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Athens Technical College President, Dr. Flora Tydings, announces the promotion of Dennis Ashworth to Vice President of Information Technology.

Mr. Ashworth's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a Master of Education degree in Computer Based Education from the University of Georgia.

Prior to this appointment Mr. Ashworth served as the Director of Computer Services for Athens Technical College and was primarily responsible for the design, implementation and support of a campus wide, multi-million dollar, multi-protocol data network including 900+ microcomputers, twelve servers and three minicomputers.. He recently served on a state of Georgia committee for network security and has served as an interface design consultant for IBM.

Mr. Ashworth has presented at numerous national conferences including the Syllabus Conference and the League for Innovation in the Community College. He will make a presentation entitled "M0n0wall: An open source application for wireless internet access" at the upcoming League for Innovation conference this fall.

He is an Oracle Certified Master and has earned certification in Java, various IBM OS courses, and numerous Oracle courses. He has instructional experience teaching computer programming for Athens Technical College and specializes in the areas of UNIX, network design, program design and network security. He has provided technical support for the electronic voter systems under a partnership with the Secretary of State's office and has worked on web based projects for the Department of Family and Children Services/Department of Human Resources.

He is the son of Cecil Ashworth and the late Louise Ashworth of Crawford, Georgia.