



ATC Spotlight

Leadership team visits ATC's Elberton campus



Several members of Athens Technical College's leadership team toured the ATC Elberton campus Tuesday, Nov. 6, and got a first-hand update of the facility and several of its classrooms.

President Flora Tydings, ATC board chairwoman Patricia Barron and board member Carol Williams traveled to the Elberton campus off Georgia Highway 72 where they met Larry Seifferman, ATC vice president for off-campus operations; Tommy Lyon, Elbert County Commission chairman and manager of corporate customer relations with ATC ; Nancy Coggins Seymour, director of public relations and marketing at Elbert Memorial Hospital and a member of the Athens Tech Foundation; Rusty Adams, owner of Star Granite Co. in Elberton and an ATC board member; and several members of the Elbert campus administration.

The group visited the health sciences lab, observed an interactive online classroom in session, talked with cosmetology students, perused the library and stopped in the computer lab of the Elberton campus' main facility: the Yeargin building. They also toured the new B. Frank Coggins Jr. Center, named for Elbert County businessman Frank Coggins, who has been a significant benefactor of ATC. The Coggins center, dedicated in February, houses the Elberton facility's diesel equipment technology lab, lecture hall, industrial systems technology lab, the electrical construction and maintenance lab, several general classrooms and a space that will serve as a welding lab.

Barron, who serves as Clarke County Magistrate Judge and last visited the Elberton ATC campus about three years ago, said she was very impressed with the growth and changes at the facility and was particularly intrigued with the Coggins center and the electrical construction and maintenance lab. The lab housed a framed-out room with a variety of electrical boxes, wiring and fixtures with which students can work.

ATC board member Carol Williams, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Upchurch Realty, also had not seen the Elberton campus for about three years, but said she continues to be enamored with the beauty of the campus and relationship between the school and the greater Elbert County community.

"It really is one of the most scenic campuses I've seen in the technical college system," Williams said. "What resonates so much in Elberton is how connected the community and surrounding area are to the college and how the college fits in so well to economic development in terms of retraining and training the workforce for the industries and businesses they have."

Photo caption: Athens Technical College Board of Directors Chairwoman Patricia Barron; ATC Vice President for Off-Campus Operations Larry Siefferman; and ATC President Flora Tydings listen to Charles Dawson, director of the Elberton ATC campus diesel technology equipment program talk about the diesel lab in the B. Frank Coggins Jr. Center

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