2nd Annual

2014 East Meets West College Readiness Conference

East Georgia State College, Swainsboro Georgia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:30-10:30
REGISTRATION
ROTUNDA—LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL CENTER

10:30—10:45
WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT BOEHMER AND VP ADLER
AUDITORIUM, LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL CENTER

10:45-11:45
OPENING SESSION
MATHEW HAUER, CARL VINSON INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT, UGA
"USING DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND PROJECTIONS TO ASSESS COLLEGE READINESS AND PLAN
STRATEGICALLY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS"
AUDITORIUM, LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL CENTER

12 NOON—1:00 PM
BUFFET LUNCH—RICHARD L. BROWN DINING HALL
JEAN ANDERSON MORGAN STUDENT CENTER

1:00-1:30
STEPHEN KUZNIAK, SELIG CENTER, TERRY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, UGA
"THE REAL VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION"
RICHARD BROWN DINING HALL
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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**Session 1:** Room C-239: Topic: Reading Comprehension Skills for College Students; A multidisciplinary approach. Presenter: Sandra Sharman

**Session 2:** Room C-128: What are the Georgia Milestones and how do they affect College Readiness? Presenter: Leslie Mills

**Session 3:** Room D146: How does civic illiteracy affect college readiness and success? Civic literacy and Public Education in Georgia Today. Presenters: Pam Knauer and Randell Trammell.

**Session 4:** Room C240: How low math and science skills in gateway math and science courses affect college success. What can we do about it? Presenter: Amanda Buice

6:00 PM - FULFORD COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

“Tailgate Party” - Wear your favorite team jersey, come casual for boiled peanuts, beverages, a tailgate style supper and “story” time as we all share what works for us at our institutions. Facilitated by EGSC Deans Brown, Palumbo, and Cheek.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 – 9:00 – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
ROTUNDA, LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL CENTER

9:15 – 10:30
TOPICAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS—SOLUTION FOCUSED
FACILITATORS—BETSY MCGRIFF, KIM DAVID, MICHELLE ELLIOT, JUAN-CARLOS AGUILAR
HUMANITIES GATEWAY COURSE READINESS—Room C239
GEORGIA MILESTONES—Room C128
CIVIC LITERACY—Room D146
MATH AND SCIENCE READINESS—Room C240

10:45 – 11:30
REPORTS FROM GROUPS LED BY FACILITATORS
AUDITORIUM, LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL CENTER

11:30-11:45
CLOSING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS
PRESIDENT BOEHMER AND VP ADLER
AUDITORIUM, LUCK FLANDERS GAMBRELL CENTER
PRESENTERS

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

DR. JUAN-CARLOS AGUILAR—Georgia DOE Science Program Manager. Dr. Aguilar oversees state policy in the area of science education, coordinates K-12 science curriculum development, co-directs Georgia’s K-12 STEM initiative, and supervises the alignment of the state assessments with the Georgia Performance Standards for Science. He serves as liaison between the Georgia DOE and the different science organizations across the state and the Georgia DOE and the USG in the area of science.

AMANDA BUICE—Program Specialist, Math/Science Partnership Grant. Ms. Buice manages the competitive grant process of a $5+ million dollar federal grant sponsored by the United States Department of Education. She develops RFP’s, provides training for project directors, monitors compliance, analyzes impact, and communicates with stakeholders. Ms. Buice currently serves on the state STEM Committee and on the state team to build capacity for science education.

MATTHEW HAUER—Public Service Associate—Governmental Services and Research—Carl Vinson Institute. Mr. Hauer leads the institute’s Applied Demography Program, which provides state and local leaders with current demographic data and detailed population projections so that they can more effectively address issues and plan for the future. He also instructs officials on the use of demographics in public decision making. He has worked with Florida State University and the Atlanta Regional Commission and most recently with the U.S. Census Bureau as a statistician and in field operations. Education: M.S., Florida State University.

PAM KNAUER—Social Studies Coordinator for Houston County Schools, Grades 6-12. Ms. Knauer has spent 31 years in education in Houston County. She has been a classroom teacher for 23 years teaching 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade before becoming an Instructional coordinator for the last 8 years. Ms. Knauer was recently named the 2014 Social Studies Supervisor of the Year by the Georgia Council for the Social Studies.

STEPHEN KUZNIAK—Mr. Kuzniak is a graduate of UGA with a masters in Applied Economics and is currently completing his PhD in Behavioral Economics and Financial Planning. He has done extensive research in Economic Impact Analysis, Economic Forecasting, and Behavioral Risk Analysis. Mr. Kuzniak has worked with UGA for the last 10 years as an Economic Data Analyst at the Selig Center of Economic Growth and Development. He worked for the USDA in the Philippines prior to employment at UGA. He has a 2 year old daughter and a son on the way. Mr. Kuzniak has also traveled to more countries in the world than states in the U.S.

LESLIE P. MILLS—First District RESA Mathematics Consultant. Ms. Mills has been in education since 1975 teaching mathematics at both the high school and middle school level. She has received two resolutions from the State of Georgia recognizing her work with high stakes testing. Ms. Mills was the 1995-1996 Jeff Davis County System Teacher of the Year and has been STAR teacher several times. She currently works as a mathematics consultant at FDRESA and serves as the state President of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE).

SANDRA SHARMAN—Professor in the Humanities Department, EGSC. Dr. Sharman has been employed with EGSC for 17 years. Her areas of academic interest include: critical thinking, student cognition and learning, study strategies and cognitive information processing. Dr. Sharman is also the Phi Theta Kappa advisor at EGSC. She has a BS from the University of Mississippi, a MEd & MAT from East Tennessee State University, and a PhD from the University of Georgia. Dr. Sharman recently completed the School of Laity and is a Commissioned Lay Leader in the PCUSA.

RANDELL E. TRAMMELL—State Executive Director/CEO, YMCA of Georgia. A graduate of Reinhardt University in Religious Education, he also completed his MBA at Reinhardt. He joined the YMCA in 2004 and became the CEO in 2009. He received his Doctorate in Education in 2014 with an emphasis on Organizational Management and Leadership at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. His dissertation is entitled “High school students’ civic knowledge and sense of civic identity: a quasi-experimental study of the impact of experiential civic learning programs.” Trammell is a charter member of Northeastern University’s Advocacy Council for Excellence. He is immediate past president of the Reinhardt University Alumni Association as well as serves on a number of University Committees including the Academic Affairs and the Investment Committees, and serves as an adjunct professor at Reinhardt teaching nonprofit management and ethics in the McAmish School of Business.

ARCHWAY FACILITATORS

BETSY MCGRIFT, MBA—CANDLER COUNTY ARCHWAY PROFESSIONAL

KIM DAVID, MPA—WASHINGTON COUNTY ARCHWAY PROFESSIONAL

MICHELLE ELLIOTT, MPA—PULASKI COUNTY ARCHWAY PROFESSIONAL