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HGTC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Heart of Georgia Technical College (HGTC) Alumni Association held its Annual Meeting Monday, June 5.

Sherry Kowtko, alumni association president, announced Pauline Johnson of Eastman is the 2006 Alumnaus of the Year. Johnson as a 2006 graduate of the marketing and management program. She was nominated by Belinda Gilbert, who was an instructor for Johnson. Johnson is the owner of the Hummingbird Bakery in Eastman, GA.

There were 10 alumni nominated for the award. Others nominated for the award were Crystal Eady of Eastman, Ragan Green of Dublin, Louis "Redd" Landrum of East Dublin, Penny Mackey of Dublin, Barbara Martin of Dublin, Jackie Morris of Dublin, Berkley Rountree of Dublin, Latrice Sellers of Dublin, and Katrina Wicker of Cadwell. Each alumni nominated has proven to be exceptional in the community and work place. Nominees exhibit a positive attitude,

have outstanding character, and have excellent work habits.

The guest speaker for the dinner was HGTC 2006 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) winner, Donna Davis.

Sherry Kowtko was re-elected as president of the association for FY 06-07.



2006 Outstanding Alumni
is Pauline Johnson

COMING SOON!!!

DAY TRIP TO THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM



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Rozier named Instructor of the Year

Heart of Georgia Technical College recently named Sylvia Rozier, allied health assistant department chair and LPN program chair, as the 2006 Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year. Nominated along with Rozier were Dr. Claire Livingston, allied health department chair; Johnny Howard, welding instructor; and Karen Mountain, business and information technology instructor. The announcement was made by Dr. Randall Peters, HGTC president.

Annually, the Department of Technical and Adult Education recognizes an outstanding instructor through the presentation of the Rick Perkins Award of Excellence. Each technical college is invited to nominate a single individual from among its faculty for competition in this award. Locally, the criteria for being nominated includes: full-time credit or adult literacy faculty member with at least three years of service at HGTC; submission of a resume and

lesson plan; presentation of a sample lesson; and participation in a panel interview.

As HGTC's 2006 Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year, Rozier competed among other technical college instructors at the local consortium level. Consortia winners receive statewide recognition for their achievement, and then move to state-level competition. Final state-level judging was in September.

At the state competition Rozier was selected by her peers to receive the Harlon Crimm Award. Paul Graham, instructor at Southeastern Tech, was selected as the 2006 Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year.

"It is truly an honor to be selected to receive this award, and I am proud to be the representative for Heart of Georgia Technical College

for the Rick Perkins Award of Excellence," Rozier said. "My passion for my profession comes from the belief that nursing is a calling, and I love to see and encourage that passion in my students." She has been with Heart of Georgia Technical College for 17 years.



Sylvia Rozier (l)
Randall L. Peters (r)

Automotive Program receives ASE Certification

The automotive training program at Heart of Georgia Technical College in Dublin received certification by National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). HGTC's automotive program is now certified in the following areas: manual drive train and axles, engine performance, automatic transmission/transaxle, engine repair, heating and air conditioning, suspension and steering, electrical/electronic systems, and brakes. To achieve this coveted recognition the school's automotive training program underwent

rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

Pictured are HGTC staff who worked on the team to achieve the certification. (L-R): Kevin Livingston, program chair, technical and industrial programs; Dr. Randall L. Peters, interim president, Ogeechee Technical College; Beth Crumpton, HGTC acting president; Brett Colston, automotive program chair and instructor; Becky Carroll, dean of instructional services; Marsha Ussery, secretary, technical and

industrial programs; and Dr. Katie Davis, director institutional effectiveness.



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Secretary of State speaks at Fall Graduation

Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox was the keynote speaker at the Heart of Georgia Technical College graduation on Thursday, October 12, 2006.



Cox is serving her second term as Georgia's Secretary of State, having first been elected in 1998. She is the first woman to serve in this position.

Secretary Cox has an extensive background in law, journalism, and public service. Before her election, she served three years as Assistant Secretary of State. From 1993 to 1996 Cox represented Miller, Seminole, Early and Decatur counties in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Secretary Cox has received numerous honors for her public service. The Georgia Commission on Women named her the 2000 Woman of the Year. For the past seven years Georgia Trend magazine has chosen her as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians, and in

2002, Governing magazine named her one of its 11 Public Officials of the Year.

UP COMING EVENTS

OCT. 27	STEPPING UP FOR SENIORS
DEC. 2	FESTIVAL OF TREES JINGLE BELL JAM DAY
DEC. 6	FESTIVAL OF TREES SCHOOL DAY
DEC. 8	TOOLS PROGRAM
JAN. 26	STEPPING UP FOR JUNIORS
FEB. 3	DEMIN AND DIAMONDS
APRIL 21	SKILLS USA



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Class Notes

Ms. Josey L. Brooks, 2006 pharmacy technology, is employed by the V.A. Medical Center. Josey married Clifford L. Brown Jr. on October 14, 2006. Clifford is employed by Midstate Paint and Home Improvement.

Ms. Amanda L. Brooks, 2006 respiratory therapist, is employed by Coliseum Medical Center. Amanda married Daniel S. Spivey on September 17, 2006. Daniel is employed by Gaywood Company.

Memorials

Patrick Douglas (Doug) Thompson, HGTC director of institutional information services passed away June 20, 2006.

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As a graduate of HGTC, we want to make sure you know all the latest college news and stay connected with your classmates and instructors for career networking purposes. If you have recently moved, changed your name, or updated your e-mail address, please let us know.

Email at: alumni@heartofgatech.edu or call (478) 274-7627.

Membership in the HGTC Alumni Association is a great way to show your support for HGTC and technical education while supporting current and future students.