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# Educating. Graduating.

**1971**

Emanuel County citizens approve a bond issue of \$2.1 million to underwrite the cost of a new college. Luck Flanders Gambrell donates 190 acres for the College. Board of Regents gives final approval.

**1973**

George W. Walker named as first president of Emanuel County Junior College (ECJC). Official groundbreaking for new campus is held. Fall quarter classes begin at National Guard Armory in Swainsboro with 167 students enrolled. Administrative offices are located in the Coleman Hotel Building.

**1974**

Moved to new campus in fall.

**1995**

EGC Enrollment reaches 917. Campus computer network installed.

**1997**

East Georgia College Statesboro opens on the Georgia Southern University campus.

**1998**

25th Anniversary. Groundbreaking for Luck Flanders Gambrell Center. EGC and the University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth at the Terry College of Business co-host the first Rural Georgia Economic Outlook Luncheon.

**2001**

Luck Flanders Gambrell Center opens. Vision Series, made possible by gifts from Jean Anderson Morgan, begins.

**2002**

President Jeremiah Ashcroft retires. Foster J. Watkins, retired president of Gainesville College, is appointed Interim President.

**2003**

Gymnasium/Fitness Center/Classroom wing constructed. EGC celebrates 30th Anniversary.

**2004**

John Black becomes the fourth president. Student enrollment is 1,318. UGA's Selig Center reports EGC's regional economic impact at \$27.8 million.

**2006**

Disc Golf course opens.

**2007**

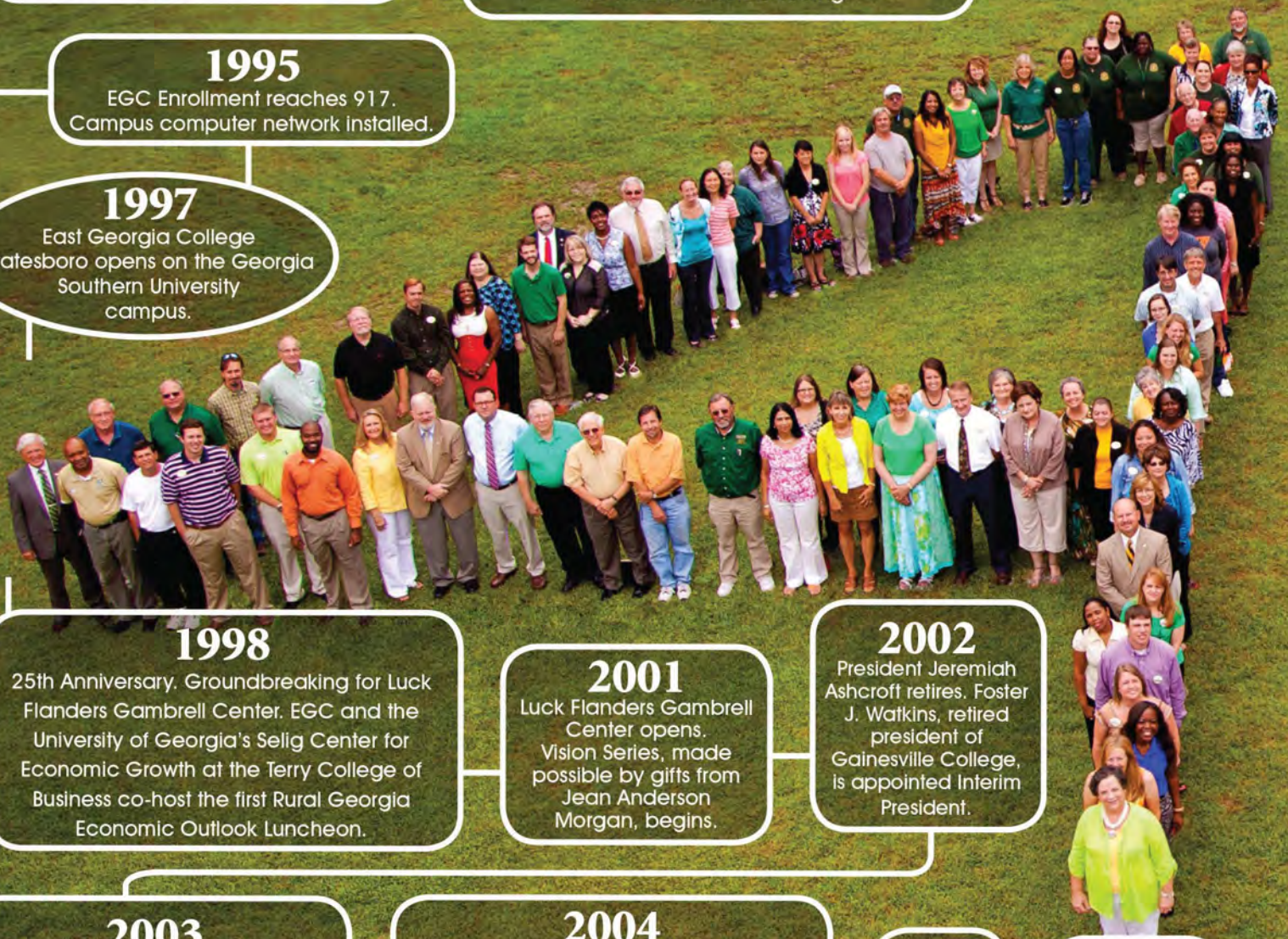
Student Center addition and renovation completed.

**2011**

EGC's first residential housing, Bobcat Villas, an \$8 million complex with 50 four-bedroom apartments, opens. State college status is granted, allowing the college to offer baccalaureate degrees for the first time. Reaffirmation of accreditation by SACSCOC. Approval by SACSCOC to offer baccalaureate degrees. East Georgia College Statesboro opens its newly constructed 33,468 square foot building on Highway 301 South, Statesboro. The Shot and Jean Strange Learning and Recreation Center for Bobcat Villas residents is dedicated. New Public Safety Office is established. President John B. Black retires.

**2012**

Robert G. Boehmer becomes Interim President. First Homecoming is held. The Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center (dubbed the JAM Center by students) is dedicated. The College's name changes to East Georgia State College. The Learning Commons opens. First student cohort begins the new Bachelor of Science in Biology program, EGSC's first four-year degree offering. Robert G. Boehmer is named the fifth president.





# Serving Communities.

**1975**

Emanuel County Junior College Foundation incorporated February 18.

**1976**

Accredited by SACS. President Walker retires. Willie D. Gunn, Dean of the College since 1972, becomes the second president. Student enrollment is 391.

**1988**

617 students enrolled in fall. College name changes to East Georgia College (EGC).

**1992**

Burning of the College bond. President Willie D. Gunn retires.

**1993**

Jeremiah J. Ashcroft, II, Dean of the College since 1977, becomes the third president. Student enrollment is 879.

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**40 YEARS**

*An Enduring Legacy*



**2008**

Students vote to add an athletic program to include men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, and women's fast-pitch softball. "BOB" the Bobcat becomes official mascot. EGC hosts first State Intercollegiate Disc Golf tournament in Georgia. Miss EGC Pageant joins Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant system.

**2009**

EGC joins the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Main College entrance relocates to Lambs Bridge Road. Madison Dixon Drive dedicated.

**2010**

A gift from Ada Lee and Pete Correll is made to the EGC Foundation and the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center opens. Construction begins on Bobcat Villas. Fall student enrollment hits 3,063. Inaugural season for EGC's athletic program in the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association (GJCAA). Recognized as Large Business of the Year by Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce.

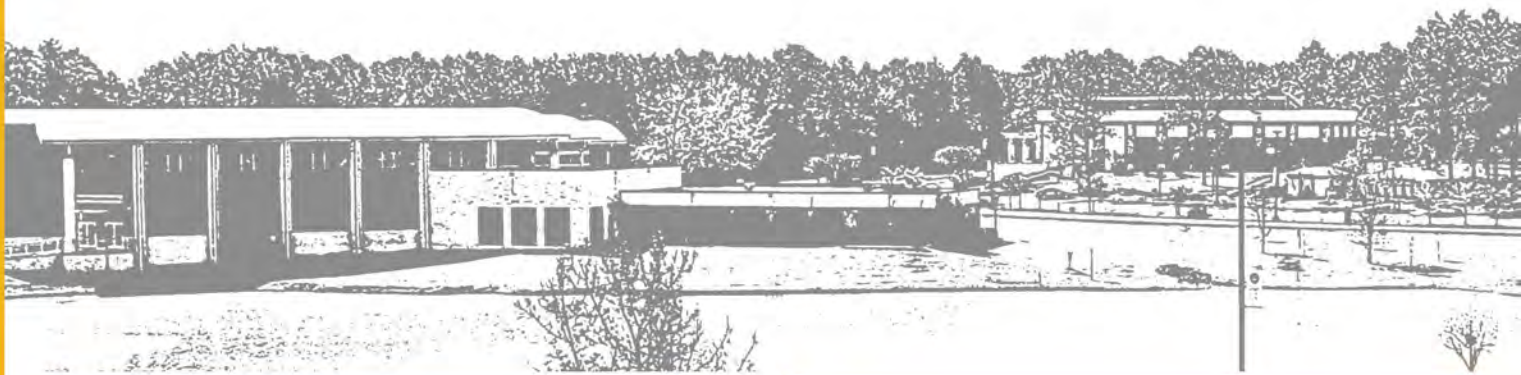
**2013**

Student enrollment is 3,130. Men's basketball team wins Division 1 State GCAA tournament and ranks 8th nationally following NJCAA national tournament. EGSC's regional economic impact is \$70 million according to UGA's Selig Center for Economic Growth. East Georgia State College Augusta opens. EGSC celebrates 40th Anniversary. Piney Woods Disc Golf Course selected as a 2013 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship Qualifier. Investiture of Robert G. Boehmer is held



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## Annual Report

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## Dear Friends,

I've been reflecting upon the College's week-long events held last September: Convocation, the kickoff dinner for our first capital campaign, my investiture as President, the 40th Anniversary Celebration, and Parent-Family-Friends-and-Alumni Day, and what is so vivid in my mind is how college and community came together for each event to celebrate the greatest success of this institution, our students. What also became apparent is that regardless of the monumental changes occurring over the past four decades, what remains constant and relevant is the importance of our access mission and the vital support we receive from our constituents which enables us to change lives. East Georgia State College is a place where a student's hopes and dreams connect with their future - simply put, this is a great place to start.

Last fall I taught a small class which began at 8 a.m. One student, I'll call "Anne," arrived tentatively each day just moments before the classroom door closed--or, on some days, maybe a couple of minutes late. Anne struggled to stay awake. I assumed for a few weeks that this was due to my somewhat limited oratorical skills. Talking with Anne, however, I learned that she worked the night shift at a demanding production job about 45 minutes from campus in order to put herself through college. Anne persevered, came to class confidently and on time and eventually excelled. I know her future is bright. Anne and so many others with their own stories are why we are here today. The knowledge she and so many other students gain from this educational process has the power to transform the social and economic fiber of our region. It changes individual lives like Anne's every day, and it transforms the economy and social well-being of entire communities.

This transformation for Anne and others takes place because of a process repeated in scores of classes every day, every semester. Students choose college, faculty diligently prepare, students are inspired, learn, graduate and give back to their community and the cycle continues. These individual student success stories like Anne's do not occur primarily because of new buildings, refined policies or improved technology. They occur because faculty and staff advise, tutor, mentor, cajole students and facilitate their learning. And, they occur because of generous donors who provide financial resources to fund much-needed student scholarships.

East Georgia will have the capacity to embrace future possibilities by always assuring that it remains the campus of the community. As we embrace this bright future, we do so in partnership with the other educational institutions in our region. Our missions are distinct, yet complementary. We stand together in our belief in the power of education. Our challenge is to find even more creative ways to combine resources to assure that every student in our region has a seamless path from kindergarten to a college meeting the unique needs of that student.

If we are to seize this bright future, your help is critical. We have the plan, the people, and the passion. Let's get this thing done together. Let's create the capacity for more and more students to live in this community. Let's find creative ways to enhance the expectations of our grade and high school students about attending college and preparing them to succeed. Let's sit down, roll up our sleeves and find new degree programs uniquely meeting the economic and social needs of the region. Let's identify community service projects which East Georgia students can complete and then award them a service seal of distinction. Perhaps most importantly, we must assure that a much higher percentage of our students graduate or transfer successfully. Let's dramatically increase the \$70,000,000 economic impact of the college on this region. You envisioned this college, you built this college, you burned the original bond. Let's continue this job together as we change lives, one student at a time.

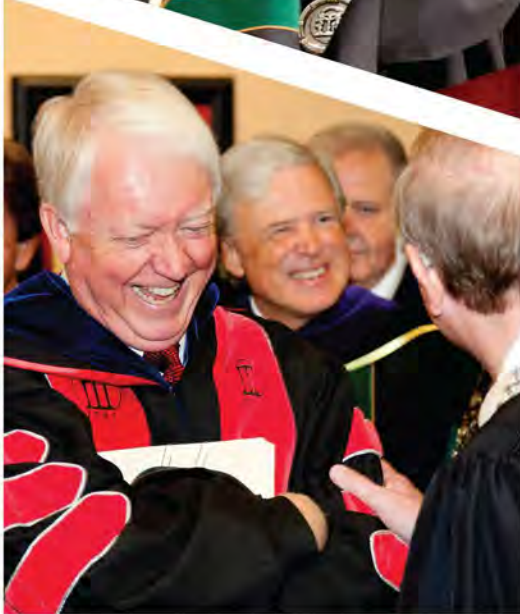
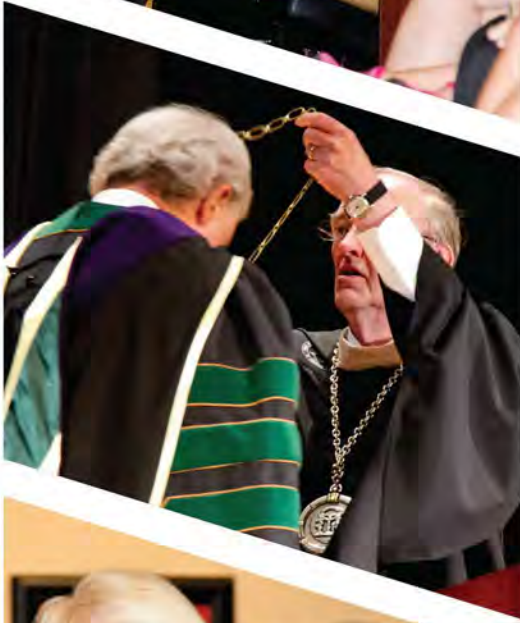
Another academic year is upon us, and it is an honor to be a steward of this special place called East Georgia State College and to be able to play a small role in the lives of Anne and students like her. Remember though, we can't do it without your involvement.

Thank you for your continued support and the impact you have on our students.

Sincerely,

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





From its humble beginnings, East Georgia State College had one goal: to offer a college education to every Georgian, regardless of their location. Emanuel County Junior College was founded in 1973, and, 40 years later, the pioneering vision still prevails throughout every classroom on every campus.

The world-class educational experience is currently taught to an enrollment of 3,000 students. That is a huge step in the right direction from the three graduating seniors in 1974. The diverse students at EGSC are spread out over three locations—Swainsboro, Statesboro and Augusta. Students hailing from 110 Georgia counties, 27 states other than Georgia and 11 foreign countries make up EGSC's three campuses. To celebrate the past 40 years of academic success, the college faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends planned a series of events to commemorate the occasion and welcome the new President.

On Thursday, September 26, 2013 through Saturday, September 28, 2013, community members joined alumni and students to celebrate East Georgia State College's accomplishments. The theme of the series was Educating. Graduating. Serving Communities; An Enduring Legacy.

The festivities began with Convocation on Thursday, September 26, in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center. The Convocation speaker was Dr. Michael L. Thurmond, former three-term Georgia Labor Commissioner and current interim superintendent of the DeKalb County School District. Dr. Thurmond has served in the Georgia Legislature and has led the Division of Family and Children Services, where he created the Work First Program, helping over 90,000 welfare-





dependent Georgia families move from dependence into the workforce. The topic of his presentation was “The Struggle is Real;” through active discussion, students and faculty engaged and learned the issues of student struggle in education, from proper preparation to the cost of higher education.

Thursday evening, the Capital Campaign kick-off dinner was held in the Physical Education Center at the college. The featured keynote speaker was Dr. Bill Crowe, director of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education at the University of Georgia. The dinner highlighted some of the great things East Georgia has planned, like the details of a five million dollar, five-year capital campaign.

Friday, September 27, the Investiture of Robert Boehmer as fifth president of EGSC was held in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center Auditorium. A reception was held afterwards in the student quadrangle.

Saturday, the fun continued bright and early with the Bobcat Dash With a Splash. This 5K began at 8 a.m., and the participants were “splashed” with green and gold colored powders at various points along the race route. Later on that Saturday, the 40th anniversary celebration continued with student performances, a dedication of the EGSC Community Wall, and finished with an outdoor commemorative aerial photograph.

These events were the perfect way to celebrate the milestone of 40 years of achievements from East Georgia State College and its students. It was definitely one to remember!





# FIRST GRADUATES OF THE BS IN BIOLOGY PROGRAM

When Cody Osting and Will Adams, Jr., walked across the stage during East Georgia State College's commencement ceremonies Friday, May 9, 2014, they not only earned their four-year degree in Biology, they also made college history as the first two graduates to earn a four-year degree at EGSC.

"Will and Cody worked hard to become the first graduates in this new program," said biology professor Dr. Breana Simmons, one of the many professors who worked with the students during their careers at EGSC. "It's not easy designing and teaching new courses, and it's not easy taking them, either. They were enthusiastic and up for the challenge."

She goes on to describe their hard-working attitudes, saying, "I sent them into the pond to survey fish, into the woods to survey reptiles, and even to George L. Smith State Park for a canoe trip and a lesson in conservation management. They were always eager to participate."

"I could not be more proud of them, and they are excellent representatives of our new program," she concluded.

Osting and Adams worked hard to earn their degrees, and were part of EGSC's delegation to the Georgia Academy of Science Conference in Augusta recently. They both presented papers during the conference. Adams presented "Ectoparasites of the White-Tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) in Southeast Georgia," co-written with Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp, describing the parasites of white-tail deer and reporting significant differences in the number of ticks between male and female deer. Osting's paper, co-written with another senior Biology major, Regan Phillips, along with Dr. Simmons, Dr. Wedincamp, and J. McGuire, was entitled "Tortoise Population Persistence: 10 Years Post Construction," and compared current tortoise population and habitat quality on property near EGSC to data collected in the same area in 2003.

"East Georgia State College takes great pride in its new bachelors program in biology and in our first two bachelors degree recipients," said EGSC President Dr. Bob Boehmer. "These students are extremely well-prepared for their careers. They have completed an academically rigorous program taught in small classes by highly qualified faculty in our Math and Science Division and have spent many long hours in the labs renovated by the college for this program. We are confident that many other students will be inspired by their academic success. As these well-prepared students enter the work force and graduate degree programs in our region, they are poised to contribute to the economic vitality of the region."

To celebrate their graduation, the Math-Science Department at EGSC held a special luncheon for Osting and Adams on Thursday, May 8, and many guests stopped by to congratulate the pair on their success.

Adams and Osting are the first in what will be a long line of Bachelor's Degree graduates from East Georgia State College, and the entire community is proud of their accomplishments.





# INVESTITURE OF DR. BOEHMER

*“The work we do has the power to change lives and transform the economic fabric of our region! Let’s seize this bright future! I’m ready to do this; are you?”*

These were the closing remarks to Dr. Bob Boehmer’s investiture as fifth president of East Georgia State College on Friday, September 27.

Before a packed house in the Gambrell Center auditorium, Dr. Boehmer addressed University System of Georgia Chancellor Hank Huckaby and delegate representatives from other colleges and universities, Representative Butch Parrish and Senators Jack Hill

and Jesse Stone, EGSC Foundation members, local dignitaries, EGSC faculty and staff, the family of President Boehmer, and community guests.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Peter Shedd, UGA Professor Emeritus of Legal Studies and long-time friend. John Neighbors, EGSC’s Instructor of English, served as pianist for the ceremony. The Colors were presented by the Swainsboro Police Department Color Guard, followed by Austin Carruth, Miss East Georgia State College 2013, singing the National Anthem.

EGSC Vice President Emeritus, Reverend Bennie Brinson, gave the invocation. Returning to the podium, Shedd then welcomed special guests including Dr. Boehmer’s wife, Joyce, his daughters, Megan and Beth, his brother Gabe, sister in law, Jenny and Niece, Amalie. He continued by welcoming the college’s former presidents, Dr. Willie D. Gunn (1976-1993), Dr. Jeremiah J. Ashcroft (1993-2002), and Dr. John B. Black (2004-2011). Shedd then recognized friends including Dr. Boehmer’s running group from Athens, friends from Oregon and Washington, local school superintendents and others that have worked with Boehmer.

UGA President Emeritus, Michael Adams followed by presenting greetings from scholars. “Your president is a master teacher, researcher, writer and dedicated professional. He will lead well,” concluded Adams.

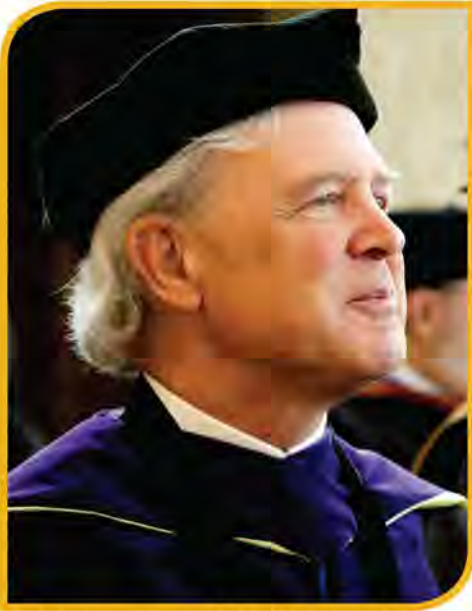
Regent Lori Durden brought greetings on behalf of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Charles Schwabe, Mayor of Swainsboro, made special comments regarding the future of the college and community under the leadership of Dr. Boehmer. Greetings were also sent from EGSC Foundation Chair Denny Key, EGSC Faculty Senate President Walt Mason, EGSC Student Government Association President (SGA) Austin Fultz, and EGSC Staff Representative and Financial Aid Director Karen Jones.

Shedd then introduced Chancellor Huckaby. He made the formal investiture of Dr. Boehmer and presentation of the Medallion.

In closing, EGSC Music Instructor, Gilbert Westberry led the Alma Mater. The recessional music was performed by the EGSC Choir.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the College Quad.





# EGSC AND GSW RENEW 2+2 AGREEMENT

Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) renewed an agreement with East Georgia State College to offer bachelor's degrees online in accounting, human resource management, management and marketing. This agreement is mutually beneficial for both EGSC and GSW as it gives students who otherwise would not be able to achieve a degree, the opportunity to do so.

GSW's new External Programs office is located on US Highway 80. This is a "one-stop shop for advisement, financial aid and admission without having to visit campus," according to Dr. Liz Wilson, dean of the School of Business.

Since 2008, GSW's School of Business Administration has had 20 transfer students from EGSC earn bachelor's degree and 12 are currently enrolled. GSW offers an online nature of classes, which allows students to work from home, without having to leave their hometown. GSW's School of Business is one of only five percent of schools in the world with AACSB accreditation.

Dr. Kendall Blanchard, GSW president said, "Georgia Southwestern takes very seriously its responsibility to provide programming wherever needed." "We also enjoy productive, collaborative relationships with the other colleges in the University System of Georgia," added Blanchard.

"East Georgia States College is focused on the mission of access and opportunity," said EGSC President Boehmer. "We are committed to providing the best possible learning environment for our students. Our partnership with GSW allows us to accomplish that goal."

This is just one of the many ways EGSC improves the education provided to the students. With this partnership, students have the option of location and can manage other responsibilities that the average college student might not have.



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## EGSC'S NEW MILITARY RESOURCE CENTER

*Showing gratitude where it's due*

East Georgia State College built a brand new Military Student Resource Center in January 2014.



"One of the new center's goals is to show gratitude and support for our veterans," said Brittany Current, the new Military Resource Center Director.

The center features a lounge in which students can relax and study, and also supports those who serve on active duty, reserve service members, veterans and dependents of service members.

"All of our students receive highly individualized and personal attention to suite their career and personal needs," said Current.

The main goal of this center is to provide support for the students serving, those who have served and students that will potentially serve in the future for our country, because they are giving the ultimate sacrifice for us.

"My office serves to bridge that gap and assist the students in navigating the road from the admission process through graduation," said Current.

The transition from serving in the military to higher education can sometimes be a difficult one. The hopes of this new endeavor are that this center will make that transition a smoother and more enjoyable process.



## HARSWELL AWARDED JOHN B. BLACK SCHOLARSHIP



Shalisa Harswell, daughter of Susan and Willie J. Harswell of Soperton, was awarded the John B. Black Scholarship. She was a 2013 honor graduate from Treutlen High School, and was awarded the academic scholarship on the basis of outstanding academic achievements and student life involvement. Harswell also wrote an essay, *How School Involvement has Affected Me*. She is now a freshman at East Georgia State College Statesboro.

The Black Scholarship honors the service of Dr. John Black and his contributions as Vice President for Academic Affairs and as the fourth President of EGSC from 1994 to 2011. Black is committed to encouraging students to be involved in student life and believes it leads to student success.

To apply for the scholarship students must have a 3.0 grade point average, must be involved in EGSC student life, have completed 15 or more credit hours of college coursework, submit a letter of recommendation from a school official, and write an essay.

"I honestly believe that college life at East Georgia State has made me a better individual and has had an extremely positive effect on me," said Harswell.

## KITRELL-MIKELL AWARDED ADMINISTRATOR'S INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Of the many applicants, Deborah Kitrell-Mikell was one of the six individuals honored with the prestigious National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Administrators' Institute Scholarship. The committee members were more than impressed with her dedication to the advising program at East Georgia State College and were pleased with the level of potential leadership found in her application materials.

Kitrell-Mikell currently serves as the Director of Academic Advisement at EGSC Swainsboro, and, for 16 years, held the position of Coordinator of Academic Advising in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern University. Kitrell-Mikell has outdone herself on many occasions, including various presentations at local, regional and national conferences with NACADA, and recently had the opportunity to attend NACADA's Summer Institute held in Jacksonville, Fla.



The Institution which Kitrell-Mikell was awarded a scholarship to attend will help her better serve the students. She will undoubtedly come back with great tools and skills. The objective of this institute, held in Albuquerque, N.M. is for the administrators to further develop leadership skills and then take them back to incorporate into their respective institutions.

Upon receiving this scholarship, Kitrell-Mikell said, "At East Georgia State College, we strongly believe that quality academic advisement and student academic success lead to graduation. Our ultimate goal is to develop the best academic advising program to ensure that we make a positive contribution to the retention, progression and graduation of our students on our three campuses."





## FACULTY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### *Professor Simmons receives surprise visit from former student*

Amelia Simmons, who is now a professor at East Georgia, was once an 11th grade American Literature teacher at Burke County High School. There, she taught a Cornelius Washington, who went on to record 76 tackles, 17 tackles-for-loss and 10.5 sacks with the help of the Georgia Bulldogs. Washington continued his success when he went on to play as a defensive end and linebacker for the Chicago Bears in the National Football League.

Washington remembered and appreciated his 11th grade American Literature teacher so much that he came back to East Georgia to thank her for her lessons and support. Washington thanked Simmons for being a good person, for the advice she gave him and for teaching him so many important lessons.



## Career Services Launches Free Employment Tool for Students and Alumni

East Georgia State College's Career Services office launched new software aimed at giving EGSC students and alumni access to valuable information for finding jobs and developing professionally. This new software is free to use and can be very helpful in the job search process.

Students and alumni can utilize the cover letter and resume builder software found on the Career Services webpage, as well as keep resumes and cover letters on file for quick access when searching and applying online for jobs.

Career Services also offers career building workshops with easy online registration. To learn more, visit the Career Services webpage. *Today is the day to start a career that will last a lifetime!*



## 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
- Enrichment and support services for teachers and students
- Lifelong learning opportunities for all ages
- Lunch and Learn Series for Community Citizens
- Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center
- Reading Room with local historical books
- Resource Library featuring math and science resources, as well as professional literature
- SAT Review Sessions and Tutoring Services
- Summer camp opportunities for area students

**TOTAL VISITORS FOR 2013: 7549**

**PLANETARIUM SHOWS PROVIDED  
DURING 2013: 134**

## EGSC HOSTS REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD 2014



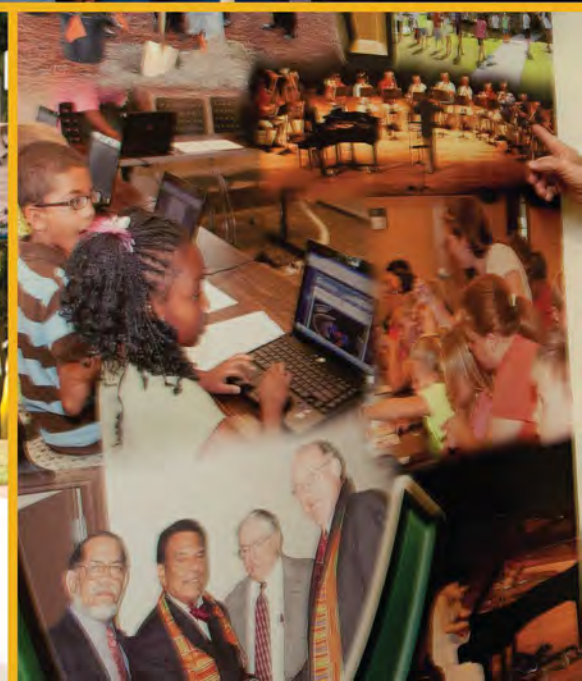
### *Advancing Science Education*

East Georgia State College hosted the Regional Division C (High School level) Science Olympiad on Saturday, February 15. The Science Olympiad is a nationally recognized program for enhancing science education and interest in science. This is an opportunity for teams of up to 15 students competing in 23 different age related events over the course of the day covering the areas of chemistry, biology, mathematics, physics, and engineering. EGSC's Associate Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Pail Cerpovicz directed the Science Olympiad.

"This is the fifth Olympiad hosted by EGSC since 2008. Each event has been bigger and better than before! The enthusiasm and excitement that the participating students have for science and mathematics is wonderful to see. This year's Olympiad went great and I heard only wonderful comments from coaches and students who were here. Some of the teams had been here before and some were new but they ALL love to come to EGSC," commented Dr. Cerpovicz.



# SCENES FROM THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY





# CELEBRATION AT EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE





## NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

*New scholarship gives new found hope to Jefferson County Non-Traditional Students*

East Georgia State College is proud to announce a new scholarship designed for Jefferson County Non-Traditional Students. Established by Charles Eames, formerly of Jefferson County, the scholarship recipient must currently reside in Jefferson County, Georgia and be a non-traditional student, meaning a student not straight out of high school. This scholarship is meant for a deserving student who otherwise may not have the opportunity to gain the knowledge of a college education. Besides the location requirements, students must also write an essay of at least 500 words describing why they need this scholarship. This scholarship is opening doors for non-traditional students who may otherwise not have this financial break. EGSC will award the most deserving student this scholarship. Whoever the recipient, they will be successful!



## EGSC DISC GOLF COURSE SELECTED AS A 2013 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

*EGSC's Piney Woods Selected as a 2013 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship Qualifier*

It is a popular sport played outdoors, and, what do you know? EGSC has its foot already in the door... or should we say, the Championship? East Georgia State College's Piney Woods Disc Golf Course has been selected to be a 2013 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship Qualifier. This means EGSC officials will award two first-round seed qualifications to the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship. Those qualifications will be awarded to the two highest finishing schools that have not already qualified.

The Georgia Collegiate Disc Golf Open was scheduled for October 5, 2013 at the beautifully-landscaped 18-hole course. Piney Woods was designed by Dr. Walt Mason and Dr. Alan Brasher. It is located around the outer perimeter of the 235-acre campus near Pa's Pond among the tall pines--hence the name. This course has been referred to as the "most challenging disc golf course found on a state college campus." East Georgia State College has hosted the Georgia Collegiate Disc Golf Champion every year since its start in 2007.

Disc golf is an innovative sport similar to traditional golf, but, instead of balls and clubs, players use a flying disc. The sport was finalized in the 1970's and shares with traditional golf the object of completing each hole in the fewest number of strokes, but, in the case of disc golf, the players throw the flying disc. The "hole" can be one of many disc golf targets;



the most common is an elevated metal basket.

The biggest advantage of playing disc golf at Piney Woods is that anyone, any age can play.

Dr. Mason commented, "Disc golf is a game that can be played by everyone – young and old. The players throw specially designed discs versus hitting a ball with a specially designed club like with golf. It is one of the fastest-growing sports on college campuses. We are delighted to have been selected for this honor."

The Professional Disc Golf Association, with an astonishing 16,000 members, is the governing body for the sport, and sanctions competitive events for men and women of every skill level from beginners to professional. Disc golf courses are located worldwide, as well as throughout the United States. EGSC is proud to be a part of this new sport, and looks forward to many championships in Piney Woods.



## PHIL ANDERSON SELECTED FOR GCAA'S ALL-REGION TEAM

East Georgia State College's Phil Anderson, from Thomson, Georgia, #33 of the Bobcat Baseball Team was selected for the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) All-Region Team. Anderson is a sophomore at EGSC. Anderson is a pitcher and has also played first base. The faculty and staff would like to congratulate Anderson on this outstanding accomplishment.

The Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association is a collegiate athletic conference and is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) / Region XVII. The GCAA is comprised of twenty two members from four year colleges, two year community colleges and technical colleges. The members compete in nineteen sports for both men and women.



## PRESIDENT BOEHMER, EGSC REPRESENTATIVES AND STUDENTS VISIT AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



*Reaching students and making college accessible*

"Reject anything less than your dream – pursue college," that was the message being sent out when President Boehmer, EGSC Representatives and Students visited area High School students. They discussed how important a college education is, also what it takes to successfully complete a degree.

The main goal of this outreach was to educate High School students, and potential college students on the resources available to them. There are many barriers that college-bound students have to overcome.

From this message, students gain an understanding of why a college education is important to their future – including

greater opportunity, higher lifetime earnings, lower chance of unemployment, and less possibility of having to rely financially on someone else. It is critical for Georgia to increase its number of college graduates in order to ensure a bright economic future with a highly skilled workforce that is educationally prepared to compete with other college graduates, both nationally and internationally.

These visits are part of EGSC's Complete College Georgia campus plan, a statewide effort in collaboration with the University System of Georgia and the Governor's Office to dramatically increase the number of Georgian's completing college degrees by 2020.



# WHO IS EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE?

## ENROLLMENT

FALL 2013: 2,857

Statistics/ Location	Swainsboro	Statesboro	Augusta
Enrollment	1,185	1,578	94
% Decrease from Fall 2012	(5.8%)	(6.4%)	N/A
Full Time Equivalent	1,053	1,485	92
% Full Time Equivalent/Enrollment	88.9%	94.1%	97.4%

## FACULTY / STAFF

Full-Time Faculty .....	77
Full-Time Faculty with Terminal Degrees .....	33
Full-Time Faculty Teaching Online .....	30
Part-Time Faculty .....	45
Full-Time Staff .....	117
Part-Time Staff .....	50



## PERSONALIZED ATTENTION AND SMALL CLASSES

Student/Faculty Ratio

28:1

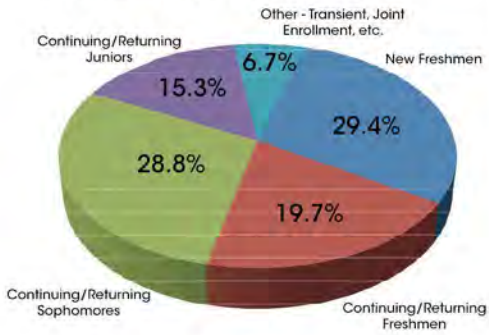




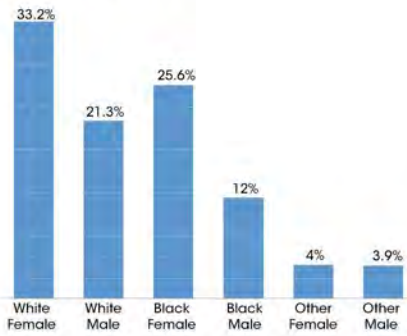
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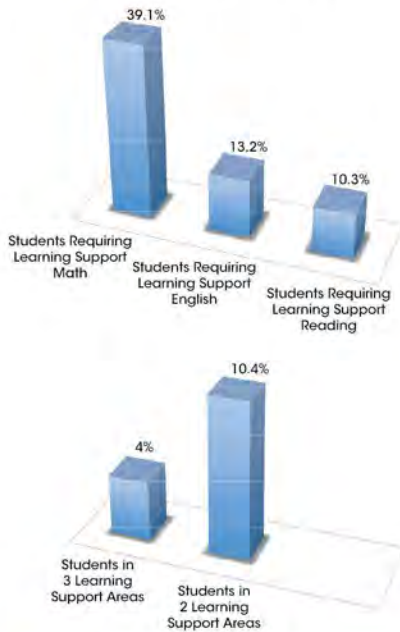
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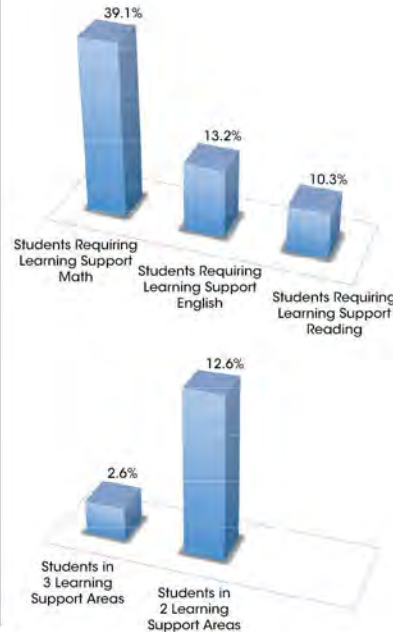
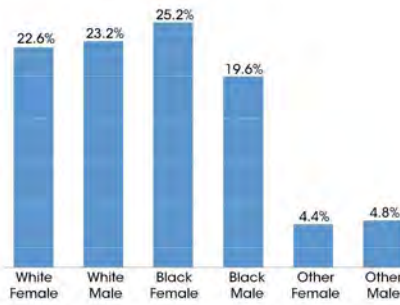
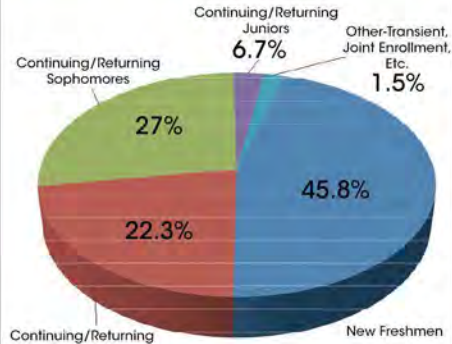
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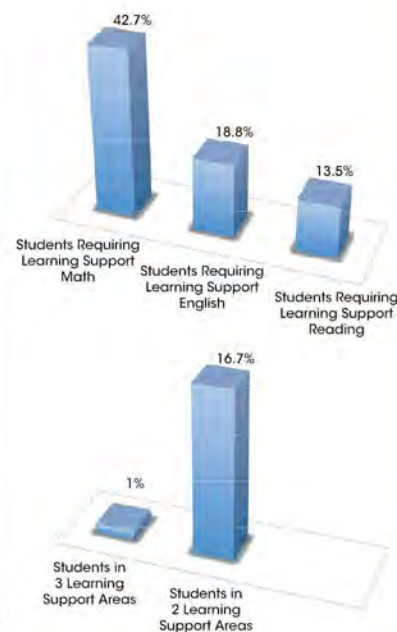
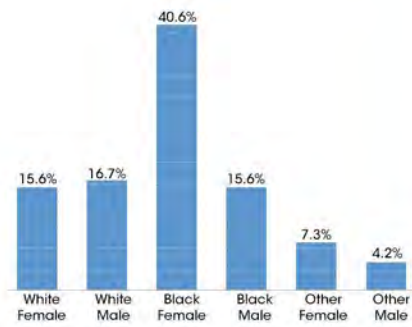
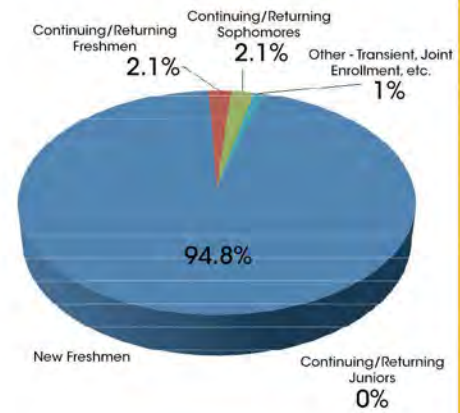
### LEARNING SUPPORT



## STATESBORO



## AUGUSTA



## AGE

Non-Traditional	10.5%	3.7%	4.2%
Married	6.1%	1.3%	1.1%
Average Age (years)	22.4	20.1	19.3

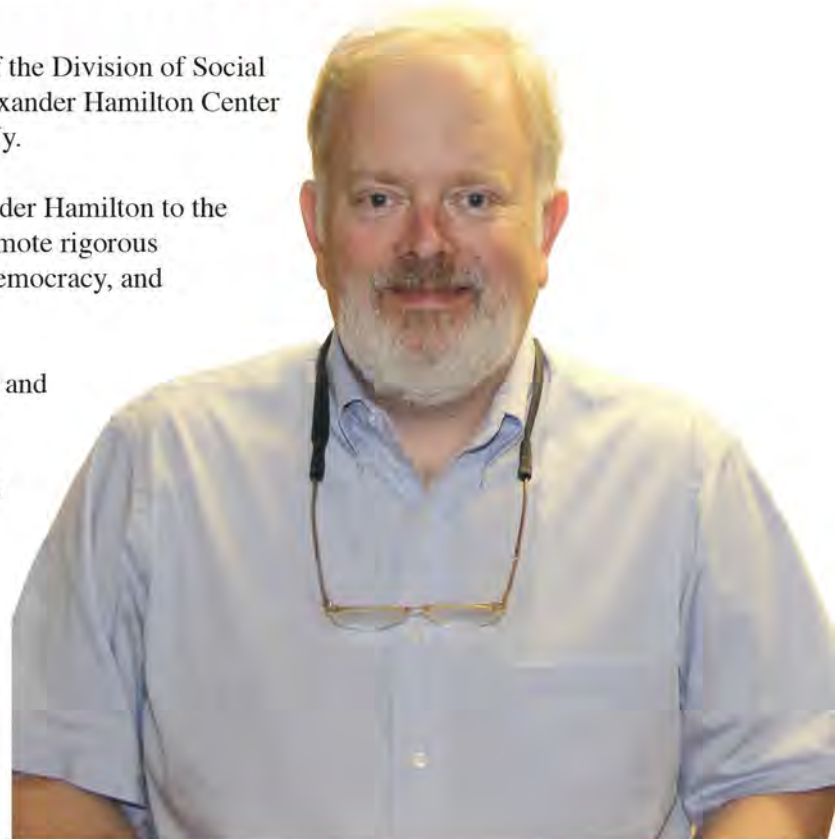


## DR. H. LEE CHEEK, JR. APPOINTED SENIOR FELLOW OF NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE

East Georgia State College's Dr. H. Lee Cheek Jr., Chair of the Division of Social Sciences, has been appointed as a Senior Fellow of the Alexander Hamilton Center for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI) in Hamilton, Ny.

AHI's creation was inspired by the contributions of Alexander Hamilton to the founding and survival of the American Republic. They promote rigorous scholarship and vigorous debate in the study of freedom, democracy, and capitalism.

"Dr. Cheek will contribute mightily to AHI's effort to offer and rich menu of scholarly activities – lectures, colloquia, conferences, fellowships, internships, and awards – to educational institutions in upstate New York and across the country in support of scrupulous research into American history, politics, Western culture, and of reasoned conversations about them," said Dr. Robert Paquette, one of AHI's founders.



## DR. TOM CAIAZZO HONORED BY TOYS FOR TOTS

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserves honored Associate Professor Dr. Tom Caiazzo with an award for his outstanding contributions to the Toys for Tots Program. Caiazzo teaches at East Georgia State College Statesboro in the Social Science Division.

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate children that will assist them in becoming responsible, contributing members of society.





## DR. STRACHER INTERVIEWED BY ABC

Professor of geology and physics Dr. Glenn Stracher never knew where his education could take him, but he is now an internationally-recognized expert on coal fires. On March 5, 2014, Dr. Stracher was interviewed on live radio with the Australian Broadcast Corporation. The program was aired around the world, and East Georgia State College was mentioned many times.

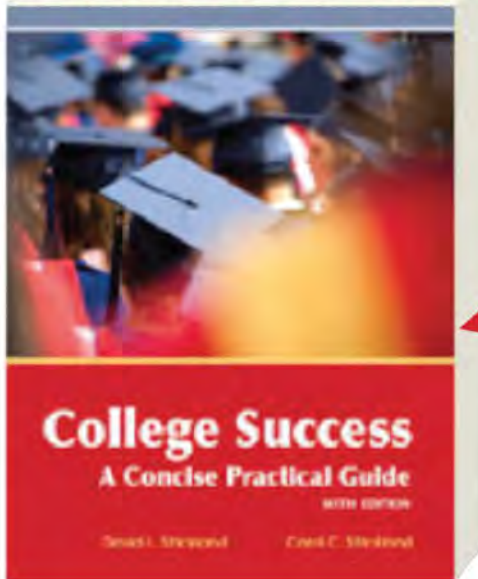
Dr. Stracher did a phenomenal job of answering tough questions concerning Australia's recent Morwell coal-mine fire disaster in Victoria, as well as the international problem of coal fires. Australia, being the world leading coal exporter, also ranks fifth in coal production, and was very interested to hear what Dr. Stracher had to say. A transcript of Dr. Stracher's radio interview was made available from ABC for the EGSC library archives. ABC was very pleased with the results of the interview and said they will be back in touch with him for additional news.



## DAVID STRICKLAND WRITES 6TH EDITION OF BOOK ON COLLEGE SUCCESS

EGSC Associate Professor David L. Strickland wrote the 6th edition of his book on college success, *College Success: A Concise Practical Guide*.

The book was published by BVT Publishing of Redding, Calif., a nationally-respected publisher. This edition was written with the students in mind and will be used nationally. It is equipped with all the resources students will need in a college success class, including a student-friendly format, chapter roadmaps, critical thinking exercises, test questions, reading comprehension questions, links to websites that complement the chapter, study guides for each chapter and learning activities/assignments designed specifically for each chapter.

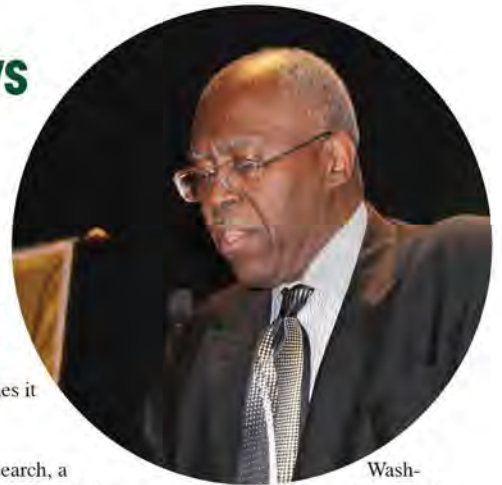


In addition to his *College Success* textbook, Strickland is co-author of the introductory sociology textbook, *My Sociology*, now in its second edition. Strickland is Director of the Student Success Program and Associate Professor of Sociology at East Georgia State College in Swainsboro. Strickland credits some of his insights regarding orientation and college success to the fact that he, like many students who attend EGSC, was a first-generation college student.



EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE  
**AAMI**  
 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE INITIATIVE

**GEORGE C. ANDREWS SPEAKS AT EGSC**



East Georgia State College welcomed George C. Andrews to campus on Thursday evening, June 12 at 6 p.m. in the Gambrell Auditorium. Andrews is the founder of Capitol City Bank and Trust Company. His topic was motivational and educational in nature, "Small-Minded People Can Never Block the Vision of Giant Dreamers."

With advocacy for the African American Community as his cornerstone, Andrews gave life to his dream of meeting the needs of underserved communities and focused on providing opportunities for small businesses to access capital needed for business growth and development. He is the founder of Capitol City Bank & Trust Company, where he served as President & CEO for over 22 years. He currently serves as Head of Capital Formation & Strategic Initiatives. He has built a solid professional career in Atlanta and the State of Georgia as a People's Banker.

Andrews was educated at Booker T. Washington High School and Morehouse College in Atlanta. After graduation from Morehouse, he entered the world of business through the Trust Company Bank's management training program, where most of his tenure was in branch management and commercial lending. It was during this period that he became aware of the fact that all minority business owners sometimes needed special attention to launch their businesses and the status-quo banking establishment was not the place for this kind of service. He left Trust Company Bank in early 1983 to join the National Bank of Georgia as an area branch manager. In 1984, he graduated from the School of Banking at Louisiana State University of Baton Rouge. Two years later, he rejoined Trust Company Bank and remained there until his dream of a financial institution dedicated to support the urban and minority community became his daily aspiration.

In 1994, Capitol City Bank & Trust Company began operation in Atlanta. Under his watchful eyes, innovative thinking and willingness to take risks, the

institution has grown and prospered while still being recognized as a true community bank, focusing on neighborhoods around the branches it operates.

Creative Investment Research, a Washington based organization that watches minority-owned financial institutions, rated Capitol City Bank & Trust Company among the 10 banks most oriented toward improving the urban areas it serves. Capitol City Bank & Trust Company is also listed as the 9th largest minority-owned bank in the country according to Black Enterprise Magazine. The bank continues a general banking business to serve and empower the inner city of Atlanta. Capitol City Bank & Trust Company operates a full-service banking business and engages in a broad range of commercial banking activities.

Andrews is strongly committed to community involvement, serving on several Boards of Directors including the Urban Ministerial Alliance, Metropolitan College Foundation, former Finance Committee Chair of the City of Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority and former member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. He was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes to serve on the Private Colleges and Universities Authority Board, was former secretary of the Executive Committee for the Independent Community Bankers of America and former Chair of the Westside District Boy Scouts of America. He is actively involved with the Interdenominational Theological Center and Community Bankers Association.

Andrews is married to the former Janice Smith and have three children and six grandchildren. He is a member of the Providence Missionary Baptist Church.



**FREDRICK BAILEY, FIRST GUEST SPEAKER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE INITIATIVE (AAMI)**

On October 10th, students welcomed Fredrick Bailey, hosted by the African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Program. The event was called "A Day with Fredrick Bailey."

Bailey spoke about his tough life and the obstacles he had to overcome to graduate from college, break the curses of his family line, and become what he is now: a mentor, speaker and a published author. Bailey met with AAMI Swainsboro students, prior to the presentation and ended with a *Meet and Greet* with faculty and staff mentors.

**AAMI STUDENTS VISIT SWAINSBORO NURSING HOME**



East Georgia State College students and members of the AAMI program (African American Male Initiative) are constantly out in the community helping and improving lives. For example on February 14th, students visited UniHealth Post-Acute Care in Swainsboro. Each patient received a rose and applause by the AAMI representatives; this was a small act of kindness which brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Through this program peer leaders are empowered to make a significant difference in people's lives. "A Rose to a Senior Sweetheart" is what the students called this activity; this is just one of the many they have scheduled on their calendar.





## RON ELLISON SPEARHEADS HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT AT EGSC

### *An International Charity Organization*

Dan West was a farmer from the American Midwest and a member of the Church of the Brethren who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. His mission was to provide relief, but he soon discovered the meager single cup of milk rationed to the weary soldiers once a day was not enough. He then had a thought: What if they had not a cup, but a cow?

That “teach a man to fish” philosophy is what drove West to found Heifer International, and now, nearly 70 years later, that philosophy still inspires the work to end hunger and poverty throughout the world, once and for all.

East Georgia State College’s Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, Ron Ellison, is spearheading a Heifer International Project at EGSC. The project involves raising funds to purchase bees, materials, instructions and training for impoverished communities in Africa. Ellison successfully raised enough funds to reach the project goal by creating the EGSC Bee Challenge, a fund raising game whereby faculty members challenge each other to answer trivia questions.



The reason Heifer International has been successful for the past 70 years is because, instead of giving handouts, they teach these communities how to provide for themselves and their families. By teaching sustainability and agriculture Heifer International has helped many areas with long histories of poverty. The new opportunities provided can be used to build schools, create agricultural cooperatives, form community savings and fund small businesses, but more importantly it gives these communities a sense of hope for the future.

## SUTTON APPLING AND COURTNEY JENKINS SELECTED FOR GCAA’S ALL-REGION TEAM

East Georgia State College’s Sutton Appling and Courtney Jenkins were selected for the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association’s (GCAA) All-Region Team for 2014. Both are valuable members of the EGSC Women’s Bobcat Softball Team, under the direction of Head Coach Megan Smith.

Sutton Appling of Ball Ground, Georgia, is a utility player for the Bobcats, she is #20. Courtney Jenkins of Bloomingdale, Georgia, is a pitcher for the Bobcats, she is #2. EGSC faculty, staff and students congratulated both girls on their accomplishments.



*The Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association is a collegiate athletic conference and is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) / Region XVII. The GCAA’s twenty two members are comprised of four year colleges, two year community colleges and technical colleges.*





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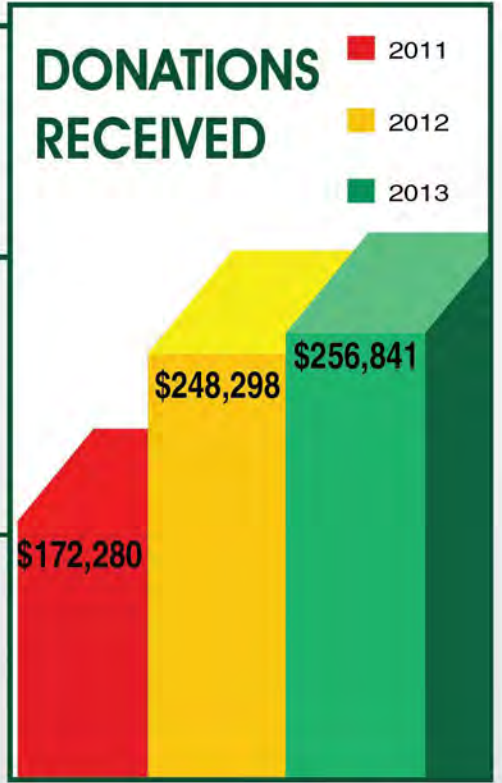
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# Alumni SPOTLIGHT

## EGSC Alumna Meagan Williams Launches Online Home-based Business



"I just feel like God gives everybody passion, and that passion can be developed into your life work," said Meagan Williams, 23-year-old daughter of Tracy and Darrell Williams, and the founder of her new clothing brand called *Nuts and Bolls Clothing*. Williams earned an associate's degree in business from EGSC and a bachelor's and master's degree from Georgia Southern University.

"I based my clothing line on agriculture, because farming is important to me and my family and is the backbone on our nation," concluded Williams.

Williams, with the help of her mother, makes most of the items Nuts and Bolls sells. They do everything from screen print the logos on the tee shirts, to cutting and sewing bowties. The greatest part of this success story is that Williams has pledged to donate 10 percent of her profits to the Georgia Future Farmers Association Foundation, which promotes agricultural education and leadership through chapters in schools.



## EGSC Alumnus Tim Earls Featured in GSU Magazine



East Georgia State College alumnus Timothy M. Earls was featured in Georgia Southern University's Fall 2014 Magazine. Timothy started at East Georgia in 1984 and then continued onto Georgia Southern to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Earls began his design career training at Buckley and Associates architectural firm in Swainsboro while also attending EGSC (then known as Emanuel County Junior College).

His career since EGSC includes many diverse design projects including designing electronic games, designing sets, and providing art direction for television programs and movies. Earls has worked on many big name movies including *Iron Man 3*, *Valentine's Day*, and 38 episodes of *Glee*. Among his many roles he also designed sets for *The Lone Ranger*, *Walk Hard*, and seven installments of the *Fast and Furious* movies. Earls's list of

accomplishments are immense, including art direction for *Flight of the Phoenix* (20th Century Fox), *Let Go* (Touchstone Television), and art direction (visual effects) for *Crusade*, *A Call To Arms*, and *River of Souls* (Babylon Productions).

Earls also spoke at East Georgia State College as part of the College's Vision Series, a privately-funded initiative that brings programs of cultural and intellectual enrichment to EGSC and its broader constituency. Among East Georgia's alumni, Earls stands out and truly shows the meaning of hard work and accomplishing your dreams.







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