

BOBCAT SPOT PLUS!

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Upcoming Events

March 23-27

Auditorium in the Gambrell Building will be CLOSED for Miss EGSC Pageant preparations

March 28

Miss & Mr EGSC Pageant

6 p.m.

Gambrell Center Auditorium

April 1

Performance Evaluations Due
See email from Kaydee Oglesby

Let Human Resources know if a name has been left off.

April 13-14

Correll Scholars Interview Days

If you are interested in being on the interview panel, contact Angie Williams

April 15

8 hour first aid and mental health training class @ Fulford Center

This is training for local firefighters and EMS personnel.

April 30

Deadline to utilize comp time



January Senior Staff Meeting Recap

New Employees

We would like to welcome two new employees to the Bobcat family!

Tyler Sams has joined the business office in the accounts payable office. Sams was an Augusta University graduate.

Eric McCombie also joins EGSC as the new head baseball coach. His experience goes back to 2008, with his most recent assistant coaching position at Savannah State University. McCombie is from Pennsylvania. He has been serving as the Interim Head Coach of the Bobcat baseball team since September of 2019.

EGSC would like to congratulate both of you!

Students enrolled for Spring 2020. This number is **down 128 students** from last Spring. That is a 5% decrease.

CHOICE Program

The CHOICE Program currently has **10 students**. Four of those students will be up for graduation in May, and four are employed in jobs that are on or off campus.

In 2019, the CHOICE Program **graduated six students**. One of those students continued their education at Georgia Southern University and the others are employed.

News from the President's Office

Dr. Sandra Sharman notified everyone that the SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) Compliance Certification **has been turned in**. The Compliance Certification will now be reviewed by an off-site committee before the **on-site review on October 6-8, 2020**. Dr. Boehmer asked that everyone please mark those dates on their calendar!

Now that the Compliance Certification is turned in, there are two teams working diligently on the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan). Those two teams are working on two different parts – the lit review and the assessment. Dr. Sharman said the QEP is coming along nicely and should be complete in plenty of time. The title of the QEP is **Students Learning Communities Learning to Associate**.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dr. Boehmer said the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is being taken with the **highest amount of seriousness**. EGSC is planning now in case any cases get closer to our area. There is a [page on the EGSC website](#) that is being updated daily with new information.

I.T. Updates

The George L. Smith building is in the middle of its renovations. Sheetrock was started last week, and the building is scheduled to be finished in April.

There will now be a **Spring Cybersecurity Awareness Training**. Information about the training will be sent out to employees and training will take place in April or May.

In an effort to try to reduce cyber-attacks, **access to EGSC faculty and staff email accounts from outside the United States has been restricted**. If you need access while going out of the country, notify the IT Department so they can grant you access.

IT is also continuing to roll out the **two-factor authentication** for accessing EGSC email accounts. They will start back with the business affairs department.

Dining Services

The biometric turnstiles, ordering kiosks and mobile ordering are all up and running. The new technology has been running for just over a week and each new

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Dual Enrollment Update

So far for Fall 2020, **108 applications** have come in for dual enrollment. March 23 is the date for fall registration.

Brandy Murphy gave an update on **House Bill 444**. Murphy said it looks like the bill will pass. This bill would make changes to dual enrollment in the state of Georgia. Some of those changes would be limiting the hours of college courses a high school student can take, limiting the courses to 11th and 12th graders, and it would remove some of the classes high school students are currently being offered. In some cases, students who are already taking classes will be grandfathered in.

Enrollment Report

Currently, EGSC has **2,395 stu-**

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piece of equipment is being used often by students. So far, **the mobile ordering app has 200 downloads**. Of those 200 downloads, 68% of the people have been using the app to order food from the café or coffee shop.

Institutional Advancement

The fundraising campaign has been going very well! At the end of January 2020, **\$213,382 has been raised by 497 donors** for the fiscal year. This is more than last year already!

First Friday at the Morgan House is back! Everyone had a wonderful time last Friday at the event. It was a great time filled with artwork, music, games and refreshments. Departments are asked to volunteer to bring refreshments to the event. If your department would like to volunteer, contact Angie Williams.

Angie Williams recently went to a training about **minors being on college campuses**. If you are planning an event where minors will be in attendance, like a summer camp or school trip on campus, you will need to put that on the facilities request when you fill it out and it will have to be approved by Angie. She said this is a very serious matter and we have to be in compliance with the minors on campus policy.

Academic and Student Affairs

The course schedule for summer has been published! The Fall course schedule will be posted soon.

The deadline to submit an application for the Correll Scholars Program is **April 8**, but this will change for next year's program. The application deadline will now **move to Fall** for students who are interested in applying. The change is hoped to secure a more adequate applicant base.

There is now a tutor for Biology students! Susanna Hall has been hired to tutor in Biology. So far, there have been **23 appointments between 10 different students**. Appointments can be made by students in GradesFirst.

The RN-BSN Bridge Program accepted **13 students** this Spring. Two students will start in the Fall and one cancelled, leaving **10 total students** in the program for Spring 2020. These students are from the ages of 23 to 54 years old. Three students will graduate in May.

Employee Announcements

Elizabeth Gilmer, the Vice President of Institutional Advancement, had a big announcement in the Senior Staff Meeting. She announced she will be retiring! **Elizabeth's last day at EGSC will be April 30th**. Thank you, Elizabeth, for your hard work and dedication to EGSC! We wish you the very best!

JAM Center Expansion Update

Last week the furniture was installed in the new JAM Center expansion. On Tuesday, March 10, the fire marshal is scheduled to come inspect and clear the building.

Spring Break Trip

The Spring Break trip to Italy has been postponed due to

the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Costa Rica trips planned for May Term and Summer are now in question. EGSC is trying hard to keep these trips on the calendar but will make a decision in the coming months.

Library News

The library would like to thank everyone who help with the Dr. Seuss "Read Across America" event last Friday. EGSC welcomed **264 pre-k students** from across the county to enjoy the day. Thank you for your help to make this day possible!

College Readiness Tour

This year was the 8th year the College Readiness Tour has been going on. The tour was a success as the group was able to visit 16 high schools throughout our area. A total of around **3,600 students** were able to hear the "Envision your Future" message from Dr. Boehmer and the students who volunteered their time to join the tour and speak about their college experience.

