



# TOWER TALK

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## President's Corner

Will it be Golden Eagles, Nighthawks or Warriors? Gainesville State College and North Georgia College & State University current full- and part-time students have an exciting opportunity to vote on the new mascot for the soon-to-be University of North Georgia.

We had Town Hall Meetings on both the Gainesville and Oconee Campuses to announce the three finalists which were well received. Please encourage your students to check their GSC email account for the email that grants them access to the survey and exercise their right to vote. We want GSC students to come out strong and have their voices heard.

Last week, 48 community organizations and 478 students participated in the Volunteer Fair. The School of Social Sciences, Drs. George Dannels and Carly Redding are to be commended for hosting this amazing outreach event. The comments from the vendors were very positive and spoke to the importance of the event. One of the vendors wrote to say, "Thank you all so much for the opportunity! Your event was the most organized Health or Volunteer Fair event I have participated in over the past 30 years! We gained a lot of good exposure as well as contacts for service learning."

Thank you to everyone who helped to create this great opportunity for our students and volunteer organizations.

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On Friday, October 12, Chattahoochee Golf Club will come to life with the fun and excitement of this annual event. Shotgun Start is at 10 a.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The game, which will be played Texas Shamble, will be followed by a reception at 3 p.m.

This annual event has become an important fund raising opportunity for the GSC Alumni Association and Foundation. During the 2011-12 academic year, The GSC Foundation provided \$575,000 for student scholarships and enhanced academic programs at the College. Without the support that the Alumni Association and the Foundation receive from the community, this would not be possible.

The GSC Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Doug and Diane Magnus are serving as this year's Honorary Chairs, and Conditioned Air Systems, Inc. ([www.conditionedairsystems.com](http://www.conditionedairsystems.com)) is the Title Sponsor of this year's Open.

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# GSC Alumni & Friends Golf Open 2012

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Magnus, a Gainesville native and a 1965 graduate of South Hall High School, is the founder and president of Conditioned Air Systems, Inc. In 1967, Magnus was one of the first students to take classes at Gainesville Junior College. At that time, classes were held at the First Baptist Church in Gainesville. After graduating from Gainesville Junior College, in 1972, Magnus attended the University of Georgia for a year, served in the Air-Guard Reserves for six years, and opened Conditioned Air Systems, Inc. in 1982.

Other generous sponsors to date include America's Home Place, American Proteins, American Security Shredding, BatesCarter, Lanier Federal Credit Union, Mar-Jac Poultry, Metro Appraisals, Inc., Milton Martin Toyota, Rushton & Company, Walters Management, Whitehead Die Casting and Hayes Chrysler Jeep Dodge, who will be

offering a Hole-In-One opportunity with a chance to win a Dodge Dart II.

The Alumni Association is in the process of recruiting other sponsors for the event. Sponsorship levels include: Eagle, \$5,000 – includes one team, sponsor's name on electronic sign for one week, sponsor logo on golf shirt, headline spot on tournament banner, and two tee signs; Birdie, \$2,500 – includes one team, name on banner, and two tee signs; Par, \$1,250 – includes name on banner and rule sheet, and one tee sign; Tee Sponsor, \$500 – includes name on banner and company logo on one sign; and, Green, \$125 – includes name on banner and sponsor's name on one sign placed along the cart path.

This year's Golf Committee includes Jeff Barkley, Haley Carter, Jason Chester, Vicki Davis, Rodger Hogan, Brooke Kalinauskas, Diane Magnus, Rita Mandell, Samuel Maysonet, Baya Pruitt,

Ricky Pugh, Chris Stenander, Joyce Stephens, Rich White and James Wright.

The entry fee includes green and cart fees, breakfast, snacks, 2 drink tickets, goodie bag, and a golf shirt.

Prizes will be awarded for winning teams. There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a four-person team. Register early to ensure team placement.

Alumnus and golf pro Jason Chester will again be on hand with his longshot drives.

All alums, faculty, staff, students and parents are eligible to play. To register on-line, visit [www.gsc.edu](http://www.gsc.edu) and click on the golf icon.

Volunteers are also being sought to assist with registration, signage placement and other duties.

For volunteer or sponsorship information, contact GSC Alumni Director **Jennifer Hendrickson** at 678-717-3648 or [jhendrickson@gsc.edu](mailto:jhendrickson@gsc.edu).

## GSC's Newest Police Officer

Gainesville State College Department of Public Safety welcomes their newest member to the Police Department. He is



not new to GSC; he recently transitioned from being a Security Officer at the Oconee Campus to being a Police Officer.

Adan Diaz graduated from the GPSTC – Regional Police Academy- Athens on September 14, 2012. Adan participated in the eleven week, 408 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training course as required by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. The course provides instruction in the area of criminal justice, criminal law, constitutional law, community relations, modern police procedures, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, and first aid training. The completion of the course represents the 255th session graduated by the Academy. He is being congratulated by Captain Bernard Larkin.



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## Ringling Our Bells



DOAS conducted a review of the College's internal Purchasing Card Policy as well as internal documentation related to PCard and Procurement. The Purchasing Card Policy scored 100, a perfect score. The internal related documentation scored in the mid-90's. Congratulations on a job well done to **Maureen Martin** and **Bonnie Jones!**



**Katie Simmons** attended the Board of Directors meeting of Junior Achievement Gainesville at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2012 held at the Wells Fargo board of directors conference room. She also attended the Interactive Neighborhood for Kids, INK Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 18, 2012 held at the Featherbone Community Center in Gainesville.



**Garfield Anderson, Suzanne Anthony and Katie Simmons** accompanied the GSC SIFE team to the Fall 2012 Leadership Conference and SIFE World Cup event held September 28-October 2, 2012 in Washington D.C. The Leadership Conference was sponsored by Walgreens and SIFE USA with more than 25 SIFE donor companies participating in leadership and career development workshops. The SIFE World Cup was hosted by KPMG and the United States State Department. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton delivered the keynote address welcoming SIFE students from 39 countries to the competition. GSC students attending the event enjoyed the cultural fair as well as the first round of competition for the SIFE 2012 World Championship. Students attendees were: William Anthony, Maria Carpio, Matthew Chavez, Travis Ebbert, James Geeter, Anthony Harden, Jade Harden, Garrett Morin, Juan Pardo, Anastasia Roberts, Tuwanda Wilson, Kristin Xiong, and Terri Zeigler. Congratulations to the GSC SIFE team on being recognized

by Campbells as one of the top twenty teams in USA and Mexico in the Let's Can Hunger Project Partnership which focuses on urgent hunger relief. GSC SIFE received a check for \$500 to continue their work in the community.



**Lisa Watson** attended the United States Aquatic Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina from September 12 to 16. She was a Georgia delegate for United States Masters Swimming and participated as a member of the Sports Medicine and Fitness Education committees. Lisa also attended the SCW Fitness Convention in Marietta from July 27 to 29.



**Dottie Blais** (English Department) presented an excerpt from her full-length comedy, *Pushing 40*, at the Southern Women Writers Conference at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, on September 21. GSC's **Gloria Bennett, Kya Reaves, and Leslie Worthington** assisted in the presentation by reading the parts of three women who share frustrations about their changing bodies over lunch after a vigorous zumba workout. At the same conference, **Kya Reaves**, former colleague, **Leslie Worthington**, and **Gloria Bennett** presented a poetry reading as part of a creative writing panel. They read original works in several categories: girlhood, womanhood, motherhood, and selfhood. At the end of the reading, they answered questions from the audience.



## Flu vaccines will be covered at 100%

For employees enrolled in the Open Access POS health insurance plan, HSA Open Access POS plan, or BlueChoice HMO, flu vaccines will be covered at 100% regardless of the place of service. Employees may go to their local pharmacy for their flu vaccines (e.g., Kroger, CVS, Walgreens).

To be reimbursed, the employee will need to pay out-of-pocket at the point of service and fax a copy of his receipt and member ID card to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia Board of Regents dedicated fax line at 1-877-868-7950. A reimbursement check will be mailed to the employee's home address on file at BCBSGa.

As always, if the employee goes to his doctor to get the flu vaccine, the claim will be filed for him and paid at 100% if the doctor is an in-network provider. A vaccine obtained at an out-of-network provider would be covered at the amount allowed for out-of-network benefits of the employee's plan, which would not be at 100%.

Employees enrolled in the Kaiser HMO must visit Kaiser facilities to get the flu vaccine covered at 100%. Flu shots at the local pharmacy will not be covered under the Kaiser HMO plan.

*Bennett, Reaves, Blais and Worthington*

# New travel policy is available on GSC website

The new state-wide travel policy is available on the Business Affairs web page under "travel."

Please remember to date your travel expense forms; the new policy states: "Travelers should submit expenses . . . substantiating the amount, date, use and business purpose of expenses, ideally within 10 days of the completion of the trip but no later than 45 calendar days. Expenses submitted in excess of 45 calendar days may not be reimbursed." (State of Georgia—SAO Statewide Accounting Policy & Procedure, page 6).

When requesting meal reimbursement, please be sure to note the time of departure and return. Meals are reimbursed on a per-diem basis. If departure is before 6:30 AM, breakfast is allowed. If return is after 7:30 PM, dinner is allowed. Otherwise, these meals are NOT reimbursable. Also, meals that are furnished and are part of a conference are not reimbursable to the employee.

Meals in Georgia are: \$6—Breakfast; \$7—Lunch; \$15—Dinner. High Cost areas of GA are limited to Chatham, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Glynn, and

## Students celebrate Constitution Day

On Constitution Day, 9/17, the Politically Incorrect Club, Young Americans for Liberty, the Student Veteran Association, and the GSC Brass Band put on a celebration of the U.S. Constitution in the Nesbitt Building Lobby. Our Constitution was read aloud as U.S. Constitution booklets and voter registration forms were given to passersby.

Joshua Austin, president of the Politically Incorrect Club, said young people are only getting one side of the story when they limit political discussions to family. That is why he feels discussing the issues with a diverse group of people is important.

Gwinnett counties, with the higher rate of \$7—Breakfast; \$9—Lunch; \$20—Dinner.

For out-of-state travel, please see the link on the Business Affairs web page for federal per-diem rates.

Receipts are required for all expenses, other than mileage, which requires a map/driving directions; and for meals, which are paid on a per-diem basis.

Mileage should be calculated to/from GSC, if you are traveling during the regular work week, unless your residence is closer to/from the destination. For weekends and holidays, you may use

## Employees should get Desire2Learn training

—by *Mary Carney, Director of CTLL*

For those whose departments use the eLearning system, please make sure that your staff and faculty know that they should get training for Desire2Learn (D2L) this fall. Please help us emphasize the importance of these workshops and training tools.

Desire2Learn (the new eLearning) Training is here!

Our eLearning management system will be changing from Blackboard Vista to Desire2Learn (D2L) in January 2013. Faculty who use eLearning for course enhancement (e.g., grades) or who teach hybrid and fully online courses will need to learn this new platform. In support of that effort, we are pleased to announce that the Distance Education Committee members <<http://www.gsc.edu/academics/eLearning/faculty/Pages/eLearningFacultyLiaisons.aspx>> have volunteered to lead D2L training workshops on both campuses.

The dates, times, and locations can be viewed at this link: <http://www.gsc.edu/facstaff/ctl1/workshops/Pages/default.aspx>. The workshops will be available from mid-September to early November. We strongly encourage you to participate in these workshops as face-to-face

your residence, even if it is more miles.

Intercampus to/from Gainesville Campus/Oconee Campus has a set mileage of 43 miles each direction (86 round trip).

Please do not leave the department number blank on Travel Expense Forms. It is important that the department number and name is filled in so that the correct department's budget is charged for travel.

Travel that does not have proper documentation to show travel purpose will be returned, thus delaying the reimbursement to the employee.

training efforts afterwards will strictly be Q&A "drop-in" (dates forthcoming). Workshop topics are:

- Overview & Migrated Courses
- Using Gradebook
- Quizzes, Surveys, & Self-Assessments
- Dropbox/Discussions
- Communication/News/Calendar/Creating & Managing Course Content

You can find additional information at the D2L Training Resources page: <http://www.gsc.edu/academics/eLearning/faculty/Pages/D2LTraining-Resources.aspx>.

Prior to attending a workshop, please review the materials on that topic in the "Self-paced Tutorial," which can be found on your D2L homepage.

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## ✓ Mark your calendar:

- Thurs., Oct. 4** **Blood Drive.** 8 AM - 5 PM, SRC, Rooms 512 and 522, OC. Sponsored by Student Life
- Mon., Oct. 8** **Columbus Day.**
- Tues., Oct. 9** **Artist's Talk & Reception.** 2 - 3 PM, Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, GC. Artist Jennifer Hartley discusses her exhibit, "embrace."
- Fri., Oct. 12** **GSC Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament.** Chattahoochee Country Club, Gainesville. 10 AM Shotgun Start.
- Thurs., Oct. 18** **Otis Under Sky.** 7 PM, Room 3110, Martha T. Nesbitt Building, GC. Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers. Meet Director Anlo Sepulveda.

## Announcements

Volunteers are being asked to help out at the annual GSC Alumni & Friends Golf Open at the Chattahoochee Golf Club on Friday, October 12. Help is needed with registration, food and beverages, watching course holes, and the raffle. A few extra hands are also needed on Thursday, October 4 from 2 to 4 PM as goody bags will be stuffed in the President's Conference Room (GC). Email Jennifer at [jhendrickson@gsc.edu](mailto:jhendrickson@gsc.edu) if you'd like to volunteer. Include your name, email address, cell phone number, and availability in your email.

Sponsorship and player opportunities are also available. Call Jennifer (678-717-3648) for more information.



Applications for the Fall 2012 Innovative Staff Awards (made possible by the GSC Foundation) are due October 16, 2012. The \$500 award is available to permanent full- and part-time staff 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. For an application form and more information, please contact Connie Esford ([cesford@gsc.edu](mailto:cesford@gsc.edu) or 678-717-3930).



On 9/24/12 GSC student Stephen Hall, Jr.



spoke to the Politically Incorrect Club about working on Martha Zoller's congressional campaign. He answered questions about what kinds of campaign work he did, what he learned about politics from his campaign experiences, and how students can get involved in such campaigns. He made an excellent presentation without notes that was much appreciated by the students.



Congratulations to **Interim President Randy Pierce** on the birth of his granddaughter, Yeats Dupree Yarbrough. She arrived on Thursday, September 13 and weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. Baby Yeats is pictured here with her grandmother, Claire Pierce.



Congratulations, also, to **Debbie Krewson** on the birth of her first granddaughter, Caitlin Jane Krewson, on Friday, September 21. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.



## Appointment Plus Training Info!!

Take advantage of a new software when you advise or hold other meetings this year: Appointment-Plus. Appointment-plus, an online appointment-booking system, is an easy, convenient way to schedule student appointments. It allows you to set your own dates/times for student appointments, reject or confirm appointments, and send reminder emails to students. Sessions will be offered on the following schedule.

Gainesville Campus: Mon., Oct. 1, 12:00 noon, Science Building, Room 257 and Mon., Oct. 8, 12:00 noon, Nesbitt Building, Room 2100

Oconee Campus: Wed., Sept. 26, 12:00 noon, Room 304 and Wed., Oct. 10, 12:00 noon, Room 304

To register, please visit the CTLL website. If you require additional information, please contact Nikki Wilson ([nwilson@gsc.edu](mailto:nwilson@gsc.edu)).

# GSC Mediation Tournament Dr. Tinto Schedule

GSC students Gina Schwartz and Kiran Singh took home top awards from the GSC Fall Mediation Tournament which started the 20th of August and just wrapped up. At the Fall Mediation Tournament Awards Ceremony held Wednesday, 9/19, Human Services Administration major Gina Schwartz earned the coveted Mary Lou Frank Award which is the top award offered to the overall winner of the Varsity Mediation Team competitors. Schwartz is also the President of the Mediation



among 91 novice competitors. Both Gina Schwartz (shown below left) and Kiran Singh (shown above right) will be competing this fall representing GSC at intercollegiate and national tournaments.



Club and has competed in National and International Tournaments. In 2011 she was a member of the GSC Mediation Team that won the National Mediation Tournament of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution. GSC student Kiran Singh, a Biology major, won top honors in the Novice Division of the Fall Mediation Tournament, having the highest composite score from

Other students who were presented top awards at the Fall Mediation Tournament Awards Ceremony are as follows. First Place Winners from the Varsity Division were Penny Hollis, Concepcion Rodriguez, Kiran Singh (who competed in both Divisions), Gina Schwartz, Will Rigdon, Fernando Gonzalez, and Amy Broome. First Place Winners from the Novice Division were Nick Kaye, Emily Knight, Karina Ciceu, Donna Jones, Tim Brown, Kiran Singh, Bailey Daigle, Mary Jackson, and Peter Rosselot. Advisors to the Mediation Club and team are faculty members Dr. Charles Preston and Ray-Lynn Snowden, J.D., from the Communication, Media Studies, and Journalism Department.

## Dr. Vincent Tinto to visit GSC

GSC is proud to announce that we will be hosting internationally-recognized expert on student success Dr. Vincent Tinto. Please join us for one or more of the events to be held on Thursday, October 11, on both campuses. Dr. Tinto's message resonates deeply with our institution especially in light of the college completion agenda. His message is grounded in long-standing research on student success, evidenced by his books *Completing College: Rethinking Institutional Action* (University of

Chicago Press, 2012) and *Leaving College: Rethinking the Causes and Cures of Student Attrition* (University of Chicago Press, 1987 and 1993). In order to plan effectively, please RSVP, indicating the particular event(s) you will attend. Do so by going to our registration page: <http://www.gsc.edu/facstaff/ctl/workshops/Pages/default.aspx> OR by emailing Nikki Wilson at [nwilson@gsc.edu](mailto:nwilson@gsc.edu). The complete schedule is shown to the right. edu.

Thursday, October 11, 2012

Oconee Campus --

8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Oconee 522

### One Institution, Multiple Campuses: Student Success at Oconee

Dr. Tinto will speak to the challenge and opportunities for an institution with one mission, multiple campuses, and diverse demographics.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Oconee 522

### Leadership Conversation

Dr. Tinto will meet with Oconee leaders to continue the discussion of fostering student success, focused especially on the unique needs of Oconee campus.

Gainesville Campus --

12:30-1:30 p.m., Nesbitt 3110 & video-conferenced to Oconee 522

### Student Success Does Not Arise by Chance (public lecture followed by Q&A)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Nesbitt 3110

### Book Signing and Reception

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Nesbitt 5105

### Leadership Conversation

Brief presentation and discussion regarding the role of leaders in fostering student success at an institution with one mission, multiple campuses, and diverse demographics

4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Nesbitt 2214

### Considering Student Success in the Context of Complete College Georgia

Dr. Tinto will briefly speak of his research in the context of Complete College America and then open the floor to discussion

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	1 Trudy Couch—G Rick Crain—G Alvin Johnson—O Bill Moody—G John Roberts—G	2 David Coons—O Anthony Healy—G	3 Fall Fling (GC) Diana Edelman-Young—G	4 Blood Drive (OC) Lesa Chadderton—G	5 Mike Childs—O	6 Philip Branyon—G
7 Alicia Caudill—G	8  Columbus Day	9 Artist's Reception (GC)	10 Fall Carnival (OC) Marni Brown—G Tiffany Haymore—O	11 PTK Inductions OC, 11AM/GC, 5 PM John Davis—G Curtis Loggins—G Rebecca Ross—G Wallace Scott—G Xiaofang Shi—O Carolyn Swindle—G	12 Gainesville State College Alumni & Friends Golf Open 	13 Lead Like Laker Leadership Conference Hernan Borda—G Charles Burchfield—G Phil Patterson—G
14 Edward Wai-Ming Lai—G John Williams—O	15 Karen Dodson—G James Haymore—G Jennifer Hendrickson—G Valarie Reeves—G Laurin Smith—G Christy Yeager—G	16 Bev Hall—G Cayse Wilson—G Clet Wingo—G	17 Sean Herlihy—G Gail Palmer—G	18 "Otis Under Sky" (Independent Film—GC) Joyne Roper—G Skip Trimpe—O	19 Angie Murrell—O	20 Oconee Open House Cathy Hicks—G
21	22 Justin Brewster—G Leverett Butts—G Geran Dodson—G Mike LaMar—O Elie Viviani—G	23 Stage Tour - "The Producers" Shaun Capuy—G Patrick Davis—G Glen Kyle—G	24	25 Poe Down (GC) Jeff Pantue—G Kim Shutt—O	26	27 Gainesville Open House Harry Chapman—G Lee Cheek—G Macklin Cowart—G Royce DeLong—G Brad Strickland—G Charlene Warwick—G
28 Tammy Allen—G	29 Christy Morrison—G Clayton Teems—G	30 Vincent Ramsey—G	31  Happy Halloween Phil Forester—G			