“Excellence perceived, pursued and achieved.”

President Gary McGaha
About AMSC

Originally 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 State 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 State College (AMSC) is a four-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.

AMSC 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 AMSC 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 State 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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Dear AMSC Family, Friends and Supporters,

I am extremely pleased to report that the 2012-2013 fiscal year for Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC), was another exceptional milestone because of the significant progress made in a number of areas. The first of the baccalaureate degree in Biological Science was completed, exceeding all expectations. Fall 2013, we will begin offering additional baccalaureate degrees in Criminal Justice, Applied Mathematics and a joint program with Kennesaw State University to offer Teacher Education as a level II Institution. We continue to grow and are excited to report that the expansion and renovations were completed in May 2013 on the newly named Edwin A. Thompson, Sr. Student Center. This State of the Art facility has quickly become a major center of engagement not only for our students, but for the community at large. As in past years, the College will continue to serve the public good and enrich the lives of all students that matriculate at AMSC.

The outstanding quality of the academic enterprise at AMSC has again been validated with AMSC completing the Reaffirmation of Accreditation process with (SACS) Southern Association Colleges and Schools.

Because of your commitment and stellar support, Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC), our outstanding students and graduates continue to make a significant difference not only in the Atlanta Metropolitan community but throughout the world. Our ability to attract exceptional students has gained tremendous momentum as we continue to offer a high quality education at an affordable cost.

This past fiscal year again produced sound financial results. The College continues to operate from a solid and stable financial foundation.

This Annual Report offers a limited but expanding view of just some of the milestones and achievements from the 2012-2013 academic year. I extend an invitation to each of you to take a good look at AMSC and visit us often in the coming year as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary. (1974-2014) “Blazing New Trails & Cutting New Pathways to Academic Excellence”

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

Sincerely,

Gary A. McGaha

Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D., President
On behalf of Atlanta Metropolitan State College President Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D., the exceptional and deserving students that attend this great institution, the administrative cabinet, the outstanding faculty, and staff, “Thank You” for your support for AMSC this past academic year. Your investment is greatly appreciated. As a result of your financial support, this vital institution of higher learning continues to reach new levels of success in enrollment, academic programs, student support services, and community partnerships.

The Honor Roll of Donors consists of all contributors who made donations to Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) and/or The Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation, Inc. from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Every effort has been made to include all gifts and donors to the College or The AMC Foundation, Inc. during this period. However, if your name is not listed, we sincerely apologize for any inadvertent errors or omissions that may have occurred.

Thanks again for your continued financial support and vote of confidence in our work on behalf of the deserving students that attend this institution.

Very best regards,

Larion Michael Williams

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Vice President for Institutional Advancement &
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1. Annual Giving Program: Giving to the Annual fund is unrestricted resources that permit AMSC to direct funds to the greatest needs at the College.

2. AMSC Scholarship Fund: Critical to supporting students who just don’t have the financial resources to attend AMSC.

3. Endowed Scholarship Fund: Establishing an ongoing funding source to provide needed scholarships to deserving students attending AMSC today, tomorrow, and well into the future.

4. Friends of Athletics: Help support the Athletic programs established at AMSC by providing resources for building a culturally rich environment for our student athletics and the community we serve.
Alumni Spotlight

Wendell Carter

Wendell A. Carter is a 1994 graduate of AMSC with an AS Degree in Accountancy. While at AMSC, he was Student Government Vice President and Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges & Mr. Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Wendell matriculated at Fort Valley State University with a BBA in Accounting and Mercer University with an MBA in International Business. Wendell is employed by SunTrust Banks, Inc. as Vice President-Supplier Management. He has previously worked for two Fortune 500 companies in Supply Chain Management and for the State of Georgia. He is a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) through the Institute for Supply Management, Inc. He currently serves on the board of the inaugural AMSC Alumni Association as Vice President.
Atlanta Metropolitan College Impacts Local Economy by $99 million

Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC) now Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) continues to be a major economic engine in the city of Atlanta, pumping $99 million into the Atlanta metropolitan economy during Fiscal Year 2012, 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 10, 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.

In addition to the $99 million in total economic impact generated by Atlanta Metropolitan State College during FY 2012, the study determined that Atlanta Metropolitan State College is responsible for 976 full- and part-time jobs.

“Atlanta Metropolitan State College continues to be an educational and economic asset to the metropolitan area,” said Gary A. McGaha, Ph.D., president of AMSC. “The report emphasizes the consistent growth, vitality and financial stability that AMC 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 State 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.
The FY 2012 study found that Georgia’s public university system generated nearly 139,263 full- and part-time jobs, or 3.6 percent of all the jobs in Georgia. The bottom line is that one job out of every 28 in the State of Georgia is due to the University System.

Approximately 33 percent of these positions are on campus as USG employees and 67 percent are off-campus positions in either the private or public sectors. Humphreys noted that on average, for each job created on campus, there are two off-campus jobs that exist because of spending related to the institution.

Most of the $14.1 billion economic impact consists of initial spending by USG institutions for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expenditures, as well as spending by the students who attended the institutions. Initial spending by USG institutions and students equaled $9.8 billion, or almost 69 percent of the total output impact.

The remaining $4.4 billion (31 percent) of the output impact was created by respending – the multiplier effect of the dollars that are spent again in the region. For every dollar of initial spending by a University System institution or its students, research found that, on average, an additional 45 cents was generated for the local economy.

The full study with data for all 31 USG institutions is available at: http://www.usg.edu/economic_development/documents/usg_Impact_fy2012.pdf

Established in 1974 as a two year unit of the University System of Georgia, Atlanta Metropolitan State College was awarded “State College” status in May 2011 allowing the institution to offer the baccalaureate degree in biological sciences. It is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
“Connecting the college to the community.”

President Gary McGaha
Believe

Scenes Around Campus
Believe. Begin. Become

Phi Theta Kappa Beta Beta Tau Chapter at Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) continues its blaze of excellence as the chapter reached Five-Star status in 2012-2013.

A chapter can earn one to five stars for completing a variety of activities and the chapter engaged in in-depth research of the International Honors Topic, Competition in Education, developed a program that supports and facilitates students graduating from AMSC, provided service to AMSC students with collegefish, a joint project with Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters and chapters to bring together students and four year colleges, provided service to the community by spearheading “Feed a Body Feed a Mind” that involved collecting and donating canned goods and books to needy organizations, became involved in environmental issues such as Earth Day, and attended regional and international conferences.

To earn 5 stars is extremely challenging and Beta Beta Tau chapter has now reached this top level for 6 consecutive years with only 2 out of 38 chapters in the Georgia Region able to claim a similar status to our own Trailblazers.
Believe. 
Begin. 
Become

Advisor Michelle Geisert, 
All-Georgia Academic Team 
Recipients Kevin Bass and 
Yolanda Pabon, Advisor 
Curtis Todd

Phi Theta Kappa Georgia Regional officers, Michael Roberson (GMC), Austin Vickers (SGC), Kevin Bass (AMSC) and Heather Herbert (DSC), and Regional Coordinator, Frank Malinowski, with our regional service project of collecting and donating food to Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless as well as books to area shelters.

Mr. Bass received not only the Georgia Regional Award for Outstanding Chapter Officer but was also nominated to the All-Georgia Academic Team. Yolanda Pabon, Vice President of the Spring Transition Team, also was nominated to the All-Georgia Academic Team and received the Sarah Anne Staples Regional Award.

Other awards received by the chapter this year were the Georgia Hall of Honor Award presented to Chapter Treasurer, Janet Walker, Outstanding Chapter Member International Award presented to Ehiremen “Martins” Iyoha, and the Horizon Award for Outstanding Advisement and Service to the Region presented to advisors Professor Michelle Geisert, Dr. Sherrye Smith, and Professor Curtis Todd. The chapter won election to the Georgia Regional Office of Chapter Relations which came with a scholarship to attend the Honors Academy held summer 2013 at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Professor Geisert also was awarded a scholarship to attend the Honors Academy.
Talent Search

This past summer Atlanta Metropolitan State College Educational Talent Search program has partnered with Thomaston, GA’s rural energy provider EMC to provide 50 students the opportunity to build and race solar-powered vehicles. The importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in education has been emphasized in numerous government policies both in the United States and overseas. The Pitsco-Ray Catcher Sprint Deluxe Solar Vehicles are model solar cars that meet regulations for the Junior Solar Sprint competition. This partnership provided students in grades 6-8 hands-on activities that demonstrate photovoltaics, solar energy, force, and physics. The students designed their cars during Talent Search’s two-week summer enrichment program at Gordon College. The course culminated with a tournament style race at which students were able to showcase and race their creations.

Science education projects like this incorporate applied math and science principles into classroom projects. Talent Search realizes the benefits of using science education kits and products alongside our STEM curriculums to demonstrate STEM concepts and real-world applications through hands-on activities. Future projects will include a broader range of activities, such as practical experiments in engineering, aeronautics, robotics, energy, chemistry, physics, biology, and geology. The SKY is our only LIMIT!

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s Talent Search Program continued serving 600 selected students attending Upson Lee Middle and Upson Lee High Schools in Upson County Georgia. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assist participant with the postsecondary application process. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth in completing high school and to enroll in and complete their postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $230,000.00 and this effort led to over a 100% graduation rate this year.

Educational Opportunity Centers

Residents of Upson, Lamar, Spalding, and Pike Counties enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) Summer Connection program June 10-21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the M.G. Worthy Complex (ULAS). Community resource personnel were on hand to offer valuable information and workshops on Financial and Economic Literacy, Dress for Success, Stress Management, Wellness, Goal Setting, Financial Aid, and College Admission. Registration was FREE!!! The Educational Opportunity Center is currently accepting applications for enrollment in the program. The staff antici-pates another busy recruiting/ selecting campaign. Anyone who wish to become a participant of the EOC program can pick up an application at the M. G. Worthy Complex (ULAS) or by calling 404.756.4966. Sign up today and begin receiving educational services and counseling immediately. EOC serve individuals in Upson, Lamar,
Spalding, and Pike counties. All services are FREE!!! Remember: Adults Go To College…EOC Can Help!!!

With the academic year coming to a close, the Educational Opportunity Center salutes our graduates from Griffin High School, Spalding High School, Lamar County Comprehensive High School, and Pike County High School. Many of our graduates are off to college in the fall and others have chosen to enlist in the armed services. EOC is proud of their hard work and accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, counselors, and school staff that assisted us in the admission and financial aid process, and those who traveled with us during our cultural trips. Many thanks to all of you! We are excited about the great things happening in our schools and look forward to the 2013-2014 academic school year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s Educational Opportunity Centers Program continued serving 1000 selected participants in Lamar, Spalding and Upson Counties this past year. The program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $230,000.00.

Student Support Services

To support the Earth Day initiative on campus sponsored by the Environmental Health & Safety & RTK Unit, AMSC TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) participants embarked on a pledge drive. SSS students first met to discuss ways that they conserve energy and came up with ways that AMSC students, faculty and staff could conserve. The students came up with great and simple strategies to conserve energy which include using the stairs instead of the elevators, unplugging electrical appliances and using wasted paper as scratch paper. Once the students compiled their list, they typed it up and set out to get signatures. During the Earth Day activities on campus, AMSC SSS students solicited students, faculty and staff to sign their pledge to do at least one of the conservation strategies listed. AMSC SSS students received over 100 pledges to conserve energy!

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s Student Support Services Program continued serving 140 selected students that were enrolled this past year. The participants received academic tutoring, advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection, assistance with information on both the full range of student financial aid programs - benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications. The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $213,180.00.

Thomaston Upward Bound

The Thomaston Upward Bound program is excited about the graduation of our 2013 senior class! Our young men and women are preparing to embark upon their postsecondary education beginning Summer 2013. This year’s seniors are venturing to respected higher education institutions such as Alabama State University, the University of West Georgia, Albany State University and
the newly renamed Middle Georgia State College.

We are very proud of their accomplishments, and we feel confident that our scholars are prepared for the challenges of college life. Two of our rising senior students have been accepted to the Accounting Career Awareness Program at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. This program was a free week-long summer residency program held June 9th through June 14th for minority high school students who have a career interest in accounting, finance or business. The 2013 Thomaston UB Summer Enrichment program was held June 3rd at Gordon State College in Barnesville, Georgia. We are looking forward to preparing our students for an awesome 2013-2014 academic year!

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s Thomaston - Upward Bound Program continued serving 50 selected students attending Upson Lee High School in Upson County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $250,000.00 and this effort led to a 100% graduation rate this year.

**Upward Bound Math & Science**

The 2013 school year has been a momentous and exciting year for Upward Bound Math and Science students. The underclassmen have been busy navigating their way through the academic year and extracurricular activities that have proven to be challenging, yet rewarding. Over 60 percent of the UBMS underclassmen have also been preparing for the summer enrichment program where they will focus their studies on preparedness for the 2013-2014 academic year and also engage in STEM research with college professors.

This year, 24 UBMS participants will be graduating from Upson-Lee High School and enrolling in various colleges throughout the state including Albany State University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Columbus State College, Georgia Southern University, Gordon State College, Macon State College, Savannah State University, and University of West Georgia. We also have two students who will be attending schools out of state: Demeshia Russell will be attending Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida and Jasmine Brown will be attending Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kansas on an athletic scholarship. Many of the students have received scholarships and awards for their dedication and commitment to education during high school. The scholarship awards for UBMS participants total over $338,900. The scholarship donors for these awards include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Bank of Upson-Gordon College Scholarship Fund, Carl Flowers Memorial Scholarship Fund, Cascade United Methodist Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Gates Foundation, James Argroves Memorial Scholarship Fund, Louchis Hogan Memorial Scholarship Fund, William B. Moore Scholarship Fund, and the United States Navy.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s Thomaston - Upward Bound Math & Science Program continued serving 50 selected students attending Upson Lee High School in Upson County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this
past year in the amount of $250,000.00 and this effort led to a 100% graduation rate this year.

**AMSC Upward Bound Program**

As seniors get ready to graduate from high school, they anxiously finish final exams, EOCTs, and prepare for graduation. Many of them have acceptance letters from colleges and universities and are worried about how they will pay for their post-secondary education. However, Upward Bound students at AMSC, Blanche Akonchong, Qadeera Girard, Alexis Allen, and Jairus Holder, will not have to worry about paying for college. Their hard work and dedication in academics and sports have earned them scholarships. These students have over a million dollars in scholarships from various organizations.

Blanche Akonchong attends Mt. Zion high school and is a Gates Millennium Scholar this year. The Gates Millennium Scholarship is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and is awarded annually to 1,000 students from across the nation who exhibit scholarship, community service, and leadership. The scholarship will pay for the recipients’ tuition, books, and other needs for college from first enrollment in college to the doctoral degree provided that the recipients maintain good grades.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s **Clayton - Upward Bound Program** continued serving 50 selected students attending Morrow; Forest Park; and Mount Zion High School in Clayton County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in the preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $250,000.00 and this effort led to over a 95% graduation rate this year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s **West Clayton - Upward Bound Program** continued serving 50 selected students attending Jonesboro; Mundy’s Mill; Riverdale; Lovejoy; and Charles Drew High School in Clayton County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $250,000.00 and this effort led to over a 95% graduation rate this year.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s **Fulton - Upward Bound Program** continued serving 85 selected students attending West Lake; Tricities; Langston Hughes; Creekside; and Banneker High School in Fulton County Georgia. The participants received academic assistance, cultural enrichment and social development that support in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. This federally funded grant was subsidized by the United States Department of Education for this past year in the amount of $439,172.00 and this effort led to over a 95% graduation rate this year.
Started in 1992, Atlanta Metropolitan State College’s athletic program is part of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). The College supports two intercollegiate teams – men’s basketball and women’s basketball. In their first year, the men’s basketball team took second place in the NJCAA Region 17 Conference, and continues to be a strong sports team. AMSC also has a spirited cheerleading squad and dance team who cheer at the home basketball games. The team emblem is now the Trailblazers.
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