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Founding of the College

After three local community groups lobbied for 13 years, in December 1969, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia authorized a study to determine the need for additional two-year colleges in the state. The study concluded that a two-year college should be available to all Georgians within 50 miles of their homes.

A year later, six possible sites, including the Swainsboro–Emanuel County area, were approved with the stipulation that the county of each prospective site provide the land or property for a campus site, as well as the funds for constructing and furnishing the initial physical plant. Dr. Madison Dixon chaired the successful third local committee that brought a state college to Swainsboro/ Emanuel County. In September 1971, the citizens of Emanuel County voted for a bond issue of \$2.1 million to underwrite the cost of a new college. The Emanuel County Board of Education, representing the citizens of the county and working with the local college committee, also provided a wooded site of 207 acres (190 acres of which were donated by Luck Flanders Gambrell). Having met the Regents' requirements, the project rapidly moved ahead. In December 1971, the Board of Regents gave final approval for the campus site and named the new college Emanuel County Junior College. George L. Smith II, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, played a significant role in the inception of the College.



Mission

East Georgia State College is an Associate degree-granting, liberal arts institution of the University System of Georgia, providing its students access to both academically transferable programs of study and collaborative



programs in occupation-related fields. The College also offers targeted baccalaureate level degrees that support the University System's initiative to expand educational opportunities. The College prepares traditional and nontraditional students for success in the global 21st century through a technologically advanced teaching and learning environment that fosters personal growth by utilizing an expanding range of resources and amenities, including an on-campus student residential option. The College also continuously engages the communities it serves through public service and cultural enrichment.



Introduction

It is an honor to present East Georgia State College's 2011-2012 Annual Report detailing our tremendous accomplishments this past year. With the advent of a new year under the leadership of a new president, it is an exciting time at East Georgia State College, and we have much to celebrate as we approach our 40th anniversary in 2013.

Our students come to us with a great desire to learn and succeed, and their success is our success. By providing programming that meets student learning needs, coupled with faculty / staff excellence and outstanding support systems, East Georgia State College will continually produce graduates equipped for successful living, lifelong learning and productive work in a global knowledge-based economy.

Our ability to respond to the ever-changing needs of our students is developed through essential partnerships with communities and by investing in our faculty and staff. The fine work of the past year reflects the spirited and dedicated efforts of almost 300 faculty and staff of East Georgia State College and countless community members. There is still much work to be done, and we look forward to the year ahead which promises exciting growth for the College.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our donors. Your support continues to be a crucial link for ensuring that students from all walks of life and of every age have a chance to change their lives by furthering their education. You are keeping alive the tradition of access and affordability for students at East Georgia State College, and we are deeply grateful.



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Dear Friends,

It is an exciting time filled with opportunities at East Georgia State College. As we continue to grow and transform as a state college, the academic success of our students remains as our primary goal. In order to attain that goal, we are creating an even more engaging campus that complements academic programs and enables us to provide students with a well-rounded college experience.

As an access institution, we open doors of opportunity to many first-generation and non-traditional college students. With twenty-one Associate in Arts degrees, a new Bachelor degree in Biology, three on-line degrees, and collaborative agreements with other colleges and universities, a host of educational and career choices are now available. Through service-learning and community involvement, our students are expanding their horizons while helping to improve and advance individuals and communities.

As our academic programs expanded, our facilities improved to assure that students have the necessary tools for academic success. In 2011, we became a residential campus with the opening of Bobcat Villas, our on-campus apartments. Students have great amenities and programming at the Shot and Jean Strange Learning and Recreation Center, as well as the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center. In addition, our East Georgia State College Statesboro facility opened in 2011 to provide more space for already excellent academic instruction in Statesboro.

We have an active student life program as well as service, faith, and outreach organizations. Our athletic programs for women's and men's basketball, men's baseball and women's fast-pitch softball also provide an exciting dimension to college life at EGSC and connect us to the community in wonderful ways.

Our talented and dedicated faculty and staff are a great team committed to one goal: our students' academic success. Through challenging courses and dynamic student programming, our goal is to offer students every opportunity to explore, engage, and achieve. College years should be a time to investigate new horizons and learn from experiences. We challenge students to seek new adventures, acquire new knowledge, learn new skills, make new friends, and lend help to someone in need. Each graduate should move forward armed with the ability to solve problems and an understanding of the accompanying responsibility of service.

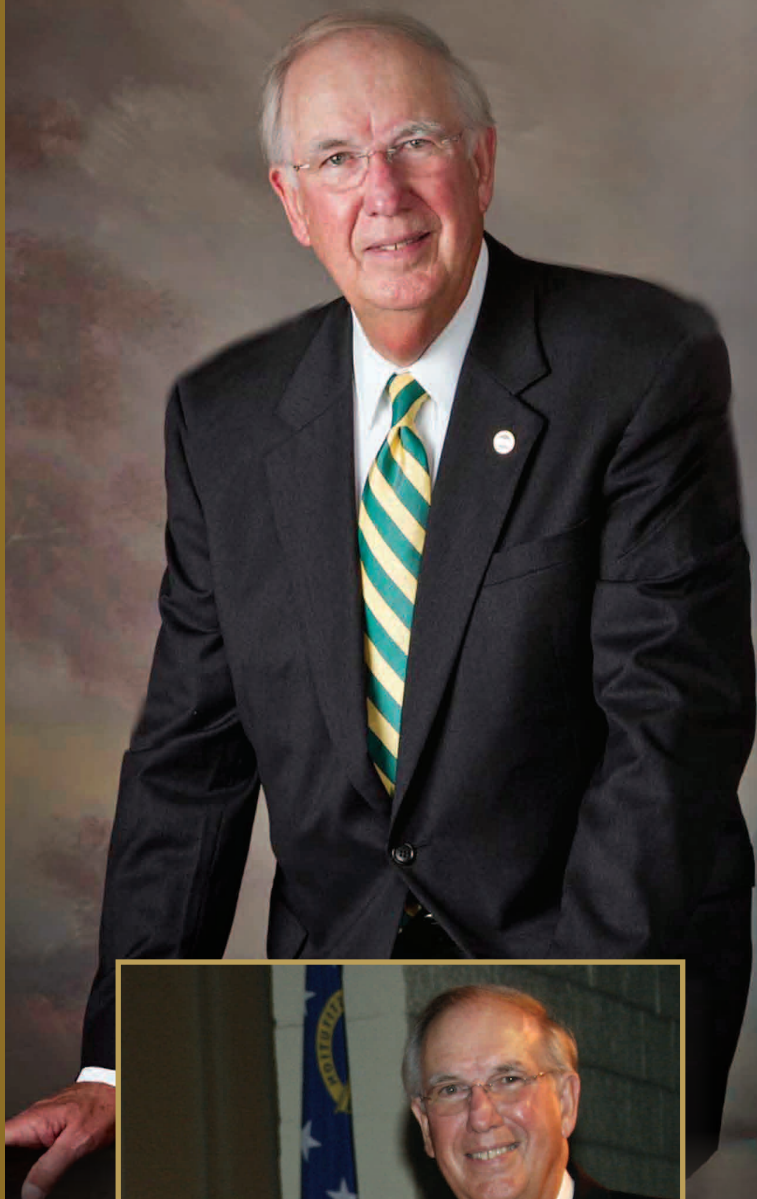
Students are the reason for the College's transformation. In the coming year, there will be many opportunities to shape campus life for decades to come. In the classroom, on the athletic fields, with student organizations, and in the community, students are encouraged to take an active role in building East Georgia State College. We strive to make their time here enjoyable, enlightening, and memorable.

I hope you enjoy reading about our successes. On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, thank you for your generous support that enables us to offer life-changing opportunities and fulfill our mission of creating a more educated Georgia.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert G. Boehmer

A Legacy of **DREAMS FULFILLED**



Dorothy & John Black

On December 31, 2011, Dr. John Bryant Black retired after serving as president of the college for seven years. During his tenure, enrollment increased at EGSC from 1,381 students in the fall of 2004 to 3,418 in the fall of 2011, an increase of 132%.

When Dr. Black first came to what was then known as East Georgia College, he asked the students what they wanted to make their experience here even better. They answered him to the power of three – they wanted on-campus housing, intercollegiate athletics and the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree without having to transfer. As a result of Dr. Black's leadership, these wishes are now a reality.

In fall 2008, students approved a \$75 athletic fee in support of initiating an athletic program. The fee was then approved by the University System Board of Regents. These actions gave the College the "green light" to pursue intercollegiate athletics, initially to include men's and women's basketball, women's fast-pitch softball and men's baseball. In the fall of 2009, play began at the club level. By the fall of 2010, EGC was playing competitively in the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association (GJCAA).

Next, under Dr. Black's leadership, the college opened its first student housing in the fall of 2011, a 200-bed, \$8 million complex that allows students to reside on campus in apartment-style units. Housing has been full with a waiting list since the doors opened.

In the summer of 2011, East Georgia College was granted state college status, allowing the college to offer a baccalaureate degree for the first time. The first cohort of students in the new Bachelor of Science in Biology program is doing very well.

"John Black has a long and distinguished career in the University System and the Board and students have benefited greatly from his service," said University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby. "His leadership at East Georgia College for the past seven years has overseen significant growth as it has evolved to meet the region's growing demands for higher education."

Our very best wishes to you, Dr. Black, as you begin this new phase in your life. Remember what you taught us – we are in the center of the triangle – 80 miles from Augusta, Macon and Savannah – it is very easy to find East Georgia State College. We expect you and Dorothy to visit when you can! Thank you for showing us how to dream big.

Dr. Robert G. Boehmer was named the fifth president of East Georgia State College (EGSC) on November 13, 2012. He has served as interim president since January 1, 2012.

“I am honored by the trust placed in me by the Chancellor, the Board of Regents and the East Georgia State College community. I look forward to our continued growth and advancement, particularly as we expand our access mission and attain our goal of creating a more educated Georgia,” said President Boehmer.

Prior to being named interim president at East Georgia State College, Dr. Boehmer served as associate provost for academic planning at UGA, beginning in 2010. He also served as UGA’s liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and is a trustee and member of the executive committee of SACSCOC.

Dr. Boehmer joined the faculty of UGA’s Terry College of Business in 1989 and was promoted to full professor of legal studies in 2004. He was appointed as UGA’s associate provost for institutional effectiveness in 2001. His role was expanded to include oversight of UGA’s extended campuses in 2007.

Dr. Boehmer holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the University of Oregon School of Law, earned in 1977. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) degree from the University of Oregon School of Business Administration in 1974. Before becoming a faculty member at UGA, he practiced law in Oregon for more than ten years and was a partner in an Oregon law firm.

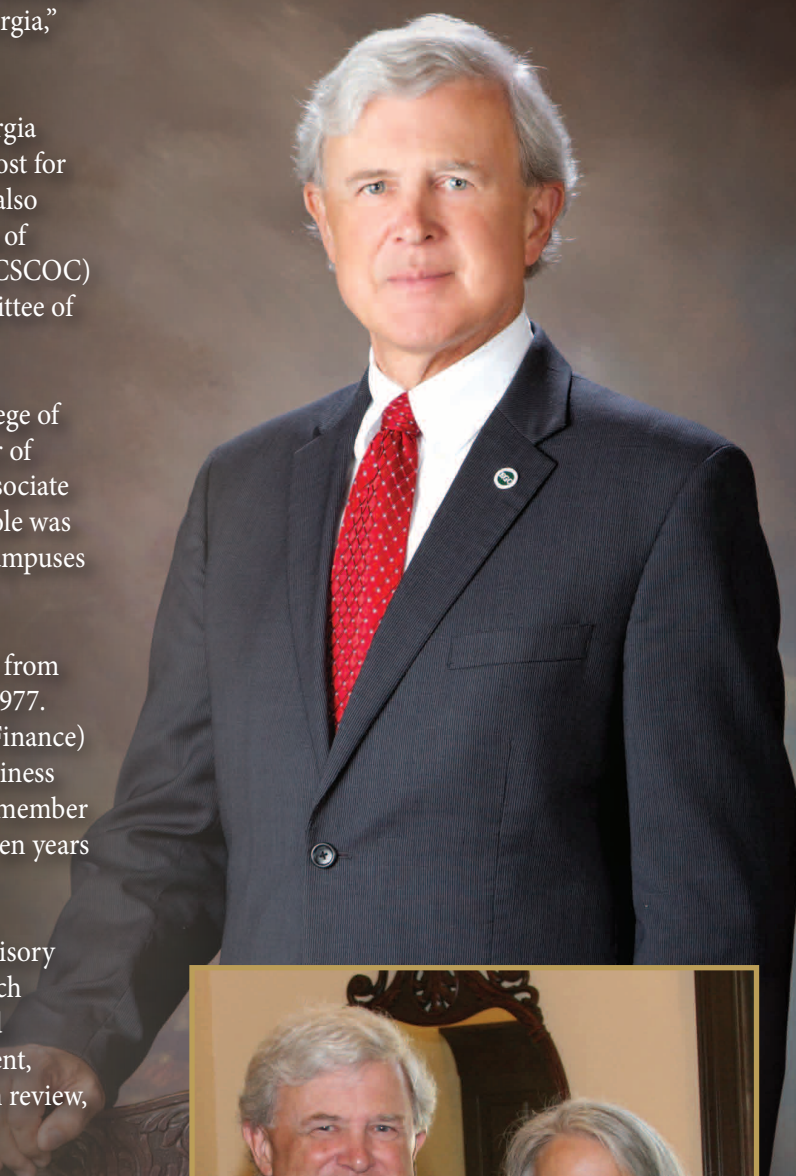
Dr. Boehmer has served as chair of the Regents Advisory Committee on Effectiveness and Accreditation, which advises the regents on institutional effectiveness and regional accreditation, including quality enhancement, student learning outcomes, comprehensive program review, assessment practices, continuous improvement, accreditation compliance, and public accountability.

Dr. Boehmer has received numerous awards for teaching excellence including the Richard Russell Teaching Award from UGA, the Teacher of the Year and the MBA Teacher of the Year awards from the Terry College of Business, the Hatten-Howard award from the University’s Honors Program and selection as a Lilly Teaching Fellow.

Dr. Boehmer and his wife, Joyce, have two adult daughters, Megan and Beth, who live in Oregon.

Welcome, Dr. and Mrs. Boehmer!

Creating a Culture **FOR SUCCESS**



Bob & Joyce Boehmer





Strategic Vision and Goals

VISION

East Georgia State College seeks to be a state of Georgia leader in providing access to higher education as the State seeks to dramatically increase its rate of college completion. Located in a primarily rural area in the interior of the Augusta-Savannah-Macon triangle, EGSC is strategically positioned to provide an affordable, high quality academic experience to a large number of Georgians and has a track record of success. EGSC is committed to producing workforce ready graduates with skills to meet needs of employers in the region in an increasingly diverse, high-technology, global working environment; preparing those graduates for a lifetime of learning; and instilling in those graduates the importance of lifelong community service. In carrying out this vision, EGSC is committed to education with a personal touch designed to improve critical thinking skills and the lives of the people and communities it serves.



INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

The College has adopted the following three institutional goals.

- East Georgia State College will implement a comprehensive college success program that enables all its students to achieve their academic goals with minimum delay and expense.
- East Georgia State College will foster a culture of service through opportunities that allow its students to develop life skills which complement and reinforce their academic skills.
- East Georgia State College will be a catalyst for the economic development of its service area.

EGSC's first and most important goal is the college completion goal. The College's other two institutional goals are related to the completion goal. Developing an effective service culture will provide an opportunity for students to mature in a variety of ways. Achievement of the first two institutional goals will serve as a catalyst for the third goal, economic growth of a service area that has been restrained by low rates of post-secondary attainment.





A New *State* In East Georgia

Within the past year, several monumental changes have occurred, and their indelible mark will positively alter the College's history forever. Of great significance, the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents (BoR) approved changing the institution's mission from a two-year college to that of a state college. This decision created an unprecedented opportunity to expand services by offering limited four-year degree programs.

In May 2012, the BoR approved East Georgia State College (EGSC) as the institution's new name to more accurately reflect the recent change in state college status and mission. This was the third name change in EGSC's history, indicating the scope of transformation and growth over the years. The College opened its doors in 1973 as Emanuel County Junior College, and in 1987, the name changed to East Georgia College.

Becoming a state college expands EGSC's focus on preparing students for academic success while engaging them in a well-rounded educational experience. Students have advocated for the addition of four-year degree programs on the Swainsboro campus for many years, and students, faculty and staff are elated to see it finally become a reality.

EGSC's first baccalaureate degree offering will be a Bachelor of Science in Biology, beginning fall 2012. Although the College's mission has been expanded to include four-year degrees, EGSC will remain an access institution, providing educational opportunities for students who can benefit from personalized academic enrichment and support.

"It is our expanded mission --- the fact that we will soon be offering the first bachelor's degree in the college's history --- that is the important part of this story," according to President Bob Boehmer. "The name change simply enables us to effectively communicate this exciting new educational opportunity to potential students."

Attaining state college status greatly enhances the College's ability to meet the growing educational needs of students, which inevitably benefits the economy of Georgia. As EGSC works toward achieving its Complete College Georgia goals to graduate more students by 2020, becoming a state college is a win-win situation for everyone.

Strategic Initiatives

By 2020, it is projected that over 60 percent of jobs in Georgia will require some form of a college education, whether a certificate, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree. Today, only 42 percent of the state's young adults, its burgeoning workforce, qualify. To reverse the current path, the state has committed to Complete College America's goal that by 2020, 60 percent of young adults will hold a college certificate or degree. These new graduates will form a competitive workforce with a mix of certificates, associate's degrees, and bachelor's degrees. They will have the broad base of skills, adaptability, and critical-thinking acquired through quality higher education. Georgia's future depends on improving college completion. Georgia's Higher Education Completion Plan, **Complete College Georgia**, a joint effort between the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia, defines a way forward.

East Georgia State College is committed to its mission as a point of access and its success with our major institutional initiative – **Complete College Georgia**. With CCG as the foundation, our strategy for 2012 and beyond includes three major institutional goals, as well as the Quality Enhancement Plan – Critical Thinking.

- **Complete College Georgia: EGSC will implement a comprehensive college success program that enables all its students to achieve their academic goals with minimal delay and expense.**
 - a) Transition a diverse population of students smoothly to college. Increase the proportion of academically prepared students, while maintaining an access mission.
 - b) Promote optimal student choices. Provide an environment that clarifies student choices while improving their ability to make sound, informed decisions.
 - c) Ensure students attain individual academic goals. Increase the proportion of students who graduate fully prepared to take the next step on their journeys.

- **Service Learning: EGSC will foster a culture of service through opportunities that allow its students to develop life skills that complement and reinforce their academic skills.**
 - a) Promote a service culture by recognizing student, faculty, and staff service achievements documented by portfolios.
 - b) Implement a service learning Seal of Distinction program to be earned by completion of service learning academic courses and participation in student programs and activities.
 - c) Become an institutional leader in developing programs to improve the social well-being of the region through the development of formal relationships with businesses, government organizations and not-for-profit organizations.

- **Economic Development: EGSC will be a catalyst for the economic development of its service area.**
 - a) Develop and promote programs of study that address service area needs.
 - b) Collaborate with service area businesses and political leaders to identify and pursue sustainable development projects.
 - c) Collaborate with service area technical colleges and USG institutions to provide opportunities for life-long learning and skill development.



THE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)

“CRITICAL THINKING”

WHAT IS THE QEP?

Through a multi-tiered research, review, and discussion process, EGSC stakeholders determined that the significance of the topic, critical thinking (CT), was vital to quality enhancement of its students' education. If life can be viewed as a series of problem-solving exercises, then good habits are the automated technologies that facilitate the problem-solving process. Assisting students in developing the habits of mind to think critically about the problems that face them will become a priority for the College as it implements its QEP.

WHAT WILL THE QEP DO FOR EGSC?

Developing a QEP is an opportunity for EGSC to realize a major goal in the mission statement: “preparing traditional and nontraditional students for success in the global 21st century through a technologically advanced teaching and learning environment that fosters personal growth by utilizing an expanding range of resources and amenities.” The QEP will focus on an aspect of critical thinking essential to student learning and the learning environment.

HOW WILL THE QEP CONTRIBUTE TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES?

The measurement of specific critical thinking skills will be facilitated through the assessment of the following student learning outcomes based on the College's definition of critical thinking.

- **Question** - Students will be able to identify a problem or conflict, determine the related factors and outline the necessary steps for a solution.
- **Analyze** - Students will be able to analyze primary data or sources to determine their structure, validity and usefulness.
- **Discuss** - Students will be able to engage in productive verbal communication of ideas in a classroom setting, working toward a solution or conclusion.
- **Debate** - Students will be able to use facts and viewpoints to present a persuasive argument in a forum of competing perspectives to achieve rational conclusions and effective compromises.
- **Critique** - Students will be able to research opposing arguments in a controversial issue and evaluate the strength of the arguments to determine the student's stance.



TRANSFORMING A COMMUTER COLLEGE TO A RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS



“Bobcat Villas, EGSC’s first on-campus student housing complex, is the result of many people working together with a common dream,” stated Dr. John Black at the historic ribbon-cutting and open house on Thursday, July 21, 2011.

Over 200 guests gathered inside the three-story facility situated on EGSC’s north campus for the momentous occasion. Special guests included University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby; Board of Regents Chair Ben Tarbutton, III; Regent Mansfield Jennings, Jr.; USG Senior Vice Chancellor for External Affairs Tom Daniel; Representative Butch Parrish; Senators Jack Hill and Jesse Stone; Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe; County Commissioner James Canady; County Administrator Ezra Price; and City Administrator Al Lawson, Jr.



Also attending were architects Kevin Palmer and Associates along with Jackson Kane representing Lord, Aeck and Sargent; Program Manager Hal Gibson and Company; Brett Fortune and Jim Fowler of Fortune-Johnson Construction Management Firm; Shot Strange and family; EGSC Foundation members; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Morgan; Mrs. Luck Gambrell; President Emeritus Dr. Willie D. Gunn; EGSC faculty, staff, and students; and many other devoted supporters of the College. Following the

ceremonial ribbon-cutting, guests enjoyed refreshments and touring the facility.

Construction began on the 200-bed, state-of-the-art complex on August 12, 2010, and the conveniently-located apartments have been filled to capacity since opening fall 2011. The facility features 50 four-bedroom, two-bath suites with a common living area and kitchen. Each fully-furnished suite comes with modular furniture, a flat screen LCD television, oven, microwave and refrigerator. Each private bedroom is furnished with a bed, desk, chair and a laptop safe. Resident amenities also include 24/7 security, mail services, utilities, wireless internet and fiber-optic television. Additionally, the building has a laundry area, study space, computer lab, a balcony overlooking campus, and an outdoor recreation area. Residents enjoy exclusive use of the Shot and Jean Strange Learning and Recreation Center (LARC) located behind Bobcat Villas for relaxing, exercising and studying.

With the addition of Bobcat Villas, student recruitment is no longer confined to an 18-county service region. EGSC’s first phase of on-campus housing has also demonstrated an increase in retail and service sector activity in Emanuel County, and the continued economic impact promises to be significant. Adding 200 residential students is equal to adding a middle-sized business to the area. As affirmed by Mayor Schwabe in his remarks at the ribbon-cutting, “East Georgia has been a major catalyst for the area. This college has taught the community how to grow!”

Going residential is among EGSC’s greatest accomplishments, providing yet another valuable pathway to educational opportunities at the College. Having access to Bobcat Villas, students are able to *Stay Focused, Stay on Track, and Stay on Campus...* a strong advantage for completing a college degree.



DEDICATION OF THE JEAN AND SHOT STRANGE *Learning and Recreation Center*



Although December 7, 2011 was wet and rainy, spirits inside the new Jean and Shot Strange Learning and Recreation Center (LARC) at Bobcat Villas were warm and festive as students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered for its dedication. LARC became a reality for EGSC’s housing students because of a generous donation to the Foundation from the family of the late Jean Strange.

Special guests included L.C. “Shot” Strange; Vicky, Donald, and Mary Lou Moore; Lacey and Perry Bishop; and Clay and Amanda Price. Perry (EGC Class of 77), Lacey, and Clay, all attended East Georgia State College.

The 5,000 square foot facility, located behind Bobcat Villas, houses a large open meeting area with a built-in kitchen, exercise center, mailroom center, student activities center, study rooms, computer lab and administrative office space. It is exclusively used by residents of Bobcat Villas.



‘Miss Jean’ as she was known around the region, was a charter member of the East Georgia College Foundation. She passed away from injuries sustained in a tragic traffic accident, two years from the day of this dedication. ‘Mr. Shot’ has been a longtime friend of the College and has also been active with the Foundation throughout the years. His charitable contribution for LARC has provided a safe, convenient place for housing students to gather and stay engaged in campus life.

To commemorate the dedication, an oil portrait of Jean and Shot Strange hangs in the LARC along with a bronze building marker with an inscription by Thomas J. Watson, “Wisdom is the power that enables us to use knowledge for the benefit of ourselves and others.”



EGSC RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A *Great College to Work For*

EGSC was named as one of the best colleges in the nation to work for according to a 2011 survey conducted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Results were announced in *The Chronicle's* fourth annual report on The Academic Workplace and were based on a survey of nearly 44,000 employees at 310 colleges and universities.

In all, only 111 of the 310 institutions achieved the distinguished recognition for specific best practices and policies. Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country.

EGSC won honors in eight categories and was one of four colleges named to the 2011 Honor Roll for being recognized in the greatest number of categories based on enrollment size.

The College was rated highly enough in an online survey completed by faculty and staff to be recognized in the following categories: Job Satisfaction; Supervisory/Department Chair Relationship; Professional and Career Development programs; Work-life balance; Teaching Environment; Compensation and Benefits; Facilities; and Workspace and Security. Recognition was based on two criteria: (1) An institutional audit capturing demographics and workplace policies, and (2) A survey sent to faculty and staff. Top colleges were then selected based primarily on employee feedback received from the survey.

More than just brick and mortar, EGSC is about people, and the College is thriving because of outstanding faculty and staff who collectively contribute to its success.

Extending EGSC's *Mission* in Statesboro



Patience and persistence have finally brought their rewards, and November 16, 2011 marked the official opening of EGSC's permanent academic facility in Statesboro. The College extended its access mission to Statesboro in 1997 by offering



EGSC Statesboro Director Caroline McMillan, President John Black, Student Jen Edmiston, Dr. Sandra Sharman and Bulloch County Board of Commissioners Chairman Garrett Nevil

learning support and college courses to students in need of academic preparation before entering senior institutions. As educational needs have grown, the College is now seeking approval from its accreditor to offer Associate in Arts degrees at EGSC Statesboro. After outgrowing two temporary locations, college administrators worked diligently to ensure construction of the instructional facility located on Highway 301 South.

The 33,468-square-foot building, designed by Cogdell & Mendrala Architects of Savannah, is East Georgia's first building on its new Statesboro campus. The facility includes ten state-of-the-art multi-use class-

rooms, computer labs, an academic instructional resource tutoring lab, faculty and staff offices and conference facilities, a counseling/testing suite, and offices for the Enrollment Services staff. A large glassed atrium and commons area for students and faculty anchors one end of the building.

The project was accomplished with the support of the Development Authority of Bulloch County, the Statesboro Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce, Senator Jack Hill, Representative Butch Parrish, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and Georgia Southern University.



A SENSE OF DUTY

On Thursday, March 29, 2012, EGSC honored a respected long-time friend and benefactor of the College when it dedicated the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center. Students affectionately call it the JAM Center. Mrs. Morgan served as the first chairperson for the EGSC Foundation and remains an active member today. She also has generously provided funding for the Vision Series cultural and educational enrichment programs since 1999.

Over 250 students, faculty members and community guests filled the building for the ceremony. Following the invocation by Dr. Robert Blankenship, remarks were made by students Bruna Rodrigues and Nehemiah Thacker. Other speakers included Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe; President Bettye Coward of Blue Mountain College, Mrs. Morgan's alma mater in Blue Mountain, Mississippi; EGSC's President Bob Boehmer and all living past presidents of East Georgia State College: Dr. Willie Gunn, Dr. Jeremiah Ashcroft and Dr. John Black.

Mrs. Morgan told those gathered about her joy in being able to follow the path she has traveled to help others during her lifetime. She compared Emanuel County and East Georgia State College to the precious gems in the fable where someone wandered the world over and returned home to find diamonds in his own backyard.

Mrs. Morgan's commitment to community is life-long and was instilled by her parents who taught and reinforced the lesson when she was still a child: "It was the 'Anderson sense of duty.' You're supposed to give whatever you can to your community, be it energy, interest, or money." It isn't all giving, however: "You're giving, but in return you get a great sense of satisfaction," she went on to say. The event concluded with a celebratory cookout on campus for students, faculty, staff and community guests.

East Georgia State College is very fortunate that Mrs. Morgan considers us to be an integral part of the community. The College certainly considers her an integral part of its community. A commemorative plaque hangs on the wall of the Center which reads:

Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center, Dedicated March 29, 2012
"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do, well."



Jimmy and Jean Morgan with President Bob Boehmer

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE ESTABLISHED



Chief of Police Drew Durden, Clerk/TAC Regina Jones, and Security Officer Donny Wilkerson

To accommodate growth and on-campus housing, EGSC established a certified Public Safety Office, which replaces the security office.

At Fall Graduation on December 11, 2011, Geroude W. Durden, III was sworn in as the first Chief of Police for East Georgia State College by the Honorable Kathy S. Palmer, Chief Superior Court Judge for the Middle Judicial Circuit. Durden has served as Chief of the EGSC Security department since 2001.

Others attending the Swearing-In Ceremony included Chief Bruce Holmes, Director of Safety and Security for the University System of Georgia; Chief Jasper Cooke, Director of Public Safety at Augusta State University; Emanuel County Sheriff Tyson Stephens; and Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison.

Other special guests included Chief Durden's parents Rudy and Mary Durden of Jacksonville, FL, formerly of Swainsboro, and his paternal aunt and uncle, Mickey and Sylvia Durden of Swainsboro.

The Peace Officers Standards and



Training (POST) Council recognized East Georgia State College as having a Public Safety Office after rigorous planning and preparation by the College. The department now employs Georgia POST certified police officers, in addition to security officers, who provide 24/7 service to the campus.

Creating an Engaged College



At East Georgia State College, we consider engagement as one of the primary factors determining whether or not students complete a degree. We are strategically focused on helping our students earn degrees by providing opportunities for a wide range of student-faculty interactions, active and collaborative learning experiences, involvement in campus and community activities, and living on campus.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND SERVICES

East Georgia State College has a long-standing tradition of providing *Education With a Personal Touch*. In addition to devoted faculty and staff, students enjoy the following campus amenities to aid in their academic success:



- Personalized academic tutoring
- Wireless internet connectivity throughout campus
- Auditorium and multiple computer labs
- Cyber café, cafeteria, bookstore, and game room
- Symposium, an interactive smart technology unit, allows students to review and replay lectures on their personal computers at any time
- A Learning Commons housing a comprehensive Library, the Academic Center for Excellence and Common Grounds Coffee shop

FIRST BOBCAT HOMECOMING

Another first in EGSC's history was Bobcat Homecoming. Beginning January 30, Student Life sponsored week-long events including themed dress-up days, voting on Homecoming Court representatives for Queen and King, a Bungee Run, and pep rally. On Saturday, February 4, the day kicked off early with a Retiree/Alumni breakfast. It was followed by free activities, entertainment and a cookout on the front lawn of the gym prior to the men's and women's basketball games versus Middle Georgia College. At half time of the women's game, a 3-point shoot-out competition was held, and during the men's half-time, children competed in a relay, *Be a Bobcat*. In between the two games, the 2012 Homecoming Court was recognized. Students selected Keri Lynn Knight as Queen and James Moseley as King. The festivities concluded that evening with the Miss East Georgia College Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss Georgia Pageant, and Rachel Frederick was crowned Queen.



ATHLETICS

As a member of the Georgia College Athletic Association (GCAA), Bobcat Athletics provides conference-level sporting events for Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's Baseball, and Women's Fast Pitch Softball. East Georgia State College offers an educational program whereby students are provided opportunities to develop intellectually, physically, socially, and morally within the purposes of the institution. The athletic program of the college supports these values and recognizes them as guiding principles. Participation in sports provides student-athletes the opportunity to develop courage, understanding, sportsmanship, mental alertness, discipline and leadership in a stimulating, competitive situation. **GO BOBCATS!**

STUDENT LIFE

EGSC's student-body is active in a variety of activities and events sponsored by student clubs and organizations under the direction of the Student Life department. EGSC students also enjoy a game room, tennis and basketball courts, a fitness center, Ezra Pond, nature trails, a ropes course, an outdoor volley ball court, a cross country track and Piney Woods, an 18-hole disc golf course.





THE FULFORD CENTER... *Where College Meets Community*

Situated among towering pines near the main entrance of East Georgia State College, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center (The Fulford Center) opened as a unique educational resource for Emanuel County and surrounding communities on May 1, 2010. It is the point at which college meets community. Funding for the facility's construction was made possible through a generous donation to the East Georgia State College Foundation from Mr. and Mrs. A. D. "Pete" Correll in remembrance of Mrs. Correll's mother, Sudie A. Fulford, a highly respected Emanuel County teacher and community volunteer whose educational legacy will continue through the Fulford Center's outreach efforts. The Fulford Center is a multidisciplinary learning facility open to all area residents. The Center features an 8,000 square foot outdoor deck with amphitheater and pavilion; a domed planetarium with seating for 35 individuals; a multifunctional classroom area that can accommodate up to 50 participants for meetings, workshops and small conferences; an educational resource library; a reading room with local historical books, music, and artwork; a counseling room for individual and small group tutoring; wireless Internet access; a great room with comfortable seating around a grand stone fireplace; and a catering kitchen. Programming includes a senior citizens Lunch and Learn series, summer camps, planetarium shows, SAT preparation classes, chess classes and a family astronomy night.



VISION SERIES

The Vision Series is a privately funded initiative that brings programs of cultural and intellectual enrichment to East Georgia State College and its service region; it is generously funded by Jean Anderson Morgan. Since its inception, the Vision Series has brought to campus outstanding personalities, including authors, newsmakers, musical performances, dance companies, and theatrical productions. This past year, Vision Series events included Oliver Sueing, a classically trained tenor; the Symphony Orchestra of Augusta in concert; a trip to the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville, Florida, to see *My Fair Lady*, the musical; Eugenia Zuckerman, author, television personality, journalist, and flutist; pianist Lili Bogdanova; storyteller/comedian Bill Lepp, the Amernet String Quartet, the Columbia County Orchestra in concert; author and activist Janisse Ray; and attorney/businessman/philanthropist Wilbur Colom. All Vision Series events are free and open to the public.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in volunteer opportunities through service learning classes and community service projects. The campus community has been actively involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Pine Tree Festival, Pine Tree Breeze Bike Ride, Knotty Pine Run, Emanuel Arts Guild, Arts Emanuel Festival, canned food drives and a "Koats for Kids" drive. The athletic department's official program for community service is CARES: Coaches and Athletes Reaching Everyone thru Service. Its guiding principle is "Giving back to the community through service to others." During the past year, EGSC student athletes served as mentors in a reading program for second-graders at the Swainsboro Primary School.

STUDENT ART GALLERY

Located in the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center, the Gallery showcases student, faculty, staff and community artwork, pottery, sculptures and photographs. The art club sponsors an annual art show and guests are able to bid on the original art work at great prices. The funds are then used to supplement student art club trips. Previous excursions have included museum visits to Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Savannah.



ROTC PROGRAM

An ROTC program through Georgia Southern University's Eagle Battalion is offered to students at EGSC Statesboro. EGSC is proud to be among the few public access colleges in Georgia offering an ROTC program for its students.



STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM OFFERS VALUABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

EGSC students, faculty, and staff spent thirteen days in Costa Rica during summer 2011 studying Digital Photography, Spanish, Literature and Service Learning. The Service Learning course included a service project at the two schools in San Luis, a town of about 700 people, situated in the foothills of the Monteverde Cloud forest; this area also serves as the home base for the University of Georgia's Costa Rica campus. Later in the fall, a Photo Exhibit was displayed in the Art Gallery featuring photography taken by faculty, staff and students and was available for purchase at a nominal cost. Proceeds were allocated to assist students with future Study Abroad trip expenses.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



• **DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY READING PROGRAM:** Emanuel County Pre-K students visit campus every March for a tour and small group readings of Dr. Seuss books. EGSC students assist with the half-day program. There were 280 Pre-K participants in 2012.

• **SECOND GRADE EXPERIENCE:** Emanuel County second-graders visit campus each February for a day of fun, educational programs taught by EGSC faculty, staff and community volunteers; EGSC students also assist with the program. Each class is provided with a different colored t-shirt along with goody bags containing crayons, a customized activity book to reinforce the activities and take-home art projects. There were 327 participants in 2012.

• **CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION:** This is an annual Essay Contest sponsored by EGSC and Southeastern Technical College for elementary, middle and high school students in eight surrounding counties. There were 696 participants in 2011. Essay

topics relate to the importance of higher education. Participants, their families, principals, assistant principals, counselors, and superintendents attend an evening awards ceremony at East Georgia State College. The top three winners in each division receive savings bonds, and all participants are recognized on stage with a certificate.

• **PREP CAMPUS VISITATIONS:** Student life coordinates half-day campus visitations for middle school students who participate in a series of programs designed to create awareness of college and the necessary preparation required to be a successful student. PREP also provides academic preparation materials such as Brainchild and SAT prep books and software materials for Swainsboro High School students.

• **CITIZENS BANK STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD:** EGSC hosts the Board, comprised of seniors from the three local high schools, for one of its monthly meetings. Students are presented information on topics such as admissions requirements, financial aid, scholarships, student life, and are also provided a campus tour and dinner. The Board held its monthly meeting on campus February 2012.

• **TUTORING:** EGSC provides tutoring to local K-12 students at the Fulford Center utilizing faculty, staff and SPAGE (Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators) and its resources.

• **SUMMER CAMPS:** Enrichment Summer day camps are held for area students at the Fulford Center. Camps during 2011 included a Junior Engineering 1: Gears and Gadgets LEGOS camp, a Harry Potter Magical Mystery Tour camp, a CSI: Crime Scene Investigation camp and a For the Love of Gourds camp.



• **ROPES COURSE:** This is a teambuilding and leadership initiative program designed for 4th – 12th graders, as well as for individuals and businesses in the region.

• **CAMPUS VISITATIONS:** Half-day visitations to EGSC are conducted by area schools for a series of educational activities taught by college faculty who are assisted by EGSC students.

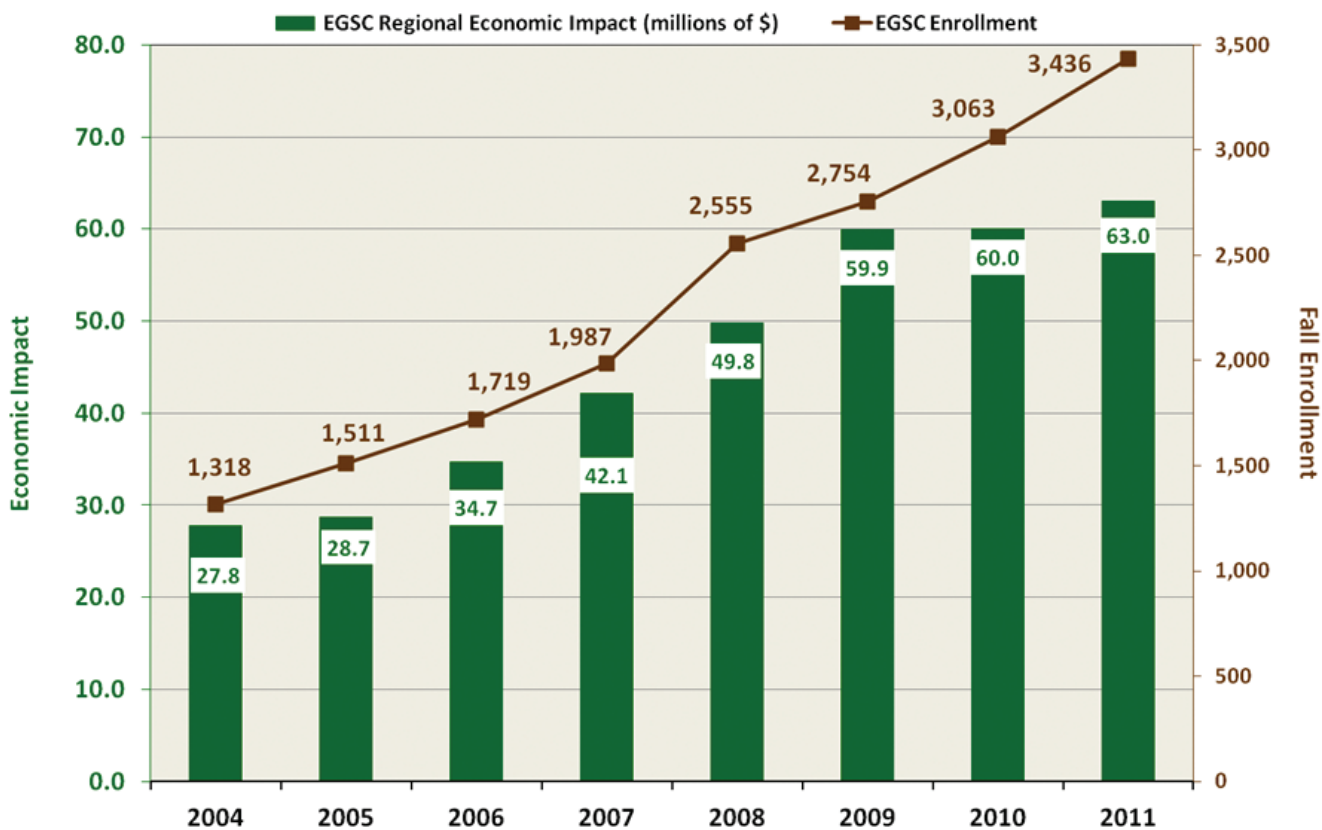
• **BOBCAT'S PAW PUPPET PLAYERS:** EGSC students perform puppet shows involving life lessons for area kindergarten and primary school students. Topics include good sportsmanship and being responsible at school and home.

• **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD HOST:** EGSC hosted the regional Science Olympiad for area high school students in February 2012. Students competed against peers in 23 timed science events using standardized scoring. Faculty and staff volunteers from EGSC assisted with planning, registration, logistics and judging.

• **STATE DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP HOST:** For the sixth consecutive year, EGSC hosted the State Intercollegiate Disc Golf tournament in October. Organized by EGSC faculty and staff, the event was free and attracted many public spectators. Team participants included Augusta State University, East Georgia State College, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Tech and Georgia Southern University. The state tournament is a qualifying event for the National Collegiate Disc Golf Union's (NCDGU) annual national collegiate championship.



East Georgia State College Growth in Fall Enrollment and Annual Economic Impact



INTERESTING FACTS

Number of students enrolled at EGSC - 3436

Number of Georgia counties represented in EGSC's student body - 121

Number of states other than Georgia with students enrolled at EGSC - 29

Number of foreign countries represented in EGSC's student body - 11

ECONOMIC IMPACT

East Georgia State College's economic impact was over \$63 million for fiscal year 2011. Additionally, the College was responsible for the creation of 834 full or part time jobs. The study areas used in this report, as it relates to EGSC, are the counties of Emanuel, Candler, Bulloch, Johnson, Jefferson, Toombs, Treutlen, Tattnall and Jenkins.

"Comparisons of the FY 2011 estimates to those for recent years show that our public college and universities really proved their economic worth during tough economic times," said study author Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys, director of the University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth in the Terry College of Business.

The Selig Center analyzed financial and enrollment data for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to estimate the economic impact that each of Georgia's 35 public colleges and universities make on the economy of the community where it is located. The Selig Center began producing the annual economic impact report in 1999.

Economic impact benefits are based on three important categories of college/university related expenses: spending by the institutions themselves for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expenses; spending by the students who attend the college; and spending by the institutions for capital projects (construction). Each of these categories creates spending which is then multiplied by further spending.

Aside from the economic benefits, East Georgia State College provides intangible rewards to the communities in its service area. Volunteer service hours provided by faculty, staff and students to help ensure a better standard of life for area citizens is commendable. The quality of the EGSC "family," along with the economic advantages provided, make East Georgia State College a vital contributor to Georgia's success.



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Pictured above left to right (seated): Carol Yeomans, Jean Morgan, Dr. Jean Bridges, Harriet Ray, Tammy Wilkes. Standing (left to right) Danny Palmer, Dr. Robert Boehmer, Dr. Bobby Sasser, Rep. Larry I. "Butch" Parrish, Denny Key, Donny Wilson, L. C. "Shot" Strange, Donald Jenkins, Bill Simmons, Jerry Cadle, Cliff Gay, Donald Avery, Nick Herrington, Dr. John Black, Judge Bobby Reeves; Not pictured: Bill Rogers, Jr. (Chair), Craig Buckley, Jeb Cameron, Bill Devane, Stephanie Flanders, Henry Gambrell, Caroline Harless, Phillip Jennings III, Paula Karrh, Harry Martin, Richard McNeely, Charles Schawbe, Jesse Stone, Lynda Talmadge, Ken Warnock, Marcile Bird, and Margaret Smith



Life Long Connections

From our very beginning as Emanuel County Junior College (affectionately dubbed “ECJC”) our graduates have proven just how valuable the education they received here has been. EGSC graduates have gone on to become business and community leaders, doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals, lawyers, writers, record company executives, a world renown paleontologist, teachers, preachers and politicians. Thirty-five of the graduates are now employed by the college! And those are just a few of the

many professions chosen by the more than 3,000 graduates since 1973. We also count as our alums those who completed their core requirements here, even if they did not graduate. They are a distinguished group who are making a difference every day in the world.

OUR FEATURED ALUMNI

Our distinguished alumni group shown above is a unique one – brothers Richard and Craig McNeely are both graduates. Between them they have six children. The children are all graduates. Two of those children married EGSC graduates. We salute the McNeely’s for their continued support of East Georgia State College. We are counting on the legacy to continue with the grandchildren!!

Pictured above left to right (seated) Richard McNeely, Rachel McNeely Gunn, Rebecca Gay McNeely, Bonnie McNeely, Craig McNeely, (top) Corey McNeely, Jason McNeely, Beau Gunn, Matthew McNeely and Rick McNeely

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