Welcome Back!!!
Welcome back faculty and students! We hope everyone had a nice and relaxing holiday season. We are looking forward to the new year and a new spring semester at East Georgia College.

New students participated in orientation for Spring Semester 2008 on Wednesday, January 9, in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center. Classes will begin on Monday, January 14. Based on student turn out, this will be another record-setting semester in student enrollment at East Georgia College.

Miss EGC Pageant
The Annual Miss EGC Pageant is now part of the Miss Georgia Preliminary Pageant. Scheduled for February 2, the new pageant will include on-stage questions, judges’ interview, evening gown, swimsuit and talent. For more information, contact Vicki Sherrod at 478-289-2105 or a Student Government Association representative. Make plans to attend this year’s new pageant.

News From Human Resources
January birthday greetings are extended to...
1/1 Karen Curl
1/5 David McFarren
1/8 Donnie Wilkerson
1/13 David Strickland
1/15 John Smoyer
1/18 Norma Woods
1/19 Sandra Sharman
1/20 Sebastian Verdis
1/21 April Womack
1/25 Linda Connolly
1/27 Carmine Palumbo
1/29 Christine Xie

Welcome
Please join us in welcoming these new full-time employees to the EGC family!
* Pat Homer, Receptionist for EGC in Statesboro
* Chaz Logue, Technology & Network Specialist
* Georgia Robertson, Senior Secretary for the Math/Science Department

In Memory
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dr. Leon Abrams, retired professor of anthropology and sociology. Dr. Abrams taught at EGC from 1973 until his retirement in 1990. He resided in New Jersey and continued to remain active through his extensive travels. Notes of sympathy can be sent to John M. Zambri, 40 Knowlwood Drive, Morristownship, New Jersey, 07960.

Reminders
- The new plan year for employee benefits runs from January 1st through December 31st; therefore, new deductibles are also in effect.
- If you still have money remaining in your 2007 medical and/or dependent care flexible spending account, you have until March 31st to submit eligible expenses for reimbursement (expenses must have been incurred in 2007).
Human Resources reminders continued from the front side)

- W-2’s and 1099 forms for 2007 will be distributed by the end of January. If you have had a change in your tax filing status, you may need to complete a new Federal and/or State Tax Withholding Certificate (available from H.R.). Consult your tax advisor concerning your specific needs.
- Please notify Human Resources as soon as possible if your address or phone number changes so that payroll records can be maintained accurately.

EGC ART GALLERY

The EGC Art Gallery, located in the new Student Services Complex, will exhibit New Paintings by Nick Nelson through Friday, January 25th. Take a few minutes and view this outstanding display. Also plan to attend the closing reception on Tuesday, January 22nd at 11 a.m.

EGC Ambassadors (below) met with President John Black, Advisor Vicki Sherrod, and EGC representatives Mary Smith and Jerry Hooks at Flat Creek Lodge for a focus group discussion, as well as an opportunity to thank the Ambassadors for all they do for East Georgia College throughout the year. The group enjoyed a delicious lunch as well as had an opportunity to tour the grounds of beautiful Flat Creek Lodge. EGC Ambassadors assist in the variety of events at the college including EGC Foundation meetings, Vision Series events, and special visitors to EGC.

We Care About Your Health

It’s the cold and flu season in Georgia and elsewhere; don’t forget to hand sanitize at the complimentary Germstar hand sanitizers located around campus. The devices kill 99.99% of germs while softening and refreshing the hands. Pecola Phillips, a new student this semester from Swainsboro, tries out one of the new sanitizers (better know as R2-D2 from the Star Wars movies). Hand hygiene saves lives.

EGC PLANT OPERATIONS PRESENTED

“GOOD NEIGHBOR” AWARD

In recognition for outstanding achievement in the recent enrollment/fund drive by the State Charitable Contributions Program, EGC’s Plant Operations team was presented an award. The department, responsible for all campus operations and maintenance, achieved 100% participation in the campaign drive to raise funds for charitable organizations in the area. The Charitable Contributions Program is a state-wide fund raising campaign drive to help families in need.

CAT COMMENTS

For a unique and delicious dining experience, try Elements Bistro and Grill at 104 NW Broad Street in downtown Lyons. Reservations are available by calling 912-526-8005. Also, don’t miss the art gallery next door at Elements.