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## *History*

Atlanta Metropolitan College was established as Atlanta Junior College in 1974. The college became the thirty-first institution of the University System of Georgia with an initial enrollment of 504 students. The institution's name was officially changed to Atlanta Metropolitan College during the 1987-1988 academic year. Atlanta Metropolitan College offers a unique campus environment for its students. The college is located within the city of Atlanta, which boasts an urban population of approximately 3.4 million, a thriving economy, and an international outlook with all the cultural resources of a thriving metropolitan area.

## *Mission*

Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC) is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia, offering day, evening, weekend, and online courses. The college is located in the southwest area of the city of Atlanta, and is positioned on an expansive beautifully landscaped campus. It is also conveniently accessible via MARTA (Atlanta's public transportation system). Atlanta Metropolitan College provides a unique campus atmosphere for its students, offering degree programs in more than 46 areas of study.

AMC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It also has a rich history that is tied to the city of Atlanta for which it is named. The academic programs and services offered by the college are high in quality, comprehensive and unique. Associate of Science and Associate of Arts transfer programs are available along with a Joint Enrollment Program and an Honors Program. The courses and programs at AMC are accessible, affordable and available seven days a week. In addition to traditional college courses, we also offer classes through a Morning, Evening and Weekend College.

Students find their niche participating in dozens of approved honorary, professional and social student clubs and organizations, including Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, College Choir, the International Students Organization and the student newspaper, The Student Times. In addition, Atlanta Metropolitan College has a strong record in intercollegiate athletics and holds four championships in the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association Conference for men's basketball.

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# *President's Letter*

**A** Year of Change.... Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC). AMC is a member of the University System of Georgia and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Here at AMC, we have a rich history that is tied to the city of Atlanta for which it is named. Our academic programs and services offered are challenging, comprehensive and affordable. We offer forty-six programs, two of which grant certificates (Automated Office Management and Criminal Justice).

Moreover, we offer both a joint enrollment program and Honors Programs. Many of our courses are offered online and most are available seven days a week. In addition to the traditional course schedule of M-F 8:30 am-5:30 pm, we also offer courses during the evening and weekend hours. We are also in partnership with the Atlanta Public Schools, Maynard Jackson High School, through which we offer an Early College program.

I invite you to take a good look at Atlanta Metropolitan College, enroll in school, matriculate successfully, graduate and join thousands of our graduates who have experienced and understand that Atlanta Metropolitan College is the place for you to BELIEVE, BEGIN and BECOME. This annual report provides a glimpse of the offerings at AMC and the economic impact we have on the community. I hope that you'll take the time to read this report and find out why AMC is the Institution of Choice in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

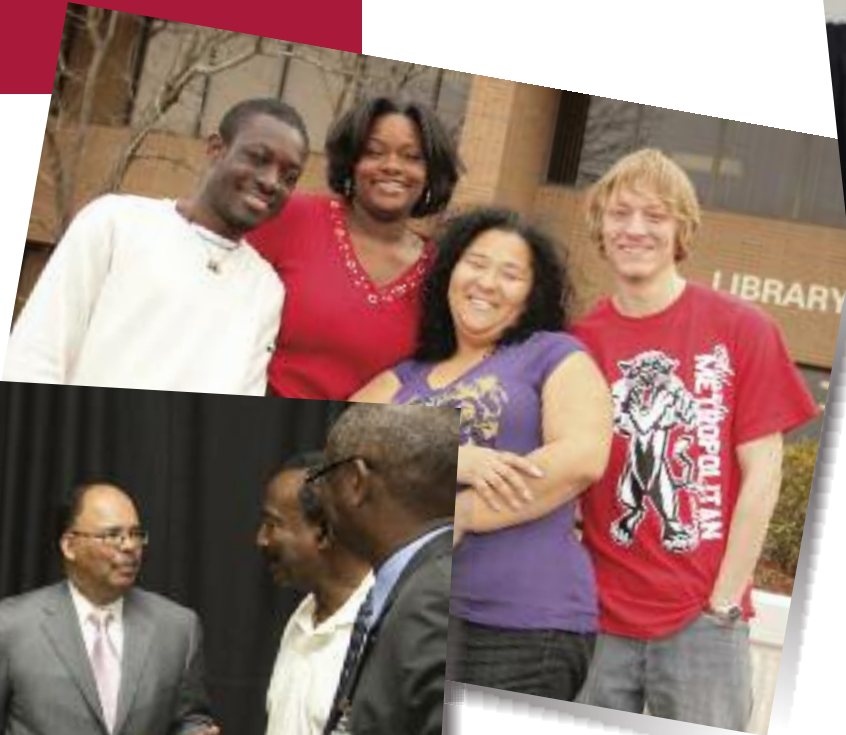
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Gary A. McGaha, Ph. D.

*President*



# Scenes Around Campus





# *Honor Roll of Donors*



**O**n behalf of Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D. President of Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC), the deserving students that attend this great institution, the administrative cabinet, faculty, and staff, “Thank You” for your support for AMC this past academic year. As a result of your giving, the institution reached new accomplishments in enrollment, academics, student support/services, external partnerships, and community presence.

Your investment in Atlanta Metropolitan College is greatly appreciated. With the challenges that our students face today, it is reassuring to know that we are not alone in our never-ending quest of providing students with the skills and experiences necessary to become productive, responsible, and effective members of society. Because of you, Atlanta Metropolitan College can continue its important task of providing a world class institution and high quality academic programs to our extraordinary and deserving student population.

Thank you again for your continued financial support and strong vote of confidence in our work at Atlanta Metropolitan College.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larion M. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larion Michael Williams

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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Areas to support with your donations are:

1. **Annual Giving Program:** Giving to the Annual fund is unrestricted giving and allows AMC to direct funds to the greatest need at AMC.
2. **AMC Scholarship Fund:** Supporting students who don't have the financial resources to attend AMC.
3. **Endowed Scholarship Fund:** Establishing an ongoing funding source to provide needed scholarships to deserving students attending AMC today, tomorrow, and in the future.
4. **Friends of Athletics:** Support for the Athletic programs established at AMC provides resources for building a culturally rich environment for our student athletics and the community we serve.

*Thank You for Caring About Atlanta Metropolitan College*



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# Atlanta Metropolitan College

## Alumni Spotlight



**M**s. Pamela D. Cross is Atlanta Metropolitan College's (AMC) 2010 Alumni of the Year. A native of Dublin, Georgia, just south of Macon, Pamela's days at AMC were a time of change and growth for this future banker. She gets excited as she reminisces about her time at Atlanta Metropolitan College.

"I received a great education and a sound foundation at Atlanta Metropolitan College and I am eternally grateful. I found the professors very caring and interested in all students achieving a high level of success." Fast forward to today, Ms. Cross is a vice president and senior development officer in Atlanta, Georgia for Wells Fargo. A graduate of Saint Leo University with a B.S. in Human Resources/Business Administration in addition to continuing her education at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio with a Master's in Community and Social Development.

She contributes to this community by serving on several area boards including the Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation, Inc. Pamela has been recognized in Who's Who Georgia Leaders, she has been honored as a Louise Stokes Congressional Fellow in addition to volunteering with United Way and the Greater Atlanta Habitat for Humanity just to name a few.

In support of AMC, Ms. Cross championed the Wachovia Foundation, now Wells Fargo, to support AMC in establishing an endowed scholarship program for deserving students attending the College. Cross continues to chair from its inception, "Cruise for A Cause." The cruise is an annual scholarship fundraising effort on behalf of Atlanta Metropolitan College, which raises significant funds for the institution's scholarship effort.

AMC President, Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D. states, "Pamela continues to exhibit an extraordinary commitment to AMC while having a significant impact in supporting our ongoing efforts to move this great institution forward." Being a strong advocate for the institution, she has introduced several individuals and organizations to AMC for ongoing support and partnerships. Based on her reputation and business acumen, Ms. Cross is a highly sought after civic leader for several organizations. Quite simple, she is excellent!

Cross was one of fifteen nominees for the hall of Fame Alumni Award held on March 20, 2010, during the Sixth Annual Regents' Awards for Excellence in Education Celebration. This annual recognition award is given to outstanding alumni of the thirty-five University System of Georgia Institutions. She was also recognized by the AMC Alumni Association at the annual Alumni Gala held on May 7, 2010.

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The "Mission" of the Foundation is to support and enhance the College by encouraging charitable gifts from community, corporate, foundation, alumni, and friends leading to academic programs of excellence. This margin of excellence allows the College to build upon a growing reputation of quality and value beyond the traditional resources provided by state appropriations or student tuition and fees.

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# *Atlanta Metropolitan College Impacts Local Economy by \$71 million*

**A**tlanta Metropolitan College (AMC) continues to be a major economic engine in the city of Atlanta, pumping \$71 million into the Atlanta metropolitan economy during Fiscal Year 2009, according to a study conducted by the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business.

The report, released July 8, 2009, updates similar studies conducted on behalf of the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP), an initiative of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents' Office of Economic Development. The \$71 million represents about a 16% increase for AMC since the FY 2008 report.

In addition to the \$71 million in total economic impact generated by Atlanta Metropolitan College during FY 2009, the study determined that Atlanta Metropolitan College is responsible for 627 full- and part-time jobs. Among these positions, 198, or 32%, are on-campus jobs while 429, or 68 %, are private- or public-sector jobs. In other words, for each job created on the Atlanta Metropolitan campus there are approximately 2.1 off-campus jobs that exist because of the spending related to Atlanta Metropolitan's presence.

The report quantifies the economic benefits that Atlanta Metropolitan College conveys to Atlanta and Fulton County. It shows that \$47 million of the \$71 million in total economic impact was due to initial spending by Atlanta Metropolitan College for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expenditures, as well as spending

by students who attended the institution in FY 2009. Atlanta Metropolitan College's spending for capital projects in 2010-2011 will add an additional \$25 million with the addition of a new academic building and the expansion of the AMC student center.

"Atlanta Metropolitan College is an educational and economic asset to the area," said Gary A. McGaha., Ph.D., president of AMC. "The report emphasizes the growth, vitality and financial stability that Atlanta Metropolitan College brings to the region during this period of economic recovery."

The Selig Center's research, however, only highlights a portion of the true impact of Atlanta Metropolitan College on the community. It neither quantifies the many long-term benefits that a higher-education institution and its outreach and service units impart to its host community's economic development, nor does it measure intangible benefits, such as cultural opportunities, intellectual stimulation and volunteer work to local residents. Spending by USG retirees who still live in the host communities and by visitors to USG institutions (such as those attending conferences or athletic events) is not measured, nor are additional sources of income for USG employees, such as consulting work, personal business activities and inheritances.

Overall, the report revealed the University System of Georgia's 35 institutions had an economic impact totaling \$12.7 billion. The Selig Center's FY 2009 report is available at: <http://www.usg.edu>



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# *“Adding Value—Serving Society”*

## *Atlanta Metropolitan College*

### *Fiscal Year 2010*

**A**tlanta Metropolitan College (AMC) served and strengthened the community during June 30, 2009 – July 1, 2010 as follows:

- AMC partnered with the Atlanta Public School System’s Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) program, and served as the Senior host site for the 2010 High School Senior Summer Academy. Project GRAD served 100 students and is designed to ensure that students in economically disadvantaged communities are exposed to a college environment.
- The Clayton and Fulton County Upward Bound Programs at Atlanta Metropolitan College served 185 students. The participants are low income, first-generation college students who receive academic assistance as well as cultural and social development. Students begin as ninth graders and remain with the program through high school graduation. Grants received for 2008 totaled \$950,000.
- This summer, the Classic Upward Bound program operating in Thomaston, Georgia had 50 high school students participate in a five-week residential program at Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia.
- The Atlanta Metropolitan College Talent Search Program served 100 middle and high school participants in their 2009 Summer Educational Enrichment Program, and 600 students throughout the year.
- In 2009, 1,000 participants (adults and high school dropouts and 100 high school seniors) enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Centers Program from Thomaston-Upson, Barnesville-Lamar, Zebulon-Pike, and Griffin-Spalding Counties.
- In July 2009, Atlanta Metropolitan College was awarded an Upward Bound Math Science grant which will serve 50 high school students in Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia. The grant cycle year began September 1, 2009.
- The AMC Early College Academy is a partnership with Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School that is designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn a diploma and college credit toward an Associates Degree while in high school. This is a science and math program that serves approximately 225 students each year and provides them with support from advisory teams consisting of representatives from both AMC and Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School.
- AMC continued to have a working relationship with the 100 Black Men of Atlanta Project Success Program. In 2009-10, Atlanta Metro enrolled two students through this project.
- Partnerships with the Atlanta Job Corps, Year Up and Youth-Build Organizations (Youth Training Programs):
  - As an access institution, AMC has entered into partnership agreements with the Atlanta Job Corps, Year-Up and Youth-Build youth training programs to provide programs and other opportunities to facilitate the enrollment of participants in at the college. Specifically, the college is providing COMPASS prep courses through its Pre-Matriculation (PRE-MAT) program and Prior Learning Assessments for Year-Up program completers.
- The Division of Science, Math, and Health Professions received a \$450,000 grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA . The grant will fund the Integration of Research into the Undergraduate Curriculum Project (CIPAIR) “Creating Research Excellence in Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering (NASA CREST-ME).

# AMC Unites To Aid

Students, staff, and faculty members united in October to provide assistance to flood victims of the rains that inundated Metropolitan Atlanta counties during the previous month. Many families experienced severe damage to their homes, while others suffered a total loss. It is these situations that a sense of community, duty and service are vitally important. This is when socially conscious members of the Atlanta Metropolitan College community rose to the occasion.

Spearheaded by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and The Social Sciences Association members, AMC collected over 600 items ranging from work gloves, cleaning supplies, and trash bags to disinfectants. Student volunteers categorized and packed the assorted items in nearly 50 ready-to-go buckets. The items were distributed through the Phi Theta Kappa Fall 2009 Leadership and Honors in Action Conference that was hosted by Georgia Highlands College in Rome, Georgia, October 23 – 25. In addition to the Metropolitan Atlanta counties, the items were also earmarked to assist flood victims in Paulding, Douglas and Cobb counties. Due to the overwhelming response from the AMC community, bulk items and donations made after the drive were donated to The Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless Agency, a local 501(C)(3) organization.

AMC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Beta Beta Tau, is a Five Star Chapter – a status awarded for excellence in scholarship, service, leadership and fellowship. Membership requirements include: current enrollment at Atlanta Metropolitan College; exemption or exit from Learning Support classes; completion of at least 12 semester hours at Atlanta Metropolitan College; and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.





# Metro Atlanta Flood Victims



The Social Sciences Association was formed to foster multi-disciplinary scholarship, leadership, and service activities within the Atlanta Metropolitan College academic and larger community. The Association endeavors to: (1) afford students with a scholarly environment for the healthy exchange of ideas and interdisciplinary inquiry; (2) encourage fellowship, partnerships, and the building of leadership skills and; (3) promote personal and professional growth and development for students pursuing a Program of Study in the Social Sciences Division, as well as other socially conscious students.

◀ Pictured left to right: Mr. Bobby Olive, Vice President, Student Affairs, Walter Bennett, Phi Theta Kappa President, Sylvester Powell, President of The Social Sciences Association, Dr. Barbara Morgan, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs.



# *Atlanta Metropolitan College's Reaffirmation of Accreditation*

**T**he AMC Reaffirmation of Accreditation is moving forward with great success. The reaffirmation process is currently in phase 3 of a multi-phase, three-year planning and implementation process: Phase 1. Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Topic/Logo Selection, Phase 2. QEP Pilot Course Implementation, Phase 3. Submission of Reaffirmation Documents (i.e. QEP and Compliance Certification Reports), and Phase 4. Visit of the SACS On-site Reaffirmation Committee. “Faculty, staff, and students have provided enthusiastic broad-based support and as a result AMC is in a stronger position as we navigate through the reaffirmation process,” says Dr. Sherrye Smith, QEP Co-Chair. This summer, AMC’s faculty, staff, and students finalized the selection of a QEP logo, emphasizing math as the area with the greatest learning needs. Math was the topic that student, faculty, and staff unanimously selected for AMC to address and focus its concerted effort and resources for improvement through the Reaffirmation process.

Several strategies have been planned and implemented that will improve student success in AMC math courses, including three pilot QEP Math 0099 courses currently underway for the fall 2010 semester. These courses incorporate an “out of the box” approach for teaching and learning math. In these pilot courses, a “Math Center” has been created and incorporated into selected Math 0099 courses. In the pilot QEP courses, students spend approximately 33% of their scheduled class time

in the Math Center where they participate in hands-on exercises in a “student-centered” learning environment. The course instructor, a Math Center professional staff member, and a student teacher assistant serve as learning facilitators in each Math Center session, utilizing a range of active and contextualized teaching/learning strategies. This is a different pedagogy when compared to the traditional lecture where students are in a passive learning environment. “Students are engaged in the learning process and we are using a variety of pedagogical teaching tools (e.g. computer/technology, small learning communities, chalkboard problem-solving sessions) to bring math alive for students. We are very pleased with the success of the pilot courses,” says Dr. Mark Cunningham, the AMC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Director.

The Reaffirmation Leadership Team requests that all faculty, staff, and students remain engaged to make Reaffirmation 2012 the best experience ever for Atlanta Metropolitan College.

For more information about the reaffirmation process, you may visit the SACS Reaffirmation Office located in room 209 of the Library/Administrative building, or email or call for assistance at [sacs@atlm.edu](mailto:sacs@atlm.edu) or 404-756-2701, respectively. Visit the Reaffirmation of Accreditation website at <https://atlm.compliance-assist.com/accreditation/>.



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