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ANNUAL REPORT • FISCAL YEAR 2016

A YEAR IN EVENTS



FIRST FRIDAY AT THE MORGAN HOUSE



RACHEL JANE'S BIG GAME



SNOW ON THE EGSC-AUGUSTA CAMPUS



STATESBORO GREENFEST



MARKETING CAMPAIGN REVEAL



COLLEGE READINESS HIGH SCHOOL TOUR



PARENTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALUMNI DAY



ALMOST, MAINE DRAMA PERFORMANCE



DR. BOB BROWN RETIRES

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DUKES WINS MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Justin Dukes, 2015 graduate of East Georgia State College, was awarded Male Vocalist of the Year during the GA Music Awards on August 15, 2015. The ceremony was held at the Buckhead Theatre in Atlanta.

Dukes, 21, earned his degree in business management from EGSC. He is a country music singer/SESAC affiliate songwriter from Vidalia. He has been singing and performing since the age of eight, and was the lead singer of the GA Music Country Band of the Year 2014. He was also nominated for the Georgia-Country Male Artist of the Year Award for 2015.

Dukes has opened for artists such as Vince Gill, Charlie Daniels, Craig Campbell, John Michael Montgomery, Shenandoah, David Nail and Joshua Scott Jones. He has a unique voice like no other in country music and his writing ability reaches all ages in the country music genre.



LOVELADY DRAFTED BY KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Richard Lovelady, a left-handed pitcher from Hinesville, graduated from East Georgia State College in May of 2015 after playing Bobcat Baseball under former Head Coach Chuck Lusted and current Head Coach Matthew Passauer. He continued his baseball career at Kennesaw State University and finished the 2016 season ranked inside the top three in the NCAA in appearances and ranked second in KSU Division 1 program history for most appearances in a single season (with 37).

Lovelady was the first Bobcat to go on to play D-1 ball, and the dedication to his craft paid off on Friday, June 10, 2016, when he learned that he was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 10th round of the Major League Baseball draft pick.

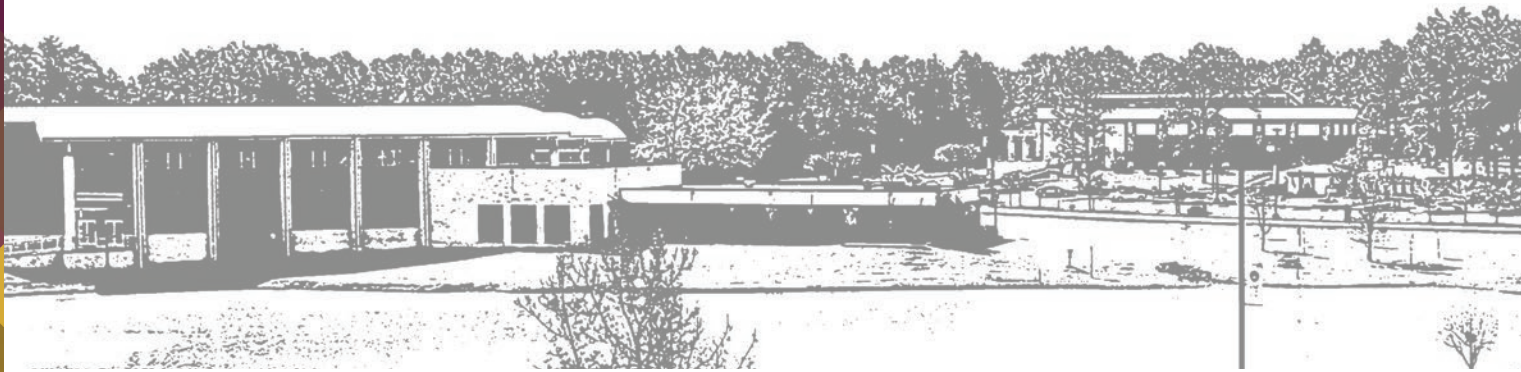
“It is very exciting news,” stated Coach Matt Passauer. “I couldn’t be happier for Richard. I know how hard he has worked for this opportunity and he has certainly earned it. This is a very big day for Richard and for the program.”

“The Bobcat Nation, Richard Lovelady and the Kansas City Royals are all celebrating today,” added EGSC President Bob Boehmer. “The Bobcat Nation has its first ever major league draftee. Richard Lovelady is turning his dream into reality through his strong work ethic. The Royals have added an outstanding player who will just keep getting better. East Georgia is so proud of Richard. There are suddenly many more Royals fans in East Georgia.”



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Dear Friends,

This is a tremendously exciting time to be at East Georgia State College, and the reason is simple: Lives are being transformed – in the classrooms, on the court or ball fields, through student leadership and service opportunities, and with every degree conferred. Helping students realize and attain their full potential through this engagement is what drives our existence.

After all, we're a small college with a big embrace. We believe all students, especially underserved populations including minorities, individuals with special needs, and rural populations, deserve the same opportunity to a quality education...to a better life.

So, through a shared belief in our important role as an access mission and a desire to make a difference in the lives of our students, EGSC's dedicated faculty, staff and Foundation Trustees work diligently and tirelessly so that all students benefit from a fulfilling college experience. The work is not easy, but the payback is huge.

In every aspect of what we do, and by every meaningful barometer of progress, a bright future is ahead for East Georgia. And, despite a very challenging environment in higher education, EGSC is thriving. Student enrollment is increasing, student success and retention rates have improved, and more students are completing their degrees.

We have also implemented an improved employee compensation structure to aid in recruitment and retention of experienced personnel; and the institution is experiencing strong financial stability while remaining affordable, a primary factor for students in rural Georgia.

Growth is evident everywhere: New academic programs, expansion to three campus locations, more acreage for the main campus in Swainsboro which also boasts a new residence hall and a soon-to-be-expanded Academic Building, and growth in Foundation assets, which means more student scholarships.

As East Georgia's reach continues to expand, we are grateful to those whose ongoing support and advocacy make our endeavors possible. Without your involvement, we could not effectively carry out the college's mission. You have my deepest appreciation – and admiration – for your financial investment in our students and the college. You are truly making a difference.

The past five years as president have passed far too quickly, but there is a lot to celebrate at EGSC. It is a privilege to share some of last year's achievements with you in the FY16 Annual Report, and I encourage you to visit any of our campuses to get a closer look at all the great things going on!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Boehmer, J.D.
President, East Georgia State College

PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS... THE CORRELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Pictured are the 2015 - 2016 Correll Scholars: first row left to right, Hannah Jenkins, Lauren Conner, Sarah Powell, Kaitlyn Bailey Hill, Kaitlyn Moxley, Alexandria Rios, Kirstyn Morris and Madison Lawson; second row, left to right, Jordan Fox, Brookelynn Fowler, Thang Lieu, Brittany Gibbs (who did not end up attending EGSC), Mary Katherine Dangerfield, Caleb Brown, TJ Freeman, Sera Strange, Avery Berry, Alicia Tacara Kelly and Taylor Culp. Not pictured are Brittany Reilly (who replaced Brittany Gibbs and then later was unable to continue in the program) and Jessica Andrews, who replaced Brittany Reilly.

Bobcat Buddies Mentoring Program

As part of their service requirements, Correll Scholars mentored and tutored selected Swainsboro Elementary School 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students from September 10, 2015 through December 3, 2015 during fall semester and January 21, 2016 through April 21, 2016 during spring semester.

Swainsboro Elementary student participants in the program were selected by teachers, administrators, and the school counselor.

Students Served

3rd grade	7 students
4th grade	6 students
5th grade	7 students

Total Mentoring & Tutoring Hours provided by Correll Scholars

1,074 hours



EGSC HOSTS TWO RECORD-BREAKING EVENTS

SMITHSONIAN COMES TO SWAINSBORO

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, crowds gathered at East Georgia State College's Luck F. Gambrell Center to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting at the Smithsonian traveling exhibition of *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America*. Presented by Georgia Humanities, this exhibit tells the story of how sports have shaped the American culture and community. EGSC and its community partners were awarded not only the opportunity to host the exhibition, but the honor of hosting the first exhibition of the year. Guest speakers for the opening event included Arden Williams, Georgia Humanities Coordinator for the exhibition; Dr. Jamil Zainaldin, president of Georgia Humanities; and Hometown Teams honorary spokespersons Carolyn and Coach Bill Curry.



In addition to the main exhibit at the Luck F. Gambrell Center, exhibits of local sports memorabilia were hosted throughout Emanuel County. There were also a number of events, including a softball tournament, movie nights each Friday night during the exhibition's run, an art show, coloring contest, a night at the local racetrack, and more.

The exhibition at EGSC was open seven days a week from March 19 through April 30 and saw not only community visitors, but out-of-state visitors and every class from the Emanuel County School System come through the doors. The exhibit was locally sponsored by East Georgia State College, the City of Swainsboro, Emanuel County, the Mill Creek Foundation, the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and Joint Development Authorities, and the Emanuel Arts Council.

CHASE RICE PERFORMS AT EGSC IN APRIL

EGSC held the largest single event in its history on April 29, 2016 when it hosted a concert featuring Chase Rice, an up-and-coming country music artist. The event drew over 1,200 people to the EGSC-Swainsboro campus, which was completely transformed into a concert venue for the event. Opening acts were Jon Langston and Lacy Cavalier.

The concert was part of Rice's *College Days, Country Nights: Back to College Tour*. EGSC was the only college of its size on the tour, which visited campuses such as UNC Chapel Hill and Kent State University.

This event was held at the urging of the EGSC Student Government Association, who initiated the plan to host the concert, found the artist, promoted the event, and worked the night of the concert to make sure it was the best event it could possibly be, to great success. While on campus, Rice took the time to throw the first pitch of the EGSC Bobcat Baseball game against West Georgia Technical College, and he had only good things to say in his YouTube blog about the event and EGSC's campus. Look for more events like this in the future!



EXPANDING OUR REACH TO STUDENTS

GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR BOBCAT VILLAS-WEST



East Georgia State College (EGSC) broke ground Wednesday, May 6, 2015 for its second student housing complex on the Swainsboro campus and its first construction project under a new Public-Private Partnership (P-3) initiative with Corvias Campus Living.

Special guests for the ceremonial groundbreaking included Hank Huckaby, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Senator Jack Hill,

Representative Butch Parrish, Senator Jesse Stone, Swainsboro's Mayor Charles Schwabe, and Jimmy Scott of Corvias Campus Living. Along with EGSC's President Bob Boehmer and Residence Hall Association President Maurice Brantley, the group was joined for the occasion by a large audience of students, faculty, staff, business leaders, and community members.

The new 212-bed residence hall opened fall semester 2016. Similar in design, the new student housing facility is built adjacent to Bobcat Villas - South, EGSC's 200-bed residence hall. Students enjoy numerous amenities and the college still maintains day-to-day operation and management of the residence hall.

EGSC-AUGUSTA RECEIVES CONTINUED ACCREDITATION



The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges continued accreditation of East Georgia State College's off-campus instructional site at the Augusta University Summerville Campus.

"Approval of East Georgia State College's programs in Augusta would not have been possible without the high level of support provided by the outstanding faculty and staff of Augusta University," said EGSC President Dr. Bob Boehmer. "We deeply appreciate our partnership with AU as we jointly seek to meet the growing higher education needs of the Augusta region."

SERVING STUDENTS THROUGH THE MOWR PROGRAM

East Georgia State College accepted 95 new students into the Move On When Ready program for the Fall 2015 semester. Sixteen of these students were from Glascock/Warren County, 12 from Metter High, and the remainder were from 16 various schools in EGSC's service area, including two homeschooled students.

Students participating in the MOWR Program receive free college tuition and books, and all fees are waived. They are able to take courses at East Georgia State College, and the credits are transferable to any college in the University System of Georgia, plus many others. Another benefit to participating in the program is that college credits do count towards new high school graduation rigor requirements and HOPE Scholarship rigor requirements. Even better, college credits taken while in high school do not count against HOPE Scholarship or HOPE Grant hours after you graduate from high school.

RECORD NUMBERS OF GRADUATES!

53RD COMMENCEMENT SETS RECORD FOR GRADS

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, East Georgia State College held their 53rd Commencement Ceremony at 10 a.m. in the Gymnasium. Degrees were presented to 43 summer graduates, 101 fall graduates, and 6 reverse transfer graduates.

“This graduating class is the largest ever at EGSC,” stated EGSC President Bob Boehmer. “This is due to the incredibly hard work of our faculty and staff and our amazing graduates.”



Students selected Dr. H. Lee Cheek, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at EGSC, to give the commencement address.

KING IS FIRST EGSC-AUGUSTA GRADUATE

During East Georgia State College’s Fall Commencement, held December 12, 2015, Antoinette Yolanda King was presented with her Associate in Arts degree. King is the first graduate of EGSC’s Augusta Campus.

King is pictured with EGSC President Bob Boehmer (right) and EGSC Augusta Director Jordyn Nail.



SPRING GRADUATION CONTINUES TO SET RECORDS

On Friday, May 6, 2016, East Georgia State College held their Spring Commencement Ceremony, and it was the largest yet! The Spring Class of 2016 boasted 209 members earning their Associate of Arts degree.

EGSC President Bob Boehmer opened the ceremony, reminding graduates and their families of the value of their degree. “Currently, only about one third of adults in the United States achieve a college degree,” he said. “As you participate in this ceremony, you deserve to take great pride in your graduate as they enter the Academy of Scholars.”



Alumni speaker for the event was Theresa Renew Davis, a 1982 graduate of Emanuel County Junior College and the current Director of the CHOICE Program for Inclusive Learning. Miss East Georgia State College 2016, Jessica Dixon, was the student speaker. State Senator Jesse Stone gave the commencement address.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY PROGRAM

EGSC PARTNERS WITH ALTAMAHA RIVERKEEPER



Thanks to a new alliance between East Georgia State College and the Altamaha Riverkeeper Organization, the Ohoopsee River will now become an outdoor classroom for EGSC's biology students. The deal was formalized during a signing ceremony September 29, 2015, in which the Altamaha Riverkeeper and East Georgia State College Education and Training Alliance was established.

BIOLOGY STUDENTS PRESENT AT CONFERENCE



Three East Georgia State College biology majors presented at the Critical Thinking Conference held at EGSC on Friday, March 25, 2016. This conference focused on critical thinking in an educational setting. The students were Lindsey Howell, Kaitlin Warren and Hailey Rials.

Howell's presentation was titled "Bioinformatics Approach to Identify New MicroRNAs in the Algae *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*." Warren's presentation was "Preliminary Results of Water Monitoring Project Conducted on the Ohoopsee River." Rials presented "Simultaneous Extraction of Chlorophyll and Phycocyanin from Cyano-bacteria with Octanol-Water."

RIALS WINS OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD



East Georgia State College biology majors Hailey Rials, Kaitlin Warren and Lindsey Howell attended the Georgia Academy of Sciences 2016 Annual Meeting at Gordon State College. The students gave 15-minute presentations on their research projects conducted under the guidance of EGSC biology faculty.

Warren and Howell entered the Biological Sciences section. Rials entered the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences section with her presentation, "Simultaneous Extraction of Chlorophyll and Phycocyanine from Cyanobacteria with Octanol-Water." Her research supervisor is Dr. Ed Schneider of EGSC. Rials was presented with the Outstanding Paper award, along with a monetary award. Her competition included students from the entire spectrum of colleges and universities in Georgia.

HOWELL EARNS GRANT FROM NSF



Biology major Lindsey Howell was awarded a grant from the National Sciences Foundation for undergraduate research. The grant provided over \$4,000 for Howell to spend 12 weeks at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

While working in the lab of Dr. Glen Borchert, Howell continued the research she began at EGSC during the Fall of 2015 under the supervision of Dr. David Chevalier. She identified new microRNAs from the algae species *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* using a bioinformatics approach.

DR. CHEVALIER PUBLISHES PAPER

East Georgia State College's professor of biology and Interim Chair of the Biology Program, Dr. David Chevalier, recently published a paper on his work performed last summer at the University of South Alabama. The paper, entitled "Novel small RNA (sRNA) landscape of the starvation-stress response transcriptome of *Salmonella enterica* serovar typhimurium," was published in RNA Biology Volume 13, Issue 3.

The work was supported by an NSF grant and can be found online at [www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10/1080/15476286.2016.1144010](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15476286.2016.1144010).



DR. WEDINCAMP'S MANUSCRIPT PUBLISHED

Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp's manuscript, *Ectoparasites of White-Tailed Deer in Southeastern Georgia, USA*, was published in the April edition of the Journal of Entomological Science. The journal is published by the Entomological Society of America, which is the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and individuals and related disciplines.

The project was a multi-year study conducted at three deer processing plants located in Emanuel County and one processing plant in Montgomery County. The carcasses of 232 deer were surveyed in the study. The deer were harvested from Burke, Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Toombs, Treutlen, and Washington counties during the 2000–2001, 2001–2002, and 2013–2014 hunting seasons. The relevance of this study is based on the fact that deer are an important game animal in the region and are parasitized by arthropods that can cause deleterious health issues in these hosts; some of these ectoparasites (especially ticks) can also parasitize humans and transmit zoonotic pathogens.

The work was performed in collaboration with Dr. Lance Durden of the Department of Biology at Georgia Southern University. East Georgia State College biology students participated in the field collection of specimens.



BOR APPROVES NEW BSN PROGRAM

On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted to approve a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at East Georgia State College. This program will serve as an RN-BSN Bridge program to create an educational pathway for associate degree nurses to earn an advanced credential. The program will appeal to working nurses and recent associate degree in nursing graduates and is a targeted baccalaureate-level degree program that fills an immediate staffing need in the area.

Due to a shortage of doctors in rural areas, medical offices and clinics are often staffed with nurse practitioners supervising nurses with varying skill and experience levels. Baccalaureate-trained nurses are needed to increase the level of nursing care. There is also a trend toward baccalaureate-level nurses in entry level positions, and this degree program will seek to meet those needs.

The BSN program will be offered in partnership with Southeastern Technical College in Swainsboro. This arrangement greatly reduces facility costs and accelerates the implementation of the program, which will, in turn, provide a swift response to the nursing shortage in the area. The program will be housed in Southeastern Tech's Health Sciences classrooms and laboratories. The facility was opened in May of 2015 and contains state of the art technology and equipment.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

WALKER HIRED AS DIRECTOR OF FESA PROGRAM



Beverley Walker was named the Director of East Georgia State College's Fire and Emergency Services Administration Program. This program features a four-year degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration (FESA) and began in the Spring of 2015. This is the first academic program of its kind in Georgia, and all classes will be offered online.

Walker comes to EGSC from Hall County Fire Services in Gainesville, Ga., where she was a lieutenant. She has her Masters Degree in Public Administration from Georgia State University and a Masters in Education from Columbus State University. She is also a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md.

FESA PROGRAM OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY FESHE



On Tuesday, April 5, 2016, East Georgia State College President Dr. Bob Boehmer signed an official certificate from the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Initiative (FESHE) and the National Fire Academy. His signature joined those of David Wall, the State Training Director for the state of Georgia, and Dr. Kirby Keifer, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy.

Recognition by FESHE means that EGSC's Fire and Emergency Services Administration program is comparable to other institutions across the country that have received this honor. The FESHE Recognition Certificate is an acknowledgement that a collegiate emergency services degree program meets the minimum standards of excellence established by FESHE professional development committees and the National Fire Academy.

East Georgia State College is the only college in Georgia with this recognition of excellence. In addition, EGSC is the only college in the state to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration.

ATC, EGSC SIGN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT



Albany Technical College and East Georgia State College held an articulation agreement signing ceremony on Wednesday, May 19, 2016 on East Georgia State College's Swainsboro campus.

The goal with the articulation agreement was to provide Associate of Applied Science (AAS) graduates of Albany Tech's Fire Science Technology program with an opportunity to continue at East Georgia State College to earn their Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration.

EGSC is the only Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) approved college in the state. Albany Tech is within a year of acquiring the FESHE accreditation at the associate's degree level.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY...

THE SUDIE A. FULFORD COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

Our Mission:

By providing an environment where learning opportunities take place and community relationships are enriched, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will develop individual capacity and improve the quality of life for Swainsboro and Emanuel County.

Services:

- 20-foot fixed full dome planetarium
- Annual Family Astronomy Night
- Lifelong learning opportunities for all ages
- Enrichment and support services for teachers and students
- Fulford Youth Leadership Academy
- Annual Amazing Science Day
- Lunch and Learn Series
- Reading Room with local historical books
- Resource Library featuring math and science resources as well as professional literature
- Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center
- Tutoring services for local elementary students by Correll Scholars
- Summer camp opportunities



TOTAL VISITORS FOR 2015: 8,137

PLANETARIUM SHOWS PROVIDED DURING 2015: 141

FULFORD CENTER RECOGNIZED AT STATE CONFERENCE

At its August state conference, the Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences awarded the Friends of Extension award to the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia State College. The award recognizes outstanding support and involvement in Extension efforts.

Since opening in 2010, the Fulford Center has collaborated with the local UGA Extension office and Agent Marnie Dekle on a variety of projects including ServSafe Training, Certified Babysitter Training, Certified Teen Leader Training, Fulford Youth Leadership Academy, Camp Adventure, 4-H Cotton Boll Training, UGA Farm Bill Training, and numerous Lunch and Learn events.



FIFTH ANNUAL FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT

On October 27, 2015, The Fulford Center, located on the campus of East Georgia State College, held its 5th Annual Family Astronomy Night.

Max McKelvey, retired Oatland Island Education Coordinator and astronomy enthusiast, was on hand to provide outdoor presentations and stargazing. Telescopes and solar scopes were also available.

Three planetarium shows were provided for the enjoyment of all, and a variety of hands-on science activities and experiments were set up for family fun. A computer lab allowed participants to take part in NASA interactive activities and experience live streaming from the International Space Station. Approximately 112 attendees enjoyed the night.



WHO IS EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE?

ENROLLMENT

FALL 2015: 3,001

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Enrollment	2,944	2,857	2,910	3,001
% Change in Total Enrollment	-14.8%	-3.0%	1.9%	3.1%
Augusta		94	311	471
Statesboro	1,686	1,578	1,408	1,335
Swainsboro	1,258	1,185	1,191	1,195

FACULTY / STAFF

Full-Time Faculty	73
Full-Time Faculty with Terminal Degrees	37
Full-Time Faculty Teaching Online	30
Part-Time Faculty	45
Full-Time Staff	138
Part-Time Staff	37

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AWARDED IN AY16

(BY GENDER AND ETHNICITY)

Associate Degrees	Number	% Cum Increase
Female	221	97.3%
African American	82	192.9%
Caucasian	126	68.0%
Other	13	44.4%
Male	133	137.5%
African American	43	514.3%
Caucasian	78	69.6%
Other	12	300.0%
Total Awards	354	110.7%

PERSONALIZED ATTENTION AND SMALL CLASSES

Student/Faculty Ratio

28:1

Category	Swainsboro	Statesboro	Augusta
Over Age 25	11%	3.7%	7.2%
Married	3.2%	0.7%	3.0%
Average Age (years)	21.5	19.7	20.4
Military	0.6%	1.7%	2.8%



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Over Age 25	25.1%
Married	9.6%
Average Age	24.7
Military	0.0%

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

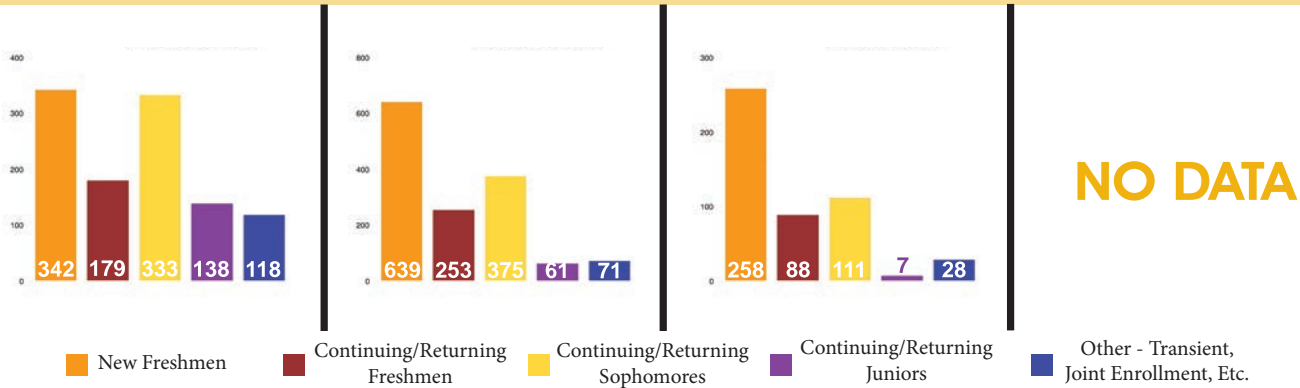
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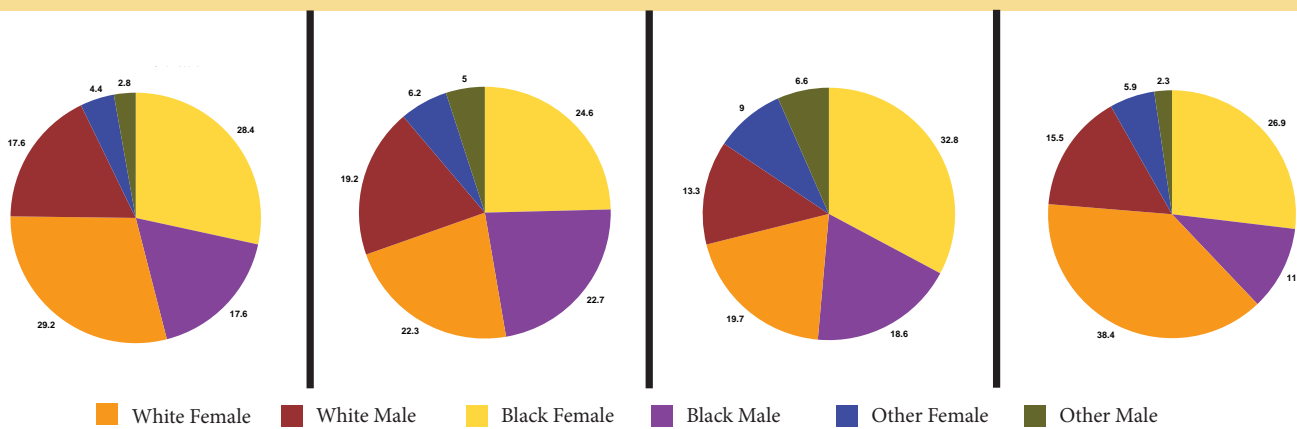
AUGUSTA

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STUDENT PROFILE (BY PERCENTAGE)



ETHNICITY (BY PERCENTAGE)



LEARNING SUPPORT (BY PERCENTAGE)

Category	Swainsboro	Statesboro	Augusta
Require Math LS	32.0%	33.1%	33.5%
Require English LS	17.7%	13.3%	15.1%
Require Reading LS	14.0%	8.0%	6.6%

STUDENT ACADEMIC PROFILE (ENTERING FRESHMEN)

Category	Swainsboro	Statesboro	Augusta
Full Time	91.4%	90.2%	80.5%
Part Time	8.6%	9.8%	19.5%

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENTS HONOR

East Georgia State College knows that without the help of the faculty and staff, the College wouldn't excel. At three separate Employee Appreciation events, one in each location, President Bob Boehmer acknowledged outstanding faculty and staff.

Employees achieving service milestones were presented awards for their dedication and service. In addition, STAR Staff awards were presented to top staff members in each department and Distinguished Faculty awards were presented to top faculty members in each of the three academic schools. These three events were hosted for full-time and part-time employees at EGSC.

EGSC's success as an access institution is strengthened by its dedicated faculty and staff, who are focused on helping every student achieve a college degree. Thank you for contributing to a culture of service excellence!

SERVICE MILESTONE AWARDS



5 Years

Yelena White, Antré Drummer, Eric Wruck, Georgia Mathews, Taylor Edenfield, Shawna Williams, Mark Hovind, Damon Andrews, Jing Kersey, Amelia Simmons, Ed Schneider, Jr., Leroy Jordan and Stacey King. Not pictured are Wendell Bell, Brittany Current, Michael Ducker, Jillian Kirkland and Bryan Moore.



10 Years

Linda VonBergen, Deborah Lee, Tori Kearns, Brandy Murphy, David McFarren, Chelsea Follis, Desmal Purcell and Jeniba Dart.



15 Years

Randolph Carter, John Smoyer, Keith Barrs, Teresa Oglesby, Thomas Upchurch, Kenneth Homer and Raymond Hayes. Not pictured are Karen Curl and Rebecca Foskey



20 Years

David Steptoe, David Strickland and Michael Rountree



25 Years

Walter Mason

FACULTY AND STAFF...*You are the key to our success!*

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY were recognized from each academic division:

Kim Carr

School of Math & Science - Augusta

David Chevalier

School of Math & Science - Swainsboro

Darlene Dickens

School of Math & Science - Statesboro

Randy Carter

School of Social Sciences - Swainsboro

Tom Caiazzo

School of Social Sciences - Statesboro

Robert Mullins

School of Social Sciences - Augusta

Jeniba Dart

School of Humanities - Statesboro

Steve Lavender

School of Humanities - Swainsboro

Elizabeth Claire Wood

School of Humanities - Augusta



STAR STAFF were recognized from each major department for exemplary Service, **T**eamwork, **A**ttitude and **R**eliability:

Angie Williams

President's Office - Swainsboro

Amanda Williams

Academic Affairs - Swainsboro

Donna Freeman

Business Affairs - Swainsboro

Beitha Butler Griffin

Student Affairs - Swainsboro

Teresa Oglesby

Information Technology - Swainsboro

M. Katelyn Moore

Institutional Advancement - Swainsboro

Melvin Nunn

Plant Operations - Swainsboro

Daniel McCoy

Public Safety - Swainsboro

Leroy Jordan

Athletics - Swainsboro

Ben Johnson

Statesboro

Nick Kelch

Augusta



FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

DR. BOUDREAUX PUBLISHES NEWEST BOOK



Assistant professor of English Dr. Armond Boudreaux published his new book, *That He May Raise*, on July 20, 2015. The book is available on Amazon.com and from The Livingstone Press, Indie Bound and Barnes & Noble.

That He May Raise is a collection of inter-connected stories that explore the ways in which guilt radiates through time and space, and asks whether the resulting suffering can be redemptive.

Dr. Boudreaux majored in English and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Writers. He has published articles and reviews in various venues, and this is his first work of fiction.

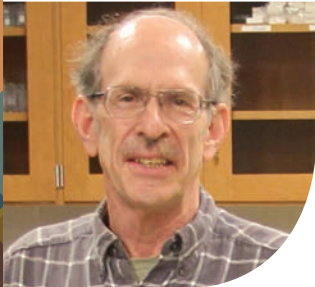
DICKENS PUBLISHES NEW BOOK



East Georgia State College instructor Darlene C. Dickens has published a new book. The book, *Introductory Biology Lab Manual I*, will be used in her classes at EGSC's Statesboro campus, where she teaches biology.

Dickens attended Emanuel County Junior College following her graduation as valedictorian of her senior class at Adrian School. In 2008, Dickens retired with 30 years from the State of Georgia and returned to EGSC in 2009 to begin teaching. She is now a full-time instructor of biology on the Statesboro campus.

DR. STRACHER PUBLISHES FOURTH VOLUME



Volume 4 of Coal and Peat Fires: A Global Perspective was released in mid September of 2015. This volume focuses on *Peat—Geology, Combustion and Case Studies*. Edited by East Georgia State College Professor Emeritus for Geology Dr. Glenn B. Stracher, Anupma Prakash of the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and Gullermo Rein of the Department of Engineering at Imperial College, London. This is the fourth and final volume of *Coal and Peat Fires: A Global Perspective*.

This last of four volumes in the collection, *Peat—Geology, Combustion and Case Studies*, examines in detail peat fires chronicled in several countries. In addition, the geology of peat, peat megafires, infrared analysis of fires, and the mathematical modeling of fire hazards are presented. The volume includes a companion website with an interactive world map of coal and peat fires, collections of slide presentations, research data, additional chapters and videos at booksite.elsevier.com/9780444595102.

DR. CHEEK EDITS CALHOUN'S WORK



EGSC's Lee Cheek, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, has edited one of the major works on American politics, John C. Calhoun's *A Disquisition on Government*. Cheek's edited book is the most widely adopted version of the text among colleges and universities in America today, and a second edition of the book will appear next month.

According Cheek's publisher, Bruce Fingerhut, President of St. Augustine's Press, "this volume provides the most economical and textually accurate version of Calhoun's *Disquisition* available today. As a treatise, the *Disquisition* is one of the greatest and most enduring works of American political thought, and a text of seminal importance to all students of American politics, history, philosophy, and law."

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MULLINS FEATURED ON C-SPAN'S BOOK TV

Robert A. Mullins, author of *12 Monkeys & a Green Jacket*, was featured on C-SPAN's Book TV on Saturday, August 1. Book TV airs on C-SPAN2 at noon (Comcast channel 183 in Augusta). The book was featured on this program as part of the C-SPAN Cities Tour, which visited numerous locations to explore the unique history and literary culture of Augusta.

During the airing, viewers learned about the history of Lake Olmstead in Augusta. Created as a product of the Augusta Canal's enlargement of 1873, Lake Olmstead was once a popular tourist attraction in the early 20th century. After a bacterial contamination suit shut the lake down, it was left ignored and neglected, making the pollution problem worse. Mullins talked about the community's response and the lack of awareness about the lake's history and significance.



DR. CAIAZZO ELECTED GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Dr. Tom Caiazzo, Associate Professor of Political Science at East Georgia State College's Statesboro campus, was elected as the Governing Board Chair for the 2015-16 academic year at the Charter Conservatory Public School in Statesboro.

The Governing Board Chair leads the meetings and ensures that the Board follows appropriate parliamentary procedures. His role will be to establish every meeting's agenda and serve as the chief liaison to the school's principal. Dr. Caiazzo is the primary signing agent for official board documents and he is also responsible for ensuring that the Governing Board is in compliance with the charter contract, board manual, and bylaws.



DR. STRACHER NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Dr. Glenn Stracher was named Professor Emeritus of Geology by East Georgia State College President Bob Boehmer during his State of the College address to faculty and staff on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Dr. Stracher recently retired from EGSC after 23 years of teaching geology and physics. He will continue to teach part-time and is world renowned for his research on coal fires.

EGSC POLITICAL SCIENTISTS PRESENT RESEARCH

Four East Georgia State College professors participated in the presentation of research and scholarly discussion and review at the 47th annual conference of the Georgia Political Science Association. The conference was held in Savannah from November 12 – 15.

Professor Randy Carter, Assistant Professor of Political Science at EGSC, presented a paper at the conference regarding the Keystone Pipeline. The paper was presented as part of the Teaching and Learning Sessions, designed to explore ideas directed toward critical thinking in the classroom. Carter's paper was nominated for the best conference paper award. Other EGSC professors participating were Dr. Lee Cheek, Daniel Mancill and Dr. John Derden.

DR. MCKINNEY RECOGNIZED DURING OPEN EDUCATION WEEK

During Open Education Week, March 7 - 11, 2016, Affordable Learning Georgia highlighted the Calendar Year 2015 efforts of University System of Georgia faculty and staff for their outstanding accomplishments in affordable learning materials with the Textbook Transformation Awards. Each institution was invited to nominate an awardee through their ALG Campus Champion. On March 8, 2016, Dr. Dee McKinney of East Georgia State College was one of those awarded for their accomplishments.

Open Education Week's goal is to raise awareness about free and open educational opportunities that exist for everyone, everywhere, right now. The event highlights how open education can help people meet their goals in education, whether that's to develop skills and knowledge for work, supporting formal studies, learning something new for personal interest, or looking for additional teaching resources.



FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KITTRELL-MIKELL PRESENTS PAPER IN DUBAI



Deborah Kittrell-Mikell, Director of Academic Advisement at East Georgia State College's Swainsboro campus, had her presentation proposal accepted as a Paper Session for the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) 2016 International Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Hosted by Zayed University, the conference was held February 22-25, 2016. The theme was "Aspire, Connect, and Empower," and professionals across the globe participated and attended sessions that enabled them to share ideas and present successful practices that influence the retention, progression and graduation efforts at their respective institutions.

STRICKLAND RECOGNIZED FOR WORK WITH STUDENTS



Associate Professor of Sociology David Strickland was nominated for the National Resource Center's and Cengage Learning's annual campaign to recognize Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates in recognition of his outstanding work on behalf of first-year college students. Though not selected as an award recipient, this nomination reflects his outstanding accomplishments. It also attests to the respect and admiration that Strickland gained for the creative ways in which he worked to enhance the academic and social success of first-year students.

Strickland was nominated through the submission of a description of his activities to enhance the first year at East Georgia State College, as well as evidence of the impact and effectiveness of these activities. He was one of 85 nominees, of which ten award recipients were selected.

DR. HOWELL AWARDED GOVERNOR'S TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



Dr. Jeff Howell, Assistant Professor of History at EGSC Statesboro, was awarded a Governor's Teaching Fellowship by the University of Georgia (UGA). Dr. Howell participated in the Fellowship on UGA's Athens campus from May 16-20 and May 23-27. The Governor's Teaching Fellows Program was established by Zell Miller, Governor of Georgia, from 1991 to 1999, to provide Georgia's higher education faculty with expanded opportunities for developing important teaching skills. The program is offered through the university's Institute of Higher Education.

DR. KEARNS RECEIVES APA TEACHING AWARD



Dr. Tori Kearns, Professor of Psychology, was picked for the American Psychological Association 2016 Teaching Resources Award after the review of numerous submissions by the APA Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE). The committee selected Dr. Kearns' submission on Cultural Exploration Projects, a lesson she designed and uses in her General Psychology courses.

In recognition of this prestigious award she was honored at the CABE/Psi Beta Reception and Awards Ceremony at the APA Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Kearns' innovative submission was shared with other psychology teachers across the country through publication on the APA web site and in the CABE Psychology Teacher Network newsletter. Dr. Kearns has taught at EGSC since 2005.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROFESSORS REPRESENT EGSC AT GSA MEETING



Four East Georgia State College professors, David Altamirano, Brittany L. Current, David L. Strickland, and Harry L. Vogel, attended the 2015 Annual meetings of the Georgia Sociological Association in October. The meetings, held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, marked fifty years since the first meeting of the organization and centered around the theme, “50 Years of Building Bridges: GSA’s Legacy and Future of Crossing Divides.” The Georgia Sociological Association is an organization of academic and applied professional sociologists and students.

The organization aims to stimulate and improve research, teaching, and discussion and to encourage community service and cooperative relations among persons in the State of Georgia engaged in the scientific study of society and culture. The 2015 conference included a wide variety of interesting research papers, panels, and workshops from students and faculty across the state including presentations from EGSC professors.

CHIEF GAMMON SELECTED FOR CLIP

East Georgia State College’s Police Chief, Wiley Gammon, was selected for Class #2 for the Chief’s Leadership Initiative Program. This program is part of the Chancellor’s Safety Initiative Committee recommendations approved by the Board of Regents in the May 2015 meeting. The purpose of this program is to assist those selected in enhancing existing leadership skills and the performance of their agency in protecting campus communities.

“It is quite an honor to be selected for Class #2, and I will do my very best to make the College proud,” said Chief Gammon on his selection.



JONES PARTICIPATES IN USG’S EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Karen Jones, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at East Georgia State College, was selected for the University System of Georgia’s Executive Leadership Institute. The ELI is a comprehensive, 102-hour development program facilitated by leading experts in leadership. Those selected will enhance their leadership skills to prepare for potential high-level advancement within the USG.

During the Institute, participants will have six full-day group learning sessions focused on moving participants toward an increasing depth of personal understanding. They will also receive feedback acquired from both in and outside of work and will participate in cross mentoring groups designed to promote peer-to-peer mentoring and accountability. Graduates of the program are encouraged to engage in alumni activities and continue peer mentor relationships developed at the Institute, as well as participate as mentors to future ELI scholars.





SPEAKERS PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND EMPOWERMENT TO STUDENTS

DR. JOHNSON SPEAKS AT AAMI-SPONSORED EVENT



The African American Male Initiative at East Georgia State College held a special program in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016. The event was held in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell building on EGSC's Swainsboro campus with keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson.

Dr. Johnson is currently the State President of the Georgia NAACP, the youngest to hold the office. He has been an ordained minister for 18 years and is Senior Minister at the Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Pembroke and the Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church in Statesboro. Johnson is in private practice with The Johnson Firm P.C. Attorneys and Counselors of Law in Statesboro, where he practices criminal and civil law in all state and federal courts in Georgia.

A graduate of Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia, Johnson has served on the Political Science and Criminal Justice faculties at Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University, teaching courses on race and the law, constitutional law and the Civil Rights Movement.



WARD SPEAKS AT AAMI BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM



The African American Male Initiative at East Georgia State College sponsored a Black History Program on February 9, 2016. Held in the Gambrell Center Auditorium, the program featured guest speaker Dr. Consuela Ward.

Dr. Ward has over 20 years of experience as an educator, speaker, facilitator, consultant, trainer and coach on diversity and inclusion topics and has served colleges and universities, school systems, human resources, professional conferences, youth groups and community groups. She is the founder and president of the Montage Group, LLC, a diversity and inclusion consulting firm where she is the principle speaker and facilitator of keynotes, trainings and workshops, and diversity and inclusion strategic planning. Dr. Ward has touched thousands of lives by creating opportunities for complicated conversations in safe spaces around diversity, inclusion, equity and privilege. She is a visionary and activist for healing from issues related to systematic discrimination and marginalization and has the ability to educate, empower and excite audiences. She is passionate about helping others negotiate the diverse world in which we live.

GOHS AWARDS GRANT TO EGSC



East Georgia State College was the recipient of a \$6,500 grant to participate in the GOHS Georgia Young Adult Program. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety addresses young adult driver crashes, injuries and fatalities and partners with colleges and universities throughout the state to implement the Georgia Young Adult Program (GYAP).

This program has proven to be successful using strategies such as peer education, providing educational speakers to schools, and encouraging schools to develop creative, innovative techniques to reduce young adult crashes, injuries and fatalities in their communities.

LOCAL LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH EGSC ON GRANT

Franklin Memorial Library, in partnership with East Georgia State College, received a Prime Time Family Reading Time Grant from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the Georgia Public Library Service. Dr. Carmine Palumbo, Dean of the School of Humanities, and Professor Steve Lavender participated in the program.



Prime Time Family Reading Time is a program created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. It is a reading, discussion and storytelling series based on illustrated children's books. Prime Time is designed specifically for under-served families with children ages 6 to 10, with pre-reading activities available for preschool siblings.

The program is intended to help families bond around the act of reading and talking about books. It models and encourages family reading and discussion of humanities topics, and aids parents and children in selecting books and becoming active public library users.

EGSC RECEIVES NEA BIG READ GRANT

East Georgia State College was awarded a grant to host the NEA Big Read in Swainsboro. This program is part of the National Endowment for the Arts, and broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. EGSC is one of 77 nonprofit organizations to receive a grant to host an NEA Big Read project between September 2016 and June 2017. The NEA Big Read at EGSC focuses on *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines.



"We are thrilled to receive this grant and excited about the impact that this funding will have on both our campus and the Emanuel County community. We are also very grateful to our community partners, the Franklin Memorial Library and the Emanuel County Board of Education, without whose support bringing the NEA Big Read to Emanuel County would not have been possible," said Amanda McKenzie, Library Director at EGSC.



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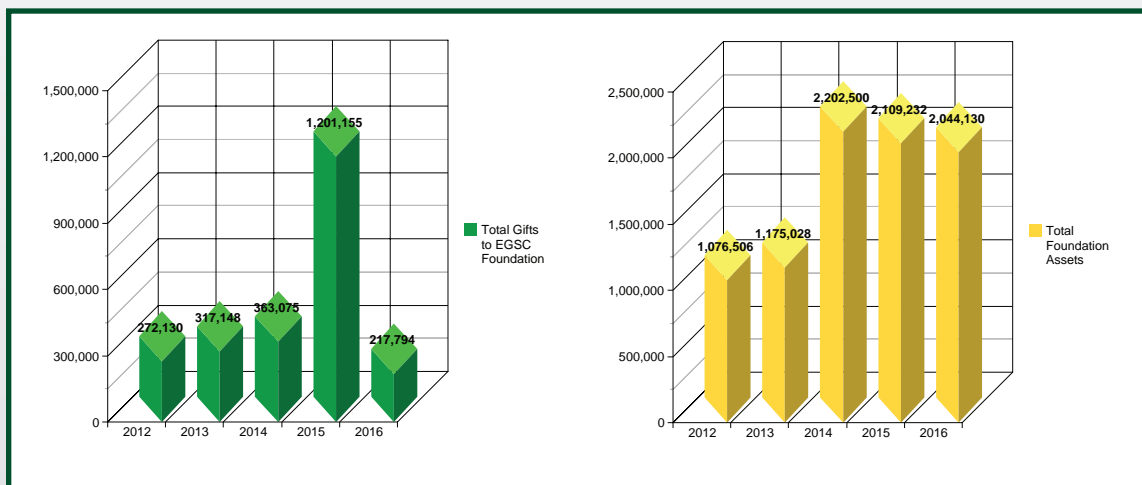
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Luck Flanders Gambrell

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Luck Flanders Gambrell lived a long life of kindness, generosity, faith, and service and was beloved by her family, friends, and community. Her interesting life was often revealed in the many stories she enjoyed telling as her health and age kept her from continuing the myriad activities that filled her first 75 years. She was a strong advocate of higher education in the state, serving on the Emory University Board of Visitors and the Tift College Board of Trustees. She had a special interest in creating opportunities for young people, and she volunteered for decades to help identify and fund disadvantaged women who wished to attend college through the Student Aid Foundation. Her lifelong dedication to improving her home community of Swainsboro was recognized on March 28, 2015, when she was awarded the University System of Georgia's Distinguished Alumni/Friend Excellence Award because of her extraordinary contributions to the founding and continued growth and success of East Georgia State College in Swainsboro. In 1971 she donated the land for the college that is now a thriving hub of education and opportunity in southeast Georgia. For forty-five years her advocacy supported the development of programs and facilities at EGSC. Her most recent contribution was establishing Need-Based Scholarships at EGSC in 2013.

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