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# TITLE III NEWS

STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE NEW STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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2022-2023 Title III Accomplishments



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# YEAR THREE TASKS

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**Expand and enhance academic programs to meet the needs of underprepared students to promote enrollment, retention, completion and transfer.**

- Increase the number of students participating in Pirate Prep with a goal to become college ready in English and Math.
- Ensure that students are registered for 15 credit hours each semester.
- Assign high-risk students to a Success Coach.

2

**Expand and enhance student services to engage students and increase retention and persistence.**

- Increase the number of subjects available for in-person tutoring.
- Improve success rates of students enrolled in developmental English and Math.
- Increase opportunities for work-based learning/internships for all students.

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**Expand professional development to support enhancements to student services and reinforce active engagement of faculty and staff.**

- Train faculty and staff on student support services, the early alert process, classroom engagement and best practices to support student retention.
- Train faculty and staff in the areas of academic mindset, student engagement, and career awareness.







Over 40  
Employers

140 Job  
Seekers

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### The Career Services Center Hosts Its First Career Fair

In March, Career Services Month was observed and students were offered various events each week to access resources for career development. The month kicked off with a professional headshot photo session by Michelle Howard, a local photographer.

The Career Services Center organized a resume workshop using the Career Coach platform to guide students in crafting or enhancing their resumes. Success Coaches conducted mock interviews to prepare students for job opportunities.

The culmination of Career Services Month was a career fair open to all students and the community, in partnership with Goodwill of the Southern Rivers Career Center. The event provided networking opportunities with potential employers, with over 40 businesses and industries participating and around 140 job seekers in attendance.





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### Financial Literacy Workshops

A workshop titled "Money Madness" was held to educate students on maintaining good academic standing to retain eligibility for financial aid. The session covered topics such as full-time credit hours, GPA requirements, and the consequences of deviating from the degree plan.

During the "Financial Common-Sense" seminar, students were provided guidance on applying for scholarships. They were instructed on how to navigate the college website to locate and apply for scholarships, as well as given tips on securing scholarships from community and online sources. Additionally, a video showcasing commonly used scholarship search websites was presented.

In another workshop within the series, Financial Aid Specialist Joshua Martin led a session focusing on common financial mistakes made by students. The workshop offered advice on making wise financial decisions during college, including the importance of having a bank account and tips on managing funds received throughout the semester.

## New Lunch & Learn Series







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### Pirate Prep Continues!

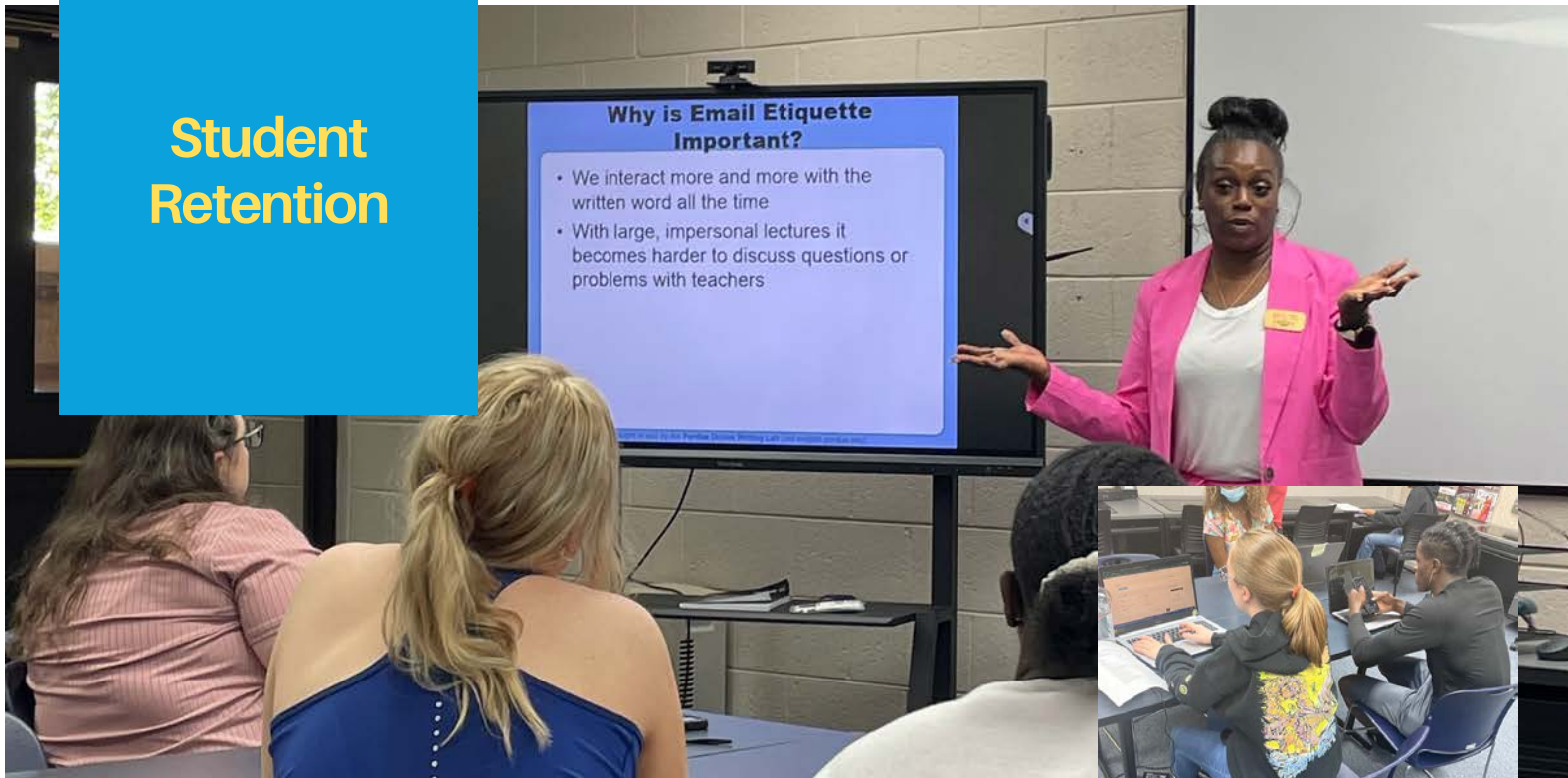
The SENSE team held its annual summer bridge academy, Pirate Prep, from July 10-14, 2023, aimed at supporting high school graduates with a smooth transition to college smooth. The program focused on establishing a strong academic foundation and a successful adaptation to college life.

The academy also familiarized students with campus resources, emphasized the importance of a support system, and provided insights into financial literacy. In addition, participants engaged in activities to understand college courses through English and Math class simulations facilitated by the CVCC Tutoring Center.

To foster collaboration and learning among students, the Success Coaches conducted team-building activities. It was an outstanding Pirate Prep this year, with 23 first time freshmen.



## Student Retention



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#### Academic Success Workshops

Academic Recovery Workshops aim to help students get back on track during the semester by creating personalized educational plans and setting SMART goals for motivation.

In the "School-Life Balance" workshop, students received tools to help them prioritize their school, work, and financial responsibilities. They engaged in a balancing activity using boxes, tape, yarn, and a yardstick to visualize balancing their schedules and personal life effectively.

The Email Etiquette workshop guided students on the "do's and don'ts" of writing professional emails. By reviewing a sample email with errors, students collaborated to correct spelling, grammar, and inappropriate language for a more polished communication style.

#### Other Workshops Offered:

Brain Break  
Study Skills with Kahoot  
College Survival Seminar  
Pause and Paint



# LOOKING AHEAD

## **CAREER EXPLORATION AND SERVICES**

Picnic and Professions is a new event coming in Fall 2023 to connect students with professionals in their field of study. All students are invited to attend. Faculty and staff are encouraged to support this event. Resume Building will be offered in the Career Services Center to assist students with highlighting their education and work skills to create a solid resume. Opportunities for business and industry tours will be announced for students to get a first hand look at careers in their program field.

## **CAMPUS TOURS**

The SENSE Department and Student Development will be traveling in Alabama to 4-year Colleges and Universities in Fall 2023. Students will have the opportunity to explore their next academic move and get the campus experience in-person.

## **LET'S TALK MONEY!**

Ted Talk-Styled workshops will be held by the SENSE Department in the next academic year. Topics such as avoiding credit card debt, budgeting, and financial responsibility will be discussed.





A photograph of the CVCC building, a large brick structure with a prominent circular entrance featuring columns and a curved balcony. The building is surrounded by greenery and a paved walkway with steps leading to the entrance.

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