

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

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From the Provost...

Welcome back to Spring 2019 semester!

I hope you had a relaxing holiday break and are ready for another exciting semester as we pursue *Our Path to Preeminence*. The work we all do every day at Georgia College is critical to the success of our students. Within the University System of Georgia (USG) we are known for our excellence across the institution—from facilities, landscaping, and operations management, to advising and the IT Help Desk. We are also recognized for our innovative teaching in the classroom. As we continue along the path to preeminence, the foundation of our success is you – GC faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We must continually think about how we can be better at everything we do. How can we excel in teaching and learning, scholarship, and service? What can we do to ensure *GC Journeys* is successful for our students? How can we assess our curriculum to be innovative while meeting the needs of employers and of a workplace that we have yet to imagine?

With all the great successes at Georgia College there is no doubt that we are on a solid foundation for *Our Path to Preeminence*. I am confident that 2019 will be a great year and bring numerous faculty, staff, student, and alumni awards and recognitions, celebrating the excellent work at GC.

Best wishes for a productive 2019 and Go Bobcats!

Georgia College Featured in Marshall Scholarship National Press Release

Georgia College is one of two schools to have a first Marshall Scholarship recipient this year. Named for Secretary of State George C. Marshall, the Marshall Scholarship Program began in 1953 as a gesture of gratitude to the people of the United States for the assistance that the UK received after World War II under the Marshall Plan. Since that time, it has remained uniquely positioned among national scholarships for its prestige and scope. The program offers talented young Americans the opportunity to study any academic subject at UK universities of their choice for up to three years. This has given rise to an unprecedented breadth of expertise in almost every academic field, producing numerous university presidents, six Pulitzer Prize winners, one Nobel Laureate, fourteen MacArthur Fellows, two-academy-Award nominees, two Supreme Court Justices and a NASA Astronaut.

For more information, please visit the program website at

<http://www.marshallscholarship.org/news/view?id=60&x%5B0%5D=news/list>

Congratulations!

Peggy Elliott, PhD, World Languages and Cultures, awarded \$7,500 from the University System of Georgia for *Reacting to the Past* game development.

Dave Bachoon, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences, awarded \$21,000 from the River Valley Regional Commission for *Implementation of the Mountain Oak Creek Healthy Watershed Initiative Nine-Step Watershed Management Plan*.

Ernest Kaninjing, DPH, Health and Human Performance, awarded \$6,087 by the Moffitt Cancer Center/NIH for *Prostate Cancer Familial Cohort of Cameroonian Men in the United States and in Cameroon*.

Jennifer Graham, Women's Center, awarded \$91,966 by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for *Project BRAVE Advocacy Yr 2*.

Sandy Baxter, Communities in Schools, awarded \$7,500 by CIS-GA for the *Sanford Harmony Pilot Program*.

Georgia College Spring 2019 International Students

Georgia College is hosting exchange students from several countries for the Spring 2019 semester including South Korea, Spain, China, Pakistan, Indonesia, El Salvador, Nepal, and Mauritania. The students are studying, economics, physics, psychology, marketing, management, English, and other areas.

High Impact Practices (HIPs)

Representatives from GC will participate in two national endeavors in February focusing on high impact practices (HIPs) and best practices in assessment. Cynthia Alby, Cara Smith, and Jeanne Sewell have been invited to serve on a panel highlighting emerging best practices in HIPs and highlighting GC's investigation into equity issues surrounding underrepresented students' participation in HIPs. The same team will also be presenting at the annual *HIPs in the States* conference at Western Kentucky University later that month. They will focus on the GC's *Journeys* program, assessment, and faculty development opportunities around high impact practices. Smith will also be participating in the AAC&U webinar, *The Landscape of Learning: What We Know from the Inaugural Year of the VALUE Institute*.

Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall, which opened on November 2, 2018, includes the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room, the Living Room, and the Gallery.

1. The Pat Peterson Museum Education Room will continue to serve as a meeting space and can be reserved on R25.
2. Priority will be given to The Office of the President and Vice President for University Advancement when scheduling the Living Room. This space is reservable to the campus with final approval by the requestor's Vice President.
3. If the Museum Education Room is requested, the Living Room and Gallery do not have to be reserved. All three spaces are to be reserved if only the Living Room space is requested.
4. The Gallery is not a reservable space.

Updates from the USG...

GC received approval from the USG for the following programs:

- **MAT in Special Education** (Online Delivery)
- **Master of Science in Nursing** (Concentrations and Certificates):
 - Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
 - Nurse Midwifery

Faculty Participation at December 2018 Graduation

A special thank you to all faculty and staff who participated in the Fall 2018 Graduation ceremony where 263 undergraduate and 50 graduate students were conferred their baccalaureate, masters, specialists, and doctorate of nursing degrees. Students appreciate celebrating this important event with their mentors and having the opportunity following the event to introduce family members to their professors. Thank you for making this a special day for each of our graduates. A special note of gratitude to Dr. Chris Clark, the 2018 Fall Commandment speaker, who shared some very practical advice about saving for the future. The faculty below attended the Fall graduation. Some also participated as Hooders (H), Marshalls (M) and/or Readers (R).

College of Arts & Sciences

Valerie Aranda, Karen Berman, Alex Blazer, Robert Blumenthal, Amy Burt (R), Sharon Careccia, Mark Causey, Tsu-Ming Chiang, Benjamin Clark, Angela Criscoe (M), Kristina Dandy, Melanie Devore, Scott Dillard, Jennifer Flaherty, Matt Forrest, Lee Gillis, Juli Gittinger, Emily Gomez, Whitney Heppner, Jan Hoffmann (R), Sabrina Hom, Stephanie Jett, Kasey Karen, Jack Karlis, Leeann Kelley, Min Kim (H), Youngmi Kim, Marty Lammon, Mary Jean Land, John Lindsay, Kalina Manoylov, Al Mead (H), Matt Milnes, Sam Mutiti (M), Christine Mutiti, Tara Newar, Doug Oetter, Don Parker, Indiren Pillay, Amy Pinney, Eric Rindal, Mark Rochelo, John Sirmans, Christina Smith, Mariana Stoyonova (M), Katie Stumpf, Cliff Towner, John Trombley, Allison VandeVoort, Anan Wan, David Weese, Diana Young, David Zoetewey

College of Business

JJ Arias, Nick Beadles, Brooke Conaway, Bob Duesing (M), Renee Fontenot, Doug Goings (H), Lynn Hanson, Gong Bing Hong, Chris Lowery (H), Bill Miller, Mary Rickard, Chuck Ryan, Ron Smith, JF Yao

College of Education

Linda Bradley, Diane Gregg (H), Rob Sumowski (H)

College of Health Sciences

Brad Alban, Victoria Bohan, Krystal Canady (H), Sallie Coke, Sandra Copeland, Flor Culpa-Bondal, Jorie Flores, Catherine Fowler, Sandy Gangstead (P), Gail Godwin, Jake Grazer, Debbie Greene, Lisa Griffin (M), Glynnis Haley, Sarah Handwerker, Jimmy Helms, Michael Hobbs (M), Kevin Hunt, Mandy Jarriel (M), Robert Krout, Jim Lidstone, Kelly Massey, Leslie Moore, Tiffany Parrish, Laura Pitts-Darby, Vicky Robinson, John Marshall Smith, Liz Speelman (M), Susan Steele, Telecia Warren, Katie Whipple, Sheryl Winn (H)