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TCAT JACKSON ANNOUNCES AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000 GIVE GRANT AWARD

NOVEMBER 19, 2021 - Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) at Jackson is thrilled to announce that Gov. Bill Lee has awarded TCAT Jackson an additional GIVE (Governor's Investment in Vocational Education) Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

In partnership with SW TN - Partnership for Allied Health (PACE), TCAT Jackson has been awarded this grant to partner with local schools in Hardeman, Fayette, Haywood, and Henderson Counties and gives the ability to direct students to education pathways through TCAT Jackson, Jackson State Community College, UT-Martin at Somerville, and University of Memphis at Lambuth. This will help to fulfill the overwhelming need for healthcare workers (especially nurses) throughout our country.

With this proposed grant, immediate industry needs will be addressed by offering a health care education pathway, beginning with dual enrollment in high school with patient care technician certifications. Tennessee College of Applied Technology Jackson will conduct dual enrollment with high schools and continue to address the demand for licensed practical nurses.

Other local higher ed institutions will also receive funding through this GIVE grant. Jackson State Community College will receive enhancements to their current RN programming and University of Memphis Lambuth Campus and University of Tennessee Martin will have bachelor of nursing programs through a LPN to BSN program.

These opportunities will be supported by the Southwest Local Workforce Development Board, who will provide support funds for students who are WIOA eligible and the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, who will provide work-based learning apprenticeships for youth and adults who are either dislocated workers, new entrants, or changing professions into healthcare.

For the full TCAT Jackson / SW - TN PACE GIVE Grant Approved Proposal:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/thec/bureau/legal/give-/2021-proposals/PACE_TCAT%20Jackson.pdf

About GIVE:

The Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) 2.0 is designed to foster long-term regional partnerships between Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), community colleges, industry, economic development/workforce agencies, and K-12 to identify and address "skills gaps" in local workforce pools. The GIVE program facilitates the alignment of local workforce and education partners through a \$25 million competitive grant process.

About TCAT:

The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology serve as the premier suppliers of workforce development throughout the State of Tennessee. The Colleges fulfill their mission by: providing competency-based training through superior quality, traditional and distance learning instruction methods that qualify completers for employment and job advancement; contributing to the economic and community development of the communities served by training and retraining employed workers; ensuring that programs and services are economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee; and, building relationships of trust with community, business, and industry leaders to supply highly skilled workers in areas of need. Learn more about TCAT Jackson at www.tcatjackson.edu.

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