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### Changing Lives Across Generations

As a teenager, Haley Albrecht watched her mom complete TTC's Dental Hygiene program and launch a fulfilling career.

Foundation and Alumni News

## TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE



*From left, Haley Albrecht and her mother, Hope Albrecht*

Once Haley finished Stratford High School in Goose Creek, she headed to TTC as well, enrolling in the one-year Expanded Duty Dental Assisting diploma program with help from lottery-funded tuition assistance and financial aid.

Haley is poised to complete classes this spring and office rotations this summer. She knows she's well prepared, thanks to her courses and the hands-on learning at the TTC Dental Clinic, where students like Haley provide low-cost care to the public under the guidance of instructors.

Moreover, a recent \$400,000 makeover of the 21-chair Dental Clinic, funded with donations and grants, allowed Albrecht to train with the latest equipment. "You have just the right tools to work with," Haley says. "They've trained us so well. We know exactly what to do, and the patients are so happy and so gracious."

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# Message from the President

Dr. Mary Thornley

## Mount Pleasant Campus to Open in the Fall



*Dr. Thornley announces the opening of the new Mt. Pleasant Campus at a press conference on Feb. 23.*

The Town of Mount Pleasant and TTC are partnering to create a new Mount Pleasant Campus. Located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 17N and I-526 on the site of the former Bassett Furniture store, the campus will provide TTC with an estimated 24,000 square feet of space.

Phase One renovations, to be completed before classes start in August, will provide a Learning Center, a computer classroom and general classroom space, as well as services such as placement testing, registration and financial aid assistance. General courses, such as English and math, will be offered this fall, along with classes in computer graphics, digital photography, computer animation, computer imagery, engineering design graphics and computer aided design. Renovation work in Phase Two, scheduled to be completed in 2012, will provide additional classroom and laboratory spaces as well as instructional use of the adjacent warehouse area.

We are grateful to Mount Pleasant's Town Council for its foresight in offering us this affordable opportunity for immediate expansion into a first-class facility that will benefit residents who live East of the Cooper River and throughout the entire region.

As enrollment continues to grow, we remain focused on increasing our capacity and access to help create educational opportunities for more of our region's work force. TTC is now ranked as the second largest institution of higher learning among all S.C. public and private colleges and universities, based on undergraduate enrollment.



## Annual Campaign Update

Elizabeth Shepherd

“On behalf of the many students who will benefit from our generosity –  
THANK YOU!”

I wrote to donors in the fall with details of the impact TTC has had on my life, and I asked you to join me in supporting the Changing Lives campaign. Your response to my request is humbling to say the least. Thanks to our combined donations, the Changing Lives campaign has raised almost \$10,000 for student scholarships and other needs.



It's amazing what a group of generous people can do when we come together with a goal of changing lives. As individuals, it is difficult to help the ever-growing population of deserving students enrolling at TTC each semester – but together, we are making a difference.

## Educational Opportunity Center Will Amos Named New Director

After serving six years as a counselor at the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), Will Amos recently stepped into the leadership role as the EOC's director, replacing long-time director, Osei Chandler. The EOC is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education and designed to assist adults in obtaining a postsecondary education by providing counseling, tutoring, referrals to higher education and assistance with obtaining GEDs.



"When we help a person succeed, that changes someone's life," said Amos. "After six years as a counselor, I've seen situations up close and can relate to the students. I don't like being behind a desk, so I'll be out in the community because that's where we belong."

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## Dental Students (continued from page 1)

Meanwhile, Haley's mother works as a dental hygienist at a periodontist's office.

"If I'm seeing someone in my chair, they have a true need because they have gum disease," says Hope Albrecht, who still takes TTC Continuing Education classes. "It really gives me a good opportunity to use all the skills that I've learned."

Hope and her daughter say their similar educational experiences have brought them even closer together, and the family connections don't stop there. Hope's younger sister, Teresa Harrington, finished the program as well and now works for a local dentist. In addition, Teresa's daughter, Heather, just started Dental Assisting classes at TTC.

When the four of them get together, "it all has to be dental talk," Hope says. Now that's something to smile about.



## Multiple Locations Allow Lowcountry to Access a Quality Education

TTC has **four campuses**  
and **three training sites** that together  
**encompass 2,591 square miles** and  
serve **more than 35,000** credit  
and continuing education  
**students** each year.

**Main Campus**, North Charleston  
**Berkeley Campus**, Moncks Corner  
**Palmer Campus**, downtown Charleston  
**Mt. Pleasant Campus**  
*(to be opened in 2011)*  
**St. Paul's Parish Site**, Hollywood  
**Dorchester County QuickJobs Training Center**,  
St. George  
**Dorchester County Career and Technology  
Center**, Summerville

## Creative Ways to Support TTC

With the right planned gift, you can create win-win solutions for you and the college. For example:

- You can make a gift that costs nothing during your lifetime.
- You can give stock and realize larger tax savings.
- You can get a monthly paycheck for life in return for your gift.

For more information, contact Keith Rumrill, director of Planned Giving, at 574.6196 or [keith.rumrill@tridenttech.edu](mailto:keith.rumrill@tridenttech.edu).

# A Night in the Valley

## Gala Event Breaks All Records



Mark your calendar for next year's event to be held on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012.

The 2011 *A Night in the Valley* was TTC's most successful fundraiser in history. The event, which sold out six months in advance, raised \$368,000 for scholarships and other pressing needs at the college. Lead sponsors, The Boeing Company and Limehouse Produce showed their support of TTC along with 600 guests. Pictured below: Guests enjoy a meal prepared and served by the students of the Culinary Institute of Charleston and wines courtesy of Piggly Wiggly.



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