

PRESS RELEASE

Congressman visits Ogeechee Technical College Agribusiness Class

United States Congressman John Barrow was in Statesboro on Monday, February 26, 2007 to speak to instructor Elliott Marsh's Agribusiness class at Ogeechee Technical College. Congressman Barrow visited the college at the request of Marsh who knew that Barrow's appointment to the congressional agriculture committee would allow him to divulge keen insights to the students about their course of study and future careers.

Congressman Barrow discussed pressing agriculture related issues such as the peanut program, farm subsidies, fair treatment of farmers in light of unfair labor and business practices of foreign producers, and other interesting topics. Students enjoyed an open exchange of questions and ideas with the congressman.

"I am always excited to share information with students about the legislative process and how it might impact them in their lives and careers," the congressman stated. "It is great to see young people take an interest in how government works," he further said. In answering a question about his desire to have Congressman Barrow visit his class, Marsh said, "I think learning about the many important farm initiatives in which the federal government is involved is more easily accomplished by hearing straight from someone directly involved in the process."

Dr. Dawn Cartee, President of Ogeechee Tech, stated, "Having someone of Congressman Barrow's stature take the time to sit down with a group of students to talk is fantastic." "I know the students enjoyed the visit, and that the information they were exposed to will provide them with insights that will benefit them as they move from the college environment into the work force," she further stated. Barrow took time for pictures with students and Instructor Marsh before leaving to return to Washington.