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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are many heroes here at Gainesville State, but I want to bring your attention to one: GSC Police Officer Ken Bennett. On Monday, January 25 about 1:00 PM, as he was preparing a report, Bennett noticed a piece of paper blow past his patrol car. He quickly realized that this was a check that had positioned itself next to the base of a nearby tree of the Continuing Education/Business/Performing Arts parking lot. He quickly picked up the check before the next gust of wind took it further away.

Much to his surprise, the check was made out to an individual, Reynolds Skinner (not from the college), for a large sum of money, and it was already endorsed. Bennett immediately contacted the individual who had written the check to try to locate Skinner. When the connection was made, Skinner came to retrieve his check. He explained to Bennett the "check trail" which began with the check being loaded into a deposit drawer at a bank in close proximity to the College and being swept out in a strong wind. Skinner had anxiously searched for the check at adjacent businesses but had come up empty.

Relieved and happy, Skinner thanked Bennett and offered him a reward for returning the check. Graciously declining Skinner's offer, Bennett said, "It is reward enough for me to know that the check did not end up in the wrong hands." He said with a smile, "I'm just doing my job."

Thank you, Ken, for your diligence and reflecting so well on our Public Safety staff and the College.

Mertha

ATTENTION, ACADEMIC ADVISORS!

Please help us to provide you with the most effective resource tools for successful academic advising. A survey concerning the usefulness of the Gainesville State College 2009-2010 Condensed Catalog will be available on the Faculty/Staff Portal on Monday, February 22. Look for the green button:

GSC CONDENSED CATALOG SURVEY

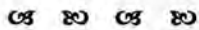
Thank you for your feedback!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GSC's Roy C. Moore Art Gallery invites applications for the 2010-2011 exhibition schedule. The Gallery seeks works in all media, by established or emerging artists with MFA or equivalent experience. Themes can include ecological art, figure and identity, and mapping.

Artists are asked to submit their applications via email and include low-resolution images, artist's statement, and resume to gallery@gsc.edu. Submissions can also be mailed with SASE to GSC Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503.

Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2010.



Anyone who needs to purchase a new chemical product must fill out a Chemical Approval Request Form. This is only for chemical products that are not found in our MSDS library. Filling out the request form or searching the MSDS library can be done on the Environmental, Health, and Safety website (<https://portal.gsc.edu/depts/EHS/default.aspx>).



Please do not throw away any aerosol cans. GSC is required by federal law to completely empty the cans with an air-tight puncturing device. Custodians in all buildings have been instructed to bring all discarded aerosol cans to Plant Operations for disposal. BOR information on this subject and others can also be found on the Environmental, Health, and Safety website.



Reminder: Honors Day 2010 Student Nominations are due March 1. Honors Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 at noon in the gym. Contact Brenda Adams (badams@gsc.edu, ext. 3847) for more information.



The Gainesville State College—Oconee Habitat for Humanity campus chapter will host Habitat Hustle, a 5K run to benefit the Athens Area Habitat for Humanity, beginning at 3 p.m. February 20 at the Oconee Campus. Early registration ends Friday, February 19 and is \$12 for Gainesville State students and \$15 for non-students.



Using ADP, changes may now be made to the bank account into which an employee's check is deposited.

However, these changes do NOT automatically change the banking information for EFT Direct Deposit Reimbursements for travel, flex, supply/expense reimbursement, etc.

If any changes are made to a bank account number or an employee changes to a different bank, he or she will need to notify the Business Affairs Office of these changes in order for reimbursements to be deposited into the correct account.

RINGING OUR BELLS

Dr. Brent Allison, Assistant Professor of Education at the Oconee Campus, attended the Kennesaw State Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning's Georgia Conference on Friday, February 12.



Regina Meeler, Assistant Professor in the School of Business, Education, Health and Wellness, has been appointed as the 9th District Representative on the Board of Directors for the GA Association for Young Children. She also published an article, "Creativity: Is it a Bad Thing?" in the December 2009 edition of the GAYC Newsletter and presented a paper, "More Than the Basics," at their annual training workshop on February 6, 2010.



Carolyn Swindle was chosen to participate on the "Advising Students on College Transition—Postsecondary Disability Services" Panel at a Transition Workshop for high school teachers. The Workshop was sponsored by PRISM (Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics), UGA Office of STEM Education, and UGA Regents' Center for Learning Disorders.

Warren Caputo, School of Business, Education, Health and Wellness, presented twice at the Share the Wealth Conference on January 29 and 30, 2010. The presentations were: "Health Educators: GET THE STUDENT'S ATTENTION!" and "Movement Education: Come Play with Us."



Ben Wynne recently reviewed *Strawberry Plains Audubon Center: Four Centuries of a Mississippi Landscape*, by Hubert H. McAlexander (Jackson MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2008) for the *Journal of Mississippi History*.



Bob Croft's painting, "Leaning into the Wind," has been accepted by the 34th Annual Juried Lyndon House Art Exhibition, which will be held from February 21 to May 8 at the Lyndon House in Athens, Georgia.



Donna and George Danns presented a paper, "Battling Catastrophic Climate Changes: The Contributions of the Developing Countries of the Caribbean," at the 13th Annual Conference on the Americas, which was held at Georgia Perimeter College on February 12 and 13.

ADVISEMENT AND REGISTRATION UPDATES

Academic Advising Weeks

March 15 - 26

Summer and Fall

Registration

March 29 - April 23

OUR COLLEGE FAMILY

Our deepest sympathies to Brian Wesnofske on the death of his mother, Debby, after a long battle with breast cancer. In lieu of flowers, the Wesnofske family has asked that donations be made to help find a cure for breast cancer.

ANNUAL BIG BAND SHOW

Gainesville State's Annual Big Band Show is set for Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 4, 5 & 6, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in GSC's Ed Cabell Theatre.

This year's event will feature the talents of GSC's Jazz Band - Jazz Combo under the direction of Dr. Andrew Santander. The Chorale will be directed by Dr. David M. Thomas, and Ms. Joanna Kim is the accompanist.

The Jazz Band will be performing some classics by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and George Gershwin, as well as some more recent hits including a song by the Beatles.

The Chorale is scheduled to perform in a Rock and Roll theme this year. Pieces

to be performed were made famous by Elvis, the Beatles, Billy Joel, Journey and others.

All seats are reserved. Admission is free for GSC Faculty/Staff/Students (ID required). Tickets are available by phone at (678) 717-3624. General Public Adult/Senior/non-GSC Student tickets are also available online at www.gsc.edu.

For more information, contact the GSC Music Department at (678) 717-3930.



"ETCHED AND PULLED" AT ROY C. MOORE GALLERY

Gainesville State College's Roy C. Moore Art Gallery is pleased to present *Etched and Pulled*, an exhibit of prints and works created using printmaking processes, by John Amoss, Amanda Burk, Beth Grabowski, Jennifer Manzella, Lesley Patterson-Marx, Jon



Bird Collection I, Mixed Media Artwork by Lesley Patterson-Marx

Swindler, and Rebekah Tolley.

John Amoss is the Art Department Coordinator at Gainesville State College (GSC). He received his

MFA from the University of Georgia at Athens (UGA), in 2005. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is included in several permanent collections.

Amanda Burk is a part-time member of the faculty of the GSC Art Department. She received her MFA from UGA in 2007. Burk combines drawn images with digital collage, screen printing,

lithography, relief, and handmade paper to create narratives for her viewers.

Beth Grabowski is Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she has taught printmaking and book arts since 1985. Her work has been represented widely in national and international venues, including recent exhibitions in China and Russia.

Jennifer Manzella is a part-time member of the faculty of the GSC Art Department. She received her MFA from UGA in 2007. Manzella's work focuses mainly on papermaking using local plant materials in combination with other printmaking processes.

Lesley Patterson-Marx is currently a part-time instructor at University School of Nashville, where she teaches book arts and printmaking to high school students. Her work has been featured in several publications and has been exhibited nationally in galleries. In 2004, Patterson-Marx helped to found Plate Tone Printshop, a non-

toxic, fine-art community printshop.

Jon Swindler is Assistant Professor at UGA, where he teaches Printmaking. He received a MFA from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 2003. Swindler has exhibited his work throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. He uses a combination of printmaking techniques.

Rebekah Tolley is Assistant Professor of Art at Davidson in Davidson, North Carolina. She utilizes printmaking techniques, in combination with digital processes, to create sculptural installations. Tolley creates animations from printed imagery and projects these animations onto sculptural surfaces.

Etched and Pulled will be on display from February 18 through March 18, with a closing reception on March 18 at noon.

The Art Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Sale at bsale@gsc.edu or (678) 717-3438.

COLLOQUIUM SERIES: ALINA FERNANDEZ

GSC's Colloquium Series continues this month with presentations by Alina Fernandez, daughter of Fidel Castro. She will be speaking at the Oconee Campus on Monday, February 22 and at the Gainesville Campus on Tuesday, February 23. Both programs will be held from noon to 1:15 p.m.

In her illuminating talk, Fernandez shares her first-person, intimate account of growing up in Cuba. Through her insight as one of the Cuban elite, she guides the audience through her life in Cuba and describes the surrounding political environment during the 1960s and 70s. Weaving in her unique sense of style and humor, she reveals exciting and suspenseful anecdotes, snapshots of Cuban society, her inside scoop on Cuban politics, and a detailed view of her father.

As Fernandez grew up and opened her eyes to the political climate in Cuba, she became rebellious, and in the 80s became part of the political dissident movement on the island. By 1993, she was forced to flee Cuba, which she accomplished by mastering the art of disguise.

Fernandez grew up in a convulsive Cuba, living with the ongoing threat

of invasion by American troops. She is a witness with a unique vision, not only of her father and how the country changed after the revolution, but of Cuba's future and the potential for reform and a better life in Cuba.



DIGITAL MEDIA GROUP

Digital Lunch

The GSC Digital Media Group presents Digital Lunch Friday, February 19 at noon. Join us for a 30-minute online presentation as John Williams looks at some PowerPoint picture and text effect templates available from Microsoft's Office Online.

This webinar is being conducted over GSC's new webconference server (GSC webLINK) using open-source software from Dimdim. No special software is required. No registration is needed. Simply open up your web browser on Friday, February 19 at a little before noon, turn on your speakers, and go to the following link: <http://dimdim.gsc.edu>.

Don't miss it!
Spring
Winds Concert
 featuring the GSC Symphonic Band
 and Brass Ensemble
 Tuesday, February 23
 7:30 p.m.
 Ed Cabell Theatre

NON-TENURED FACULTY FORUM

The Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Marya Leatherwood, and the President of the Faculty Senate, Rebecca Homan, invite non-tenured faculty to share information about your employment status, feelings about being included in faculty activities, and other concerns you may have about working at Gainesville State College. Dr. Penne Lane, who has experienced adjunct status and is now a lecturer, will help us moderate a discussion on February 22 from 3-4 p.m. A survey sent to 209 faculty listed as part-time by Human Resources included two discussion questions, which will be

used to guide the meeting.

- What can the Faculty Senate and/or Administration do to develop a more inclusive environment for non-tenured faculty?
- What other topics/issues would you like to see addressed by the Faculty Senate and/or Administration?

The meeting will be in the Library AV Room (Gainesville Campus) and in the Small Conference Room (Oconee Campus). David Slutzky and Rebecca Homan will be on the Oconee campus. Drop-ins are welcome.

1. Click on JOIN A MEETING
2. For the Room Name enter: digitallunch (no spaces)
3. Enter your first and last name
4. Click on JOIN

If you have any questions or problems logging in, send an email to jcwilliams@gsc.edu.

Let Us Take Your Picture

We would like to continuously update the stock photo area and the website with fresh photography. Please contact vreeves@gsc.edu if we can photograph you in class, in a meeting, advising a student, advising a club, etc.

Laker Flash

The Laker Flash is a bimonthly video series located on the Current Students web page that informs students of important announcements and upcoming events. If you have an announcement or event to include in future videos, please e-mail the details to vreeves@gsc.edu.

Faculty Announcements

The rotating photos on the Faculty & Staff web page are being replaced with informative slides. If you have an announcement or information to post, please submit the copy and any preferred marketing images/colors to vreeves@gsc.edu.

FROM THE CTLL: STUDENTS AT RISK TRAINING SCHEDULE

This workshop will train faculty and staff in identifying and assisting students who may be psychologically at-risk. Joy Evans and Melinda Hawley will facilitate discussions of case studies using imaginary interactive student dossiers created by Kognito. After reviewing the dossiers for behavioral and academic red flags, participants will discuss the appropriate intervention where necessary, role play conversations with the students, and learn of the academic support and counseling resources available to assist students at GSC. Pre-registration is necessary. You may register online by accessing the desired date on the Master Calendar or going to the CTLL webpage.

DATE / DAY		TIME	BUILDING	ROOM
2/23	T	11:00 - 12:15	ACAD 3	140
2/24	W	3:15 - 4:40	ACAD 3	135
2/25	R	2:00 - 3:15	ACAD 3	138
3/1	M	3:00 - 4:30	Dunlap-Mathis	109
3/3	W	9:30 - 10:45	ACAD 3	145
3/15	M	12:30 - 2:00	Dunlap-Mathis	122
3/16	T	9:30 - 10:45	ACAD 3	146
3/17	W	12:00 - 1:30	Dunlap-Mathis	122
3/22	M	9:30 - 10:45	ACAD 3	145
3/24	W	12:30 - 2:00	Dunlap-Mathis	122
3/26	F	9:30 - 11:00	Dunlap-Mathis	109
3/30	T	3:00 - 4:30	ACAD 3	146
3/31	W	9:00 - 10:30	ACAD 3	145
4/1	R	1:00 - 2:30	ACAD 3	146

STUDENT NEWSPAPERS WIN AWARDS

The GSC student newspapers won a total of 33 individual and group awards at the annual Georgia College Press Association conference in Athens Feb. 5 and 6. GSC Journalism instructors Dan Cabaniss and Dr. Merrill Morris accompanied a group of 24 *Voice* and *Compass* staff members to the two-day event. GSC students took 10 first-place individual awards out of 13 categories in the contest, winning 21 individual awards in all.

The *Compass* took second place in the

General Excellence category among two-year college newspapers and also won overall awards for General Photography Excellence (1st), Improvement (3rd), Layout and Design Excellence (2nd), Best Campus Community Service—Editorial Excellence (3rd), Best Campus Community Service—Sports (3rd), Best Campus Community Service—Features (2nd), and Best Campus Community Service—News (2nd).

The *Voice* won first place in Best Campus

Community Service—Features and won other overall awards in Best Campus Community Service—News (3rd), Layout and Design (3rd), and General Advertising Excellence (3rd).

In individual awards, *Voice* staff members won for Best Column—Alicia Harper (2nd), Best Review—Scott Jenkins (1st), Best Editorial or Feature Photograph—Katie Coon (1st), Best News Photograph—Katie Coon (3rd), Best Sports Story—Will Hess (1st), Best Entertainment Feature—Scott Jenkins and Alex Gregorie (1st), Best Feature Story—Katie Coon (2nd), Best News Article Based on Objective Reporting—Tyler Ashley (2nd), Best Editorial or Editorial Series—*Voice* Staff (2nd and 3rd).

Compass staff members won individual awards for Best Review—Joe Patrick (2nd), Best Review—Ben White (3rd), Best News Photograph—Lisa Crone (1st), Best Photo Essay—Rachel Reed (1st), Best Photo Essay—Lauren Blais (2nd), Best Sports Story—Mike Williams (2nd), Best Entertainment Story—Emily Perry (1st), Best Entertainment Story—Lauren Blais (2nd), Best Feature Story—Lauren Blais (1st), Best Editorial or Editorial Series—Alejandro Ramirez (1st), Best News Article Based on Objective Reporting—Alejandro Ramirez (1st).

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 22** **Alina Fernandez—Daughter of Fidel Castro.** Room 522, OC. Colloquium Series.
- Feb. 22** **Non-Tenured Faculty Forum.** Room 158, ACAD III, GC AND Small Conference Room, OC. Moderator: Dr. Penne Lane. Representing Administration: Dr. Marya Leatherwood. Representing Faculty Senate Committee: Rebecca Homan.
- Feb. 23** **Alina Fernandez—Daughter of Fidel Castro.** Auditorium, CE Building, GC. Colloquium Series.
- Feb. 23** **Spring Winds Concert.** Ed Cabell Theatre, GC. Featuring the GSC Symphonic Band and Brass Ensemble.
- Feb. 25** **UGA Transfer Information Workshop.** Robinson Ballroom, Student Center, GC. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Mar. 1** **John Oxendine Presentation.** Room 108, CE Building, GC. Noon. Hosted by Politically Incorrect Club.



March 2010



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Shannon Chandler-GC Sam Stone-GC Josh Williamson-GC</i>	2 <i>Paul Glaser-GC Jamie Mitchem-GC</i>	3	4 Big Band Show <i>Brandon Haag-GC Leslie Worthington-GC</i>	5 Big Band Show <i>Shannon Gilstrap-GC Tom Preston-GC Steve Thellman-GC</i>	6 Big Band Show <i>Paul Raptis-GC Yumiko Tajima-GC</i>
7 <i>Dawn Echols-GC</i>	8 <i>Connie Esford-GC Nick Kastner-GC Heather Page-OC Stacie Rowley-OC</i>	9 <i>Jennifer Muskovin-GC</i>	10 <i>Anita Turlington-GC</i>	11 Sarah Crain-OC Eva Escalante-GC Hyoung-Seok Kim-GC Lisa Watson-GC Tammy Yonce-GC	12 <i>Ashley Gresham-OC Juliana Lara-GC Michael Roth-GC</i>	13
	SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES			FURLOUGH DAY	CAMPUS CLOSED	
14 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS <i>Sarah Bell-OC</i> 	15 <i>Brandi Barnes-GC Warren Caputo-GC Jill Schulze-OC</i>	16 Blood Drive-GC Library <i>Melani Delwadia-GC Jacqueline Saindon-GC Patricia Worrall-GC</i>	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  <i>Amy Collins-GC John Turlington-OC</i>	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS Open House-OC <i>Pat Guthrie-GC Chandra Karnati-GC</i> 
21	22 Spring Winds Concert <i>Randall Young-GC</i>	23 <i>Charles Belflower-OC Christy Orr-GC</i>	24	25 Phi Theta Kappa Induction <i>Carla Jennings-OC</i>	26 Susan Daniell-GC Maryellen Cosgrove-GC Susan Little-GC Alyssa Myers-OC Eileen O'Brien-OC Karen Place-OC	27 Open House-GC <i>Lois Lynn-GC Kate Seader-OC Jane Wampler-GC</i>
28 <i>Brad Lathem-GC Robert Sneed-GC</i>	29 <i>Martha Nesbitt-GC/OC Pat Short-OC David Williams-GC</i>	30 <i>Jessica Cooke-GC Joan Marler-GC</i>	31 <i>Kyle Ankiel-GC Paula Arckivy-GC</i>			