



ATC Spotlight

Athens Technical College offers students Alternative Spring Break



Athens Technical College students can enjoy time off from their studies while at the same time diving into an enriching experience that will serve others during spring break this March.

The Athens Technical College's Office of Student Affairs has arranged for ATC students to join an Alternative Spring Break project working on a Habitat for Humanity house through the Collegiate Challenge program. The Habitat build is in Concord, N.C., about 20 minutes north of Charlotte.

Taking a community-service oriented spring break option like this offers students a chance for fellowship with other students beyond class time, said Yancey Gulley, director of student activities for ATC. Additionally, while students will work on the Habitat house during the day, organizers for the Alternative Spring Break have arranged a variety of fun activities and entertainment for students each evening.

ATC is the first college in Georgia's technical college system to participate in the Alternative Spring Break, said Gulley who added that the office of student activities arranged the plans for the spring break at the request of ATC students, Gulley said.

"In the past year, students have been asking for more opportunities to give back to the community, and the office of student activities has responded to these requests in a number of ways," Gulley said. "Following the overwhelming success of our first ATC Day of Service this fall, I developed this Alternative Spring Break program to foster an even greater sense of the importance of and impact of community service, while engaging our students in an experience that supports intensive learning and developmental growth."

ATC student Lotoya Cobbs like the prospect of taking time off to help others.

"I am very excited to have the chance to be a part of it," Cobbs said. "For students, like myself, who like to help people and the community, this program is important and a great chance for us to get the Athens Tech name out there, get involved in something positive and also network with more people in our school and outside as well."

The spring break trip to Concord is limited to nine ATC students, and the Athens Tech Student Advisory Council will help cover part of the expenses. Participants will leave together on Sunday, March 11 and travel in a college van to the site. They will return, Saturday, March 17.

To participate, students must be at least 16, enrolled in spring semester and must complete an [ASB Registration Form](#) submitted to the Office of Student Activities along with their payment of \$100 (checks can be made payable to the "ATC Foundation").

Participating students will need to attend an orientation session to be scheduled in late February. All participants will need to sign waiver forms and complete other paperwork. The ATC group will be staying at a local church, and members of the local community will provide. Participants are expected to bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. Planners have arranged for a special non-work-related surprise for participants.

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