



GPTC ALUMNI NEWS

FORMERLY DEKALB TECH



**GEORGIA
PIEDMONT**
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

ISSUE 4

DECEMBER 2017

Dr. Jabari Simama
President
Georgia Piedmont
Technical College



Fall Fest & Fundraiser!

EVENT RECAP



The Georgia Piedmont Technical College Alumni Association recently hosted a Fall Fest and Fundraiser complete with hot apple cider, a chili bar, s'mores station and games at Refuge Coffee in Clarkston. Alumni in attendance ranged from the classes of 1994 to 2017! Ricky Brewer, a DeKalb Tech grad, proudly shared memories of his time on campus and explained how his education helped him achieve his career goals. City of Clarkston Councilman Dean Moore even joined in on the fun. To volunteer, or to join the Association, please contact Sonya Bingham at sonyasbingham@gmail.com.

PARTNERSHIP with

You do normal Grocery Shopping and GPTC gets Rewards!



GPTC is pleased to announce a new partnership with Kroger grocery stores. We urge each of you to register your Kroger Plus card with GPTC as your designated charity at www.krogercommunityrewards.com/ using NPO number 34930. The money that the college receives is 'free money', and goes back into make GPTC a place that thrives, motivates, and inspires. You can be helping your school get available funds with each swipe. There is no better feeling than giving and knowing that you are in a position to help others. Help the GPTC Family grow and prosper...register TODAY!

Register Your Kroger Plus Card Today!
www.krogercommunityrewards.com/

GPTC MARKETING WINS BIG!

Georgia Piedmont's Marketing team won big at the 2017 NCMPR District 2 Medallion Awards...so much so that they needed help holding them all! The National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) is a well-respected organization exclusively serving two-year colleges marketing and public relations professionals. NCMPR provides professional development opportunities, advocates on behalf of the profession and the institutions it serves, and recognizes professional excellence. Each year the Medallion Awards celebrates outstanding achievement in communications at 166 community and technical colleges.

THE GPTC TEAM WON:

GOLD in Presentation Folder for 'Training for a Digital-Industrial World' beating out Greenville Technical and Wake Technical Community College.

GOLD in Holiday E-Card Design with the remarks, "Beautiful design, beautiful color, beautifully sensitive to your audience."

SILVER in Annual Report sandwiched between Chattahoochee Technical College and Midlands Technical College.

BRONZE in Community Success Story with 'Access 4 Achievement' placing after Calhoun Community and Wake Technical Community College.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

"I love what I do."

-DR. DAMON MCCOY

"Each day, I have an opportunity to motivate and inspire others to become life-long learners. And he should know. Not only is he a staff member here at Georgia Piedmont, but he's also a part-time faculty member!

Serving as an adjunct instructor, he brings the world of psychology to life for students. While as a graduation specialist, he advises students and performs various tasks ranging from auditing students' records to ordering their credentials.

Damon didn't stop after earning his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Services from Clayton State University in 2008. He continued on to get a Master of Science in Management with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Colorado Technical University, then powered through to earn a doctorate in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Argosy University in 2015.

Knowing that I played a role in someone's educational journey indicates to me that I chose the right profession," he says. Damon is one of the lucky ones, choosing a career that is as fulfilling as it is rewarding. At GPTC, we are so glad he did!



The ANDREA STROMMEN

RELIEF FUND

Andrea Strommen, a talented automotive technical instructor for the past six years at Georgia Piedmont and the college's 2016 Rick Perkins teacher of the year, experienced a devastating loss recently when her home burned to the ground. While Andrea and her 5-year-old son, Colin, are okay, they did lose everything in their home, including their beloved pet, and her cars.

During this season of giving, we are asking every alumni and friend of the college to give whatever they can toward Andrea Strommen's relief fund. The foundation will be accepting monetary contributions for those who can make a gift to assist in her recovery efforts.

Please make your checks payable to the GPTC Foundation adding "Andrea Strommen" on the memo line. You can also make your contributions online at www.gptc.edu/give, selecting "other" for the designation and putting "Andrea Strommen" in the comment line.

*At Georgia Piedmont, we are a family,
and we take care of one another.*



GPTC's Law Enforcement Academy Receives National Accreditation Again


Georgia Piedmont Technical College Law Enforcement Academy (GPTCLEA) achieves their first reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In 2014 GPTCLEA became the first law enforcement training academy in the State of Georgia to attain an International accreditation from CALEA. On July 29th in Providence, Rhode Island, CALEA granted the Law Enforcement Academy their first reaccreditation. GPTCLEA continues to be the only training academy in the State that holds a CALEA accreditation.

According to the director of Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy, Major Harry McCann, this is a significant achievement.

"It shows that we are doing what our policies and procedures say we should be doing when it comes to the best practices of running a law enforcement academy."

Congratulations to the GPTCLEA!

GPTCLEA runs three academies a year starting in January, May and August. For more information contact them at 404-297-9522 ext. 5046.



GRADUATES OF
**Georgia Piedmont
Technical College** are a
part of **your community.**



- ✓ They drive your bus.
- ✓ They take your blood pressure at the doctor's office.
- ✓ They are first responders in times of crisis.
- ✓ They repair your car.
- ✓ They cut your hair.
- ✓ They power up your air conditioning.
- ✓ They fix your computer.

*When our graduates go out into the world, they make it better.
But they can't do it without help.*

Your tax deductible contribution helps our students become the graduates that help you.

DONATE NOW!
WWW.GPTC.EDU/GIVE

THE GEORGIA PIEDMONT
ANNUAL FUND

