

**Georgia College & Career Academies
Quarterly Report
Chattahoochee Valley Academy**

Mission, Goals, and Need

The mission of Chattahoochee Valley Academy (CVA) is to prepare all Chattahoochee Valley Academy graduates for the 21st century workforce through relevant secondary and post-secondary career training.

CVA operates as an organization designed to provide a seamless blend of academics with career and technical education and skills to better serve the Chattahoochee Valley area by offering a variety of educational classes, events and programs designed to reach, educate and develop the current and future workforce.

The goals of the CVA are to increase the 4-year cohort graduation rate; increase the percentage of students earning academic credit by passing CTAE and/or Dual enrollment coursework; increase the percentage of eligible students earning post-secondary credits through dual enrollment with any college partner; and increase the percentage of students engaged in Work Based Learning. These goals meet the needs of the Chattahoochee Valley Academy's community.

Partnerships, Governance, and Leadership

The Chattahoochee Valley Academy has a CEO and a 9-member Board of Directors. The Board was established and has been meeting since February 2017. The CEO and 9-member Board consists of the following:

CEO – Timothy Buchanan

- 1. Michael Resty, Chairperson of the CVA – Project Manager TIYA Support Services, Fort Benning*
- 2. Greg Crowder – Vice President Marketing & Administration Sumter EMC*
- 3. Melanie Thornton – Vice President Academic Services Columbus Technical College*
- 4. Tom Hackett – Executive Director P-12/University Partnerships Columbus State University*
- 5. Martha Burgamy – Consultant for Burgamy Educational Consulting Services Cusseta, GA*
- 6. Janeen Tucker – Manager, Training & Workforce Development Pratt & Whitney Columbus, GA*
- 7. Gene Burgamy – Owner, Burgamy Electric Cusseta, GA*
- 8. Laura Lee Bernstein – CTAE Business Teacher Chattahoochee County Schools Cusseta, GA*
- 9. VACANT POSITION (We had a Board member who passed away during Summer 2017.)*

The CVA Board will vote to replace the “Vacant Position” and possibly add two new Board Members at the October Board meeting. Board Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

We have strong local and regional community and business partnerships. This summer one of our students was selected to be one of 2 STEM interns at Pratt & Whitney for the Summer. Luis Gutierrez, Chattahoochee County's Valedictorian, was selected and participated in a paid summer internship. Luis had been taking college level courses through Columbus Technical College while in high school at Chattahoochee County High School. It was quite an honor for Mr. Gutierrez and Chattahoochee County Schools.

The CVA has also established a partnership with Dr. Ajay Gehlot who is the Chief Executive Officer and Clinical Director of Southwest GA Health Care. Dr. Gehlot and his team have agreed to staff a Health Clinic (open to the public) at the CVA. The Clinic will be part of the Academy in one of the renovated wings in the High School. There will be a classroom and lab adjacent to the Clinic for students who will be taking Nurse Aide and the Emergency Medical Responder classes. Students in these programs will have the opportunity for internships and WBL opportunities.

Commitment and Sustainability

Chattahoochee County High School has been a strong advocate for Dual Enrollment programs offered to the students in Chattahoochee County. The CVA is bringing more opportunities for our students and community to participate in college-level coursework offered in our school system. The CVA started the 2017-18 school year with over 150 students participating in Dual Enrollment classes in Cusseta and on our college partners' campuses. We intend to continue to increase the number of classes and programs offered in our community. It is our vision within 3 years to have students graduating with Associate Degrees from college the same time the student graduates from high school. We will continue to focus the programs and courses we offer on those areas that meet the high demand job needs of our community, region, state and beyond.

Plan to Address Workforce Development Needs

The CVA is working with local and regional Chambers of Commerce; Columbus 2025; local businesses and industries, and Columbus Technical College assisted with a SWOT analysis of our region. The Columbus 2025 Initiative is a regional partnership of public, private, and nonprofit leaders from across the Greater Columbus Georgia Region coming together to create a comprehensive small community and economic development strategic plan. These initiatives along with our business partners are helping to define the Workforce Development Needs of our community and region.

Standards & Curriculum

The CVA is currently working to increase the membership of our Advisory Committees. The Board is currently in the Analysis Phase of our Instructional Design. We hope during the Fall of 2017 to identify new advisory board membership and develop clear goals and objectives for the team to follow as we move toward the Design Phase of our ISD.

Plan to Increase Student Participation in Move on When Ready

The Chattahoochee Valley Academy began operating as an CCA Fall 2017. We have over 150 students taking Dual Enrollment Courses at Columbus Technical College and Columbus State University. Fall 2017, we are currently offering on Chattahoochee County High School's campus 5 certificate-level programs, English 1101, and College Algebra. There are plans to add several more college-level courses for Spring 2018. All high school students were tested with the Accuplacer for college placement during Spring 2017 and early Fall 2017. More than one-third of our current Junior and Senior classes qualified for college-level course work.

Faculty & Staff

Currently, the only full-time position employed by the CVA is the CEO. A copy of the CEO's job description is attached.

Plan to Increase Work-based Learning Opportunities

Laura Lee Bernstein is the CTAE Business Teacher for Chattahoochee County High School. Mrs. Bernstein is a member of the CVA Board and is working to increase WBL opportunities in our district. We have very few local businesses and industries in our community. However, we are close to Columbus, GA; and Ft. Benning is part of our community. We currently have 10 WBL students. Mrs. Bernstein is working in the community to increase WBL sites. Our goal for Fall 2018 is to have 25 WBL students and at least 5 new sites.

Grade Levels, Enrollment & Student Focus

9th through 12th grade students are participating in our College and Career Classes. The following college courses and college certificate programs are being taught at Chattahoochee County High School Fall 2017:

<i>English 1101</i>	<i>28 students</i>
<i>College Algebra</i>	<i>19 students</i>
<i>Certified Manufacturing Specialist (Certificate)</i>	<i>9 students</i>
<i>Emergency Medical Responder (Certificate)</i>	<i>10 students</i>
<i>Early Childhood Care Specialist (Certificate)</i>	<i>14 students</i>
<i>Criminal Justice Specialist (Certificate)</i>	<i>11 students</i>

<i>Intro to Business (Certificate)</i>	<i>51 students.</i>
<i>AV Technology Level III (Pathway)</i>	<i>18 students</i>
<i>Business (Pathway)</i>	<i>16 students</i>
<i>Dual Students off campus</i>	<i>10 students</i>

We plan to add several new General Education courses for Spring 2018 and one new Certificate Program, Certified Customer Service Specialist.

Students are screened through the Accuplacer test, Milestones test scores, and SAT or ACT for admission into the college-level and certificate-level courses. Once the testing process is complete, all students who met the required scores for college level or certificate level coursework are advised of their opportunities.

Student Support and Structure

Chattahoochee County Schools has been providing college placement testing and advising on site for several years now. With more programs being offered, we are ramping up our efforts to advise students properly so they are aware of every opportunity and have every advantage to earn college credit while in high school.

Evaluation and Cycle of Improvement

Beginning this year, we will be tracking the students taking college and certificate-level courses to determine where they go after graduation. We have already been tracking student's success with college placement testing. We have seen significant increases in our students' college placement test scores (Accuplacer) since we started the testing process early (and all students taking the test yearly) and have incorporated some basic English language and Math skills in our Intro to Business courses.

Plan to Increase Student Achievement

Chattahoochee County has recently redesigned our Strategic Plan as well as completed the AdvancEd review. The district's strategic plan outlines action steps to increase college readiness throughout the district. CVA has gotten off to a good start with this initiative. The Academy has exceeded its goals for the 2017-2018 school year. One of the Powerful Practices highlighted in our AdvancEd Review was our "uniqueness towards collegiality for educating the whole child through our college and career readiness goal."

Charter School Law/District Flexibility Performance Contract

The State Board of Education unanimously approved our Charter contract on June 15, 2017.

Budget

To date, we have received only the cash grant of \$146,666.66. These dollars have gone into the system's general fund. Some of these dollars are being used to pay the CEO's salary, and we are using a marketing firm to assist with the production of a logo.

Timelines

The Chattahoochee Valley Academy is in the process of finalizing construction plans with SRJ Architects and Parrish Construction. The renovations and new construction are scheduled to break ground on May 31, 2018 with a completion date of August 1, 2019. We have finalized our plans for the Pathways we intend to offer and will be presenting this information to the GA Department of Education for approval. The plans are to have the "School within a School" model. The CVA will have a newly built wing of heavy labs and renovate two existing wings at Chattahoochee County Middle High School.