

# President's Newsletter

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## SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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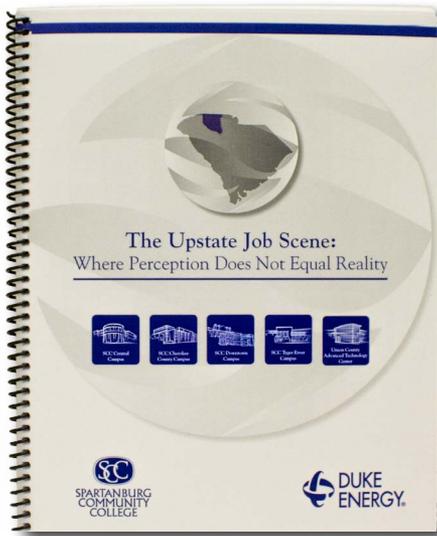


Industrial



# SCC: Changing

## What's Happening At SCC?



Spartanburg Community College is tasked with serving as a catalyst for economic development according to our vision statement.

Recognizing that the health of a community depends largely on the strength of its workforce, the empirical data captured in the market research from the Duke Energy grant, is our call to action. SCC is therefore committed to the following action items in an effort to address these findings and to provide meaningful solutions to the exodus of baby boomers retiring from the workforce.

Action items include:

1. Form a task force to guide the College in addressing community needs by developing strategic long range plans that identify and prioritize the College's strengths and weaknesses; establish a plan to increase enrollment and graduate twice as many students annually.
2. Seek grants – local, federal, state – and other opportunities that will allow the College to improve program quality and increase the number of graduates.
3. Seek financial support from the S.C. General Assembly to fund the expansion of SCC technical programs.
4. Seek support from the SCC Foundation and other private donors to assist the College expand programs and support services to help students continue their education and skills development. The College will also seek support and assistance in doubling the number of technical scholar students and the number of companies participating in the Technical Scholars Program.
5. The College will be accountable for the previously mentioned initiatives, and will provide an annual update of accomplishments to the community.

# Lives & Building

## Campus Highlights

### SCC Central Campus

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- A recent study entitled, “The Upstate Job Scene: Where Perception Does Not Equal Reality,” is published at a series of press conferences held at three of the Spartanburg Community College campuses.

### SCC Cherokee County Campus

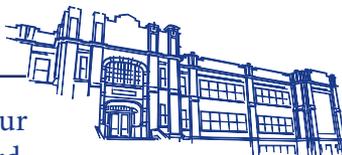
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- Local artist, Ashley Holt, is showcasing his work with a free exhibit located in the lobby of the Harvey S. Peeler building. Fun fact – Ashley Holt is the librarian for the SCC Cherokee Campus.

### SCC Downtown Campus

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- Student highlight – We would like to show our appreciation for Jane Harris and Alivia Bodiford. These two students exemplify service learning and motivate their peers to get involved in the community.

### SCC Tyger River Campus

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- Focused on student success, the SCC Tyger River Campus offers a free study skills workshop series each semester to all students.

### Union County Advanced Technology Center

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- Hunter Jordan, a student at the Union County Advanced Technology Center, was honored for excelling in the Center’s welding program. Welding instructor Jason Pace presented Hunter with a plaque and gift certificate as part of the Center’s student spotlight program.

# Futures Since 1963

## Leaders In Our Community



County Councilman Jeff Horton

When Jeff Horton was elected to Spartanburg County Council in 1995, his promise to his constituents was clear. He would work to serve the people who elected him, working with other officials to spend tax dollars wisely while meeting the county's needs. In 2003 when he began his term as Council Chairman, he continued his support of the projects and improvements currently underway in Spartanburg. Under his leadership, Spartanburg County has seen an expansion of businesses, economic development and job growth.

As Spartanburg Community College grew, Jeff championed the idea of bringing the Evans Building, once the home of Spartanburg High School, back to life. Since its school days, the building had seen multiple uses, but with his usual dedication and a lot of hard work, Jeff garnered community support needed to bring the huge project to fruition. In the fall 2013, the renovated Evans Building opened its doors to students as the Evans Academic Center, which serves as a Spartanburg Community College's Downtown Campus.

Described by a former coach as dependable and polite, today Jeff's friends call him a hardworking and formidable competitor who has the courage to work for the things he believes in, while remaining on good terms with his fellow council members.

Born and raised in Spartanburg County, Jeff graduated from Boiling Springs High School and attended Spartanburg Methodist College. After college, he joined his father's insurance business, which has now expanded to include financial services and estate planning. Today, Jeff and his family still live in the Boiling Springs community.





Dear Friends,

Spartanburg Community College, thanks to a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, recently commissioned a study of the workforce in the tri-counties we serve in Upstate South Carolina. The idea for the study came from Sam Hook, executive director of the Spartanburg Community College Foundation and was based on concerns he heard in meetings with industry leaders. Richard Quinn and Associates of Columbia, S. C. designed and completed the study, "The Upstate Job Scene: Where Perception Does Not Equal Reality." The results confirmed that a national trend was playing out in the Upstate.

As the baby boomers retire, the workforce loses skilled manufacturing jobs. The current Spartanburg Community College student population will not provide enough graduates to fill those jobs.

Each year a large percentage of graduates enter college or military service. But there is a small percentage who enter the workforce, often in unskilled jobs, or don't work at all.

We must look at non-traditional programs and services that will capture those workers and teach them the skills we are losing with higher retirement numbers.

If we do not provide the training necessary, in a few years we may not be able to graduate enough skilled workers to serve the industries and businesses coming into our community. If the system fails to provide a qualified workforce, the tri-county area will suffer the consequences. Based on the numbers soon to retire, there is no time to waste. Immediate action is needed to meet the challenge ahead. To that end, we have formed a task force to guide the College in addressing these quantifiable needs.

Please join in our upcoming efforts as we work towards comprehensive solutions, together.

Sincerely,

Henry C. Giles, Jr.

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## SCC Recieves Timken Donation

The Timken Foundation recently donated \$150,000 to the Spartanburg Community College Foundation for the new educational and training facility at the College's Cherokee County campus.

The \$150,000 donation is for new equipment in the 27,000-square-foot Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Technologies building, which is scheduled to open in August 2015 for fall classes.



Shown at the presentation are, from left: Jeff Taylor, manager, Engineering, Maintenance & Facilitator, the Timken Company; John Milko, manager, The Timken Company plant, Gaffney; and Henry C. Giles, Jr., SCC President.

“The CAMIT building is an important addition to our community — it’s good for the college, it’s good for the people of Cherokee County and it is a huge benefit for Timken,” John Milko, manager of Gaffney’s Timken plant, said in the statement. “We are proud to be part of providing for SCC and for the Cherokee community.”