

MR. SPARKY REEVES
South Georgia Technical College President

Biography

The character development, citizenship training and personal fitness traits learned as a young boy scout have been the cornerstone to success for SGTC President Sparky Reeves in both his personal and professional life. He was selected as the Chehaw Council of the Boy Scouts of Americus as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2012.

Gary Lamar “Sparky” Reeves earned his Eagle Scout rank in January 1964, when he was only 13 years old. He was a member of the Troop 21 and Explorer Post 21 in Thomaston, Georgia. Scouting accomplishments included Patrol Leader, President of Explorer Post 21, and President of Pine Mountain District Boy Scouts of America. He earned over 50 different merit badges, the Mile Swim badge, Scout Service Corp badge and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Reeves represented his council as a member of the Boy Scout Troops Service Corps at the 1964 – 1965 World’s Fair in New York. He was stationed in the “Wonderful World of Scouting” exhibit at the World’s Fair. He also attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1964.

The Boy Scout Oath or Promise of “duty to God and country, duty to other people and duty to self” has inspired Reeves to excel as a son, husband, father, experienced educator and highly motivated professional administrator with over 43 years of proven accomplishments.

Reeves earned his B.S. in Business Administration and his Masters of Education in Business Education from Georgia Southwestern State University. He has completed additional graduate work in administration and supervision at the University of Georgia and completed work in Basic Economic Development from Georgia Tech. He is also a Certified Economic Development Trainer for the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education.

Reeves began his employment at South Georgia Technical College in 1973. He started his educational career as an accounting, math and business psychology instructor. He advanced to Vocational Instructor Supervisor, Vice President of Economic Development Services and was named President in August 2004. He served as President from August 2004 until October 2015.

He has been recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for the Americus/Sumter County Chamber of Commerce twice as well as received the Outstanding Service Award from the Chamber. He was presented with the Business Council of Georgia Achievement Award and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award. He was named President Emeritus of South Georgia Technical College in 2015 and honored by the Technical College System of Georgia as the Technical College Foundation Association Benefactor of the Year in 2015.

President Sparky Reeves is originally from Thomaston, GA. He is the son of Earl and Odessa Reeves and is married to Allene Reeves. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. He enjoys golf, Georgia Bulldogs events, and spending time with his family.