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Commencement 2015
Since my appointment as DTC’s president over a year ago, I have had multiple opportunities to visit and meet with local industry and business leaders in our service area. In my meetings with these leaders, we discussed the important role DTC plays in providing workforce-ready training for companies in our community. I shared with our business and industry leaders my vision to lead and strategically position DTC as a premier college for workforce development and preparation. In addition to my vision, I provided significant data and information about the growth of our workforce development and training programs in the areas of welding, building construction, industrial maintenance, certified production technician, patient care technician, and certified nursing assistant.

Recent announcements of high-tech companies locating to South Carolina, and our service areas in particular, demand that DTC exert a more dynamic role in the education and preparation of a skilled workforce. The college will accomplish this by upgrading our facilities and equipment, overhauling programs and curriculums, and developing new pathways and programs to meet the demands and requirements of modern business. This action will strongly demonstrate to prospective companies Denmark Tech’s capacity and commitment to provide workforce-ready employees for our service area and beyond.

We salute Governor Nikki Haley for her hard work and resolve in bringing industry to our state. The continuing state support of the South Carolina Manufacturing Certification program resulted in Denmark Technical College certifying over 34 students in essential skills for high-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing. The college will continue to cultivate and build a strong collaboration with our service area economic and workforce development team that supports the promotion and recruitment of companies like Orchid to our region. We welcome Orchid Paper Company to Barnwell and look forward to exploring and establishing partnerships for our mutual benefit.

DTC is excited about the strong partnership and collaboration with other local companies such as Kronotex USA, Georgia Pacific, Horsehead and Masonite Corporations. Our robust partnership with these companies through technical discussions, professional observations and evaluations, consultation, and technical training has resulted in the development and implementation of mechatronics, a multidisciplinary field of engineering that includes a combination of mechanical, control, and electrical engineering. I am pleased with the outcome of our Continuing Education and credit programs with our service area high schools. We wish to acknowledge our district superintendents and their high school principals for their firm support of dual enrollment, Project Lead the Way, and our 2nd annual summer high school initiative, where students can get a head start on receiving college credit while still in high school, using the lottery tuition assistance program.

Our mission is workforce development and preparation, and transfer. Toward this end, we are proud to announce that this Spring, DTC graduated 234 students who pursued some 28 program areas, culminating in the awarding of certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees. With this edition, we congratulate our graduates. Congratulations!

Cordially,

Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre
President
Great things continue to happen at DTC! On Friday, May 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., Denmark Technical College held its 68th commencement convocation at the William L. McDuffie Student Services Center.

In opening the 2015 Commencement, President Leonard A. McIntyre welcomed all parents, relatives, and friends of the graduates to witness the conferring of the Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees.

A standing-room only gymnasium filled with proud parents, community leaders, faculty, staff, and well-wishers witnessed a solemn processional ceremony and the conferring of degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates on more than 230 students.

During his address to the graduates, Representative Justin T. Bamberg of South Carolina District 90 congratulated the graduates on their educational accomplishments and encouraged them to exude perseverance in their pursuit of exemplary citizenry. He advised the audience to embrace perseverance, resiliency, determination, and accountability in their everyday life. Reflecting on his personal experience, Representative Bamberg told the graduates to pursue their dreams no matter how hard or long the journey, “I can because I say so, I will because I expect to,” quipped Representative Bamberg.

Throughout his speech, Representative Bamberg cajoled the graduates to believe in themselves and capitalize on the opportunities that will come their way as a result of their DTC education and training. He reminded the graduating class that they have worked very hard to earn the right to be called graduates. He acknowledged the parents and family members who supported the graduate every step of the way to arrive at this auspicious occasion. He closed his address by challenging the graduates to “take advantage of each opportunity during the life of the opportunity, do you want to be successful, or do you expect to be successful?”

Following the graduation message, Dr. McIntyre presented Representative Bamberg with a plaque. President McIntyre also presented special awards to two alumni for outstanding service to Denmark Technical College. Mr. Willie Caldwell of Denmark, SC received the Presidential Service Award and Mr. Marion Blakely Jr. of Laurens, SC received the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Additionally, DTC wishes to acknowledge the outstanding support and leadership provided by our legislative delegation. As a result of their commitment and dedication to the mission of the college, moments like commencement provide cherished memories for many of their constituents. We are grateful for their support.

The DTC choir provided the music and Reverend Dr. Herman Wallace, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Blackville, SC, provided the Invocation. The Benediction was given by Reverend Louise Wright, pastor of the Orange Grove United Methodist Church, Bamberg, SC.

Congratulations 2015 Graduates from the DTC Area Commissioners

DeWayne Ennis, Chair
Thomas Williams, Vice Chair
Calvin Wright, Secretary
Leon Harden

James Hayes
Peggy Faust
Gwendolyn Bright
Brenda Williams
**Two Students Selected for Academic Team**

The South Carolina Technical College System has named two of DTC’s finest, Ms. Yawanda Smith and Ms. Georgeann Nickens-Mack to the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team. Ms. Smith and Ms. Mack belong to an elite group of only twenty-nine students, selected from a pool of tens of thousands of students, representing 13 technical colleges within the state system.

Yawanda Smith is from Allendale, SC. She graduated from DTC with honors with a General Business degree and is currently enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. She has been a proud member of Phi Theta Kappa since 2013.

Georgeann Nickens-Mack is from Blackville, SC and has been a proud member of Phi Theta Kappa since 2013. She graduated with a degree in Administrative Office Technology and General Business.

Honorees are chosen based on their outstanding records of academic achievement (GPA), participation in campus and community programs, and service to Denmark Technical College. Ms. Smith and Ms. Mack were honored at an awards ceremony held at the State House in Columbia on March 31, 2015. Dr. Valerie S. Fields, Vice President for Academic Affairs, was honored to accompany the students on behalf of President Leonard A. McIntyre. Dr. Fields articulated, “DTC is proud of the exceptional honor students and the accolades they received.”

“On behalf of the Area Commission, faculty, and staff of DTC, I extend my congratulations to Yawanda Smith and Georgeann Mack for their outstanding academic achievement and recognition. I am excited that two of our finest were honored at the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team award ceremony,” exclaimed Leonard A. McIntyre, President.

**2015 SCTEA Award Winners**

Congratulations to the recipients of the South Carolina Technical Education Association (SCTEA) educator of the year awards for 2014-2015. Three DTC employees are chosen every year, one each for staff, faculty and administration. This year’s recipients are pictured below from left to right, Harry Felder III, Instructor Educator of the year; Anne Kline, Staff Educator of the year; and Stephen Mason, Administrator Educator of the year. The SCTEA conference and awards ceremony was held on February 20, 2015 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Mr. Bowden-DTC National Alumni President**

Mr. James W. Bowden, a 1972 graduate of DTC was elected president of the Denmark Technical College National Alumni Association.

Mr. Bowden is a retired General Manager for Duke Energy, a Fortune 100 energy company. We look forward to working with Mr. Bowden in his new capacity as president of the DTC National Alumni Association.

Mr. Bowden is replacing Mr. Charles Montgomery who proudly served the association for 8 years. We thank Mr. Montgomery for his outstanding service to the college.
The first recruitment fair for the Louis Stokes South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP), in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Majors (STEM) was held on the campus of DTC on April 16th, 2015. This project is dedicated primarily to the students in the STEM fields at DTC and many students, faculty and staff attended.

Recruiters from 4-year institutions descended on the DTC campus to recruit and enroll students into their respective programs. The turnout was great with representatives from Benedict College, College of Charleston, Morris College, Voorhees College, Allen University, Claflin University, Clemson University, South Carolina State University, and the University of South Carolina in attendance. Students were thrilled that they were able to ask questions, fill out applications, and collect information all in one convenient location.

DTC Enrollment Services and Academics also took the opportunity to network with the institutions and discuss pathways for our student graduates. More than 50 students participated in the transfer activities.

The LS-SCAMP grant was developed to remove the barriers that prevent full participation in STEM fields by minority individuals. Dr. Judith Salley, Executive Director of LS-SCAMP at SCSU, stated, “We want to increase our transfer rates above and beyond previous years and the success of our first Transfer Day at Denmark Technical College will positively impact our goal.” Mrs. Tarshua Teresa Mack, Principal Investigator (PI) of LS-SCAMP at DTC, was the coordinator of the recruitment fair and did an outstanding job with the planning and implementation of this very successful event.

The excitement was overwhelming as almost 500 children from local day care facilities, schools and Head Start centers anxiously scrambled off their buses recently to attend the annual DTC Youth Fun Day. The week of April 12-18 had been designated “Week of the Young Child” by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) as an opportunity for all child care workers, families and students to be recognized for all their hard work.

The event was sponsored by the Early Care and Education division at DTC. Public Service Dean Biju Kabisatpathy, Early Childhood instructor Mrs. Rosaland Kenner, and the ECE/ECD students spent many long hours preparing for the event and it was obvious by the appreciative looks on the children’s faces that they enjoyed every minute. The activities ranged from active to sedate as children chose between exuberantly jumping in the bouncy house or sitting quietly on a rug listening to stories. New this year was a cotton candy machine working overtime to spin its delicate confectionary web.

As the children left, they were given a treat bag with assorted goodies and as they climbed back on the bus at the end of Fun Day, they smiled, much more subdued than when they arrived, proudly displaying their newly painted butterflies, flowers and hearts adorning their little faces.
DTC Student Going “Down Under” After Graduation

Student Credits Instructors for International Opportunity

Denmark Technical College students are expanding their horizons when it comes to employment opportunities. Recent students in the welding, plumbing, and building and construction programs have found high paying jobs in exotic places such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Australia.

Johnny Fields, a May 2015 graduate, is one such student. Mr. Fields started learning his vocational skills doing summer jobs for his father who was a plumber. He began his professional career working for local and general contractors.

In the early 90’s, Mr. Fields, enlisted in the United States Army as a corporal. He spent 10 years in the army and an additional 14 years in law enforcement before retiring in 2010. Not content to sit around after retirement, Mr. Fields decided to return to college to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a licensed plumber. As such, he enrolled in the building and construction certificate program at DTC.

When asked why he picked DTC for his classes, Fields enthusiastically stated, “I checked into other schools. I did my homework, but I kept coming back to DTC. It was close to home, extremely affordable, and offered the courses in plumbing that I needed in order to pass the SC Residential Plumbing exam, a requirement for licensing. As a student, I worked very closely with my instructors and academic advisor. I found my instructors to be very supportive and I was so impressed with their enormous wealth of knowledge and real world experience, I knew I had made the right choice.”

Mr. Fields will be leaving shortly for Moomba, Australia for his new and exciting job. While there, he will be working at an off-shore oil rig as well as a natural gas plant. This international employment opportunity will earn Mr. Fields a six figure salary, annual leave, and the ability to travel the world.

President Leonard A. McIntyre, is ecstatic about Mr. Fields’s international employment opportunity. “Mr. Fields is a prime example of the many opportunities that an education from DTC can provide. In this age of globalization and internationalization, it is incumbent on us as higher education institutions to prepare our graduates for jobs in this knowledge-based workforce both in the United States and abroad.”

DTC wishes Mr. Fields much success in his current and future endeavors.

Students Meet Dr. Ben Carson at NADE Conference

Early on a brisk morning in February, a mixture of students and advisors hopped on a bus and drove to Greenville, SC to attend the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) Conference. While there, the students from the SGA, Esquire Club, Transitional Studies, and Human Services had the opportunity to meet with keynote speaker, Dr. Ben Carson, have lunch, and attend the career fair.

Dr. Carson spoke about his autobiographical book *Gifted Hands*, a story about his life’s journey growing up with a single mother and older brother in poverty stricken Detroit, rising from academic failure to become a world renowned neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He challenged the audience to “find the inner strength to pursue one’s educational goals and how professionals can motivate students to become successful.”

After lunch the delegation attended the book signing where they took several pictures with Dr. Carson and his lovely wife before climbing back onto the bus for the long ride back to DTC.
Black History Month Highlights
Congressman James E. Clyburn Headlines DTC Black History Month Program

February was a fabulous month at Denmark Technical College. In addition to homecoming festivities and the spectacular Scholarship Gala, the DTC family and community also hosted an inaugural Black History Month program. The many activities that were organized included: formal dining etiquette for students, health panel discussion, health fair, and presentations by two civil rights icons of our time. The local community was invited to join us in our month long celebration of African American history and many enthusiastically attended and supported the activities.

The Black History Month (BHM) program festivities began with student-focused events. First, students and faculty were invited to learn and participate in formal dining etiquette. The event was a great success with nearly 70 students in attendance.

Second, a well-attended community health fair took place in the William L. McDuffie Student Services Center on February 11, 2015. During the health fair, health professionals performed free blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes checks on participants. Additionally, the participants were advised on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The Black History Month Committee also hosted a health panel discussion consisting of a doctor, a nurse, and a pharmacist. The panelist addressed several topics including: prevalent diseases among African Americans (high blood pressure and diabetes), stress and depression, sexually transmitted diseases, and the importance of medical check-ups and vaccinations. The panelists presented a very compelling presentation, encouraging participants to ask questions and seek help if needed.

The BHM program culminated with powerful presentations by two civil rights champions on February 23, 2015 on the campus of DTC. The first speaker was Mrs. Brendolyn Boseman, the Executive Director of The Imani Group, Inc., a community based non-profit organization based in Aiken, SC. In her introspective presentation, Reverend Boseman addressed the audience on the importance of speaking for the voiceless and standing for the truth.

The main presentation was delivered to a standing-room-only audience in the auditorium by our distinguished guest speaker for the hour, the Honorable Congressman James E. Clyburn of South Carolina. In his presentation, Congressman Clyburn shared his personal journey from his birthplace in Sumter, SC to become the third highest ranking democrat in the U. S. House of Representatives. In speaking to the audience, he expressed the importance of education and the need for all citizens to stand up and fight for values and principles that make America great. He encouraged the audience to find their niche, be tenacious, and above all, be respectful of one another. The program concluded with a reception during which time the congressman graciously autographed his book “Blessed Experiences” and posed for pictures with students and members of the community who came to hear him speak.

“The Black History Month program facilitated by Mrs. Jenkins was truly outstanding. Throughout the month of February, we addressed and presented educational information on current, social, and health care issues important to the community. A robust attendance from our community to the BHM events and activities demonstrate the vital role DTC continues to play in our service area. This program and others are critical in fulfilling the vision of President McIntyre and the mission of the college.”

Dr. Lamin E. Drammeh, Executive Director and Special Assistant to the President
Denmark Technical College (DTC) in partnership with the DTC Foundation hosted a successful Scholarship Gala on Thursday, February 5th, 2015. The theme of the Scholarship Gala was “Get on Up” for DTC featuring a James Brown Exhibit. The purpose of the Scholarship Gala was to raise funds to support low-income students to matriculate through a certificate, diploma, or degree program here at DTC. The scholarship will increase opportunities for first generation students to achieve a quality education and become productive members of society.

The night was filled with elegance, live entertainment, dinner, and dancing. The décor of the Gala was extravagant, thanks to the hard work of DTC volunteers. The event-filled evening included a Wine and Cheese Reception, a Silent Auction, and viewing of the James Brown Exhibit featuring his memorabilia. IP Stanback Museum and Planetarium at SC State University provided the James Brown memorabilia that was displayed.

Mrs. Von Gaskin, Meteorologist at WIS-TV, was the Mistress of Ceremony. The DTC Choir showed up and showed out with astonishing performances followed by live entertainment provided by “The Vibrations.”

Mrs. Teresa Mack, Chair of the Scholarship Gala Committee, acknowledged the tremendous commitment and efforts it took to successfully organize the Scholarship Gala. “The Gala would not have been a success without the support and dedication of our Area Commission, Executive Council, Gala Committee members, and our wonderful Faculty and Staff,” said Mrs. Mack.

President McIntyre upon reflection on the Gala proudly stated, “We are deeply grateful to our stakeholders for all their generosity shown in support of the Scholarship Gala. This means that many deserving students will be able to depend on the proceeds to continue their education here at DTC.”

The college will continue to engage all stakeholders in our yearlong strategic campaign to raise funds to support the educational growth and professional development of our students. Alumni, friends and supporters of DTC who would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship fund, please visit: www.denmarktech.edu/gala.
The Lady Panthers are again coming off of an award winning season achieving their 4th straight Conference Championship and 3rd Tournament Championship! While they did not make it to Kansas this year, they still have plenty to brag about.

Iyanna Jones was named *Conference Player of the Year* and attained national status by becoming the NJCAA player of the week, not once but twice! Crystal Owens and Jhanice Stokes were both selected for *All Conference* while Asia Potts made *All Academic* and Iyanna Jones had the honor of becoming the *Conference Tournament MVP*. Last but not least, congratulations to Crystal Owens, Jhanice Stokes and Aliyah Cataldo for making the *All Tournament Team*.

The Lady Panthers worked diligently this year to make such outstanding achievements. Please join us in congratulating the DTC Lady Panthers on their outstanding 2014-15 season!

Congratulations are in order for their coach, Javon Gilliard who was also awarded *Coach of the Year* for the 4th year in a row!

Denmark Technical College Lady Panthers are a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division 1 Women’s Basketball League, and the Carolinas Junior College Conference, Region 10.

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Panthers on the Prowl: Lady Panthers Champs Again!

The mighty Panthers had a phenomenal season with a final record of 18 wins and 9 losses. They played in the Region X Tournament on March 3, 2015 losing to Brunswick Community College with a nail biting score of 89-92.

Congratulations on a wonderful season and we look forward to next year!

Denmark Technical College Panthers are a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division 1 Men’s Basketball League, and the Carolinas Junior College Conference, Region 10.
Marcia A. Jones was hoping to have a very important face in the crowd cheering for her on graduation day. When Ms. Jones received her invitations to hand out for graduation she thought bigger than relatives, friends, or coworkers to invite to the occasion, inviting President Obama. Asked why she picked him, she quickly replied, “It is number 25 on my bucket list to stay overnight in the White House so instead of asking that, I asked for him to attend my graduation.” A bucket list is a list made popular by the movie “Bucket List” where a person lists all of the things they would like to accomplish in their lifetime.

Every day she would anxiously go to the mailbox, her heart racing, always hopeful that she would find a reply. Finally, it happened.

Ms. Jones graduated with honors this May to cheers from her family and friends. The DTC family is so proud of her efforts and knowledge of the history of the college. Congratulations and good luck on achieving the rest of your bucket list!
DTC Celebrates 78th Homecoming!
Colorguard leading the parade.

Chairman DeWayne Ennis and Dr. Leonard McIntyre watching the parade.

Area Commissioners, guests, and President McIntyre.

Cheerleaders showing school spirit.

Go Lady Panthers!

Orangeburg Chapter of the DTC Alumni Association presenting Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre with a presidential quilt.
Denmark Tech Mourns the Loss of Two of Its Own

The Late Senator Clementa C. Pinckney

District 45
Allendale, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties

DTC grad and representative among Emanuel AME Church victims

The tragic death of nine people attending Bible study and prayer service at the historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston last Wednesday evening has hit close to home in Bamberg County with two victims having close connections to Denmark Technical College.

Church Pastor and South Carolina State Senator the Honorable Clementa C. Pinckney was Denmark Technical College’s representative for Allendale County.

Tywanza Sanders was an alumnus of Denmark Technical College having attended the college from 2007-2008. “As the nation comes to grip with the dreadful and horrific tragedy in Charleston, SC, the Area Commission, the President, and the entire Denmark Technical College family wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the victims’ families and friends. Please keep the families, the Emmanuel AME Church, and the community in your thoughts and prayers as they face the difficult challenge of rebuilding their lives after this senseless and heinous act of violence,” said DTC president, Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre.

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Legislative Delegation: Thank you for always working to support and promote DTC

Representative Lonnie Hosey

District 91
Allendale, Barnwell, and Orangeburg Counties

Senator C. Bradley Hutto

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Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton and Orangeburg Counties

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