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Dr. Deborah Vess named new VPAA

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The plan with that is to get students ready for graduation and to prepare them for the next institution that they go to after they graduate from East Georgia State College. While Dr. Vess is super intelligent, she is also very talented in the music department. Dr. Vess got a degree in piano performance. She also played the drums and guitar while she was in college, but she said that the piano was her favorite. This transpired into her teaching piano while she lived in Texas. Welcome to EGSC, Dr. Vess!
Get involved in your college experience by LEARI-JENEE JONES
East Georgia State College

The thought of being involved in the EGSC community? How could it benefit a student? The benefits of being involved in the EGSC community vary. Involve oneself in clubs, sports, and events around campus could build self-esteem, relationships, and give a great support system.

Give students a support system outside of the classroom and could potentially give them courage to step outside of their comfort zone. Some clubs around campus include: Art, Criminal Justice, Book, Chess, STEMMEGA, Student Ambassadors, and the Residence Hall Association, to name a few. Each club is encouraged to nominate a Homecoming King and Queen to run for the court. Each club can also be what the student wants it to be. Events do not have to all be centered around the club’s purpose. For instance, the Book Club could host a bake sale even though it does not relate to books. Clubs also accept everyone for involvement in because it is always something happening to be involved in.

On the EGSC campus, there are many ways to get involved. Of EGSC, there are many events that happen on campus such as special events or events that can be caught every year. An involvement on campus can benefit someone, if it’s even getting a Seat of Distinction on their diploma to just finding lifelong friends. On the EGSC campus there is always something happening to be involved in because it is such a small community. Our community benefits everyone involved and even those not involved.

Giving back to the community

by CHASIDY BYRD

When I was 12 years old, I transitioned from a private school system to a public school system. The standards, curriculum, and the way students were disciplined were all so different to me and I felt purposeless. I wanted to do something for the summer. I needed an excuse for not feeling of fear and that feeling of 

Although most of it was imaginary this to be exciting, it also had its downsides. The most stressful part about this opportunity was watch- ing young kids grab several snacks because they didn’t have food at home. Maybe the most stressful part was watching a child come in cry- ing and worried about their siblings. No, maybe the most stressful part was knowing that I spent so much time complain- ing about what I was or what wasn’t. A quote writer by the name of Ron Conway once said, “I believe that we all have a responsibility to give back. No one becomes successful with- out a world of hard work, support from others, and a little luck. Giving back creates a virtuous cy- cle that makes everyone more successful.”

It was that exact moment when I stepped away for a few hours to have a giv- er through compassion and I encourage others to give back as well. We live the way we were taught to live or the way we know how to live and then from that, we hope that life gives us some, if not all, of that back. Whether you give through your career (teacher, doctor, nurse, lawyer, etc.) or through a simple trash pick-up at the park, giving is giving and someone will be thankful that you did.

See you there! EVENTS AT EGSC

Nov. 1 – Men’s Basketball Game 7:30 p.m. Gym
Nov. 3 – International Game Day 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Room J503
Nov. 5 – First Friday at The Morgan House 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7 – Men’s Basketball Game 7:30 p.m. Gym
Nov. 8 – Mason Beehive Display 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Nov. 9 – Women’s Basketball Game 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 – Breast Cancer Awareness Softball Game 3 p.m. Softball Field
Nov. 10 – Family Astronomy Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Pullard Center
Nov. 11 – Women’s Mystery Dinner Theatre 8 p.m. EGSC-Statesboro
Nov. 11 – Open House 9 a.m. EGSC-Augusta
Nov. 11 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre 8 p.m. EGSC-Statesboro
Nov. 12 – Final Exams Week Kick-Off 8 a.m. All Campuses
Nov. 13 – Women’s Basketball Game 2 p.m. Gym
Nov. 14 – Transfer Tuesday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cafe
Nov. 14 – Final Exams 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15 – Scholarship Applications Deadline
Nov. 16 – “Sting a Struggle” Playwriting Contest Deadline
Nov. 17 – Women’s Basketball Game 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 – Women’s Basketball Game 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Break
Swainsboro, Statesboro
Nov. 21 – Men’s Basketball Game 6 p.m. Gym
Nov. 22 – Women’s Basketball Game 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 22 – 24 – Thanksgiving Break All Campuses
Nov. 24 – Men’s Basketball Game 2 p.m. Gym
Nov. 25 – Men’s Basketball Game 2 p.m. Gym
Nov. 26 – Graduation Rehearsal 2 - 4 p.m. Gym
Nov. 29 – Graduation Ceremony 1 – 2 p.m. Gym
Dec. 1 – First Friday at The Morgan House 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2 – Women’s Basketball Game 2 p.m. Gym
Dec. 4 – 8 – Final Exam Week
Swainsboro, Statesboro
Dec. 7 – 8 – Final Exams 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dec. 8 – Graduation Rehearsal 2 - 4 p.m. Gym
Dec. 9 – Graduation Ceremony 1 – 2 p.m. Gym
Dec. 9 – Women’s & Men’s Basketball Games 2 p.m. Gym
Dec. 10 – 12 – Winter Break
Dec. 11 – 14 – Final Exams - Augusta
Dec. 15 – Women’s Basketball Game 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 – Men’s Basketball Game 5:30 p.m.
Men’s Basketball: Leroy Jordan

Coach Leroy Jordan is considered to most people here in Swainsboro as a “Hometown Hero,” with 29 years of coaching experience: 23 years as the head coach at Swainsboro High School and six years at EGCS. With such coaching experience, a strong personal relationship with his players, his strong coaching philosophy, and the fact he remains focused on leading a ministry program on and off the court. One thing Coach Jordan brings is his ability to identify all of his players as they go through the program and make them feel special and important. He believes a player’s time here is “more than just basketball and should be spent developing as young men, especially when they go to academies.”

The 2016-2017 season was a learning experience for young men, especially when they go through coaching. For this reason, the 2017-2018 season has to bring a consistent starting pitcher for the Bobcats last year, leading the team in mound work, causing them to think about the impact I can have for all of my girls to grow as a person and develop as a ball player. So far, out of 334 innings pitched. The Bobcats’ head coach at Swainsboro, saying, “We have the player’s time here is men’s basketball here at East Georgia, says Coach Jordan, “We have the players is something I value most, and has been a consistent pitcher for the Bobcats. This past season was his third year in a row as the head coach for Chipola College in Florida, Pace knows he’s had a suc- cessful program. Playing for a year profes- sional, he believes a player’s time here is men’s basketball. The 2017-2018 season has to bring an individual is out of their heart and desire to win. When asked what the team comes in with a 20-8 record, and for the student body is a challenge. “This community and school is very instrumental for our success; we need the 6th man to come out to set the tone for our home games.” Well Bobcats, challenge accepted, ready to become not just a player of the game, but in the classroom as well. The Lady Bobcats will take on Andrew College in the team’s first home game on November 8th.

Key Players to Watch:

- Taija Jenkins, #4

Upon return in January, Jenkins was the floor general for the Bobcats to take away the void from last year’s recruiting class and be more of a leader.

- Aaron Reddick, #4

Reddick led last year’s team in rebounds and blocks, becoming a force in the paint on both sides of the hardwood.

Baseball: Dusty Hess

New to the Head Coaching role at East Georgia College is Dusty Hess. Hess is not at all new to the baseball team, being the team’s assistant for three years as an assistant at Manhattan High School, he then moved over to be the head coach for Kansas State. After his time there, he took on the role of assistant coach for Mississippi Delta and later at Northeastern State in Oklahoma for three years, then spent one more year at Skagit Valley College before he began coaching at the junior college level two years ago. The 2017-2018 season will be his 11th season as an assistant head coach at the University of Georgia. He was named Interim Head Coach in August.

Hess takes pride in the close-knit communi- ty here in Swains- boro, saying, “The abil- ity to have a personal relationship with my players is something I value most, and has laid the foundation for a fun, exciting team to be a part of.” One thing Coach Hess wants his players to take away from this program is the desire for all of his guys to grow as a person and develop as a ball player. So far, out of 334 innings pitched. The Bobcats’ head coach at Swainsboro, saying, “We have the opportunity to fill any voids that graduated last year. The Bobcats to take away the voids that graduated last year. The Bobcats to take away the voids that graduated last year.

Key Players to Watch:

- Taber Raye

Lance was last year’s starting catcher for the Bobcats and goes into her sophomore year with a chip on her shoulder, adding a bigger role as a team leader.

- Taylor Owens

The same is true for Owens. She exemplifies a hard work ethic and the ability to fill the voids for the 2017-2018 season. Expect to see a very en- thusiastic student of the game, one who plans to turn his head in the 2017-2018 season.

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Key Players to Watch:

- Jonnae Johnson, #10

Johnson is a returner for the Bobcats, who had one of the best seasons in the conference last year. Expect her to become not just a player of the game, but in the classroom as well. The Lady Bobcats will take on Andrew College in the team’s first home game on November 8th.

Softball: Becca Hewitt

A product of East Georgia State College, Becca Hewitt was the school’s first-ever player to make the Junior College World Series in 2011 and is heading into her first year as our team’s Head Coach. Hewitt and her players fought their way to the championship game. The one thing Coach wants her Lady Bobcats to take away from this program is that hard work does, in fact, pay off, and the one thing absolutely no one can take away from an individual is their heart and desire to win. When asked what the team comes in with a 20-8 record, and for the student body is a challenge. “This community and school is very instrumental for our success; we need the 6th man to come out to set the tone for our home games.” Well Bobcats, challenge accepted, ready to become not just a player of the game, but in the classroom as well. The Lady Bobcats will take on Andrew College in the team’s first home game on November 8th.

Key Players to Watch:

- Libbi Lance

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- Taylor Long

Long was the softball team’s starting catcher last year. She played with heart, and desire to win. When asked what the team comes in with a 20-8 record, and for the student body is a challenge. “This community and school is very instrumental for our success; we need the 6th man to come out to set the tone for our home games.” Well Bobcats, challenge accepted, ready to become not just a player of the game, but in the classroom as well. The Lady Bobcats will take on Andrew College in the team’s first home game on November 8th.
How does student housing affect life on campus?

by MIYA LUNDY

Student housing affects life on campus more than you think. One of the most important factors about school is academics. You have to keep your grades up to continue to attend, and to make that possible, you would have to be here in present class. There is a variety of sports and different clubs that some of the students can participate in. On-campus housing is one of the best things that you can have ever happened to a college student and the decision has a worthwhile effect on passing their classes.

Connections

by TANEQUE LEWIS

A lot of freshman college students don’t take their education seriously, which is understandable. Freshmen out of high school right into unlimited freedom. Most students had different choices with no parents watching every move you’re making. You’re “grown” now. You’re not as smart as you think you are, and you’re definitely not smarter than your pro- foster or anyone other stall member. These intelligent and caring people are students who are still in college, but they are not here to baby or treat you like the high school student you once were. They have standards and rules, and respectful is not the way to get a degree.

Living on campus is one of the best decisions that I ever made. I didn’t have the money to afford to go to college, so I had to accept and pick the best education that I could get for myself. I had absolutely no idea what I wanted. I went home to my parents, and they approved my decision. I had no idea what I would do. Everything that was a little bit of a choice didn’t really make any sense because I was so confused. I made a few friends who I just attracted more and more and then I got into a major that was my passion, drive, perseverance, and all the things that I would have to go through in order to get a degree. When I first attended college, I went away from home to have that constant communication. Living on campus gives the students instant access to peers, even when they need help with academics. Students can put together study groups that can also have a very positive effect on passing their classes.

Keep Going

by CHASSIDY BYRD

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“Georgia State College is just the beginning of the road to success. Maybe you aren’t sure of what you want out of life, which is okay. It may not be as the final battlefield. You can reach Idris on Twitter @IGraebner.”