



## President's Corner

I know I also speak for Barbara Carpenter, Deb Lilly and Amy Reeder when I thank the GSC Foundation for the wonderful retirement reception on Wednesday, April 11.

It was a happy event with a crowd that included several retirees, friends and families of those retiring this summer as well as many faculty and staff. There were lots of laughs and a few tears. The event demonstrated once again how special our college "family" is. It was a wonderful afternoon and one we will always remember.

*Martha*

## Foundation to present annual Faculty/Staff Service Awards

A tradition since 1980, Gainesville State College celebrates the longevity of its faculty and staff members each calendar year. Sponsored by the GSC Foundation, these awards are presented annually at the Faculty/Staff Luncheon. This year's luncheon will take place on Monday, August 6, 2012 in the large gym.

### Criteria Determining Years of Service to GSC:

- The employee's GSC hire date determines his/her years of service and will be celebrated at the following milestones: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service.
- Awards are given only for years of service at GSC. Years of employment at other institutions within the University System of Georgia (USG) are not counted.
- Years of service are determined by calendar year.
- Should a faculty or staff member take a leave of absence, the time he/she is away will not be included in the overall tally of years of service.
- Part-time service of a staff member will be counted toward years of service.
- Part-time service of a faculty member will be counted if he/she moves into a full-time faculty position.
- Years worked as a GSC student worker do not count toward years of service.
- Years of service following official USG retirement do not count toward years of service.

### 2012 GSC Service Award Recipients:

The following Faculty and Staff members are scheduled to receive a service award at this year's luncheon:

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## Farewell Tea for Dr. Nesbitt



Please join the Gainesville State College Women's Organization for a farewell tea honoring Dr. Martha T. Nesbitt. The drop-in event will give all faculty and staff members an opportunity to personally thank Dr. Nesbitt for her 14½ years of hard work and dedication to GSC.

Thursday, May 3, 2012,

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Academic IV Building, Room 3110, GC

Questions? **Amy Lancaster**, X3409 or [events@gsc.edu](mailto:events@gsc.edu)

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# Foundation to present annual Faculty/Staff Service Awards

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## 25 Years

Dale S. Crandall  
Monique N. Kluczykowski  
Amy Reeder  
William B. Strickland

## 20 Years

Lisa Beck  
Tina Carter  
Joy Evans  
Delbert Greear  
Donna Grizzle  
Mary Hamby  
Sloan Jones  
Brenda Perry

## 15 Years

Sabine Davis  
Linnea Haag  
Martha T. Nesbitt  
Debra Pilgrim  
Patricia Worrall

## 10 Years

Paula Arckivy  
Philip Branyon  
Alicia Caudill  
Mercer E. Crook  
Deidre DeLaughter  
James Howard  
Kelly Manley  
Vickie Poole  
Molly Potts  
Eleanor Schut  
Anita Turlington  
Brian Wesnofske  
Laura Beth Wheeler

## 5 Years

Melanie Allen  
Shelley Aikman  
Alla Balueva  
Karen Banks  
Charles Bell

Beth Bellamy  
Gloria Bennett  
Ezekiel Black  
Martin Blackwell  
Casey Bowman  
Clara Bryant  
Betsy Cantrell  
Tonya Butler Collins  
Mary Carney  
Pamela Elfenbein  
Dawn Drumtra  
Mary Fifer  
Donna Foster  
Shannon Gilstrap  
Yong Seung Han  
Valerie Havill  
Julia Hewell  
Lance Hundt  
Hieu P. Huynh  
John Mark Jones  
Katherine Kipp

Nancy Leizear  
Earl Lundy  
Matias Perez-Minambres  
Heather Mitchell  
Adam Lance Murphy  
Heather Murray  
Christy Orr  
Al Panu  
Erin Parrish  
Derek Powers  
Johanna Rickman  
Patricia Short  
Emily Sparrow  
Renee Thompson  
Mary Transue  
Lisa Walker  
Veronica Walker  
John Williams  
Leslie Worthington  
Carly Womack-Wynne  
Corey Young

If you believe your name should be added to this list, please e-mail [Kathy Martin](mailto:kmartin@gsc.edu) at [kmartin@gsc.edu](mailto:kmartin@gsc.edu). Should you have any questions pertaining to the Faculty/Staff Luncheon, please contact [Amy Lancaster](mailto:alancaster@gsc.edu) at [alancaster@gsc.edu](mailto:alancaster@gsc.edu). Thank you!

## COOKOUT!

When: Friday, April 20  
Where: Plant Operations (GC)  
Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Again this year, Plant Ops will be preparing its famous barbecue chicken donated by Mar-Jack Poultry. The Executive Council will provide baked beans, and the Foundation will provide cole slaw, potato salad, corn on the cob, bread, soft drinks, water, & picnic supplies. Each building is to bring 1-2 side dishes or desserts.

All food items need to be brought to Plant Ops no later than 11 AM that day. (And don't forget to bring serving utensils for your dishes!) Contact [Thomas Burson](#), [Eddie Morgan](#), [Chris Boring](#), [Donna Hooton](#), or [Teresa Leckie](#) for more information.



## How to claim consolidation travel expenses

A new department number has been established for travel expenses pertaining to the NGCSU/GSC consolidation. Please use the following accounting stream for consolidation-related travel only: Fund—10600; Dept.—1069200; Description—Consolidation Travel; Program—11100; Class—11000. Mileage should be calculated to/from your home-based campus to/from NGCSU.

Please make sure a map is attached for all mileage claims. If an employee is traveling from his/her residence, he/she may use this as the start/end point **if the mileage is less**. If the mileage is more, the residence can be used only if the travel occurs on a weekend or holiday.

Also, please attach a meeting agenda, email, or some other form of documentation showing the reason for the meeting.

Meeting and mileage documentation are state auditor requirements.

According to Yahoo! Maps, travel to/from NGCSU to/from the GSC Gainesville Campus is 29.12 miles each way (58.24 round trip). Travel to/from NGCSU to/from the GSC Oconee Campus is 75.18 miles each way (150.36 round trip).



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## CTLL WORKSHOPS

### Promotion & Tenure Review

—facilitated by Mary Carney

(Gainesville Campus)

Tues., 4/24, Noon - 1 PM

Mon., 4/30, Noon - 1 PM

Academic IV, Room 2214

(Oconee Campus)

Mon., 4/23, Noon - 1 PM

Thurs., 4/26, Noon - 1 PM

SRC, Room 564

Register online by clicking  
on the link on the GSC  
Faculty/Staff web page.

## Princeton Review rates Michallene McDaniel one of 300 best professors

Gainesville State College has one of the country's best undergraduate teachers, according to The Princeton Review ([www.PrincetonReview.com](http://www.PrincetonReview.com)). The Massachusetts-based education services company—widely-known for its test-prep courses, books and student survey-based college rankings—profiles **Dr. Michallene McDaniel**, Associate Professor of Sociology from GSC, in its new book, *The Best 300 Professors* (Random House / Princeton Review, \$19.99).



Published April 3, 2012, *The Best 300 Professors* is a project on which The Princeton Review teamed up with RateMyProfessors.com—the highest-trafficked college professor ratings site in the U.S.—to develop. The book's impressive roster of top teachers features professors in more than 60 fields ranging from Accounting to Neuroscience to Sport Management. They hail from 122 colleges and universities across the nation. A complete list of the professors in the book is accessible at [www.princetonreview.com/best-professors.aspx](http://www.princetonreview.com/best-professors.aspx).

The selection process took into account qualitative and quantitative data from survey findings and ratings collected by both The Princeton Review and RateMyProfessors.com. The professors featured in the book are a select group: from an initial list of 42,000 professors considered. The final group of "best" professors chosen constitutes less than .02% of the roughly 1.8 million post-secondary teachers instructing students at colleges and universities across the U.S. The professors in the book are not ranked (nor are their colleges ranked in this book), but each professor profiled received high ratings from their most important audiences, beneficiaries and critics: the students they teach and inspire.

The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University.

## Edney inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

Paula Edney, Assistant Professor of Health and Wellness at GSC, has been inducted into the Santa Fe College Athletics Hall of Fame. Two teams and 12 other former Santa Fe greats were also inducted at the March 24 ceremony, which took place at the Santa Fe College baseball and softball complex in Gainesville, Florida.



Edney spoke for the 1983-84 women's basketball team. She was also inducted as an individual for her enormous achievements as the women's basketball coach from 1981 to 1991. During those ten years, the team reached still

unmatched heights of program success. Edney guided SF to two FCSAA State Championships, four Mid-Florida Conference championships, and two appearances at the NJCAA National Tournament. She finished with an overall record of 196-96 and in 1995 was named the Head Coach for the Pan-American Games.

## Our College Family

Congratulations to Lillian Welch (retired GSC PE professor) and her family! Lillian's granddaughter, Charleston Grace Welch, was born on Thursday, March 29. She arrived early, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz., and was 19¼ in. long. Mother and baby are doing fine and are now home with Daddy and big brother.

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Get-well wishes go out to Brenda Perry, who was recently injured in a car accident. We hope you'll be "back on your feet" soon!

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Deepest sympathies to Gail Wacaster and her family on the death of her mother, Vera Mae Davis. Mrs. Davis passed away March 31, 2012.



Members of GSC's Politically Incorrect Club pose with Governor Nathan Deal on a recent field trip to the State Capitol.

**LIFESOUTH  
BLOODMOBILE  
THURSDAY, 4/19  
11 AM - 4 PM  
IN FRONT OF LIBRARY (GC)  
Give blood—save a life!**

## Chestatee students attend literary festival

The 2012 Southern Literary Festival was held March 29 – 31 in Nashville, Tennessee. **Gloria Bennett, Dottie Blais, and Leslie Worthington** took students from the *Chestatee Review* Magazine Production class to participate in creative writing workshops and readings held throughout the weekend on the Lipscomb University campus.

Preparations for the festival begin each year with a literary contest for students from member schools within the Southern Literary Festival Association. Currently, there are more than 20 member schools that actively participate. Categories for the contest include: short fiction, poetry, informal and formal essays, and one-act plays. There is also a category for the previous year's student-produced literary journal. The *Chestatee Review* was the

third-place winner in this year's contest.

In addition to the regular contest categories, six original plays were selected to be performed by student actors in the Tina Howe Masterclass event. Three of the six plays were written by Gainesville State College students: Jennifer Clark, Shelley McCann, and Amy Wilson. All three were able to travel to Nashville for the opportunity to have their play critiqued by the award-winning playwright, Tina Howe.



*Students from the Chestatee Review Magazine Production class attended the 2012 Southern Literary Festival in Nashville in March.*

## Best Practices Award nominations due

The Best Practices Award, given annually, honors strategies, projects, practices, activities, initiatives, and/or research at Gainesville State College that has proved highly effective, innovative, and commendable in the areas of

institutional service, professional development, or community service. Recipients may be faculty or staff and may be individuals, teams, departments, or divisions. The award will be presented during Fall Planning Week ceremonies.

Past recipients of this award include Thomas Hartfield, Anita Turlington, Matt Horton, and Sue Doyle-Portillo.

Please return nominations to Kristie Kiser at [kkiser@gsc.edu](mailto:kkiser@gsc.edu) by Friday, April 27.

### Award Criteria:

Eligible activities need to have been operational for two years and/or have received recognition outside the College on at least a state-wide level.

The program/strategy/service must meet or set new standards or introduce innovative practices.

The program/strategy/service must lead to improved methods for fulfilling Gainesville State College's mission statement and must work toward meeting one or more of the College's strategic goals.

The nominee must have been evaluated and results documented in some fashion.

The results and/or impact of the program/strategy/service must be sustainable over a period of time.

The program/strategy/service must have broad impact and applicability.

Award submissions will be reviewed by a committee of GSC faculty members.

## Campuses hold annual Honors Days

GSC held its annual Honors events to recognize outstanding students and faculty members on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 on the Gainesville Campus and on Tuesday, April 10 on the Oconee Campus.

Students, faculty, staff, family and friends gathered at the events to recognize students who were nominated for various academic and service awards.

The College also awarded three top honor awards for outstanding students and three top honor awards for faculty/staff at each campus. The GSC Foundation proudly sponsors these events each year.

Alma Castaneda (GC) and Lindsay Clark (OC) received the Clark Theodore Outstanding Traditional Student Awards. Cheryl Mills (GC) and Lili Hill (OC) received the Clark Theodore Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Awards. These awards are given to students who exemplify the College's ideals of excellence in academic achievement, leadership, and service to others. The award criteria requires that the recipient have completed at least 30 semester hours at GSC and earned at least a 3.0 GPA.

The Gainesville State College Achievement Awards were presented to Krista Current (GC) and DeShonda Cyganik (OC). This award is presented on the basis of academic improvement, growth, and progress made while attending GSC.

The Ann Matthews Purdy Outstanding Faculty Members were selected by student nominations and discussions with student groups. Both a full- and a part-time faculty member were honored on each campus. **Karen Dodson** was selected as the full-time faculty winner, and **Gloria Denton** was selected as the part-time faculty winner from the Gainesville Campus. **Anne Duke** (full-time) and **Christine Olson** (part-time) were winners of the Ann Matthews Purdy Outstanding Faculty Award on the Oconee Campus.

Each campus also chose a recipient for the Advising Award. The Gainesville Campus winner was **Barbara Carpenter**, and the Oconee Campus winner was **Dede deLaughter**.

Receptions hosted by Student Life followed the ceremonies at both campuses.



**Thomas Hartfield, Beata Hebda,** and **Piotr Hebda** attended the 24th Annual International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics. Thomas Hartfield presented the session “SMARTBoard Podcasting: Practical Tips to Increase Effectiveness and Decrease Effort” there. The session focused on strategies for successful implementation and experiences garnered from over three years of use in the classroom.



Two Education Club students, Caitlin Rodriguez and Kimmey Battles, served as volunteer greeters at the Masters in Teaching Ceremony held on the Brenau East Campus at the Featherbone Communi-versity on April 10. They were accompanied by Education Club advisor **Dr. Barbara Carpenter.**



**Chris Jonick** attended the 10th Annual Teaching Matters conference at Gordon College in Barnesville, GA on March 30 and gave a presentation entitled “Threshold Concepts vs. Overstuffed Curriculum.”



**Suzanne Anthony** also presented at the 10th Annual Teaching Matters conference. Her topic was “CSI: Classroom Secrets Investigated: Tips I’ve Learned Along the Way.”



**Gloria Bennett** was recently chosen to serve on the Southern Literary Festival Association Executive Council. The purpose of the Association is to provide for the promotion of creative writing among the students in Southern colleges and universities and to stimulate literary interest among the people of the South.



**Gloria Bennett** was recently nominated to serve as President of the Georgia Writers Association. She has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the GWA for the past two academic years.

# Ringling Our Bells



On March 31, 2012, English professor **Kristin G. Kelly** presented a paper entitled “Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Facing Iraq and Afghanistan in the Classroom” at The Tenth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference for Teachers of Undergraduates at Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia.



**Leslie Worthington** has been invited to speak about her book, *Cormac McCarthy and the Ghost of Huck Finn*, and present the paper “Where’s Huckleberry?: The Huck Finn Tradition and Cormac McCarthy’s Protagonists” at the Brittain Fellowship 25th Anniversary Consortium at the Georgia Institute of Technology on April 19.



**Leslie Worthington’s** poem “Georgia Snow” has been selected for the 2012 issue of *Kudzu Magazine*. She has been invited to read it and other poetry at the Evening of Poets, an event which celebrates the publication of the magazine and begins the Hazard Community College Spring Writers Conference in Hazard, Kentucky on April 26.



**Leslie Worthington’s** article “Hunting Huckleberries: Intertextual Connections between Mark Twain and Lee Smith” will appear in the spring issue of the interdisciplinary journal *49th Parallel*.



**Ryan Boylan**, Instructor of Spanish, recently presented at the 2012 joint SCOLT/FLAG/SEALLT conference in Atlanta. His presentation, entitled “Espanol en Acronimos: Spanish in Acronyms” sought to give other Spanish teachers a fun and inventive way of teaching some of the most difficult concepts in the language. The conference was a joint effort by the Southern Conference on Language Teaching, the Foreign Language Association of Georgia, and the SouthEast Association for Language Learning Technology.



**Gail Barksdale**, Professional Advisor in the Academic Advising Center, has had her presentation proposal, “Connecting the Dots Between Academic Advising and SAP,” accepted as a Concurrent session for the October 2012 NACADA Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The selection committee chose Gail’s proposal for its high quality and relevance to current advising practices.

## Council approves EOS

The GSC Executive Council has approved the following Equal Opportunity Statement which will be put into the catalog; the faculty, staff, and student handbooks; and other appropriate materials:

In order to promote the full realization of equal opportunity for all college constituents, the College commits to engaging in continuing practices in support of broad inclusivity. As such, the College does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, disabled status, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship status (except in those circumstances proscribed and mandated by law) or veteran status in the administration of admissions policies, educational policies, employment policies, or any other College governed programs and activities. The College’s equal opportunity and non-discrimination policy applies to every member of the College community. Furthermore, the College’s affirmative action program, Title IX program, and related policies are developed in compliance with applicable law. This nondiscrimination policy also encompasses the employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

**Don't wait!**

Get your tickets while they're still available for GTA's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, running through April 21 at the Ed Cabell Theatre. Call the box office at 678-717-3624 for tickets.

# Political Cartoonist visits Campuses

Political Cartoonist Andy Marlette showed his work and offered insight into journalism and cartooning in the 21st century at the Oconee and Gainesville campuses on April 2 and 3.

While his talks were geared toward a general student audience, Marlette graciously stuck around to field questions from journalism students both days. He began drawing editorial cartoons for the

*Pensacola News Journal* in 2007, and his cartoons are syndicated throughout Florida and nationwide. Marlette's work has been awarded by the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors for best editorial cartoons and has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

Marlette is the nephew of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Doug Marlette.



The 2012 Muddy Duck Dash will be held on April 28, 2012 beginning at 8 AM on GSC's Gainesville Campus. The event is a 3.5 mile obstacle-style race that will benefit Friendship Elementary School. The course is an easy to moderate challenge course with 12 to 15 various obstacles.

Come get dirty, overcome obstacles, and carry a rubber duck across the finish line at this year's Muddy Duck Dash! Registration is \$45 until April 27, and \$50 on race day. All racers will be provided a rubber duck that must be with them at all times during the run. Technical t-shirts for all participants!

Friendship Elementary is a local charter school that values health and well-being as part of its learning environment. This elementary school not only builds strong minds, but also strong bodies. The school runs a wellness program that includes the entire community. It is available to all Hall County students in K-5th grade. The goal of the program is to fight childhood obesity, improve academic performance, and develop a fitness educated community.

The Muddy Duck Dash is open to anyone who is looking for a challenge and would like to contribute to a great cause. By teaching our children how to live a healthier lifestyle, we are helping to ensure that their futures may be brighter.

To register online, go to: <http://muddyduckdash.com/> and follow the link to the registration page.

## GSC will host annual math tournament

Gainesville State College will host its 18th Annual Math Tournament on Saturday, April 14.

A total of 140 college students are scheduled to participate from 18 different institutions. The states represented include Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina and Mississippi. Participation is limited to students enrolled in two-year colleges or a college with only a two-year mathematics degree program who have never been enrolled in any math course above the sophomore level.

The competition features both individual and team events involving problems from calculus, trigonometry,

geometry, statistics and algebra. The morning individual event is a non-calculator, 90-minute calculus test. During the lunch break, the attendees will hear a presentation by **Dr. Julian Allagan**, GSC Assistant Professor of Mathematics. His areas of interest include graphs, hyper graphs, algorithms and combinatorics. The afternoon event is a team competition. The all-day event will conclude with an awards ceremony at 3 PM.

The public is invited to observe the afternoon competition and awards ceremony. For more information, please contact Delbert Greear at 678-717-3736 or [dgreear@gsc.edu](mailto:dgreear@gsc.edu).

## ✓ Mark your calendar:

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| <b>Fri., Apr. 13</b>   | <b><i>The Importance of Being Earnest.</i></b> 7:30 PM, Ed Cabell Theatre, CE/PA Ctr., GC. Through Apr. 21.                                |
| <b>Sat., Apr. 14</b>   | <b>SOAR.</b> Session 1, 9 AM - 1 PM; Session 2, 1 - 5 PM, Atrium, Faculty Center, OC.  |
| <b>Thurs., Apr. 19</b> | <b>LifeSouth Bloodmobile.</b> 11 AM - 4 PM, Grassy area in front of Hosch Library, GC.   |
| <b>Fri., Apr. 20</b>   | <b>Annual Picnic.</b> 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Plant Operations, GC.  |
| <b>Mon., Apr. 23</b>   | <b>Spring Graduation Reception.</b> 2:30 - 4:30 PM, Robinson Ballroom, Student Center, GC. <i>Sponsored by the GSC Alumni Association.</i> |
| <b>Mon., Apr. 23</b>   | <b>Spring Music Concert I.</b> 7:30 - 9 PM, Ed Cabell Theatre, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, GC.                            |
| <b>Tues., Apr. 24</b>  | <b>Spring Music Contert II.</b> 7:30 - 9 PM, Ed Cabell Theatre, CE/PA Center, GC.  |
| <b>Wed., Apr. 25</b>   | <b>Spring Graduation Reception.</b> 11 AM - 1 PM, SRC Quad, OC. <i>Sponsored by the GSC Alumni Association.</i>                            |
| <b>Fri., Apr. 27</b>   | <b>Annual Picnic.</b> 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, OC.  |