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## Mission

The mission of the SGTC Foundation Board of Trustees is to support the mission of the college; to promote the college within the designated counties in the service area and the state at large; to serve as advisors in the advancement of the college; and to plan and implement resource development activities.

## A. James Clark speaks at Griffin Bell Convocation

A. James Clark, chairman of the board and CEO of the Bethesda, Maryland-based holding company Clark Enterprises, Inc., spoke to a standing-room only crowd, Friday, February 3, at the annual Griffin B. Bell Convocation held in the John M. Pope Technology Center at South Georgia Technical College.

Each year, the South Georgia Technical College Foundation has presented the Griffin B. Bell Convocation in an effort to relate the use of today's and future technology in the workforce to students and other guests at the event. Bell, former U.S. Attorney General under President Carter's administration, provided an endowment for the initiation and continuation of this program.

After the welcome and recognition of special guests by South Georgia Technical College President Sparky Reeves, William S. Harris, Sr., trustee for the SGTC Foundation, gave the invocation. Before the introduction of the keynote speaker, a special presentation was made to Judge Griffin Bell by South Georgia Technical College. A portrait of Bell was unveiled by his son and daughter-in-law, Griffin Bell, Jr. and Glenda Bell.

Judge Bell then introduced Clark as the keynote speaker for the event. Bell, who is a long-time friend of Clark's, gave the audience insight on his background and encouraged them to listen closely to his advice.

Clark then shared with the audience his past experiences and how he came to be in the position he is in today. He indicated that he was born in Richmond, Virginia but spent most of his childhood in the Washington, D.C. and Bethesda, Maryland area. After graduating from the University of Maryland with a degree in Civil Engineering, Clark went to work for the company he owns today. It was then known as the George Hyman Construction Company.

Clark advised the students in attendance to always be mindful of their communities and to work hard to get to where you want to be.

"Most of the time you learn a lot more from adversity than from



A. James Clark (left) spoke at the seventh annual Griffin B. Bell Convocation. Shown with Clark is Former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell (center) and Sparky Reeves, president of South Georgia Technical College.

good times," he said. "When you are fat and happy you don't work as hard as when you have to tighten your belt."

The Clark Construction Group is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and has been selected to receive the prestigious annual Honor Award for 2006 by the National Building Museum for the company's work in Washington, D.C. and across the nation. Clark's company is now a nationwide construction firm that has participated in building projects in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Florida, California, and many other locations.

After Clark's speech, closing remarks were given by Rick Whaley, treasurer for the SGTC Foundation. He thanked Clark for sharing his experience and wisdom with the group and then presented Bell and Clark with tokens of appreciation.

In addition, Tom Young, retired president of Lockheed Martin Corporation, was also presented with an appreciation gift. He was the speaker at the first Griffin Bell Convocation in 1999. Other past speakers have included Tom Gales, a vice president of Caterpillar, Inc., Dan Amos, CEO of AFLAC, Inc. and James Blanchard of Synovus.



PORTRAIT UNVEILED AT CONVOCATION - A portrait of Former U.S. Attorney General Griffin B. Bell was unveiled at the Convocation. This portrait will be hung in the Aerospace center, which is named in Bell's honor. Shown above are Bell (immediate left of portrait) and members of his family, along with SGTC President Sparky Reeves (far right).

# Caterpillar Excellence Scholarships Awarded to SGTC Students

Five students in the Diesel Equipment Technology program at South Georgia Technical College (SGTC) were recently awarded scholarships in recognition of their hard work and dedication to their schoolwork.

Students who received the scholarship were Stephen Adkinson of Fort Valley, Tracy Weber of Washington, Dennis H. Deal of Cuthbert, Garret McDaniel of Elberton, and Brian McDonald of Montezuma.

“We are very proud of these students,” said Raymond Holt, director of Instruction at SGTC. “These students are exemplary and personify all the qualities of we look for in a scholarship recipient.”

Each student plans to use the scholarship money to buy tool sets. These tool sets will be useful in their first job and will help them get started in their career as a diesel equipment technician. Jack Teal is the instructor of Diesel Equipment Technology.

Students were selected for this scholarship based on academic achievement, test scores, and interview. Funding for these scholarships is made available by the SGTC Foundation through donations made by the Caterpillar Excellence Fund. The partnership with



(Front, L to R) Stephen Adkinson, Garrett McDaniel, Tracy Weber, Dennis H. Deal, and Brian McDonald. Back row: SGTC Diesel Equipment Technology Instructor Jack Teal and SGTC Director of Instruction Raymond Holt.

Caterpillar addresses the need for qualified Diesel Equipment technicians and assists students who have made achievements in the Diesel field.



**THOMAS' ENDOW RUTH T. PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP** – Russell and Andrea Thomas recently endowed a new scholarship with a gift of \$50,000 to the SGTC Foundation. The Ruth Tucker Patterson scholarship will provide two annual \$1,000 scholarships to SGTC Practical Nursing students as well as one \$500 scholarship to be awarded to a SGTC Medical Assisting graduate who is interested in becoming a licensed practical nurse.

## **TechForce raises over \$223,000!**

Thanks to the Trustees and volunteers that made TechForce 2005 a huge success! With funds raised, state-of-the-art equipment will be used to purchase:

- Computers, software, and printers for the **Business Office Technology** program in Americus.
- GPS systems, transporters, intercom systems, headsets and other tools and testers for the **Aviation Maintenance Technology** program on the Americus Campus.
- A cable and wireless training lab and student work stations for **Electronics Technology**.
  - Instrumentation and process control trainer, software, meters, and training tools for **Industrial Electrical Technology** at the Crisp County Center.
- Virtual IV trainer, diagnostic equipment, computers, and software for **Practical Nursing** at the Crisp County Center.

## 2005 Foundation scholarship recipients

### **Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter GED Scholarship**

Rebecca Northern  
Bryan Chambliss  
Michael Setters  
Kwanza Williams

### **Phil Jones, Jr. & Alfred "Foots" Harris, Sr. Scholarship**

Robert Cooper, Jr.  
*Automotive Technology*

### **Caterpillar Scholarship**

Stephen Adkinson  
Tracy Weber  
Dennis Deal  
Garrett McDaniel  
Brian McDonald

*Diesel Equipment Technology*

### **Dressing for Success**

Alicia Edmondson  
Nakeesha Little  
Lucille Quarterman

*Business Office Technology*

### **Elizabeth Duke Redmond Scholarship**

Joyce Brown

*Computer Information Systems*

### **General Scholarship**

Michael Wilson

*Computer Information Systems*

### **Sullivan Scholarship**

Walter Medlin  
*Drafting Technology*

### **Civitan Scholarship**

Audrey Woolfork  
Kim Shurley  
Amanda Deriso  
Elease Smith  
Hannah Daniel  
Maria Harris  
*Practical Nursing*

### **Supervised Probation, Inc. Scholarship**

Joseph Shremshock, II  
Bonnie Jones  
*Criminal Justice Technology*

### **Emmett E. Usry Scholarship**

Logan Gardner  
*Aviation Maintenance Technology*

### **S B & T Roy Parker, III Scholarship**

Glen Redding  
*Air Conditioning Technology*

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