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Atlantic Technical College and Technical High School

School Advisory Council/School Advisory Forum Joint Meeting

Minutes - September 30, 2025

Members: Quorum Met. Philippe Jean-Bart, Neeta Rancourt, Neila Atkinson, Sandra Welch, Rochelle Williams, Dulce Barrios, Logan Whitaker, Laila Jones, Laura Maracondes, Aly Petion, Laila Jones, Carol Lindgred, Sandra Rubio

Attendees: Brian Bush, Cathy Castelli, Hallema Collier, Debbie Evangelista, Jennifer Jennings, Vicky LaPorte, Simeka Love, Rhonda Matos, Rebecca Miller, Brian Norris, Jim Payne, Millie Puddie, Nicole Willis

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School Advisory Council was held in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College on September 30, 2025. Chair Commissioner Sandra Welch called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Dulce Barrios will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Rochelle Williams motioned for approval the minutes of May 6, 2025, with the corrections. Neila Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Hallema Collier motioned to approve the SAC By-Laws, and the motion was seconded by Laura Maracondes, Motion was approved unanimously.

School Recognition Funds Proposal (Simeka Love) Since the school earned an "A" last year, a draft proposal ballot is included in your packet. The standard approach is to distribute 100% of the funds among faculty and staff. Proposal Two offers an alternative: "None of the above."

Hallema Collier motioned to approve. Second, by Aly Petion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda:

1. SAF Update (R. Miller) – Parents expressed confusion and dissatisfaction with the rollout of the FOCUS system, especially around account creation and communication. Danny Trido addressed questions and offered support resources. There was discussion about the lack of school nurses across the district, 57 reportedly lack nurses. Fortunately, Atlantic Technical College does have a nurse. The district continues to hold meetings on possible school boundary changes and redefinition. While Atlantic Technical College may not be directly impacted, these changes could affect programming and services. Community members, especially those who are north of Sunrise Blvd, are encouraged to attend the final meeting tonight (09/30/25).
2. SIP Update (Cathy Castelli) – The first FAST progress monitoring test showed excellent results—82% of 9th graders and 87% of 10th graders passed, exceeding expectations. Students typically perform even better on the third test (PM3), which affects placement in future reading classes. ATC is on track with its goals.
3. Director's Comments (Neeta Rancourt) Business Supporter of the Year: Carol was honored by the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education. IET Student of the Year: A former Patient

Care Assistant who became a Practical Nurse received state-level recognition. Atlantic Technical College has received several significant grants aimed at expanding and enhancing career dual enrollment and technical education programs. Capitalization Incentive Grants for dual enrollment in Applied IT and Patient Care Assistant programs. Previous grant supported Automotive, Business, Database Development, Programming, and Welding. NCLEX pass rates for ATC were 7.92% above the national average.

4. Neeta Rancourt – Strategic Plan: Six Wildly Important Goals for the year: One has already been achieved (to be revealed by Ms. Laporte). Increase Industry Certifications by 10%. Launch GATE Program: Free career and diploma pathway for students under the age of 22. Expand Ash Campus: Plan to offer 2 new CTE programs this year. Improve Completion, Placement & Licensure Rates: Completion: 79% (above 60% minimum) Placement: 85% (above 70% minimum) Licensure: Above national average. Enrollment and Performance Data: CTE Enrollments (2022): 1,669 (Adult certificate and diploma program only) CTE Enrollment (Current) 1,787-slight increase, but still below target. Completion Rate: 79%, Placement Rate: 85%, Licensure Rate: Above national average.

10. Student Comments

- a. *Ali Petion* (BPA) The club is actively recruiting new members. The first information session was successfully held, and the club is now accepting payments. BPA currently has 32 members.
Club Rush took place during high school lunch and Open House, providing students and parents with the opportunity to explore various clubs and meet staff members.
- b. *Logan Whitaker* (Machining) Field trip to visit machining interns: Several students were accepted into internships. One adult secured a job, and a grant was awarded to purchase mouse pads.
- c. *Laila Jones* (Health Science) Our health science programs continue to thrive with new student enrollments and dynamic learning experiences. New students have joined the EKG and Patient Care Technician (PCT) programs, while continuing students in Pharmacy Technician, Dental Assisting, and Practical Nursing are progressing through their training. Practical Nursing students are currently preparing for the HESI focused on Medical-Surgical content. A group of nursing students recently visited the Board of Nursing to observe real-life case proceedings, enriching their understanding of professional practice. Additionally, students have been actively engaged in hands-on learning through simulation lab sessions at the Arthur Ashe campus.
ATC HOSA Club had its first meeting of the Academic Year. Club is scheduled to participate in ICE Skating Fundraiser on October 11. ATC HOSA is looking to recruit 9th and 10th grade students who may be interested in health occupations.
- d. *Laura Marcondes* (Student Government Association) Tech Tiger event in August was a major success with 160 students. Lip sync battle was a success with students from all four grades getting involved in the friendly competition. Chocolate Box Fundraiser changed from 60 bars to 30 bars at \$2 each. The fundraiser will support the Anthony Rizzo Foundation, which provides direct financial assistance. Anthony Rizzo, prof. MLB first baseman, had Hodgkin's Lymphoma and vowed to make a foundation to help others.

11. Assistant Directors' Updates

- a. *Vicky LaPorte*--ATC is now a Magnet School of America Certified Demonstration School, one of only 19 nationwide and the only one in Broward County. School realigned its

technical academies and academic instruction to better integrate learning. Academic and technical instructors are collaborating on lesson plans and observations. ATC is an A-rated school across all student subgroups, with improved scores from last year (from 84% to 88%). Swimming for Life Saving program ensures students learn to swim and perform rescues—unique to this high school. Flower Baby Project in AP Psychology teaches responsibility and care. ACCUPLACER field trip encourages 9th graders to take college-level assessments. ATC leads the district in library book circulation, contributing to high academic performance. Family night on October 29th will include AI workshops for parents to support student learning.

- b. *Brian Bush*-- Celebrated Adult Education & Family Literacy Week with student stories and cultural moments. Six GED graduates in September; new tradition celebrates student progress. Integrated Education and Training (IET) combines foundational learning with career training. IET students are now present in multiple programs, including HVAC, with support staff helping both targeted and general students. Successful flu shot drive; Walgreens praised pharmacy student clinicals.
- c. *Tammy Clabo*— Culinary Arts has hired a new chef, Lien, who joins ATC from Coral Springs High School. A Student Summit was held featuring guest speaker Nicole Willis, focusing on culinary arts. The reopening of Café Atlantic has been delayed due to ongoing construction; however, pop-up restaurants remain active and offer a diverse menu. Building 3 (the cafeteria) is expected to be completed by March 2026. Student restrooms across campus are currently under renovation. New intercom and fire alarm systems are being installed, and the sprinkler system is nearly complete. A new nurse clinic is under construction in Building 11. The walkway between Buildings 10 and 19, which collapsed in 2023, has a contractor assigned and is awaiting district approval to begin repairs.
- d. James Payne-Four students awarded \$5,000 scholarship each (needs-based, usable for tuition, books, etc.) New part-time social media coordinator hired to manage platforms (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, Instagram)
- e. Brian Norris- Office of Student Affairs is now offering monthly campus tours for pre-college and prospective students, scheduled for October, February, and May. TIE (Transition into Employment) Program helps students with disabilities become self-sufficient. Currently, 85 students between the ages of 18 and 22 are enrolled in the program. Student Spotlight: Tinson Mesdor, a graduate of Bleach High School, is now in his second year at Technical College. He has earned his security license and gained two years of experience working with Marksman Security. Most recently, he began working at Fort Lauderdale Airport, where he is currently training to become a mechanic.
- f. Jean Vilus- ESOL 235-day students and 178-night students enrolled. ABE 27 students. Plans to install banners for the fences to advertise AGE program. Eleven PN students were pinned on September 15; 75 students enrolled. Next cohort starts October 27. Received recognition from Johnson funds and Florida Blue.

12 Nicole Willis- Business and Economic Development Update (*Nicole Willis*)- Unemployment rate: Broward 4.1%, Palm Beach 4.4%, Miami-Dade 2.9%. Conducts employability workshops and hosts company visits. Coordinated a meeting and guided tour of NovTech, Inc. Boutique provides professional attire for students. Tech Step Friday's monthly line dancing event to build confidence and social skills.

13. Business Highlight – No highlight at this time

14. SESIR Update (*Brian Bush*) – No incidents to report

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16. Announcements (*Commissioner Sandra Welch*) – Commended staff and students for jobs well done.
17. Adjournment (*Commissioner Sandra Welch*) – See below.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Ali Petion motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM. Motion seconded by Laura Maracondes Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Dulce Barrios, Secretary

Approval Date:

★ **SAC Sign in Sheet for Atlantic Technical College and High School (2221)**

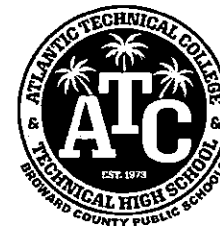
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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Arquillano, Val	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
2	Atkinson, Neila	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
3	Barrios, Dulce	Non-Instructional Support Employees , SAC Secretary	Yes	No	
4	Dastgerdi, Sascha	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
5	Grant, Corretta	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	
6	Guzman, Nahommy	ESE Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	
7	Jean-Bart, Philippe	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	
8	Jones, Laila	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
9	Lindgren, Carol	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
10	Maracondes, Laura	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	

Date: _____			Time: _____		
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
11	Petion, Aly	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
12	Rancourt, Neeta	Principal	Yes	No	
13	Triolo, Tammy	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school, Parent	No	Yes	
14	Welch, Sandra	SAC Chair	No	No	
15	Whitaker, Logan	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
16	Williams, Rochelle	Teacher	Yes	No	



Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School

School Advisory Council



Date: November 4, 2025

Name: Vicky LaPorte

Programs: High School

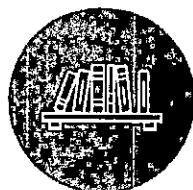
Topic: Magnet High School Updates

- Over 40 juniors and seniors attended the Broward County Public Schools College Fair in Pembroke Pines on October 6th.
- Thank you to the City of Coconut Creek for hosting an amazing presentation for City Government Week. Students from our U. S. Government classes attended a presentation to learn about the many things a city government does for its citizens. In addition, some of the students were selected to participate in a mock Commissioner's meeting.
- National Honor Society organized our Hispanic Heritage Festival incorporating music, dance, and informative displays to educate and entertain the attendees.
- Nurses from Broward Health North came to ATC to teach our students about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. More than 200 students participated in the activity which included using "drunk goggles" to simulate how difficult it is to do something as simple as walking while intoxicated. Thank you Desi and Sasha from Broward Health North and Ms. Fort and the SADD Club for hosting.
- Ms. Puddie arranged for a career-based field trip to Cleveland Clinic with our students in the women of Tomorrow program. The students toured the hospital and participated in a panel presentation from women in health care related fields, followed by lunch in the café.
- Cupcakes and Collaboration was the theme for our School Advisory Forum family night. Parents and students enjoyed a sweet treat while learning about AI, including what it is, the different AI platforms, how it can be useful, and most importantly, the dangers it can impose. Thank you to the guidance team for coordinating the event and Mr. De Los Santos and Ms. Webber for presenting.
- Congratulations to Ms. Tonya Sevalia for being the October Teacher of the Month at the City of Coconut Creek Do the Right Thing Ceremony. Ms. Sevalia is a dynamic teacher who goes above and beyond for her students and ATC including sponsoring our Teen Political Forum club which was awarded for the highest number of voter registrations at last year's Teen Voter Registration Drive. Also, thank you to the City of Coconut Creek for having this experience for the teachers and students in Coconut Creek.
- ATC High School was treated to a celebration in recognition for achieving the Magnet Schools of America – Certified National Magnet School. Thank you to all who worked on the team last year, and to those who planned this luncheon for the high school staff and the tech teachers with our high school students. The lessons we learned during the process last school year have led to many collaborative lessons between academic and technical teachers which is leading to some amazing educational experiences for our students.

- **Our Literacy Coach, Jean Mason, has received a 2025 Education Micro-Grant in the amount of \$500 from the Coral Springs and Coconut Creek Regional Chamber of Commerce for her program entitled “From Page to Profession.” She will receive the check during a ceremony at the Race for Education 5K & Micro-Grant Award Ceremony on November 8th at Tradewinds Park.**
- **The Florida Department of Education has named ATC as a 2024-2025 School of Excellence. This distinction is given to schools that earn a school grade in the 80th percentile of higher for at least two to the last three school years.**
- **The Department of School Culture & Student Support has recognized ATC for achieving the No Place for Hate designation for the 2024-2025 school year for our dedication in creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.**

Collection Analysis

The information provided in this section gives an overview of the entire library collection. Collection analysis is based on a Titlewave Analysis completed.



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Items in the Collection



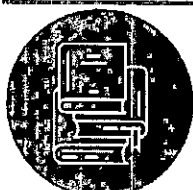
2012

Average Age of the
Collection



8.3

Items per Student



65%

Fiction titles in the Collection



31%

Digital Resources



28 %

Aged Titles

Diverse library media resources. The resources provide "mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors" for students and teachers to see themselves in books and also learn about the lives of others through literature.



48 %

Diverse Titles in Collection



2013

Diverse Titles Average Age

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) library media resources can contribute to the **development of character and social-emotional skills.**



47%

SEL Titles in Collection



2014

SEL Titles Average Age

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Items in the Collection



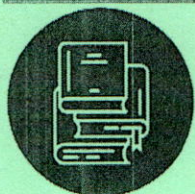
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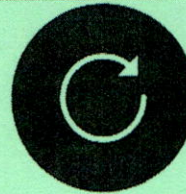
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Fiction titles in the Collection



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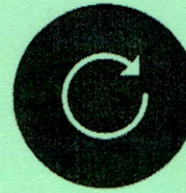
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SEL Titles in Collection



2015

SEL Titles Average Age

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November 04, 2025

Aly Petion

Business & IT

Business Professionals of America UPDATES (BPA)

- 1st Official Members Meeting was a success.
- Successful Boo Break
- Registering & Finalizing Membership
- Registering & Planning for competitions
- Planning next fundraising event
- Keeping members updated through socials. (remind & Instagram)

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November 04, 2025

Logan Whitaker

Machining Technologies

- Haas a CNC machining company gives checks to students who are going to school in machining related fields.
- 4 students from the class of 2025 were awarded a check for \$1,250.
- Machining Hosted a ceremony for the check recipients.

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November 04, 2025

Logan Whitaker

Machining Technologies

- A Circuit board manufacturing company came to Machining [NovTech].
- The deal with high tolerance electrical components ranging from Microcontrollers to all out Processers.
- NovTech gave advice for after high school life in the real world.
 - Sahkyas & Julianna from the class of 2024 came in to talk to the Juniors and Seniors.
 - They work at Pompano Precision which works on advanced parts for the medical, defense, and aerospace industry.

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November 04, 2025

Laila Jones

Health Science

- EKG and Mental Health Techs are beginning to start their clinicals.
- Pharmacy has taken their certification test.
- Job offers have been provided by clinical sites to dental assisting students.

Practical Nursing

- PN students are finishing their pediatric & maternity courses; preparing for the HESI Exit and then the NCLEX exam.

HOSA

- Ms. Eloi presented information to students regarding the health science techs; things to consider when deciding on a health tech.

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November 04, 2025

Laura Marcondes

SGA

- Students in the Club (SWAT) wrote poems to educate the student body about the dangers of tobacco.
- Junior Class Glow Party
 - Assisted them to increase sales
 - Promoted BCPS dress code and district rules.
 - Encouraged participation from faculty and staff.
- SGA is planning a field trip to Islands of adventure
 - Cost \$146-covers the cost the buses and tickets.

Health Science

A.D. Bush

Pharmacy Technician

- Pharmacy Technician Week: Third Full Week of October.
- Ms. Bernadette Washington celebrated students with career specific socs and pens.
- Just in time as all Career Dual-Enrolled Pharmacy Technician students passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PCTE), a nationally recognized exam of Pharmacology, Pharmacy Math, Federal Pharmacy Laws, Quality Assurance and Medication Safety.
- They are now considered Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhT) and are Registered Pharmacy Technicians (RPT) because they are registered on the Florida Board of Pharmacy.

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November 04, 2025

A.D. Dr. Clabo

Hospitality & Culinary

- Pop Up Action Stations Events- Smash Burgers, Roasted Chimichurri Pork Bowls, Orange Teriyaki Chicken Noodle Bowl
- SkillsUSA

Construction Update

- Building 3 Kitchen Lab- Working on Final Inspections
- Completion date expectation- February 2026
- Intercom Project- 70% complete
- Bathroom Renovations- 60% complete
- Clinic Project- Pending start date
- Canopy area- Pending start date

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November 04, 2025

A.D. Payne

GRANT UPDATES:

- Patient Care Assistant (PCA) program at Dave Thomas
 - Renovations and equipment ordering has begun
 - Classes will start January 2026
- HVAC program at Arthur Ashe Campus
 - Grant getting final approval
 - Renovations and new equipment installed early 2026
 - Classes anticipated to start August 2026

MARKETING UPDATES:

- COMPANY VIDEOS
 - 3 companies VIDEOS uploaded to ATC YouTube channel
 - Lindgren-Pitman,
 - Baker Hill Industries
 - Pompano Precision Products.
 - (LOAD THIS VIDEO ON SLIDE)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPi1lqXacJU>

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November 04, 2025

A.D. Payne

SOCIAL MEDIA INSIGHTS

Trades Program Updates

AVIONICS

- Interviewing for Avionics instructor

Facebook: In the last 30 days:

- Viewership count up by 67%
- Interactions up by 182%

LinkedIn



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November 04, 2025

A.D. Payne

Trades Program Updates

➤ AUTOMOTIVE

Mark Armbrust, automotive instructor, was recognized by ASE and Motor Age with an article about him and his journey to achieve the World Class Automotive Technician Certification. There are only 2,000 technicians nationwide that have earned this level of certification. Mr. Armbrust passed 22 certification exams in the areas of automotive repair, medium/heavy truck repair, and collision repair.



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November 04, 2025

A.D. Norris

Business Professionals of America (BPA)

- As a part of BPA Cares Community Service Initiative, your fellow Business/IT students are looking to give back in a meaningful way, especially during today's economic times. In partnership with Harvest Drive Florida, we aim to serve at least 2100 families!
- **Harvest Drive is collecting perishables and toiletry items through November 14th**



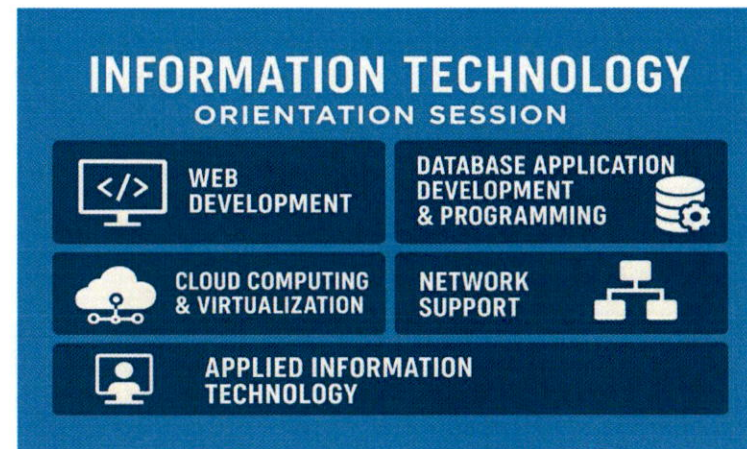
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A.D. Norris

Specialized IT Orientation

- For all prospective students – a required step for any student wishing to enroll for January or February 2026.
- Gives the students an in depth look at each of the IT Programs to help students decide which is the best fit for them.
- October 28th at 2:30pm



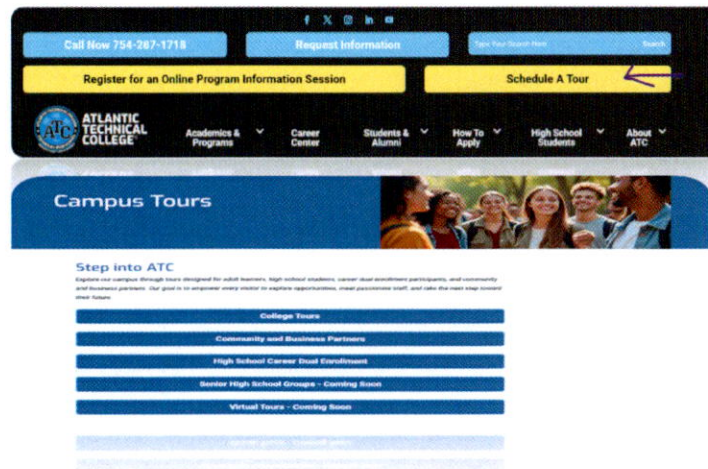
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ATC Tour Page-Live and Running

- Tour Page is live, organized, engaging, and expanding with more options
- 20+ participants registered for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. — mix of public and current students.
- Special thanks to Rhonda Matos and the Omni team for creating the page and to all ATC professionals supporting the tours



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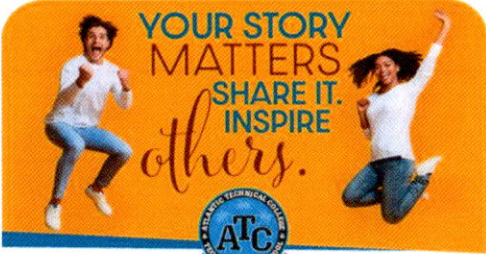
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A.D. Norris

Your story matters. Share it. Inspire others

Marketing and OOSA Collaboration

- “Share Your Success Story” flyer finalized and distributed to CTE, higher-level AGE classes, and offices; also shared in College Central by Nicole Willis.
- Will be posted on the ATC website under Students and Alumni.
- Students can share ATC success stories to be featured on social media and the website, inspiring peers and new students.
- Submissions go to Marketing.



YOUR STORY MATTERS. SHARE IT. INSPIRE others.

At ATLANTIC TECHNICAL COLLEGE, every student has a unique path. Whether you're learning a trade, building a new future, studying a second language, or returning to school after time away — **YOUR JOURNEY MATTERS.**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR REAL STORIES FROM STUDENTS WHO HAVE:

- Earned a Career & Technical Certificate
- Completed their High School Diploma through GED® Test Prep
- Finished all ESOL classes and mastered a new language

WHY SHARE YOUR STORY?

- Inspire others facing similar challenges
- Boost your resume or professional profile
- Build communication skills and confidence
- Be featured on ATC's website and social media

WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT

- Why you chose your program or trade
- Career changes or new goals
- Overcoming personal or academic obstacles
- First-generation student experiences
- Moments of growth — big or small
- Share your story in 1-2 paragraphs; no writing experience needed... just be honest and real.

YOU'VE COME THIS FAR — NOW SHARE HOW YOU DID IT.

LET YOUR STORY BE SOMEONE ELSE'S INSPIRATION!

Scan the QR code and fill out a form to share your amazing ATC journey.

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Share your story on the ATC website or social media. Your story matters. Share it. Inspire others.

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A.D. Norris



Financial Aid Advisor In-Person Support at ATC
Arthur Ashe Campus

Financial Aid Advisor Support Dates — Arthur Ashe Campus

Fall Term:

- October 21, 2025

Winter Term:

- January 13, 2026
- January 20, 2026
- January 27, 2026
- January 29, 2026 – First Day of the Term

Spring Term:

- March 31, 2026
- April 7, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- April 21, 2026 – First Day of the Term

Summer Term:

- June 16, 2026
- June 23, 2026
- June 30, 2026
- July 3, 2026 – First Day of the Term

Notes: If the Financial Aid Advisor is unable to attend on any of the scheduled days, they will notify Mr. Vilus or Ms. Love to arrange makeup days. Additional days may be scheduled by the advisor as needed to best support students.

Expanding Financial Aid at ATC Arthur Ashe Campus

- Financial Aid in-person support available at Arthur Ashe during PN reauthorization and the first day of each term.
- Staff on-site to assist with questions and financial aid needs.
- Plan to expand service with additional support days in the future

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A.D. Vilus

PN Highlights

- Currently we have 89 students enrolled in the PN Program.
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- New cohort started on October 27, 2025.
- Next PN ceremony is December 8th.



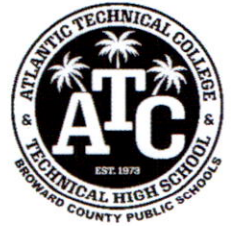
2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR

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Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School
School Advisory Council



Date: November 4, 2025

**Programs: Career Center Services and Business News/
Nicole Willis**

Topic: Employability Skills Training

- The Career Center offers several employability workshops for all students. The newest topic focuses on how to use AI ethically for resume development and other employability activities.
- Tech Step Fridays was held on October 24, 2025. The activity provides a great avenue to display leadership and other soft skills in a fun and welcoming environment.

Topic: Business Community Outreach

- Manpower was on campus this month to recruit for positions at Bosch.
- Atlantic Technical College is a member of Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber and Pompano Beach Lighthouse Point Margate Chamber of Commerce. Attendance at the meeting provides an opportunity to share information about the institution and to also network with local business.

Topic: Upcoming Events

- On November 18th Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber will host a clothing drive for the ATC Interview Boutique during its monthly Wake Up Breakfast meeting.
- The next Tech Step Fridays events are being held on November 21st and December 12th on ATC's Main Patio.
- Spring Career Fair 2026 – The ABCs is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 9:00 am to Noon.