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Mayor Jacobs and Wife Earn TBR Excellence Award

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Early this month, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and his wife, Crystal, were given the Tennessee Board of Regent’s Chancellors Award for excellence in philanthropy. The recognition honors dedicated individuals who graciously donate their time and finances to TBR institutions.

The Jacobs’ nomination was submitted by Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Knoxville President Kelli Chaney.

“Glenn and Crystal have continuously supported career and technical education fields and the programs offered on our campus,” she wrote in her nomination. “Most notably, the couple established the *Mayor’s Knox County Applied Technology Scholarship Fund* to support the children of Knox County employees.”

In less than one year, the Mayor’s Scholarship Fund has amassed \$52,000 and provides important financial aid for students enrolled cosmetology, pipefitting and plumbing technology programs, welding, HVAC, and industrial electricity with the purchase of books, tuition, and supplies. The availability of this scholarship has allowed the school to reallocate money to help fund what will soon become the official *Glenn and Crystal Jacobs Café & Student Center*.

“It’s honestly an honor to have been nominated,” said Mayor Jacobs. “The key to a successful career is discovering what you love to do and learning the skills necessary to excel in it. For many folks that means the trades, and the skills they can learn at TCAT. Crystal and I believe it’s important students on these paths see that we believe in them, we’re proud of them, and we support them in building the life they want.”

“Mayor Jacobs is a frequent visitor to our campus and a familiar face our students and instructors are excited to see,” closed Cheney. “He’s even been known to drop in for a haircut.”

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