

Welcome from our President

Welcome to The Polytechnic of the South!

Southern Polytechnic is a place where students are educated for life and for leadership in an increasingly technological world. We prepare our students for their very first job after graduation, with the skills that make them highly marketable and successful. We feel it is just as important that a Southern Polytechnic education also prepares students for the last job in their careers. Thus, our courses and programs are structured to enable men and women to adapt, grow, and continue to learn over the years, developing the leadership skills needed to implement the vision of a technological future.

This university is uniquely suited to provide such an education. We are Polytechnic. The dictionary defines polytechnic as “pertaining to or dealing with many arts or sciences.” The origin of the word is Greek — polus, many and tekhne, skills. Many skills. At Southern Polytechnic, this translates to many threads of learning — many roads to the future.

These skills extend beyond the essential technological and scientific knowledge that qualifies our graduates for some of the fastest growing fields in the nation. They also encompass traditional liberal arts skills that enable students to learn to think critically, communicate clearly and persuasively, solve problems collaboratively, and develop an international perspective in an increasingly global marketplace.

At Southern Polytechnic, we are proud of our faculty and staff. We are motivated and challenged by our students. We are excited for our graduates. We appreciate the positive, participatory relationships we enjoy with our community and with prominent leaders in business and industry who help shape the nature of our educational vision. Again, welcome to our world of many skills, and many technologies.

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