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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Because we have been mandated by the University System to have three furlough days for our faculty and staff for each semester of the 2009-10 academic year, we have recommended and have received approval for these days in the fall semester to be September 8, November 25, and December 21. (We are changing our holiday schedule from December 21 to December 31. This was done because of some pay schedule issues.)

When we received the directive and draft guidelines from the System Office, I assembled a task force of staff and faculty to determine what days we would recommend for fall semester. The biggest challenge comes from the fact that we CANNOT cancel any classes for furlough purposes.

Exceptions to furloughs are employees whose annualized salaries fall below, or would fall below if furloughed, \$23,660. (again, a System mandate)

The days chosen are adjacent to already established holidays and we will be closing the campuses for the full weekends and holidays involved. Thus, the campuses will be closed all of Labor Day weekend plus Tuesday, the 8th; the entire Thanksgiving holiday weekend beginning on Wednesday, the 25th, the 19th of December through the 27th, and the entire New Year's weekend beginning on the 31st of December.

Not only will we save on utilities, but these will provide longer holiday periods, a small way to alleviate the pain. The furlough task force will meet shortly after the beginning of fall semester to recommend the plan for spring semester. Members are Danny Lau, Eric Skipper, John Hamilton, Wanda Aldridge, Mack Palmour, Betsy Cantrell, Rebecca Homan, and Amy Collins.

FROM THE OCONEE CAMPUS

The Summer 2009, Social Sciences Student Research Poster Session, was held on the Oconee campus July 23. Nine poster projects from **Dr. Nina Lamson's** Human Growth and Development class were presented, of which one project was selected for a \$25 award. The winning poster was "Schemas" by **Stephanie Taylor**. Thanks to **Sara Zerkel** for her assistance in preparing the materials, **Dr. Lamson** for organizing the event, and to **Dr. Amy Reeder, Dr. Pamela Sezgin, Dr. Serkan Hekimoglu, and Dr. Chris Barnes** who volunteered to serve as judges. Finally, a big thanks goes out to Dr. Lamson's husband, Ken Lamson, for providing dinner and desserts.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On July 28, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in partnership with the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute, recognized Hall County as being one of the top three counties in the state reaching the most number of families through the P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error) program. This is a free program coordinated by Gainesville State College Division of Continuing Education and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. **Gainesville State College Division of Continuing Education** received the **Outstanding Community Service Award**, and three of GSC Continuing Education's Driver's Education instructors, **David Castaldini, Chuck Treadway, and Betsy Ronzo**, received the **Outstanding Instructor Award**.
- **Congratulations to the GSC SIFE** on winning Second Place Nationally in the Campbell Soup "Let's Can Hunger" Business Plan Competition! The project team leader was Brittany Moon, and we had a number of important partners including the Oakwood Police Department, Beth Robbins, Campbell Soup Co., Alton Edge Wrecker Service, Skate Country in Buford, the Office of Student Life, and the South Hall Kiwanis Club. Thank you to all who participated in any of our canned food drives or our "Let's Smash Hunger" car smash!
- **Richard Goodson** chaired the Emergency Operations Planning Committee (for Bruce Holmes at the Board of Regents) that developed the training program and video that is being used statewide to train faculty, staff and students about what actions to take to respond to an active shooter incident. The program titled "Plan, Prepare and React" is now being taught around the state as part of a Train the Trainer concept. Gainesville State College together with UGA, GA Tech, NGCSU, and Clayton State University were all part of the committee that put this effort together. Steve Harris at UGA worked with the Media Relations and the Theater Department at UGA to complete the video portion of the class. The committee developed and approved the script. **Bernard Larkin** also

went to the training in Athens to be qualified to instruct the class. He will be one of a few selected officers from each college or university around the state qualified to teach this class. The class is a prerequisite for obtaining the materials presented. Richard would like to recognize Officer Larkin for this effort.

From the Oconee Campus

- **Learn how to eliminate tobacco use and smoking from your life** in a safe and supportive educational group facilitated by Ed Glauser, Alcohol and Other Drugs/Wellness Specialist, GSC - Oconee Campus (After the four week group is over, optional offering for participants to do individual clinical hypnosis and self-hypnosis with Mr. Glauser who is trained by the American Society for Clinical Hypnosis) Space is limited. Four One Hour Sessions - Saturdays at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., September 19, 26, October 3 and 10. For more information and to sign up for the FREE class, email Mr. Glauser at eglauser@gsc.edu.

DON'T FORGET!
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7,
IS THE LAST
1:00 FRIDAY

OCONEE WELLNESS EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER '09

(Great Topics, Optional Academic Extra Credit, Co-Curricular Credit, Free Refreshments by Café:ine)

"Diversity According to Family Guy and South Park"

Wednesday, September 23, 12 -1 p.m., Room 522

Featuring Matt Glowacki (Inspirational National Speaker)

"Nutrition & Taking Charge of your Health"

Wednesday, September 23, 6-7 p.m., Room 522

Featuring GSC Students Clay Boutte and Caitlin Bozarth

(A Supplemental Segment will focus on Diabetes Prevention)

CONTINUING EDUCATION—ON COURSE

Computer Classes

6-Hour One-Day—All one-day classes meet from 9am-4pm.
Fee: \$119

- **Basic MS Word 2007**, Thursday, September 17
- **Basic Quickbooks I**, Friday, September 18
- **Basic MS Excel 2007**, Thursday, September 24

6-Hour One-Day—All one-day classes meet from 9am-4pm.
Fee: \$99

- **MS Windows: All You Need To Know**, Tuesday, Sept. 15

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

COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Have You Taken on Too Much?

Presented by: Dr. Joy Evans

Thursday, August 20
12 noon & 5pm

Counseling & Career Services Office
Student Center

Study Skills Workshop

Presented by: Major Nelson

Thursday, August 25
12 noon & 5pm

Counseling & Career Services Office
Student Center

RINGING OUR BELLS

- **Dr. Barbara Carpenter** organized and **Dr. Maryellen Cosgrove** facilitated a GACE Content Workshop on August 5 for 30 ECE students. Michael Sears from the GAE (Georgia Association of Educators) led the workshop.
- On August 7, 2009, **Leslie Worthington** presented a paper, "Huck Finn Rides Again: Reverberations of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in William Faulkner's *The Rivers* and Cormac McCarthy's *Suttree*" at The Sixth International Conference on the State of Mark Twain Studies which was sponsored by the Center for Mark Twain Studies at Elmira College in Elmira, New York. Twain's wife Olivia attended the college, and he wrote several of his novels at her family's farm close by. This year's conference was held in observance of the centennial of Twain's death.

gave this paper at the conference on Pico Island, in the Azores, Portugal, at the end of May, thanks to partial funding from the Greenlines Institute. The conference brought together anthropologists, historic preservationists, and museum professionals from all over the world. Dr. Sezgin also spent a few days touring world heritage sites as a guest of the municipality of Madelena, including local vineyards that utilize volcanic rock to insulate the grapevines from the unpredictable Atlantic weather, and participated in the Espirito Santo, a local religious festival on Pico Island. Dr. Sezgin spent a week in Lisbon, Portugal, visiting the world famous Gulbenkian Art Museum, the City Museum, Al Fama, the Fado Museum, and the San Geronimo Monastery, an example of Manueline architecture.

From the Oconee Campus

- **Dr. Pam Sezgin's** paper, "History as Others' Spaces: Using Foucault's Heterotopia to Explore Intangible Heritage in Istanbul," was recently published in the Proceedings of the Sharing Cultures 2009 International Conference on Intangible Heritage (Barcelos, Portugal: Greenlines Institute for Sustainable Development, 2009). Dr. Sezgin

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE FAMILY



- Congratulations to **Janyce Cole's** first grandbaby, Zack Nathaniel. He was born July 18@6:37 a.m. Weighing 7lbs. 10ozs.
- Our deepest sympathy goes to **Cathy Hicks** for the loss of her brother, Doug Satterfield. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
- Our deepest sympathy goes to **Terri Carroll** for the loss of her mother, Jeanette Bogucki. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **New Personnel Orientation**, August 11, CE Building - Room 108, 8:15am
- **Annual Fall Breakfast for faculty, staff and retirees**, August 12, 8 am, Gym
- **SOAR and Registration**, August 13
- **Fall Classes Begin**, August 17
- **Week Of Welcome (WOW)**, August 17-28
- **Joe & Lefty**—Spray Can Art, August 18, Oconee
- **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
- **E-Recycling**, August 29, CE Building Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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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). He 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.