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Upcoming Events

**Friday
December 13**
Swainsboro Holiday Luncheon • 11 a.m.
Gambrell Building Rotunda

**Saturday
December 14**
Graduation • 10 a.m.
Gymnasium

**December 23
through January 1**
Winter Break
NOTE: December 30 and 31 require annual leave time

**Friday
February 21**
Economic Outlook Luncheon • 12 p.m.
JAM Center Room B324

**Saturday
February 22**
Alumni & Friends Celebration
Time and Place TBD



The Senior Staff Meeting Issue!

New Employees

Help us welcome five new staff members to the EGSC family!

Jasmine Reese will join the Swainsboro campus as a recruiter. She is an ECI graduate, so she is no stranger to the area. She is also a graduate of EGSC and Georgia Southern University.

Liz Zajac and **Tracy Johnson** will both be working in the food service area. They each have many years of experience in food service. Zajac has held the title of head baker and Johnson has had 20 years of experience.

Meghan Crews is joining EGSC as the new librarian. She comes to EGSC from South Georgia State College.

Megan Scruggs is making a transition down the hall from her desk in the president's office. She is moving into Dr. Sharman's office. Scruggs just celebrated her one-year anniversary at EGSC.

And last but not least, the Statesboro campus is welcoming **Ken-dall Claxton**. Claxton will be the new recruiter for the campus. She is an EGSC alumni and Georgia Southern University graduate.

EGSC would like to congratulate each of you!

Dual Enrollment Update

So far, **127** dual enrollment applications have been received for Spring 2020 (84 at Swainsboro, 34 at Statesboro and 8 at Augusta). The number of students accepted comes to **46** while 27 dual enrollment students are registered.

The others that have not been accepted or registered are waiting

on missing documents or other hold ups.

The total registration for Spring of 2020 is **274**.

Housing Report

The director of housing, Angela Storck, says around **two dozen** students have canceled housing from fall to spring. The housing department is currently reaching out to students in housing who have not yet registered for classes.

Right now, there are around **420** students in housing and Storck says she sees that number holding into Spring.

News from the President's Office

Dr. Sandra Sharman notified everyone in this month's meeting that the topic of the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) has been selected. The title will be **Students Learning Communities Learning to Associate**.

The QEP is required by SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges). It is a five-year project that enhances the quality of education. The purpose of the QEP is to work on retention, academic success and relationships. The plan will be due to SACSCOC **eight weeks** before the SACSCOC reaffirmation team visits EGSC in **October of 2020**, but the plan is hoped to be wrapped up in the Spring. Earlier than that due date, though, the Compliance Certification will need to be completed and turned into SACSCOC **March 2, 2020**.

There are 71 standards to the certification and each one must have a narrative. The first draft

of the narratives have to be sent in to the hired consultant. The narratives that have been sent in through the committees are being reviewed. Once the feedback is received from the consultant, the committees can make any changes that need to be made.

Right now, **around 40** of the narratives have been reviewed and feedback has been received. There are 31 narratives that have not been sent to the consultant.

The committees are working to wrap this up before holiday break.

Budget News

Cliff Gay informed senior staff that Fiscal Year 2021's budget was submitted to the University System of Georgia on November 20, 2019. The budget hearing will be held **March 18, 2020**, but EGSC will not know our budget until the April board meeting.

The question came up about state-wide budget cuts. Dr. Boehmer said this year there has been a **four to six percent cut**. He asked if there were any thoughts on the likelihood that cuts would be extended to USG institutions.

Gay said everyone he has talked to is **hopeful that it will not**, but FY 21 is still up in the air.

JAM Center Expansion Update

The Jean Anderson Morgan Student Center expansion is moving along on time. **The ribbon cutting is set for February 20, 2020**, and the expansion should be open for students the first day of Spring classes.

Extra funds from the project are
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being used to add a generator to the building. This generator will be used to power the kitchen area during potential power outages. The other funds will be used for additional landscaping on the slope on one side of the building. This will make it easier for groundskeepers to keep up the area.

EGSC--Statesboro moves to GSU campus

The architect for the project has been selected. The timeline for the project shows the completion date as the beginning of the **2021 fall semester**. A committee has been put into place to coordinate and communicate the move.

Dining Operations adding updates

Starting spring semester, **biometric turnstiles** will be put into place to purchase food from the dining hall. This will allow students, faculty and staff to scan their palm to pay and enter the dining hall.

Ruth Underwood, the director of dining operations, says they are hoping this will speed up lines and free some employees to help behind the scenes instead of checking in each guest.

Mobile ordering is another improve-

ment being added. This will be available for students, faculty and staff. This will give people the option to order from their phone and they will get a push notification when their food is ready.

This service is expected to go live around **January 23**. Two order kiosks will also be installed in the Gambrell building and the JAM Center.

I.T. News and Updates

The Information Technology (IT) Department will soon be relocated for remodeling. During the **week of December 16**, the IT department staff will be relocated around campus for the remodeling that will begin in January.

Some of the staff will be placed down the hall in Institutional Advancement, some in the library and others in classrooms. The staff's phone numbers will stay the same and they will continue to address work order.

In other IT news, the replacement of the Swainsboro data center Network Firewalls has been completed. The replacement was done for data security.

Fall Break Term

The fall break term continues to grow every day. The **deadline for applications in December 15** and classes will begin

December 16. To break even, the college needed to sell 93 hours. Currently, **over 120** hours have been sold. This is bringing in approximately **\$12,000** for EGSC.

EGSC--Augusta News

Lately the Augusta campus has been busy moving into their new home in Galloway Hall. Nick Kelch, Associate VP for External Campuses, was happy to report at the meeting that they have **completed phase one** of the move. All faculty and staff have moved into the new building.

Phase two and three will now begin. During those phases, they will take over more rooms in Galloway hall and move more classes there.

Fall Graduation

East Georgia State College will hold their Fall Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, **December 14, 2019 at 10 a.m.** in the Gymnasium on the Swainsboro campus.

The guest speaker for the event will be Senator Nikema Williams, while the Alumni speaker will be John Allen Bailey and the student representative will be Megan Bryant.

To read more about the guest speakers, click [here](#).

All information from December 5, 2019 Senior Staff Meeting.

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As an EGSC employee, you chose to work at a place that helps people earn a degree and work towards their future. No matter what position you hold at EGSC, you are helping each student on campus work towards their future, and we thank you for that each and every day.

There is another way to help our students succeed: **employee giving**. Whether you donate the change in your pocket or make a donation monthly, you are helping our students **succeed**. The amount is not what matters--what matters is that you give.

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