

# Quick Facts for Greater Dalton

Dalton is recognized as a top community for innovative commitment to strengthen education and increase literacy among young children (Georgia Trend Magazine).



## Traditional & Technical Post-Secondary Education

### **DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

Dalton State College (DSC) was founded in 1963 as Dalton Junior College by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. In 1987 it became Dalton College and in 1998 Dalton State College when its mission and purpose changed to include focused baccalaureate offerings.



- 5,188 students currently enrolled (Spring 2017).
- 504 students enrolled in the RN nursing program. 420 students majoring in biology.
- 2,912 enrolled in Bachelor programs. 1,737 enrolled in Associate programs.
- 149 enrolled in Certificate programs.

### **GEORGIA NORTHWESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

In 2008 Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) and Coosa Valley Technical College merged to become Georgia Northwestern Technical College. GNTC has campuses in nine counties in Northwest Georgia that understand the importance of technical training and educational opportunities.

- Opened Whitfield-Murray campus in 2011. Currently has 947 students enrolled.
- Works with all industries to offer curriculum to meet their workforce needs, including two year Associate degree programs in mechanical and electrical systems.



### K-12 Education

#### **TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Dalton Public Schools and Whitfield County Schools aspire to engage students in interesting, challenging and satisfying experiences that result in profound learning in academic disciplines, creativity, respect and ethics so that each student is a contributing citizen of the world.

- 4 traditional high schools and a Career Academy in the Dalton/Whitfield school system.
- A wide variety of pathways are offered at these schools to prepare students for the workplace or postsecondary education.
- Dalton High School offers the International Baccalaureate Program of Study.

#### **MECHATRONICS**

Curriculum developed by industrial leaders and engineers in Dalton was presented to Georgia Department of Education for approval as a pathway in the state of Georgia.

- The curriculum was approved in May 2013.
- Since August 2013, the pathway is being taught at Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy.



#### **EXPLORE EXPERIENCE**

This is a three day job shadow opportunity for high school juniors to experience a chosen career path.

- Opportunity is available in fall and spring of each year.
- About 40 students participated at 18 different business locations.

## DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING CAMP (Camp DEM)

Camp DEM is a summer camp, founded by the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce, for rising 6, 7, and 8th graders designed to give students the opportunity to learn about design, engineering, manufacturing, fabrication, carpet design, career exploration, robotics and electronics.

- The cost of camp is totally underwritten by industry and is free to students.
- The seventh camp took place in June 2017.
- 133 middle school graduates (100 new campers, 33 returning campers)



## READERS 2 LEADERS

In 2012, city and county educators, business and government came together and proclaimed literacy as a priority. They want all students to be reading on grade level by third grade. Readers to Leaders (R2L) was launched as a community literacy initiative now under leadership of the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Healthcare Partnership.



- The mission of Readers to Leaders is to emphasize the importance of having books in the home, aggressively approaching early literacy in the schools and supporting activities outside of the classroom.
- Through collaborative efforts with physicians, educators, business and government R2L provides a robust roster of programs to city and county schools as well as the community.
- Examples of their programs include: Power Lunches, Book Nooks, Reach Out and Read, Saturday Academy, Ms. Frizzle School Visits, and Pre-K Registration
- For more information on R2L, contact them at 706.272.6662 or [info@nghp.org](mailto:info@nghp.org)

## GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Through Dalton Public Schools, students are given the opportunity to exchange with Wernigerode students in Sachsen-Anhalt. This has been in place since 1996 and has allowed approximately 124 students a three week home/school visit. Frequently, additional students will come from Germany and need an American host. The exchange truly has grown to include over 300 students on both sides of the ocean.

Number of students and levels of German:

- 10 IB German students
- 60 first year German students; 50 second year German students; 40 3rd/4th year German students



## Technical College System of Georgia

### QUICK START

Quick Start's dedication to being flexible and responsive, and continually improving their training capabilities, is part of what has kept them the number one workforce development program in the nation for seven consecutive years.

- Quick Start is Georgia's internationally acclaimed program providing customized training free-of-charge to qualified new, expanding and existing businesses.
- It is one of Georgia's most important economic development incentives for attracting new investment to the state and promoting job creation
- For over 40 years the program has provided customized training for industries ranging from biotech to warehousing and distribution.

