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# School News

## Potential New Technology Academy in North Cobb

A second career academy has been proposed for northern Cobb County, funded by Ed-SPLOST VI, if it is approved. The first Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy (CITA) opened in the southern half of the county in 2020, with positive responses from the community and support from the state Board of Education, indicating that another career center would be necessary.

CITA offers 15 different career paths through three pillars: emerging technologies, healthcare and community services, and maker industries. From healthcare and cybersecurity to welding, construction and similar opportunities, Cobb's full-service career academy became a reality with the help of funds from Ed-SPLOST IV.

Trade careers readily are available and well-paying, and CITA makes Cobb students stand out as being field-ready right out of high school. Opening a second facility would provide more opportunities for Cobb students, such as earning certifications and credits toward their future career. The second location would mean a shorter commute to and from school for students in the northern part of the county.



From left, Jake Bell, Rachel Bacchus, Jaxson Hardeman, Julian Harper, Nia McElhane, Noah Dyer, Daniel Bolivar, Ellie Sebaugh and event organizer Pam Grayboff, front.

## Mount Paran Students and Alumni Give Back

Members of the Mount Paran Christian School (MPCS) band, and band alumni, supported the Walk to Defeat ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease). Playing pep band music, MPCS band students led the parade for the walk, which was held at the Georgia State University football stadium recently.

On Oct. 6-8, the MPCS high school National Honor Society sponsored a schoolwide diaper drive. Nearly 7,000 diapers were donated to benefit the Cobb Children's Fund, providing diapers for low-income families with infants and young children.

## Digital Coding Class Available

Learn to build beats at the Breakbeatcode Hackathon on Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Students ages 12-18 will learn how to code in Python and remix music through one-on-one instruction from Google tech coaches. Students will collaborate in teams, and, by the end of the session, they will have produced and published their own music tracks. There is no cost for this event. Space is limited to the first 50 eligible students. Contact [Carmenlumpkin@google.com](mailto:Carmenlumpkin@google.com) with questions. Register at <https://bit.ly/3m1YheS>.

## Henderson Joins Chattahoochee Tech Board of Directors

Chattahoochee Technical College recently welcomed local business leader Gary Henderson to the college's board of directors. State Rep. Ed Setzler administered the oath of office for Henderson during a ceremony held Oct. 14 at Atlanta Bonded Warehouse (ABW) in Kennesaw. Henderson serves as the ABW director for safety and human resources. A graduate of the University of Georgia Terry College of Business, he began his career as a transportation supervisor at the Kroger Co.

"Henderson brings an unsurpassed level of transportation and logistics workforce expertise to our team as local businesses contend with current supply chain challenges," Chattahoochee Tech President Ron Newcomb said.

The Chattahoochee Tech Board of Directors is an advisory board nominated by area industry and community leaders, and approved by the Technical College System of Georgia. As a member of this board, Henderson will fulfill an important role as an advocate within the community on issues of importance involving the college and the local workforce. For more information, visit [www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu](http://www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu).



From left, front row: Chattahoochee Tech Board of Directors member Gary Henderson and State Rep. Ed Setzler; back row: Board of Directors Chair Jim Larson, Vice Chair Debbie Underkoffler and Chattahoochee Tech President Ron Newcomb.

## Nationally Recognized Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. and the College Board recently recognized Mount Paran Christian School (MPCS) seniors Steven Baker and Gabriela Carisma, respectively. Baker was named a National Merit Scholar semifinalist, while Carisma was named a College Board National Hispanic Scholar.

Baker has attended MPCS since preschool, and he is an avid pianist. In high school, he became involved in National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, Key Club, Student Government Association and more.

Baker is among 16,000 semifinalists, who were chosen from 1.5 million students based on exceptional 2020 PSAT scores. After the next level of competition, which includes students earning SAT scores that confirm their PSAT performance, National Merit will announce the 15,000 finalists. The finalists will compete for 7,500 scholarships, worth nearly \$30 million, to be awarded in the spring.

Carisma is involved with PromRed, Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Creative Writing Club, and she is vice president of the National Art Honor Society. She is one of 32,000 students nationally to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs, based on her remarkable academic achievements and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and advanced placement exams.



Steven Baker



Gabriana Carisma

## Kennesaw State University Hosts Panel on Greek Economy

On Oct. 21, the Kennesaw State University (KSU) Michael J. Coles College of Business and the Marketing and Professional Sales Department played host to a panel discussion on Greek economy import and export business. The panel was made up of representatives from the Atlanta Greek Consulate, who discussed the current economic and marketing issues related to Greece in the global economy, and as a trading partner with the U. S.; the potential for import/export between Greece and the U.S.; and a sustainable economy.

This event was part of KSU's Year of Greece. Since 1984, KSU has celebrated a different country or region of the world each year, with programming that includes cultural events, well-known scholars and public officials, study abroad programs and dedicated classes. Remaining events include Speech Olympics, a panel on Greece's impact on the Restaurant Business in Atlanta, a symposium and more. These events are open to the public. Visit <https://bit.ly/3nhxPx7> for more information.

