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Lt. Governor Cagle Announces Creation of New College and Career Academy in Chattahoochee County



(ATLANTA)- Today Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, along with the Technical College System of Georgia, announced the creation of Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy as the newest member of Georgia's College and Career Academy Network. The Technical College System of Georgia has awarded the Chattahoochee County School System a \$3.1 million grant for their new academy. Lt. Governor Casey Cagle praised the unique Chattahoochee County School System/Columbus Technical College partnership that has proven effective throughout the state for increasing student achievement and workforce development.

"Georgia's students deserve every opportunity for academic success – and with the creation of these new College and Career Academies, we are one step closer to ensuring all students have access to these world class learning institutions," said Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. "These school systems have embraced innovation in the classroom, bringing business and community leaders together to truly unleash their students' potential to build a workforce second to none."

About Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy:

The mission of Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy is to prepare all graduates for the 21st century workforce through relevant secondary and post-secondary career training. Classroom instructors will be comprised of Chattahoochee County High School CTAE teachers, Columbus Technical College, Columbus State University faculty and business/industry subject matter experts. Recruitment, employment and evaluation of these instructors will be shared between the academy CEO, the College Presidents and their staff, the Career Academy Board of Directors, and the Chattahoochee County Board of Education.

Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy will accept any student who wishes to enroll plus any high school student from a neighboring system.

About College and Career Academies:

College and Career Academies, an initiative of Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, partner local school systems with the state's technical colleges, other post-secondary institutions, and local businesses, enabling the development of high school and college-level programs that train students for quality, in-demand jobs. Students

find that the academies' challenging, hands-on programs provide greater relevancy and value which not only lead to higher graduation rates, but also employment.

The specified training for students is attractive to area businesses and communities prosper from the highly-trained and skilled workforce. Businesses have found that College and Career Academy partnerships provide them with a qualified and skilled workforce. Because of Cagle's initiative, there are now 40 College and Career Academies in Georgia.

Learn more about Georgia's College and Career Academy Network [here](#).