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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!
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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 Siedler,” 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.”
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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.