



## President's Corner

Officials from SACS, the Southeast's accrediting organization for higher education, announced the approval of the prospectus submitted by North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville State College (proposed consolidation to become University of North Georgia) during the SACS annual meeting held in Dallas. This represents the final step needed for the Board of Regents to grant its authorization of the consolidations and to appoint presidents. That action is scheduled for the January 8 Board of Regents meeting.

I echo University System Chancellor Hank Huckaby, who said, "Many individuals have worked countless hours to bring us to this point in our consolidation effort. At the outset, our goal with consolidation was to broaden opportunity for more students and to do so more efficiently. The approval by SACs of our plan represents a tremendous milestone and validates the hard work of the past year."

The Core Prospectus Committee was made up of two individuals from NGCSU and two from GSC. **Betsy Cantrell**, GSC Director of Planning and Institutional Research, **Dr. Pat Donat**, NGCSU Vice President for Academic Affairs, **Dr. Chaudron Gille**, GSC Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and **Dr. Denise Young**, NGCSU Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, provided outstanding leadership and dedicated countless hours of above-and-beyond efforts.

While this was a joint committee between the two institutions, I think it is important to acknowledge the following individuals from GSC who were integral to

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## GSC Public Safety Dept. hires, promotes officers



*Pictured are (l to r): Officer Charles Belflower, Officer Tift Mattox, and Captain Bernard Larkin.*

Gainesville State College Department of Public Safety recently hired a new police officer. Officer Tift Mattox retired from the Gainesville Police Department after working there for 21 years. He was a detective and worked persons and property crimes.

Officer Charles Belflower is also a new member of the Police Department. He is not new to GSC, having transitioned from being a security officer at the Oconee Campus to being a police officer. Belflower worked for three years at the Oconee Campus and worked for the Athens-Clarke Co. Police Department prior to coming to GSC.

Officer Salvador Taguba was recently promoted to sergeant and is the supervisor at the Oconee Campus. He has worked at the Gainesville Campus for 2 years. Prior to coming to GSC, he retired from the Gwinnett County Police Department as a sergeant after working there for 20 years.

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## The 7-Shot Symphony:

# GTA brings fantastical physical theatre to Buford

Ever seen a shoot-out using FINGER GUNS?

Led by Cirque du Soleil clown Noah Bremer, the award-winning, Minneapolis-based ensemble Live Action Set will perform *The 7-Shot Symphony* January 18-20. With

fantastical physical movement, the group uses insane creativity and live bluegrass music to meld the classic Spaghetti western and some of the greatest myths from around the world. Famous mythological characters (*i.e.*, Gilgamesh, Orpheus, and Hades) become sheriffs, outlaws, gun smiths,

and saloon piano players. Witness this story of love, action, legend, and corruption, all told without set or props—only the actors, their bodies and their creativity. School matinees will be performed on January 16 & 17.

*The 7-Shot Symphony* is the second show of the Gainesville Theatre Alliance's SouthernStage season at the Buford Community Center, 2200 Buford Highway, Buford, GA. Tickets are \$10-18 depending on age, and GSC faculty, staff, and student tickets are 50% off. Buford Rush Tickets (\$9) will be available to patrons with a Buford address on their picture ID an hour before the show at the Box Office.

Patrons can select their own seats online at [www.gainesvilleTHEATREalliance.org](http://www.gainesvilleTHEATREalliance.org) or by calling the Box Office at (678) 717-3624, Monday - Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM. MasterCard, Visa and Discover are accepted. Group discounts (20% for 12 or more people) and ADA seating can be arranged through the GTA Box Office.



## Debate Team wins awards in MO

The GSC Debate Team won 12 awards at the Study Break Debate Tournament at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri on December 1.

The awards included Second Place Sweepstakes (overall); Second Place Junior Varsity Debate for Fernando Gonzalez and Consecpcion Rodriguez; Third Place and undefeated in Novice Debate, Kiran Singh and Destin Murphy; Fifth Place JV Team of Leroy Hoang and Tim Brown; and Seventh Place Novice Team of Andre Gonzales and Maria Palacios.



*Kiran Singh (left) and Destin Murphy (right) had the distinct honor of amassing a 4-0 record at the tournament.*

Additionally, GSC won the following individual speaker awards: Third JV Speaker, Tim Brown; Seventh JV Speaker, Fernando Gonzalez; Seventh Novice Speaker, Andre Gonzales; Twelfth Novice Speaker Destin Murphy; and Fifteenth Novice Speaker, Kiran Singh.

Advisor **Tom Preston** won a special award as a founder of the Study Break tournament 25 years ago while at the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

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the overall success of the project. Along with Betsy and Chaudron, **Dr. Deborah Prosser**, Dean of Libraries and Director of Hosch Library; **Wanda Aldridge**, Interim VP for Business and Finance; **Bill Moody**, Director of Plant Operations; **Dr. Susan Daniell**, Chief Data Officer and Banner Functional Leader; **Dean Lieburn**, Faculty Records Specialist; and **Brandon Haag**, Chief Information Officer, all contributed greatly to providing the prospectus narrative and supporting documentation.

Again, job well done! It is my hope that we all enjoy the upcoming break and take time to relax and rejuvenate in preparation for the new and exciting things 2013 holds for us.

# ✓ Mark your calendar:

- Sat., Dec. 22 **Winter Break Begins: CAMPUSES CLOSED.** Through Jan. 1.
- Tues., Jan. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- Fri., Jan. 4 **TOWER TALK Final Issue.**
- Tues., Jan. 8 **Consolidation Day.** USG Board of Regents to vote on the creation of University of North Georgia.
- Thurs., Jan. 10 **UNG Rolling Tour of Campuses.** Help celebrate the birth of our new University!
- Mon., Jan. 14 **Dreamers/ Soñadores Art Exhibit.** Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, GC. Through Feb. 13. *Co-sponsored by the Foreign Language Lecture Series and the Latino Student Association.*
- Wed., Jan. 16 **Otros Soñadores Art Exhibit.** Oconee Campus Gallery. Through Feb. 20.
- Fri., Jan. 18 **"The 7-Shot Symphony."** 7:30 PM, Sylvia Beard Theatre, Buford Community Center. Through Jan. 20. *GTA SouthernStage Production.*
- Mon., Jan. 21 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO CLASSES.**
- Tues., Jan. 29 **Red Cross Blood Drive.** 11 AM - 4 PM, Robinson Ballroom, Student Center, GC. *Sponsored by SGA & Student Life.*



## Our College Family

Congratulations to Financial Aid's **Erin Parrish** on the birth of her baby boy on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:27 PM. Atticus James Triton Patrick weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21.25 inches long. Mother, father, and baby are doing well.



Heartfelt condolences go to **Rebecca Homan** and her family on the death of her son, Gerad, on Wednesday, December 5, from injuries suffered in a car accident. Gerad, age 27, was a GSC alumnus and was attending Lanier Tech at the time of his death. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 2 PM at the Apple Valley Baptist Church, 4640 Commerce Road, Commerce, GA. The family requests no flowers, but donations may be made to Rebecca Homan, 4513 S. Apple Valley Road, Commerce, GA 30529.

### USG Faculty Development Monthly Series Continues

**January 9, 2013**

**Tales from the Implementation of a Quality Assurance Coordinator**

Presenters: N. Rigole / A Koohang

Online, Noon - 1 PM

**January 18, 2013**

**Finding, Using, and Creating Open Educational Resources and Open Textbooks**

Presenters: Marie Lasseter, Bonnie Robinson

Athens, ITS Offices, 10 AM - 4 PM

**February 13, 2013**

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Presenter: Georgia Harper

Online, Noon - 1 PM

**February 22, 2013**

**Improving the Connection with Online Students Through Intro Videos and Weekly Update Videos**

Presenter: Dale Suffridge

Athens, ITS Offices, 10 AM - 4 PM

**Free Registration:**

[http://www.usg.edu/facultyresources/faculty\\_development/workshops](http://www.usg.edu/facultyresources/faculty_development/workshops)

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# JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  Chris Cooper—G	<b>2</b> Kate Fowler—G Paula Nollbos—G	<b>3</b> <b>SOAR (GC)</b> Kim Campbell—G Stephanie Hungerford—G Ben Sirb—G	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Natalie Hyslop—G
<b>6</b> Elizabeth Jimenez—G Chris Semerjian—G	<b>7</b> <b>CLASSES BEGIN</b> Angela Megaw—O	<b>8</b>  <b>CONSOLIDATION DAY</b> Leigh Dillard—G Jennifer Williford—G	<b>9</b> Cam Reiff—G Marvene Saenz—G	<b>10</b> <b>UNG ROLLING TOUR OF CAMPUSES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Merrill Morris—G Stephanie Stahl—G
<b>13</b> Jeremy Grecco—G	<b>14</b> <b>DREAMERS/ SONADORES ART EXHIBIT OPENS (GC)</b> Robin Bright—G Johnny Kahn—G	<b>15</b> Shelley Aikman—G	<b>16</b> Casey Bowman—O Alison Montanye—G Renee Thompson—G	<b>17</b> <b>OTROS SONADORES ART EXHIBIT OPENS (OC)</b>	<b>18</b> <b>"7 SHOT SYMPHONY" OPENS (GTA BUFORD)</b> Steven Aanes—G	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Chris Boring—G	<b>21</b> <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b>  Randell Smith—G	<b>22</b> Delbert Greear—G Molly Potts—G	<b>23</b> John Amoss—G Ann Marie Francis—G	<b>24</b> Randall Gee—G Randy Pierce—G	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Joe Didio—G
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Diane Ruberti—O	<b>29</b> <b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b>  <b>(GC)</b>	<b>30</b> Catherine Councill—G	<b>31</b> Martin Blackwell—G		