



ANNUAL REPORT



July 2024 - June 2025

TABLE OF CONTENTS

01	Recognition of Board Members, Commissioners, and Spartanburg Community College Leadership	23	Impact Story - Melissa James
02	Message from the President	24	Student Success & New Coaches
03	Mission & Vision	26	The Spark Center
04	Our Campuses	29	SCC's Workforce Development
05	Our Schools of Learning	31	NSF Partnership & Student Success Grants
06	'Live to Chase' Initiative	35	Dual Enrollment
08	Behind the Numbers of SCC	36	TEACHSpartanburg
09	National Recognition & Faculty of the Year	37	Impact Story - Michael Clardy
10	SCC's New Graduation Venue	38	Chaser's Pantry
11	Hub City Spartanburgers Partnership	39	Impact Story - Azaria Lattimore-Greene
12	Impact Story - Daiquan Smith	40	SCC's Career Closet
13	The SCC Foundation	41	Our 2025 Strategic Plan
19	Impact Story - Tasha Marshall	42	Facility Master Plan
20	Our Response to Hurricane Helene	44	Your Community College
21	Our Community Events	45	About SCC & PIO Contact

Spartanburg Community College Commission

Mr. Sonny Anderson
Mr. Tony Bell
Ms. Kimberly Fowler
Mr. Lyman Hamrick
Mrs. Tracey Hill
Mr. Whit Kennedy
Mr. Tracy Keller
Mr. Charlie King
Mrs. Katherine O'Neill
Mrs. Andrena Powell-Baker
Mr. Lance Radford
Mr. Bill Sarratt
Mr. Carter Smith

President's Cabinet

Dr. G. Michael Mikota
Dr. Stacey Obi
Mr. Ethan Burroughs
Mrs. Amanda Painter
Mrs. Phaedra Harris
Mr. David Aughinbaugh
Dr. Jenny Williams

Spartanburg Community College Foundation Board

Mr. Timothy Boosz
Mr. Al Ciafre
Mr. Rich Gibson
Mr. Jeff Gill
Ms. Loretta Grna
Mr. Daniel Hart
Dr. Natasha Jeter
Mr. John Nelson
Mr. Rob Rodrigues
Mrs. Kathy Sinclair
Mr. Warren Snead





A MESSAGE FROM THE *President*



As we reflect on another year of meaningful progress and measurable impact, I am proud to share the remarkable strides we've made—and the lives we continue to shape together. Today, Spartanburg Community College (SCC) stands as a powerful force in our region, delivering exceptional, innovative, and holistic experiences that fuel economic development and foster an educated, empowered community, and this is only the beginning of our chase together.

Whether our students are pursuing degrees, certificates, or workforce training, we remain steadfast in meeting them where they are—equipping them with the skills, support, and confidence needed to achieve their goals and thrive in a rapidly evolving world. With more than 90 academic and training programs, SCC provides clear, accessible pathways to high-demand careers and seamless transitions to and from other institutions of higher education.

The accomplishments outlined in the following pages are a direct reflection of the dedication, talent, and passion of our faculty, staff, community partners, and investors. From record-breaking enrollment and expanded partnerships to innovative learning models and transformative student support, SCC continues to serve as a bold catalyst for opportunity, advancement, and lifelong success. Thank you for being an integral part of our shared journey—your college, your community, your SCC. Your belief in our mission drives our momentum and strengthens our resolve. Together, we are building a more vibrant and prosperous future for our region and beyond.

Go Chasers!

G. Michael Mikota, Ph.D.

Who We Are



Mission

SCC empowers our region through exceptional, innovative, holistic experiences that accelerate economic development and provide an educated community, committed to lifelong learning and financial prosperity.

Vision

SCC is a recognized, respected, and innovative leader in higher education, economic and workforce development, and serves as a comprehensive nexus between higher education and the Upstate economy.

Five Campuses. One Mission. Endless Opportunity.



Spartanburg Community College proudly serves South Carolina through five strategically located campuses, spanning over 250 acres—each uniquely positioned to meet the needs of students, businesses, and local communities.

Spartanburg (Giles) Campus - Spartanburg, SC

As SCC's central location, the Spartanburg (Giles) Campus sits on 100 acres conveniently off Business I-85 and serves as the hub for all college operations. It offers the full spectrum of student services and academic programs, including an award-winning arboretum, making it a cornerstone of accessible education in the region.

Downtown (Evans) Campus - Spartanburg, SC

Located in the historic Evans Academic Center, the Downtown (Evans) Campus brings higher education to the heart of Spartanburg. With 1920s architecture and modern amenities, this enterprise campus offers workforce training and select associate degree programs in business, health sciences, and engineering, positioning SCC as a vital force in Downtown Spartanburg's revitalization.

Tyger River Campus - Duncan, SC

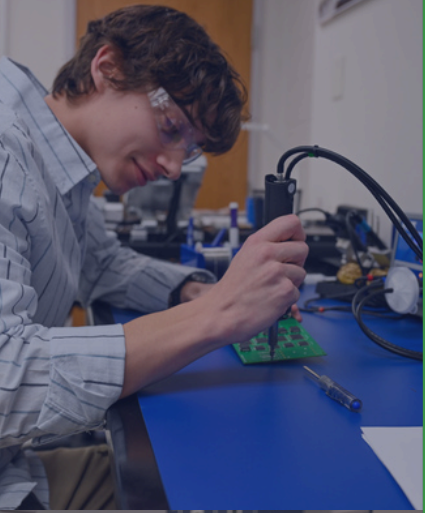
Home to The Spark Center, the Tyger River Enterprise Campus drives innovation and economic growth. Spanning nearly 51 acres just off Highway 290, it serves as both an academic center and a launchpad for new and expanding businesses seeking workforce solutions and industrial training.

Cherokee County Campus - Gaffney, SC

Strategically positioned, our 95 scenic acres are easily recognized by the iconic Gaffney peach landmark right off I-85. The Cherokee County Enterprise Campus blends state-of-the-art facilities with small class sizes and personalized learning. Known for its strong community connections, this SCC campus offers general education courses, industrial training, healthcare programs, and transitional studies.

Union County Campus - Union, SC

SCC's Union County Campus plays a catalytic role in local economic development by combining classroom learning with hands-on technical training. Conveniently located off Highway 176, the campus supports career readiness through certificate, diploma, and degree programs that meet the evolving needs of Union County's workforce.



Skills You Can Put to Work Right Away... *and for the Rest of Your Life*

Schools of Learning

Advanced Manufacturing & Industrial Technologies

Receive hands-on training for high-demand careers in Mechatronics, CNC Precision Machining, Construction Technology, and more.

Business, Computer & Engineering Technologies

Dive into programs like Accounting, Computer Technologies, Culinary Arts, Digital Design, Entrepreneurship, and Engineering Technology to prepare for today's competitive job market.

Education

Prepare for impactful careers in Early Childhood Education and Teacher Education.

Health Sciences

Train for essential healthcare roles in programs such as Medical Assisting, Expanded Duty Dental Assisting, Surgical Technology, Radiologic Technology, and other patient-focused careers.

Nursing

Complete pathways to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN), combining classroom learning with hands-on clinical experience.

Public Health

Focus on programs like CNA, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Phlebotomy, and other fields supporting community wellness and safety.

Transportation & Applied Technologies

Develop technical skills for careers in Automotive Technology, Diesel Power & Emerging Technologies, HVAC, Welding, and CDL.

Horticulture & Many More

Explore programs in Horticulture, Sustainable Agriculture, Criminal Justice, and other applied skills that support industry and community needs, including transfer pathways to other institutions.



Empowering Dreams with Full-Tuition Scholarships

Live to Chase (2024-2025)

For the 2024–2025 academic year, Spartanburg Community College reaffirmed its commitment to accessibility through the ‘Live to Chase’ initiative. This initiative offers full tuition scholarships for more than 90 credit-bearing certificate and degree programs, ensuring that higher education is within reach for all eligible Chasers.

Extending the ‘Live to Chase’ initiative underscores SCC’s commitment to both affordability and community impact. “This initiative provides South Carolina residents with a high-quality education free from the burden of tuition,” said Dr. Michael Mikota.

By removing tuition barriers, SCC strengthens educational access across Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties. Ultimately, SCC continues to make decisions that support regional economic development and workforce readiness.



LIVE TO **CHASE**

2024-2025

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

- Tuition for SCC academic (credit) programs is covered, provided that all eligibility requirements are met.
- Any remaining tuition balance, after applying all financial aid grants and scholarships awarded to the student, is also covered.
- This coverage does not include books, supplies, fees, living expenses, or other non-tuition costs. Students are responsible for any program-specific fees, including but not limited to: distance learning or hybrid course fees, lab fees, and other non-academic assessed fees.

WHO QUALIFIES?

- All college-eligible students who either live or work full-time in South Carolina and enroll in a minimum of six credit hours in one of SCC's more than 90 programs that lead to the awarding of either a certificate or degree may qualify for a full tuition scholarship.
- Students must maintain continuous enrollment (fall–spring) and a minimum 2.2 GPA.
- Full tuition scholarships do not cover developmental courses after 30 or more attempted hours.



90+

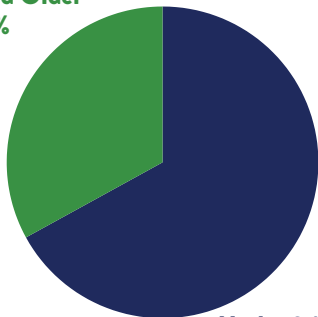
Degree, Diploma,
and Certificate
Programs

90.1%
Placement
Rate

This data reflects all SCC program graduates between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, who were placed in an “in-field” job or were continuing their education at any higher education institution within one year of receiving their credential.

Fall 2024 Student Body Demographics

Age 24 and Older
33%



Under 24 Years of Age
67%

91.7%

of Students Call
Spartanburg,
Cherokee, and Union
Counties Home



1,000+
Graduates

*Fall 2024 - Summer 2025



37%
Male



63%
Female

10,000+

Total Students Served Over
2024-2025 Academic Year
(Including Workforce
Development)

54.4% White

22.5% African American

12.8% Hispanic/Latino

5.5% Multiracial

2.6% Asian

34.7%
Full-Time

65.3%
Part-Time

SCC is the Most Affordable
College in South Carolina



*Based on internal financial aid data, most SCC students graduate with little to no student loan debt thanks to SCC's 'Live to Chase' initiative, state and federal grants, and various scholarship opportunities.

9 School
Districts

20 Schools

*Including 6 Career Centers
and 2 Charter Schools

Dual Enrollment Across Spartanburg,
Cherokee, and Union Counties

Irran Duncan

Director of TRIO Programs

At SCC, Irran Duncan serves as the Director of two key federally funded TRIO programs: Student Support Services and Talent Search. Student Support Services serves students attending SCC, while Talent Search serves students attending Cherokee County Schools in grades 6–12. Through these programs, he is dedicated to providing first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students with the support, resources, and guidance they need to successfully navigate their educational journeys and reach their full potential.



In addition to his leadership at SCC, Irran was recently inducted as Vice President of SC TRIO, a statewide association that advocates for and supports TRIO professionals and programs across South Carolina. As VP, Irran plays a vital role in advancing the organization's mission. His responsibilities include stepping in for the President when needed, chairing both the fall and spring conferences, contributing to policy development, and helping guide the strategic direction of SC TRIO in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws.

Irran's commitment to educational opportunity and student success is reflected in everything he does, both on campus and at the state level.



Dr. Akash Garg

2024-2025 Faculty of the Year

Spartanburg Community College is proud to recognize Dr. Akash Garg as the 2025 Faculty of the Year, an honor uniquely voted on by SCC students. His dedication, expertise, and genuine care for students have earned him widespread admiration across campus. Dr. Garg was presented with a trophy (pictured) handmade by SCC students in our industrial program, making the moment even more special.

During his time at SCC, Dr. Garg made a lasting impression far beyond the classroom:

- **Departmental Leadership:** As Chair of the Science Department, he supported curriculum development and faculty mentorship.
- **Phi Theta Kappa Leadership:** Under his guidance, SCC's Beta Sigma Psi chapter achieved five-star status, earning multiple regional and national recognitions.
- **Statewide Recognition:** In 2020, he was named Faculty Educator of the Year by the South Carolina Technical Education Association.
- **National Recognition:** In 2023, he was named Faculty of the Year by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.



A New Chapter in a New Venue

For the first time ever, Spartanburg Community College stepped up to the baseball plate—but not to play ball. On Thursday, May 15, SCC hosted its 2025 Commencement Ceremony at Fifth Third Park, home of the Hub City Spartanburgers! This marked the first graduation at the stadium for both the Chasers and the Spartanburgers.

With expanded seating, stunning views of the field, plenty more elbow room for proud families and cheering friends, and even a little sparkle in the sky before the night was over, Fifth Third Park witnessed over **500** students walk across the stage to receive their degrees and certificates in the heart of downtown Spartanburg.

Chaser Plays Ball

SCC's History-Making Partnership

Choosing Fifth Third Park as SCC's 2025 graduation site reflects both the growth of our student body and the College's commitment to creating meaningful, memorable experiences.

"We are extremely excited to partner with Spartanburg Community College and build a long-term relationship," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Hub City Spartanburgers. "Our brands are strongly aligned in creating value for our community, and the elements of this partnership will allow both of our organizations to execute that at the highest level."

The cornerstone partnership between SCC and the Hub City Spartanburgers goes beyond graduation as it is the first and only of its kind in South Carolina. This no-net-cost investment was made possible by the efficient and innovative fiscal management of college resources.

As a Cornerstone Partner, SCC stepped up to take an active role with the Spartanburgers, both on and off the field. SCC students have access to exclusive work-study and internship opportunities in exciting areas such as horticulture (grounds), hospitality, marketing, business, culinary arts, and operations. SCC-branded spaces in the stadium are also featured, making them must-see spots for guests of all ages!

"This partnership aligns with our mission to engage with the community in meaningful ways, and we're excited to be part of such an energetic and passionate organization that shares our values. Together, we are creating pathways for our students to succeed on and off the field," said Dr. Stacey Obi, Vice President of Student & Community Advancement at Spartanburg Community College. "This partnership is a win for both organizations and the entire Spartanburg community, and it is truly a testament to the incredible spirit of collaboration in the city of Spartanburg."



DAIQUAN SMITH

Impact Story
Culinary Arts, Class of 2025



Daiquan Smith, a proud native of Hampton, South Carolina, graduated with honors in the Class of 2025 from Spartanburg Community College’s highly respected Culinary Arts program. Throughout his time at SCC, Daiquan distinguished himself not only through academic excellence but also through his passion for culinary innovation and dedication to his craft. In recognition of his achievements and leadership, he was selected as one of two student speakers at this year’s graduation ceremony, where he inspired his peers and the wider college community with his story of perseverance and success.

Before finding his path at SCC, Daiquan’s academic journey was marked by uncertainty. “I attended several schools thinking I’d become a teacher, but I eventually questioned if college was even for me,” he shared. It was his grandmother’s resilience and support that gave him the strength to try again, and SCC’s ‘Live to Chase’ initiative that made it possible. “I chose SCC because it didn’t just offer a degree; it gave me the opportunity to dream big.”

Balancing work, financial hardship, and transportation issues, Daiquan faced significant challenges on his road to success. “I was working multiple jobs. At one point, I didn’t have a car or enough money to make ends meet. There were changes in my health and finances, but I kept going,” he said.

SCC helped him turn that persistence into progress. “With the ‘Live to Chase’ initiative, I earned a degree in a field I’ve always had a passion for. SCC gave me the tools to honor my grandmother by building a business where I can share good food with the world.”

Now living in Spartanburg with his wife, Dr. Janell Smith, Daiquan is focused on growing his catering business—Betty’s Boi Kitchen LLC—inspired by his late grandmother and grounded in a passion for food and family legacy.

To future students, his advice is bold and sincere: “Go for it. Dream big. Live out loud. Trust the process. Choosing SCC isn’t just a smart move—it’s a chance to live while chasing your dreams.”

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT & FOUNDATION

In the Chaser community, we're
stronger when we come together.



FOUNDATION

The Spartanburg Community College Foundation was established in 1983 to provide financial support for students and has since grown into a vital resource for the entire SCC community. Today, the Foundation manages over **55** scholarships, multiple emergency and departmental funds, faculty and staff development support, and donations to the Chaser's Pantry. It also supports student initiatives like the *ASCEND* Literary Magazine and leads the SCC Alumni Association.

Through generous contributions from staff, alumni, and community partners, the Foundation helps fill funding gaps, create opportunities, and ensure that students, faculty, and programs have what they need to thrive.



Dream it. Chase it. Live it.™

A VILLAGE OF SUPPORT

Bridget's Story

When Bridget Haley began the Nursing Program at Spartanburg Community College, she was met not just with the challenges of a rigorous academic path but with a life-altering responsibility. Practically overnight, she became the guardian of her two young grandchildren: a 3-year-old and a newborn.

"I didn't know what to do or if I had to put my career on hold," Bridget shared. "I reached out to some awesome staff members at SCC for help, and they helped me." Through the support of the SCC Foundation, Bridget received emergency assistance that helped her keep a roof over her head. That support provided more than financial relief—it gave her the strength and stability to stay on track in school while caring for two small children.

"I greatly appreciate all the people who donate to SCC," Bridget said. "It helps us continue to push harder toward our goals. It feels good to know that we have people in our corner doing everything to help us succeed. That means a lot because it takes a village, and some people don't have anybody to turn to, like me. The donation gave me the strength to continue my career and not give up, no matter what I face, because God has placed people to help us on our journey toward our destiny."

Today, Bridget is entering her second semester in the Nursing Program. Thanks to the generosity of donors, her journey continues—not only as a student and caregiver but as a future healthcare professional determined to succeed.

AVERAGE STUDENT SUPPORT



**AVERAGE
SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD: \$550**

*Per Student Per Semester



**AVERAGE
EMERGENCY
FUNDING: \$500**

*Per Student



**AVERAGE BOOK
FUND: \$203**

*Per Student

WELDING IN UNION

Spartanburg Community College launched its first-ever dual-enrollment welding class in Union County during the Fall 2024 semester, enrolling **16** students in the inaugural certificate program. Thanks to a generous gift from Ms. Barbara Rippy, all material costs were fully covered, removing financial barriers and ensuring students had the tools they needed to succeed. In addition, Ms. Rippy established the Barbara Rippy Scholarship to support Union County students. We are deeply grateful for her commitment to empowering SCC students in Union County!



Pictured is Ms. Rippy with SCC's Inaugural Dual Enrollment Welding Class at the Union Campus.

HONORING A LEGACY OF OPPORTUNITY



Saunders McCollum has long understood the power of education to transform lives—a belief deeply rooted in the legacy of her parents, John and Putsy Wardlaw. The Wardlaws' love for Spartanburg was matched by their unwavering conviction that education is the foundation of a thriving community. "They believed, without a doubt, that education was the key to everything," Saunders says. "They felt that a good education would produce successful people, and every community needs productive and successful citizens."

To honor her parents' values and extend their impact, Saunders established the John and Putsy Wardlaw Emergency Fund in 2019. Created in their memory, the fund helps students remain enrolled in school while navigating personal and financial challenges.

Continuing her commitment to student success, Saunders launched a second initiative in 2023: the Wardlaw-McCollum Chaser Success Fund. This fund focuses on eliminating barriers by providing essential learning and training materials. Saunders' generosity, combined with the support of all our donors, builds opportunities, removes barriers, and helps students succeed as they work toward brighter futures.



ASCEND Literary Magazine

Proudly supported by the SCC Foundation, *ASCEND* is Spartanburg Community College's annual, student-produced publication featuring original poetry, fiction, artwork, and creative writing from across campus.

Through *ASCEND*, students gain real-world experience in editing, design, and marketing while creating something truly meaningful. We're proud to support this powerful platform for student expression and growth.

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED

\$823,500+

Total Funds Raised

\$104,000+

Scholarships

\$53,600+

Student Success
Funds (Emergency
Relief & Book
Funds)

\$276,250+

In-Kind Gifts for
Academic
Programs

\$91,650+

Special Event
Income

\$7,000+

Donations for
Academic
Programming

\$87,450+

Unrestricted
Support

\$203,375+

Direct College
Support (Spark
Center, Grants,
Arboretum Fund, etc.)



A big thank you to Bobcat of Spartanburg for donating an OTC Hydraulic Flow Meter to our Diesel Power and Emerging Technologies program! This valuable tool will give our students hands-on experience in diagnostic testing, helping them develop the skills needed to become top-tier technicians.

TOP IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS



AWL

Bobcat of Spartanburg

Spartanburg County

Specialized Parts & Equipment

Takeuchi



The 3rd Annual Chaser's Cup Golf Tournament

Rain Or Shine, We Golfed For Good!

At Spartanburg Community College, we believe that great things happen when our community comes together. That's exactly what took place at the third annual Chaser's Cup Golf Tournament, hosted by the SCC Foundation at the Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Nearly 120 golfers registered to have fun and support a great cause.

Golfers played through the day, aiming for fun and friendly competition. Huge congratulations to the winning team from Lockhart Power: Seth Parker, Lee Littlejohn, and Wes Vassey. These champions earned the honor of displaying the Chaser's Cup trophy at their organization for the upcoming year.

We also hosted a silent auction filled with exciting items donated by the local community. Every dollar raised—whether from tournament entries, raffles, sponsorships, or auction bids—went straight to the SCC Foundation's Impact Fund.

Thanks to the amazing support of our players, donors, and community, we raised **\$65,000**! That money will help provide emergency relief funds, scholarships, and essential resources students need to succeed at Spartanburg Community College.



Arboretum Adventures

The 2024 Arboretum Adventures raised almost **\$15,000** to support SCC's Horticulture Program! Held at SCC's Spartanburg (Giles) Campus, the event featured food, drinks, a silent plant auction, and presentations by Horticulture Specialist Carol Reese. In the morning, she spoke to students about selecting plants based on their adaptability, followed by a panel discussion with SCC horticulture graduates. In the evening, Carol shared entertaining stories about the plants she has encountered throughout her career, engaging the community with her humor and passion for gardening.

Thank you to all the community members, faculty and staff, former students, and horticulture professionals who joined us. This annual event is perfect for nature lovers and gardening enthusiasts of all experience levels—from seasoned pros to curious beginners!





Our Chase, Together

Spartanburg Community College is proud to celebrate the success of its 2024 internal giving campaign. This year, over **300** employees contributed to the SCC Foundation, demonstrating a shared commitment to student success and institutional growth.

A highlight of the campaign was the annual Rick Teal Walk for Health, held in memory of Rick Teal, SCC's former Vice President of Human Resources. Known for his dedication to the community, Rick's legacy continues to inspire. This year, over **110** participants joined the walk, with registration fees supporting the Rick Teal Employee Support Fund. This fund, now permanently endowed, honors Rick's passion for supporting faculty and staff development.

The Results

Thanks to the collective efforts of SCC's faculty, staff, and leadership, the Faculty and Staff Annual Giving Campaign not only met but exceeded its fundraising goal, **raising over \$75,000** in support of student success and program development—up from \$48,610 in 2023. This ensures continued support for scholarships, academic programs, and emergency student assistance.



TASHA MARSHALL

Impact Story

Cybersecurity and Networking, Class of 2024

Culinary Arts, Class of 2020



From a challenging past marked by adversity, trauma, and uncertainty, to a hopeful future built on resilience, faith, and determination, Tasha Marshall's journey stands as a powerful testament to the transformative and life-changing impact of Spartanburg Community College.

Tasha came to SCC from a background of deep personal trauma, abuse, and instability. "By the time I was 16, I was out of the house and taking care of myself," she shared. "I had no guidance, no sense of how to live life." For years, she had given up on her dreams—until the moment she found strength in her faith and a renewed vision for her future. That vision led her to SCC.

"I came to SCC afraid, unsure, and still healing," Tasha said. "But from the moment I walked through the doors, I experienced something I never had before—family, support, and love."

Through SCC, Tasha found more than just an education. She discovered a supportive community and professors who not only encouraged her but also challenged her to believe in herself and reach beyond what she thought was possible.

Tasha earned two associate degrees from SCC and is now working toward her bachelor's degree in computer science. She no longer struggles with the anxiety and fear that once held her back—and she credits SCC with helping her grow into the confident woman she is today.

Today, Tasha's daughter is enrolled in SCC's Dual Enrollment program. "She's going to experience what I did—the love and empowerment inside those walls," Tasha said. "It makes me so proud to give her the life I once only dreamed about."

She remains deeply connected to the College and its mission. "SCC didn't just educate me—it healed me. It restored me. It gave me a future. And I will pour back into that community for the rest of my life."

Hurricane Helene



In September 2024, Hurricane Helene swept through the Carolinas, leaving a path of destruction that disrupted power, damaged homes, and displaced daily life for thousands. For many Spartanburg Community College students and employees, the storm threatened far more than just their academics—it jeopardized their basic needs, their stability, and their sense of security.

Although the College was closed from September 30, 2024, through October 7, 2024, its commitment to students and the community never wavered. SCC employees, along with the entire South Carolina community, came together to respond to urgent needs across the Carolinas.

SCC's Campus Police and Marketing Departments, led by Dr. Mikota, partnered with Blue Ridge Community College to collect and distribute supplies such as food, water, toiletries, diapers, generators, washing machines, and clothing to affected communities in Western North Carolina. Several SCC campuses acted as distribution points for MREs and bottled water, ensuring access to basic needs for students and their families.

In the weeks following Hurricane Helene, SCC volunteers continued processing donations, connecting students to emergency aid, and providing a vital human connection during a time of uncertainty. SCC's response was more than logistical—it was deeply compassionate. It's a story of swift action and a college firmly rooted in the well-being of its students and the community it serves.



It's the Great Pumpkin, Chaser!

Spartanburg Community College's Fall Festival brought the Spartanburg (Giles) Campus to life this past October with fun, music, and community spirit. Themed '*It's the Great Pumpkin, Chaser!*', the event welcomed more than **3,500 people**—including students, families, faculty, staff, and local residents—for a day full of fall-themed celebrations and connection.

Serving as a much-needed reprieve after the disruptions caused by Hurricane Helene, the festival featured live music performances, a wide variety of vendors, and an array of food trucks, creating a lively atmosphere that resonated with attendees of all ages. Interactive games and family-friendly activities were spread throughout the campus, ensuring continuous engagement and enjoyment. Notably, the event offered free admission, underscoring SCC's commitment to providing accessible and inclusive community programming.

Organized by SCC's Outreach Team, the festival not only delivered entertainment but also served as a platform for local businesses and artisans to showcase their talents and products. The success of the 2024 Fall Festival reflects SCC's broader mission to foster a strong sense of connection, belonging, and community pride among all its stakeholders.

Our Spring Fling in Cherokee

Spartanburg Community College, in partnership with the Institute of Innovation, was thrilled to host this year's Spring Fling—a vibrant celebration that brought together students, families, and community members for an afternoon of fun, connection, and local pride.

The event featured vendors from across the region, offering everything from handmade crafts to delicious local eats. Kids enjoyed a wide range of family-friendly activities, including games, face painting, and interactive exhibits designed to spark creativity and curiosity. A live DJ kept the energy lively all afternoon with upbeat music and crowd favorites that had everyone dancing.

And of course, no SCC event would be complete without an appearance from our beloved mascot, Chaser! Whether posing for photos or joining in on the fun, Chaser helped spread school spirit and smiles throughout the event.



MELISSA JAMES

Impact Story

Computer Technology, Class of 2012

Accounting, Class of 1987



This alumna, a stay-at-home mother looking to reenter the workforce, graduated from Spartanburg Technical College in June 1987 with an associate degree in Accounting. With her daughter becoming more independent, she felt it was time to pursue a career—and SCC provided the practical, affordable, and close-to-home opportunity she needed to do just that.

“When I graduated from Broome High School in 1984, I wasn’t sure what path to take. I thought Accounting would be a smart move because it was marketable,” she shared. After working part-time at her local elementary school, she enrolled at SCC. The transition wasn’t always easy. “It was a challenge getting back in the driver’s seat,” she shared. “I worked part-time while attending classes, and it took me three years to complete a two-year program. But I got there.”

During her time at SCC, she received encouragement and support from instructors who made a lasting impact. “Mrs. Lynn Dale, my accounting teacher, was nurturing and encouraging. Instructor Matt Alimaghan and IT Director Pete Gallen helped shape my second career. They truly cared about their students.”

After graduation, she worked various jobs in the technology field and eventually returned to SCC in 2022, where she now serves as a dedicated employee. “I believe my education here gave me an edge over other applicants. Real-world experience is part of the learning mold used at SCC—it provides a clear transition into the workforce.”

Her contributions to SCC continue to grow. What began with renewing 22 software licenses for the IT Department has expanded into managing 120 renewals across the entire college. In addition to her technical responsibilities, she volunteers at campus events and remains deeply committed to SCC’s mission of service and community.

“Spartanburg Community College is a great place to trust with your education. Everyone is willing to help you succeed,” she said.



Meeting Students Where They Are

Over the past year, Spartanburg Community College has made a bold investment in student success—one that’s already transforming outcomes and lives. What began in Spring 2024 with just a single Success Coach has grown into a dynamic team of **eight**, including three Dual Enrollment Coaches stationed in local high schools and five based across SCC campuses.

The team uses real-time data, faculty alerts, and proactive outreach to identify students at risk, intervene early, and remove barriers to success. These coaches are transforming the student experience through personalized support, meaningful relationships, and a strong sense of community connection.

SCC’s Success Coaches are more than advisors—they’re advocates, problem-solvers, and champions for student perseverance, offering individualized guidance, hosting events and workshops, and walking alongside students every step of the way.

Coaches help students navigate academic and financial challenges, build essential skills, and stay on track to graduate. They also collaborate across departments to identify systemic barriers and develop targeted outreach—proving that real-time support can drive real results. For example, coaches discovered that many students were withdrawing due to unpaid balances.

In response, SCC implemented a system to flag at-risk students early and connect them with financial resources—before the issue escalates.

The team also monitors students on academic probation and suspension, developing personalized plans that promote both accountability and encouragement.

In addition to one-on-one coaching, SCC’s Success Coaches host workshops that are vital to student engagement. These events support outreach, skill-building, and awareness of campus resources, while also fostering meaningful connections. Success Workshops cover a wide range of topics, including study strategies, time management, college preparation, social-emotional health, a sense of belonging, and overcoming failure.

Over the past year, participation in Success Coaching has grown significantly, including:

486% INCREASE

In One-on-One Coaching Sessions

945% INCREASE

In Student Attendance at Events & Workshops

“Every meeting creates the opportunity for a student to stay in school, overcome a barrier, or believe in their potential again.”

-Jennifer Jacobs, Director of Student Success

Behind every number is a success story—like the dual-enrollment student in crisis who was identified and supported, the student who overcame several failing semesters before switching programs of study, or the high school student who stopped attending classes during a personal crisis but was re-engaged through targeted outreach. Thanks to SCC’s strategic commitment, increased awareness, and coordinated resources, the College is redefining what student support looks like—helping students reset their academic paths and move forward with confidence.

Through workshops on time management, emotional wellness, study strategies, and building a sense of belonging, the Success Coaches are fostering a culture of resilience across campus. These events do more than offer academic tools—they help students form connections with one another, engage with vital campus resources, and envision a broader, brighter future.

Looking ahead, SCC’s Success Coaching program serves as a model for what’s possible when innovation, compassion, and strategy align. Every student interaction becomes a turning point—and together, these moments are building a more empowered, supported, and successful student body.



SCC’s SOAR (Support, Opportunity, Achievement, and Retention) program provides short-term financial assistance to help students overcome final barriers on their path to graduation. Eligible students may receive tuition or balance support for one semester, along with up to **\$250** per semester in book assistance until they complete their program.

To date, **41 students** have participated in SOAR, with **12 graduates**—three of whom completed their programs in Spring 2025.

Catelyn, for example, owed nearly \$500 for her final class but had no way to pay the balance. Thanks to her close relationship with her Success Coach, she felt comfortable seeking assistance. The team identified her as a SOAR candidate, covered the remaining balance, and Catelyn graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

“I would not have continued and finished at SCC without the help of my Success Coaches.” -Catelyn

SCC's Spark Center

Innovation Hub At Hub City

Having created over 100,000 jobs and generated more than **\$50 billion in economic impact** for South Carolina and its businesses, The Spark Center isn't only here to help—it's here to make a real difference. The primary focus of The Spark Center SC is to promote collaboration among economic development organizations, government, business, and education to significantly enhance economic vitality and prosperity for the region and the state as a whole. The Spark Center is located along the I-85 corridor on Highway 290 in Duncan, at the SCC Tyger River Campus, a designated enterprise campus.

The Spark Center offers the most vital resource for any new or expanding business: flexible space. With nearly **400,000** square feet available, the facility can be customized to meet the unique needs of each client. In exchange for these services, business clients commit to establishing their permanent facility in Spartanburg County.

Four Major Sectors of Spark

Soft Landing Program

Small Business Incubator

Workforce Employment Services

Special Projects



"It was exceptionally good for us in terms of logistics. We were fortunate to have one place we could identify everyone could come and have the resources available to execute our project plan. The Spark Center provided us with a lot of resources that you would normally have to do in a construction trailer, and that doesn't allow for a lot of collaboration with that many people. We set up a simulation of our manufacturing equipment in The Spark Center so we could start training immediately."

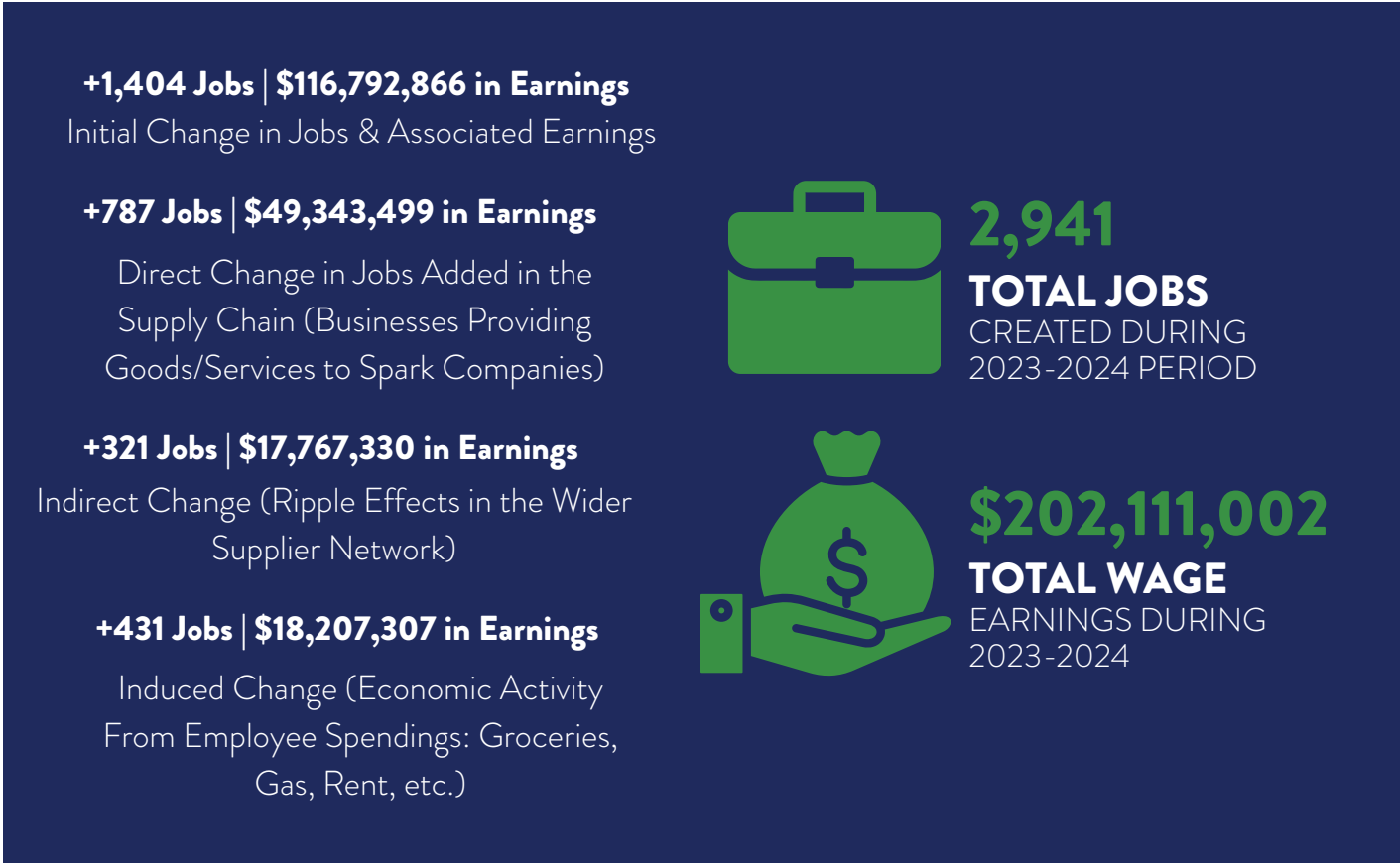
-Chuck Hollingsworth, Keurig Dr Pepper

The Spark Center’s Economic Impact

The Spark Center contributes significantly to job creation, earnings, and tax revenue for Spartanburg County and the state of South Carolina. The following data covers the period from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and also includes the long-term impact of The Spark Center since its opening in 2007. During the 2023–2024 period, nearly **3,000** net new jobs were created, generating total wage earnings of **\$202,111,002** in Spartanburg County. Over the past 17 years, The Spark Center has supported the development of more than **100,000** jobs, producing nearly **\$4.362** billion in total wage earnings.

2023-2024 Impact Breakdown

The following provides a detailed overview of the impact of The Spark Center on the Spartanburg County economy. It outlines the initial effects of capital investment and job creation by the companies served and explains the direct, indirect, and induced economic impacts these businesses had on Spartanburg County from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.



Tax Impact of The Spark Center (In Spartanburg County)

Another important factor when measuring economic impact is how much revenue the state generates from income and sales taxes due to the new jobs created by The Spark Center. As people earn more, they pay more in income taxes, and they also tend to spend more, which increases sales tax revenue for the state. The following explains how the total earnings generated by The Spark Center **(\$202,111,002)**, adjusted for benefits, translate into both income and sales taxes. This results in approximately **\$7.7 million** in income tax and **\$3 million** in sales tax, totaling more than **\$10 million** in new tax revenue for South Carolina.



Total Net Effect in Earnings	\$202,111,002
Adjustment for Benefits (33.8%)	\$68,313,519
Net Wages Subject to SC Income Tax	\$133,797,483
Net Wages Subject to Sales Tax (38%)	\$50,843,044
Income Tax Revenues (Avg. Rate 5.8%)	\$7,760,254
Sales Tax Revenues (Rate of 6%)	\$3,050,583
Combined Income & Sales Tax Revenue Generated	\$10,810,837

Workforce Development

Bridging Education & Industry



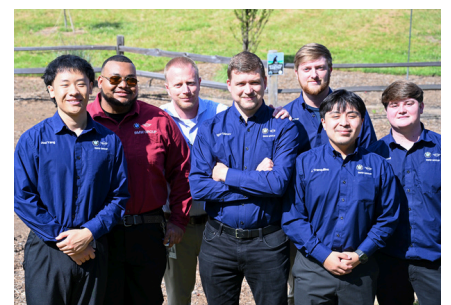
Spartanburg Community College's Workforce Development Division serves as a dynamic bridge between education and the regional economy. Focused on workforce readiness, career advancement, and economic growth, the division delivers flexible, high-impact training solutions through noncredit courses, customized programs, and strategic partnerships. Committed to responsive service and measurable outcomes, SCC ensures its programs meet the evolving needs of both individuals and employers.

CSL Plasma



FREIGHTLINER

In the 2024-2025 year, the department saw significant growth in employer engagement, with over **25** companies seeking customized training solutions—a testament to the strength of SCC's industry relationships and consultative approach. Programs are delivered in various formats, including in-person, online, and hybrid, accommodating adult learners and working professionals alike.



Customized Training & Revenue Impact

SCC's tailored workforce training programs have made a substantial impact across the region. This year, over **2,100** individuals participated in workforce development training—almost **800** through noncredit offerings and over **1,330** through customized training partnerships, including over **1,110** BMW employees. These efforts generated **\$1.57 million** in revenue, reinforcing the College's role as a key player in regional workforce development.

Additionally, SCC leverages the South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SC WINS) to eliminate financial barriers, providing tuition support for noncredit students. Looking forward, SCC aims to expand SC WINS utilization to cover essential program costs like uniforms and tools, further promoting accessibility and student success.



Fueling Spartanburg's Workforce

Spartanburg Community College (SCC) played a pivotal role in fostering community engagement and informed decision-making during the 2023 discussions surrounding the renewal of Spartanburg County's penny sales tax. This one-percent sales tax was set to expire in April 2024. To address this, SCC hosted a crucial public forum on October 30, 2023, at its Middle Tyger Campus. The event, titled "Voice of Business Brunch with MTAC – Penny Referendum," provided a platform for community members to learn about the proposed tax extension and its implications for local infrastructure.

SCC is proud to launch its new Heavy Equipment Program in August 2025—an initiative created in direct response to the Penny Tax to support Spartanburg County's expanding infrastructure projects. With **10** pieces of equipment donated by Spartanburg County, a brand-new track loader from Takeuchi, and a **\$200,000** grant from the Truist Foundation, SCC is investing in hands-on training that will prepare students for high-demand careers in construction and public works.

This powerful collaboration exemplifies SCC's unwavering commitment to driving economic growth and workforce readiness across our region. We're proud to lead the way in shaping a stronger, more skilled future for Spartanburg County.

SCC & NSF Partner to BOOST Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development

Spartanburg Community College (SCC) is proud to be a key partner in BOOST (Building Opportunities for Outstanding Skills Training), a regional collaboration funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This initiative strengthens the capacity of Southeastern community colleges to meet the growing workforce needs of the advanced manufacturing sector.

Through NSF support, SCC is enhancing its ability to align education with industry demands—ensuring students are prepared for high-wage, high-demand careers while supporting economic growth in Upstate South Carolina.

Why Does This Matter for SCC?

- Manufacturing is the largest and fastest-growing industry in SCC's service area, employing over **44,000** people—more than triple the national average.
- From 2012 to 2022, manufacturing's economic impact in SCC's region nearly doubled, reaching **\$7.9 billion**.
- Despite these opportunities, SCC faces challenges in scaling industry partnerships due to limited staff capacity, a lack of formal training in partnership-building, and disconnected program data systems.

SCC's NSF-Backed BOOST Initiatives

Thanks to NSF funding, SCC is addressing these challenges through strategic initiatives that directly benefit students, industry partners, and the local economy:

Director of Industry Partnerships

A new, dedicated role has been created to build and sustain relationships with manufacturing businesses, aligning programs with workforce needs.

Faculty & Staff Professional Development

NSF-supported training equips SCC faculty and staff with the skills to engage effectively with industry leaders and develop workforce-aligned curricula.

Data Integration for Informed Decision-Making

We are merging credit and noncredit program data into SCC's EAB Edify system to support agile, data-driven responses to industry needs.

SCC's Role in the BOOST Collaborative

As part of the NSF-funded BOOST cohort, SCC shares its expertise in:

- Economic development research through its Office of Research and Development.
- Innovative industry engagement strategies, such as The Spark Center, which has generated over **\$50 billion** in economic impact for South Carolina.

These best practices will be shared with other BOOST institutions, amplifying SCC's regional leadership and reinforcing its commitment to economic development.

This project directly supports SCC's strategic goal to "optimize economic competitiveness by aligning with local businesses and economic development partners to ensure SCC graduates are workforce-ready."

NSF's Impact on SCC's Mission

Through NSF Support, SCC is...



**EXPANDING WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY**



**STRENGTHENING UPSTATE
SOUTH CAROLINA'S
ECONOMIC ECOSYSTEM**



**ENSURING THAT STUDENTS ARE
PREPARED FOR CAREERS IN
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
AND BEYOND**



SCC Wins Big with Student Success Grants

Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) Grant

In October 2024, Spartanburg Community College was awarded a highly competitive Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This **\$2.1 million** investment, distributed over five years, will significantly enhance SCC's capacity to support and expand student success initiatives. Notably, SCC is one of only two colleges in South Carolina selected for this prestigious national award.

"This award is a powerful step toward leveling the playing field for students in our area. It provides them with the resources and support they need to not only dream of graduation but to live it—creating real opportunities to improve their lives, careers, and futures,"

Dr. Stacey Obi, Vice President of Student & Community Advancement



With a remarkable **62%** increase in enrollment since 2019, SCC continues to open doors for more Upstate South Carolinians, guiding them toward graduation and meaningful careers. The Title III grant supports improvements in academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability, and has also enabled the College to fund several key staff positions dedicated to student success.

To learn more about how SCC is transforming student outcomes, visit myscc.info/studentsuccess.



SAM (Spartanburg Academic Movement) Grant

The SAM grant was implemented to boost post-secondary success rates. With a combined **\$1.38 million** awarded over two years, the grant is helping SCC transform key student pathways to build the economy and support economic mobility for students across Spartanburg County. The grant is a part of the Movement 2030 initiative—a community-driven plan that aims to advance educational and economic outcomes for the people in Spartanburg County.

Expanding & Enhancing Dual Enrollment Access

SCC is committed to ensuring that dual enrollment opportunities are accessible, affordable, and high-quality. Over the past year, the College has made measurable progress in building capacity and strengthening student support:

- **Four** Dual Enrollment Support Coaches were hired in Spring 2024 to provide personalized guidance.
- New efforts launched in Fall 2024 focused on expanding instructional capacity and increasing outreach to students with lower participation rates.

Boosting Degree Completion Through Institutional Supports

To ensure that more students enroll and complete their degree, SCC is investing in comprehensive support systems tailored to student needs:

- A reverse transfer agreement with USC Upstate has been implemented, enabling students to complete associate degrees using credits earned after transferring.
- SCC has begun deploying student gap funding to assist those at risk of dropping out due to financial challenges.
- In Fall 2024, SCC launched a suite of completion support initiatives, which may include academic advisors, success coaches, tutoring, emergency aid, faculty development, and student engagement software. These initiatives will be assessed for scalability beyond 2025.

Tailoring the College Experience for Adult Learners

Recognizing the importance of serving working adults and nontraditional students, SCC is using SAM Grant funds to expand outreach and reduce financial barriers for adults seeking to complete degrees:

- Targeted outreach to adult learners began in Spring 2024 to reengage individuals with some college but no credential.
- Gap funding is also available to adult students at risk of stopping out, helping them persist through to completion.



Dual Enrollment at SCC

SCC's Dual Enrollment program empowers high school students to begin their college journey early and tuition-free by earning college credits while still enrolled in high school. This streamlined pathway supports academic advancement, cost savings, and a direct transition to full-time college study upon high school graduation.

Key Features

Flexible Learning Formats

Students can take courses in person, online, or in a hybrid format and benefit from SCC's library, tutoring and testing centers, Student Hub, and other support services.

High School and SCC Instruction

Courses are taught by qualified instructors, offering both convenience and academic rigor.

Career-Focused Pathways

SCC partners with area career centers to provide engaging dual enrollment opportunities in fields like welding, mechatronics, and health sciences.

Benefits

Accelerated Credit Accumulation

Starting early means more earned credits and a smoother transition to college or career training post-graduation.

Cost Savings

As part of SCC's portfolio of tuition-free initiatives, dual enrollment provides a no-cost pathway toward a college degree.



Students interested in dual enrollment should begin by discussing their eligibility with their high school advisor or by contacting the SCC Dual Enrollment Office. Once ready to apply, students must create a personal email account, select "High School Dual Enrollment," and complete the online application, including submitting all required documentation such as transcripts and test scores. After acceptance is confirmed by SCC's Dual Enrollment Office, students will receive academic advising and proceed with course registration.



TEACHSpartanburg

Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg School District 3, and USC Upstate have joined forces to create something new and exciting: the TEACHSpartanburg program. This partnership is designed to help students in high school start their journey to becoming teachers—right here in their own community. TEACHSpartanburg is the first program of its kind in the county.

Students who join the TEACHSpartanburg program begin taking classes with SCC while still in high school. After graduation, they continue at SCC to complete their associate degree, then transfer to USC Upstate to earn a bachelor's degree in education. Most students in the program can complete both degrees within just two years after high school graduation—allowing them to become teachers faster and with a clear, structured plan in place.

But the program isn't just about earning degrees. TEACHSpartanburg gives students real experience by providing them with time in real classrooms in District 3 schools. They'll work with experienced teachers, learn how to lead a class, and get hands-on practice while student teaching. They'll also take part in special mentoring sessions and professional development activities to help them grow into strong, confident educators.

This is more than just a great opportunity for students—it's also a smart solution to a real challenge. Spartanburg County, like many places, needs more teachers. By creating a path for students to become teachers in their own community, TEACHSpartanburg helps solve that shortage. It's a way for District 3 to “grow their own” teachers—students who already know and care about the community and who want to give back by teaching future generations.

MICHAEL CLARDY

*Impact Story
Welding, Class of 1980*



In the fall of 1980, a recent Spartanburg High School graduate enrolled at what was then Spartanburg Technical College. Alongside four close friends, he entered the Welding program with a clear goal: secure employment with Duke Power, then oversee pipeline construction at two new nuclear energy plants being built in the Upstate.

But as graduation approached, the outlook changed. Support for nuclear power projects declined, hiring was frozen, and one of the plants shut down completely. “This left us needing a plan for ‘what’s next,’” he recalled.

The College didn’t hesitate. Through its network and job placement efforts, the group was offered positions at Daniels Construction. But for him, the opportunity meant long-term, out-of-state travel — something not feasible due to responsibilities at home. He was once again left at a crossroads.

Without hesitation, SCC was there to help.

“One of my Welding instructors, Conrad Allen—who had even worked with my father earlier in their careers—helped me register, get accepted and transfer to the University of South Carolina Spartanburg,” he said. That next step eventually led to a long, successful career with Spartanburg Water System, where he served for 37 years.

In July 2019, nearly four decades after first enrolling, he returned to SCC—not as a student, but as the Director of Procurement. Today, almost six years later, he continues to serve the College in a part-time capacity, helping students chase their own futures with the same support and encouragement he once received.

“The school never let me down—even when local job prospects fell through. They helped me find, not only my next step, but a career and a calling. Once a Chaser, always a Chaser.”

Chaser's Pantry

Supporting Student Success Beyond the Classroom



Program Impact

- Alleviates food insecurity for SCC students.
- Supports academic persistence and completion.
- Reduces barriers to student success and well-being.
- Reinforces SCC's commitment to holistic student support.

Chaser's Pantry is supported through generous donations from faculty, staff, community partners, and campus fundraising efforts. This collective support reflects SCC's dedication to fostering a caring, student-centered environment.



Chaser's Pantry, Spartanburg Community College's on-campus food and resource pantry, is an essential support service that helps address food insecurity and basic needs among SCC students. By providing access to non-perishable food, hygiene products, and household essentials, the pantry plays a crucial role in supporting students' well-being. This assistance allows students to focus more fully on their education without the added stress of worrying about their basic needs.

630+

Students Assisted

1,055+

Visits to the Pantry

2,375+

Non-Perishable Food Items

725+

Non-Food Items (Household Products, Hygiene Products, etc.)

1,660+

Grab and Go Snack Items

**As of March 31, 2025*

AZARIA LATTIMORE-GREENE

Impact Story
Medical Assisting, Class of 2025



For Azaria Lattimore-Greene, a 2025 graduate of the Medical Assisting program, Chaser's Pantry became more than just a place to get groceries—it became a source of comfort, strength, and hope. “Chaser's Pantry was a lifeline for me and my family,” Azaria shared. “It not only provided essential food items but also offered a sense of security.”

Like many students, Azaria faced tough times affording food. When she first visited the pantry, she didn't know what to expect. But she found more than canned goods and snacks—she found caring people. “The kindness of the volunteers made every visit warm and welcoming, lifting my spirits during hard times.”

Now, as Azaria graduates, she looks back with deep gratitude. Her experience with the pantry didn't just help her in the moment—it shaped her future, too. “The pantry has not only helped me through tough times but has inspired me to give back whenever I can. The kindness I received has motivated me to pay it forward and contribute to others in need, just as I was helped.”

For students juggling the demands of school, work, and family responsibilities, a service like this can truly make all the difference. It's not just about having enough food to get through the day—it's about the peace of mind that comes from knowing someone cares and is there to support you. When life feels overwhelming, having a reliable resource like Chaser's Pantry can ease a heavy burden, allowing students to focus on their studies and goals. It creates a sense of community and belonging, reminding students that they are not alone in their struggles—that there are people cheering them on and ready to help them succeed.

Chaser's Pantry is available to all currently enrolled students. Whether you need food for yourself or your family, you are welcome to stop by. There are no complicated forms, no judgment—just support. Our staff and volunteers work hard to keep the pantry stocked with shelf-stable food, snacks, and hygiene products. It's a space built on dignity, compassion, and trust.

SCC's Career Closet

Empowering Students to Dress for Success

The Career Closet at Spartanburg Community College provides students with access to free professional and business casual attire to support their career development and success. By eliminating financial barriers associated with purchasing work-appropriate clothing, the Career Closet helps students confidently prepare for interviews, networking events, career fairs, and the transition into the workforce.

This initiative supports SCC's strategic focus on career readiness and community engagement, aligning with the College's mission to prepare students for success in a competitive workforce. By addressing non-academic needs that directly impact employment opportunities, the Career Closet is a vital part of SCC's holistic approach to student support.

Program Impact

- Increases student confidence and preparedness for job opportunities.
- Supports workforce readiness and professional development.
- Promotes equity by providing resources for all students.
- Reinforces SCC's commitment to student success beyond academics.



The Career Closet is made possible through donations from faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners. These contributions help ensure that SCC students are equipped with the attire needed to make a positive first impression in professional settings.



SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S **STRATEGIC PLAN**

By 2025, Spartanburg Community College will work diligently to adapt its structures, processes, academic programs, and student support services so that individuals in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties can access higher education, improve their economic mobility, and pave the way for our community to thrive and achieve its full potential. Together, we will create a model of excellence for our students, our economic partners, our communities, and for the many future Chasers who decide that they want to live in a world where they can Dream it, Chase it, Live it!

Our College Will...

- 1) Empower Student Success by fostering a culture that places students first, supports our mission of accessibility and affordability, and produces well-prepared graduates ready to enter the local workforce or continue their education.
- 2) Provide Healthy Financial Growth by developing strategic initiatives designed to grow financial resources, including increasing student enrollment and retention, building workforce training opportunities, and exploring new economic advancement partnerships while strengthening current affiliations.
- 3) Strengthen Culture and Community by fostering a culture of communication, collaboration, and transparency between students, employees, and community stakeholders, and taking an active and deliberate approach to increasing community involvement and partnerships.
- 4) Deliver Transformative Experiences by cultivating innovation through best practices and striving to foster a highly engaged and effective institution of higher learning focused on continual improvement and outcomes.
- 5) Optimize Economic Competitiveness by collaboratively aligning with local businesses and economic development partners to ensure SCC graduates have the skills required to secure high-quality, local jobs upon graduation and that our region remains economically competitive.

Our Facility Master Plan

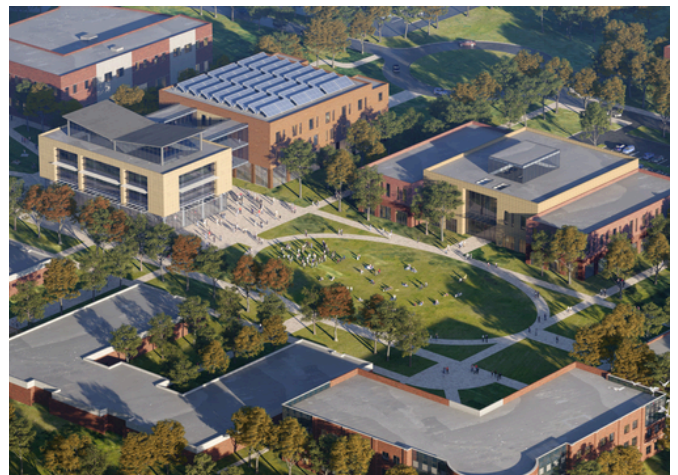
The Future of Spartanburg Community College

SCC provides accessible and exceptional education and workforce training to support students, citizens, and the South Carolina economy. The Facility Master Plan serves as a roadmap for campus development that aligns with SCC's strategic planning and key priorities. Building upon SCC's strong community, the plan will guide future investments by proposing building renovations, new facilities, and landscape improvements across all five locations.

SCC's unique learning environment, with a diverse student population, requires unique facilities. The Facility Master Plan addresses existing needs but is primarily forward-looking, considering the future economy and workforce of South Carolina. The plan strengthens the community of SCC, further bolstering the strong identity and brand that exists today.



The plan includes a blend of near-and long-term projects across SCC's five campuses that will continue to propel the College forward. These projects are based on consensus, best practices, and projected needs, combining visionary and practical ideas. The principles and priorities outlined in the plan provide a framework to guide future decision-making and development over time.



Spartanburg (Giles) Campus

The Spartanburg (Giles) Campus serves as the main hub of the institution, embodying a commitment to accessible, quality education and a vibrant community spirit. Situated along Interstate 85 in Spartanburg, this vibrant campus boasts a beautiful natural setting that is recognized as a prominent arboretum. It is a dynamic space where students from all walks of life come together to pursue academic achievement, career training, and personal enrichment.



Downtown (Evans) Campus

The Downtown (Evans) Campus stands as a beacon of educational opportunity and community development in the heart of Spartanburg, South Carolina. This campus combines the rich heritage of the city with cutting-edge facilities and programs tailored to advance new opportunities in higher educational attainment, workforce development, and broader community partnerships.



Cherokee County Campus

Prominently located along Interstate 85, near downtown Gaffney, and easily recognized by the presence of the iconic Peachoid, the Cherokee County Campus is more than just an educational institution. It is a cornerstone of the community, driving personal and professional growth while contributing to regional prosperity. Looking ahead, the SCC Cherokee County Campus aims to expand its program offerings and continue investing in cutting-edge facilities.



Tyger River Campus

The Tyger River Campus is one of SCC's specialized facilities designed to cater to the diverse needs of students, employers, and industries. This campus is strategically located in Duncan, South Carolina, close to both the South Carolina Inland Port and the BMW Spartanburg Manufacturing Facility. Paired with The Spark Center, this campus embodies a forward-thinking approach to community and economic development.



Union County Campus

Nestled off Highway 176 in Union County, South Carolina, the Union County Campus prides itself on its strong connection to the local community. Future expansion will increase capacity, resulting in the growth of local business partnerships that will benefit both students and employers.





WE ARE *Your* COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Spartanburg Community College proudly partners with hundreds of organizations across South Carolina, working together to empower individuals, uplift communities, and inspire lasting change throughout our state.

myscc.info/community



About Spartanburg Community College

Spartanburg Community College provides affordable, high-quality education and workforce development opportunities to residents across Upstate South Carolina. With five campuses and a diverse range of academic, technical, and transfer programs, SCC serves more than 10,000 students each year and partners closely with local employers and community organizations to support student success.

107 Community College Drive | Spartanburg, SC 29303

Phone: (864) 592-4600 | 1-800-922-3679

Email: infoSCC@sccsc.edu

Website: SCCSC.edu

Media Contact

Savanna James

Public Information Officer (PIO)

Spartanburg Community College

864-592-4215 | james@sccsc.edu





SPARTANBURG
Community College™

DREAM IT. CHASE IT. LIVE IT.™