

## Student Organizations and Activities

Many student organizations are available at West Georgia Technical College, and other organizations are currently being researched in order to offer a broader range of activities in the near future. Joining one of the following organizations can enrich a student's academic experience and facilitate meeting other students. For more information, students may contact the Student Activities Coordinator at 770.537.5722.

**Student Government Association (SGA):** The Student Government Association is an elected body of students. SGA participates in fund delegation and discussing important issues on campus. SGA also sponsors and volunteers for charity events on and off campus, lectures and other educational opportunities on campus, small social gatherings for students to get to know one another, and large College-wide events that are both fun and educational.

**Student Activities Board (SAB):** The Student Activities Board serves as the student event planning committee for West Georgia Technical College. The students involved work hand-in-hand with the Student Activities Coordinator to plan fun and educational events over the various campuses and sites. SAB is open to any student in good standing with the College.

**Collegiate DECA:** Collegiate DECA is the postsecondary division of DECA, the Distributive Education Clubs of America. Collegiate DECA is a student-centered organization whose program of leadership and personal development is designed specifically for students enrolled in the Marketing Management or Culinary programs.

**National Technical Honor Society (NTHS):** The National Technical Honor Society is an honor society for students enrolled in technical programs. The purpose of NTHS is to promote services, leadership, honesty, career development and skilled workmanship; to reward student achievement; to encourage and assist student education and career goal setting; to promote a stronger linkage between local and vocational-technical institutions, business and industry; and to promote the image of technical education in America. In order to become a member of West Georgia Technical College's NTHS, the student must:

- Be enrolled in a diploma/degree program;
- Be recommended in writing (on a special form) by an instructor in his/her program;
- Have completed 20 consecutive quarter/credit hours in one program;
- Have maintained a 3.5 or higher overall GPA in his/her program;
- Must have a 2 or better in Work Ethics; and
- Have good character, exhibit leadership skills, and plan to pursue a career in his/her program of study.

**Phi Beta Lambda (PBL):** Business Administrative Technology, Accounting, Business Management and Computer Information Systems students are invited to join Phi Beta Lambda, a non-profit educational association that provides preparation for careers in business. The mission of Phi Beta Lambda is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative programs.

**Phi Theta Kappa (PTK):** Phi Theta Kappa is a highly recognized international honor society for students who achieve superior academic success at a two-year college or institution. Chapter members serve as leaders for other students and for people in the community. Membership into the Beta Theta Phi Chapter offers intellectual enrichment and personal development as well as academic scholarships.

**SkillsUSA:** The SkillsUSA is the national organization for students enrolled in classes with vocational trade, industrial, technology and health occupational objectives. West Georgia Technical College's SkillsUSA operates under a charter granted by the Georgia Association of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. SkillsUSA provides student with opportunities to learn and practice leadership and employability skills. They also learn to manage their time, communicate effectively and work as part of a team. Through SkillsUSA students can prepare themselves for future education or a full-time work experience. One of the benefits of being a SkillsUSA member is the opportunity to compete for scholarships and awards that are offered by our industry partners for achievement. Members conduct business using the democratic process. Regular club meetings are scheduled each month. Membership must be established prior to February in order to compete in the annual Local, State and National Skills Olympics.

**Radiological Association for the Development of Students (RADS):** The Radiological Association for the Development of Students is an organization for students in the Radiologic Technology program at West Georgia Technical College. This organization provides an opportunity for members to improve their leadership skills, attend educational seminars, and explore the many career opportunities available in the radiology field.

**Student Nursing Association:** The Student Nursing Association at West Georgia Technical College is part of the Georgia Student Association of Nurses. This program is for students majoring in Registered Nursing and is the way to maximize a student's experience in the nursing program. This program provides networking opportunities, NCLEX review courses, aid with books, discounts, and educational conferences in- and out-of-state.

**Student Members of the American Dental Hygienists' Association:** Membership in this student organization is available for students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program at West Georgia Technical College. Much like the Student Nursing Association, this program aids students in attending annual conferences for the Dental Hygienists Association, discounts, books, and recreational activities.

**WGTC Performing Arts Club (PAC):** The WGTC Performing Arts Club (PAC) provides creative avenues for students interested in the performing arts, working either backstage or on stage or both. PAC seeks to provide family-friendly entertainment for both the college community and all of our service areas, with plans for eventual participation in various competitions both statewide and nationally. All students (and faculty or staff) interested in singing, dancing, acting, music, stage props, make up, lighting, sound, costumes, and etcetera are welcomed to join or work with PAC to create quality productions. For information about the Performing Arts Club, email: [PAC@westgatech.edu](mailto:PAC@westgatech.edu).