



President's Corner

As my last Tower Talk message, I want to share with you my fervent wish for GSC's faculty and staff. Please remain true to our student-focused, learning-centered, collaborative and cooperative culture as you work together for the success of our students. We inherited this special culture from those before us, and you have continued to strengthen it.

Please stay true to this legacy as you face the challenges ahead. We want our students to always enjoy our campuses' welcoming and inclusive environment and experience the caring and supportive attitude of faculty and staff that they have come to expect. We have demonstrated through the last fourteen years that we can stay true to our core values in the midst of tremendous change. Continue that commitment so that the legacy lives on.

I am indebted to all of you who have worked to make GSC such a fine institution. Thank you for your support through the years. I feel so fortunate to have served this college as the capstone of my career in higher education. These last almost 15 years have been the best! You will remain a part of me, and I will be with you in spirit and with my presence at major events.

I'll end with my favorite Irish prayer: "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."



Regents honor Dr. Nesbitt by renaming Academic IV

GSC President Martha T. Nesbitt will retire as the College's third president on June 30, 2012. On Thursday, June 14, the GSC Foundation hosted a "Bon Voyage" party, where friends, family, and supporters gathered to celebrate her legacy of leadership, citizenship, and public service to Gainesville State College and the surrounding community.

As part of the formal program, two members of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents made remarks. Regent Jim Jolly spoke about Nesbitt's impressive and distinguished career in higher education, which spans nearly 40 years: "Dr. Nesbitt's contributions have undoubtedly touched countless lives. All of us here tonight stand as a testament to just how important she has been to education in our state."

Regent Philip Wilheit made a surprise presentation by saying, "Dr. Nesbitt, you have made higher education your life's

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THE DEDICATION OF THE
Lloyd Strickland Academic Building

J. Foster Watkins Academic Building
 TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 AT 2:00 PM
 STUDENT CENTER, GAINESVILLE CAMPUS

Nesbitt building

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work, and it is evident in all that you do. Tonight is about honoring you and all you have meant to Gainesville State College, this community, and higher education in general. On behalf of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, I am honored to announce that the Academic IV Building has been officially renamed the Martha T. Nesbitt Academic Building."

Just as Wilheit made the announcement, a photo with the new name superimposed on the side of the building appeared on a large screen behind him. Not only was Nesbitt surprised, but the guests at the event were, as well. A collective gasp was heard throughout the room, and then everyone quickly erupted into applause and cheers.

Not normally at a loss for words, Nesbitt took the stage and expressed her excitement and pleasure about the announcement and said, "I don't know what to say, this is so unexpected. I'm just blown away. This is one of the biggest surprises of my life, and I am truly honored."

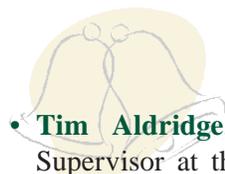
A formal naming ceremony will be held at the College on Wednesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m.

School of Social Sciences sees changes

Since joining us last year, Dr. H. Lee Cheek, Jr. has ably served GSC as Dean of the School of Social Sciences. The School has continued to thrive and is poised for growth and excellence in serving the needs of our students.

Due to personal matters, Dr. Cheek is taking a hiatus from administrative roles and returning to full-time faculty status. Depending on a variety of considerations, Dr. Cheek will remain available to assume leadership responsibilities within the new, consolidated institution.

Dr. Ric Kabat has agreed to serve as Interim Dean of the School of Social



Ringing Our Bells



• **Tim Aldridge**, Plant Operations Supervisor at the Oconee Campus, was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Georgia Chapter of APPA to attend the APPA Institute for Facilities Management. The APPA supports educational excellence with quality leadership and professional management through education, research and recognition. He will attend a five-part Leadership Academy designed to develop leadership throughout the educational industry. The scholarship will help pay for tuition, travel, lodging, and meals for the program.

• **Gloria Bennett** gave out awards at the 48th Georgia Author of the Year Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening, June 16. Winners and finalists are chosen in 12 categories: Children's Books, Young Adult, Biography, Essay, History, Inspirational, Memoir, Specialty Book, Short Stories, Poetry, First Novel, and Fiction. A Lifetime Achievement Award is also presented annually. The Georgia Writers Association has been hosting the

GAYA since 1994. Gloria currently serves on the Board of Directors.

• The Education Club (advisor **Dr. Barbara Carpenter**) participated in the Starlight Concert and Fireworks Show to raise money for the GSC Scholarship Fund. President Jennifer Daniell, Co-Vice President Maggie Beifus, and Co-Secretaries Kimmey Battles and Caitlin Rodriguez brought in \$172.00 by doing face painting at the event.

Our College Family

Congratulations to Crystal Allred and her family on the birth of her daughter, Ava Josephine Allred. Ava was born on Monday, June 11 at 8:04 AM. She was 20¼ in. long and weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. Crystal is the Coordinator of Career and Transfer Services on the Oconee Campus.



Best wishes to Laura Hester, the Financial Aid/Testing Specialist on the Oconee Campus! She was married to Jacob Self on Saturday, June 9.

Sciences effective July 1, 2012 until consolidation takes place in January 2013.

According to Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Al Panu, "Dr. Kabat is a respected colleague who brings to this new role a passion for teaching excellence, administrative experience, an understanding of the history of GSC, and excellent people skills."

Meanwhile, Dr. Jeff Pardue has agreed to serve as Interim Chair of the Department of History and Anthropology, effective July 1, to fill the position vacated by Dr. Kabat.

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Announcements



P-Card Users: The effective date for the new **Statewide Contract for Office Supplies** has been moved to July 16, 2012. The contract will be with Staples and Office Max. Staples will have the contract for toner and copy paper, and Office Max will have general office supplies. You will be receiving an email from Office Max with more information about using the Office Max State Contract website.



The Hall County Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society was held June 1 and 2 at Road Atlanta. The GSC Team collected \$3,393 for the cause. They are extremely grateful to everyone who donated to the Relay this year to support the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer. Also, team captains **Ryan Boylan** and **Dean Lieburn** thank the team members for their hard work for collections and for participating in this year's Relay.



The Student Center welcomes **Sarah Dean**, the new night manager. Sarah will be working evenings until 7 PM in the summer and until 8:30 PM in the spring and fall semesters. Sarah is a GSC alum and has also worked in Supplemental Instruction.



All Federal Work Study student workers must have a **FWS Termination Form** submitted by June 28, 2012 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. To access this form, log into the GSC portal → under "departments" select "financial aid" → FWS Student Worker Termination request form. Failure to submit a termination form by June 28 may jeopardize the continuance of this position for future fiscal years.



Every GSC employee must fill out a new **Standing Travel Authorization** each new Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30). This covers travel within the State of Georgia for the Fiscal Year. If an employee does not have an Authorization on file, travel

reimbursements cannot be processed.

Please fill out a new Travel Authorization for FY13 and send it to Business Affairs, Attention **Annette Gilstrap**, Travel. Travel Authorizations are available on the GSC website, through the Business Affairs web page, under "Travel."

Each out-of-state travel and each student travel requires a separate Authorization per trip.



Nominations are now open for the **2012 Eleanor Crawford Award!** The award will be presented at the annual faculty/staff luncheon on Monday, August 6. The Eleanor Crawford Award, sponsored by the GSC Alumni Association, recognizes an outstanding staff member who exhibits extraordinary loyalty, dedication, and service to the College and its employees and students. The form can be downloaded on the Alumni Affairs web page, or you can request a form be emailed to you at **alumni@gsc.edu**.



As we near the new fiscal year, please be reminded of the following:

1) **Contracts** may only be signed by the President or V.P. for Business and Finance.

2) Contracts may only run for a one-year period with a maximum of four renewals, unless exemptions apply. The effective dates should be July 1 – June 30 when possible.

3) The following transactions must be by purchase order from an **Internal Purchase Requisition**:

- All contracts (including maintenance contracts);
- Rentals (not one time equipment rental);
- Single items costing \$3,000.00 or more;
- Apple iPads (contact Beth Wheeler for an official quote);
- Professional Services;
- T-shirts;

• Purchases from Sam's Club (call or email for a reserved PO number);

• All purchases exceeding \$25,000.00 (including sole-source) and repetitive purchases that can be reasonably expected to exceed \$25,000.00 in one year.

4) Internal Purchase Requisitions require two signatures. One of the signatures must be the V.P. or budget head if authorized by the V.P. Typed names are not signatures.

5) **Quotes** must be attached to all Internal Purchase Requisitions.

6) The **no-bid limit** will become \$25,000.00 beginning July 1, 2012. At least two quotes will be required for purchases of \$5,000.00 or more if not from State or Agency Contract, a Sole Source item (attach Sole-Source Justification form) or where other exemptions apply. Three quotes are preferred if over \$10,000.00.



Please remember: for **travel expense reimbursement**, maps and driving mileage documentation are required for all travel other than intercampus to/from Oconee, which has a set mileage of 43 miles each direction.

For your convenience, maps and driving directions have been added to the Business Affairs web page. You may print these when you have mileage reimbursement requests for mileage to NGCSU (round trip—double the mileage); or mileage to UC|400 (round trip—double the mileage).

Also, please remember to attach documentation that shows what the travel is for. This supporting documentation is a state auditor requirement.

Travel reimbursements that do not have the proper documentation cannot be processed for reimbursement.



July 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Kelly Dahlin—G Hashim Saber—G	2 Alla Balueva—G Justin Earnest—O	3 Lynnette Berdanier—G Phillip Guerty—G	4  Campuses Closed Kristie Kiser—G	5 Nina Lamson—O Marsha Norris—O	6 Joy Evans—G Peggy Strickland—G Jack Whidden—G	7	
8 Christy Dearden—G Anne Hare—G Al Walters—G	9 Barbara Carpenter—G Bonnie Jones—G	10 Kya Reaves—G Gina Reed—G	11 Chris Barnes—O Joel Cantrell—G Jay Miller—G	12 Jim Hammond—G	13 Tashiana Cheeks—G David Smith—G	14 Teresa Leckie—G Mark Nabors—G	
15	16	17 Michelle Brown—O Charles Burrage—O	18 Summer Scholars Graduation	19 Linnea Haag—G Jianjun Yang—G	20 Jennifer Schneider—G	21 SOAR Corey Young—G	
22	23 LifeSouth Bloodmobile	24	25	26 Joanna Kim—G Katayoun Mobasher—G	27 Last Day of Summer Flex Time Debbie Pierce—G	28 Bea Chapman—G Malynde Weaver—G	
29 Harry Childers—G Emily Cook—G James Howard—G Heather Howington—G	30 Barbara Arnold—G	31 Stacy Koffman—O	Coming Up: Martha T. Nesbitt Building Dedication—Wed., August 1 Faculty/Staff Welcome Luncheon—Mon., August 6				