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Regents Commit \$5 Million to Address Nursing Shortage

University System of Georgia officials announced a \$5 million initiative that makes expanding the USG's production of nurses a key priority.

Twenty-one University System institutions will participate in the comprehensive effort, producing new graduates with associate's, bachelor's, and doctoral degrees in nursing.

The University System currently is graduating well over 2,000 nurses per year. The newly announced initiative is expected to increase this number by more than 400 during the 2006-2007 academic year.

East Georgia College and eight other USG institutions will expand the Associate of Science in Nursing programs.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Georgia will have a projected 48,000 registered nurses by 2020, but the agency projects there will be a demand for 80,000 registered nurses. The USG's "Nursing Program Initiative" will help to close the resulting gap of 32,000 nurses.

Out & About

Mike Rountree and Wilder Coleman attended the Banner Summit Conference in Orlando from April 1-7.

Norma Woods attended the 2006 State Charitable Contributions Program Awards Luncheon in Atlanta on April 5.

Linda Attebery and Becky Foskey attended AR training at Clayton State University and RACAR training at Macon State University on April 11 and 12.

Barbara Green attended the Regents' Advisory Committee for Student Financial Aid Meeting in Macon on April 12.

Dr. Deena McKinney taught Web-CT Vista training

University of Georgia in Athens on April 13 and 14.

Jimmy Wedincamp visited the "Bodies Exhibition," Plastinated Human Cadavers at the Atlanta Civic Center on April 14.

Lara Norton attended a meeting at Georgia State University in Atlanta on April 17.

Norma Woods attended a Customer Service Meeting at the Board of Regents Office in Atlanta on April 17.

Becky Foskey attended a CUPO Annual Meeting at Middle Georgia College in Cochran on April 21.

Adi Galloway and Becky Foskey attended a 2006 People Soft Financials Year-End Workshop at Macon State College on April 27 and 28.

Massie Kight attended a PS Financials Year-End Workshop at Macon State College on April 27.

Michelle Goff and Drew Durden attended a USG Homeland Security Seminar at Macon State College on April 28.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EGC

Dr. Glenn Stracher was recently informed that he will receive funding for five years of research in China, where he will serve as a sub-task leader in charge of a team of scientists that will be investigating the environmental and health effects of mine fires burning across the country. The funding was approved at the presidential level. Dr. Stracher's work will include an expedition to the Inner Mongolia autonomous region of northern China where he discovered several new mineral occurrences with his colleagues. In addition, he will be presenting lectures, teaching short courses, and working with medical personnel in China. In October, Dr. Stracher will attend an organization meeting with American and Chinese officials in Washington D.C. to map out the research program.

Dr. Tom Caiazzo presented a paper on both 9/11 and the Persian Gulf War for the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC).

Dr. John Black lectured to Dr. Tom Caiazzo's POLS 1101 class about the Duties, Functions, and Responsibilities of Georgia Higher Education to Georgia residents.

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HONORS EVENING AT EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE

The East Georgia College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently conducted the college's annual honors ceremony in the auditorium in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of two-year colleges. The EGC honors program, which began in 1976, recognizes students who have excelled in areas of academic achievement and campus leadership.

Randy Carter, chapter advisor of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and instructor of political science in the EGC Social Science Division, opened the ceremonies. Presentation of the awards was made by President of East Georgia College, Dr. John Black; Dr. Tim Goodman, vice president for academic affairs and student services; and various college professors from each academic area.

The Honorable Jack Hill of the Georgia State Senate and Honorable Larry J. "Butch" Parrish of the Georgia State House of Representatives made the first awards by presenting the University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Kathi L. Garrett and the All-USA Academic Team Nominee Angela C. Cable.

Honor students were recognized next and awarded certificates of honor. They are Nena D. Cross, Kathi L. Garrett, Sarah E. Gifford, Brenda L. Henry, Sheyna K. Hopkins, Justin R. Ivins, Robert D. Johnson, Michelle L. Jones, Jarrett B. Kersey, Priscilla E. Metts, Kayce J. Patrick, Jessica K. Register, Lyndon G. Singletary, Chessica A. Smith, Lisa A. Vaughn, and Stacey L. Warren.

The Achievement in Regents' Reading award was presented to Lisa A. Vaughn. The Emily Pestana-Mason Memorial Poetry Contest Award was presented to Lee R. Rish.

Students receiving awards in subject areas included Sarah E. Gifford and Megan M. Taylor, English Composition; Jason S. McNeely, World Literature; Patricia A. Earls, Speech; Ashley L. Clayton, Biology; Kathi L. Garrett, Chemistry; Christine A. Wilson, Computer Science; Lisa W. Faircloth, Geology; Leontine Leader and Himaben P. Patel, Mathematics; Benjamin J. Bott and Christine A. Wilson, Information Technology; Michelle L. Jones, Physics; Lyndon G. Singletary and Christine A. Wilson, Business/Economics; Kayce J. Patrick, Education; Sarah E. Gifford and Leontine Leader, History; Merry C. Cannon and Lee R. Rish, Political Science; Lisa W. Faircloth, Psychology; and Patsy L. Fields, Academic Perseverance Award.

EGC students honored for leadership in campus activities were next presented awards: Editor of the

Hoopee Bird (the campus newspaper), Sarah E. Gifford; Treasurer of the African-American Union, Andrew E. Ball;

President of Alpha Sigma Psi, Beau J. Gunn; Baptist Student Union, Morgan E. Sammons and Robert T. Williams (Co-Presidents); Circle K, Christine A. Wilson (Vice President); College Republicans, Jessica M. Boaen and Beth Collins; Computer Club, Christine A. Wilson (President); Democratic Club, Jordan L. Cannady (President); International Club, Chelsea A. Price (President); Non-traditional Club, Kimberly R. Wingate (President); Outdoor Recreation and Sports Club, Christopher C. Silvers (President); Phi Theta Kappa, Sarah E. Gifford (President); Robert Feline Playmakers, Antre M. Drummer and Anthony A. Fulmer; Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Angela C. Bunyon (President); Student Government Association, Pamela E. Adams (President); Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE), Linda G. Davis (President); Student Tutor Service Award, Kristofer J. Craft, Leontine Leader, and Himaben P. Patel (Tutors); and Wrestling Club, Sergio H. Torres.

Dr. Ed Bolton received a special award for his service to the students. Dr. Alan Brasher received the Ritz-Carlton "Service to Students" Award. This annual award is voted on by EGC students and the honoree and guest receive a free weekend at the Ritz-Carlton of their choice in Georgia.

Dr. Black and Mr. Carter made closing remarks. Following the ceremony, the students, parents, and their guests enjoyed a reception held in their honor in the rotunda of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center.



Representative Larry J. "Butch" Parrish (left) and Senator Jack Hill (right) present honorary awards to Kathi Garrett (left) and Angela Cable (right).