



COLLEGE of ATHENS

CoA Fall 2025 Newsletter

Equipping the next generation of Christian leaders to transform the world in Jesus' Name



Impacting God's Kingdom Through Partnership

It's hard trying to do life alone--God never intended that His people be "lone rangers" of faith. Rather, we believers are called to gather together for the purpose of learning more about who God is and who we are in relation to Him. Doing so leads to learning, but it also leads to endurance, encouragement, and ultimately hope in, through, and for the Body of Christ (Romans 15:4). Unfortunately, according to the Barna Group, nearly two-thirds of U.S. 18 to 29 year olds who grew up in church indicate having withdrawn from church involvement as an adult after having been active as a child or teen. In fact, only 10% of twentysomethings practice what could be called "resilient faith."

At College of Athens, we are passionate about moving those statistics in a Kingdom-advancing direction by raising up a generation of Christian leaders who will transform communities with the love and power of Christ.

Read more about how your business or church can help ensure that we raise up college students who lead effectively with strong faith and an unshakeable resolve to transform others with God's love and grace. Through the **new [Church Partnership](#)** and the **[Impact Partnership](#)** program for businesses, you can offer **FREE** undergraduate tuition at College of Athens to the members of your organization. Together, we can be God's answer for building effective, resilient leaders for the church, the marketplace, and the world.

CoA Employment & Service Opportunities



Answered Prayer

God heard your prayers for awesome new CoA staff members, and He sent us two fabulous answers so far. Meet our two newest team members:

Destiny Groberg
Assistant Director of Administrative Services:



"College of Athens was born out of a 'Yes' to God to be a place where men and women could come to know the Lord while being trained up on a biblical foundation with identity rooted in Christ by the grace of God and the power of Holy Spirit. The Lord has plans for us all that He may be glorified. Working together, may we see people rescued into relationship with God and equipped to magnify His name through our whole hearts and whole lives. I am excited that our Lord would grant me the privilege and grace to be a helping hand as a part of that continued 'Yes.' "



Rebecca Billings
New Heart Thrift Store Assistant Manager:

"I am honored to be working at the New Heart Thrift store! It's exciting to come to work everyday and watch what God will do. My favorite things about the store are working with the volunteers, making the store look presentable, and seeing customers smile when they leave!"

CoA is growing! Consider becoming part of a dynamic team charged with bringing glory to God! And help spread the word about these opportunities:

[Recruiting & Marketing Coordinator](#)

CoA is looking for a [Recruiting & Marketing Coordinator](#). This position is responsible for helping to recruit students to enroll in the College and overseeing the College's social media and marketing efforts. Please contact [Mr. Alex Fields](#) for more information.

[Events Director](#)

CoA is hiring for an [Events Director](#). This position will be responsible for organizing, managing, and growing the suite of public-facing events hosted by the College. Please contact [Mr. Alex Fields](#) for more information.

[Support CoA Staff](#)

Many who work at CoA work to grow their personal support teams who contribute monthly to their salaries. Because CoA promises that all students will graduate debt-free, staff work hard to raise support so that students can receive tuition discounts as needed. We invite you to establish a monthly recurring gift in honor of any hard-working CoA staff member!

[Click here to give!](#)

Discovering Local Treasures!

Do you enjoy adventure and a good story?

Join a College of Athens Board member for an interesting adventure visiting CoA's existing teaching site, getting a behind-the-scenes look at New Heart Thrift Store, and enjoying a short walking tour of the College's campus property. Hear all about the CoA story—past, present, and future.

Tour Dates & Times:

Space is limited! Contact a CoA Board member or call 706-769-1472 today to schedule a free tour.

Tours begin at 1331 New High Shoals Road in Watkinsville. Meet under the covered walkway behind the church sanctuary. Close-toed shoes only. No sandals or flipflops.



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Can You Help?

College of Athens is blessed to teach two classes every eight weeks at Hancock State Prison as the men pursue degrees in Christian Ministry and Transformational Leadership. The HSP students are thriving and growing in Christ under dedicated faculty who travel there each week!

The cost for faculty, books, and mileage to the prison runs approximately \$11,600 for each 8-week session. CoA is working diligently with the Georgia Department of Corrections and the

U.S. Department of Education to be able to receive Prison Education Pell (PEP) Grants in support of this powerful program.

Like many government-related efforts, the delays have been fierce, but we are making good progress. Right now, we could use your help ensuring sufficient funding for the next 8-week session. Thank you for prayerfully considering if you might help cover the gap as we wait and pray!

[Click here to give!](#)



Graduate from CoA Debt-Free

At the College of Athens, we are committed to helping our student to graduate debt-free! We offer the following options for students to graduate **without student loan debt**:

- Federal Pell Grant
- VA Benefits (GI Bill)
- Federal Work-Study
- CoA Needs-Based Scholarship
- A an interest-free payment plan for qualifying students

Contact [Mrs. Cindy Berry](#) with any questions about how to make your higher education journey affordable!



CoA Summer 2025 Academic Honors

Congratulations to our Summer 2025 Academic Honors Recipients:

President's List (3.76 - 4.0 GPA)

Undergraduate: Caedmon Coley, Christopher Phillips

Dean's List (3.5 - 3.75 GPA)

Undergraduate: Raymond Church, Abby Ham, Josh Phillips

CoA Upcoming Discipleship Opportunities

CoA offers impactful ways to help your faith grow deeper and to connect you with others who share your passion for life in Christ!



ServeAthens ICN 2025

Every year the faculty, staff, students, and families of the College of Athens and local churches come together to [serve the Athens community in Christ's name](#). ServeAthens is an opportunity for Christians to unify as a representation of Christ to our city, share the gospel in word and deed, and glorify God in the process. We hope that you and your church will make plans to join us in bringing God's love to those around us this year!

You can register to serve by [clicking here!](#) If you, your church, ministry, or business are interested in hosting a **ServeAthens project this year please [contact us!](#)** We are excited to serve with you at the 2025 event!



CoA Hosting the Great Exchange

The College will be hosting another Great Exchange evangelism outreach at UNG Oconee campus (1201 Bishop Farms Pkwy, Watkinsville, 30677) on Friday, November 14th from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM! Join us as we seek to engage in and bless college students with spiritual and gospel conversations. [Please let Alex Fields know if you plan to attend!](#)



Support CoA with Cryptocurrency

CoA appreciates your support as faithful ministry partners and friends! In addition to your gifts of cash, stock, real estate or through estate planning, CoA can also receive your benevolence in the form of cryptocurrency. Contact [Dr. Kurt Genteman](#) for instructions on how to make a cryptocurrency gift.

Spotlight on Core Values

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Core Values

IN THE CONTEXT OF CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM, WE VALUE:

- **A strong biblical foundation**
 - **An abiding relationship with the Trinity through prayer**
 - **Grounding each person's Identity in Christ**
 - **Practical, experiential learning**
 - **Every believer's calling to Christ-like love and service**
 - **Worship in Spirit and truth**
 - **Unity in the body of Christ**
 - **Faith and trust in God alone**
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Spotlight on Core Values: Every Believer's Calling to Christ-like Love and Service

This edition's highlight is on our fifth Core Value - "Every believer's calling to Christ-like love and service."



As noted above, Scripture calls on us to gather together for the purpose of encouraging and rejoicing with one another (Romans 15:5-7; 1 Thess 5:11). With that in mind, on Saturday, September 6th, the CoA Student Government hosted the annual Fall Potluck at Herman C. Michael Park. In addition to great food and some friendly rivalry on the pickleball courts, CoA students, faculty, and staff were able to gather together for a time of wonderful fellowship!

How Can You Pray for CoA?

When God's people pray, His Kingdom advances! Thank you for your continued prayers over:

- Every student and faculty member;
- God's abiding presence, favor, protection and grace in this place;
- Expedient cooperation from a variety of governmental agencies;
- The Hancock State Prison effort; and
- The funding needed to begin building our campus.



Let's always praise and thank Our God for the opportunity to co-labor with Him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ! What a

privilege!

Your Shopping Can Help CoA!

CoA will receive a percentage of the amount of purchases made by those who have designated their Kroger Cards to support CoA! We hope you will enroll your Kroger Card today in this rewards program on the college's behalf!

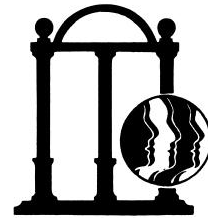


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- Enter CoA organization number: **NG418**, or select it from the list and click on confirm.
- **REMEMBER**, to use your Kroger Plus card the next time you shop at Kroger!

Thank You, CoA Business Sponsors!





CoA Mission Statement

College of Athens is a biblically grounded, Holy Spirit-empowered, accredited Christian college that prepares and restores men and women who will teach, reach, lead, and minister to others out of their identity in Christ through relational, hands-on training for life and leadership in the church, in the marketplace, and across the globe.

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