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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an exciting time as we see the work beginning on our new academic building.

I hope everyone is off to a good start to the spring semester, despite our January 8 closing. Our enrollment is up over last spring but a decrease from fall. This is a normal pattern for us.

At this time, the University System has no plans for any additional furlough days beyond the three that we have already scheduled. For this semester, I believe the confusion is that the K-12 System had not scheduled furlough days during the second semester and they are now being mandated to do that.

At its January meeting, the Board of Regents passed a policy that allows institutions to request eliminating the Regents' Test. In order to qualify, institutions must demonstrate strong accountability measures that demonstrate sufficient student competencies in reading and writing. GSC will be pursuing this possibility.

## FROM THE OCONEE CAMPUS

Dede deLaughter was one of five semifinalists in the GSC institutional category for the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition's Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates award. The notification letter stated that Ms. deLaughter's nomination for the award attests to the respect and admiration that she has gained for the creative ways in which she works to enhance the academic and social success of first-year students.

Faculty and staff members working in the evenings at the Oconee Campus who need technical or computer assistance should contact Jaymes Harrison at x6292 or by email at [jharrison@gsc.edu](mailto:jharrison@gsc.edu).

## COLLOQUIUM SERIES CONTINUES

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Joan Hecht—Lost Boys of Sudan

January 25 (Gainesville Campus) and January 26 (Oconee Campus)  
Noon - 1:15 p.m.

Joan Hecht is the award-winning author of *The Journey of the Lost Boys*, as well as Founder and President of "Alliance for the Lost Boys of Sudan."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be notified of campus closings via cell phone or personal email address, GSC students, faculty, and staff *must register*. If you haven't already done so, go to [www.gsc.edu](http://www.gsc.edu) and click on the **LAKERALERT!** link.

GSC's Roy C. Moore Art Gallery invites applications for the 2010-2011 exhibition schedule. The Gallery seeks works in all media, by established or emerging artists with MFA or equivalent experience for the 2010-2011 academic year exhibition schedule. Themes can include ecological art, figure and identity, and mapping.

Artists are asked to submit their applications via email and include low-resolution images, artist's statement, and resume to [gallery@gsc.edu](mailto:gallery@gsc.edu) or mail with SASE to Gainesville State College Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503. Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2010.

We need a successor to the captainship of the GSC Relay for Life team, but no one has stepped forward to assume this role. If any of you are interested in becoming a captain or co-captain or know of someone who would consider it, please contact Dean Lieburn ([dlieburn](mailto:dlieburn) x3619). If no one can take over the captainship, we may not have a GSC team. That would be a shame, but after seven years, Dean is ready to pass the torch. She will make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible.

The 2010 Relay will be held again at Road Atlanta on June 4-5, 7PM to 7AM. The Relay site has been moved closer to the front of Road Atlanta for easier access for everyone, so this is a big improvement over last year. The captains' meetings will be held at Brenau's Thurmond Rae Lecture Hall, the third Thursday of each month.

Please let Dean Lieburn hear from you about the 2010 Relay. A decision needs to be made as to whether or not GSC will participate in the Relay this year.

The new online PCard training was posted on the web on October 28, 2009. The training is required of all cardholders and approvers. Failure to take the training will result in cancellation or suspension of the card. Deadline for completing the online training is March 1.

The online training is located at: <https://web.gsc.edu/ittutorials/pcard/start.asp>. Contact Cathy Nix at x3940 for help with the training.

*The dates for Academic Advising Weeks and Summer and Fall 2010 Registration have changed.* Academic Advising Weeks will be March 15 through 26. Summer and Fall 2010 Registration will be held March 29 through April 23.

Disability Services places adjustable tables in specific classrooms for the use of students in wheelchairs. These tables have a disability label and must stay in the classroom for the whole semester.

In the past, these tables have been moved, pushed out in the hall, or even moved to another room. If no one is using the table in a classroom and it is moved or used, please be sure to place it back in its original position before leaving the classroom.

The Institute for Environmental and Spatial Analysis (IESA) is continuing its colloquium series. Speakers with

knowledge about some aspect of the environment visit and give a talk to faculty and students for about 45 minutes, followed by questions and answers. Those who would like to offer a colloquium or can suggest another speaker should contact John O'Sullivan ([josullivan@gsc.edu](mailto:josullivan@gsc.edu)).

## OUR COLLEGE FAMILY

Sincere condolences to Pat Guthrie on the death of her brother-in-law earlier this month. Jack A. Guthrie lived in California.

The Business Division extends its condolences to Division Chair Emeritus and Professor Emeritus Dr. Louise Holcomb and her family on the death of her husband of 63 years, Jack Holcomb. He passed away at Northeast Georgia Medical Center on Friday, January 8.

Paul Glaser's mother passed away January 13. Our sympathies go out to Paul and Charlotte during this difficult time.

## COUNSELING & CAREER SERVICES

*College Transfer Fair Event*  
Tuesday, January 26  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Robinson Ballroom,  
Student Center, GC

*Choosing a Major Workshop*  
Thursday, February 4  
Noon & 5 p.m.  
CCS Office,  
Student Center, GC  
Presented by Dr. Edward Lai

## GSC WINS 16 AWARDS WHILE HOSTING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

For the second year in a row, the Gainesville State Debate Forensics Interpretation (DFI) Club hosted the Chicken and the Egg Debate and Speech Tournament on the GSC campus.

This tournament, a revival of a speech tournament that was held here from 1988-1994, attracted 37 debate entries and 154 speech event entries from 15 colleges and universities. It is believed that this is the largest intercollegiate parliamentary debate tournament ever to occur in the state of Georgia—and is definitely the largest since Valdosta State discontinued its event in 2003.

Carson-Newman College of Jefferson City, TN took first place in both the speech and overall sweepstakes categories; NW Florida State College of Niceville, FL took first place in speech sweepstakes; and, since GSC does not accept sweepstakes awards at its hosted tournament, the University of the Cumberlands of Williamsburg, KY, took first place overall in debate. GSC, however, had the largest number of debate wins in the preliminary rounds; by that criteria it would have won first place debate sweepstakes had its students competed in that category. Earlier this season, GSC

took first place overall in debate at Walters State College in Morristown, TN. Other schools attending the event included Georgia Tech, Tennessee, and Clemson.

GSC students did, however, win individual honors. The 16 awards GSC students won at this event—a record since the tournament was revived—include the following:

Quarterfinalists out of 37 debate teams: Lillian Otieno and Cameron McGinty

Winning Debate Team Award: Jarvis Johnson and Destiny Moore

Winning Debate Team Award: Denzil Gelly and Karen Sanchez

Winning Debate Team Award: Rachel Ballard and Brittany Perry

Winning Debate Team Award: Frank N'danema and Janice McKay

Winning Debate Team Award: Raeanne Pagliarulo (GSC) and Matt Underwood (a "swing" partner from the University of Tennessee)

2nd Place Varsity and Overall Debate Speaker (out of 74): Lillian Otieno

7th Place Varsity and Overall Debate Speaker (out of 74): Destiny Moore

14th Place Varsity Debate Speaker: Frank N'danema

5th Place Novice Debate Speaker: Janice McKay

10th Place Novice Debate Speaker: Brandon Rumiser

15th Place Novice Debate Speaker: Karen Sanchez

6th Place Debut Debate Speaker: Rachel Ballard

3rd Place Program Oral Interpretation: Lillian Otieno

5th Place Rhetorical Criticism: Denzil Gelly

"Next Out" in Duo Interpretation: Cameron McGinty and Destiny Moore

The GSC DFI Club wishes to thank all of the faculty and staff, as well as its alumni, who were extremely helpful in putting on this event. Dr. C. Thomas Preston, Jr., is the sponsor of the DFI Club. McGinty is the president, Otieno is the vice president, and Moore is the secretary/treasurer. Other club officers include Gelly, McKay, and Aimee Stape.

### HAITI RELIEF FUND

The recent earthquake in Haiti has left hundreds of thousands of individuals in the country without food, water, or shelter and in desperate need of lifesaving emergency medical care. GSC's Rho Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has reserved a table at the Oakwood Wal-Mart on January 30 to raise funds for the relief effort. Krispy Kreme will also be providing a donation of doughnuts that will be sold at Wal-Mart, with the proceeds donated to help support the Red Cross' Haiti relief fund.

Those unable to come to Wal-Mart should contact David Spencer, Jennifer Feenstra, Gina Reed, or Ray-Lynn Snowden to arrange for pick-up of donations.



GSC DFI Club President Cameron McGinty and Laker T. Goose welcome attendees at the 2010 GSC Chicken and the Egg debate and speech tournament.

## TORNADO SIREN WAIL TEST SCHEDULE

**2/3/10: Time TBA**

*(This is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Sirens will be activated based on the time set by the State.)*

**5/19/10: 10:00 a.m.**

**8/18/10: 10:00 a.m.**

**11/17/10: 10:00 a.m.**

## STUDENT AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for three awards that will be presented at the GSC Honors Day ceremony in April.

The Clark-Theodore GSC Outstanding Traditional Student Award recipient must be a student younger than 23 years of age who exemplifies the College ideals of excellence in academic achievement, leadership, and service to others.

The Clark-Theodore GSC Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Award recipient must have enrolled at GSC at the age of 23 or older and have satisfied all other requirements of the Traditional Student Award, including earning a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

The GSC Achievement Award is granted on the basis of academic improvement, growth, and progress made by a student while attending GSC.

For detailed information on the awards and to obtain a nomination form, go to the Academic Affairs Announcements in the faculty/staff portal on the GSC website. Deadline for nominations is February 5, 2010.

## RINGING OUR BELLS

Leslie Worthington has been awarded a Quarry Farm Fellowship from the Center for Mark Twain Studies. For over twenty summers, Mark Twain and his family lived at Quarry Farm in Elmira, New York. Today the farm serves as a home for visiting Mark Twain scholars, and fellowships are offered to scholars pursuing research or writing in the field of Mark Twain studies. While in residence for two weeks this summer, Dr. Worthington will be working on an intertextual study of Twain and Cormac McCarthy. As part of the fellowship, she will have access to The Mark Twain Collection at the Elmira College Library.

Ben Wynne recently contributed entries on James Cagney, John Huston, Victor Flemming, Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. and Rudolph Valentino to the *Encyclopedia of Movies and American Culture* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO), edited by Philip C. Dimare.

Dr. Cara Ray, Director of Student Life, and Katie Hight, SOAR Graduate Assistant, were chosen to present a workshop, "Using Qualitative Techniques in Assessment Efforts," at the upcoming (February 25-26) annual conference of the Georgia College Personnel Association.

Dr. Cara Ray was also chosen to give a presentation at the 29th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience, sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition. This conference will be held February 12-16, 2010. Her presentation is entitled, "Social Connection Strategies of Academically Under-prepared College Students," and will focus on

her dissertation research about how students' social connections affect their academic transitions to college.

Brenda Adams, Coordinator for Student Life, and CAB leader Heather Smith were chosen to present a workshop, "Find Your Zone as a Student Leader," at the upcoming (February 6) Georgia Collegiate Leadership Conference. Over 100 Gainesville State College students will attend this conference, along with hundreds of other student leaders from around the state.

Jeff Turk has been appointed Interim Director of the Lewis F. Rogers Institute for Environmental and Spatial Analysis (IESA). Jeff is one of the founding members of IESA, where he has served continuously on its Board since the beginning of the Institute.

GSC Art Department Coordinator John Amoss has been appointed to the State of Georgia Board of Regents' Fine and Applied Arts Academic Committee, an advisory committee composed of art, music, and theater department heads.

Kathleen Woodward has begun a new section of the existing Service Learning 1502 course that will focus on pairing GSC students as mentors with middle school youth. Everyone in the course will be a mentor throughout the semester and may continue as a volunteer after the semester ends. Several area schools are excited about the prospect of receiving more mentors, and the course is expected to continue being offered next year. GSC students will be guided in their experience throughout the semester.

## CTLL WORKSHOPS

### *Advising Roundtable Discussion*

Friday, January 22

Noon - 1 p.m.

Robinson Ballroom, Section A

Student Center, GC

Facilitators:

Mark Nabors and Gail Barksdale

### *Technology Workshops:*

#### *Stage 1 eLearning*

Friday, January 22

12:20 - 2:20 p.m.

Room 304, OC

Facilitator: Matthew Horton

### *LibGuides: Research Assistance,*

#### *Subject Guides, and Useful*

#### *Resources Compiled by*

#### *Your Friendly Librarians*

Wednesday, January 27

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Library AV Room 134, GC

Facilitator: Rebecca Homan

### *Outlook Tips & Tricks*

#### *Session 1*

Tuesday, February 2

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

ACAD 3, Room 156, GC

Facilitator: Lance Hundt

### *Outlook Tips & Tricks*

#### *Session 2*

Tuesday, February 9

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

ACAD 3, Room 156, GC

Facilitator: Lance Hundt

## ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION UPDATES

Academic Advising Weeks

March 15 - 26

Summer and Fall  
Registration

March 29 - April 23

## COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 22 Art Exhibit: Moments in Time: Paintings by Terry Rowlett.** Roy C. Moore Gallery of Art, GC. Through Feb. 11.
- Jan. 25 Colloquium Series: Joan Hecht—Lost Boys of Sudan.** Noon - 1:15 pm., Auditorium, CE Building, GC.
- Jan. 25 Multicultural Movie Monday: Invisible Children.** 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Room 522, SRC, OC.
- Jan. 26 Colloquium Series: Joan Hecht—Lost Boys of Sudan.** Noon - 1:15 pm., Room 522, SRC, OC.
- Jan. 27 Human Trafficking Video & Panel.** Noon - 2 p.m., Room 108, CE Building, GC.
- Jan. 28 Movie Poster Show.** Noon-6 p.m., Student Center Stage area, GC. CAB Event: Get your personalized movie poster free.
- Jan. 29 IESA Colloquium: Global Warming, Climate Change and Science.** 2:30 p.m., Science Building Room 173, GC. Dr. Sudhanshu Panda.

## DIGITAL MEDIA GROUP

### Laker Flash

The Laker Flash is a bi-monthly video series located on the Current Students

web page that informs students of important announcements and upcoming events. If you have an announcement or event to include in future videos, please e-mail the details to vreeves@gsc.edu. We would like to make three announcements per video and include both campuses.



### Faculty Announcements

The rotating photos on the Faculty & Staff web page are being replaced with informative slides. If you have an announcement or information to post, please submit the copy and any preferred marketing images/colors to vreeves@gsc.edu.

### Master Calendar


The master calendar is a tool on the public website that displays college events and is separate from the Event Request System and the portal Room Scheduler. All faculty and staff have access to create an item on the master calendar. Here's how:

- 1) Using Internet Explorer on campus or via Remote Desktop, click Start → GSC Menu → General Applications → Master Calendar.
- 2) Click the faint "Sign In" link at the top right.
- 3) Click "New."
- 4) Add event details making sure to include an event description. The type of event field specifies on which pages the event will appear on the website.
- 5) Click "OK." Once approved by PR, the event will appear in public view.



# February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <i>Lisa Sikes—GC</i> <i>Dan Cabaniss—OC</i>	2  <i>Nicole Dowd—GC</i>	3 Siren Test	4  <i>Brian Tarr—GC</i> <i>Lenora Jordan—GC</i>	5 <i>Kathy Martin—GC</i> <i>Valerie Havill—GC</i> <i>Sheri Hardee—GC</i> <i>Glenn Eckhof—OC</i> <i>Joseph Pruitt—GC</i>	6  <i>Ryan Boylan—GC</i>
7  <i>Carol Howard—GC</i> <i>Nora Alnoury—GC</i>	8  <i>Pamela Eifenbein—GC</i> <i>Adrienne Henley—GC</i>	9 GTA Presents "Beaux Strategem"—Through 2/20  <i>Jef Tripp—GC</i> <i>Eleanor Schut—OC</i> <i>Jeanelle Morgan—GC</i>	10  <i>Yong Seung Han—OC</i>	11 "Moments In Time: Paintings by Terry Rowlett" Art Exhibit Ends  Blood Drive (Oconee)	12  <i>Gloria Bennett—GC</i>	13 NE Georgia Regional Social Studies Fair, PE Building (Gainesville)
14 Happy Valentine's Day! 	15	16  <i>Susan Smith—GC</i> <i>Dottie Blais—GC</i>	17  <i>Tonna Harris-Bosselmann —GC</i>	18 "Etched and Pulled: An Exhibit of Prints" opens at Roy C. Moore Gallery  <i>Michelle B. Brown—GC</i> <i>Adan Diaz, Jr.—OC</i>	19 Faculty Meeting, 2 p.m. (Gainesville)  <i>Sabine Davis—GC</i>	20  <i>Sara Zerkel—OC</i>
21  <i>Douglas Ealey—GC</i>	22 Colloquium Series: Alina Fernandez (Oconee)	23 Colloquium Series: Alina Fernandez (Gainesville)  <i>Laura Bolling—GC</i>	24  <i>Jason Ponders—GC</i> <i>Jennifer Sale—GC</i> <i>Monique Kluczykowski —GC</i>	25 <i>Lisa Thompson—GC</i> <i>Garnett Gabriel—OC</i> <i>Verlin Curry—GC</i> <i>Ben Hamby—GC</i> <i>Edward Glauser—OC</i>	26  <i>Deborah Hightower—GC</i>	27  <i>Larry Kinsey—GC</i> <i>Dennis Handy—OC</i>
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