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### **GSTC Counselors Available to Help Virginia College Students**

Pensacola, FL: Escambia County School District's George Stone Technical College (GSTC) is encouraging students who were enrolled in programs at Virginia College to consider GSTC as they ask themselves, "What now?"

"We offer programs that can lead to a new career. Our students gain the skills and professional certifications needed to work in their desired field," said GSTC Principal T.J. Rollins. "Some of our programs may be exactly what their students need to continue their life's plan."

Virginia College described their program on line as, " Virginia College is a private for-profit college, located primarily in the southeastern United States. Virginia College offers classes, certificates, diplomas, and degrees related to specific professions, such as health and medical, information technology, business, office management, and criminal justice."

George Stone Technical College is operated by the Escambia County School District and offers 29 technical education and adult education programs. Their career programs prepare students for future careers in a wide range of fields, including some that are similar to what was being offered at Virginia College, such as:

Health: Emergency Medical Technician and Home Health Aide/Nursing Assistant

Information technology: Computer Systems & Information Technology (CSIT), Cybersecurity, Applied Network Support Services (CISCO), and Network Systems Administration

Business/Office Management: Accounting Operations, Administrative Office Specialist

Criminal Justice: Correctional Officer, Law Enforcement, Crossover from Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Office, and Crossover from Law Enforcement Officer to Correctional Officer

"We urge Virginia College's students to take time to consider their employment goals and to come in with their transcripts and meet with one of our counselors and one of our instructors. After working one-on-one, with our personnel they can determine which of our programs will help them continue to move forward."

"We know some feel like this has set them back months. Again, we might be able to help with that concern as well because we have students starting the beginning of every month, so they probably will not have to wait long for the class they need to get started." Rollins said.

To find out more about programs available at GSTC, go to their web page at [www.GeorgeStoneCollege.edu](http://www.GeorgeStoneCollege.edu). Their online application can be found there as well as links to learn about the variety of Career-to-a-Year programs offered. ITT students with questions about GSTC should call [850-941-6200, ext. 2129](tel:850-941-6200).

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