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Hundreds turned out for the Culinary Institute of the South's grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on November 18, 2021.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We all know that the last few years have been unprecedented as we faced the COVID-19 pandemic, but this time has also led to other unprecedented behavior.

Unparalleled perseverance and remarkable grit have surfaced across our communities and right here at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

Our faculty and staff's steadfast commitment meant that the college never had to stop its important work. Students have also done their part and remained dedicated and flexible in and out of the classroom. They worked through new challenges and potential delays to ensure their goals didn't languish.

We are so proud of the growth and achievements that have continued. For example, the class of 2021 included more than 350 graduates who collectively earned more than 450 associate degrees, college diplomas and certificates. Last fall, we welcomed more than 2,100 new and continuing students back to campus. Last November, we opened the Culinary Institute of the South in Bluffton's Buckwalter Place.

I am excited about all that's in store for 2022. We kicked off the year offering paid tuition and fees for students enrolled in our credit and continuing education programs, thanks to a combination of newly available federal, state and private funding sources.

We're also expanding TCL Health Sciences programs at the Beaufort Mather Campus; developing more short-term workforce training opportunities through continuing education; creating a centralized Hub for student services; and building a one-of-a-kind Foodseum.

In the next few pages, you'll learn more about some of these initiatives as well as more faces and spaces that make TCL so special.

Together, we'll continue to turn the unprecedented into a positive.

Richard Gough, Ed.D.
President





Cybersecurity

THE FUTURE IS HERE



Once considered the sole concern of computer specialists and IT departments, cybersecurity is quickly becoming a mainstream concern for businesses and organizations everywhere.

"Most organizations now understand they need to hire staff that are trained in cybersecurity and risk management," said Angel Kern, TCL's new Cybersecurity Program Director.

Cyberattacks involving hackers and the ransoming of personal information or critical data are just a few examples of how these attacks have hit close to home.

As Kern relates, businesses and organizations can no longer wait to be hacked but must prepare for the inevitable attempt on critical systems.

"And then be ready to recover quickly with minimal disruption," she said.

And that's where TCL comes in.

As Kern explains, increased attacks have created a demand for highly skilled specialists, which in effect has led to a massive, nationwide workforce shortage. And TCL, she said, is uniquely positioned to address the shortage.

FILLING THE DEMAND

The No. 1 ranked job for 2022 is information security analyst, according to U.S. News & World Report's recently released best jobs rankings.

The demand for cybersecurity specialists is so great, a job-tracking database funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce showed nearly 600,000 job vacancies have yet to be filled nationwide.

Having already established a certificate program in cybersecurity, TCL will launch its associate degree program in the field beginning this fall.

The goal is to offer a 60-credit associate of applied science degree with an emphasis in cybersecurity basics, incident response and defense of critical infrastructures and data. Graduates will be prepared to assume roles as security professionals on networking, application development and infrastructure teams.

In addition, many graduates will step into roles as risk analysts helping organizations to analyze their risk while allocating resources to mitigate them. Some may even go on to fill such high paying technical jobs as intrusion detection specialists, penetration testers and network security engineers, Kern said.

Students will also have the option to transfer to a four-year university to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree in the field.

Simply put, the field is much broader now than people first imagined, and the future is bright for those who choose TCL as the place to start their training.



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Addressing the cyber skills shortage has become my passion. I think I can best contribute if I work on training the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. I teach students to ethically hack so that they are better prepared to defend their assets.”
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ANGEL KERN
Cybersecurity Program director

Angel Kern is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) with more than twenty years of technology and security experience. She was a vice president of IT in banking and has been teaching networking and security for 15 years at both the high school and college level. She also holds Cisco and CompTIA certifications. She earned an MBA from York College of Pennsylvania, an MEd. from Penn State and a B.S. in Business and Computer Science from Millersville University, in Millersville, Pa.

BEAUFORT — A HUB FOR CYBERSECURITY

The Technical College of the Lowcountry has joined forces with the City of Beaufort, Beaufort Digital Corridor, Beaufort Economic Development Corporation and University of South Carolina Beaufort to create a hub of cybersecurity expertise in Beaufort.

In 2021, the U.S. Department of Defense awarded the South Coast Cyber Center, created by this partnership, a grant for \$1.3 million.

Funding from the grant supports the creation of faculty positions, curriculum development and degree and certificate programs at TCL and USCB. Other funding will go toward cyber camps for kids and other innovative programs at TCL.

In fact, Kern said filling the demand will have the effect of "spilling over" into other degree and certificate program areas.

"Business managers and accountants are now expected to understand technology risk analysis. Help desk and support analysts, whether hardware or software focused, are in demand and need basic cybersecurity training," she said, adding that entry level jobs in less technical areas are also plentiful.

The demand for information security is so great that many four-year universities are adding a cyber minor to their degree programs and students with any type of cyber training are being scooped up by employers regardless of their major, Kern said.

"The TCL advantage is our ability to teach real-world, hands-on skills," she said. "By the time they graduate, TCL students will have built a virtual toolbox of tools and techniques to support the organizations they go to work with."



STEPHEN MURRAY
Mayor, City of Beaufort

Stephen Murray is mayor of the City of Beaufort. He is a third-generation Beaufortian and a Beaufort High School graduate. Mayor Murray owns Kazoobie Kazoos and New South Shirts in Beaufort. He is a past chair of the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce; founding chairman and current board member of the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation; and board member of the Beaufort Digital Corridor.

LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/cyber



Artist rendering.

The Foodseum

THE PERFECT PAIRING



What could make TCL's newly opened Culinary Institute of the South even better? A food museum of course.

That's just what's in the works. The Foodseum — an interactive museum experience dedicated to Southern food — is currently in development and set to open in late 2022 onsite at the institute in Bluffton.

The Foodseum will be the first of its kind in the region and will attract residents and tourists alike to discover the area's rich food heritage. Its Bluffton location sits perfectly between Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., two of the most popular Southern cities in America.

While students are working toward degrees and credentials, community members and visitors will be able to explore and increase their understanding, appreciation and first-hand knowledge of Southern food and its unique history and culture.

The Foodseum will showcase immersive educational exhibits ranging from an interactive food growth map to a photographic collection of quintessential Southern dishes along with a look into their origins and ingredients.

LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/foodseum



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The Foodseum is important because it will be a place for visitors to become totally engulfed in all things Southern food. Patrons will be able to see and savor what makes Southern food one of the most important cuisines on the planet.
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Other community members are also helping to ensure a unique experience. The Sun City Hilton Head Woodworkers Guild is constructing the centerpiece table of the Foodseum.

Just as the dinner table has been the heart of conversations among families and friends, this 12-foot long by 3.5-foot wide table will invite gathering and discussion around Southern food and history. In fact, each end of the table will be fashioned to resemble rice gates like those used in cultivation centuries ago.

The Foodseum will also feature art by Amiri Farris of Bluffton, whose bold, powerful work centers around "a celebration of history" and focuses on Gullah Geechee cultural elements like the land, storytelling and other artistic traditions.

While the Culinary Institute of the South's graduates will directly support the Lowcountry's travel and tourism industry, the Foodseum will become its own destination.

That's what we call the perfect pairing. ■■■

Foodseum space as of January 2022.
Exhibit construction to begin later in 2022.

KEVIN MITCHELL

Foodseum Curatorial Advisor

Chef and scholar Kevin Mitchell was a 2020–2021 South Carolina Chef Ambassador. In addition, he is a cookbook author and lecturer. He also serves as an instructor at the Culinary Institute of Charleston at Trident Technical College and holds two degrees from the Culinary Institute of America.



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The Foodseum is an exciting project for many reasons, but one important one is the emphasis on local food culture and its history, which will create great and knowledgeable chefs who will be assets to the region.
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LIZ WILLIAMS

Foodseum Curatorial Advisor

Liz Williams, Southern food author and scholar, was born and raised in New Orleans, La. She is a founder of the Southern Food & Beverage Museum and President of the National Food & Beverage Foundation. Much of her research and writing centers on issues related to the culture of food and drink in New Orleans. She also writes and consults about food museums.



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We want to eliminate the puzzling credential maze and instead develop a credential funnel. And we can do that through strong internal and external partnerships.
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DR. GREG COOK

Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Dr. Greg Cook joined TCL after serving as campus vice chancellor at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis, Ind. Prior to Ivy Tech, he worked in public affairs for several N.C. government agencies. He holds a B.A. in Journalism from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill; an M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from North Carolina State University; and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Indiana State University.

Continuing Education SERVING THE COMMUNITY



From healthcare to manufacturing to business management and more, TCL offers a wide range of continuing education programs and workforce training.

Those who complete one of the more than 60 in-person or online CE courses typically come away with state or national certification and hands-on experience — often in less than six months. It's this quick completion that makes continuing education programs the right fit for many students.

Some take a course for personal growth or professional development. Others are looking for a better paying job or more fulfilling career. And now more than ever, those are the things people are looking for, said TCL's Continuing Education and Workforce Development Director, Dr. Greg Cook.

"It's definitely a different ecosystem out there now than it was a year or two years ago," he said, reflecting on the impact COVID-19 has had on the economy.

And that's why the mission of Continuing Education and Workforce Development — to promote and provide quality programs and courses that enhance the community — is so important, he said.

Building and maintaining strong partnerships with area businesses and stakeholders is part of that, he explained. The division assists businesses of all sizes with their personnel training needs and professional development.

To accomplish their mission, Cook and his team have begun the process of expanding or enhancing the division's current programs while launching new offerings to mirror both the college's academic offerings and community needs.

For example, TCL recently launched live online classes in cybersecurity, which trains individuals to protect computer systems and networks from cyberattacks. Students can start with the CE curriculum and get into the field quickly, and then return to TCL for a college certificate or an associate degree.

The CE division has also added Certified Manufacturing Technician training and is working with Hampton County School District to offer the course to high school students at the TCL Hampton Campus.

CE is also working to enhance other programs such as its Commercial Driver's License, or CDL program, and welding courses.



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Continuing Education is important because we offer short, skill-based programs to give our students a competitive advantage in the workforce.
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TCL's Continuing Education division is working to enhance current programs including its Commercial Driver's Licence (CDL) program.

TIFFANY HARRISON

Continuing Education Administrative Coordinator

Tiffany Harrison is a Beaufort native. She has a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina and is a certified Career Development Facilitator and Contract trainer. Tiffany has over 10 years of experience in career development and training programs.



In addition, the college has added several key positions to the Continuing Education office including the director's position. After Cook came on board in October, he immediately began work on a one-year and three-year plan.

"Our goal is to elevate and raise awareness of our programs and workforce training," he said. "Continuing education is becoming more important than ever, which is why it's important to listen to employers and the community and try to meet employers and the community where they are."

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It's rewarding to watch new students gain confidence in their skills and acquire the knowledge they need to begin their own rewarding careers in healthcare.

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RHONDA ANDERSON

Allied Health Program Administrator

Rhonda Anderson comes to the Technical College of the Lowcountry from Greenville Technical College. She has 15 years of experience teaching Phlebotomy, as well as managing multiple continuing education healthcare programs. She received her master's degree in Allied Health Education from Widener University, Chester, Pa., and her Bachelor of Science degree in Organization Management with a concentration in healthcare, from Charleston Southern University. She is a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/cewd

New TCL Faces and Spaces

THE CLIST CAFÉ

The Clist Café, located inside the Culinary Institute of the South, serves a multipurpose role as both a grab-and-go café for the general public and as a classroom for culinary and hospitality students. The café offers a variety of breads, pastries, soups and sandwiches — made by students onsite — along with coffee, teas and more. Students learn what it's like to operate a small business while developing exceptional management and customer service skills. The Clist Café is named for donors and longtime TCL advocates Liz and Todd Clist of Hilton Head Island. Visit www.tcl.edu/cafe for current hours and menu.



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As a first generation college student myself, I appreciate the two-year college mission and understand the challenges students face when seeking higher education. Our academic divisions provide students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in their careers and fulfill their dreams. I'm thrilled to be TCL's VPAA and excited to discover how I can best serve our students.

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DR. LESLIE WORTHINGTON

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Leslie Harper Worthington recently joined TCL as Vice President for Academic Affairs. She holds an Ed.S. in Higher Education Administration from Troy University as well as a Ph.D. in English from Auburn University with a concentration in Southern Literature. She has worked in higher education for more than 37 years, serving in various capacities from instructor to division dean.

[LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/academics](http://tcl.edu/academics)



COSMETOLOGY SALON

Thanks to a federal grant, The Salon at TCL was completely renovated in 2021. Renovations to the space, on the Beaufort Mather campus, included all new countertops, storage cabinets, sinks, shampoo bowls, flooring, lighting, hydraulic chairs and other equipment.

Students enrolled in TCL's cosmetology program receive more than 1,500 hours of hands-on instruction. After students complete the program, they can then take South Carolina's licensing exam. Graduates of the program go on to work as cosmetologists, manicurists, skin care specialists or business owners.

For an appointment or information on services offered through The Salon call (843) 525-8298.

[LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/cosmetology](http://tcl.edu/cosmetology)



PATRICIA CALLIS

Campus Counselor

Patricia (Patty) Callis is originally from Connecticut and currently lives in Port Royal with her dog, Jasper. She attended Liberty University, in Lynchburg, Va., and Arizona State, in Ariz., where she earned master's degrees in both Counseling and Applied Behavior Analysis and is currently working on a certification in Prevention Science. Patty started her career as a clinical case manager in Tennessee working with at-risk families in the community. She later moved to Connecticut where she worked as a college integration specialist providing counseling and case management to first year students with disabilities.

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There is no greater reward than helping people develop hope and a belief in their ability to create positive change in their personal journey.
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[LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/counseling](http://tcl.edu/counseling)

MATHER SCHOOL AND MUSEUM

The National Park Service recently named The Mather School as a community site in the newly established Reconstruction Era National Historic Network. The Technical College of the Lowcountry proudly shares its mission of education with The Mather School, which opened in 1868 to educate the daughters of freed slaves during Reconstruction. For 100 years, this extraordinary establishment educated and empowered countless individuals. In 1968, the property was given to the state of South Carolina and eventually became TCL. Visitors can learn more about the Mather School at its Museum & Interpretive Center, which opened in 2017 in building 1 on TCL's Beaufort Mather Campus. Call 843-379-2787 for hours and more information.

[LEARN MORE: tcl.edu/mather](http://tcl.edu/mather)



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I'm excited to assist the Lowcountry veteran population with their education goals – be it trade, workforce training, or educational. 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' – Nelson Mandela

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DEWAYNE SIMMONS

Director Veterans Resource Center

DeWayne Simmons is a native South Carolinian. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1986 and served 25 years on active duty serving in various billets which included Drill Instructor, Budget Officer and Operations Officer. He served as a teacher and administrator for 10 years prior to returning to the Lowcountry. He has a B.S. in Management from Park University and a Masters of Education from Concordia University in Austin, Texas.

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2,042
students
FALL 2021

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faculty
RATIO
19:1

average
age
25

\$**0** tuition
& fees
Spring 2022

400+
annual
graduate
awards

71%
female
students

60+
programs
of study

95%
graduate
placement
RATE

5 CAMPUSES

19%
military
active/veteran/dependent



427
dual-enrolled
high school
students

29%
male
students

86,000
students
since 1968

Alumni
Association
350 members

230+
online
classes

part-time
students
77%

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