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CSRA RESA
David Emanuel Academy
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Emmanuel County Institute
Emmanuel County Pre-K
Emmanuel County Relay for Life
Emmanuel County Schools
Emmanuel Medical Center
Emmanuel Retired Educators Association
Franklin Memorial Library
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Georgia Department of Economic Development
Georgia Department of Education
Georgia Department of Labor
Georgia Power Company
Glad and Seedling Garden Clubs
Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Daughters of the American Revolution
Hotset America Corporation
Magnolia Midlands Society for Human Resource Management
Metter Girls Club
Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant
Ogeechee Behavioral Center
Pineland Communications
Regional All Hazards Council
Swainsboro Elementary School
Swainsboro High School
Swainsboro Middle School
Swainsboro Kiwanis Club
Swainsboro Primary School
Swainsboro Probation Office
Thomas Jefferson Academy
Tri-County PREP
Twin City Methodist Preschool
Twin City Primary School
Vidalia Cub Scouts
Vidalia Girl Scouts
Walmart
Warren County Youth Apprenticeship Program

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Our Goals
Education
Civic Engagement
Hospitality

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21st Century Leaders Discuss Career Paths

In December, over forty Emanuel County Institute student leaders gathered at the Center with a variety of community members to discuss career choices. Representatives from Nordson, Swainsboro Technical College, and Durden Banking Company took part in the forum and provided valuable information. Emanuel County Probate Judge Don Wilkes also provided important insight into career opportunities. The forum included panel discussions, as well as small group discussions. Elizabeth Kraus, Emanuel County Institute Counselor, coordinated the event.

Bulldog Buddies Invade The Center

Fifty Emanuel County Institute student leaders and their Twin City Elementary Bulldog Buddies converged on the Fulford Center in December for a fun-filled holiday celebration. ECI students were paired with a Twin City Elementary student at the beginning of the school year and became year-long mentors for the students. While at the Center, students enjoyed holiday planetarium shows and made a star Christmas tree ornament as a memento of their time together. Elizabeth Kraus, ECI School Counselor, and Brandi Beal, TCE School Counselor, coordinate the Bulldog Buddies program.

Fulford Center Adds Two New Staff Members

Erin Youmans will serve as Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (GYSTC) Coordinator in a part-time capacity. GYSTC is an educational organization designed to increase interest and enthusiasm in science and the technologies, particularly among elementary and middle school teachers and students. Erin earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Georgia Southern University. She taught five years in the Washington County School District and brings her passion for teaching to the center. Erin may be reached at (478)289-2094. We look forward to her contributions in the continued growth and success of the Fulford Center. Tammy Durden serves as a full-time administrative assistant to both the Fulford Center and Magnolia Midlands GYSTC. She brings over 10 years of customer service experience and such enthusiasm and dedication to her responsibilities. Tammy may be reached at 289-2366. We are very pleased to welcome her to the Fulford team!

Sincere thanks to...

• Dr. Bob Brown for donating The Astronomer: Companion Book to the PBS Series. This book is a valuable new addition to the Fulford Resource Library.
• Pete and Ada Lee Correll for their donation of a Meade ETX-90EC Astro Telescope. This extremely versatile, high-resolution imaging system will provide amazing stargazing experiences for Fulford Planetarium visitors.

Region 9 DFCS Officials Participate In MOM Training

Forty-five Department of Family and Children Services supervisors, program specialists and county directors assembled at the Fulford Center on December 10 for their annual Meeting of the Minds (MOM) management team meeting. Representing 18 counties, including Emanuel County, the group discussed policies and issues related to child welfare programs. Regional Director, Stacey Burfield, addressed the group and discussed the importance of teamwork. She thanked participants for their service and dedication to the children and families in the region.

Ultimate Grant Seekers Workshop Scheduled

East Georgia State College will sponsor The Ultimate Grant Seeker’s Workshop at the Fulford Center on Thursday, January 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mike Killen, CEO of Building Competitive Communities, Inc., will lead the workshop. Killen will share the secrets that effective grant writers use to get dynamic proposals funded. He will also review the essential steps of successful proposal writing.

Killen’s mission is to support communities with his acclaimed strategy of “Building Competitive Communities through Partnership Excellence.” He recently was credited with assembling a group of community partners in central Georgia to compete for federal funding. The collaborative effort was successful and received $20 million. For more information or to register for the workshop, call the Center at 289-2464.