

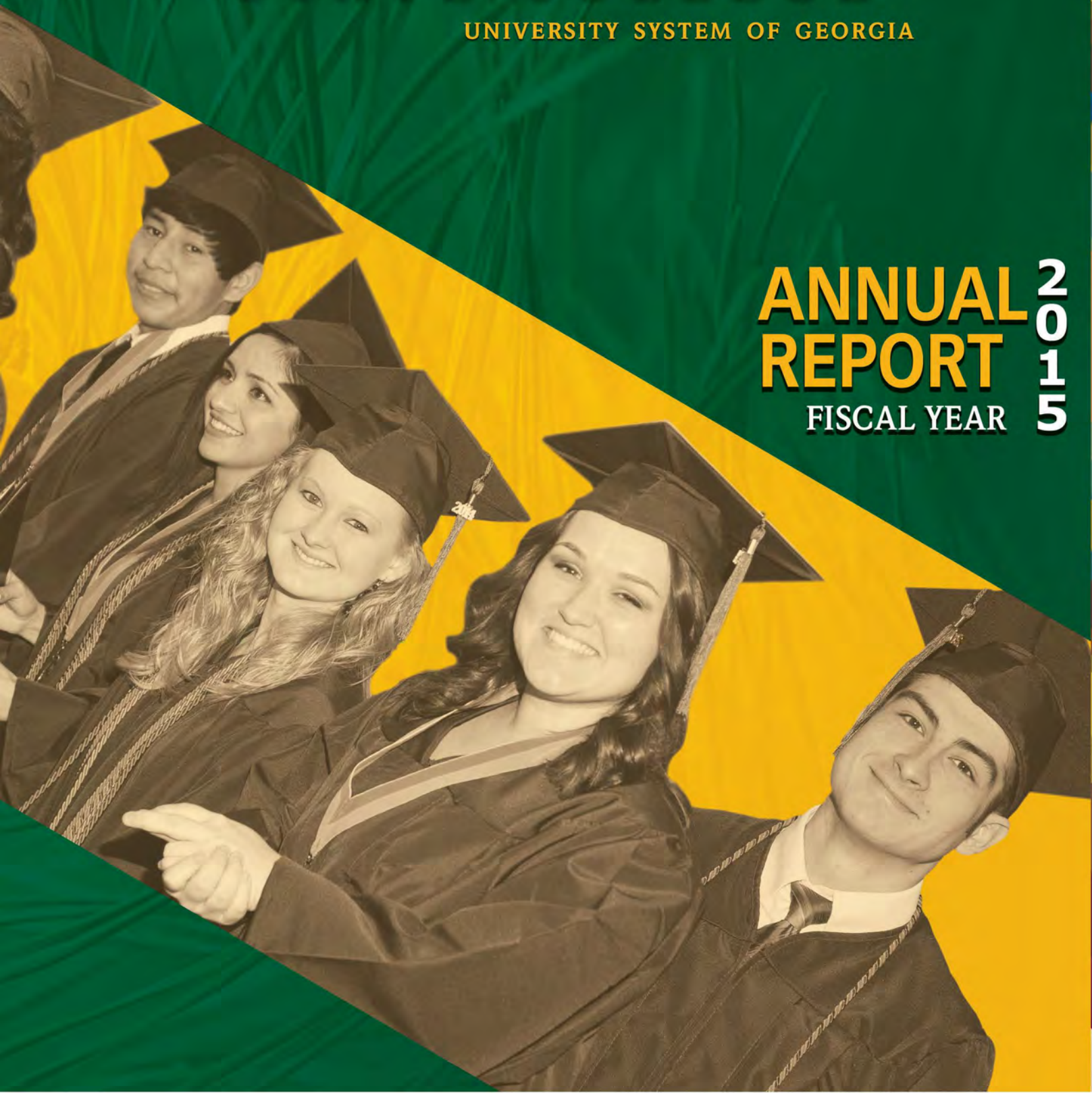
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A YEAR IN EVENTS



USG RECOGNIZES LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL

In his opening remarks at the annual Regents' Scholarship Gala held at the College Football Hall of Fame, University System of Georgia (USG) Foundation Chair Regent James M. Hull announced that the USG Foundation raised more than \$1million—a record—in corporate contributions. Funds raised at the event will be used to promote and provide needs-based scholarships for deserving students at the USG's 30 colleges and universities.

The gala honors faculty, alumni and one individual who exemplifies true leadership and support of higher education in Georgia.

Three USG alumni also were recognized during the event. These individuals included Luck Flanders Gambrell, whose gift of nearly 200 acres of land in 1971 is now the site of East Georgia State College. Since that time, Gambrell has continued to give to East Georgia and to the community with such generous gifts as the Library Heritage Center and multiple scholarships, including the Gambrell needs-based scholarships award.



THE MORGAN HOUSE OF EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

Donated to East Georgia State College by the Morgan family, The Morgan House of EGSC serves as a bridge between the community of Swainsboro and the college.

The former home of Jimmy and Jean Morgan, an open house was held on May 31, 2015. In attendance were members of the Morgan family, as well as many community and college representatives.

“Gifts come from every spectrum,” said EGSC Foundation President Denny Key. “Some gifts, it is just almost impossible to put a value on. You can’t see it on a ledger sheet; there’s more to it than that. I think this gift from the Morgan family ... is one of those gifts. A lot of times, you can’t determine the value of a gift until down the road, and I see that with this gift. The true value of what [the Morgan family has] done and what you’re doing has yet to be revealed.”

“Every town has its special houses,” said Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe. “This is a special house. I encourage everyone to get behind this, because when we get a crowd of people together, we have success.”

Dr. Boehmer spoke, saying, “This is the place that will give us an even closer connection between EGSC and the community it serves. I want to say a deep thanks to the Morgan family.”



THE *Morgan* **HOUSE**
of East Georgia State College



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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve this community as president of the College. My role as president is to act as steward of the treasure that is known as East Georgia State College.

The college exists to provide access to a high-quality, affordable college education so that our graduates obtain a great start on a productive, fulfilling life. We all work each day to maximize the likelihood that each student will earn a degree, commit to a life of learning and, in turn, live a fulfilling life and contribute to the economic and social vitality of the region.

East Georgia State College changes the lives of our amazing students. The students whose lives are changed then live in, work in and serve our community and make it vital.

East Georgia State College's enrollment has turned the corner this fall. Our Augusta campus grew from under 100 in its first semester to well over 300 this semester.

We have remained among the best bargains in higher education in the country. Consider that recent data released by the U.S. Department of Education lists EGSC in the lowest 5% in terms of the total annual cost of education.

East Georgia State College's Student Loan Default Rate Task Force has kept its nose to the grindstone, and our default rate dropped 3.5% this fall.

We have actively participated in the University System of Georgia's Public Private Partnership Initiative – P3. As a result, construction on our second residence hall will likely start in spring 2015 – another 200+ bed facility next to our existing 200 bed residence hall.

We are working with the best legislative delegation in the state to seek approval of a nearly \$5,000,000 addition to our original academic building. This addition will bring badly needed lab and classroom space. The legislature will address our proposal for this new space next spring – but we are encouraged by the fact that the Board of Regents has included this important project on its recommended list.

Our first bachelor's degree program, Biology, is already growing and thriving. We celebrated our first two graduates last fall. Soon, we anticipate approval of a second bachelor's degree program intended to serve firefighters and emergency services personnel across the state. This will be a degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration.

This and much more took place while the college absorbed a cut of approximately \$550,000 in our operating budget. Also, it took place despite the fact that EGSC's rate of funding per full time equivalent student is substantially lower than our peer institutions.

It was possible because, as you know, it's all about the students. East Georgia State College faculty and staff always put these students first--even in trying times.

Can we sustain East Georgia State College's positive direction in the "new normal" environment and continue to produce graduates like these? Yes--we must and we will.

We are fully committed to remaining a leader in affordability while continuing our tradition of offering high quality academic programs taught by highly qualified faculty with a personal touch.

We believe in our partnerships with Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and Georgia Regents University in Augusta. We provide a point of access and prepare the students for upper division work. The students transfer, earn a bachelor's degree and move on to contribute as a member of the work force. Everyone wins.

We believe in our students. We believe in our dedicated and outstanding faculty and staff.

Let's roll up our sleeves and get this done together.

Sincerely,

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

NEW BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM ADDED TO EGSC CURRICULUM

In October of 2014, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved East Georgia State College's new Bachelor of Arts degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration. The new degree is the second bachelor's degree program for the college.

According to EGSC President Bob Boehmer, "East Georgia State College's mission includes offering targeted baccalaureate degrees. 'Targeted' means degrees designed to meet specific workforce needs. This new bachelor's degree does exactly that. It will create the opportunity for firefighters and emergency response professionals to earn a high quality bachelor's degree at in-state tuition rates while continuing to work as full-time first responders. East Georgia State College is proud to be able to serve our fire fighters and government professionals while they continue to serve us."

Not only is the new degree a unique and much-needed program, it also offers in-state residents an educational opportunity not currently available. For both in-state and out-of-state students, the program costs are much more economical than programs offered at online, for-profit universities. The new degree is designed to provide firefighters, emergency services professionals, and others interested in public management with the skills necessary to assume roles in supervision within all branches of government. The focus of the program is not on the technical and physical aspects of firefighting, but on the fiscal, public management, and communication training required to direct fire departments, related emergency services, and other governmental agencies. The program also helps fulfill the East Georgia State College strategic mission as an access institution providing a better-educated workforce in Georgia.

The degree program will be offered online in a flexible format to help students from many backgrounds.

EGSC & STC SIGN AGREEMENT TO OFFER BROAD RANGE OF COURSE TRANSFER OPTIONS



On Thursday, August 14, the leadership of Southeastern Technical College and East Georgia State College signed a formal articulation agreement to guarantee the reciprocal acceptance of a broad list of courses by each institution. President Cathryn Mitchell and Provost Larry Calhoun of Southeastern Technical College and President Bob Boehmer of East Georgia State College signed the reverse transfer agreement to exhibit the cooperation between the institutions to further the goals of Complete College Georgia, namely partnerships and access, and ensure the seamless transfer between their respective colleges.

Presidents Mitchell and Boehmer along with Provost Calhoun have set up a process where the institutions will continue to meet periodically and review the articulation of the courses and verify that the mechanics of the program are valid and current. According to Mitchell, "this partnership between the two colleges will be good for both of the institutions. More importantly it is good for the student as they navigate the best and least costly option for their education." Boehmer agrees, "We are collaborating to create educational pathways that better serve our students and contribute to a more educated and prosperous Georgia."

Public

Private

Partnership

USG SELECTS CAMPUS HOUSING PARTNER

In November of 2014, the Board of Regents selected a campus-housing partner for the initial phase of the University System's Public-Private Partnership (P3) initiative for on-campus student housing. The initiative is expected to help maintain the affordability of housing for students and improve the fiscal health of the University System by providing financial tools and resources while reducing student-housing debt by nearly \$300 million.

After a competitive bid process began in April 2014, the University System selected Corvias Campus Living for a \$517 million agreement to develop 3,683 new beds and manage 6,195 existing beds of on-campus housing for nine institutions in the University System for the next 65 years. The new beds are scheduled to be ready for students in fall 2016.

The participating campuses are: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Armstrong State University, College of Coastal Georgia, Columbus State University, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Regents University, Georgia State University and the University of North Georgia.

Each campus approach will be tailored to the needs of the individual institutions, allowing the campus to attract, educate, retain and graduate a growing number of students. The University System will retain oversight of the campus-housing partnership, have a governance process in place and campuses will continue to be responsible for residence life programming for students.

COCA-COLA BIN GRANT PROMOTES RECYCLING

East Georgia State College is striving to increase the college's recycling efforts. EGSC received a Coca-Cola Bin Grant that enables the college to take the 25 bins and promote recycling of plastic bottles and aluminum cans, as well as actively track the collections.

The grant award supports the work of East Georgia State College's Recycling Task Force, an institutional initiative created in 2013 by President Bob Boehmer, for exploration of avenues to enhance the college's recycling efforts. The Green Team effort, already underway, focuses on encouraging students, faculty, staff, and visitors on East Georgia State College's three campuses to recycle, conserve, and sustain.

The aluminum can collections are donated to the local Swainsboro Fire Department for the REACH (Recycling Each Aluminum Can Helps) Project with the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation (www.gfbf.org).



EGSC & OTC SIGN TRANSFER AGREEMENT



On Wednesday, August 13, the partnership between the USG and TCSG was evident as President Dawn Cartee of Ogeechee Technical College and President Bob Boehmer of East Georgia State College signed a formal articulation agreement between the two institutions. This agreement will create seamless access to higher education for their students and solidify the reciprocal transfer of a broad range of courses that will be accepted by both OTC and EGSC.

Presidents Cartee and Boehmer are committed to keeping the articulation agreement components current and sustainable by periodically reviewing the courses and content. Cartee states,

“We will continue to work on ways we can collaborate to create learning opportunities and viable options for our students as they make their educational decisions.” Boehmer concurs, “Our partnership with Ogeechee Technical College is strong as we continue to work on the specific development of additional degree programs and student focused opportunities.”

GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR NEW STUDENT HOUSING



East Georgia State College (EGSC) broke ground Wednesday, May 6 at 10 a.m. for its second student housing complex on the Swainsboro campus and its first construction project under a new Public-Private Partnership (P-3) initiative with Corvias Campus Living.

Special guests for the ceremonial groundbreaking included Hank Huckaby, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Senator Jack Hill, Representative Butch Parrish, Senator Jesse Stone, Swainsboro’s Mayor Charles Schwabe, and Jimmy Scott of Corvias Campus Living. Along with EGSC’s President Bob Boehmer and Residence Hall Association President Maurice Brantley, the group was joined for the occasion by a large audience of students, faculty, staff, business leaders, and community members.

The new 212-bed residence hall is slated to open Fall semester 2016. Similar in design, the new student housing facility will be built adjacent to Bobcat Villas, EGSC’s 200-bed residence hall. Students will experience a seamless transition with the College retaining day-to-day operation and management of the residence halls.

GO BACK. MOVE AHEAD. MAKING RETURNING TO COLLEGE EASIER

It is projected that by 2020, more than 60 percent of jobs in Georgia will require a college certificate or degree. Presently, however, only 42 percent of the state's young adults have earned a college credential — creating a need for an additional 250,000 graduates.

East Georgia State College joined Governor Nathan Deal's "Complete College Initiative," launched in 2011 with the state initiative, "Go Back, Move Ahead."

The initiative will offer a simpler enrollment process, more flexible ways to transfer earned college credits, additional course schedule options and a personal academic advisor. Options for returning to college include enrolling on campus, taking classes at an external campus location or using the online options available.



PROMOTING A COLLEGE EDUCATION AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS DURING COLLEGE READINESS TOUR

Many capable people avoid college because the navigation of admission, financial aid and degree requirements are often too confusing. Recognizing these barriers, 28 East Georgia State College (EGSC) administrators, faculty, staff and students recently completed a College Readiness Bus Tour.

Over nine days, 24 high schools were visited and 3,950 high school students received resources and advice to navigate a sensible, direct path to post-secondary education, regardless of the college attended. From this multi-perspective message, students could gain an understanding of why a college education can expand opportunities and improve one's quality of life.

The 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, which is critical to Georgia's economic future to ensure a highly talented workforce.

The tours began on February 5, visiting with students at Vidalia High School, Tattnall High School and Toombs County High School. On February 6, the group visited Swainsboro High School, Jenkins County High School, and Treutlen High School. The tours continued on February 9, with visits to Hephzibah High School and Harlem High School.

On February 10, the visiting group continued with Edmund Burke Academy, Warren County High School and Academy of Richmond County. Cross-Creek High School, Glascock County High School and John Hancock were visited on February 11.

Southeast Bulloch High School and Statesboro High School were visited on February 12 and on February 13, the group visited Montgomery County High School and Wheeler County High School.

Jefferson County High School, Thomas Jefferson Academy, and Johnson County High School were visited on February 17. The tour concluded on February 18 with visits to Pinewood Christian Academy, Claxton High School and Metter High School.



NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

At the 2014 Annual Fall Faculty Workshop on August 4-6, President Bob Boehmer announced several appointments as the result of a larger academic reorganization of the College set to take place at the start of the Fall 2014 semester. Three appointments are as follows:

DR. BROWN APPOINTED DEAN OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE



Dr. Bob Brown has been appointed Dean of the Division of Mathematics and Science.

In 2002, Dr. Brown joined East Georgia College (now East Georgia State College) and became Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. In 2007, Dr. Brown was appointed Chair of the Division of Math and Science. His division established the first four year program at East Georgia State College. In spring 2014, the first two Bachelor of Science in Biology graduates received their diplomas. The greatest satisfaction that Dr. Brown experiences is working with East Georgia State College students and sharing with them the many practical uses of mathematics and science that help make our technological world possible.

“I feel very honored to be named Dean of the Division of Mathematics and Science and to work with the fine team at East Georgia State College to advance the college’s impact in helping our students in the region achieve educational excellence,” stated Dr. Brown.

DR. CHEEK APPOINTED SOCIAL SCIENCES DEAN



As part of an academic reorganization, Dr. Lee Cheek has been appointed Dean of Social Sciences at East Georgia State College. Cheek, who formerly served as Chair of the Division of Social Sciences, assumed his new duties in early August. He is the only new dean to have served in this capacity before, having been a dean at the University of North Georgia in the past.

He previously served as Dean of the Social Sciences at the University of North Georgia, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens State University in Alabama, and Vice President for College Advancement and Professor of Political Science at Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia. Cheek taught at Brewton-Parker College from 1997-2000, and he rejoined the Brewton-Parker faculty in 2005. From 2000 to 2005, Cheek served as Associate Professor of Political Science at Lee University. He has also served as a congressional aide and as a political consultant.

“We are very excited and fortunate to have Dr. Cheek join us as Dean of the Division of Social Sciences,” said EGSC President Robert Boehmer. “Dr. Cheek is an experienced and accomplished leader who brings a commitment to academic excellence that will inspire our students to success. Our faculty and staff will also be inspired by his professionalism and active involvement in the community of scholars.”

DR. PALUMBO APPOINTED DEAN OF HUMANITIES



Dr. Carmine D. Palumbo has been appointed Dean of the Division of Humanities.

Dr. Palumbo has served as the Chair of the Division of Humanities at EGSC since 2007, and was formerly the Chair of the Division of Humanities at Middle Georgia College in Cochran from 2001-07. Palumbo also directs EGSC’s Costa Rica program, a study abroad experience for students to travel to the University of Georgia’s campus in San Luis, Costa Rica..

“The change of title is really not the most important thing,” according to Palumbo, “what is most important for the students the faculty and the community that depends upon EGSC to provide access to higher education is that East Georgia is heading down the right path—it is looking for ways to advance and improve itself. This is just one small part of that ultimate goal.”

NAIL APPOINTED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF EGSC AUGUSTA

Jordyn Nail was appointed Interim Director of EGSC Augusta effective January 12, 2015.

Nail, a native of Swainsboro, is a 2009 graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors Degree in Math. While at GSU, she was a valuable four-year member of the Eagles softball team. Nail then began her teaching and coaching career at Swainsboro High School. She became a member of the EGSC faculty as a math instructor and Lady Bobcats softball coach in 2010. The establishment of the new Academic Center for Excellence offered the opportunity for Nail to transition as the Director of Learning Support in Spring, 2012. She earned her Master's Degree in Math from Georgia Southern in May, 2014.

According to Nail, "A key element of our current mission is to successfully prepare students for transfer to other USG institutions. In Augusta, we extend educational opportunities for students in the region, contribute to workforce development, and increase the rate of academic success among students. I am excited and thankful for the opportunity to further EGSC's mission and build upon the success of Dr. Jeff Edgens. I especially look forward to collaborating with Georgia Regents University, Assistant Director of EGSC Augusta, Nick Kelch, and Director of EGSC Statesboro, Caroline McMillian, to continue the growth and development of EGSC Augusta and its impact on Richmond and the surrounding counties."



GAMMON HIRED AS EGSC'S CHIEF OF POLICE

East Georgia State College hired Wiley A. Gammon, Jr., as its new Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police. His appointment was effective May 1.

President Robert G. Boehmer said the College is fortunate to have Gammon's experience and qualifications. A Lieutenant with the Georgia Institute of Technology Police Department since 2007, Gammon is also a Georgia POST certified Manager and certified Supervisor, as well as a graduate of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College.

Gammon, who was hired following a state-wide search, has been a police officer for 22 years. He succeeds Major Wendell Bell, who graciously accepted and professionally carried out the responsibilities of Interim Chief of Police, following the retirement of Geroude "Drew" Durden, who served as EGSC's Chief of Campus Police for 14 years.

Gammon previously worked for the Lilburn Police Department and retired from Bell South in 2004 with 31 years of service and perfect work attendance.

"I am honored to serve in this role with the highly professional officers and staff to provide a safe, secure and accessible environment for the entire East Georgia State College community," Gammon said.

Gammon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University.

During his employment at Georgia Tech, Gammon received numerous awards and recognitions, including, Chief's Above and Beyond Award in 2011, Supervisor of the Year in 2010, and Perfect Work Attendance for 9 years.



EGSC CELEBRATES FALL COMMENCEMENT



On Saturday, December 13, 2014, the EGSC Gymnasium was host to the Fall 2014 Commencement Ceremony. Ninety-five candidates graduated fall semester.

Presiding over the ceremony was EGSC President Bob Boehmer. The commencement speaker was Larry J. "Butch" Parrish of the Georgia House of Representatives.

Representative Parrish was born and raised in Swainsboro, graduated from Swainsboro High School, and earned his B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of Georgia in 1964.

RECORD NUMBER GRADUATE IN SPRING



Spring Commencement Ceremonies at East Georgia State College were held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the EGSC Gymnasium of the Physical Education Center. One hundred sixteen students received their Associate of Arts degree and two received their Bachelor's Degree in Biology. This marks the largest graduating class in the history at EGSC.

Dr. Robert G. Boehmer, president of East Georgia State College, presided over the ceremony. Dr. Tim Goodman presented the candidates for graduation. The commencement speaker was Senator Jack Hill, Georgia Senate District 4. The alumni speaker was Kristin Cannady Hall, Emanuel County Clerk of Court and 2007 EGSC Graduate. The student speaker was Allison Durden, current Miss EGSC. Malaikia Brantley, one of the evening's graduates, performed God Bless America.



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 2014: 7,552
PLANETARIUM SHOWS PROVIDED
DURING 2014: 139

FULFORD CENTER CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS

East Georgia State College's Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center celebrated its fifth anniversary with a special program to remember the many successes that have firmly established the Center as a gateway between the EGSC campus and the community. The expansive outdoor deck and lodge-like atmosphere of the Center provided the perfect location to gather and celebrate the occasion.

Pete and Ada Lee Correll, benefactors for both the Fulford Center and the Correll Scholarship program, were present; they were joined by many college and community friends who were eager to express appreciation and to reflect upon the Center's numerous accomplishments. Among those attending were some of EGSC's most fervent supporters: Rep. Butch Parrish, Senator Jack Hill, Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe, and EGSC Foundation Chair Denny Key.

Guests heard remarks from President Bob Boehmer, Former EGSC President John Black, Director Jean Schwabe, Fulford Center Advisory members Bill Rogers and Norma Kennedy, as well as from the Corrells. A commemorative video created by the Schwabe's son, Clarke, was shared to highlight memorable events and activities hosted during the Fulford Center's first five years.

In tribute to the Corrells and their impactful philanthropy, Fulford Center Advisory Board members donated a stationary projector and screen for the Resource Library.



WHO IS EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE?

ENROLLMENT

FALL 2014: **2,910**

	Swainsboro	Statesboro	Augusta
Enrollment	1,191	1,408	311
% Decreases over Fall 2011	(0.5%)	(10.8%)	230.9%
Full-Time Equivalent	1,056	1,325	296
% Full-Time Equivalent / Enrollment	88.6%	94.2%	95.6%

FACULTY / STAFF

Full-Time Faculty	75
Full-Time Faculty with Terminal Degrees	36
Full-Time Faculty Teaching Online	28
Part-Time Faculty	55
Full-Time Staff.....	131
Part-Time Staff.....	39



PERSONALIZED ATTENTION AND SMALL CLASSES

Student/Faculty Ratio

28:1



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

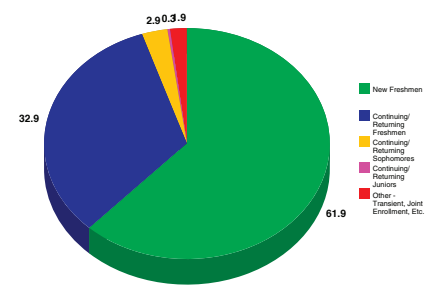
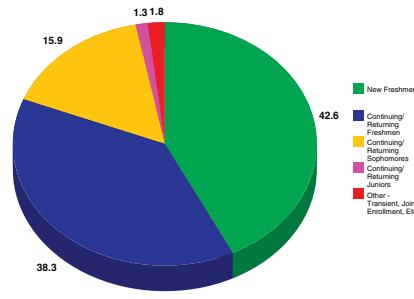
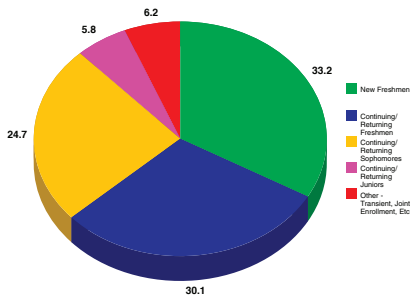
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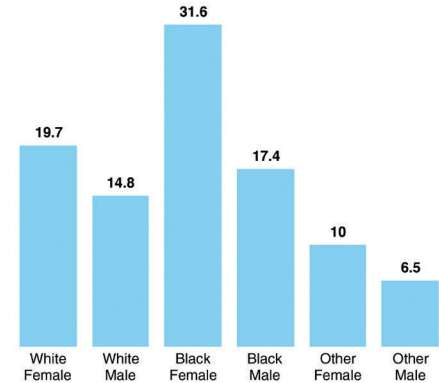
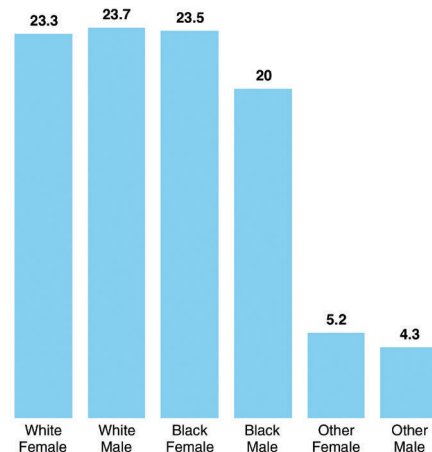
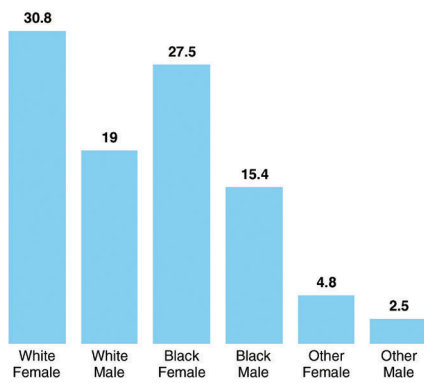
AUGUSTA

STUDENT PROFILE

■ New Freshmen
 ■ Continuing/Returning Freshmen
 ■ Continuing/Returning Sophomores
■ Continuing/Returning Juniors
 ■ Other- Transient, Joint Enrollment, etc. (BY PERCENTAGE)

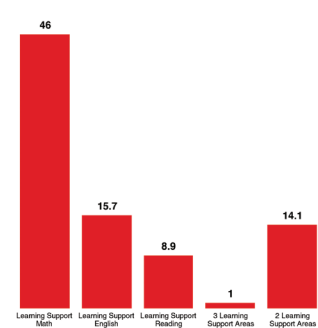
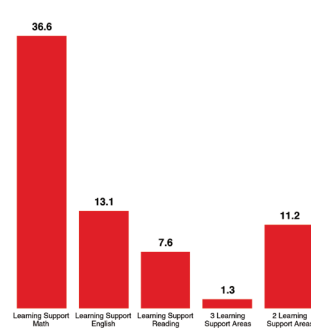
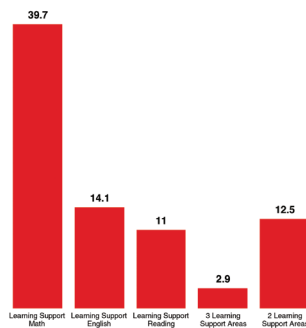


ETHNICITY (BY PERCENTAGE)



LEARNING SUPPORT (BY PERCENTAGE)

STUDENTS IN:



Category	Swainsboro	Statesboro	Augusta
Non-Traditional	7.8%	3.1%	7.7%
Married	5.0%	0.5%	2.6%
Average Age (years)	21.7	19.9	20.1

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENTS HONOR

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

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

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



Employees during 2015 Swainsboro event

SERVICE MILESTONE AWARDS

25 Years

Susan Gray

15 Years

Jimmy Wedincamp

Dr. Tim Goodman

Mark Ellison

10 Years

Jason Kohler

Mary Smith

Christi Hutchings

Ty Fagler

5 Years

Jean Schwabe

Angie Williams

Joe Canady

Constance Wade

Angie Brown

Cliff Gay

Missie Crawford

Breana Simmons



Statesboro employees enjoy 2015 event



Dr. Boehmer speaks during Swainsboro event



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

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY were recognized from each academic division:

Desmal Purcell

Humanities Division - Swainsboro

Dr. Paul Cerpovicz

Math/Science Division - Swainsboro

David Strickland

Social Science Division - Swainsboro

Linda Von Bergen

Humanities Division - Statesboro

Jing Kersey

Math/Science Division - Statesboro

Dr. Thomas Upchurch

Social Science Division - Statesboro

Dr. Mary Waalkes

Social Science Division - Augusta

Sally Cook

Humanities Division - Augusta

Betsy Veldboom

Math/Science Division - Statesboro

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

Angie Brown

Social Science - Swainsboro

Ty Fagler

Information Technology - Swainsboro

Jean Schwabe

External Affairs - Swainsboro

Vicki Sherrod

Student Affairs - Swainsboro

Kristen Waters

Academic Affairs - Swainsboro

Mary Smith

President's Office - Swainsboro

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FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE POLITICAL SCIENTISTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Three East Georgia State College professors participated in the presentation of research and scholarly discussion and review at the 46th annual conference of the Georgia Political Science Association, held in Savannah, Georgia, from November 13th-15th.

Professor Randy Carter, Assistant Professor of Political Science at EGSC, presented a paper at the conference entitled “Seven P Words: A Framework for Understanding the Concepts and Processes of Politics.”

The Georgia Political Science Association also hosted a special scholar’s roundtable to celebrate the publication of Dr. Lee Cheek’s latest book, *Patrick Henry-Onslow Debate: Liberty and Republicanism in American Political Thought* (Lexington Books, 2013).

Professor Jeff Edgens, Assistant Professor of Political Science, served as the lead discussant on a panel dedicated to analyzing public policy during periods of budgetary shortfalls, and Professors John Derden and Daniel Mancill also participated in the conference.

STACEY KING NAMED HOMETOWN HERO



Physical Education Coordinator /Fitness Center Director, Stacey King, was named Northland Cable’s Hometown Hero in Statesboro. She was recognized by voters for starting Our Girls Rock Too, a non-profit organization serving girls in the community. Founded in May of 2012, the organization is for girls ages 7 to 18 of all ethnicities. Its mission is to encourage young ladies to become comfortable with and to love themselves through various exercises. This program serves to uplift, empower, educate, and embrace the young ladies in the community. The services provided include monthly empowerment programs and annual conferences, scholarships to high school seniors, college tours for high school participants, and back to school supplies programs.

More than 20,000 votes were submitted from across the nation for the eighteen Hometown Heroes named within Northland Communications service region. Kings’ Our Girls Rock Too, received a generous donation of \$500 from Northland Communications. King also was awarded a grand prize.

SHEPARD AND WADE PRESENT AT GIL USERS GROUP MEETING

Katie Shepard and Constance Wade of the Library presented at the GIL Users Group Meeting in May 2015 at Middle Georgia State College in Macon, Georgia. Their presentation, entitled “LibGuides 2.0: No HTML Required,” demonstrated practical tips, tools and tricks learned by the EGSC Library staff during our own migration process that could be useful to other University System of Georgia librarians and highlighted the EGSC Library LibGuides homepage, which is unique to other institutions and serves as an outreach and marketing tool to students, faculty and staff.

The session was well-attended and provided an opportunity for EGSC library staff members to collaborate and share knowledge with other library professionals.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

KENNEDY PRESENTED 2014 GEAC MARKETING AWARDS

Norma S. Kennedy, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, was recently presented the GEAC Marketing/Communications Award at the 2014 Georgia Educational Advancement Council Conference in Savannah. The conference was held at the Savannah Desoto Hilton.

GEAC honors excellence within Georgia's advancement community with an annual conference awards program. Each year, GEAC solicits nominations from college and university presidents, chief advancement officers and members at large. Winners are selected by a committee of GEAC members representative of the various disciplines in advancement as well as the different types of institutions within the organization. Recipients are honored at an awards dinner hosted during the annual conference.

Kennedy developed and organized the marketing department in 2008 after transferring to the advancement area from her previous position as Director of Human Resources.

Her strategy as marketing director is based on the very simple premise that education is personal and the message to students and parents must be engaging. She tells the motivational story of potential with design, story writing and campaign development.



UPCHURCH REPRESENTS EGSC AT NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Dr. Tommy Upchurch, Associate Professor of History, attended a National Endowment for the Humanities workshop called "Finding Mississippi in the National Civil Rights Narrative" at Jackson State University The Fannie Lou Hamer Institute—a civil rights advocacy group founded at a Harvard University meeting in 1997—sponsored the program and selected 25 scholars from universities and colleges across the United States to participate in it.

The three-week seminar consisted of lectures by distinguished historians and sociologists from the University of Chicago, Cornell University, the Ohio State University, DePauw University, and SUNY Geneseo, among others, as well as field trips to historic civil rights sites in Mississippi and Tennessee, including the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

Dr. Upchurch made presentations on the teaching of civil rights history and the publishing of books in African American history, and contributed daily to round table and conference panel discussions.

DR. PALUMBO CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN USG'S ELI PROGRAM

Dean of Humanities, Dr. Carmine Palumbo has been chosen to participate in the University System of Georgia's Executive Leadership Institute.

The Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) is a premier system wide leadership development program that supports continuous learning and development of USG leaders. The fifth class of the ELI begins this fall. Forty-one leaders from 29 institutions and the System Office have been determined to possess the foundation, aspiration, and potential for senior leadership roles in the System.

Previous EGSC ELI scholars include Dr. Jeff Edgens, Dr. Donald Avery, Cliff Gay, Caroline McMillan, and Dr. David Bartram.

EGSC ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ED SCHNEIDER RECOGNIZED BY BOARD OF REGENTS

Assistant Professor of Biology, Ed Schneider, was recently recognized by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia's Affordable Learning Georgia Initiative for his work in transforming the use of textbooks. Dr. Schneider's work dealt with the adoption of no-cost materials, contributing to over a million dollars in savings to USG students in the academic year 2014.

Dr. Schneider and his team of fellow cohorts were recognized during the upcoming Symposium on the Future of the Textbook, taking place December 11-12, 2014. The symposium, a 24.5 hour invitational gathering, featured state and national speakers discussing textbook affordability and visionary solutions for the future. The conference was held at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROFESSOR ROGER BYRD NAMED TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT POST



The Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia has unanimously named EGSC Professor of Political Science Roger Byrd to the Board of Directors of the Civic Affairs Foundation. ACCG, Georgia’s county association, believes that government is most effective when citizens understand its role and function and are involved in the community. For these reasons, the Association established the Civic Affairs Foundation in 2006 in order to foster civic engagement and increase public awareness of the role and value of county government programs and services.

In making the announcement ACCG Executive Director Ross King said, “We are thrilled to have Professor Roger Byrd join this vitally important Foundation Board and look forward to his active participation.”

STRICKLAND NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARD



Professor David Strickland was recently nominated for the leading national award for student success curricular development and program management sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition located at the University of South Carolina. The award recognizes outstanding work with first-year students and his nomination attests to the respect and admiration that Professor Strickland has gained “while working in creative ways to enhance the academic success of first-year students.”

Professor Strickland was a runner up for the award and is included on the “honor roll” of practitioners in the field. He was recognized for his nomination during the 34th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience in Dallas, Texas, February 7-10, 2015.

DR. STRACHER NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS HONOR



EGSC’s Dr. Glenn B. Stracher has been nominated for the prestigious honor of “Fellow” in the Geological Society of America. Dr. Stracher’s nomination comes from several very distinguished colleagues: Dr. Anupma Prakash, a geophysicist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; coal geologists Dr. Robert B. Finkelman at the University of Texas at Dallas; and Dr. James C. Hower, at the University of Kentucky’s Center for Applied Energy Research.

According to his colleagues, Dr. Stracher is universally considered the foremost researcher of uncontrolled coal fires, an issue of global importance that has environmental and human health consequences. His four volume treatise, *Coal and Peat Fires: A Global Perspective* will be the authoritative reference about this issue for decades to come. With his GSA Reviews in Engineering Geology XVIII, *Geology of Coal Fires: Case Studies from Around the World*, as well as numerous

journal articles he has published about coal and mine fires, Dr. Stracher has clearly established himself as the world’s leading expert of uncontrolled coal fires.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DR. CHEVALIER RECEIVES RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Dr. David Chevalier, Assistant Professor of Biology, was recently awarded a Research Opportunity Award (ROA) that is part of the NSF-wide Research at Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) program. ROAs enable faculty at predominantly undergraduate institutions, including community colleges, to pursue research as visiting scientists with NSF-supported investigators at other institutions.

For two months this summer Dr. Chevalier will be working with Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Glen Borchert at the University of South Alabama. The goal of this activity is to enhance the research productivity and professional development of science faculty at undergraduate institutions through research activities that enable them to explore the emerging frontiers of science. Such research not only contributes to basic knowledge in science but also provides an opportunity to integrate research and undergraduate education.



DR. WEDINCAMP PARTICIPATES ON PANEL



On Friday, April 24, 2015, Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp, Chairman of the Department of Biology, participated in the Life Sciences Career Pathways Panel discussion at the Georgia Southern University Research Symposium held at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The Research Symposium is a conference style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. The event included speakers, poster and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines. This marks the 14th year that Georgia Southern University has hosted the Annual Research Symposium showcasing graduate research efforts as coordinated by the College of Graduate Studies.

DR. DERDEN CONDUCTS FOUR-DAY TOUR

Dr. John K. Derden, Professor Emeritus of History and Director of the Vision Series, lead a four-day Sherman's March to the Sea tour from Atlanta to Savannah for the Indiana Historical Society from November 4 through November 7. The Historical Society contacted Dr. Derden and recruited his help and knowledge for the tour.

The 33 participants flew into Atlanta on the 4th and, over the following four days, covered the routes used and visited many of the sites associated with the advance by the Union Army across Georgia from November 15 to December 10, 1864. The tour almost coincided with the 150th anniversary of those events.



SPEAKERS PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND EMPOWERMENT TO STUDENTS

MICHAEL SUMMERS SPEAKS TO EGSC AAMI STUDENTS



Approximately 75 young men participated in an African American Male Initiative (AAMI) workshop held at the Sudie Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia State College on Monday evening on September 23, 2014. The workshop itinerary included the young men providing verbal feedback on attending the Men of Color Empowerment Summit in Statesboro on Georgia Southern University's campus. As well as engaging in conversations about the importance of maintaining a high grade point (GPA) while enrolled in college.

The highlight of the evening was Summers's message of "Knowing your why." He explained the importance of not only coming to college, but "why" it's important to complete college. His message challenged the young men to become more conscientious of how they spend their time and "why" they are doing what they are doing.

"There are eighty six thousand four hundred seconds in a day, so how are you spending your time?" he asked.

Summers talked about the benefits of having the opportunity of attending college. Also, there were discussions of the many obstacles that exist to keep them from progressing and staying in college.

PHILLIPS SPEAKS DURING AAMI PROGRAM



A social worker, author, college professor, professional speaker and youth engagement specialist, Patrick Phillips facilitates change through engaging and motivating speaking engagements that leave participants inspired and equipped with skills to achieve self-actualization. He spoke at East Georgia State College on November 3, 2014 in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Auditorium.

Raised in a single parent household in Los Angeles California, Mr. Phillips witnessed the negative consequences of poverty, limited opportunity and gang violence. He decided, rather than become a statistic, he would use his experiences to help individuals overcome their obstacles and live out their dreams. He continues to facilitate empowerment lectures, tour different cities and states to inspire youth and adults.

He is the founder and CEO of Educational Empowerment Group, LLC and author of *Decisions: A Young Man's Guide To Avoiding The Traps*, which is a motivational and educational resource designed to increase students social and emotional well-being.

"SUCCESS COMES WITH A PRICE" WITH RONNIE SPRY



Ronnie Spry spoke at EGSC on February 23, 2015. He is a native of Princeton, Kentucky. He was the first African American in the State of Kentucky to be employed at a predominately white institution of higher education as Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach.

Spry served as Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach at Paine College for 30 years. He believes "Life is full of challenges and how we deal with them determines the outcome."

CORRELL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS

The Correll Scholars Program was established in 2014 with a generous donation from Pete and Ada Lee Correll, and began Fall semester 2015 to recognize and prepare exceptionally promising students as future community leaders in our region.

Awards are \$5,000 per student, renewable annually, for a maximum of four years. Twenty scholarships are awarded each year to students attending East Georgia State College's Swainsboro campus.

The first 20 Correll Scholars were named during the fifth anniversary celebration at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center. They are Avery Berry of Swainsboro, Caleb Brown of Swainsboro, Lauren Conner of Sardis, Taylor Culp of Reidsville, Mary Katherine Dangerfield of Rincon, Brookelyn Fowler of Rincon, Jordan Fox of Soperton, TJ Freeman of Swainsboro, Brittney Gibbs of East Point, Kaitlyn Bailey Hill of Wadley, Hannah Jenkins of Waynesboro, Alicia Tacara Kelly of Metter, Madison Lawson of Swainsboro, Thang Lieu of Swainsboro, Kirstyn Morris of Swainsboro, Kaitlyn Moxley of Twin City, Sarah Powell of Waynesboro, Alexandria Rios of Swainsboro, Henry Sherrod of Twin City and Sera Strange of Swainsboro.



ALLISON DURDEN CROWNED MISS EGSC

Allison Durden was crowned Miss EGSC, Hannah Gray was first runner-up and Taylor Hall was second runner up in an entertaining evening of pageantry at East Georgia State College, Saturday, February 28. The Miss East Georgia State College pageant was sponsored by the Student Government Association. Dabney Edenfield was the Mistress of Ceremonies and Miss EGSC 2014, Harley Strickland, crowned her successor. A very special part of the evening was a return to the stage by former Miss EGSC winners, Austin Carruth, Rachel Frederick, Morgan Lothridge and Whitney Bush.





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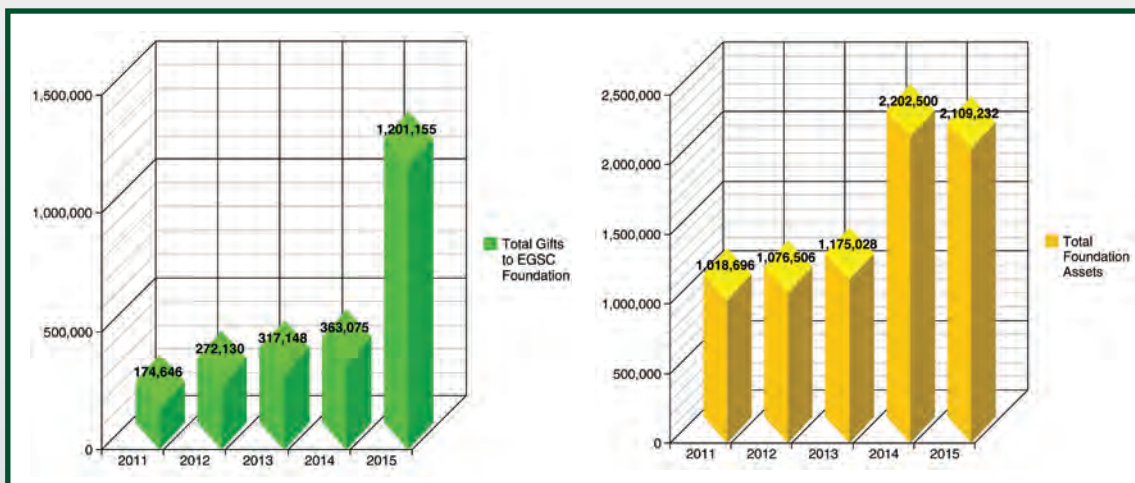
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