

Hart Among Technical College System of Georgia's Senior Leadership Academy

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) recently launched its Senior Leadership Academy, a professional development program designed to promote career advancement within TCSG and its 22 colleges across Georgia. The first cohort of 25 participants met at TCSG's system office for a two-day session led by Dr. Alvetta Thomas.

"We are excited to kick off this first cohort of the Senior Leadership Academy to nurture and develop leaders in technical education in Georgia," said Dr. Alvetta Thomas, President, Executive Leadership Academy and Talent Initiatives at TCSG. "The Senior Leadership Academy provides participants with the knowledge and tools necessary for success as they continue building their careers at TCSG."

The Senior Leadership Academy is a yearlong program divided into eight two-day sessions. The first cohort will receive 160 hours of content, including 18 hours of leadership training through the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The Academy is designed to provide participants with a greater understanding of the operation and administrative functions of TCSG and its colleges, such as strategic planning, data-driven decision making, budgeting, student affairs, compliance, workforce development, and legal services, among others. Participants will be meeting with the TCSG commissioner, college presidents, members of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and industry partners throughout the year.

"By providing a leadership development program for our employees, we are letting them know that TCSG is invested in

our people and committed to helping them grow in their careers,” said TCSG Commissioner Greg Dozier. “These 25 participants are the future leaders of TCSG and our colleges, and I look forward to supporting them in their journey.”

The first cohort of the Senior Leadership Academy is: Angela Davis of Albany Technical College, Dr. Kristen Douglas of Athens Technical College, Gail Edwards of Atlanta Technical College, Christine Ball of Augusta Technical College, Andrea Griner of Central Georgia Technical College, Heather Pence of Chattahoochee Technical College, Thomas Wesley of Coastal Pines Technical College, Dr. Tara Askew of Columbus Technical College, Dr. Elizabeth Anderson of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Dr. Cheree Williams of Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Sonya McDaniel of Gwinnett Technical College, Les Salter of Lanier Technical College, Dr. Vinson Burdette of North Georgia Technical College, Kim David of Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Jeffery Davis of Ogeechee Technical College, Tal Loos of Savannah Technical College, Eulish Kinchens of South Georgia Technical College, Brad Hart of Southeastern Technical College, Stacy Acey of Southern Crescent Technical College, Ross Cox of Southern Regional Technical College, Dr. Nathalie Dames, Britney Singer-Walsh, and Tim Bacon of TCSG, Kristen Buoy of West Georgia Technical College, and Stevan Van Hook of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

Southeastern Technical College (STC) President Larry Calhoun said, “TCSG’s Senior Leadership Academy is a great program for helping prepare our next generation of leaders across one of the premier workforce development systems in the nation. Brad Hart is already a leader. This program will broaden his perspective and enhance his skills as he moves forward in his career.”

Hart currently serves as the director of enrollment services at Southeastern Technical College. He said, “I have served in higher education for nearly 18 years and am constantly looking

for ways to expand my knowledge. Just as our students come to STC to learn new skills, I too am looking forward to learning about new and current topics by participating in the Senior Leadership Academy. From sessions on leadership and policy to strategic planning and student affairs, I am confident that the information I gain through these sessions and networking with my peers will enable me to be a better employee and leader at STC.”

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About the Technical College System of Georgia

The 22 colleges of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) are Georgia’s top resource for skilled workers. TCSG offers world-class training in more than 600 associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs to students who are trained on state-of-the-art equipment by instructors who are experts in their fields. The system also houses Georgia’s Office of Adult Education, which promotes and provides adult literacy and education programs for High School Equivalency throughout the state. In addition, TCSG partners with companies through Quick Start, the nation’s top customized workforce training program, and through its individual colleges, which work with local industries to provide workforce and training solutions. For more information, visit TCSG.edu.