

**Georgia College & Career Academies  
Quarterly Report April 2018  
Chattahoochee Valley Academy**

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**Mission, Goals, and Need**

*The mission of Chattahoochee Valley Academy (CVA) is to prepare all Chattahoochee Valley Academy graduates for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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. Tricia Llewellyn Konan – Vice President of Mission Services Goodwill Industries Columbus,GA*

**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.*

*Update: The 2017-18 school year will end with an unduplicated headcount of over 250 students taking some form of college level work through the CVA.*

**Plan to Address Workforce Development Needs**

*The CVA is working with local and regional Chambers of Commerce, Columbus 2025, local business and industry, 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. The CVA Board voted during the Fall 2017 on new Board membership and approved the following Career Clusters for the new Academy: Construction, AV Technology, Business, Education, Government & Public Administration, Health Care Sciences, Law and Public Safety, and Transportation.

### **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 and 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.

### **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 little local business and industry in our community, but we are close to Columbus, GA and Ft. Benning is part of our community. We currently have 23 WBL students. Mrs. Bernstein is working in the community to increase WBL sites. Our goal for Fall 2018 is to have 35 WBL students and at least 5 new sites.

### **Grade Levels, Enrollment & Student Focus**

9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Spring 2018:

English 1101	28 students
English 1102	10 Students
College Algebra	11 students
Pre-Calculus	8 students
Customer Service Specialist	61 students
Early Childhood Care Specialist (Certificate)	10 students
Criminal Justice Specialist (Certificate)	10 students
Intro to Business (Certificate)	63 students.
AV Technology Level III (Pathway)	17 students
Business (Pathway)	19 students
Dual Students off campus	17 students
Political Science (College level American Gov't)	24 students

Students are screened through the Accuplacer, 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. The highlighted courses are new to Spring Semester. The certificate and pathway programs are completing the year from Fall semester 2017. The CVA will be offering more college core classes and adding at least one new certificate program for Fall 2018. We are completing the 2017-18 school year with approximately 200 students completing college level coursework.

## **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.*

*This was the first semester that each student grades 8-11 were individually advised by trained personnel from Chattahoochee County Schools and Columbus Technical College. Each student from these grade levels were advised on a "one on one" basis with trained professional advisors. We were able to discuss individual plans with the students and discuss their future with the CCA and beyond. This gave our students a better understanding of what certificate programs and college level courses that would be offered beginning Fall 2018.*

*The Accuplacer will be administered in May to all 8-11 grade students for Fall classes.*

*Two exciting new elements to the CVA:*

- 1. Our Audio/Video Broadcasting Pathway is producing commercials for the Muscogee County surrounding area for local business and industry. Our A/V instructor is Kaneem Sledge who is the evening and weekend station manager at WRBL an CBS affiliate in Columbus, GA. To date, the students have completed or are working on producing, directing and filming 5 local commercials and are being paid for their efforts. Mr. Sledge has also introduced drone technology for filming into the program.*
- 2. The CVA has a new partner – Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services. We had our first joint meeting with GVR and Goodwill Industries on April 12, 2018. The meeting was to discuss Goodwill and GVR's presence on our campus. We are looking at ways to include our Special Needs population into the College and Career Academy. One of GVR's new goals is to bring services and training into high school settings. Our next meeting is planned for May 17, 2018. Goodwill is exploring how and what would be the best services to bring to our area. This is an exciting opportunity and all parties involved are excited and motivated to make this relationship a reality. Plans are to have something operational at the CVA by Fall 2018.*

## **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. The logo has been completed and we are currently working with the Graphic Design company to produce a small marketing piece. We want*

*something for advertising purposes prior to completion of the project. After completion of the renovation and new construction, we will do a nicer more detailed brochure for marketing and advertising.*

*Update: The marketing piece is complete and we are using it for promotional purposes.*

### **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.*

*Final plans have been submitted and approved by the Georgia Department of Education. Chattahoochee County Schools will have one more meeting with the Architectural team and Parrish Construction on January 9, 2018 to review all final details. Construction begins on the renovation of the two existing wings in the high school on May 29, 2018 and the construction of the new facility will begin in August after school begins in Fall 2018. Completion of the renovated wings will be complete by early August and the new building will be complete in January 2019.*

*Update: Columbus Technical College is working with Chattahoochee County Schools to help provide an electronic sign to sit on the highway at the entrance to Chattahoochee County Middle High School to advertise the Chattahoochee Valley Academy and our post-secondary partnerships. Our first meeting with Complete Signs out of Dothan, AL is on January 9, 2018. We have ordered the sign and expect completion of the electronic sign by early June.*

*The document attached to this report is the newly adopted brochure being produced for marketing purposes.*