

## President's Corner

It was certainly an honor to be a part of the Fall Retirement Reception that was held this week. I was so impressed with the stories I heard of dedication and devotion about all of our retirees, and it was a wonderful opportunity to gather

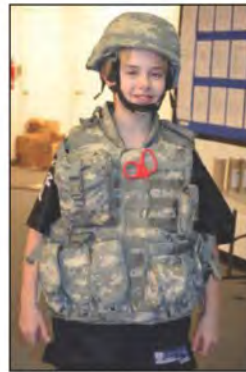
as a College Family.

We honored six outstanding individuals who have given collectively 81 years of service. **Bob Croft** and **Wallace Scott** each have 19 years; **Peggy Strickland** has 16 years; **Margaret Bailey** has 13 years; **Diane Ruberti** has 9 years; and **Mark Jones** has 5 years.

If you were in attendance during the ceremony, you heard me share my activity theory of aging, which basically states that the more active you are, the more engaged you are, and the happier you are. This is advice that we could probably all take to heart.

Please extend your congratulations to our retirees and remind them to keep in touch! They will be missed, but their legacy will live on.

## Change 4 Georgia founder will speak at GSC November 14



Gainesville State College Center for Adult Learners and Military (CALM) presents a presentation by Remington Youngblood, Change 4 Georgia (C4G) Founder, on Wednesday, November 14 at noon in the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center Auditorium on the Gainesville Campus.

"I made the choice to reach out and make a difference. What started as my personal project of compassion and appreciation has now evolved into a community effort to aid our troops," writes Remington M. Youngblood, 11, a sixth-grader at Riverwatch Middle School in Forsyth County and founder of C4G.

According to the website [www.change4georgia.org](http://www.change4georgia.org), the organization is a "community service program that is inclusive to students and provides them with opportunities to thank our soldiers for their service, dedication and sacrifice in protecting our freedom and keeping our country secure. It was founded by a fifth grader in Forsyth County, Georgia and benefits our brave troops by collecting items from their "Wish List" that they need or want. These are items that are not readily available or not provided, but that add comfort and fit in their backpacks." The program also benefits the children of our active military by providing backpacks and school supplies to those who need assistance.

In addition to Youngblood's presentation regarding veterans and their need for contributive assistance and support,

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## College recognizes Ralph and Mary Cleveland with room naming

Recently, at a ceremony held at the College in conjunction with the Gainesville State College Foundation, the Ralph and Mary Cleveland Room was dedicated to this dynamic couple. Mary Cleveland, her son, John, and daughter-in-law, Cathy, gathered with

nearly 100 guests who heard about all the wonderful things Mr. Cleveland did for the College in its formative years. Mrs. Cleveland was honored for being there every step of the way and for her never ceasing support of the College.

Laboratory was given in memory of Mr. Cleveland by his family—Mary, their son and daughter-in-law, John and Cathy, and their grandsons, Michael and Scott.

## Athens Mayor speaks at Constitution Day

The Young Democrats and College Republicans sponsored their 6th Annual Constitution Day event on September 19 by having Athens Mayor Nancy Denson speak to students and faculty on the Oconee campus.

Mayor Denson discussed issues in local government, including economic development, charter schools, and the new Caterpillar factory being built in Clarke and Oconee Counties. She then spent twenty minutes answering questions from the audience.

The event was attended by over 50 students and faculty, who were also treated to lunch provided by the two student groups. Faculty advisors **Dr. Kelly Manley** and **Dr. Lance Bardsley** received excellent support from **Sara Zerkel**, **Lindsay Bailey** and **Stacie Rowley** from Student Life, **Bennie Coleman** and **Mike Lamar** of Plant Operations, and **John Williams** and **Stephen Standridge**.



*Athens Mayor Nancy Denson addressed the Young Democrats and College Republicans on Constitution Day at the Oconee Campus.*

Mr. Cleveland was a member of the Gainesville-Hall County Education Task Force which was formed in January of 1964. The Task Force was established to assist the Gainesville City Commission and the Hall County Board of Education in planning and construction a vocational-technical school and educational center.

Once the then-Gainesville Junior College Foundation was established, Mr. Cleveland served as a Charter Trustee of the Foundation and was named an Honorary Life Trustee for exceptional dedication and service to the Foundation and College. In 1991, he continued his support by serving as the Foundation Honorary Fund Drive Chairman.

Mrs. Cleveland supported Mr. Cleveland's efforts and also became a supporter of the College from its beginning. She has never missed an annual meeting of the Foundation, which was established in 1967. Mr. Cleveland's failing health in his final years prevented him from attending with Mrs. Cleveland, but she was always quick to remind everyone how much the College and Foundation meant to him. Mr. Cleveland was 92 when he passed away in 1999.

In 1981, the Ralph and Mary Cleveland Endowed Scholarship Fund was established. The primary criterion for selection is financial need. Personal drive and initiative to achieve educational goals are also important considerations for this award. The Clevelands are members of the 25th Anniversary Club which was established in 1989. In 2000, the Computer Information Technology



In January of 2005, the GSC Alumni Association presented the Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Cleveland for her support of the College and for her distinguished service in the community.

During Mrs. Cleveland's comments, she recounted the historical community vote for the special educational bond on May 12, 1964. "When I heard the news that the bond had passed, I said to Ralph, we won! We can have the college. I have been for the college from the beginning and I always will be."

The Ralph and Mary Cleveland Room is located in the Martha T. Nesbitt Academic Building. Formerly known as Room 3110, It is a large community room that will serve as the gathering point for many College and community events.

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# Gainesville Campus again participates in National Roll Call

Gainesville State College (GSC) has once again joined a nationwide grass-roots effort to honor American servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past decade.

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 12, GSC faculty, staff, students and community volunteers will be among those at more than 100 colleges and universities across the nation who will read the names of the 6,600-plus casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), now called Operation New Dawn.

As a participant in Remembrance Day National Roll Call, GSC has organized the reading of names to begin at 7:40 AM on the Student Center Patio facing the Quadrangle and will continue until each of the more than 6,600 names of the fallen have been read. It is estimated that it will take 40 readers approximately eight hours to read the names in chronological order. In addition to the reading of the names, there will be two Remembrance Ceremonies, the first being at noon and the second being part of the simultaneous nationwide minute of silence at 2 p.m. A location for reflection will be available for individuals who wish to sit quietly while the names are being read. GSC counselors will be available for individuals who need their services.

The GSC Office of Student Affairs is coordinating the events of the day, which, in addition to the Roll Call, include a Flag Project. Flags will be available throughout the day for individuals to place on the Quadrangle to honor or memorialize a soldier or veteran. There will also be a display of military memorabilia from GSC students, faculty and staff members who are veterans or who have family members who served in the military. Additionally, members of the GSC community may submit names of any active military, veterans, or those lost in service to be recognized. These

names will be read as part of the Noon ceremony.

Currently more than 85 schools in 36 states plus the District of Columbia have agreed to participate in the event. GSC is one of eight University System of Georgia institutions participating in the Roll Call. The others scheduled to participate include Clayton State University, Darton State College, Georgia Perimeter College, Gordon State College, North Georgia College and State University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University.

The Remembrance Day National Roll Call is sponsored nationally by the Veterans Knowledge Community of NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. NASPA is a 12,000-member association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of student affairs professionals. The Veterans Knowledge Community (VKC) mission is to advocate for best practices to help student veterans transition to college and succeed. As the National Roll Call sponsor, the goal of VKC is to have at least one institution in each of the 50 states participate in the event.

Lt. Col. (Ret) Brett Morris, the National Roll Call coordinator, said, "We wanted to rally campus communities across the nation to send a powerful message to the troops currently serving that their peers have not forgotten their sacrifices, or those of the fallen."

"The reading of individual names is very poignant because it emphasizes the significance of each and every life lost," said Morris, a retired Army officer and the associate director for veterans affairs at Eastern Kentucky University. "Like the names inscribed at the new 9-11 Memorial in New York, each of the fallen deserve to be remembered for their sacrifice. There is no effort to raise money or promote individual programs. The event is simply to honor those who have sacrificed so much on our behalf."

The National Roll Call is grateful to iCasualties.org for the steadfast recording of the fallen over the past ten years, from which the list of names of the fallen has been compiled.

Individuals from the community are invited to come and observe the reading of the Roll Call and to join GSC in honoring the fallen.

For information about the Gainesville State College Roll Call events, contact **Dr. Alicia Caudill**, Associate VP for Student Affairs & Dean of Students at [acaudill@gsc.edu](mailto:acaudill@gsc.edu) or 678-717-3877.

For more information about the National Roll Call effort, contact Brett Morris at [remembrancerollcall@gmail.com](mailto:remembrancerollcall@gmail.com) or visit [va.eku.edu/rollcall](http://va.eku.edu/rollcall) to see a list of participating schools.

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## Change 4 Georgia

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Senators Steve Gooch, Butch Miller, and Jack Murphy and Representative Mark Hamilton are among dignitaries scheduled to appear. A veterans' scholarship in Remington Youngblood's name will also be unveiled by CALM.

Individuals from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps League, Freedom Riders and the North Georgia Veterans Association have been invited to attend.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact **Vincent Ramsey** at [vramsey@gsc.edu](mailto:vramsey@gsc.edu) or 678-717-3583.

### USG Faculty Development

**Accessibility Matters: Section 508  
Compliance in Higher Education**

**Presenter: Janet Sylvia (UGA)**

Register for the online session at:  
[http://www.usg.edu/facultyresources/  
faculty\\_development/workshops/category/  
academicyear\\_2012-2013](http://www.usg.edu/facultyresources/faculty_development/workshops/category/academicyear_2012-2013)

## ✓ Mark your calendar:

- Fri., Nov. 9** **Oconee Student Art Exhibit.** Oconee Campus Gallery, *OC*. Through Nov. 30.
- Fri., Nov. 9** **Imminent Overgrowth.** Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, *GC*. Through Nov. 28.
- Sat., Nov. 10** **Black & White Gala.** 7:00 - 11:00 p.m., Student Center, *GC*. Annual event sponsored by the Latino Student Association.
- Mon., Nov. 12** **Veterans Day National Roll Call.** 7:40 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Student Center Patio, *GC*. Program at noon, moment of silence at 2:00.
- Mon., Nov. 12** **Scholastic Book Fair.** 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Martha T. Nesbitt Building, Cleveland Room, *GC*. Through Fri., Nov. 16. Sponsored by the Education Club.
- Fri., Nov. 16** **TOWER TALK DEADLINE.** Noon, Public Relations Office.
- Wed., Nov. 21** **Staff Annual Leave Day. Campuses Closed.**
- Thurs., Nov. 22** **Thanksgiving Day. Campuses Closed.**
- Fri., Nov. 23** **Campuses Closed.**

## Public Safety welcomes new officer

Gainesville State College Department of Public Safety welcomes another member to the Police Department. **Officer Ronnie Evans** was recently hired for the Oconee Campus.

Prior to being hired at GSC, Evans was the Chief of Police in Crawfordville, Georgia. Evans has several years of experience in Public Safety. He retired from the Atlanta Fire Department, and, after retiring, decided that he wanted to pursue the other side of public safety and begin his law enforcement career.

Evans has also served 18 years in the Georgia National Guard, and during this

time his unit was activated to Afghanistan and Iraq. He will be retiring soon from the military.



*Officer Ronnie Evans is being welcomed to the GSC Police Department by Captain Bernard Larkin.*

## Employee work-related injury process

In the event of an emergency work-related injury in which the employee requires immediate medical attention, call 911 for assistance. Gainesville State College Public Safety Department should also be notified at 678-717-1777 of the emergency and the location of the incident.

The employee's direct supervisor, as well as the Building Director, must be notified

by the employee or designee within 24 hours of the injury. The injury must also be reported to Human Resources, and policies per DOAS and State of Georgia must be followed.

Please call Administrative Sergeant Karen McCusker at ext. 3723 for further details about the process of reporting employee work-related injuries.



## Our College Family

Welcome twins! Congratulations to Seth and **Kate Fowler Campbell** on the arrival of their precious twin boys, Max and Finn, born Saturday, October, 27.

Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Bush** on the birth of his new granddaughter, Aniyah Michelle, on Friday, November 2 at 5:15 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19½ inches long.



Our sympathies to the family of **Bonnie O'Brien**, who died Sunday, November 4, after battling leukemia. Dr. O'Brien taught GEOG 1111 and GEOG 1112 at the Oconee Campus since its days as the Athens Center.

Sincere condolences to **Trish Moss** and her family on the death of her husband, Tim, on Thursday, November 1, after a battle with cancer. Trish is the part-time Records Coordinator for the NGCSU evening business program held on the GSC Gainesville Campus.

**HELP  
RING THE BELL**  
for the  
**Salvation Army**  
**Saturday, December 1**  
**at JCPenney  
Lakeshore Mall**  
**Contact Leora Myers**  
**(ext. 3610)**  
**to donate an hour  
of your time!**

A small, shiny red Christmas ornament with a gold cap and a gold string, positioned at the bottom right of the text.

# Announcements



On Saturday, November 3, forty-four students and seven of the relatives took a Politically Incorrect Club-sponsored field trip to Gainesville's Piedmont Hotel Museum, where they heard a great lecture on Confederate General James Longstreet, his late 19th century hotel, and its famous guests from longtime Longstreet Society President Richard Pilcher. Later, some of the participants visited the general's grave and the historic Alta Vista Cemetery. Many pictures were taken and are posted on facebook.

The Center for Adult Learners and Military (CALM) is creating a database of all GSC Faculty, Staff and Students who are serving or have served in the Military. They would also like to include any immediate family members of GSC Faculty, Staff or Students who are or have served. This database will be used for informational purposes only within the CALM department and will not be distributed to any outside parties.

Please submit your name and information to **Christy Orr**, CALM Coordinator, at [corr@gsc.edu](mailto:corr@gsc.edu). Along with your name, include what campus you attend, and, for faculty and staff, please also include your department. In addition, the Center would be interested in knowing some background information such as what branch you served in; if deployed during service, where and when; whether you are current military, veteran, reservist, or dependent; and any other information you would like to include concerning your service to our country.

TAP applications for Spring Semester 2013 are due in Human Resources no later than Thursday, November 15. Please be sure to use the TAP application currently available on the USG website at [http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/tuition\\_assistance\\_program\\_tap](http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/tuition_assistance_program_tap). Your TAP application must include your student ID for the institution you attend. The application can be returned if that information is missing.

Also, if you are receiving the TAP benefit for the current semester, Fall 2012, it is of the utmost importance that you remember to comply with the TAP policy by providing a copy of your grades to **Kathy Martin** in Human Resources as soon as you receive those. An employee who receives a grade of "D" or below in an approved TAP course will be ineligible to participate in the program for one semester.

Please contact **Kathy Martin** with any questions.

Free faculty/staff/student tickets are still available for the Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14 productions of *The Producers*, being performed in the Hosch Theatre at Brenau University. To get your tickets, go to the Box Office ticket window next to the Ed Cabell Theatre in the CE/PA building on the Gainesville Campus. Box Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

GSC once again will be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army. Continuing in the tradition, our day is the first Saturday in December, which is the 1st from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. We will be inside the Lakeshore Mall in Gainesville by the JCPenney store.

Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile cause! Contact **Leora Myers** at 678-717-3610 or [lmeyers@gsc.edu](mailto:lmeyers@gsc.edu) to volunteer for an hour or two on December 1.

Lindsay Bailey and Emily Cook will now be serving as student ombudsmen for Gainesville State College. Lindsay and Emily recently completed training held by the International Ombudsman Association in Baltimore, MD. Lindsay will serve as the ombudsman for the Oconee campus, and Emily for the Gainesville campus. Details on how students can meet with the ombudsmen will follow soon.

## P.I. Club takes part in election events

On Monday, November 5, the Politically Incorrect Club conducted a mock presidential election on the Gainesville Campus. Of the 418 students who voted, the results were as follows:

Republican Gov. Mitt Romney: 224  
Democratic Pres. Barack Obama: 130  
Libertarian Gary Johnson: 33  
Republican Ron Paul: 9  
Iron Man/Tony Stark: 6  
Green Party nominee Jill Stein: 5  
GSC student Brian O'Reiley: 5  
Captain America: 4  
Republican Herman Cain: 1  
Ralph Nader: 1

P.I. Club members also gave away U.S. Constitution booklets and voter registration forms and candy. The club thanks all the students who voted and every professor who gave out ballots to his or her classes. The goal of the mock election was to encourage students to vote in the real presidential election the next day.

After the election, on Tuesday, November 6, the Club held an election night party in the Nesbitt Building from 8 to 11:45 p.m. Attended by close to 50 students, faculty, friends, family, and a Gainesville *Times* reporter, the group took in the historic evening with two huge TV screens (with one showing NBC and the other a FOX affiliate), a political trivia contest with many teams competing, and lots of free pizza, chips and salsa, cupcakes, and soft drinks. A fun time was had by all.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Mon., 11/12 - Thurs., 11/15

8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Fri., 11/16

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Martha T. Nesbitt Building  
Cleveland Room (310 B)

Sponsored by the Education Club



## Ringling Our Bells



👉 **Jennifer Schneider, CPA** presented at the University of Houston on best practices with accounting technology on Thursday, October 18. In addition, she co-presented at a regional conference in The Woodlands, TX with textbook author on accounting technology and engagement on Friday, October 19.

👉 **Gail Barksdale**, Assistant Director of Learning Support, presented a session titled "Connecting the Dots between Academic Advising and SAP" at the annual NACADA conference in Nashville, Tennessee on October 6. In the session, she and Jane Hanna from Johnson and Wales University delved into the interrelationship between the academic plans required by the new Federal Financial Aid guidelines and the development of academic plans by academic advisors.

👉 **Brent Allison** led a professional development workshop, "Advising Student Organizations: From Start Ups to Upstarts," at the Oconee Campus on November 1. Topics discussed at the workshop included starting student club and organization, recruiting new members, and maintaining pedagogical purpose, student interest, and smooth student governance.

👉 **Sheri Hardee** presented at the annual American Educational Studies Association conference in Seattle,

Washington, on Friday, November 2. Her presentation was entitled "A Lesson in Listening to Students and Creating Change."

👉 **Gloria Bennett** helped organize and host the PAMI (Publishers, Agents, and Media Institute) Writers Conference on Saturday, October 20, in Kennesaw, Georgia. The conference consisted of workshops presented by experts in traditional publishing, self-publishing, social media, and digital media. The event was sponsored by Kennesaw State University and the Georgia Writers Association.

👉 **Gloria Bennett** held a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Georgia Writers Association on Saturday, October 27, to plan and recruit authors and speakers for the Red Clay Writers Conference, to update and finalize the guidelines for nominating authors for the Georgia Author of the Year Awards, and to discuss participation in the Georgia Literary Festival. Gloria serves as president of the GWA.

👉 Political Science and History Professor **Dr. Douglas Young** was quoted in the November 4, 2012 Gainesville *Times* about the low level of partisan competition in Georgia state legislative elections. He was also quoted in the November 8 *Times* analyzing the presidential election results.

## Mediators compete

Six Gainesville State College Mediation Team students won recognition at the 13th Annual International Academy of Dispute Resolution National Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament held November 1-3, 2012 at Brenau University. The GSC team of Amy Broome, Scott Fuller, and Gina Schwartz won a place in the Tournament Final Round held Saturday afternoon before the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, one of the Final Round judges. The GSC team of Broome, Fuller, Schwartz won overall Fourth Place in the Mediator Team competition for the tournament. Broome represented GSC in the Final Mediator team competition. Additionally, Fuller was named an All American Mediator, being one of the top 20 students competing.

The GSC team of Fernando Gonzales, Kiran Singh, and Bethany Waites also earned distinction by being named the number 9 Client/Advocate Team in the Tournament. GSC Team Alternates Penny Hollis and Concepcion Rodriguez also competed as a bye Advocate/Client substitute team in the first round of competition, as did the swing Advocate/Client team of GSC Alternates Ariana Melendez and Branden Shaw.

The GSC Mediation Team Coach and Advisor is **Ray-Lynn Snowden, JD**, along with Advisor **Dr. C. Thomas Preston, Jr.**



## GSCWO Presents: BLUE CHRISTMAS

All faculty, staff, spouses, retirees, and friends are cordially invited to the GSC Annual Luncheon, Auction, and Holiday Sing sponsored by the GSCWO.

Friday, December 7, 2012      Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Martha T. Nesbitt Building, Cleveland Room (3110 A & B), Gainesville Campus

Buffet Lunch: \$15.00 per person, prepaid.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR AUCTION ITEMS AND GIFT BASKETS!**

Please send payment and donated items to Sheree Gravenhorst ([sgravenhorst@gsc.edu](mailto:sgravenhorst@gsc.edu)) by Monday, December 3, at 5 p.m.