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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In these difficult times, it is always reinvigorating to have reasons to celebrate. On Wednesday, we celebrated the dedication of our new student parking deck, with many important guests as well as many campus representatives present. Our students, Andrew Wilkinson and Stephanie Martin did us proud!

On the same day, we had the graduation of the 2009 Steps to College graduates. It was a special honor for Tonna Harris-Bosselman who has been a critical leader in the program and who is stepping down this year. This program has grown, especially with funding from the Goizueta Foundation during the past two years, and serves a special population in our area who is at risk and who deserves an opportunity to both graduate from high school and enroll in a post-secondary institution (hopefully GSC).

Thanks go especially to Bill Moody for the first celebration and to Tonna Harris-Bosselman and Karen Peters for the second. What a wonderful way to focus on our accomplishments!

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Student Parking Deck Dedication Ceremony—July 8, 2009

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TAP Application Deadline for Fall Semester** is July 15, 2009. Please send your application to Kathy Martin in HR beginning July 1, but no later than July 15. If you have any questions, please call ext. 3617 or email at kmartin@gsc.edu.
- **Eleanor Crawford Award**—The GSC Alumni Association would like to invite you to submit nominations for the annual Eleanor Crawford Award which will be presented at the Faculty/Staff breakfast on August 11. This award recognizes a member of the College STAFF for extraordinary loyalty, dedication, and service to the College. Those NOT eligible for consideration are faculty members and previous recipients of the Award: 1990 Clara Phelps & Earl Poole, 1991 Frances Meadows, 1992 Ervin Crow, 1993 Peggy Stevens, 1994 Roger Brady, 1995 Steve Langston, 1996 Blanche Kinney, 1997 Gloria Brown, 1998 Mary McDade, 1999 Judy Forbes, 2000 Diane

Carpenter, 2001 Brandon Haag, 2002 Sarah Booker, 2003 Deb Lilly, 2004 Joyce Ferguson, 2005 Peggy Holton, 2006 Michelle S. Brown, 2007 Gail Emmett & Julia Davies, and 2008 Susan Daniell. **CHANGE for 2009 and future years - we will be recognizing an individual from the Gainesville AND Oconee Campuses.** If you wish to nominate someone for this award, please write a half page statement about the person and why they are deserving of this award and send it to: Michelle B. Brown-Gainesville Campus mbrown@gsc.edu <<mailto:mbrown@gsc.edu>> for Gainesville Staff Members OR Michelle S. Brown - Oconee Campus msbrown@gsc.edu <<mailto:msbrown@gsc.edu>> for Oconee Staff Members. Nominations submitted the past two years will automatically be reconsidered. The **deadline** for nominations is **Friday, July 17**.

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

2009 Summer Semester Workshop Schedule

*Counseling & Career Services—
Student Center*

Relaxation and Stress Management

Presented by Dr. Joy Evans

July 23, 2009

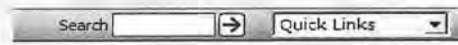
12 noon

Advance registration is required.

Please call 678-717-3660 to register.

WEBSITE SEARCH TIPS

Not sure which site to search? Try searching www.gsc.edu and portal.gsc.edu in one search. Here's how:



- Go to www.gsc.edu using Internet Explorer (or using IE TAB in Firefox)
- Click the faint "Sign In" link at the top right corner of the web page (if you are not automatically signed in, type `gc\yourGSCuserID` and `network password`—click OK)
- In the **Search box** located to the left of **Quick Links**, enter a search string and click the à

Any available results will return from portal.gsc.edu and www.gsc.edu.

CONTINUING EDUCATION—ON COURSE

Computer Classes

Adult Summer Classes

- **Let's Speak Spanish I**, July 13-Aug. 17, Mon, 6:30-8:30pm, Fee: \$75
- **Let's Speak Spanish II**, July 14-Aug. 18, Mon, 6:30-8:30pm, Fee: \$75
- **Water Aerobics**, July 15-Aug. 26, Mon. & Wed., 5:15-6:15pm, Fee: \$65
- **Water Aerobics**, July 15-Aug. 26, Mon. & Wed., 6:30-7:30pm, Fee: \$65

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

- **Basic MS Excel 2007**, Tuesday, July 14
- **Adobe InDesign CS3**, Wednesday, July 15
- **MS Powerpoint 2007**, Thursday, July 16
- **Basic MS Access 2007**, Monday, July 20
- **Internet Marketing with Facebook**, Tuesday, July 21
- **Basic Internet & E-Mail**, Wednesday, July 22
- **Basic Quickbooks I**, Thursday, July 23

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

- **MS Windows: All You Need to Know**, Mon., July 13

**TO VIEW ALL CLASSES AND TO REGISTER,
PLEASE VISIT WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN OR CALL 678.717.3605**

THERE'S TWO NEW DEPUTIES AT GSC



Ken Bennett is married with two daughters and one grandson. His hobbies include camping, hunting, fishing, and the movies! He is a Habersham County native, lived in Gainesville for two years. Bennett was an Honor Graduate of Northeast Ga. Police Academy 117th session in 1994. Before coming to GSC was a member of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office-Deputy/Patrol, Commerce Police Department-Patrol/Detective, and Cornelia Police Department-Traffic Division-Patrol. He has Advanced Training in Criminal Procedures/ On scene Traffic Crash Investigation/ Criminal and Crime Scene Investigation. He received Officer of the Year in 2004 for capturing one of Florida's top ten most wanted.

Rodney Smith is a retired veteran from the Navy with over 20 years of service. He is a certified Peace Officers with Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) and firearms instructor. Before coming to GSC he worked for the City of Gainesville Marshal's Office. His hobbies include weight lifting, golf, hunting, spending quality time with wife, Abbie, and three daughters, Corryn, Malorie and Delaney.



RINGING OUR BELLS

- An essay of **Dr. Douglas Young** was posted on the www.strike-the-root.com website. To view a copy of his essay visit, <http://www.strike-the-root.com/91/youngd/youngd1.html>.

COLLEGE FAMILY NEWS

NOTE FROM JANYCE COLE—I just wanted to say Thank-You from the bottom of my heart-you're all such a great group of caring people. It was a very difficult decision for me to retire from GSC (for medical reasons), but my health was progressively getting worse, and after years of suffering, this seemed my only choice for relief. I miss everyone from work so much, and will try to keep in touch-you'll always be a part of my life. I especially want to express my gratitude for the wonderful notes, cards, well wishes and the generous gifts you have given to me-it was very thoughtful, and a bit overwhelming-my eyes tear-up as I think about this. I wish you all the best in life, and I always recommend GSC as a wonderful, caring place. May God Bless you, and thanks again for all your support. Love, Janyce Cole

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Annual Fall Breakfast for faculty, staff and retirees**, August 12, 8 am, Gym
- **SOAR and Registration**, August 13
- **Bongo Ball Mania**, August 19, 12 noon—6pm, Outside Student Center—Volleyball Area
- **WOW BBQ & Club/Vendor Fair**, August 26, 12-1pm & 5-6pm—Outside the Student Center



Reed Timmer—Extreme Storm Chaser, Meteorologist

September 14, 12-1:15pm-GC September 15, 12-1:15pm-OC

Having intercepted over 250 tornadoes and a dozen powerful hurricanes during the last decade, Reed Timmer is well-known as the most successful and extreme storm chaser in the world. Not only is Reed one of the few people in existence to document both an F5 tornado, and the most devastating hurricane in U.S. history (Hurricane Katrina), but also graduated with a PhD in Meteorology from the University of Oklahoma in 2009.

You may have also seen Reed on Discovery Channel's *When Nature Strikes* in fall of 2008, which featured his intercept of Hurricane Ike on Galveston Island as a deadly 15 foot storm surge threatened their position on the sea wall. Reed has also appeared on all major news networks, including Good Morning America with Diane Sawyer, CNN with Wolf Blitzer, CBS, NBC, and The Weather Channel.

Haider Hamza—Meet an Iraqi

October 19, 12-1:15pm-GC

Twenty-four year old Iraqi journalist Haider Hamza lived through the 2003 US-led invasion of his country with his family near Babylon, south of Baghdad. Being the son of a diplomat, Haider was born in Germany and grew up in East Africa and Europe. When he turned twelve, he moved back with his family to their hometown, Baghdad. Haider finished high school in Iraq and graduated from Baghdad University in 2006. One year later, he won a Fulbright scholarship and moved to the United States to obtain a master's degree in global security and conflict resolution.

Haider has been committed to helping Iraqi widows and orphans who were displaced by violence. Through his family and a network of friends, he hands out 50% of his earnings as a speaker to those in urgent and imminent need.



Nesse Godin—Survivor

January 25, 12-1:15pm-GC

January 26, 12-1:15pm-OC

Nesse Godin is a survivor of the Shauliai, Lithuania Ghetto, the Stutth of Concentration Camp, four labor camps and a death march. She has dedicated her adult life to teaching and sharing memories of the Holocaust. Nesse has the ability to

translate the Holocaust into a personal glimpse of this enormous and horrifying drama. Nesse is the President of the Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends of Greater Washington. She is also on the Board of Directors and Founding Member of several Holocaust Survivor groups. Nesse served on the Board of Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and is a board member of the Anti-Defamation League, The Jewish Community Council and many other worthy organizations. She has participated as a speaker for the Capitol Children's Museum of Washington, D.C.



Alina Fernandez

February 22, 12-1:15pm-OC

February 23, 12-1:15pm-GC

In her illuminating talk, Alina Fernandez, the daughter of Fidel Castro, shares her first-person, intimate account of growing up in Cuba.

Through her insight as one of the Cuban elite, Alina guides you through her life in Cuba and describes the surrounding political environment during the 1960s and 70s. Weaving in her unique sense of style and humor, she reveals exciting and suspenseful anecdotes, snapshots of Cuban society, her inside scoop on Cuban politics, and a detailed view of her father.

Alina grew up in a convulsive Cuba, living with the ongoing threat of invasion by American troops. She is a witness with a unique vision, not only of her father, and how the country changed after The Revolution, but of Cuba's future, and the potential for reform and a better life in Cuba.

