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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kudos to **Law Rogers**, director of the Lewis F. Rogers Institute of Environmental and Spatial Analysis, and **Chris Semerjian**, lead GIS faculty member, for their leadership in having the Institute selected to be one of four academic senior partners nationwide to collaborate with the national GeoTech Center, located at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, TX. This collaboration, which comes with a grant from the National Science Foundation, is designed to increase the number of geospatial technicians in this country.

The College hosted a media conference last week to make the announcement, and there was a wonderful article in THE TIMES on Friday, July 25. **Al Panu**, Chair of the Science, Engineering and Technology



*GeoTech Center Media Conference Participants—left to right: Chris Semerjian, Law Rogers, Martha Nesbitt, Al Panu and Kerry Stewart.*

Division, and **Kerry Stewart**, Chair of the Institute's Advisory Board, also participated and pointed out that geospatial education has broad application to other fields.

To receive such national recognition reflects the forward thinking and hard work of **Law, Chris** and others in the SET Division. They have certainly put GSC on the national map in geospatial education.

## FROM THE OCONEE CAMPUS

Four students from the Oconee Campus participated in the first summer internship program with Oconee County. **Jordan Bragg** and **Ben Wentworth** worked in Tourism and Economic Development. Their supervisors were Peggy Holcomb, Tourism Director, and Rusty Haygood, Economic Development Director. Parks and Recreation student interns **Will Smith** and **Blake Austin** assisted with Summer Day Camp, supervised by Whitney Byce, Youth Program Coordinator. Nine students interviewed for the positions; the four students selected worked June and July for Oconee County. In addition to their Oconee County salaries, the interns received co-curricular credit. We're hopeful that this is the first of many summer internship opportunities for GSC students.

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## IMPORTANT COLLEGE BUSINESS

- ◆ **Remember**— the College will return to the **Friday 3pm** closing time beginning with the week of **August 11**.
- ◆ **Clarification and Reminder from Human Resources**— Anyone currently employed at Gainesville State College (GSC) who is interested in applying for another GSC position is expected to include copies of transcripts, resume, application, etc., at the time of turning in an application packet. Resumes submitted with notations such as “transcripts on file” or “application on file” are generally viewed negatively by the search committees as being incomplete. If a GSC employee is applying for more than one position, a complete application packet must be turned in for each position. These materials are essential for search committee review and consideration for the position. Individuals who do not maintain a copy of transcripts, should personally obtain a copy from HR for staff employees or from Academic Affairs for faculty employees in preparation of a fully complete

application packet. Please remember also that current GSC employees should have completed their six month provisional period to be eligible to apply for another campus position. Individual's who have been employed at GSC less than six months would need the current supervisors permission to make application for another GSC position. Permission is not required for individuals who have been employed more than six months. If you have any questions or concerns about this reminder please contact Julia Hewell at ext. 3782 or email at [jhewell@gsc.edu](mailto:jhewell@gsc.edu).

- ◆ **Vice President for Academic Affairs Update**—The search for our next Vice President for Academic Affairs is underway. Advertising for this position will begin within the next week. The deadline for all applications and materials is October 1, 2008. Please contact Dr. Diane Cook if you have any questions.

## RINGING OUR BELLS



**Jeanne White** received an award from [www.hashi.org](http://www.hashi.org). Jeanne is pictured above teaching English to a kindergarten class in Japan.

- ◆ **In October of 2007**, **Chris Semerjian** and other members of the IESA in collaboration with Del Mar College, located in Corpus Christi, Texas, submitted an Advanced Technology Education grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to create a National Geospatial Education Center which would include regional Geospatial Education Centers. On June 16, 2008, Chris was notified that GSC had received a four-year **\$360,000** grant to establish the College as the Southeastern Regional Geospatial Education Center. Through this grant Chris will work with high schools, technical colleges, two-year colleges and four-year institutions in Georgia to create a Seamless Geospatial Education model for the state of Georgia. This model will then be used by other states in the southeast and the nation to create such programs in their states. This is an extremely distinguished honor for GSC, IESA and Chris. Our hats are off to Chris and the other members of IESA for establishing GSC as a nationally recognized geospatial education center.

- ◆ **Congratulations to the Theatre Department** (especially Beth Kendall) for their receipt of a **\$10,320.68** grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts. These grant funds will be used to assist with operating expenses for the Theatre.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION—ON COURSE

### Driver's Education & Defensive Driving

- ◆ The National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course—**Aug. 9, Sat. 8am-3pm** Fee: \$35 (insurance only) or \$75 (points reduction)

### Personal Interest

- ◆ Oil Painting—**Aug. 7-21, Thurs., 6-9pm** Fee: \$59 (+supplies)
- ◆ Conversational English—**Aug. 26-Oct 2, Tues. & Thurs., 6-7:30pm** Fee: \$80

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN](http://WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN) OR CALL (678) 717-3605

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **GATEWAY HOUSE** needs list: **Children's Program:** Individually wrapped snacks. **Shelter needs:** Paper towels, liquid hand soap, Comet, SOS pads, dryer sheets, laundry detergent, Lysol spray cleaner w/o bleach, furniture polish, diapers—size 4 & 5, baby bottle nipples, Clorox anywhere spray, Solo cups—12 ounces, baby thermometer, Orajel, Neosporin, Kleenex, rolled stretchy gauze, antibacterial cleaning wipes, medium plastic storage containers, 3-ring binders, pre-paid gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target and local grocery stores as well as pre-paid gas cards are also welcome. Please take your donations to Paula Arckivy in the Regis-

trar's Office, Betsy Cantrell in OPIR or Leora Myers in the President's Office. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

### Oconee Campus

- ◆ There will be a **Project Safe Volunteer Training Session**, September 15, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Individuals interested in becoming a Project Safe volunteer, please email [projectvolunterr@yahoo.com](mailto:projectvolunterr@yahoo.com) or call the business line at 706-549-0922.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Aug. 12—Annual Faculty/Staff Fall Breakfast—8am—Gym
- ◆ Aug. 13 & 14—Fall Registration
- ◆ Aug. 18-29—Weeks of Welcome (WOW)
- ◆ Aug. 27—WOW Picnic & Club/Vendor Fair, 12noon & 5pm—Quad

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE FAMILY

- ◆ Congratulations to **Kelly Dahlin** on the birth of her new baby boy, James Nainoa Dahlin, born on July 22. He weighed in at 8lbs 6oz and measured 21.5 inches long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

## COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

### Oconee Campus

#### Academic Success-

- ◆ **Aug. 25—Succeeding in your Math Classes**, 12-1pm, SRC Room 512
- ◆ **Sept. 24—Overcoming Test Anxiety**, 12-1pm, SRC Rm 512
- ◆ **Oct. 8—Choosing a Major**, 12-1pm SRC Room 512
- ◆ **Nov. 5—Fueling up for Finals**, 12 pm-1pm, SRC Room 512

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1  <i>Rebecca Homan-GC</i>	2	
3  <i>Margaret Bailey-GC Gail Barksdale-GC Peggy Holton-GC James Thompson-GC</i>	4  <i>Joyce Ferguson-GC Erin Williams-OC</i>	5  <i>Michelle Garcia-GC</i>	6	7  <i>Melissa Adams-OC John Ash-GC Charles Bell-GC Mack Palmour-GC Gabriel Reyes-GC</i>	8  <i>Jeremy Baillif-GC</i>	9	
10  <i>Beth Wheeler-GC</i>	11 <b>8:30-5- New Personnel Orientation</b> <b>6-8pm—New Adjunct Faculty Orientation</b>	12 <b>8am-Annual Fall Bkfst &amp; F/S Mtgs</b> <i>Crystal Allred-OC Danny Lau-GC Jeanine Merck-GC Steven Nettis-OC Christina Reed-GC</i>	13 <b>9-5—Registration</b>  <i>Alex Lowrey-GC</i>	14 <b>9-5—Registration</b>	15 <b>9-12—Standing Committee Meetings</b>	16  <i>Jennifer Graff-GC</i>	
17  <i>Katheryn Hunt-GC Katherine Kipp-GC Margaret Williamson-OC</i>	18 <b>First Day of Classes</b>  <i>Matias Perez- Minambres-GC</i>	19  <i>Mary Carney-GC</i>	<b>WEEK OF WELCOME (WOW) 18-29</b>			22	23  <i>Karen Banks-GC Christopher Bell-GC Sheree Gravenhorst-GC Cheryl Harris-GC</i>
24	25  <i>Michael Worth-OC</i>	26  <i>Melanie Allen-GC</i>	27  <i>André Cheek-GC Emily Kittrell-OC Clint Manning-GC</i>	28  <i>Brenda Adams-GC</i>	29  <i>Preston Coleman-OC</i>	30  <i>Serkan Hekimoglu-OC</i>	
31  <i>Carla Gibbs-GC</i>							