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# EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LOCAL INDUSTRY LEADERS AND WORKERS

BY JASON ZASKY

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology (Hohenwald) has come a long way since it opened in February 1967 with offerings in four instructional areas.

"We now have 21 technical programs, including automotive, cosmetology, practical nursing and surgical technology," begins Kelli Kea-Carroll, who has been president at TCAT-Hohenwald since 2014, which has its main campus on West Main Street and a total of 10 locations in south-central Tennessee. That includes a location in Columbia, which offers instruction in industrial maintenance, practical nursing, and building construction, as well as automotive technology.

"Most of our programs are competency-based and proficiency-based, and most can be completed within a year," explains Kea-Carroll, though some programs last up to 20 months.

As for the student body, "our enrollment is for adult students, but we do have dual enrollment for high school and secondary students," she adds, before noting that the 1,200-plus students range in age from 18 to 70-something. The majority of enrollees are training for a career, she says, though many of the older students

are retraining for a new career.

"We also do a lot of industry training, which is specialized according to the industry that is requesting it," she says.

That said, TCAT-Hohenwald aims to be responsive to the needs of the local business community.

"Each of the technical programs has an advisory committee," explains Kea-Carroll, with most of the committees made up of 8 to 20 people from the business or industry in question.

"The advisory members offer communication as to how the industry is changing and how the curriculum needs to adapt to the changes," she elaborates.

TCTA-Hohenwald Opened a New Healthcare Career Building in 2022

Meanwhile, TCAT-Hohenwald—which was named Technical College of the Year in 2020 by the Tennessee Board of Regents—is also adding new facilities.

"We had a ribbon-cutting in January and opened the Healthcare Careers building, which houses practical nursing, surgical technology, and all the other allied health programs," offers Kea-Carroll, with the new addition providing more than 10,000 square feet of space.

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The facility features an operating room and the specialized equipment needed to train surgical technologists. And as with many of TCAT-Hohenwald's offerings, the program begins with classroom work, but students also get the opportunity to continue their education in a real-world setting.

"The (surgical technology) students are required to complete 120 cases in five major areas of surgery to sit for the certification," explains Carroll. "The first half of the year, they cover a lot of the theory, and the second half of the year, they have integrated clinicals at all the major hospitals here."

That's a benefit to students and employers alike, the latter of whom can observe how prospective employees function in a real-world environment before deciding who to hire.

Perhaps not surprisingly, some students who have graduated from TCAT-Hohenwald have gone to work in their industry of choice and have later returned to the school as instructors.

"Shirley Brown-Harrison, an instructor in electro-mechanical technology, worked at Landmark Ceramics before we hired her as an instructional aide and then as an instructor. Justin Osborne, who is an automotive technology instructor, graduated and came back, much like Kevin Hinson in machine tools," relates Carroll, citing a handful of examples.

## COMING SOON: A NEW INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER

As for the future, Kea-Carroll envisions adding another new building on the Hohenwald campus: an industry training center, which will facilitate additional program offerings, including truck driving.

"We think we are going to add a truck driving program and other technical programs that complement our existing offerings," she says, before discussing the school's role in facilitating other mission-critical work, including the expansion of high-speed fiber networks and greater access to the Internet in rural parts of Tennessee.

"We attended and presented at the Tennessee Broadband Association (annual convention) that was held in Franklin, and right now, we are helping Loretto Telecom add employees in Lawrence County," concludes Kea-Carroll, who has been with TCAT-Hohenwald since 1994 and became assistant director in 2002 before getting promoted to her current position.

For her part, she can't imagine living or working anywhere but Lewis County.

"I think it's a wonderful part of the state," she concludes. "The people here are very accommodating and welcoming."

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Maury Regional Airport GM, Paul Turner. Photo by Michael Tedesco

# MAURY REGIONAL AIRPORT IS IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

BY PAM WINDSOR

When it comes to small airports, there's a tendency to think they move at a relatively slow pace, dealing with sporadic flights here and there. While that may be true for some, the Maury Regional Airport is in a league of its own. This airport operates around the clock.

General Manager Paul Turner can attest to that. He meets just about every plane that touches down. That includes corporate or private planes carrying business leaders or individuals or the many aircraft delivering freight and supplies for businesses like General Motors, Nissan, Whirlpool, and many others.

"It's quite busy," Turner says. "And when those planes come in bringing freight, if they land, we've got to unload them. For example, I had one aircraft at 7 o'clock last night, then another one at 2 am, and another at 4 this morning."

Despite the hectic schedule, Turner enjoys his work. He's held the job for the past 15 years and has been pleased to watch airport traffic expand, right along with the rapid growth throughout the region.

"When I started, there were 12 planes based here. We have over 38 now," he explains. "And that first year, we sold something like 58,000 gallons of fuel. Last year, we sold 198,000 gallons."

They are already on track to surpass that this year. With continued growth on the horizon, there are plans for major improvements early next Spring.

Turner says much of the traffic is corporate-driven. "There are lots of businesses here, John Deere, Dairy Queen, Shelter Insurance, and many others."

Corporate executives often fly in to visit local plants. There is also a steady stream of aircraft arriving to deliver parts to manufacturers like General Motors. And those parts usually arrive one shipment at a time.

"There are so many different parts," Turner says. "They might send a steering wheel, but it won't have the center parts for the steering wheel, things like that. There's the explosive device for an airbag, then the airbags, then there's seat covers."

In addition to planes carrying freight, Maury Regional also sees its share of military aircraft.

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“The army trains here,” Turner says. “We have the little birds (helicopters) out of Fort Campbell that come twice a year. They come in, they fill up, they go flying, they come back, and when they come back, they are brief.”

Turner usually makes sure to have pizza or barbecue on hand to feed flight crews before heading home to Kentucky.

“They take good care of us,” he says, “so we take care of them.”

It’s that personal touch that’s made Turner popular with many of his “frequent fliers.” He pays close attention to each plane housed on the property and knows every tail number. He strives to offer a range of services for those traveling for business and private owners who fly in for short visits or annual vacations. Then, of course, there are regulars who come back again and again.

“We’re here to take care of everything,” Turner says. “We handle rental cars for people when they need rental cars, hotels, all that stuff.”

Turner calls it customer service, but in many cases, it’s much

more than that. When he learned that a local family’s military son would be piloting a plane traveling through the region but wasn’t able to land, Turner made sure they were able to “connect” with each other.

“They had an American flag, and we went out to the runway together,” he recalls, referring to the man’s parents. “And they were waving the flag as he flew overhead. So, he was able to see his Mom and Dad out there on the taxiway. They were ecstatic.

With so many people traveling to Columbia, Turner has seen his share of celebrities come through the airport. However, he won’t share names to protect their privacy. He does, however, have a collection of photos posted on the wall. A customer recently asked him about them. She wanted to know if he was famous.

When he wondered why she asked, she said, “Because everybody wants to take their picture with you.”

He laughed, but she may be on to something.

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# DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY AND PATIENT CARE

Dr. D. Carl Jackson and the Spring Hill Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery team have been serving Middle Tennessee since the practice opened in 2009. They were the first full-time oral surgery office dedicated exclusively to serving the greater Spring Hill community. Since that time, the practice has grown to become one of the premier oral surgery offices in Middle Tennessee. First and foremost, Dr. Jackson and his team aim to create a comfortable and relaxing experience for patients. With that goal in mind, they opened a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility in Spring Hill in April of 2020. Every aspect is designed to offer a comfortable, serene atmosphere for patients.

"We wanted to design our practice and our building with a patient's individual concerns at the foremost," said Jackson. "We have a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere where friendliness is first. The atmosphere is a step above in every way. We want to cater to every aspect of a patient's needs from their physical well-being to their emotional well-being."

Jackson and his team specialize in caring for patients who experience dental anxiety. The friendly, welcoming team and accommodating design of the office help patients feel at ease from the moment they walk in the door.

"We have patients who experience a variety of levels of dental

phobia," Jackson said. "We want them to feel that everything is going to be all right when they entrust us to take care of their oral surgery needs. At our office, we will give them the high-level experience that they deserve."

The Spring Hill Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery team has the expertise and Tennessee State licensure to safely administer general anesthesia in their facility. Procedures are performed while the patient is in a totally relaxed state.

"My motto is, we don't begin your procedure until you are snoozing!" Jackson said. "To you, it may seem like the procedure has only taken a few seconds. We strive for our patients to wake up completely comfortable, having experienced no anxiety or pain."

Spring Hill Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery is a full-scope oral surgery practice that provides a variety of services, including wisdom tooth removal, dental implants, and dental and facial surgery. They conduct wisdom tooth removal procedures daily, with thousands conducted over the years.

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and can actually cause tooth or jawbone disruption if left untreated,” said Jackson. “We recommend early extraction to avoid any of these complications. Many people put these procedures off out of fear or anxiety. With us, there is no need to have anxiety as we are going to ensure your comfortability every step of the way.”

Procedures such as dental implants can be life-changing for patients. Jackson and his team implement the most advanced technology available to offer a solution that was previously unimaginable.

“Dental implants are an excellent teeth replacement option,” said Jackson. “We see life-changing cases. The implants are permanent like natural teeth. They allow patients to brush and eat foods such as apples and corn on the cob. They are a wonderful solution that can also help to preserve bone.”

Jackson and his team are committed to patient care and the community. Jackson was recently appointed to serve on the board of the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce. He and his team have participated in “Free Dental Day” in Pulaski, TN. Most recently, Jackson signed on as a provider for Duck River Dental Outreach, an organization that provides comprehensive oral care in Columbia for those in need.

“When patients come in, we know their names. We have a

wonderful staff who really knows each patient,” said Jackson. “We are honored that patients entrust us with their care. We are part of the community, and we want everyone to feel at home here with us.”

Jackson is certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS), the only ADA recognized board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the U.S. The ABOMS certification process assures that certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons have successfully completed a rigorous peer evaluation process and are committed to lifelong learning, keeping current in knowledge and skills, and practicing in a safe and contemporary manner. Board-certified doctors are recognized as having achieved and continuing to maintain the highest standards within their profession.

Jackson is also a Veteran. He served at the rank of Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve for ten years.

“We pride ourselves on being able to take care of most issues that come into our doors,” said Jackson. “If you are in the Middle Tennessee area, we can care for you. Our patient experience is a notch above any other and that is why we have become heralded as one of the premier oral surgery practices in the area. We do not take that lightly. We want to continue to build on that and instill our trust and confidence in the community.”





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Jason Gilliam and Governor Bill Lee



**Jason Gilliam** is a Maury county native who has lived in this area all of his life. After growing up in the community, Jason then went to MTSU, where he majored in aerospace which landed him a career in aviation. Jason Gilliam currently serves for Southwest Airlines as a 737 captain with 21 years of seniority.

Jason and his wife have 3 wonderful children, two boys in high school and a daughter that just graduated with a Biochemistry degree from MTSU. Jason Gilliam wants to do his part and serve you all in the Tennessee General Assembly as your state representative. Jason is a Conservative Christian running to fight for less government, better schools, less taxes, the 2nd amendment, transparency, and many more issues that impact us all on a daily basis. Maury county deserves adequate representation and Jason will do everything in his power to deliver that.

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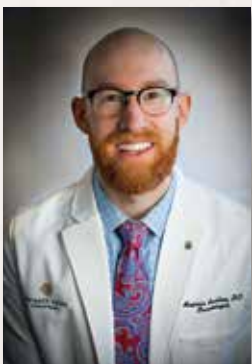
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