



President's Corner

On Thursday, March 15, both the Oconee and Gainesville campuses held Phi Theta Kappa inductions. It is so gratifying to see the pride in our students who have excelled. The ceremonies exemplify both our student-focused and learning-centered culture. Thanks to the sponsors,

Lance Bardsley, Brent Allison, Jennifer Williford, Amy Sherman and Gina Reed for their dedication to recognizing student excellence.

It is so gratifying to see the pride in our students who have excelled. . . . Thanks to the sponsors for their dedication to recognizing student excellence.

For your planning purposes, GSC will once again have a summer flex schedule. Beginning the week after the spring graduation, the first 1 o'clock Friday will be May 11, 2012. As before, each person is expected to work a 40-hour work week and to work out the time with his/her supervisor. Each office must be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday unless your office is open until 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The last summer flex Friday will be July 27. Regular 3 o'clock Fridays will resume August 3.

Marsha



The College Pipeline Student Panel included (l to r): Yvonne Monsalve, Alma Castaneda, Ilse Lopez, Eduardo Velasquez, Genesis Pineda, and Helen Petgrave.

Admissions, ODIIR, SIFE, & JA present College Pipeline

The GSC Admissions Office, Office of Diversity Initiatives and Intercultural Relations, and SIFE Team partnered with Junior Achievement to present the fourth annual College Pipeline program on Wednesday, February 15 in the CE/PA Auditorium. There were 141 students and teachers in attendance from Gainesville, East Hall, West Hall, Flowery Branch, North Hall and Chestatee High Schools.

The event targeted high school juniors and seniors, who learned about the admissions process, how to pick a career and major, how to apply for financial aid, how to manage their credit and debt, and how to interview successfully for scholarships and jobs.

The students were treated to a keynote address by Leo Veiga from State Farm Insurance, a student panel discussion about college life, and to campus tours. They left GSC with a "goodie bag" donated by the bookstore containing a variety

—See "College Pipeline" on Page 2

Inside this Issue

Announcements	5	Mark Your Calendar	6
CTLL Faculty/Staff Workshops	6	Open Mic Event.	3
Diversity Field Trip	2	Our College Family	5
Faculty Senate Offers Consolidation Suggestions.	3	Ringin g Our Bells.	4
<i>Gift for the Village</i>	3	SIFE Team at USG Workshop	2
<i>Importance of Being Earnest</i>	5	Triathlon.	3
Innovative Teaching Award	4	USG Faculty Development Series.	6
LifeSouth Bloodmobile	6	Wounded Soldiers.	4

College Pipeline

—Continued from Page 1

of GSC memorabilia. **Stephanie Hungerford**, **Luis Santos-Rivas**, **Katie Simmons**, and Lee Highsmith (JA) were on the planning committee and presented at the event. Admissions Counselors **Alberto Perez Visbal** and **Emily Cook** assisted with the application presentation. **Dr. Edward Lai** presented the career and major workshop; **Julie Lord** and **Dominique Almeida** represented Financial Aid.

The students on the panel were Genesis Pineda, Goizueta Scholar; Eduardo Velasquez, LSA; and Yvonne Monsalve and Ilse Lopez from SIFE.

The Credit and Debt workshop was presented by SIFE members Helen Petgrave and Alma Castaneda, and the interviewing skills workshop included **Suzanne Anthony**, Ilse, Yvonne, and Jonathan Rajala.

The campus tours were given by GSC Ambassadors Will Anthony, Regina Brock, Kristin Xiong, Alexandra Durkee, Janet Gomez, Nikki Hoang, and Nallely Guerrero.

SIFE sends team to USG Workshop

The GSC SIFE team was invited to send a team to the USG Social Business Workshop focusing on Youth Entrepreneurship, Economic Development, and Helping Georgia Communities. The program was hosted by Georgia Gwinnett College in collaboration with TiE-Atlanta (The Indus Entrepreneurs).

The workshop was held Saturday, March 3, 2012 at GGC from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. GSC SIFE was one of only six USG institutions invited to send a student team to this event.

SIFE team members Efren Chavez, James Geeter, and Litany Koshy, along with SIFE advisor **Katie Simmons**, presented their idea for a social



Traveling to Atlanta as part of "Educating Otherwise: Investigating Our Diverse American Identities" were (front row, l to r) Dr. Sheri Hardee, Cathy Walker, (back row, l to r) Brandon Bowers, Kim Griffin, Tina Hayes, Amberly Keough, Trista Trotman, Jill Bowen, Reagan Gardner, Alden Bass, Cassie Dobson, and Dr. Stacy Turner.

Students explore diversity in Atlanta

On Saturday, February 18, ten Gainesville State College students went to Atlanta as part of a new learning community, *Educating Otherwise: Investigating Our Diverse American*

Identities. This learning community combines EDUC 2120: Exploring Socio-Cultural Diversity and ENGL 2401: Multicultural Literature. The classes, headed by Drs. Stacy Turner and Sheri Hardee, focus on bridging literature and education to examine diversity in the United States.

As part of their studies, the class visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, Dialogue in the Dark, and the Hong Kong Market. Students also ate at Rosa Mexicano for lunch and had traditional Taiwanese fare at Bento Cafe for dinner. With each experience, the goal was to take students out of their comfort zones and into a critical awareness of sociocultural diversity.

Afterward, students reflected on their experiences, and although almost every student noted that they felt uncomfortable in "being the minority" in each situation, they also all indicated that each experience was impactful and broadened their understanding of the diversity inherent in the United States.

business to TiE-Atlanta volunteers who critiqued the plan and made suggestions to improve chances for future funding.

This business plan, The Sewing Cooperative, was the same plan presented at the Micro Loan program held at Georgia Tech in October. Dr. Mohammad Bhuiyan, USG ACE Fellow, represented the System Office at this event.

**SUMMER
FLEX
SCHEDULE
STARTS
MAY 11!**

Faculty Senate gathers consolidation suggestions

—by Jeff Marker, Faculty Senate President

Hello Colleagues,

The Faculty Senate has been listening and gathering your concerns and suggestions regarding the consolidation. Thank you all for caring so deeply for our institution, even as we face unprecedented uncertainty.

Believing that the more opportunities faculty have to contribute and communicate the better, the Senate has posted a delineation of the concerns voiced to us already and provided a place where faculty may offer additional comments. To read the list of faculty concerns and to engage in discussion, go to the Faculty Senate section of the portal, click on Full Faculty Discussions in the sidebar, then click on GSC and NGCSU Consolidation Concerns. Bear in mind that this is a dynamic, ever-evolving document and not a comprehensive summary. Thanks to **Penny Lyman** for setting this up.

The Senate has also forwarded a resolution to Dr. Jacobs regarding the need to maintain faculty involvement in curriculum changes made during the

consolidation process.

The NGCSU Senate offered a nearly identical resolution, and we feel it's important that the two faculties begin to support each other, particularly on certain issues. The resolution is also a sign that our potential colleagues place the same value on shared governance. Here is the text of that resolution: "That the faculty representatives on the Implementation Committee be instructed that they will inform the President of the Faculty Senate of any matters that arise in the consolidation discussion that include curricular issues. The faculty representatives should await Senate or designated Senate committee deliberation and report before signaling faculty consent in any decisions that involve curriculum. The Faculty Senate is already the duly elected representative body of the faculty, and the faculty is responsible for the curriculum. Hence, any curricular matters that arise in this consolidation process should be the business of the Faculty Senate."

Finally, I'll remind you that the Senate meets on Mondays at noon in the Library AV room on the Gainesville Campus and in the SRC conference room on the Oconee Campus. Our upcoming meetings are on April 2, 16, and 30. We encourage you to attend during this crucial time.




Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers:
A Gift for the Village
Friday, March 23
7:30 p.m.
Arts Council
Smithgall Arts Center
Gainesville, GA
Tickets: \$7 Adults
\$5 Students/Seniors
(Includes "Meet the Filmmaker"
Q&A & Reception)

GSC Triathlon set for April

GSC will hold a Triathlon, open to GSC and Lanier Tech students, faculty, and staff, on Wednesday, April 18, from noon to 1 p.m. The event will include individual and 3-person relay teams.

The triathlon order consists of a 200-yard swim in the GSC pool, a 3.5 mile bike ride on the mountain bike trail, and a 1.5 mile run on the nature trail and track.

Entry forms are available at the PE building. Contact lwatson@gsc.edu (swim); jgoodman@gsc.edu (bike); athomas@gsc.edu (run); or wcaputo@gsc.edu (run) for more information.



P.O. Box 1358
Gainesville, Georgia 30503
www.gsc.edu

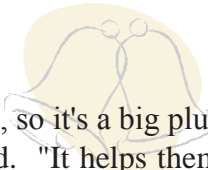
TOWERTALK is the official communication vehicle for Gainesville State College faculty and staff members and is published biweekly by the Office of Public Relations and Marketing. Submissions for the next edition should be emailed to dkrewson@gsc.edu or sent to Debbie Krewson, Public Relations & Marketing, to be received by noon, Wednesday, March 28, 2012.



OPEN MIC EVENT
Thursday, March 22
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
STARBUCKS in
Academic I V
More info: gbennett@gsc.edu
Sponsored by
The Chestatee Review



Ringling Our Bells



Katie Simmons attended the Board of Directors Meeting of Interactive Neighborhood for Kids (INK) on Monday, March 5, 2012.



The **GSC SIFE Team** has been awarded a Lowe's Community Improvement Grant for \$2,000 to create a "reading trail" at Friendship Elementary School. This trail will be an expansion of the existing nature trail at the school. Students will be able to read a story while walking. The project will target both improved literacy and reduced childhood obesity. We will be looking for volunteers in the future so we can help Friendship Elementary achieve its goal of "Strong Minds and Strong Bodies."



Larry Cook had an article, "XPS Foam Flats," published in *Southern Theatre Magazine* this month. *Southern Theatre Magazine* is a quarterly publication of the Southeastern Theatre Conference. Larry first presented the information at SETC's 2010 convention at a panel discussion named "Design Outside the Box." The article focuses on methods for constructing scenery with reclaimable materials.



Brenda Perry, the Professional Advisor who coordinates dual enrollment on the Gainesville Campus, was quoted in an article about dual enrollment in the Gainesville Times on March 4, 2012. "The students can get a jump-start on their college credits while they're

still in high school, so it's a big plus for them," she said. "It helps them make an easier transition because they get a little more exposure than other high school students."



Dr. Alicia Caudill, GSC's Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, was recently honored by the Georgia College Personnel Association as the 2012 recipient of the *Theodore K. Miller Outstanding Professional Service Award*. The award is the highest honor in the Student Affairs profession in the State of Georgia.



Dr. Ben Wynne recently reviewed *Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917* (Columbia SC: University of Missouri Press, 2010), edited by Bruce A. Glasrud, for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*.



On Friday, March 2, the following Education faculty participated in the Chicopee Woods Elementary "Read Across America" event by donning Dr. Seuss costumes and reading in various classrooms: **Dr. Maryellen Cosgrove, Dr. Barbara Carpenter, Dr. Regina Meeler, Dr. Sheri Hardee, and Ms. Sheree Gravenhorst**. In addition, many of the Education students, both at the associate level and the bachelor level, donated their time and demonstrated their love for reading by also participating in the event.

Wounded Soldiers

Two members of the GSC family have had loved ones seriously injured in Afghanistan during the past year. Michael Boucher, brother of GSC alumna Britany Boucher, and Sean Adams, brother of GSC student Josh Adams, suffered life-threatening injuries that, among other severe consequences, required the amputation of both legs.

If you'd like to show your support for the Boucher and Adams families, please visit their web sites at CaringBridge.org, which maintains these sites free of charge to help families coordinate the recoveries of wounded soldiers. The sites allow you to communicate with the soldiers and their families and also direct you to some of the efforts being made to help the Bouchers and the Adams.

Here are links to both soldiers' CaringBridge web pages:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/LCplMichaelBoucher/mystory>

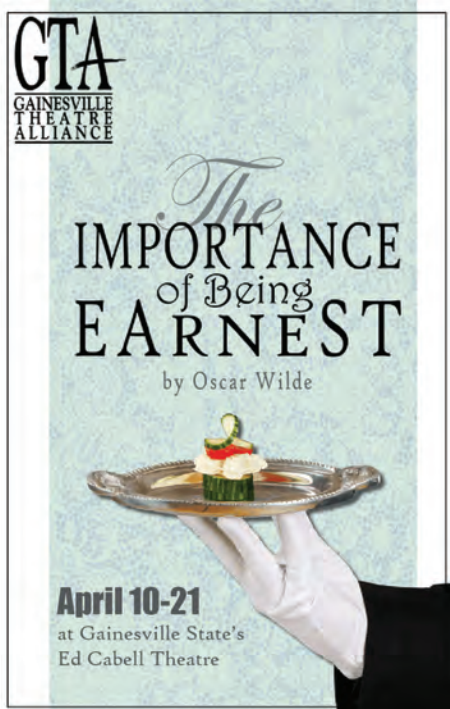
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pfcseanadams>

Innovative Teaching Award Deadline is March 19

GSC and Gainesville State College Foundation (GSCF) value innovation and experimentation to facilitate progress and to advance knowledge.

The GSCF Innovative Teaching Program offers funding for faculty and teaching staff who desire an opportunity to try something innovative and experimental in their courses but have not had time and/or financial resources to do so. The deadline to apply for the Spring 2012 Award is Monday, March 19.

For more information and the application, please go to <http://www.gsc.edu/facstaff/ctll/awards/Pages/InnovativeTeachingProgram.aspx>.



"Earnest" closes out the season for GTA

The year is 1895 during the heart of the Victorian Era in London. Two charming bachelors enjoy a double life, running away from their societal duties and towards more alluring engagements. But when they fall desperately in love with two enchanting young ladies, keeping up appearances may be more than they can manage in their assumed identities.

The Gainesville Theatre Alliance closes its 32nd season with this highly farcical comedy, complete with witty banter and repartee. *The Importance of Being Earnest* opens at 7:30 p.m. April 10, and patrons are invited to the free Opening Night Reception, catered by Scotts on the Square, immediately

after the performance. The show runs through April 21, with 2:30 p.m. matinees on April 15 and 22.

Patrons are also invited to some scrumptious bites and edification at a High Tea & Talk about 1900s manners and etiquette at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, in the lobby of the theatre. The talk will feature GTA resident dramatist **Gay Hammond**, who plays Lady Bracknell in the production. Cost is \$8/person by advance reservation.

The Importance of Being Earnest will be performed at the Ed Cabell Theatre in the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center on the Gainesville Campus.

Tickets are \$16-18 for adults, \$14-16 for seniors, and \$10-12 for students. General admission preview tickets are \$8. There will be a discounted preview performance on Monday, April 9.

For more information, call the GTA Box Office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at 678-717-3624.

Announcements

A new Key/Access card policy has been created for GSC. Effective March 19, this policy will require each employee to be responsible for requesting his/her own keys. This includes all new and existing employees. The policy will be available for review beginning March 19 on the key request work order system and the Plant Operations website.



Please see the information below from Blue Cross / Blue Shield regarding the in-network lab for both the Open Access POS and HMO networks. **LabCorp is the in-network provider for lab work on both the HMO and Open Access POS networks.**

- LabCorp may have "draw sites" (i.e., in a hospital or doctor's office).
- Emergency/Urgent/Stat labs can be done at labs other than LabCorp.
- Members should always ask prior to lab work being done who the lab provider will be.



- This does not include members who are being treated on an inpatient basis.
- If a member is referred by an in-network provider to a lab other than LabCorp, please have them notify Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia immediately to educate the provider.



CTLL has purchased RosettaStone Language Learning Software for use by our faculty and staff. There are three languages in graduating levels of learning: Arabic, Levels 1-3; Chinese (Mandarin), Levels 1-3; and Spanish (Latin American), Levels 1-5. It's free to use, but you must have a USB headset with microphone, and you must install the software on your computer. Please contact Mary Carney, Director of CTLL, at mcarney@gsc.edu, for installation instructions. Also, please contact Mary Carney by email with your evaluation of the software.

Our College Family

The Math and Computer Science Department is hosting a wedding shower for Jennifer Feenstra Williford on Wednesday, March 21 at noon in the ACAD III conference room. Please drop in for refreshments and wish Jennifer well. Jennifer and Rob are registered at Target.



Erin Parrish's husband, Jason Pina, who is an alumnus of GSC (2006) and NGCSU (2009) in Art Education, has published his first children's picture book, "I Love You . . ." It is "a story of families—mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, brothers and sisters—and the bonds of affections they share." The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com. Congratulations!

✓ Mark your calendar:

- Sat., Mar. 17** **Spring Open House.** 9 AM - Noon, Lobby & Auditorium, CE/PA Center, GC.
- Wed., Mar. 21** **CIRCA Gainesville 2012.** 8 AM - 6 PM, Robinson Ballroom, Student Center, GC. Conference for Innovation, Research, and the Creative Arts. Sponsored by GSC Honors Program.
- Sat., Mar. 24** **Spring Open House.** 9 AM - Noon, Student Resource Center, OC.
- Wed., Mar. 28** **New York Times Talk.** Noon - 1 PM, Room 108, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, GC. Guest speaker: Tisha Tallman, President & CEO, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**LifeSouth
Bloodmobile**
is coming to the Gainesville Campus
(Grassy area in front of the Library)
Thursday, April 12
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Stop by, save a life.
Be a blood donor!

CTLL Faculty/Staff Workshops—Spring 2012

For additional information regarding these and other workshops, watch for Notice Board announcements or check our website (www.gsc.edu/facstaff/ctll/workshops/Pages/default.aspx). To register, contact the CTLL Office by email or call ext. 3933.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------|--|
| Mon., 3/19 | PEETT to SEXC
<i>Facilitated by Kya Reaves</i> | Noon - 1 PM | Gainesville Campus, Library, Room 134;
Videoconferenced to Oconee Campus Room 564 |
| Wed., 3/28 | Online Testing: To Test or Not to Test Online?
<i>Facilitated by Nina Lamson</i> | Noon - 1 PM | Oconee Campus, Room 312 |
| Wed., 4/4 | Online Testing: To Test or Not to Test Online?
<i>Facilitated by Nina Lamson</i> | Noon - 1 PM | Gainesville Campus, ACAD IV, Rm 2123 |
| Fri., 4/6 | Advising—First Friday
<i>Facilitated by Theresa Lindsey</i> | 9:00 - 10 AM | Gainesville Campus, ACAD III, Room 191 |
| Wed., 4/11 | Veteran Issues: Negotiating College after the Sandbox
<i>Facilitated by Kristin Kelly and Christy Orr</i> | Noon - 1 PM | Gainesville Campus, ACAD IV, Room 2123 |

USG Faculty Development Series

- Fri., 3/30** **Class from Hell** 10 AM - 4 PM Georgia Southwestern State University
What do you do when, with 12 long weeks to go, you realize that you have the class from hell—one you dread walking into? What did you do? What made it the class from hell? Was it the disruptive student? Was it you? Learn some techniques to work with such classes. *Presenter: Peter Lindsay, Georgia State University*
- Wed., 4/11** **What's Online Will Hurt You** 10 AM - 4 PM Online Session
Are you worried about identity theft? Well, that's not the only thing on the Internet to be worried about. Learn what other pitfalls are out there. *Presenter: Stan Gatewood, USG Board of Regents*
- Fri., 4/20** **Leading Undergraduate Research Programs** 10 AM - 4 PM ITS - Athens
Undergraduate research is thriving on many of our campuses. Hear first-hand examples of what students are doing and how faculty are supporting them. *Presenters: Samuel Abegaz, Cindy Henning, and Shamim Khan, Columbus State University; David Williams, University of Georgia*

*Registration is free to USG faculty and staff with travel funding available for each participant.
Register online at: http://www.usg.edu/faculty_affairs/workshops/category/academic_year_2011-2012/*