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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the bountiful rain, we are once again enjoying our water features on the Gainesville Campus Quadrangle. What a difference to last summer! The Ocone Campus looks lush as well.

May is a good month for staff to catch up as we have fewer classes than in any other term. Information Technology is busy with upgrades, converting our VOIP phone system to a stand alone, no longer tied in with Southern Polytechnic, and upgrading Banner. Plant Operations is continuing to make needed repairs and major maintenance improvements, and Enrollment Management is catching up on Fall Admissions processing that was put on hold while they finished with summer applications. The Business Office is gearing up for closing the FY09 year and modifying the FY10 budget as changes keep coming from the System Office.

Summer School enrollment appears to be up around 9% at this point. That is good news for our faculty who teach in summer and also helps with revenue. June is always a very busy month for the Admissions Office since it is the last month before the fall deadline. I hope that everyone who can is enjoying a somewhat slower pace but know that for others it is a very busy time.

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Over the past year, members of the Academic Delivery group have been meeting to discuss administrative restructuring of the academic affairs divisions at Gainesville State College. While GSC enjoyed unprecedented growth in student enrollment since 2004, the enrollment gains have challenged us to maintain high standards of academic quality and student support services that will ensure student success. Thus, it became clear that changes in our administrative structure were warranted and desirable.

Several retreats were held during the 2008 and 2009 calendar years where discussions addressed the current and future needs of the College. Some of the identified challenges included new academic programs and units, continued enrollment growth, increases in faculty and staff, additional support services to maintain academic excellence and faculty development, sustaining our service to the community, and addressing the issues that arise from multiple campuses. Given these challenges, it was determined that the College could benefit from a new organizational structure that would be better aligned with the current and future opportunities facing GSC.

Following deliberations of several possible organizational models, a structure was selected last week by members of the Academic Delivery group that would best serve the current and future needs of the College. It is expected that this structure will bring us in alignment with peer institutions and facilitate the strategic development and delivery of academic programs and services to serve the needs of our students and our communities.

Information regarding this model can be reviewed in Academic Delivery minutes for May 20, 2009, at <https://portal.gsc.edu/committees/acaddelivery/default.aspx>.

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## STAFF COUNCIL BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

Listed below are the 2009-2010 representatives:

### Gainesville Campus

Administration Building – Margaret Bailey  
Academic III – Christina Reed  
Dunlap/Mathis – Christy Orr  
John Harrison Hosch Library – Gail Emmett  
Student Center – Nancy Mattson

### Oconee Campus

Administration Building – Erin Williams  
Classroom Building – Jason White

## COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

### 2009 Summer Semester Workshop Schedule

#### *Counseling & Career Services—Student Center*

#### Testing Anxiety

Presented by Dr. Joy Evans  
June 17, 2009  
12 noon

#### Study Skills

Presented by Major Nelson  
June 18, 2009  
12 noon

#### Time Management

Presented by Major Nelson  
June 23, 2009  
12 noon

#### Relaxation and Stress Management

Presented by Dr. Joy Evans  
July 14, 2009  
12 noon

**Advance registration is required.  
Please call 678-717-3660 to register.**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION—ON COURSE

### Adult Summer Classes

- **Water Aerobics**, June 1—July 13, Mon. & Wed., 5:15-6:15pm
- **Water Aerobics**, June 1—July 13, Mon. & Wed., 6:30-7:30pm
- **Bellydance Fitness**, June 2—July 7, Tuesday, 5:15-6:15pm

### Computer Classes

#### 6-Hour One-Day: 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee: \$119

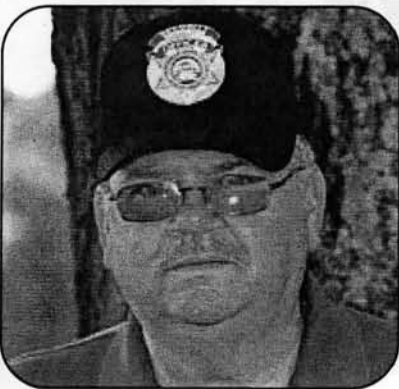
- **Basic MS Word 2007**, Monday, July 6
- **Basic Quickbooks I**, Thursday, July 9

#### 6-Hour One-Day: 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee: \$99

- **Basic Internet & E-Mail**, Tuesday, May 19
- **Touch Typing (Keyboarding)**, Tuesday, July 7
- **(Very) Basic PC Skills**, Wednesday, July 8

**TO VIEW ALL CLASSES AND TO REGISTER,  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN](http://WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN) OR CALL 678.717.3605**

## FAREWELL TO OUR RETIREES



**Darrell B. Ivey** worked for Gainesville State College for 10 years. His position during those years was Public Safety Officer. Ivey's hometown is Gainesville, Georgia. Before coming to GSC he was in the Marine Corps and worked as a police officer for 32 years. His activities are Mason, Musician/Glory Road-Gospel Group, and hiking club. After retirement he plans to enjoy hiking.



**Officer Buddy Waldrep** with the Gainesville State College Public Safety Division is retiring after 10 years of service. Buddy joined the Public Safety Division of GSC when he retired after 35 years from Hall County Sheriff's Department as Administrative Captain. Buddy and his wife, Debby, live in Cleveland, Georgia. They have four children and grandchildren. They are members of Cleveland First Baptist Church. Buddy is also a member of the Georgia Peace Officers Association. Bowling and gardening are two of the many activities he enjoys. Although, Buddy will miss being around the students and faculty of GSC, he is looking forward to having more time to travel and participate in volunteer projects in his community.



## RINGING OUR BELLS

- **Dr. Clay Ouzts** was featured in the *Barrow County News* regarding his most recent presentation about Tories in North Georgia during the American Revolution.
- The May 13, 2009 *Barrow County News* featured pictures of **Dr. Douglas Young's** political science and

history students visiting Winder's historic Sen. Richard Russell House and Barrow County History Museum on April 25. **Vice President for Academic Affairs Marya Leatherwood** and Political Science Professor **Dr. Kathleen Woodward** were also pictured with the group.

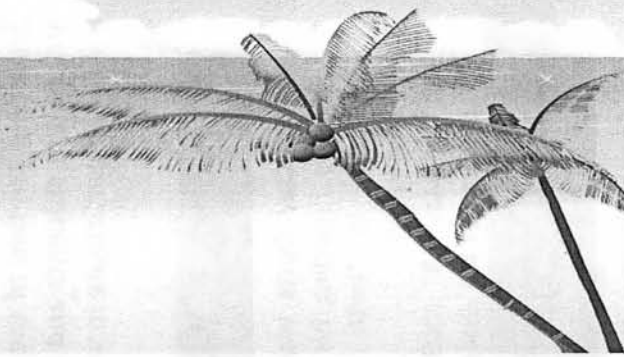
## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Phillip Charles Guerty** on the birth of his son, Becklan Guerty who was born on May 23, 2009. Becklan arrived at 1:03 p.m., weighing 7 lbs 10 oz. The family is doing great.
- Congratulations to GSC Retiree **Valarie Wood** on the birth of her grandson, Sean Patrick Kelly who was born on May 25, 2009. Sean weighed in at 6 lbs 10 oz and measured 21 inches long. Valarie reports that mom, Kari, is doing fine and Sean "has long fingers so maybe he will be a good goalie on the soccer team."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May Session Classes End, June 2**
- **May Session Final Exams, June 3**
- **Summer & Fall Registration, June 4, 8am-5pm**
- **Full & June Session Classes Begin, June 8**
- **Starlight Concert & Fireworks Show, June 12, 6:30pm**
- **SOAR Session, June 13**
- **Time Management, June 23, 12-1pm, Counseling & Career Center**

# June 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  <i>Collier Cato, GC</i> <i>Beata Hebda, GC</i> <i>Sudhanshu Panda, GC</i>	<b>2</b> <b>May Session</b> <b>Classes End</b>  <i>Tricia Bunker, GC</i>	<b>3</b> <b>May Session Final</b> <b>Exams</b>  <i>Karen Davis, OC</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Summer &amp; Fall</b> <b>Registration, 8-5</b>  <b>SOAR</b>  <i>Judy Forbes, GC</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  <i>George Danns, GC</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Full &amp; June Session</b> <b>Classes begin</b>  <i>George Danns, GC</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>Tim Aldridge, GC</i> <i>Sean Boyle, OC</i> <i>Anna Gillespie, OC</i> <i>Carol Marinelli, GC</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>Janet Beasley, GC</i> <i>Susie Hogan, GC</i> <i>Kimberly Payne, OC</i>	<b>12</b> <b>LiveText Webinar, 12</b> <b>Starlight Concert,</b> <b>Gates open at 6pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>SOAR</b>
<b>14</b>  <i>Eugene Hendrix, GC</i> <i>Brenda Perry, GC</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>Cristina Rodriguez, GC</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>Polly Swilley, GC</i>	<b>18</b> <b>June Session</b> <b>Mid-point</b>  <i>Lisa Countiss, GC</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>Heather Mitchell, GC</i>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  <i>Phillip Mitchell, GC</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>Nick Kidd, GC</i> <i>Jeanne Nash, GC</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Tim Howell, GC</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>Tina Carter, GC</i> <i>Guillermo Rodriguez, GC</i>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <i>Eric Mullins, OC</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Donna Grizzle, GC</i> <i>Janice Hartsoe, GC</i>				