

WHO BROUGHT COMMUNITY TO THE FULFORD CENTER IN 2012?

AARP—Driver Safety Training (2)
 Altamaha Electric Membership Corporation
 American Cancer Society
 Area Agriculture Teachers
 CSRA RESA
 David Emanuel Academy
 East Georgia State College
 Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services
 Emanuel County Institute
 Emanuel County Pre-K
 Emanuel County Relay for Life
 Emanuel County Schools
 Emanuel Medical Center
 Emanuel Retired Educators Association
 Franklin Memorial Library
 Georgia Department of Community Affairs
 Georgia Department of Economic Development
 Georgia Department of Education
 Georgia Department of Labor
 Georgia Power Company
 Glad and Seedling Garden Clubs
 Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Daughters of the American Revolution
 Hotset America Corporation
 Magnolia Midlands Society for Human Resource Management
 Metter Girls Club
 Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant
 Ogeechee Behavioral Center
 Pineland Communications
 Regional All Hazards Council
 Swainsboro Elementary School
 Swainsboro High School
 Swainsboro Middle School
 Swainsboro Kiwanis Club
 Swainsboro Primary School
 Swainsboro Probation Office
 Thomas Jefferson Academy
 Tri-County PREP
 Twin City Methodist Preschool
 Twin City Primary School
 Vidalia Cub Scouts
 Vidalia Girl Scouts
 Walmart
 Warren County Youth Apprenticeship Program



7502 Visitors in 2012

133 Planetarium Visits



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**JANUARY
2013**



**JEAN D. SCHWABE,
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OUR MISSION

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

OUR GOALS

Education
 Civic Engagement
 Hospitality



Happy New Year!

I hope you had a memorable holiday season and that your holidays were both restful and joyous. The beginning of a new year brings with it opportunities for new experiences and fresh starts. I hope you will consider the Fulford Center when you are planning a meeting, workshop, or conference. Our multifunctional classroom area can accommodate up to 75 participants. We also have wireless Internet access, as well as first class catering. The Fulford Planetarium continues to be an amazing resource for all ages and offers participants unique explorations into the cosmos.

My wish for you is that each day of the coming year may be vibrant and new. I look forward to a rewarding and productive 2013. I hope to see you soon at the Center!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6 Rowland Birthday Reception
 January 10 Ultimate Grant Seekers Workshop
 January 12 East Central Youth Leadership Summit
 January 14 Glad Garden Club Meeting
 January 9-16-23-30 Chess Instruction for Parents
 January 16-17.. Emanuel County Schools Suella Patterson Workshops
 January 24 Region 6 CTI Coordinators Meeting
 January 24 Hotset Corporation Meeting
 February 2 Miss EGSC Pageant Interviews
 February 4-5.... Emanuel County Schools Social Science Fair

Sincere thanks to...

- Dr. Bob Brown for donating *The Astronomer: Companion Book to the PBS Series*. This book is a valuable new addition to the Fulford Resource Library.
- Pete and Ada Lee Correll for their donation of a Meade ETX-90EC Astro Telescope. This extremely versatile, high-resolution imaging system will provide amazing stargazing experiences for Fulford Planetarium visitors.

21st Century Leaders Discuss Career Paths



In December, over forty Emanuel County Institute student leaders gathered at the Center with a variety of community members to discuss career choices. Representatives from Nordson, Swainsboro Technical College, and Durden Banking Company took part in the forum and provided valuable information. Emanuel County Probate Judge Don Wilkes also provided important insight into career opportunities. The forum included panel discussions, as well as small group discussions. Elizabeth Kraus, Emanuel County Institute Counselor, coordinated the event.

Bulldog Buddies Invade The Center



Fifty Emanuel County Institute student leaders and their Twin City Elementary Bulldog Buddies converged on the Fulford Center in December for a fun-filled holiday celebration. ECI students were paired with a Twin City Elementary student at the beginning of the school year and became year-long mentors for the students. While at the Center, students enjoyed holiday planetarium shows and made a star Christmas tree ornament as a memento of their time together. Elizabeth Kraus, ECI School Counselor, and Brandi Beal, TCE School Counselor, coordinate the Bulldog Buddies program.

Fulford Center Adds Two New Staff Members



Erin Youmans

We are delighted to have two new staff members join the Fulford Center. Erin Youmans will serve as Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (GYSTC) Coordinator in a part-time capacity. GYSTC is an educational organization designed to increase interest and enthusiasm in science and the technologies, particularly among elementary and middle school teachers and students. Erin earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Georgia Southern University. She taught five years in the Washington County School District and brings her passion for teaching to the center. Erin may be reached at (478)289-2094. We look forward to her contributions in the continued growth and success of the Fulford Center. Tammy Durden serves as a full-time administrative assistant to both the Fulford Center and Magnolia Midlands GYSTC. She brings over 10 years of customer service experience and such enthusiasm and dedication to her responsibilities. Tammy may be reached at 289-2366. We are very pleased to welcome her to the Fulford team!



Tammy Durden

WELCOME ERIN AND TAMMY!

Region 9 DFCS Officials Participate In MOM Training



Forty-five Department of Family and Children Services supervisors, program specialists and county directors assembled at the Fulford Center on December 10 for their annual Meeting of the Minds (MOM) management team meeting. Representing 18 counties, including Emanuel County, the group discussed policies and issues related to child welfare programs. Regional Director, Stacey Barfield, addressed the group and

discussed the importance of teamwork. She thanked participants for their service and dedication to the children and families in the region.

Ultimate Grant Seekers Workshop Scheduled

East Georgia State College will sponsor *The Ultimate Grant Seeker's Workshop* at the Fulford Center on Thursday, January 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mike Killen, CEO of Building Competitive Communities, Inc., will lead the workshop. Killen will share the secrets that effective grant writers use to get dynamic proposals funded. He will also review the essential steps of successful proposal writing. Killen's mission is to support communities with his acclaimed strategy of "Building Competitive Communities through Partnership Excellence." He recently was credited with assembling a group of community partners in central Georgia to compete for federal funding. The collaborative effort was successful and received \$20 million. For more information or to register for the workshop, call the Center at 289-2464.

