Starlight Concert & Fireworks Show is June 11

The annual Gainesville State College Alumni Starlight Concert & Fireworks Show is set for Friday, June 11, 2010!

Bring a picnic dinner and spend the evening beside the Gainesville State College Trustee Pond enjoying the company of family and friends. Relax as starlight begins to replace sunlight and the gentle breeze of the warm spring evening wraps its warm arms around you. Feel the sounds of the live band moving across the night air. Experience the powerful beauty of the fireworks as they paint the starlit sky.

The Power Play Band of Atlanta will perform at Gainesville State College’s G.W. Bailey Amphitheater. The gates will be open from 6–8:30 p.m. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the fireworks show will begin at dark. This year, due to safety concerns, NO walk-ins will be allowed. Modifications to the College entrances have created a situation that could be dangerous for individuals on foot. Ample parking is available in the venue with easy access to the activities.

Everyone is invited to attend this event, which is being co-sponsored by The Gainesville State College Alumni Association and The Times.

This year’s co-sponsors include America’s Home Place, Dairy Queen, Danley Sound Labs, dB Audio & Video, and Kippertool.

There is a $10 per car parking fee ($20 for large vans and buses), with proceeds benefiting the Gainesville State College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Rain date is Saturday, June 12. For more information, call 678-717-3648.

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Dear GSC Alum,

Spring means different things to everyone. For me it means another academic year is coming to an end. It is so exciting to be in the business of educating the citizens of Northeast Georgia, and we revel in the fact that this May, over 420 spring 2010 GSC graduates will take the next step toward their career and life goals. This is also the time that we as a College community reflect on the accomplishments of the year and refine our goals and projects for the upcoming year.

We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments over the past year. Several students have even been recognized at the national level. For an unheard-of second year in a row, a GSC student has made the USA TODAY All Academic Team. Stephanie Martin Llanes was chosen as one of 20 in the nation for this honor. (Read more about Stephanie in the “Honors” article in this issue). Benjamin Wentworth, a Sociology Major from Athens, was selected as a 2010 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar. Also, GSC’s Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team placed second nationally in the Campbell Soup Let’s Can Hunger Business Plan Competition and were national finalists at the Atlanta SIFE Regional Competition. We wish them luck as they prepare to compete at nationals later this spring.

Certainly top on the projects list for the upcoming year is the construction of our new Academic Building on the Gainesville Campus. I am pleased to report that the construction is well underway. Since breaking ground in November, we have observed the large “mountain” of dirt, cranes and other large equipment, all of which are very good signs that the building will be ready in the fall of 2011. This building is going to be even more important to the success of the College as we move ahead and classroom space is at a premium.

I encourage you to stay in touch with your “first alma mater.” We value you and welcome you to avail yourself of the events and activities that abound on the campuses. From musical performances to theatre, to art exhibits, to life-long learning, there is plenty to keep you coming back.

Alumni Council Hosts Egg-cellent Event

The GSC Alumni Council was charged with the task of connecting with GSC students in a more visible way. In addition, the goal of the Alumni Student Giving Committee was to educate current GSC students about the Alumni Association and encourage their support in giving to scholarships even while they are still here as students.

To that end, on three separate days in April, Alumni Council members sold $1 eggs filled with food certificates, with College mascot Laker T. Goose on hand to help out. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the event, including Michelle Lindsey, Brenda Adams, Marie Braswell, Vicki Davis, Lesley Congdon, Kerry Moose, Sherrie Parker, Heather Howington, Jamila Leavell, Haley Carter, Tricia Bunker, and Robin Bright.
Gainesville State College held honors events on both the Gainesville and Oconee Campuses to recognize students and present academic and service awards. GSC also awarded three top honor awards for outstanding students and three top honor awards for faculty/staff. The GSC Foundation proudly sponsors these events each year.

The Gainesville Campus held its Honors Day on April 7 in the Hugh Mills Physical Education Complex. The Oconee Campus held its Honors Program on April 14 at the Oconee County Civic Center.

The Clark Theodore Outstanding Traditional Student Award is presented based on excellent academic work and co-curricular activities with a minimum of 3.0 GPA. The recipient must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and be younger than 23 years of age. Aaron Paul of Athens was the recipient for the Oconee Campus. Paul is majoring in Biology and plans to pursue a career in medicine.

The Clark Theodore Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Award is presented based on excellent academic work and co-curricular activities with a minimum of 3.0 GPA. The recipient must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and be age 23 or older. Christy Worthington of Gainesville was the recipient for the Gainesville Campus. One of her nominators pointed out “her amazing ability to juggle school, family and work while managing to be successful in all areas.” Faye Fleming of Bogart was the recipient for the Oconee Campus. Majoring in Sociology, Fleming had one of her essays chosen for publication in the current edition of The Chestatee Review. She also serves as a reading and writing tutor and a SOAR leader.

The Gainesville State College Achievement Award is presented on the basis of academic improvement, growth, and progress made while attending Gainesville State. Cameron McGinty of Flowery Branch received this award for the Gainesville Campus. Susie Ledlow of Perry, GA was the recipient for the Oconee Campus.

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. Garry Merritt, Assistant Professor of Spanish, was the Gainesville Campus full-time recipient. Merritt earned his Associate of Arts Degree from GSC in 1992. He went on to complete his BA degree at North Georgia College and MA at Georgia State University. One of his nominators described him as a “teacher who exemplifies the difference between a good teacher and a great teacher.” Dr. Preston Coleman, Assistant Professor of Communications, was the recipient of the full-time award for the Oconee Campus. Students are drawn to how he is able to connect communication to everything in life. Coleman holds an MA degree in journalism from the University of Georgia and a PhD in Mass Communication from the University of Iowa.

Ed Standera, Political Science Instructor, was selected as the 2010 Ann Matthews Purdy Faculty Member. (Continued on page 4)
Llanes is Named to All-USA Team

Stephanie Martin Llanes was named to the USA TODAY's 2010 All-USA Community College Academic Team! She is one of only twenty individuals nationwide to be chosen for this honor. Over 1500 students from across the nation were nominated, and the selection process was administered by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges.

Llanes plans to graduate from Gainesville State in December of 2010. Her ultimate goal is to study civil law at Harvard Law School.

Still Undefeated!

I have to laugh when I see students on campus wearing the t-shirts that read “Gainesville State Football – Still Undefeated.” Of course, we don’t have a football team, but that doesn’t mean that we don’t have a lot to cheer about.

As an alum of GSC, you know about all the great things we have to rally behind and support. Every day of the week exciting things are happening at GSC, and our students are winners on many fronts. Now in my eighteenth year at GSC, I have been fortunate enough to see our institution grow and evolve.

I continue to be impressed by the rigorous academic programs that challenge students to be their best. Student clubs and organizations are being recognized at the regional and national level. Students also serve the Northeast Georgia community by participating in service learning projects.

Through the College’s Fine Arts program, students excel as they fine-tune their skills in music, art and theatre. These talented individuals entertain us and offer cultural experiences that you might expect to find only in one of the larger, metropolitan cities.

The GSC Foundation has taken up the charge to support and grow the GSC Theatre Program. The “Spotlight On... Ed Cabell Theatre Renovation & Technical Theatre Expansion Campaign” was announced publically in April, and the response has been amazing. We have already raised 80% of the $2 million goal during the silent phase of the campaign. Once the campaign is complete, the planned projects will contribute immensely to the continued success of the GSC theatre program and the Gainesville Theatre Alliance. Please take a moment to visit our website and see the project details and their impact – www.gsc.edu/foundation.

We applaud you, our alumni, who support us every day through moral and financial support. Who better to tell others about what a great place GSC is than our very own alumni? Please continue to rally “for the home team” and cheer us on by supporting the GSC Foundation. The team can only be as strong as its supporters.

—Sloan Jones,
Director of Public Relations & Marketing

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During the formal program, Judy Forbes, Carol Howard, Glenda McLeod, and Penny Mills were honored for their service to the College. Presentations were made on behalf of the GSC Foundation, GSC Women’s Organization, and the retirees’ individual departments/divisions.

It was so exciting to see the surprisingly large number of former retirees who came back to campus for the celebration. They joined faculty, staff, and family and friends of the honorees to pay tribute to the many years of service these individuals have given to GSC. It was a wonderful event and a fitting tribute to these individuals. They will be missed, but good wishes follow them as they begin this new phase of their lives.

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Honors Days

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Outstanding Part-time Faculty Member for the Gainesville Campus. Dr. Julie Glenn, Instructor of Biology, was the Oconee Campus recipient.

The Advising Award was presented to Cathy Whiting, Associate Professor of Biology on the Gainesville Campus and Anne Duke, Assistant Professor of Accounting on the Oconee Campus.

Spring 2010
**Director’s Corner**

What an amazing time to be at Gainesville State College! There is so much going on that you can come back to campus and reconnect with friends, faculty, and staff. Excitement is in the air with Spring Graduation, and Starlight is just around the corner with the Alumni Golf Open not far behind. There are so many opportunities to get involved.

I even stepped up and participated in an event on campus in April. The Physical Education Division hosted a triathlon for students, faculty and staff. The Advancement Office decided to put in a team and nominated me for the bike portion of the event. Our experienced swimmer Pat Guthrie took on the 200 yard swim leg with ease, and Joanne Costa breezed through the 1.5 mile running portion. As you can tell from the picture of me, riding the bike for the 3.5 miles segment was a little strenuous on my system. I can say now with first-hand knowledge, we have a tremendous bike path that you should be enjoying if you live close to the College. Normally, without the race factor, it would be a wonderful ride through the trails on the back side of campus.

![Triathlon Image]

Just as I did with the triathlon, I want to encourage you to step out and get involved. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming alumni events on campus or at the Alumni Golf Open. Your involvement and support makes GSC the wonderful place we all know and love.

—Michelle B. Brown, GSC Director of Alumni Affairs

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**GSC Acquires New Weather Station**

Gainesville State College is now home to one of 81 weather stations in the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network (AEMN). The GSC, Oakwood, Hall County weather station is located on the northern side of the campus in an open area and was established on December 1, 2009.

Dr. Sudhanshu Panda, Assistant Professor of GIS/Environmental Science, joined the GSC faculty in 2006. He, along with Dr. Jon Hoekstra, Associate Professor of Biology, worked on acquiring the weather station for the College.

Panda was instrumental in putting the GSC weather station into the AEMN network for its real-time access. From his past experience, he knew that real-time data would enhance the learning experience for the students. He is now seeing just how effective the data taken from the weather station is to both the teaching and learning experience.

“The real-time and historical data from the GSC weather station including other AEMN weather stations are being used by students of Hydrology, Fundamentals of Soil Science, and Weather and Climatology classes to develop precipitation, soil moisture, and other weather related models using geospatial technology,” said Panda. “Development of recent drought index map of Georgia is one example of such models developed by students.”

The weather station is used as a major teaching and research tool for the Bachelor of Science in Applied Environmental Spatial Analysis (AESA).

Each station monitors air temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, solar radiation, wind speed, wind direction, soil temperature at 2, 4, and 8 inch depths, atmospheric pressure, and soil moisture every 1 second. Data are summarized at 15-minute intervals, and at midnight a daily summary is calculated.

The GSC weather station was established through funding from GSC’s School of Science, Engineering, and Technology to support coursework such as Hydrology, Weather and Climate, and Fundamentals of Soil Science.

An individual with Georgia Experiment Station is responsible for the upkeep of all weather stations of the AEMN, including the GSC weather station.

For real-time weather information, visit the GSC weather station site at http://www.griffin.uga.edu/aemn/cgi-bin/AEMN.pl?site=GAOA&report=c.

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