Grant Awarded for CED Downtown Signage in Hart County
In April, City of Hartwell received a $4,000 grant to implement a comprehensive downtown signage project developed by Archway College of Environment and Design graduate assistants Diane Silva and Emily Hunt, working with an Archway committee that included the DDA, City, Chamber, and downtown business owners. The City of Hartwell and DDA will each contribute $3,000 in addition to the grant funds. Funds were awarded through the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation. Construction will begin in early June.

HCHS Health Science Class Visit to UGA Campus
A group of 40 students and teachers from Hart County High School’s health care technology pathway class visited the UGA campus on April 18. The group toured the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine and caught a peek at a canine surgery in action. They visited the College of Pharmacy and learned about career paths in pharmacy. HCHS students were hosted by faculty and graduate students in the Department of Kinesiology, learning about majors like physical education, exercise psychology, biomechanics, sport management, and exercise physiology. They also had the opportunity to visit kinesiology research laboratories. The goals of the visit were to introduce students to various health-related areas of study and career paths, and to familiarize them with campus.

Helping Pilot Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) in Hart County Elementary Schools
Archway graduate assistant and College of Education doctoral student Lenie George is expanding the scope of his assistance to Hart County Schools to implement BYOT. George has spent the last year working with Hart County High School to pilot and implement BYOT. George is now working with 5th grade teachers at Hartwell Elementary School to pilot BYOT at the elementary level. On May 7, he facilitated a teacher workshop with six 5th grade teachers to help familiarize them with ways to integrate technology into their classrooms and kick off a BYOT pilot. The pilot runs through late May, when teachers and administrators will evaluate whether they want to move forward with implementing BYOT on a broader scale in the new school year this Fall.

Helping Raise Awareness of the Importance of Historic Preservation
Hart County Archway partnered with the Hartwell Historic Preservation Commission and Hartwell Downtown Development Authority for their annual event to celebrate May as Historic Preservation Month. The event included an exhibit of photographs of local historic properties in Hart County and guest speaker Even Thibeault of the GA Trust for Historic Preservation. Archway Professional Ilka McConnell shared information during the event about the Historic Hartwell Downtown Walking Tour and Hart County Quilt trail, two efforts that have been spearheaded by committees facilitated through Archway.