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## **Heath-Sands Retires from ATC Board of Directors After Three Full Terms**

After serving on the Albany Technical College Board of Directors for three full terms, the maximum number of terms allowed by the Technical College System of Georgia, Karla Heath-Sands will retire from the board at its June meeting on June 16, 2010.

Karla Heath-Sands joined the ATC Board of Director in 2002. Originally from Brunswick, Heath-Sands started her career in 1989 at WMAZ-TV in Macon, as a weathercaster and community service director.

Heath-Sands moved to Albany and has worked for WALB-TV since 1997. She now anchors *Today in Georgia* and WALB's 12:00 News. She also hosts WALB's public affairs program, *Dialogue*. She earned a "GABBY" award for Best On-Air Personality given by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters.

Heath-Sands earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Mercer University. She is also a former Miss Macon and Miss Brunswick-Golden Isles. She placed in the Top Five at the Miss Georgia Pageant twice.

A talented singer, she has performed at Six Flags Over Georgia, was a semi-finalist for Star Search in Atlanta, and traveled to Japan in 1998 to sing as a part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. She has also appeared on BET's Bobby Jones Gospel Hour, and is a member of the Bob Cummings and Reflections Band.

She is the mother of two, and is a member of the Bethel AME Church, board member-Girls, Inc. of Albany, Albany Chapter of Links, and is a Boule' member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"Ms. Sands has been one of our most effective board members. She has taken many opportunities to promote the Technical College System of Georgia and Albany Tech. She is a firm believer in what we do and often acknowledges the technical college system as an integral part of higher education and community development. We appreciate her years of service," said Dr. Anthony Parker, President of Albany Technical College.

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