



President's Corner

Please join me in congratulating **Dr. Melinda Hawley** in being named the Gainesville State College Ombudsman. This position will become effective July 1, 2012; however, Melinda will be busy this summer with additional training and creating an informational page on the GSC website.

An Ombudsman (Ombud) provides faculty and staff an informal and confidential means for discussing and addressing an issue without fear of reprisal. This person is trained to listen and to provide counsel in identifying options and clarifications of University policy or procedures. The Ombud analyzes issues, investigates processes, and makes referrals or recommendations for changes in policy where appropriate. The Ombud reports directly to the president, is neutral, confidential, and an informal resource for faculty, and staff, independent of any College administrative structure.

The Ombud will not act as an advocate for you in a dispute, represent individuals in appeals or formal grievance procedures either on campus or off, provide legal representation, or give legal advice. This person will not get involved if you have a non-College related problem or complaint, or overturn binding decisions, but can investigate procedural fairness, serve as an office of record, or keep formal written records.

You might want to contact Ombudsman Hawley if you have a problem, concern or issue at work; don't know where to go for help; are reluctant to go through normal channels for assistance; or need a safe place to explore your options without retribution.

Dr. Hawley will be available for faculty and staff from both Campuses and the University Center | GA 400.

IESA wins University System's Teaching Excellence Award

Two University System of Georgia (USG) programs selected by the USG Academic Affairs office will share the distinction as this year's recipients of the Board of Regents' Teaching Excellence Award winners. The Lewis F. Rogers Institute for Environmental Spatial Analysis at Gainesville State College and the First Year Composition Program at the University of Georgia were recognized at the USG's Board of Regents meeting on Wednesday, May 9.

The Lewis F. Rogers Institute for Environmental & Spatial Analysis at GSC is an interdisciplinary teaching, research and public service resource for the North Georgia Region. The Institute promotes environmental education using advanced technology, interdisciplinary instruction, collaborative learning, and service to address social, human and environmental issues.

"These awards allow us to recognize outstanding faculty in the University System of Georgia who are making a tremendous difference in the lives of our students," said Dr. Linda Noble, the University System's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. "We are proud to spotlight these exceptional faculty and programs and their commitment to student learning and success."

Created in 1996, the Regents' Awards program recognizes the finest among the University System of Georgia. Exemplary teaching that significantly improves student success, research that demonstrates innovative teaching techniques and programs that enhance student learning are the hallmarks shared by each year's honorees.

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Counseling & Career Services Summer 2012 Workshops

Counseling & Career Services offers students a variety of services, including personal and career counseling, transfer information, academic and career workshops, and job search assistance (Electronic Job Board). Group sessions are available as well as individual appointments. Please call 678-717-3660 or stop by our office in the Student Center to schedule an appointment.

We encourage you to attend our workshops and events. All workshops and events are free of charge and open to currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff. If you cannot attend a program but are interested in the topic, we will be happy to meet with you individually. All workshops are about 45 minutes to one hour in length and will be presented in our office unless otherwise noted. Advance registration for our workshops is preferred. **Call 678-717-3660 or email dpierce@gsc.edu to register.**

Testing Anxiety

Tuesday, June 12

12:30 p.m.

Like it or not, your success in college is based largely on how you test. If testing anxiety is your problem, this workshop will help you by going over common problems and offering practical solutions. Helpful relaxation techniques will also be demonstrated in this workshop.

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Wednesday, June 13

Noon

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Study Skills

Thursday, June 14

12:30 p.m.

Do you study forever and still don't understand? Are you studying harder instead of smarter? Learn the study habits you should know for success in college and beyond.

Time Management

Wednesday, June 20

Noon

Do you often wish there were 30 hours in the day? Eight days a week? Learn to manage your time effectively and efficiently. We will help you find ways to get more done and have the freedom to do the things you want to do.

Study Skills

Thursday, June 28

12:30 p.m.

Do you study forever and still don't understand? Are you studying harder instead of smarter? Learn the study habits you should know for success in college and beyond.

Our College Family

Lynda Gastley and husband Ed have welcomed a new grandson, Nolan Roger Dean, who weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and was 20 inches long. Nolan was born May 1 to Lynda's daughter and son-in-law, Julianna and Roger Dean. Mother and baby are doing great,

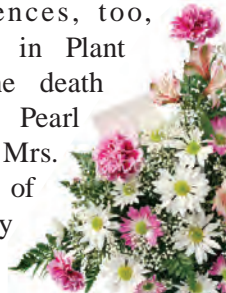


and grandmother is ecstatic!

Lynda retired from GSC in 2008, and Julianna is a GSC alumna who graduated in 2003.

Deepest sympathies to custodian Mandy Howard on the death of her grandmother, Annie Emmett Williams. Mrs. Williams passed away Wednesday, May 2. The funeral was held Saturday, May 5.

Sincere condolences, too, to Wallace Scott in Plant Operations on the death of his mother, Pearl R. Mullinax. Mrs. Mullinax, age 92, of Toccoa, passed away Monday, May 7.



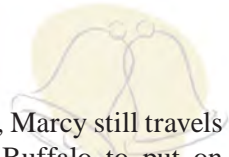
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Ringling Our Bells



Editor's Note: The following item was inadvertently left out of a previous issue of TOWER TALK. My apologies to all involved in the event.

The Financial Aid Office sponsored its 4th Annual *College Goal Georgia* event on February 24, 2012. This event was open to low-income high school seniors in an effort to assist them with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Participants from the Financial Aid Office included **Dominique Almeida, Donna Grizzle, Sandra Garner, Omarys Hernandez, Deborah Hightower, Julie Lord, Alison Montanye, Erin Parrish, Vickie Poole, Andria Smith, Susan Smith, and Nikki Thomasson.** Special thanks to **Shaun Capuy** for IT support, as well as **Luis Santos-Rivas** and the students from LSA who volunteered as Spanish interpreters.



Observing Confederate Memorial Day on April 28, **Douglas Young** spoke

to the Atlanta Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the city's historic Oakland Cemetery.



Ric Kabat, Dee Gillespie, Jeff Pardue, and Ben Wynne recently served as judges for the Georgia Humanities Council's History Day Competition in Macon, Georgia. The event was a state competition, with winners moving on to the National Competition in Washington, D.C.



Continuing Education Division's **Marcy DiMaggio-Smith** recently received the "2012 Variety Club Children's Charity of Buffalo and Western New York Service Award." For 19 straight years, Marcy has organized and hosted an annual Jamboree fund raiser to raise money for the Variety Club and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, NY, her former hometown. It is an all-day event with bands, DJs, food, raffles, prizes, and auctions. Since moving to

Georgia 4 years ago, Marcy still travels back each year to Buffalo to put on this fund raiser. During the past 19 years, Marcy's efforts have generated a total of \$151,700.00. Each year she presents the proceeds of the Jamboree at the Variety Kids Telethon. This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the Buffalo and Western New York Variety Kids Telethon, making it the longest-running telethon of the Variety Children's Charity in the world. Marcy's dedication to children and community is to be commended!

*LifeSouth
Bloodmobile*

Wednesday, May 16

9 AM - 4 PM

*in front of Hosch Library,
Gainesville Campus*

*Your blood donation
could save 3 lives!*

Students present research results at conference

Gainesville State College students Scott Sims and Dieu Tran presented results of their one-and-a-half-year research with **Dr. Alla Balueva** at the Embry-Riddle Undergraduate Mathematics Conference on April 21, 2012, at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. They gave a 20-minute talk on the topic "Modeling of Micro-Crack Delamination: Non-Ideal vs. Ideal Gas."



Scott Sims



Dieu Tran

Spanish Film Series benefits food pantry

The 2012 spring semester's Spanish Film Series was well supported by the GSC community. **Drs. Amye Sukapdjo and Steven Crawford** were able to make a \$95 donation to a very thankful group of volunteers at the South Hall Community Food Pantry. Since the series began in fall 2009, the Department of Foreign Languages has donated \$535 to this group's local efforts.

This fall, the series will feature German-language films. All in the community are welcome. Entrance fees (\$1.00) will continue to go to a good cause.

✓ Mark your calendar:

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| Mon., May 14 | SOAR. 1 PM - 6 PM, Various locations, <i>OC</i> . |
| Tues., May 15 | SOAR. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Auditorium, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, <i>GC</i> . |
| Wed., May 16 | LifeSouth Bloodmobile. 9 AM - 4 PM, In front of Hosch Library, <i>GC</i> . Sponsored by Student Life. |
| Thurs., May 24 | Dedication of J. Bob Howington Business Affairs Suite. 2 PM, Administration Building, <i>GC</i> . |
| Mon., May 28 | Memorial Day. CAMPUS CLOSED. |
| Fri., June 8 | Starlight Concert & Fireworks. 4:30 - 10:30 PM, <i>GC</i> . Sponsored by the GSC Alumni Association. |

Announcements

Please make sure that if you direct phone calls to Public Safety for **general information** that you **provide the office number, 678-717-3723**, and not the emergency phone number, 678-717-1777.

Please keep in mind when you place an order with any vendor, there are several bits of information that need to be on the address label when it arrives on our campus. **Please include: GSC name and address; your name and department; a phone number where you can be reached.** This will insure prompt delivery of your package to you by the shipping and receiving department.

Because we are still in the process of hiring our new night manager, **the Student Center will only be open until 6 PM during the month of May. On Fridays, the building will close at 3 PM**, giving late visitors a chance to at least drop off paperwork and make plans to visit during normal operating hours. **The Office of Student Life will close at 5 PM Monday through Thursday and at 1 PM on Fridays.**

Office Depot has instituted a delivery fee for orders under \$50.00. Orders

from \$25.00 - \$49.99 will be charged \$5.95. Orders under \$25.00 will be charged \$7.95. There is no fee for orders of \$50.00 or more. You will not be charged a fee for back orders or split deliveries caused by Office Depot. **If you order from Office Depot, please try to consolidate your orders to avoid paying this fee.**

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will make a visit to GSC's Gainesville Campus on Wednesday, May 16, from 9 AM to 4 PM. They will be parked in front of Hosch Library. Bring picture ID and plan to be there for 45 minutes or so. **Your blood donation could save up to 3 lives!**

GSC Relay for Life team seeks support

This year's Hall County Relay for Life is scheduled for Road Atlanta June 1 - 2. Visit the GSC Relay for Life team web page at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=39721&team_id=996946.

Please help our team meet its goal of raising \$4,000

Sociology students donate to charities

GSC students from three of Dr. George Danna's classes made donations of over 2500 food items to the Junior League of Gainesville-Hall County "Feeding our Future" program on April 12. The students were enrolled in SOCI 1101 (CRN1770 & CRN 1813)—Introduction to Sociology—and SOCI 1101 (CRN 1826)—Introduction to Social Problems.

These donations presented the students with an opportunity to give back to the community, be enlightened on a community social problem, and match concepts learned in the classroom with the realities from which these are drawn. Gerran Syfan, the Junior League's incoming president, and Julie Nicholson, director of the "Feeding our Future" program, spoke to the students on "Hunger in Hall County."

Later in April, students of Dr. George Danna's SOCI 1101 (CRN 1812)—Introduction to Sociology—class donated quantities of toiletries and other items used on a monthly basis by women and children housed at Gateway Domestic Violence Center on Tuesday, April 17. The executive director of Gateway, Jessica Butler, delivered a presentation on "Domestic Violence and the Role of Gateway in North Georgia." Butler also received the students' donation on behalf of her organization.



in support of the American Cancer Society. Contact any team member for more information: **Ryan Boylan, Gail Barksdale, Robin Bright, Sheree Gravenhorst, Cheryl Harris, Dean Lieburn, Jeanelle Morgan, Thomas Preston, Donald Smith, Susan Smith, or Leslie Worthington.**