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**MS. SHERRIE ROWE NAMED 2019 AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
RICK PERKINS AWARD WINNER**

Augusta, GA, February 26, 2019 – Sherrie Rowe, Design and Media Production Technology program Department Head, has been named the 2019 Rick Perkins Award Instructor of the Year for Augusta Technical College. The announcement was made by President Terry Elam at the Faculty and Staff Meeting on December 8, 2018, at Augusta Technical College.

Miss Rowe was selected from among ten participating faculty nominees for this year's award. She has taught at Augusta Technical College since November 1997, and after multiple nominations for the instructor of the year award, this is Ms. Rowe's second time being selected as the college winner.

Ms. Rowe represents Augusta Technical College at the regional competition at Central Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins on February 27, 2019, and will participate in the state conference at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in April 2019.

“Teaching at Augusta Technical College has not only changed my life, but has actually made my life purposeful. While working in the private sector is rewarding in many different ways - monetarily especially - teaching is personally very rewarding. I imagine it's much like rearing a child. The person who walks in the door is not the person who walks out the door. I know that when I teach a student to do something new that student not only gains a new skill, he or she also gains a sense of accomplishment and, with enough accomplishments, comes confidence. With a sense of confidence, they can go on and conquer their little corner of the world.”

The state winner will carry the title of Technical College System of Georgia's Instructor of the Year and serve as the state's ambassador for technical education. The winner exemplifies excellence and a commitment to the mission of the Technical College System of Georgia and makes many public appearances throughout the year, including addresses to the Georgia General Assembly, the governor and the TCSG Leadership Conference, to name a few. A \$1,000 grand prize is also presented to the deserving award winner.

The Rick Perkins Award (RPA) for Excellence in Technical Instruction honors the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) most outstanding instructors. The aw

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