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Stephen G. Daniel Appointed President of West Georgia Technical College

Atlanta – Commissioner Ron Jackson informed the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia today that he selected Stephen G. “Steve” Daniel to become the next president of West Georgia Technical College (WGTC).

Board Member Chunk Newman of LaGrange made the motion to accept Jackson’s recommendation, and the full board voted unanimously to approve the selection of Daniel.

The announcement and vote were made at the conclusion of the board’s monthly meeting at the TCSG headquarters in Atlanta.

Daniel is currently the provost of Southern Crescent Technical College, which serves Butts, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Pike, Spalding, Taylor and Upson counties. Last year, Southern Crescent Tech, which has its main campus in Griffin, had the fifth-largest enrollment of the 24 colleges in the TCSG. WGTC had the third-largest enrollment in the system last year, serving more than 9,800 students in credit programs.

Daniel will officially become the president of WGTC on June 1. The position has been vacant since December 31, 2013, when Dr. Skip Sullivan resigned to become the president of Alfred State College in Alfred, New York.

“I strongly believe that Steve Daniel is an outstanding administrator and excellent choice to be the next president of West Georgia Technical College. He’s devoted his entire career to workforce training, and he fully understands the education needs of our students and skill requirements of today’s technology-driven jobs. I know that his passion for technical education and dedication to economic development will serve the college, its students, and the region that it serves quite well,” said Jackson.

Daniel said that he was honored by his appointment and looks forward to working with all the WGTC stakeholders in support of workforce advancement initiatives throughout the college’s service delivery area. “There are great examples of economic growth in the West Georgia Technical College service area. I’m excited by the opportunity to further advance the college’s partnerships with business and industry and
strengthen the role of technical education in those efforts. I feel that my background and experiences have uniquely prepared me for this role, and I’m committed to helping students achieve their career goals,” said Daniel.

Jackson also expressed his appreciation for the work of Pat Hannon, the WGTC vice president for academic affairs, who has been serving as the college’s interim president. “I want to especially thank Pat Hannon for his strong leadership and the long hours that he has dedicated to his college during this transition period. The students, faculty and staff of West Georgia Technical College have all been well-served while he has been the interim president,” said Jackson.

Daniel has been the provost of the Flint River Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College since 2011. Before that, he worked in the TCSG’s Quick Start division, serving as the director of project operations for the Kia Project. As the project leader, he worked closely with Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia to develop the pre-hire assessments and post-hire employee training that supported the opening of the Kia Motors manufacturing plant in West Point, Georgia. From 2007 through 2011, he also managed the Kia Georgia Training Center adjacent to the Kia facility. In those four years, Daniel and his Quick Start staff at the center helped Kia Motors to hire and train more than 3,000 team members.

Daniel was also the vice president for economic development at Flint River Technical College in Thomaston from 2003 to 2007 (Flint River Tech and Griffin Tech merged to become Southern Crescent Technical College in 2010).

Daniel has leadership experience in the private sector as well. He has served as the director of human resources for Talla-Com Industries in Tallahassee, Florida; director of administration for Alliance Aerospace in Macon; senior manager of human resources for TRW/Lucas Aerospace in Macon; and manager of human resources for Boeing in Macon.

Daniel earned a Master’s of Science in Human Resource Management from Troy University in 2007, and has a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Georgia. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in education leadership at Valdosta State University.

He is active in his community, and currently serves as the vice chairman of the Thomaston/Upson Industrial Development Authority and is an ex-officio member of the board of directors of the Thomaston/Upson Chamber of Commerce. He is a board member for the Henry County College and Career Academy and member of the Thomaston/Upson Rotary Club.

Throughout his career, Daniel has been involved in a number of civic and professional associations and committees related to education, economic development and human resources.

**About West Georgia Technical College:** WGTC serves Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson, Heard, Meriwether and Troup counties. The main campus is in Waco and additional campuses are in LaGrange, Carrollton, Newnan and Douglasville. Last year, WGTC had the third-largest credit enrollment among the 24 TCSG colleges, with almost 9,800 students in certificate, diploma and degree programs. In addition to a wide array of credential programs, WGTC provides workforce training for new and expanding businesses and industries through the TCSG’s Quick
Start program. WGTC also serves adult learners through adult education programs, English as a Second Language programs, and GED preparation and testing. For more about WGTC, go to www.westgatech.edu

**About the TCSG:** The 24 colleges of the Technical College System of Georgia offer excellent training in more than 600 certificate, diploma and two-year associate degree programs. Students of all ages take advantage of outstanding instructors, hands-on learning and state-of-the-art equipment to gain the skills needed for today’s in-demand jobs.

In 2013, the TCSG colleges delivered 2.4 million credit hours of instruction to more than 151,000 students. The TCSG is online, too, serving 72,000 students through the system’s Georgia Virtual Technical Connection.

TCSG students enjoy the benefits of Georgia’s HOPE Grant and Scholarship and the federal Pell Grant, which will pay for a significant portion of a TCSG education.

The TCSG Office of Adult Education delivered programs to 71,000 adult learners in 2013, including GED preparation and testing services that enabled almost 16,000 men and women to earn their GED credential.

Last year, the TCSG Quick Start program provided customized workforce training to just over 60,000 employees of new and expanding companies in Georgia.

For more information about the TCSG and links to the 24 TCSG colleges, go to www.tcsg.edu

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