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TWO ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREES FROM ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE BEFORE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL



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(ATLANTA) – On Friday, May 6, two Atlanta Public School high school seniors from Maynard Jackson High School received associates degrees from Atlanta Metropolitan State College about three weeks before the students graduate high school.

One of the two students is Maynard Jackson High School Valedictorian, Ms. Taylor Dalton who graduated with two associate degrees, one in pre-engineering and the other in Mathematics. Ms. Dalton will be entering Georgia Tech as a junior in August.

Ms. Nuri Omolara received an associate degree in pre-engineering and will be attending North Carolina A&T University in August as a junior majoring in Engineering.

The students, were able to earn both high school diplomas and college degrees at the same time due to their participation in the state's Move on When Ready, Dual Enrollment Program.

"We are very proud of the outstanding Dual Enrollment programs that are byproducts of the excellent collaborative relationships Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) has with the Atlanta Public School System. More than 250 high school students are currently enrolled in these programs. AMSC has a special purpose Pre-Engineering Dual Enrollment Program at Maynard Jackson High School that is part of a collaborative relationship that AMSC has with Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), stated AMSC President, Gary McGaha.

The Move on When Ready (MOWR) program provides for students who are dual credit enrolled at a participating eligible public or private high school, or home study program in Georgia, and a participating eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia. These students take postsecondary coursework for credit towards both high school graduation or home study completion and postsecondary requirements.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College has very strong baccalaureate degree programs in the STEM disciplines of Biological Science (a pipeline for the health professions of Medicine and Dentistry) and in Applied Mathematics. Ninety-five percent of the full-time faculty who teach in these disciplines have Ph.D.'s in their teaching disciplines.

AMSC also has baccalaureate degree programs in Digital Media & Entertainment Design, Criminal Justice, Business Administration, a joint Bachelor's Program on the AMSC campus in Teacher Education with Kennesaw State University and an online program in Educational Leadership.

For more information about the state's Move On When Ready, Dual Enrollment Program contact your local school's guidance counselor or visit www.atlm.edu.