

# CHANGE STARTS HERE

## A TTC Family

When Tony Bertauski joined the faculty of the Horticulture Department at TTC in 1998, he imagined that his kids might attend the college someday. "I was already well aware of the value of a two-year education," said Tony, "so it made sense to have them come here."

Tony's son, Ben, agreed. He had a LIFE scholarship, so he was able to attend college and get an associate degree debt-free. But for Tony to imagine his wife – who already had a degree and a satisfying career assisting adoptive families – coming to the college? "No," laughed Tony, "I didn't picture her becoming a student here."

But that's exactly what happened. "I've always been interested in health and fitness," Heather Bertauski said, "But seven years ago I had back surgery followed up with physical therapy, and that opened my eyes to a whole new field. I later decided to go back to school and enroll in the Physical Therapy Assistant program."

"Even though I knew Tony could help if I had questions, I was a little intimidated about how things would work out since I was an older student," said Heather. "But it turned out to be one of the cool things about the college – that there's such a wonderful mix of students and ages and backgrounds."

"The best thing about the college," though, was that "I always felt like the instructors, especially Lori Fischer and Lois Schwarz, had my back and wanted their students to succeed. They would do everything they possibly could to help us. They genuinely care about the students."

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Tony, Heather, Ben and Maddi Bertauski



Lauren Grant is pursuing an associate degree in TV and Media Production with an expected graduation date of December 2015. She received the S.C. Broadcasters Association Scholarship in 2014-15 and works for WCIV Channel 4 News. Randy Grimes is a faculty member in TV and Media Production.

### **Grimes: What motivated you to pursue an associate degree in TV and Media Production?**

**Grant:** I have always had a passion for working behind the scenes in the entertainment industry. After working years in a career field that I didn't enjoy, I decided to research schools that offered a television broadcasting program. Trident was not only close to home, but it was also the most affordable.

### **What has being a student at TTC taught you about yourself?**

I never imagined attending a technical school. But because TTC was so affordable I decided to bite the bullet and enroll. I have never felt more confident in my decision. TTC has taught me many things, but mainly confidence. I have taken leadership roles with organizations

on campus and also participated in public speaking at school events. I feel confident entering the workforce with the education and life lessons that I am receiving here.

### **What skill set did you acquire as a result of enrolling in the TV and Media Production program at Trident Technical College?**

I've learned many different software programs and skills since enrolling at Trident. I've learned Adobe Premiere and Audition, videography and lighting techniques, all of which I use every day in my position at News 4. I use Adobe Premiere daily to edit video for the newscasts and camera operation, and lighting is also an extremely important skill that I use. The skills that you learn at TTC prepare you to be industry-ready.

### **What was the experience like of serving as hostess for the 2015 MLK Consortium Program as well as the 2015 Black History Opening Celebration?**

It was an awesome experience. I learned so much about myself. I have always been confident, but since participating in those programs my level of confidence has heightened. They were both great events, and I was honored to be a part of them.

**How has your family background affected the way you think about college and the world?** My family background has definitely affected the way I think about college. I am from a family that has successful careers, but they are all local. I know that I will be successful as well, but on a broader scale. My career goals expand way beyond South Carolina.

### **What impact did the TTC Foundation scholarship have on you financially?**

I have been financing my college education with grants and student loans. This scholarship definitely impacted me financially. This scholarship will assist me in purchasing equipment so that I am able to stay current on industry trends and also start building my equipment inventory.

**After graduation, what are your career plans?** I will continue to gain as much experience as possible learning all areas of production with the news station. I will eventually launch a production company, LCG Productions, LLC, to create hit television shows and become known as a female media mogul!



# President's Message – Dr. Mary Thornley



With the average annual aerospace employment growth at 11.4 percent since 2010 (compared to an average annual growth of other companies

of 1.4 percent) and hundreds of students on the waiting lists to get into TTC's Aeronautical Studies programs, the development of the S.C. Aeronautical Training Center is an essential and timely project for our region. The aerospace industry now employs nearly 54,000 people in South Carolina, with the highest concentration of aerospace employment in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties.

The proposed training center to be built on TTC's Main Campus will include: 165,000 square feet of

classrooms, shops, and labs; 50,000 square feet of open bays to accommodate aircraft; and a 100,000-square-foot aircraft ramp. Most significantly, this training center will consolidate TTC's Aeronautical Studies programs, which are currently housed in five buildings on two campuses. The \$79 million project has \$16 million remaining to be raised, thanks to our many economic development supporters, including the South Carolina legislature, which allocated \$21 million in the recent legislative session. Site work is already underway, and architectural bids are out for the design phase of the project.

This modern training facility will prepare the workforce for the region's rapidly growing number of suppliers and manufacturers, inspire future generations of aerospace workers who visit this site, and advance South Carolina as a true aerospace cluster.

*TTC Family continued*

Both Heather and her son, Ben, graduated together in May, while Tony participated in the ceremony as a faculty member. It was a day to remember. "Very exciting, very exciting," Tony reflected, "It was a proud moment."

"I don't know how to describe what it was like that we all got to be there in our robes and celebrate together," Heather reflected. "I was smiling the whole time. My classmates, too – it was such a good feeling to know we made it and succeeded. It was pure joy."

As for what's next, Ben is employed at International Primate Protection League in Summerville and planning to finish his four-year degree in the future. Heather passed her boards and joined Gentiva Home Health, the employer for her last rotation. "I felt I was very well prepared for my rotation, and I found I loved working in people's homes."

"Heather had a really good job right away," Tony said. "There are a lot of strong programs at TTC that have great opportunities like that."

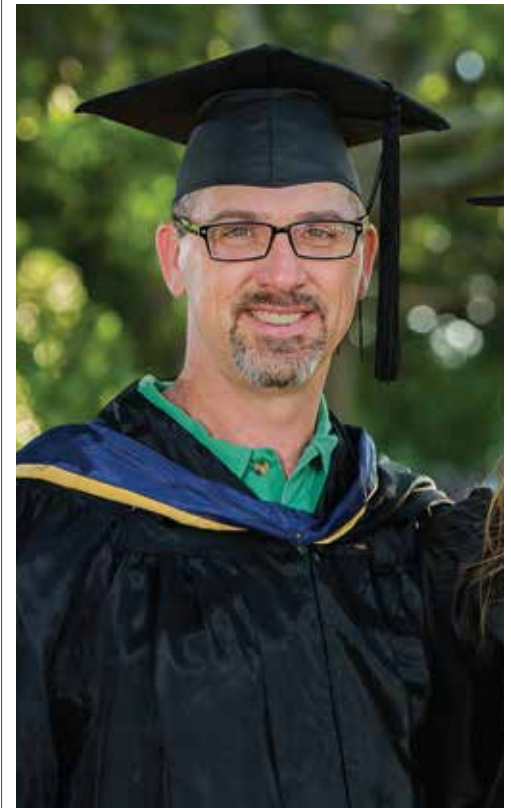
**INSPIRE**  
a new generation of students and leaders

**PREPARE**  
a highly skilled workforce



**LEAD**  
and advocate for our state

**PROMOTE**  
best practices





Skip Godow (The TTC Pro-Am Chair), Russell Henley (PGA Tour Pro), David Echols, Arthur Swanson, Greg Boyette, Bill Murray

Trident Technical College Foundation's first golf tournament, The TTC Pro-Am, at the Country Club of Charleston, was a huge success, raising over \$49,000 (net). The sold-out tournament featured 25 foursomes, and each foursome was paired with a Lowcountry professional golfer. The

tournament started with a barbecue lunch provided by Swig & Swine represented by CIC alumni Patrick Kish and Johnny Williams. Players then participated in a putting clinic by PGA Tour Pro Russell Henley before hitting the driving range sponsored by Bonitz

Flooring Group. After golf, players and guests celebrated at the Culinary Extravaganza After-Party presented by Culinary Institute of Charleston distinguished alumni. Save the date for next year's tournament at the Country Club of Charleston on May 9, 2016.

## Announcing the Robert C. Seidler Hospitality Scholarship



Long-time friends of TTC, Bob and Margaret Seidler decided this year to establish a scholarship to support hospitality students at the Culinary Institute of Charleston.

"We have always been impressed with the mission and success of Trident Technical College and its responsiveness in addressing the

changing needs of the Charleston area workforce. When Johnson & Wales left the area, TTC stepped in not only to fill the void, but also to raise the quality of training in the Culinary Institute of Charleston through a collaboration with local chefs," said Bob. "While there are many deserving organizations in the greater Charleston area, we feel supporting the TTC Foundation provides an effective and targeted way to positively impact the future of our community."

A 30-year seasoned hospitality professional, Bob Seidler is past chairman of the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Travel Council, a former member of the Charleston Metro Chamber Board and the City of Charleston's Tourism Commission. Development Consultant, Master Trainer and Author Margaret

Seidler runs a consulting practice that focuses on creating higher organization performance by helping clients manage the complexities of organizational leadership.

"The Culinary Institute of Charleston is honored to be the recipient of scholarship funding from Bob and Margaret Seidler," said Dean Michael Saboe. "Both Bob and Margaret have outstanding reputations for creating change and improving lives. They obviously see the difference CIC is making in the local workforce training for the Charleston community and how we are changing lives."

During a recent Foundation board meeting, Bob noted that when they give to the college, they know that "every dollar has a name."

### First Place Winners (gross – no handicap)



Stuhr Funeral Home: Peter Kouten Sr., Patrick Mallard, Craig Buck with Mary Thornley.

### First Place Winners (net – with handicap)



Individual team: John Hoff, Tom Hardy, and Steve Wenger with Mary Thornley.

### CIC Distinguished Alumni Chefs



From left to right: (back) Corey Elliott of the Country Club of Charleston; Johnny Williams of 82 Queen; John Ondo of Lana Restaurant; Anna Lone of Southern Season Charleston; Ellis Grossman of Black Bean Company; Sonya Cone of Terressentia, Andrea Upchurch of Magnolias; (front) Patrick Kish of 82 Queen; Micah Garrison of Palmetto Mushrooms, LLC; Aaron Lemiux of Vincent Chicco's; Trey Dutton of Mercantile and Mash and Southern Keep; and Josh Shea of Charleston RiverDogs.

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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

84 minigrants were awarded for classroom equipment and educational resources.



40 students stayed enrolled thanks to the Student Emergency Fund.



321 students received scholarships during the 2014-15 academic year.



220 TTC employees took classes using tuition assistance.

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**Because of YOU!**

On May 5, the Trident Technical College community came together for another extraordinary day of giving back.

We raised \$157,000 with the TTC Foundation on top of the Lowcountry leaderboard and 10th in the country! After incentive giving was applied, the total reached almost \$242,000, allowing more students to have the opportunity to realize their dreams.