



President's Corner

As part of the Weeks of Welcome activities being coordinated by the Office of Student Life and the WOW committee, I had the opportunity to take part in the "Pizza with the President" events on both the Gainesville and Oconee Campuses. The GSC Alumni Association sponsored the events, and they were very successful.

I shook a lot of hands and was very impressed with our students and our alumni who came back for the events. Thank you to all the faculty and staff members who have and will participate in this year's WOW events. They certainly do offer opportunities for our students to "Explore the Possibilities!"

We have taken another major step toward consolidation with North Georgia College & State University and have established admission and tuition plans that support the broad mission of the soon-to-be University of North Georgia. Effective for fall semester 2013, prospective students will apply to the degree program of their choice. This will include the associate, baccalaureate and graduate programs. Each program will have admissions standards that are independent from the location in which the program resides. Not all levels of degrees or programs of study will be available on all campuses. For example, there are currently no bachelor's degree programs offered at the Oconee campus, nor any associate's degrees, other than nursing, in Dahlonega. Unless otherwise specified, tuition rates will be based on academic degree level. Students enrolled in the associate degree programs will be charged the state college tuition rate. Students enrolled in the baccalaureate degree programs will be charged the state

university tuition rate. Students enrolled in graduate degree programs will be charged the tuition rate for that particular program. This plan and consolidation of the two schools preserves and enhances academic, financial and geographic access to higher education, which are so important to the students of this region. University administrators intend to create processes that support seamless transition between campuses and degree programs, as needed, to facilitate students' continued progress toward degree completion.

I encourage you to visit the following link for more information about the plan and FAQs: <http://www.gscngcsu.org/admission-and-tuition-plan-determined-for-consolidated-university/>.

J. Randy Pierce

Save for a rainy day by investing in the GSC Foundation.

Watch for details of the September 10 kickoff of the annual Faculty/Staff Campaign in the next **TOWER TALK**.



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Foundation sponsors Innovative Staff Awards

GSC and the GSC Foundation value innovation and experimentation to facilitate progress and to advance knowledge. The Innovative Staff Award program, begun in 2011, offers funding from the Foundation for staff members who desire an opportunity to try something innovative and experimental in their line of work but have not had the financial resources to do so.

Permanent full-time and part-time staff may submit an application to the Staff Council for a \$500 stipend for the development and implementation of an innovative idea. This award will be given twice a year to selected applicants whose proposals advance institutional excellence.

An appropriate proposal, for example, may resolve problems with creative solutions that result in increased efficiency and productivity. The award may cultivate new approaches to service, fresh ways to share knowledge or information, imaginative methods for enhancing quality of life on our campuses, or other inspired work that supports the College's mission.

Applications for Fall 2012 are due October 16. For more information, please contact **Connie Esford** (cesford@gsc.edu) at 678-717-3930.

✓ Mark your calendar:

- Wed., Aug. 22** **CALM Open House.** 9 - 11 AM and 4 - 6:30 PM, Dunlap/Mathis Building, GC. Continues on Thurs., Aug. 23 at the same times.
- Wed., Aug. 22** **WOW Picnic, Club, and Vendor Fair.** Noon - 1 PM and 5 - 6 PM, Quad, GC.
- Wed., Aug. 29** **GSC Night with the Gwinnett Braves.** 6 PM Reception, 7:05 PM Game. *Sponsored by the Alumni Association.*
- Mon., Sept. 3** **Labor Day.** CAMPUSES CLOSED.

Rosetta Stone software is available

Rosetta Stone language learning software is free to use for faculty and staff. Three languages—Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), and Spanish (Latin American)—are available. Users must have a USB headset with microphone, and the software must be installed on the user's computer.

To install, click the **Microsoft start** button on your computer. Go to **GSC Menu** file, then go to the **Languages** file and click on the **Install Rosetta Stone** button. Once the installation is complete, you may need to reboot the computer.

To use: from the **Microsoft start** button, go to the **Programs** file. Click on the **Rosetta Stone** button, then click on the **Rosetta Stone Network Version 3** file, and then on the next **Rosetta Stone Network Version 3** file.

You will be prompted to enter an IP address. Enter: **ocd**. In the box, enter: Username: **facstaff**; Password: **world**; Service: **ocd**. Click the Sign In button.

Remember the Username and Password; you will be prompted to enter these each time you log into Rosetta Stone. Once you are signed in, you may choose the study program you would like to use and begin.

CTLL has no means of electronically monitoring your use of this software. In order to evaluate its usefulness, please let **Mary Carney** (CTLL Director) know how the software is working for you by sending a brief email with your evaluation of the product to mcarney@gsc.edu.

Ringling Our Bells

Assistant Professor **Tonya Butler-Collins** and **Dr. Vincent K. Ramsey** completed the eight-day intensive Certified Natural Health Provider program held in Indianapolis, IN from July 14 to 21. This certification allows them the ability to provide holistic health and nutrition counseling to a wide variety of populations.

Brad Strickland has published an electronic version of *Atlanta Bones*, a hardboiled detective story reminiscent of John D. MacDonald's Travis McGee stories, on Amazon.com. The novel is

under the pen name of Ken McKea and is available for Kindle at Amazon.com and for all other e-readers at Smashwords.com.

Jerry Zawacki, a retired educator from Florida, teaches GSCE 1101 on the Gainesville Campus. He and his former teammates from the 1960 Ohio University football team have been selected as the first inductees in the team category into the Kermit Blosser Ohio Athletics Hall of Fame. The team will be honored at the Ohio University Alumni Awards Gala on October 12, 2012.

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Announcements



❖ **CALM.** The Center for Adult Learners and Military (CALM) will be holding an Open House for the Military Resource Center On Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23 from 9 AM to 11 AM and 4 PM to 6:30 PM. Stop by the Center in Dunlap/Mathis to see the wonderful resources the center provides to our military students (veterans, active duty, reservist, national guard, and military spouse and/or children). For more information, contact **Christy Orr**, CALM Coordinator—corr@gsc.edu.

❖ **Chart of Accounts.** The updated Chart of Accounts for FY13 is available on the Business Affairs web page. New departments and clubs have been added; in addition, the FUND code for some departments has been changed. If your department has been changed, the FUND code will be in bold type. Please use this number for all future POs, P-Card purchases, check requests, travel, etc.

❖ **Parking Permits.** All vehicles on campus are required to properly display a parking permit. Parking permits can be obtained at the Public Safety Office and Business Affairs Office. After 5 PM, permits can be obtained in the Student Life Office in the Student Center. Public Safety will begin issuing parking tickets for "No Parking Permit" on Monday, August 20.

❖ **Parking Deck.** Please keep in mind that faculty and staff are not to park in the parking deck. It is being paid for by student fees. Public Safety will be issuing parking tickets to violators.

❖ **Parking Tickets.** If faculty/staff members receive a parking ticket, they will need to go through the appeals process. Please go to the Public Safety website and complete the appeal. *Do not send parking tickets to Public Safety through the interoffice mail.*

❖ **ERS.** Please continue to schedule academic courses through Banner. Nothing has changed with that process. The IT department imports Banner

courses into the Event Request System (ERS) periodically. The ERS should only be used to schedule events. Please contact **Valarie Reeves** (vreeves@gsc.edu) with any questions.

❖ **English Chair.** **Anita Turlington** has been named Interim Chair of English. She replaces **Dr. Leslie Worthington**, who has accepted a role at another institution. Anita served in the English Coordinator/Chair role previously, from 2008-2010, and brings valuable knowledge and experience to the position.

❖ **WOW Club & Vendor Fair.** Please encourage students to attend the Weeks of Welcome Picnic, Club, and Vendor Fair Wednesday, August 22 from noon to 1 PM and 5 to 6 PM on the Gainesville Campus Quad. Students will have the opportunity to have a free meal, pick up information from many vendors in the community, and to learn more about the various clubs/organizations on campus that can enrich their college experience.

The meal is paid through student activity fees, so there is no charge for students' meals, but faculty and staff can purchase a meal ticket for \$5 at the event or at the Student Life Office. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drink, and cookies are on the menu.

Please join this fun event where students will pick up their WOW t-shirts and can win prizes. Call or email **Brenda Adams** (x3847, badams@gsc.edu) with any questions.

❖ **Evening Assistance at Gainesville.** **Byron Drew** is the Gainesville Evening Coordinator, and his office is in the Dunlap/Mathis Building, room 123. He is available 4:45 to 9:45 PM Monday through Thursday. If you work evenings at Gainesville, you are encouraged to program Byron's number (770-480-8383) in your cell phone.

Byron assists those on campus evenings in any way he can, and he encourages individuals to call and ask for whatever

assistance is needed.

Examples of services include: unlocking doors, helping with technical problems, helping with custodial issues, helping with emergencies in and out of class, posting a note cancelling class or asking students to wait, providing weather-related information, events on campus, advising resource, loaning classroom supplies, and providing access to another copier.

❖ **GALILEO Password.** A new GALILEO password became effective on August 15. As before, when on campus, a password will not be necessary to access databases. The same applies off campus if you are using Remote Desktop or Virtual Lab. For off-campus users not using either of these methods to access GALILEO, you must login to your library account to get the password.

In order to comply with consortium rules, library faculty members are unable to provide the GALILEO password via telephone. Present a GSC ID or driver's license to library faculty or staff at the front desk if you would like to receive the password in person. Library guests will be able to use GALILEO while in the library only, without logging in. Guests may not have the password for off-campus use.



Our College Family

Congratulations to **Gloria Bennett** on the birth of her grandson, Dylan Michael Warner. He was born Tuesday, August 7 at 3:13 PM and weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz. Dad and Mom are Jason and Kate Bennett Warner.



Deepest sympathies to **Christy Pruitt** (Plant Ops) and her family on the death of her grandmother, Delia Hamilton, on Wednesday, August 15.

LEARNING CIRCLES FALL 2012

When Johnny and Jane Come Marching Home

How All of Us Can Help Veterans

By: Paula J. Caplan

Facilitated by: Kristin Kelly, GAINESVILLE CAMPUS

Facilitated by: Garfield Anderson, OCONEE CAMPUS

How Learning Works

7 Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching

By: Ambrose, Bridges, DiPietro, Lovett & Norman

Facilitated by: Dede deLaughter, GAINESVILLE CAMPUS

Facilitated by: Emily Sparrow, OCONEE CAMPUS

Completing College

Rethinking Institutional Action

By: Vincent Tinto

Facilitated by: Mary Carney, GAINESVILLE CAMPUS

Facilitated by: Laura Ng, OCONEE CAMPUS

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Center for Teaching,
Learning, and Leadership

Please contact the Center
for Teaching, Learning, and
Leadership with questions.

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How does it work? The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership will purchase the books, form the groups, and assist in scheduling the rooms. While most groups will meet 3-4 times during the semester, some groups may plan to meet 6-7 times during the academic year. Meeting dates and times will be determined by the participating members.

Faculty and staff interested in participating should email Nikki Wilson, nwilson@gsc.edu, by **September 7, 2012**.

www.gsc.edu/facstaff/ctl/programs/Pages/LearningCircles.aspx

Gainesville State College Standing Committees 2012-2013

Committee:	ADMISSIONS GAINESVILLE	ADMISSIONS OCONEE	STUDENT AFFAIRS	LIBRARY/ACTT	COLLOQUIUM	COLLEGE CURRICULUM REVIEW	PROMOTION & TENURE	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	FACULTY SENATE
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