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**Letter to Students, Parents, and Guardians**

We are pleased to offer students an opportunity to attend the Athens Community Career Academy (ACCA) to better prepare for post-secondary education and the workforce. Athens Technical College and the Clarke County School District have partnered to offer both high school and college courses on the ACCA Campus. The Career Academy is a charter school that opened in 2011; during the 2012-13 school year, all students enrolled in ACCA will actively work toward obtaining college credit through our expanded partnership. **College course tuition will be free for Clarke County students for courses taken through Athens Technical College at the Athens Community Career Academy.**

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are at least 16 years of age will be able to take both career-focused and academic courses that are part of an Associate Degree. Academic college courses are accepted by any college or university in the University System of Georgia or the Technical College System of Georgia. Courses in Athens Technical College career pathways may be used toward completing a program at Athens Technical College. Every student at the ACCA will enroll either in Entry Level 1 or Entry Level 2. Entry Level 1 indicates students enrolled in college courses; and Entry Level 2 indicates that students are taking high school courses in preparation to earn college credit through articulation.

All college courses are taught by Athens Technical College faculty members. Students can choose to attend either a half day or a full day while maintaining enrollment in their home high school (Cedar Shoals High School, Clarke Central High School, or Classic City High School). They will still be able to participate in extracurricular activities at their home school.

**Athens Tech will offer Pathways in: Athens Tech will offer College Academic Courses in:**

Accounting Art 1101: Art Appreciation

Business Administrative Technology English 1101: Composition & Rhetoric

Criminal Justice English 1102: Literature & Composition

Drafting Math 1111: College Algebra

Early Childhood Care and Education Biology 1111/1111L: Biology I & Biology I Lab

Early College Essentials Chemistry 1151/1151L: Survey of Inorganic Chemistry & Lab

Healthcare History 2111/2112: U.S. History I & II

Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Psychology 1101: Introductory Psychology

Marketing Management

Mechatronics/Industrial Systems Technology

The school district will also offer a high school pathway in Broadcast Video at the Career Academy.

More details are available in the CCSD Program of Studies or from school counselors. Thanks for your support of this exciting program!

Sincerely,

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