addressing the critical workforce needs in our region."

Mr. Jon Craig Howell, Treasurer and Board Member of the Ocean View Memorial Foundation, added, *"We are proud to support HGTC and its mission to empower students. Investing in education is investing in the future of our community. We believe this grant will make a significant impact on student success and the healthcare workforce."*

HGTC looks forward to utilizing these funds to further its mission of providing high-quality education and training for students, ensuring they are well-prepared to meet the demands of the healthcare industry.

"On behalf of the HGTC Foundation, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Ocean View Memorial Foundation for the generous support. This grant not only strengthens our partnership but also underscores our shared commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for our students. Together, we are helping to build a brighter future for our community by ensuring that our workforce is equipped with the skills necessary to thrive in the healthcare industry," said Shannon Detzler, President & CEO for the HGTC Foundation.



Left to right: Mrs. Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO; Mr. Jon Craig Howell, Ocean View Memorial Foundation Treasurer & Board Member; Attorney at the Bellamy Law Firm.

HGTC Foundation Receives Donation from The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Myrtle Beach Chapter



Left to right: Dr. Marilyn “Murph” Fore, HGTC President; Mr. John Sawyer, Chairperson of the HGTC Foundation; Mrs. Allyson Hirsh, Bailli of The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Myrtle Beach Chapter; Mr. Tony Hirsh, Board Member of The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Myrtle Beach Chapter; Mrs. Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO.

The HGTC Foundation received a significant donation of \$15,016.33 from The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Myrtle Beach Chapter, an esteemed international organization devoted to nurturing culinary talent and fostering a passion for the culinary arts.

This generous contribution will directly benefit the International Culinary Institute’s Student Clubs, student-run initiatives aimed at developing the next generation of chefs and food enthusiasts through hands-on learning and mentorship. The funds will be used to support a range of programs, including cooking classes, culinary competitions, and mentorship opportunities that inspire aspiring chefs. The donation will also be used to purchase essential kitchen equipment, top-quality ingredients, and educational resources that will enhance the participants’ training experience.

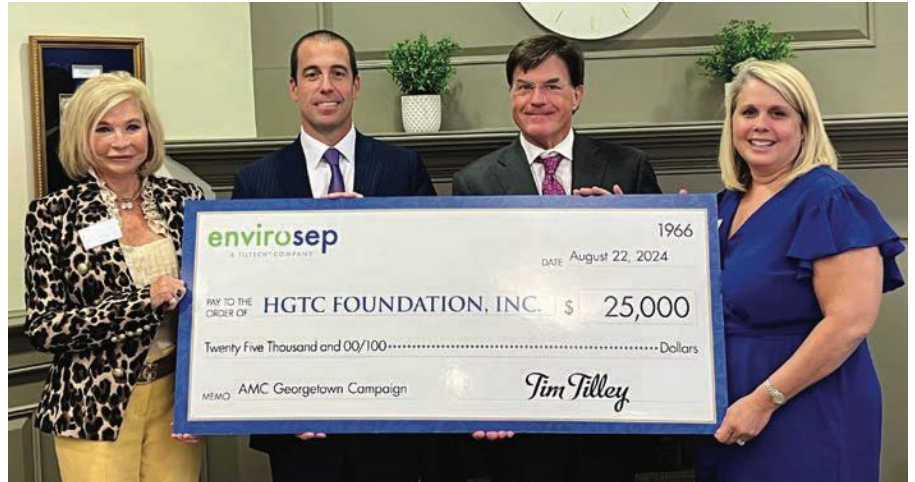
“The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is honored to support the International Culinary Institute’s Student Clubs with a mission to inspire and develop the next generation of chefs,” said Allyson Hirsh, Bailli of The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Myrtle Beach Chapter. *“As an organization that celebrates the art of fine dining and culinary excellence, the Chaîne recognizes the importance of fostering talent at a local level. This donation is a reflection of the Chaîne’s commitment to the culinary community here in Myrtle Beach.”*

The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Myrtle Beach Chapter has a rich tradition of championing culinary education and promoting kitchen excellence. The local chapter is deeply engaged in charitable and educational endeavors, and this latest contribution further underscores its commitment to making a meaningful difference in the local community.

“The HGTC Foundation is deeply grateful for this impactful donation, which will empower students to refine their culinary skills and gain valuable hands-on experience,” said Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO.

“The International Culinary Institute’s Student Clubs are a vital part of our culinary arts program, offering students and community members the opportunity to explore and advance their culinary passion in a collaborative environment,” said Joe Bonaparte, HGTC Executive Director for the International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach.

HGTC Foundation Receives \$25,000 from EnviroSep



Left to right: Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC President; Mr. John Sawyer, HGTC Foundation Chairperson; Mr. Tim Tilley, EnviroSep CEO; Mrs. Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO.

The HGTC Foundation received a generous \$25,000 donation from EnviroSep, a leading provider of engineered products and services for fluid handling, heat transfer, and energy recovery. This contribution will support the Georgetown Center for Advanced Manufacturing Center (GCAM) on the Georgetown Campus, which aims to advance workforce development and manufacturing education in the Lowcountry.

The donation will enhance educational facilities and programs at HGTC's Georgetown Campus, directly benefiting students through expanded opportunities for hands-on learning in a cutting-edge manufacturing environment. The GCAM focuses on preparing students for high-demand careers in the region's growing industrial sector, equipping them with the technical skills needed to thrive.

Tim Tilley, CEO of EnviroSep, expressed the company's enthusiasm for supporting the initiative, stating, *"We are proud to support HGTC and its commitment to providing students with the skills needed to thrive in today's advanced manufacturing landscape. As a company that values innovation and local talent, we believe in the power of education to drive economic growth and create sustainable career opportunities in our community. This donation is a tribute to our commitment to both the region and the next generation of skilled professionals."*

The HGTC Foundation, a nonprofit organization, works in collaboration with donors, businesses, and community leaders to provide funding for scholarships and programs that drive

student success. The GCAM plays a pivotal role in ensuring that students have access to advanced training and resources in fields such as welding, machine tool, mechatronics, and other industrial disciplines.

Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC, praised the impact of the donation, saying, *"We are incredibly grateful to EnviroSep for their generous support. Their investment in our Georgetown Center for Advanced Manufacturing is not only an investment in our students but also in the future of our region's workforce. Partnerships like this are essential to HGTC's mission of providing education that fuels economic growth and opportunity."*

The Georgetown Center for Advanced Manufacturing on the Georgetown Campus is serving as a regional hub for workforce training, helping students gain the skills needed by local employers while fostering economic growth in the community.

"We are deeply grateful to EnviroSep for this significant contribution to our Georgetown Center for Advanced Manufacturing. Their generous support underscores the importance of collaboration between industry and education to build a stronger, more skilled workforce. This donation will provide our students with the tools and training they need to excel in high-demand careers, ensuring that both our students and our region thrive in the evolving landscape of advanced manufacturing," said Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO.

HGTC Foundation Receives Donation from Santee Cooper for Electrical Lineworker Training Yard



HGTC Electrical Lineworker Program on the Conway Campus

The HGTC Foundation announced its Electrical Lineworker Technician program has received an in-kind donation of 20 wood utility poles from Santee Cooper, a trusted public power and water provider in South Carolina. The donation from Santee Cooper marks a significant enhancement to the program's training facilities.

The poles will be installed at HGTC's Lineworker Training Yard on the Conway Campus, further enabling the College to prepare students for successful careers in the utility industry. Professor Scott Shoemaker, who leads the Electrical Lineworker Technician program, will oversee the installation of the new poles.

"We are incredibly grateful to Santee Cooper for this generous donation, which will directly benefit our students by providing them with the resources they need to gain hands-on experience," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, President of HGTC. *"Our Electrical Lineworker Technician program has a remarkable 100% job placement rate, and this contribution will help us continue to ensure our graduates are well-prepared for their careers."*

The Electrical Lineworker Technician program at HGTC began in January 2015, following the construction of the lineworker yard, with the assistance of Santee Cooper, in November 2014. The program is a one-semester certificate degree that enrolls six (6) cohorts of 16 students per year. It is designed to prepare students both mentally and physically with the knowledge, skills, techniques, and professionalism necessary to enter the utility industry.

"The HGTC Foundation is thrilled to see this kind of support from our community partners," said Shannon Detzler, President & CEO of the HGTC Foundation. *"This donation from Santee Cooper exemplifies the strong relationships we have cultivated, and it will have a lasting impact on the success of our students."*

Santee Cooper has a long-standing commitment to supporting education and workforce development in South Carolina. *"We are pleased to contribute to the HGTC Electrical Lineworker Technician program, knowing that these poles will play a crucial role in training the next generation of lineworkers,"* said Vicky Budreau, Chief Customer Officer for Santee Cooper. *"As a public power provider, we understand the importance of having well-trained professionals in the utility industry and supporting our community partners, and we are proud to support HGTC in this endeavor."*

The HGTC Foundation continues to raise funds to support the programs, services, and activities of the college, ensuring that students and faculty have the resources they need to succeed. This donation from Santee Cooper is a testament to the positive relationships between HGTC and the community, working together to build a brighter future for South Carolina.

HGTC Foundation Receives \$10,000 from the National Board for Respiratory Care for Scholarships

The National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) donated \$10,000 to the HGTC Foundation, specifically designated for the Respiratory Care Program. This donation is part of a broader initiative by the NBRC to support over 450 Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)-accredited respiratory care educational programs across the nation.

The funds will be used to provide scholarships for current and future respiratory care practitioners enrolled at HGTC. The scholarships are available to students who are pursuing a course of study in Respiratory Care or Respiratory Therapy, maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.0, and enrolled either full-time or part-time. Unlike many scholarships, this one does not require proof of financial need, allowing a wider range of students to qualify and benefit from the opportunity.

"We are deeply grateful to The National Board for Respiratory Care for their generous support," said Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore at HGTC. *"This funding will directly benefit our students, providing them with financial support and resources that will help them succeed in their studies and future careers in respiratory care."*

The Respiratory Care Department at HGTC has the flexibility to determine the number and dollar amount of the scholarships awarded, provided the total does not exceed \$10,000. Scholarships must be distributed by the end of the 2025 calendar year. Beyond direct scholarships, the funds can also be utilized for various other purposes, such as purchasing Self-Assessment Examinations, providing vouchers for examination fees, supporting activities for student recruitment or retention, participating in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) activities, and purchasing course textbooks.

The National Board for Respiratory Care's mission is to promote excellence in respiratory care by awarding credentials based on high competency standards, with a shared goal of protecting and enhancing patient lives.

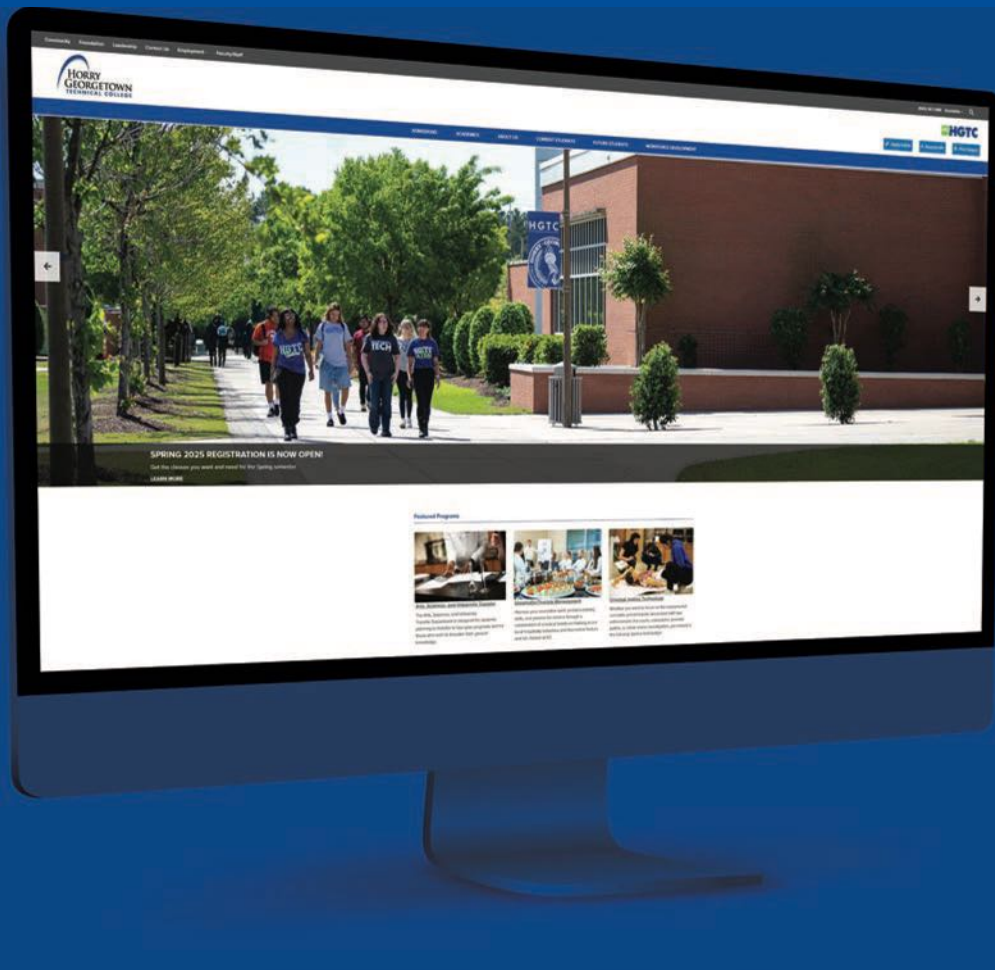


Left to right: Kris Gillespie, HGTC Chair & Professor of Nursing; Roxy Neumann, HGTC Director of Clinical Education of Respiratory Care; Sheri Tanner, HGTC Assistant Chair and Program Director of Respiratory Care; Dr. Marilyn "Murph" Fore, HGTC President; Shannon Detzler, HGTC Foundation President & CEO; John Sawyer, HGTC Foundation Chairman.

"We are thrilled and deeply appreciative of The National Board for Respiratory Care's generous donation to our program," said Sheri Tanner, HGTC Assistant Chair and Program Director of Respiratory Care. *"This funding will significantly enhance our ability to support our students in their educational journey, whether through scholarships, examination preparation, or other resources. Our goal is to prepare highly skilled respiratory care professionals who are ready to provide exceptional care to their patients, and this donation helps us to further that mission."*

The HGTC Respiratory Care Program is dedicated to preparing graduates who demonstrate competence in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains of respiratory care practice as performed by registered respiratory therapists (RRTs). Respiratory Therapists play a critical role in caring for patients with heart and lung ailments. At HGTC, students receive training using the most up-to-date technology and equipment, ensuring they are well-prepared for employment in the field. Students in the HGTC program gain valuable experience and understand the significant role in today's healthcare system, providing essential care to high-risk patients during their most critical moments.

For more information about the HGTC Respiratory Care program, contact, Sheri Tanner, HGTC Assistant Chair and Professor of the HGTC Respiratory Care program, at 843-839-1102 or sheri.tanner@hgtc.edu.



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