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WELCOME BACK EGC FACULTY

We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer break. As you can see, while you were away the new student services complex continued to expand. It will be an incredible addition to the EGC campus. Other events that occurred this summer include:

A very successful East Georgia College Foundation Campaign was held and raised over \$132,000 in donations to support the college mission. The 2006 Campaign Chairman Danny Palmer and the EGC Foundation Chairman Ray Woods led the campaign along with Team Captains Richard McNeely, Mabel Poole, Denny Key, Caroline Harless, and Henry Gambrell. Donations to the EGC Foundation Campaign are used to help support traditional and non-traditional student scholarships, faculty and staff development, student study abroad programs, as well as collegiate events not funded by state appropriations.



2006 Campaign Team Captains (left to right) Richard McNeely, Denny Key, Mabel Poole, Caroline Harless and Chairman Danny Palmer. Not available for photo was Henry Gambrell.

EGC PROMOTIONS & NEW EMPLOYEES

New promotions for FY 2007 include Donald Avery, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services and Registrar; David Bartram, Division Chair, Social Science; Walter Bell, Custodian III; Jason Brannen, Technology & Network Specialist; Karen Curl, Facilities Coordinator; John Derden, Interim Division Chair, Humanities; Ty Fagler, Technology & Network Specialist; David Gribbin, Director of Institutional Research; Ken Homer, Assistant Professor of English and Reading; Lara Norton, Assistant Professor of Education and Physical Education; David Steptoe, Assistant Director of Plant Operations; Lucille Thompson, Custodian II; Johnna Ware, Physical Educational Complex Coordinator; Jimmy Wedincamp, Division Chair, Mathematics/Science; Teresa Wiggins, Supervisor of Landscape/Grounds; and Norma Woods, Director of Human

Resources; and Sallie Canady, Secretary to Human Resources and Public Information; and Aditi Mitra, Instructor of Mathematics. Tenure status was granted to Paul Cerpovicz, Tommy Upchurch, and Jimmy Wedincamp. New employees at EGC include Danny Palmer, Director of Development and Alumni Relations; Tonia Watts, Accounting Assistant; David McFarren, Technology Support Specialist; and Betsy McFarren, Custodian I.

New faculty appointments to begin at EGC this fall are Robert Bruce, Instructor of Sociology; and Katherine Taylor, Instructor of English.

We are proud of each of you and your accomplishments. East Georgia College is very fortunate to have you and your talents working on behalf of the college.

EGC'S NEW NURSING COLLABORATION WITH DARTON COLLEGE

East Georgia College in collaboration with Darton College, a two year unit of the University System of Georgia, will offer an Associates Degree of Nursing in Swainsboro beginning Fall 2006. Dr. Kim Cribb, Chair of the Darton Nursing Program; Assistant Nursing Director at Darton Verna Inandan; Dr. Tim Goodman, EGC's Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp, Chair of Mathematics and Science Division at East Georgia College and Donald Avery, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services and Registrar conducted information sessions on Wednesday, May 24th at 1PM and again at 5PM in the Luck Flanders Gambrell auditorium. The sessions, which were attended by over 150 interested participants, covered admissions requirements, transfer of credits from other programs and institutions, and the nursing curriculum including clinical requirements. The program is designed for new students interested in pursuing a degree in nursing, students interested in completing their nursing education and LPNs desiring an advanced degree. The anticipated start date for the Associates Degree in Nursing program at East Georgia College is August 14, 2006. For more information, please contact Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp at 478-289-2143 or Dr. Tim Goodman at 478-289-2034.



Dr. Kim Cribb, Chair of the Darton Nursing Program, speaks with students and guests interested in the new EGC/Darton Nursing Program.

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LARGEST TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR SUMMER IN HISTORY OF COLLEGE

The total student enrollment for summer semester 2006 at East Georgia College reached a record-breaking 694 students. This is a 15% jump over the enrollment of summer semester 2005. This increase reflects the largest summer semester total students enrollment in the history of the college. Both campuses showed tremendous jumps with the home campus (Swainsboro) increasing 8% over last summer and the EGC at Statesboro site rising 28% over last summer. Along with the increase in students, the percentage of semester credit hours of study rose 15% over the previous summer semester.

CHANCELLOR DAVIS VISITS EGC

Another highlight of the summer was the new chancellor's visit to campus. On Thursday afternoon, June 15th, the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia Erroll B. Davis, Jr. visited with students, faculty and staff of East Georgia College, as well as EGC Foundation members, community guests, and members of the area news media. While at the college, the Chancellor toured the campus, and the new student services complex presently under construction. Representative Larry J. "Butch" Parrish joined the Chancellor; Dr. John Black, President of East Georgia College; and Dr. Tim Goodman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services, for the tour. This marked the first visit of the Chancellor to East Georgia College since assuming his duties on February 6, 2006.

Chancellor Davis was presented a limited edition print of *Swainsboro Morning* by Georgia Artist, Alan Campbell. He also tried his hand at disc golf with a personalized East Georgia College disc.

The Chancellor praised East Georgia College on its continued mission of service and academic excellence. He supported the college's point of access mission as a two-year college and believed in the importance of the college's direction and goals.

"I look forward to my visits in the future to Swainsboro and East Georgia College. I am impressed with the faculty and staff and the overwhelming support of the community for this college. East Georgia College has a bright future," expressed Chancellor Davis.

GYMNASTICS CAMPS AT EGC

Kids Gymnastics Camps were held in June and July by the Division of Continuing Education for girls and boys ages 4 to 12 years. The camps included instruction



on vault, bars, beam and floor. Dedra Kearson, a highly trained and certified instructor from Double Dose Gymnastics of Statesboro, helped the young gymnasts learn basic skills and techniques. The participation by area youth was remarkable.



Representative Parrish, left, and Dr. Black, right, present Chancellor Davis with a signed limited edition print of Alan Campbell's "Swainsboro Morning."

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS & SALUTATORIANS ATTENDING EGC THIS FALL

The EGC faculty and staff are delighted that the following high school valedictorians and salutatorians from the area have chosen East Georgia College as their access into higher education. They are Rebecca Lynn Gay (Valedictorian/ ECI) and Heather Marie Porcel (Salutatorian/ECI), Chance Flanders (Valedictorian/Swainsboro High School) and Amos Black (Salutatorian/Swainsboro High School), and Corey McNeely (Salutatorian/David Emanuel Academy). We are proud of these students' accomplishments and look forward to our time at EGC with each student.



Scenes from the EGC Foundation Appreciation Banquet on June 22. The banquet honored the supporters of the annual campaign 2006.