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Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears to speak at East Georgia College

Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears of the Georgia Supreme Court will speak in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center Auditorium on Thursday, April 17th at 11 A.M. Sponsored by the EGC Vision Series, the event is free and open to our citizens of Emanuel and surrounding communities. Chief Justice Sears has achieved a distinguished position in Georgia's history. She was the first black woman to serve as a superior court judge in Georgia when she was elected to the Superior Court of Fulton County bench in 1988, and the first woman and youngest person ever to serve on the Georgia Supreme

Court when she was appointed by Governor Zell Miller in 1992. In July 2005, Justice Sears became the first woman to serve as the Chief Justice of the Court.



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Upcoming SACS Reaffirmation Review

EGC is accredited by Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Every 10 years, colleges are reviewed for reaffirmation of their accreditation by SACS. EGC last underwent a SACS review in 2000. EGC is now preparing for its review in 2010. A leadership team will soon be organized to coordinate preparation for the 2010 review. New to the review process is the development of a Quality Enhancement Plan that focuses on an area critical to the College's success. Look for updates in Cat Tracks as preparations for the College's 2010 review unfold.



Rendering of the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia College

BOR Approved New Center At EGC

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the gift of a new Community Learning Center project for East Georgia College at the March 18th and 19th Board Meeting. The new Center, donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. "Pete" Correll, will be named the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center, in memory of Ada Lee's mother, Mrs. Sudie A. Fulford. Groundbreaking for the new Center will begin in early summer 2008 and completion is planned for the summer of 2009. Open to all Emanuel County residents, providing space for individual as well as group learning, the Center will include an educational technology site where teacher education students, K-12 teachers and students, and college faculty will acquire hands-on training in the latest classroom technology. The energy-efficient "Green Center" will provide space for tutoring, group study, and areas for meetings, workshops, and small conferences. The domed ceiling in the great room will serve as a planetarium, once the proper projection, lighting, and seating are added. The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will also be utilized for continuing education classes and workshops for the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center.



Professional Grant Writing Workshop Held At EGC

The Georgia Rural Economic Development Center (GREDC) recently sponsored a two-day grant writing workshop held on campus. The workshop was open to college personnel and community citizens with an attendance of ten participants. Dr. David Bartram, Mary Smith, Priscilla Adams, Karen Jones, and Vicki Sherrod attended on behalf of the EGC faculty and staff.

HR HAPPENINGS

Best wishes are extended to those celebrating April Birthdays!

4/11 John Black
4/14 Christi Hutchings
4/14 Aditi Mitra
4/21 Barbara Green
4/24 David Steptoe
4/25 Mark Dallas
4/30 Belinda Thomas

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