Accomplishment

Unified Community Website Launches
Priority: Community/ Economic Development
Based on input from two undergraduate English classes, Technical Writing and Writing for the Web, taught by Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Hawkinsville and Pulaski County launched a new unified website: www.hawkinsville-pulaski.org. The site was created by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission following Dr. Davis’s community presentation in May 2015. The site unifies all content for the City, County, Chamber and economic development in one place. Because of the efforts of Dr. Davis’s students, the community has a more customer-friendly website and costs were significantly reduced.

Ongoing

Community Health Needs Assessment
Priority: Community Health
UGA College of Public Health is continuing to collect data for the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) on behalf of Taylor Regional Hospital in Hawkinsville. In addition to existing statistical data, Dr. Marsha Davis and her team are evaluating over 400 community surveys. Graduate assistants Sabrina Cherry and Ayanna Robinson visited the community in December to conduct three focus groups of Pulaski County residents and conducted phone interviews with Wilcox County health care workers. After analyzing all of the data, Dr. Davis and her team will return to Pulaski County in February to present their findings to the thirty-person engagement committee.

Looking Forward

Pulaski Tomorrow Begins Sixth Adult Leadership Class
Priority: Leadership Development
The sixth class of Pulaski Tomorrow begins in January. The new class is made up of 20 local businesses and organizations, and includes three Charles Johnson Foundation scholars- Dianne Lester, Alexis Pitts, and Bianca McBurse. The Foundation is supporting the tuition for three African American women to participate in the class in recognition of the sacrifices Charles Johnson’s mother made to support him. Each year, the class establishes a legacy through a community service project. Last year’s class focused on downtown beautification and raised over $2,500 for the purchase of new waste receptacles downtown through an M & T Mears gift card raffle.