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August 8th, 2023

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This Week: It's Almost Time To Tee It Up

If you've driven by one of our area high schools in the past few weeks, you've likely seen football players breaking out their helmets and pads or the marching bands practicing their shows. Yes, it's almost time for high school football here in northwest Georgia and that means that it's time for one of our favorite meetings of the year: our annual joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club for our high school football preview! The head coaches of each high school squad in Whitfield County will be taking their turn at the podium to tell us about their teams. Dalton High, Christian Heritage, Northwest Whitfield, Southeast Whitfield, and Coahulla Creek each have exciting players ready to kick it off under the lights on Friday nights. We can't wait!

Meeting Recap: Dr. Fuchko And Dalton State

Last week, we had the opportunity to meet the interim president of Dalton State College. Our fellow Rotarian and former DSC president Dr. Margaret Venable introduced us to her successor, Dr. John Fuchko, III. Dr. Venable compared passing the torch to a mother leaving her baby. She said that she could not be happier, though, to leave the college in Dr. Fuchko's hands. Dr. Fuchko began his tenure as interim president of Dalton State College on June 1st. Before coming to Dalton State, he served as interim president of Columbus State University. He has an extensive background in higher education as well as military service.

Dr. Fuchko provided an update on Dalton State's growth and statistics on students. DSC is proud to offer a college education at an affordable rate in a growing community. At Dalton State, students and their education are the highest priority. Dr. Fuchko shared three keys to a student's success: attend class, get involved on campus, and recognize that failure is inevitable. Dalton State strives to prepare students with the keys to success and prepare them for the "real world". By offering two years of core classes, students can get their feet wet and learn a multitude of soft and hard skills that they will take with them beyond graduation into their career and personal lives. Attending Dalton State will not only prepare students for their future, but it can also be done at an affordable rate. Today, the school's tuition fees are around \$2,000 a semester. Because of this, about 76% of DSC students graduate with no student loan debt. That is an incredible statistic, especially when compared to the horror stories we hear of people owing thousands in student loan debt. Another figure that Dr. Fuchko is proud of is that 82% of students are employed in our region after graduating. That is ultimately helping boost our local economy and keep our workforce local. Dr. Fuchko thanked the Georgia General Assembly as they have been very generous in helping with Dalton State's capital budget and allowing them to move forward with improvements. Recently they have been able to add a simulation lab which allows nursing students the opportunity to get experience on a life-like mannequin and also make needed improvements to Gignilliat Memorial Hall and Peoples Hall.

The care for students and continuous improvements are what has helped Dalton State to rank consistently in the top three in retention rate among all nine state colleges in the university system. Our community is fortunate to have Dalton State College in our backyard and our club is always happy to support and be an advocate for the college. Thank you, Dr. Venable and Dr. Fuchko for your continued work.

August 8th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
Adcock, Don W. (DON)	8-Aug
Minter, B. Scott (SCOTT)	10-Aug
Reed, Amanda (AMANDA)	11-Aug

Partner Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
Satterfield, Kayanne (KAYANNE)	9-Aug
Laughter, Ben (BEN)	11-Aug

Member Anniversaries

Member Name	Start Date	Years
Hartline, Amy R(AMY)	8/9/2022	1



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Wedding Anniversaries

Barnett, George S.(SMITTY)
Schwenn, John O.(JOHN)

Partner's Name

Tammy (TAMMY)
Judy

Anniversary

10-Aug
14-Aug

Years

38
52

The Four Way Test

