



# CENTRAL GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE **REBOUND!** CGTC ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2017

We create success stories.

## FALL 2017 CONFERENCE AWARDS

The Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) Adult Education Division recently took home five awards at the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) 2017 Adult Education Fall Conference and GED® Awards, including one individual award for a GED® graduate of outstanding achievement.

The awards were given at a luncheon in September in Atlanta in front of adult education and testing leadership staff statewide. The awards come on the heels of Gov. Nathan Deal's announcement that 10,128 Georgians graduated with GED® certificates in the past year, up from 9,842 in FY 16, according to TCSG. Graduation rates for FY 17, which ended June 30, were 75.7 percent.

Deal and TCSG also recognized several outstanding GED® programs and individual graduates. Rhonda Miller, an employee of the Macon Housing Authority and a graduate of CGTC's GED® program was named the 2017 GED® Graduate of Outstanding Achievement. She was nominated by Brenda Brown, vice president of the Adult Education Division at CGTC.

"We are ecstatic as our adult education team celebrates and recognizes the achievements of Rhonda Miller as the recipient of the 2017 Georgia GED® Graduate Outstanding Achievement Award. Our team continues to build a legacy of meeting and exceeding state standards while building bridges to support our students in pursuit of their individual college, career, and life goals," Brown said.

"As dedicated educators, we know that there is no greater achievement than to have our students to succeed in a competitive market. It is truly the measure of our worth and works to help students create success stories."

### Awards given to CGTC's Adult Education Division include:

Overall Achievement of Measurable Skill Gains for the Division

Advocacy Award, Volunteer Hours for a Certified Literacy Community Program (CLCP): Bibb County DREAM Team CLCP

Advocacy Award, Tutor Hours for a Single County CLCP: Baldwin County CLCP

Advocacy Award, GED® Testing Scholarships for a Single County CLCP: Monroe County Adult and Community Education

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: RHONDA MILLER

Rhonda Miller, greeting-card maker, volunteer, and Family Service coordinator at the Macon Housing Authority is the 2017 GED® Graduate of Outstanding Achievement for Georgia. The Technical College System of Georgia awarded and recognized Miller during its Adult Education Fall Conference and GED® Awards in September, for her achievements and promotion of GED® program in the years since her completion in 1992.

Speaking on her life's journey and education, Miller said, "Life doesn't always turn out the way you want it to. One day, I woke up at age 21 with three children, no diploma, unemployed. My mindset changed and I decided to pursue my GED®."

After Miller earned her GED® from CGTC she went back to the people who doubted her, diploma in hand, and made her look-at-me-now statement. One replied, "What's next?" An unexpected question and one Miller keeps trying to answer every day since.

Several low-income jobs came immediately next, and none with stability. A perpetual series of hard life circumstances left Miller homeless, and it wasn't until, in a free parenting class offered by a local family center, an older woman took Miller under her wing.

"I landed on my feet with the help of a mentor and some friends," she said, "and I ended up with a free car, a place to live and a change of heart."

Miller said through all that life has greeted her with, she discovered that when she decided to let people help her, it allowed her to see how she could be of help to others.

Miller leaned on staff from the Adult Education Division through many stages of her life and they have helped mentor and guide her. She has volunteered and worked with community organizations including the Salvation Army and Volunteer Macon, and currently works as a family service coordinator for the Macon Housing Authority.

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Moderator, Rev. Walter Glover, of the Baptist Minister's Association welcomed Brenda Brown, Dr. Wanda West, Lisa Lee, Darren Lee, and a handful of members from the Adult Education team to the Association's meeting early in the fall semester to speak on the high school dropout rate, its impact on their communities, and what churches can do to help their members get a GED®.



Former GED® and current Welding student, Cora Leonhardt, shares her success story with the Macon Chamber's Bibb Education Partnership.

## RACE FOR EDUCATION 2017



CGTC's 8th Annual Race for Education 5K offered participants a brand new challenge. The CGTC Foundation's race day events on September 9, 2017 at the Warner Robins campus replaced its 1-Mile Fun Run with an Obstacle Run.

The obstacle challenges in this year's one-mile run were called the Warrior Jump and Adrenaline Rush. Music and a KidZone were also added to the event.

The Race for Education is a fundraiser supporting Adult Education programs at CGTC. All proceeds from the Race for Education are utilized by CGTC's Adult Education Program which provides GED® preparation and testing, basic skills classes, Accelerating Opportunities, and college and career transition support. Held annually in September, the race celebrates National Literacy Month.



## REBOUND! RECRUITMENT FAIR

With help from local radio personality, Tex James, of WIBB 97.9 FM, the Adult Education Division's Career and Opportunity Center (AECOC) on the Macon campus of Central Georgia Technical College held its inaugural recruitment event titled, "REBOUND: A New Start, New Connections" to spread the word about the success stories of the Division and showcase its services offered.



During the event, students and staff shared success stories live, on-air with the radio station, and the message of their community work was broadcast for nearly four hours. The Center had food and giveaways for participants. Participants were able to complete on-site enrollment and orientation, talk with active staff and students, and see about starting their own path to a success story through a GED®.

## ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITY SIGNING DAY



Accelerating Opportunity (AO) students sign on to a fast-paced learning experience that combines GED® test preparation and courses to attain a Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) within one/two semesters. This year's group was one of the largest to sign.

## OUR CENTERS

For more information, contact the CGTC Adult Education center nearest to you.

<b>Baldwin County</b>	<b>(478) 445-5669</b>
<b>Bibb County</b>	<b>(478) 757-6669</b>
<b>Crawford County</b>	<b>(478) 836-6024</b>
<b>Dooly County</b>	<b>(229) 268-3904</b>
<b>Houston County</b>	<b>(478) 218-3769</b>
<b>Jones County</b>	<b>(478) 221-3119</b>
<b>Monroe County</b>	<b>(478) 992-2880</b>
<b>Peach County</b>	<b>(478) 218-3746</b>
<b>Pulaski County</b>	<b>(478) 783-3017</b>
<b>Putnam County</b>	<b>(706) 923-5016</b>
<b>Twiggs County</b>	<b>(478) 945-2206</b>

## CGTC CAMPUSES

### **Warner Robins Campus**

80 Cohen Walker Drive  
Warner Robins, GA 31088

### **Macon Campus**

3300 Macon Tech Drive  
Macon, GA 31206

### **Milledgeville Campus**

54 Highway 22 West  
Milledgeville, GA 31061



## FOLLOW US!

Connect with CGTC on all its social media accounts for news, updates and happenings in the Division and around the College.





3300 Macon Tech Drive  
Macon, GA 31206

## **SERVICES PROVIDED AT NO COST**

The Adult Education Division of Central Georgia Technical College provides individualized educational support with basic skills at no cost to the student. We serve students 16-years of age and older, by improving his/her ability to read, write, compute, speak, listen and to development English literacy skills.

### **Services include:**

- Pre-GED®
- GED® Preparation
- College Preparation
- Career Readiness
- English Literacy/Civic Program
- Citizenship Prep Classes
- Accelerated Opportunity-Dual Enrollment
- ASVAB, ACCUPLACER, and Compass Preparation

## **READY TO ENROLL?**

Students can begin at any time at any of CGTC's 11 Adult Education locations.

### **Steps to Success:**

- Complete a CGTC Adult Education application
  - Bring a Georgia Driver's License or ID
- Complete the CGTC-AEP Orientation
- Work with assigned staff to pre-assess your educational needs
- Attend daily classes (or when your schedule allows)
- Earn college credit at CGTC while working on your GED® through the Accelerating Opportunity Program
- Complete preparation for the GED® Test
  - Earn your GED® by scoring 145 or higher in each core area: Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies, & Science
- Graduate and attend Central Georgia Technical College!