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Dr. Franklin and Nelson Mandela; Memories of Clayton State's Fall 2013 Commencement

by John Shiffert

Clayton State University has been holding fall commencement ceremonies since December 2000. All have been memorable occasions for the graduates, their families and the Clayton State faculty and administration. However, the Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013 Commencement will long be remembered as a special occasion.

Following the 9 a.m. ceremony highlighted by the keynote speech of State Senator Jack Hill, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the University honored former Atlanta mayor Shirley C. Franklin at the noon ceremony with the eighth honorary degree granted by the University in its 45-year history.

Now as the holder of an honorary Clayton State Doctorate of Public Service, Dr.



Franklin (as so-introduced by Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes) proceeded to give a most memorable commencement address, basing her remarks to the graduates on the example set by a man she referred to as, "one of the great

heroes of the 20th Century," former South African President Nelson Mandela, who passed away on Dec. 5, 2013, at the age of 95. Indeed, the spirit of a great man

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Groundbreaking a "Great Day" for the State of Georgia Governor Deal Pledges \$2.9M to Equip New Clayton State Science Building

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal electrified a standing room-only crowd at the Nov. 14 groundbreaking for Clayton State University's new science building with a pledge to include \$2.9 million in next year's budget to equip the new facility.

Concluding his remarks before a large gathering of Clayton State faculty, staff, students and most of the local state legislative delegation, Deal noted the importance of the planned \$19.8 million building to the training of Georgia's future workforce, and added that an empty building wouldn't be of much help to the students.

"I am including \$2.9 million in next year's budget to equip this building," he then pledged.

According to Dr. Michelle Furlong, chair of the Clayton State Department of Natural Sciences, the funds Deal spoke of will be used mainly for scientific equipment for the new building's 16 labs. Included in the science building's 64,600 square feet will be eight instructional labs -- five for biology and three for chemistry -- and eight research labs, evenly split between biology and chemistry.

The ceremony was held on the site of the new building, located in the parking lot across from the University's Laboratory Annex Building. Other speakers for the event, coincided with the beginning of construction, included University System of Georgia Chancellor Hank Huckaby;

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Clayton State's New Science Building... A Monumental Addition

While Clayton State University is not in the process of raising monuments, at least one current student believes there's a monumental addition coming to the University's Morrow campus.

Chemistry major Lashaundra Ponder, a native of Rex, Ga., is understandably excited about the potential for the new science building to make dreams real for Clayton State students.

"The new science building is a monumental addition to the Clayton State community," she says. "This building will be a valuable asset to Clayton State, serving as an extension of the science division, which offers greater opportunity for students to grow.

While chemistry majors are typically thought of along strictly scientific lines, Ponder also applauds other aspects of the new building.

"Aesthetically, the building provides a modern and chic ambiance to the campus," she notes. "The technological advances that building encompasses will help to students to learn and achieve their academic goals."



The groundbreaking for the new science building was held on Nov. 14, 2013.

Additional labs and classroom space for the natural sciences have been a critical need for Clayton State since the University has expanded from 4675 students in 2001 to more than 7200 students currently. Indeed, given the science course and lab requirements in the core curriculum, the lack of a dedicated science building has limited the University's enrollment, in effect limiting the number of students who can make their dreams real at Clayton State. The science building is expected to be completed in June 2015 with classes to be held in the new building starting with the fall 2015 semester.

In addition to meeting the needs of the University, the new science building will help the University meet critical needs in several fields in Atlanta's Southern Crescent; notably in nursing, healthcare managers for Southern Crescent medical facilities, science educators, and entrepreneurs in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) disciplines, enabling more students to graduate with STEM skills. This enhanced workforce will mean a boost to the economy of the counties immediate to Morrow, which provide the majority of Clayton State's students. ■

Nikki Sawyer's Unique Perspective On Clayton State's New Science Building

by John Shiffert

While the term "unique" is often overused, Clayton State University Lecturer of Biology Nikki Sawyer can certainly claim to have a unique perspective on the University's new science building. A



Nikki Sawyer

2007 graduate of Clayton State, Sawyer matriculated at the University in 2004, or just about the same time as it became clear that a science building was a necessity for the University's future growth. As

a result, she's ready to see another dream made real at Clayton State.

"I was one of the 'non-traditional' students that came to Clayton State after several years -- 11 to be exact -- away from academia," she explains. "Going straight into the workforce after high school, I held various jobs; the longest was eight years at the postal service; before deciding to return to college to get a degree in science."

As a result of her academic background, Sawyer says she still feels a real connection to Clayton State students... because so many of them are older, non-traditional students.

"Clayton State really is the place where dreams are made real... for people of all ages!" she exclaims.

A lifelong resident of the Southern Crescent, Sawyer's dream at Clayton State started in the spring of 2004 as a biology major. Following a very successful career as a Clayton State student -- she was named the 2007 Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award Recipient, and graduated summa cum laude in May of that year -- she was accepted to both Columbia University and Emory University's graduate schools.

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Daejeon Health Sciences College Welcomes Clayton State Representatives

by John Shiffert

Dr. Kevin Demmitt, Clayton State University associate vice president for extended programs, and Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Victoria Foster recently returned from a trip to South Korea, where they continued work on the University's partnership with Daejeon Health Sciences College.

Clayton State and Daejeon Health Sciences College originally signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in March 2013. The MOU was designed to serve as a general framework for inter-institutional cooperation between the College of Health at Clayton State and Daejeon Health Sciences College. This coming summer, Daejeon will be sending 15 students to Clayton State for a four-week course in medical terminology. According to Demmitt, Daejeon also hopes that Clayton State can send a faculty member to Daejeon to teach during the summer term.

In addition to those plans, there is a lot of excitement on both sides of the agreement.

"Dr. Victoria Foster and I received an overwhelming welcome when we visited

Daejeon Health Sciences College," says Demmitt. "Their excitement over our working together was evident by the Clayton State welcome banners displayed all over campus.

"I believe this has the opportunity to be a very fruitful partnership with a college that is clearly on the rise in South Korea. They were recently named as a World Class College by the Korean government – a distinction held by only 11 of the more than 400 colleges in the country. They also were selected to build a second campus in the city where the national government is preparing to move most of their headquarters. This new campus will be 10 times larger than their current location and will allow them to add even more majors and their status will be upgraded from college to university."

Foster was also impressed with the welcome they received from Daejeon, and the college itself.

"Riding up to the campus, a huge banner was flying with the words, 'Welcome the Delegation of Clayton State University, USA,'" she recalls. "The (Clayton State) banner was also flying alongside their

school banner all over the campus. Upon arriving and getting out of the car, the university president, vice president, and other officials were standing at the door clapping. They treated us like rock stars.

"I was very impressed with their campus, as they are a bit more technologically-savvy than we are and just have more of what we have. The hospital facility had technology that I haven't seen used here in the States, so I think that our nursing students would benefit from going to South Korea as well."



Dr. Kevin Demmitt



Dr. Victoria Foster

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Foster's Quick Action Helps Save a Life in a Mid-Air Acute Care Situation

Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Nursing and Interim Director of the College of Health's Graduate Nursing Program Dr. Victoria Foster was returning from her recent trip to South Korea on behalf of the University's MOU with Daejeon Health Sciences College when she was presented with a potential life-or-death situation in mid-air when a fellow passenger had a severe allergic reaction to peanuts.

Foster reports that the individual in question, a young woman, was given

an epinephrine shot by a friend who was travelling with her, but she nonetheless passed out in the aisle of the airplane. Fortunately, she passed out right by Foster's seat.

She couldn't have picked a better spot, since Foster holds an M.S.N. from Armstrong Atlantic State University, a B.S.N. from Tuskegee University and a Ph.D. from Georgia State University. Having already arranged an academic nursing program in Korea, Foster then went into "hands-on" nursing mode. She picks up the story thusly...

"I jumped into the aisle to do a quick assessment. I was given equipment to listen to lung sounds and to take a blood pressure. Her pressure was low at 100/58. She was having difficulty breathing and her tongue was swelling. I asked for an oxygen tank and (an army nurse on board the flight) started her on O2. Two interns, the Army nurse, and I lifted her to a nearby middle section of the plane. I had to start an IV and give her IV fluids, (using) my arm as a pole and my hand

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Clayton State Homecoming Set for Week of February 9 to February 15

by John Shiffert

The year was 1969. Man first walked on the moon. The Beatles hadn't broken up. Richard Nixon was president. Lester Maddox was governor of Georgia. Led Zeppelin and Creedence Clearwater Revival topped the charts. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and the original True Grit were big hits at the movies. Tie-dyeing and bell bottoms were "in." The New York Mets surprised everyone by winning the first National League Championship series over the Braves, and then winning the World Series over the Baltimore Orioles. And while the Internet hadn't been invented yet, Clayton State had been... or at least its doors opened for the first time to 942 students on Sept. 30, 1969.

Next year, 2014, marks the 45th anniversary of the University opening its doors as Clayton Junior College. We will be celebrating that milestone throughout the year, starting with the University's annual Homecoming celebration. While Homecoming day is February 15, there will be a week of activities, beginning on February 9, leading up to the big day.

Join us for a week of fun activities, heart-pounding sports action, and unbridled enthusiasm for all things Clayton State. If you're on campus regularly, you'll love the many opportunities to make memories that you'll revisit year after year when Homecoming rolls around. And if you haven't been to campus in a while, well, it's time to come home.

Some highlights from the big day:

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, Homecoming Day

- Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m., Jonesboro Rd and Clayton State Campus
- Homecoming Picnic, Festival and Tailgate, hosted by the Alumni Association, 11:30 a.m., Laker Hall Grounds
- Reunion of the first students, faculty and staff, hosted by the Alumni Association, 11:30 a.m., Laker Hall
- Homecoming Basketball Games vs. Montevallo, 1:30 p.m. Women's team, 3:30 p.m. Men's team



Visit the Homecoming website at <http://giving.clayton.edu/alumni> for more information.

To keep up to date on the Reunion, please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/580766265309733/>

Interested in entering a unit into the parade? Go to <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BzlbQKJG8fFWNUJFTnJLbGtyekU/edit?pli=1> for the parade entry packet.

Library Awarded Grant to Take Part in Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle

The Clayton State University Library has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in a special initiative entitled Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle.

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

According to Erin Nagel, assessment & marketing librarian and coordinator for the Clayton State's participation in Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle, the kickoff for Clayton State's program will take place during Black History Month and will focus on four remarkable depictions of various historic

phases of the civil rights struggle. The four movies, which will become part of the Clayton State Library's permanent collection, are; "The Abolitionists," "Slavery by Another Name," "The Loving Story," and "Freedom Riders." Clayton State's kickoff event for Created Equal is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center. The two-hour long kickoff will feature a panel of Clayton State scholars, discussions, and showing brief clips from the four movies.

"We hope that this programming will encourage participants to reflect on the lengthy, ongoing struggle for Civil Rights in America as well as explore the ever-evolving meanings of freedom and equality in this country," says Dr. Gordon Baker, Clayton State dean of Libraries.

Plans are in the works for Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle to include at least four campus and community discussion events involving Clayton State student organizations, faculty, staff and community organizations.



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“Georgia is Ahead in its Growth in the Film and Media Industry” Clayton State to be a Leader in Film Technician Training Under Barton Bond

by John Shiffert

Question: What do the states of New Mexico and Georgia have in common?

Answer: Barton Bond and film technician training programs.

Bond has come to Georgia and Clayton State University from New Mexico with 45 years of experience working in electronic media – the last 25 of which focused on teaching at community colleges. In 2003 he developed and taught the first, and only, film technician training program in the country. However, that will change when the Bond-designed continuing education (CE) program at Clayton State kicks off in February 2014.

The two-part CE (as opposed to an academic program) Digital Film Technician Certificate program is designed to introduce students to the production of digital

media and film. Digital Film Tech Training I, scheduled to launch on Feb. 18, 2014 for the evening course and Mar. 3, 2014 for the day course, is designed for students with no background in digital media, as well as those students with some experience or coursework in the field. Digital Film Tech II, which will start in the summer of 2014, is a follow-up course designed to help students achieve a level of film/media production skills that will promote employability and/or the ability to become independent contractors.

The program mirrors the academic, credit course designed by Bond and implemented with much success in New Mexico. According to Bond, that program was created in response to a pressing need for qualified crew members to staff the numerous Hollywood-based films being

shot in New Mexico – and it serves as a basis for the Digital Film Technician Training Program at Clayton State.

Bond points out that the unique part of his New Mexico coursework was the opportunity for students to work on actual productions... a feature that helped lead to a remarkable success story, and will be duplicated at Clayton State.

“It was the hallmark of what we did in New Mexico,” he says. “The students got to work on productions all the way to full blown feature films. After five years, there was not a single piece shot in New Mexico that hadn’t had hired some of our students.

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Clayton State Continues to Set the Pace in Digital Media; Thanks to Stanley Johnson

The Clayton State University Center for Continuing Education continues to set the pace in digital media and the entertainment field, thanks in part to its instructor for the multimedia, music and entertainment certificate program, Stanley Johnson.

Johnson has been a force in the music industry for more than 25 years as a vocalist, songwriter, arranger, producer and composer. Although his experience has covered a wide range in the industry, his work has been highlighted by double platinum sales recognition for his vocal appearances on the albums “Wild and Peaceful” and “Love and Understanding” by the legendary music group, “Kool and the Gang.” In addition, in 1990 and 1991, Johnson was one of two producers who worked with Joseph Jackson, father of the legendary Jackson Family, and helped create the first album for Jackson Records.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board of the Atlanta Regional Commission recognized Johnson as an outstanding community partner, recognizing his experience in giving youth opportunities to learn career skills and expand their academic, social and civic achievement.

At Clayton State, Johnson’s certificate program, “Music Production, Music Video and Music Business,” has proven a hit with a new generation of young people eager to make their mark in the music industry. His last group of a dozen students, ages 17 to 21, spent this past summer learning from the master, and his book, “Vit2All.” Johnson points out that the title of his training curriculum book means Very Important Training 2 ALL in television, radio, music, film and the media arts. And that certainly proved the case with last summer’s class, as all 12 participants landed internships with two

Atlanta radio stations, 860Love radio and WWWE 1100.

The Clayton State Center for Continuing Education will next offer “Music Production, Music Video and Music Business” starting on Feb. 22, 2014. The program will run for 12 Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each student will graduate with a certificate as well as a docuserial of themselves, a music video, a music CD, and an electronic press kit including their bio, photo and a demo.

“The program teaches them to do it for themselves, and for others,” explains Johnson. “A lot of the students want to be entrepreneurs, and this program allows them to produce the service for others.

“It’s a life-changing experience.”

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Legos at Clayton State, January 11, 2014

The First Lego League (FLL) Super Regionals are once again returning to Clayton State University.

This year's version of the popular competition for regional young STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) whizzes ages nine to 14 will be an all-day event held in Clayton State's James M. Baker University Center on Jan. 11, 2014, once again under the sponsorship of the College of Information and Mathematical Science (CIMS). Directing the program will be Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Scott Bailey. The public is welcome to attend, free of charge.

The competition will be the Championship Qualifying Round for 32 teams of regionally-local students.

According to CIMS Dean Dr. Lila Roberts, this year's competition will have a timely focus -- on bringing awareness toward helping people affected by natural disasters. "Nature's Fury" will explore the awe-inspiring storms, quakes, waves and more. Teams will discover what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work, and play. The FLL Challenge has three parts - the Robot Game, the Project, and the Core Values.

As always, the FLL competition will also highlight student understanding of: the STEM disciplines with a focus on computer science and robotics, as well as a common civility through teamwork, core values, basic research methods, scholarly competition and fun.

CIMS Assistant Dean Jarrett Terry has been recruiting volunteers for the compe-

tion from the Clayton State community for some time, and expects a good turnout of volunteers.

Further information on the 2014 competition, including the topic, "Nature's Fury," is available on the FLL website at: <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge/2013naturesfury>. The website for all FLL Georgia events is: <https://fll-ceismc.gatech.edu/>

The 2013 Lego League competition at Clayton State's theme was seniors and enhancing living conditions. Participants were given tasks that they had to complete by programming their Lego robots to do them. The tasks would correlate to the senior theme and would consist of picking up a tipped over chair and other tasks a senior citizen may encounter. ■

College of Arts & Sciences Establishes Dean's Advisory Board

by John Shiffert

The College of Arts and Sciences at Clayton State University has established its first Dean's Advisory Board.

According to Dean Dr. Nasser Momayezi, the board is comprised of prominent members of the community as well as Clayton State faculty emeritus from the College of Arts & Sciences.

"This is a leadership board that serves as champions of the college's direction and assists in securing financial resources needed to achieve its long-range academic goals," he says. "The board has met several times and has developed a clear mission to assist the dean and the leadership of the school to enact vision and values in the lives of the undergraduate and graduate students at Clayton State University."

Chairing the Dean's Advisory Board is former State Senator and State Representative Gail Buckner, one of the College of Arts & Sciences most distinguished alumni, and one who already has a long history of service to Clayton State and the State of Georgia.

Buckner, a resident of Jonesboro, originally graduated from Clayton State in

1977 with an A.A. in Education. She later earned a B.S. in Integrative Studies from Clayton State. Buckner previously served for 16 years (1990 to 2006) as a State Representative (District 76) and was the Democratic nominee for Georgia Secretary of State in 2006. She served as a member of the Georgia State Senate, representing its 44th District, from 2008

to 2012. Buckner was also named Clayton State's first Alumnus of the Year in 2002 and served as the University's Commencement speaker in December 2003... the first time an alumnus of Clayton State had served as the Commencement speaker.

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Across the Campus...

Athletics

Battling a stitch over the final half of the NCAA Division II National Championships, cross country runner Job Kemboi placed 89th at the national meet in Spokane, Wash. Kemboi started strong and was in the top-40 early in the race of almost 250 runners but fell behind after the midway point of the 10K race. He finished with a time of 32:05.9, which was still his second fastest time in the 10K. The sophomore runner was in the 41st spot after the first 5K, running a split of 15:19.5 in the opening half of the race before being hampered by the stitch. Kemboi, from Eldoret, Kenya, qualified for the meet as an individual after setting a Clayton State record in the 10K with a time of 31:09.85 at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regionals.

The Clayton State women's soccer season came to close with a tough loss in the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championships, falling 1-0 to rival Columbus State in Wingate, N.C. Columbus State midfielder Chelsea Person scored the game-winner 10 minutes into the game and the score held up for the remainder of the match. The Lakers best chance to equalize the match came midway through the second half when Laker midfielder Melissa Hetherington drilled a shot from just outside the box. A spectacular diving save by Columbus State keeper Maylynn Parsons kept the match from being locked at one apiece. Columbus State held a 13-6 advantage in shots and a 9-2 edge on corner kicks. Laker keeper Charlotte McCormack finished the match with three saves, while Parsons had two. The loss for Clayton State snapped a school record 16-match unbeaten streak for the Lakers. The 2013 season for the Lakers was a special one, as the program won the Peach Belt Conference regular season and PBC Tournament Championships for only the second time in school history.

College of Business

Dr. Ali Dadpay has recently had two articles on Iran published in national publications, BusinessWeek and the Christian Science Monitor. Go to <http://www.busi->

[nessweek.com/news/2013-11-24/rouhani-secures-victory-as-nuclear-deal-offers-sanctions-respite](http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-11-24/rouhani-secures-victory-as-nuclear-deal-offers-sanctions-respite) and <http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/r14/World/Middle-East/2013/1201/Nuclear-deal-signed-Iranians-await-economic-rewards> to read the articles.

SBDC

The Clayton State University Small Business Development Center is bringing its popular "Starting a Business Workshop" to Griffin on Thursday, Jan. 9. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce/Griffin Welcome Center, 143 N. Hill St., Griffin. Clayton State students and staff receive 50 percent off the full registration price of \$69. Contact Heather Chaney at heatherchaney@clayton.edu for the discount code. Individuals can also receive 50 percent off each additional person with the purchase of one registration at the full price. All registrations must be made at the same time in order to receive this discount. This discount cannot be combined or used with any other discount or coupon. For more information, please contact Chaney at (678) 466-5100.

The Loch Shop

The Loch Shop is running a free Clayton State mug promotion, valid through Dec. 26, 2013, on www.claytonstategear.com.

Bookstore Bucks (formerly Financial Aid Book Money) will be available from Jan. 6 to Jan. 22, 2014. Up to \$1,000 of your unused Financial Aid will automatically be deposited in your Bookstore Bucks account on Jan. 6 for you to purchase anything in the Loch Shop. Remember...your LakerCard is required for all purchases. After Jan. 22, any unused Bookstore Bucks are returned to your student account and refunded in late January based on your refund preference through Higher One.

Visual & Performing Arts

Clayton State University professors Dr. Christina Howell, performing the role of Despina, and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, director, are both involved in Peach State Opera's upcoming performance of

Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, being performed locally at the Avondale First Baptist Church, 47 Covington Rd., Avondale Estates, Ga., at 3 p.m. on Jan. 11, 2014. Ticket prices are \$22 (adult general admission), \$20 senior (over 60), \$10 students (including college students with ID) and are available at the door or at the website: www.peachstateopera.org.



The American Higher Education Delegation from the People's Republic of China to the United States visited campus December 12 meeting with President Hynes, deans, professors, and taking a campus tour.

Life's Transitions...



Ethan Bradberry arrived on Nov. 18! He is 7.5 pounds, 20 inches. Web Support Specialist Leanne Bradberry is doing well.

George Nakos Selected to Become a Fellow of The Academy of International Business - Southeast

Dr. George Nakos, professor of Marketing at Clayton State University, was recently selected for a rare honor -- to become a Fellow of the Academy of International Business Southeast (AIBSE).

AIBSE selects as fellows academics that have made outstanding contributions to the scholarship and practice of international business and have exercised a leadership role in education and scholarship in the field. In the past 30 years, only 15 academics in the southeastern United States have been honored by becoming fellows of the organization.

The ceremony took place during the late October 2013 Annual Conference of the

Academy of International Business Southeast, held on the Georgia Tech Campus.

Academy of International Business – Southeast USA is the regional chapter of the Academy of International Business, the leading association of scholars and specialists in the field of international business. Established in 1959, today AIB has 3287 members in 86 different countries around the world. Members include scholars from the leading global academic institutions as well consultants, researchers, government and NGO representatives.■



(Left) Dr. Daniel Rottig, AIB-SE chair and associate professor of International Business and Strategic Management in the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University (Middle) Dr. George Nakos (Right) Matthew C. Mitchell, assistant professor of International Business at Drake University's College of Business and Public Administration

Clayton State Biologists Present at Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting

by Ciji Fox

Dr. Jere A. Boudell, Clayton State University associate professor of Biology, and a group of her students recently presented at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America (ESA), which was held in Minneapolis.

“The ESA is the largest organization for ecologists in the world,” Boudell says. “The meeting typically attracts about 5,000 plus ecologists.”

Joe Mikula and Kiley Mitchell presented the poster, “Controlling factors on *Microstegium vimineum* in a restored Piedmont riparian ecosystem.” *Microstegium vimineum* is a common invasive species.

“Joe Mikula is a senior biology major and Kiley Mitchell is a student at Oregon State University enrolled in their online Wildlife biology program,” Boudell says. “She has been a Clayton State SEEDS member and is a former intern of mine. They worked with me to collect and analyze MIVI data, submitted a poster abstract, and created a poster for presentation at the meeting.”

“The most rewarding aspect of attending the ESA annual meeting was being able to present our finished project and results to other biology students and biologists as well the opportunity to network,” Mitchell says.

Mitchell admits that standing up in front of distinguished people in the science community and keeping them interested in her research was nerve wrenching, however, participating was beneficial.

“Some of the benefits of participating in the ESA annual meeting besides networking and making my résumé look really amazing, was seeing friends,” she explains. “I was fortunate to be selected to attend the SEEDS leadership conference in New Orleans last February where I met some really amazing students doing really amazing things in the field of Ecology. I got the chance to reconnect with many of those students and learn about the research that they are currently working on; it was great and very motivating.”

Japhia Jacobo, a Clayton State biology alumnus and a current master’s student of

Boudell’s through the University of Alabama-Birmingham Biology Department, gave the a talk on , “Soil properties of urban streams along a restoration gradient in the Southern Piedmont.”

“Japhia is investigating critical soil factors that support plant communities in restored Piedmont ecosystems,” Boudell says. “She received a travel award from the ESA SEEDS program to attend the meeting.”

“It’s difficult to put in to words how inspiring it is to attend an event during which you can share your excitement with likeminded individuals,” Jacobo says. “If you’re from a college or job-field that is isolated from other ecologists, then it is particularly rewarding to realize that you’re not alone.”

“Participating in research is science made real,” Boudell adds. “Through research experiences, students work with a mentor and learn to ask good questions, develop

President Hynes Announces "Making Things Better" Awards

Great work deserves recognition. Individuals who make differences in the lives of people at Clayton State University and the community we serve are the source of our strength and pride. Success should inspire even greater success, says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes.

Accordingly, the President's "Making Things Better" Awards recognize great work by our colleagues, he adds. Awards are made via an annual nomination and review process. Up to six, \$500 cash awards are given annually, generously funded by the Clayton State University Foundation.

Any member of the Clayton State community may make a nomination, and an eligible nominee can be an individual, or any group of people, drawn from Clayton State faculty, staff and/or students.

Any nominee (whether an individual or a group) is eligible for only one \$500 award per annual award cycle. Nominees may be made in multiple years; however, winners of the President's "Making Things Better" Awards are excluded from the award for the next two award cycles.

For more information, go to the official The President's "Making Things Better" Awards website at

<http://www.clayton.edu/makingthingsbetter>.

"We do hope that you will go to the Web Site listed here for more information," says Hynes. "We also hope that you will nominate colleagues you believe help make things better here at Clayton State. And thanks as always for all you do." ■

Sundee Proctor... it's all Coming True at Clayton State

by Sarah Boyd

The Honors Program Scholarship is Clayton State University's main academic scholarship for entering freshmen and students entering their junior year of college.

In addition to receiving a monetary award, students selected for the limited number of Honors Scholarships such as the Women's Forum and J. E. Edmonds Scholarship enjoy the wide array of benefits offered to all students in the Honors Program, including special course sections reserved for Honors students, priority registration, mentoring and career planning. They also offer students a variety of competitive institutional academic scholarships that are mostly based on merit, and some on financial need. Scholarships are awarded competitively based on academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities.

There have been many Clayton State students that have received these scholarships, but one person in particular is Sundee Proctor, who has received both the Women's Forum and The J.E. Edmonds Scholarship.

Proctor is a Stockbridge resident who was born in California, but has lived in

Georgia since 1982. In her very rare free time she volunteers at Cotton Indian Elementary where she works in the media center.

Knowing that she could have a short commute was one small reason why Sundee chose Clayton State as her place of study. Another reason was knowing she would receive the academic support that she wanted and ultimately needed. As a former employee of the Center for Academic Success on campus, Proctor knew she would feel comfortable and would be able to obtain her desired degree that would provide her with more than just an entry-level job.

"The quality of the education program was also a HUGE factor for me," she says. "Plus, I loved working on campus so how could I not choose to be a student at Clayton State?"

Along with being accepted into the Honors Program, she is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Golden Key, Sigma Tau Delta and the Non-Traditional Student Organization. As a non-traditional student, Proctor finds the Honors Program rewarding.

"I think the non-traditional students bring a lot of life experience and differing views to the table wherever we go, especially to the Honors Program," she says.



Sundee Proctor

Proctor believes the scholarship program is a great opportunity for students to be able to attend college that may not be able to do so without assistance. The scholarships she has received have allowed her to remain in school and be a co-author of a qualitative research project directed by Dr. Mari Ann Roberts, assistant professor of Teacher Education.

Proctor finds the professors at Clayton State an asset to the college as well as the Honors Program.

"We have amazing, caring, compassionate professors, who really desire to see us learn and succeed," she says. "Most are

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Clayton State Unveils New Alma Mater

by John Shiffert

Clayton State University debuted its new alma mater at the University's Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 7.

With words by Clayton State Associate Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd and music by Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Richard Bell, the new alma mater, "Walking in Love and Strength," was sung for the first time in public by Clayton State senior music performance major Angie Plate at the conclusion of each ceremony. Accompanying Plate was the Clayton State Orchestra, fittingly under the direction of Bell. Equally fitting, the faculty audience for both ceremonies included author Byrd.

According to Chair of the Clayton State Department of Visual and Performing Arts Dr. Susan Tusing, and Director of Opera and Vocal Studies Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, for a number of years, many members of the Clayton State community had been thinking that the university needed an alma mater that would be appropriate to all of its great ceremonial occasions — not only Commencements, but also New Student Convocations, Honors Convocations, and, perhaps, even championship basketball games.

"The song previously used as an Alma Mater just at Commencements had a poetic emphasis on looking back on a relationship that was ending, but we needed a song that expresses the pride and love of Clayton State students throughout their entire journeys toward making their dreams real," they explain.

"If we've done our jobs well, you who are graduating today will not only 'look back' on Clayton State -- you will carry your experience here with you throughout your lives," noted President Dr. Thomas Hynes, in introducing the new alma mater.

The process of creating a new Alma Mater that would speak fully to the spirit of Clayton State began last winter, under the leadership of Kate Troelstra, vice president for External Relations. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni were invited to reflect on the Clayton State experience



Senior music performance major Angie Plate

and to submit words and phrases that expressed what they especially value about that experience. Byrd, a respected and extensively published poet, used these ideas to craft the words, and Bell composed the music to give that poem voice.

The new Alma Mater reminds us of first encountering our beautiful campus, of finding a supportive community here, and of recognizing the lifelong influence of Clayton State on our lives, add Tusing and Zeller.

"We would like to see our new Alma Mater become a treasured university tradition: a cherished song that every member of the Clayton State community will want to learn and to sing, a song that will evoke for our alumni fond memories of the place where their dreams were made real," they hope.

"I think that the new lyrics explain what I thought while composing them," adds Byrd.

"I am excited about the unveiling of the new alma mater on Saturday and am very grateful to have been involved in the creative process," says Bell. "In composing the music I had two goals in mind: one, the music should enhance the wonderful text written by Dr. Byrd, and two, the tune should be very singable so that it could be performed by soloists, ensembles or entire audiences. I hope all of our future campus gatherings are enriched by everyone singing together our new alma mater."

"Walking in Love and Strength"

Walking through your majestic pines,
We embrace your simple splendor,
Our hearts and spirits full of hope,
Our minds wide open and ready.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking by your beautiful lake,
We find a new community
Of people from all nations
All joined as one in learning.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking proudly among our peers,
We wear your colors true.
Now shaped and prepared by Clayton State,
We are ready for our future.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking through our unfolding lives,
We take you on the path,
Knowing that the years will change us
And your standard will remain.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Words by Dr. Brigitte Byrd
Music by Dr. Richard Bell ■

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imbued the entire Commencement, as Hynes asked the two full-house audiences to reflect on the memory on Mandela in his introductory remarks before both ceremonies.

Franklin, who mentioned that she had met Mandela once during an official visit to Cape Town (“The only time I’ve ever been speechless,” she commented.), stated that he would be remembered for centuries to come, because of his perseverance, intellect and vision. She urged some 240 graduates of the colleges of Arts & Sciences and Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State to recall and follow the example and qualities Mandela exhibited throughout his long life.

“He devoted his life to public service... He did not give up... He fought for freedom and preached peace and reconciliation,” she noted. “He was not just courageous, smart and visionary, he had the equanimity to believe that everyone had the right to be respected, whether they agreed with him or not.”

Franklin especially emphasized Mandela’s compassion, humanity and humility, noting that he had the compassion to understand the Afrikaners even though he fought them for years.

Franklin urged the graduates to keep those qualities in their toolboxes, saying, “it is humanity and humility that is required in 21st Century America.”

Concluding her address to a standing ovation, Franklin segued from the transformation that Mandela had effected in South Africa to the transformation that has taken place in America since she graduated from high school and college in the 1960s, prior to Clayton State’s founding in 1969... a point that fit perfectly with a University renown for its diversity.

“You can be here today because someone had taken a chance, taken a chance that Clayton State can be integrated... black, white, Hispanic, Asian, international,” she said. “In that time America has transformed itself, now you have to be the transformation.”

The 9 a.m. ceremony for the colleges of Health and Business, featured Hill presenting the approximately 250 graduates with three points that would contribute to their futures. The first noted that they were graduating in a state with boundless opportunities for a career. Hill’s second point was about change, a concept that would end up fitting well with Franklin’s later message.

“The one constant about life and business in change,” he said. “Keeping up with change is a challenge you will face throughout your life. As you continue, the pace of change will be constant and unrelenting.”

Finally, Hill noted that, in addition to their academic training, the life skills the graduates learned at Clayton State would serve them well in their jobs and throughout their lives. ■





Graduate Hooding Ceremony Fall 2013



Nursing Pinning Ceremony Fall 2013

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Jacob Augsten Wins First Prize in Atlanta Mu Phi Epsilon Competition

Jacob Augsten of Griffin, a junior in Clayton State University's Bachelor of Music program, won the first prize of \$600 in the annual music scholarship competition sponsored by the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Mu Phi Epsilon is an international professional fraternity for men and women in the field of music, and the Atlanta Alumni Chapter's annual competition is open to all students who are members of Mu Phi Epsilon, which has chapters at nine Georgia universities, including Clayton State's Delta Psi Chapter.

Augsten, a baritone in the studio of Clayton State Director of Vocal Studies and Opera Kurt-Alexander Zeller, came out on top of a field of singers and pianists with performances of songs by Schubert, Vaughan Williams, and Ravel and had the honor of performing for the International President of Mu Phi Epsilon, Rosemary Ames, who was visiting the Atlanta Alumni Chapter.

Augsten has previously appeared in two of Clayton State's music drama productions, playing Linus in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* in 2012 and starring as Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd in *Gilbert and*

Sullivan's *Ruddigore* last semester. This season he also is performing with the Atlanta Opera Chorus.

"I must say I was rather pleased when one of the judges told me later that she just knew Jacob had to be my student because he was such a communicative storyteller," says Zeller. "There are some very famous singing teachers around who have a reputation for turning out students who sound just exactly like they do, (but) I'd much rather be known for teaching students to sound like themselves and sharing a commitment to helping the music to speak effectively." ■

Pathways: A Journey Through Life for the Audience

by Sarah Boyd

On Nov. 7, 2013, Clayton State's Theatre program hosted the premiere for a 10-minute play festival known as Pathways, directed by Shontelle Thrash, director of Theatre and assistant professor of Theatre and Communication. Pathways played in the Clayton State Theatre for five non-consecutive days during the weeks of Nov. 4 and Nov. 11.

Pathways featured 10 different mini plays written by the students and alumni of the Theatre Program at Clayton State University. The plays were created as a project in each student's playwriting class and brought to the big stage. Director Thrash chose each play that elicited the theme of "isolation."

"Directing a festival of short plays written by our very own students and alumni of Clayton State provided such an opportunity," she says.

Every play submitted by each student or alumni to be shown in Pathways, was not. The 10 plays were chosen by the director because they showed major potential and are the best of the ones submitted.

"It's really awesome to see something that you created be chosen and shown to your



friends, family and peers around campus", says Adam Dunn, Clayton State Theatre student and cast member of Pathways.

Pathways is the first play at Clayton State to exhibit multiple mini-plays all wrapped up into one main play. For 90 minutes the cast poured their hearts and souls out on the stage. The audience was provided with great entertainment as well as different emotions as each play brought on happiness, laughter, sorrow, surprise and anticipation. The audience contained not only faculty and students from the University, but members of the surrounding community partook in the opportunity to enjoy the entertainment as well.

"I am always intrigued by projects that take audience on a journey", says Thrash.

The plays content ranged from a crazy guy that heard voices in his head, a sick girl dying in her mom's arms, a girl in love with both her good and bad conscious feuding with each other to cartoons such as Clifford and Little Bo Peep cooking the Pillsbury Dough Boy. Each play was captivating and provided no chance for the audience to lose interest as no two plays were the same.

Thrash mentions that, "in life we take various paths. For every choice made, there are consequences to those choices. Some are good and some are not so good. From Dissociative Personality Disorder to a meeting of a famous icon, these plays explore a wide range of stories.

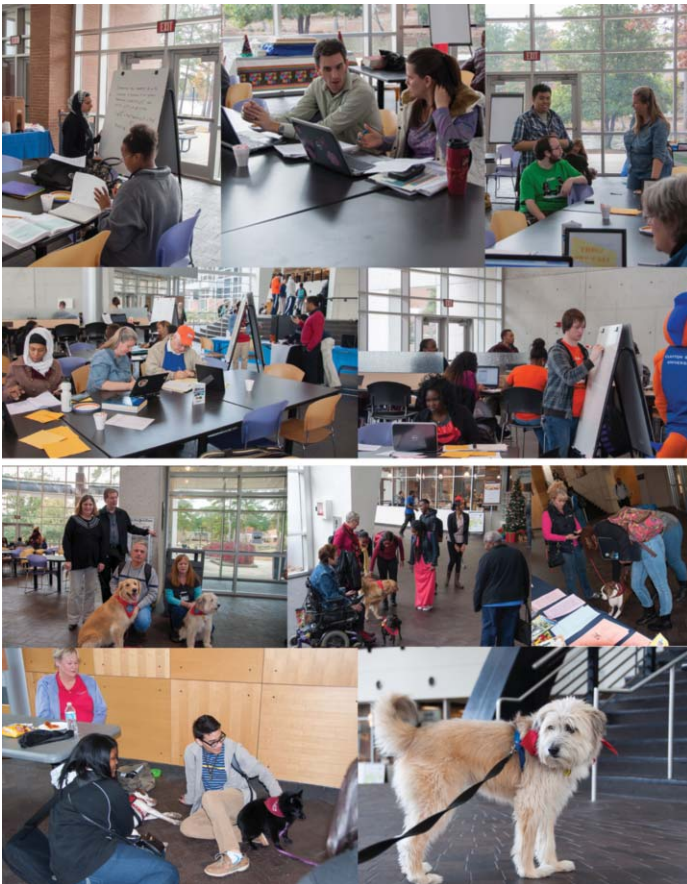
"It has been my pleasure to bring these stories to life." ■



The annual holiday tree lighting



Loch's Birthday Celebration!



Students prepare for finals at the Tutoring Blitz and de-stress by petting therapy dogs.



Clayton State employees attend the HR Benefits Fair

Clayton State Receives \$5,350 Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Clayton State University is proud to announce the receipt of a \$5,350 grant to participate in the GOHS Georgia Young Adult Program.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) addresses young adult driver crashes, injuries and fatalities and partners with colleges and universities throughout the state to implement the Georgia Young Adult Program (GYAP). This program has proven to be successful using strategies such as peer education, providing educational speakers to schools, and encouraging schools to

develop creative, innovative techniques to reduce young adult crashes, injuries and fatalities in their communities.

"The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is committed to changing the tragic trend of young adult driver deaths in Georgia," says GOHS Director Harris Blackwood. "We're here to make changes and I believe the students at Clayton State University can help us achieve the goal of lowering driver, crash, injury and fatality rates statewide. Who better to address the challenges and dangers facing young adults than their peers? I'm confident

these students can convince their peers to be safer, more conscientious drivers."

Schools coordinate events such as DUI simulators with AAA and Clayton State Office of Public Safety. Programming often surrounds events such as National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Safe Spring Break, graduation, summer orientation. Programs involve collaborations with campus police, health and wellness departments.

The grant runs from Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014. ■

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research protocol, conduct experiments, and analyze and interpret results. By presenting at meetings, research students then learn to communicate research, which is the final step in the research process.

"Research students, like Joe, Kiley, and Japhia, learn to write professional

research abstracts and give presentations to peers that include other undergraduate students, graduate students, and professionals. Through attending the meeting, they also get a chance to interact with students interested in similar topics and network. This experience is a gold star on their resume."

Multiple grants funded the project: a College of Arts and Sciences URCAC Grant, the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey Grant, a College of Arts and Sciences Mini Grant, and the ESA SEEDS Special Projects Grant. ■

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Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes; Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State, Dr. Nasser Momayezi; Kevin Kuntz, president of the Southeast Division of commercial contractor McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.; and Clayton State Student Government Association President Joshua Davis. Clayton State Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton served as the master of ceremonies.

The common theme among all of the ceremony's speakers was the eventual educational and economic impact the new building will have on Clayton State, the region, and the state. Deal proclaimed that Nov. 14, 2013 was a great day for the state of Georgia and, after thanking the local legislative delegation from Clayton and Henry counties and the General Assembly for their support, noted Georgia's on-going need for a trained and qualified workforce for the jobs of the next generation. Deal then referenced the November issue of Site Selection maga-

zine, which chose Georgia as the top spot in the magazine's annual ranking of state business climates, thanks in part, according to Deal to the state's diversified economy and an ear for what businesses require to succeed and to expand. To keep that ranking, Deal said, Georgia needs to continue to produce graduates in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) disciplines.

"And this building is dead center for STEM," he added.

Hynes, after also thanking the legislative delegation, introduced the governor with a similar theme, noting that that the new building will support all of Clayton State's goals in terms of having a more educated Georgia, and referring to the building as, "the future of scientific enterprise here in the state of Georgia. Today's groundbreaking is proof of Governor Deal's commitment to education."

Following the governor's remarks, Huckaby, a native of nearby Hapeville,

Ga., echoed Deal's "great day for the state" thoughts and commented how gratifying it was to him personally to see the growth and progress of Clayton State and the surrounding community. Huckaby also noted the long-term impact of the science building, and praised the foresight and interest of the governor and, "a lot of people in the state government" in making the new building a reality.

"The real impact will come when this building is completed, an impact on this campus and this part of Georgia" he said. "More importantly, we're looking to the impact it will have on the students."

That impact will be significant when the new building opens for classes in August 2015. Additional labs and classroom space for the natural sciences have been a critical need for Clayton State since the University has expanded from 4675 students in 2001 to more than 7200 students currently. Indeed, given the science

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course and lab requirements in the core curriculum, the lack of a dedicated science building has limited the University's enrollment, in effect limiting the number of students who can make their dreams real at Clayton State.

Davis, a Clayton State senior business major from Brunswick, Ga., understands as well as anyone that significance.

"Your efforts will allow many more students to have their dreams made real," he told the governor, chancellor and the legislative delegation in his groundbreaking remarks regarding the growth of the university.

As dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Momayezi has both a personal interest, and an understanding of the importance and history behind the new building.

"I remember when I first came to Clayton State in 2008, there already had been talk for several years about the need for a new science building," he said in his ground-

breaking remarks. "Labs represented a major bottleneck to growth for the University. While enrollments in science-related disciplines have steadily increased, our facilities have not kept pace. Yet, when this building is completed, it will serve more than 700 students in our science courses each semester, as well as students in our nursing and dental hygiene programs. Every concrete slab that will be prepared, every beam that will be erected, every wall and surface that will be painted, and every piece of highly-advanced scientific equipment that will be installed, will all contribute to the creation of a special environment in which scientific learning and discovery will take place.

"Having a new, modern state-of-the-art facility will help to instill excitement in those who want to pursue an undergraduate degree in the sciences, and then take them into graduate and professional degrees as well. Graduates with science-related degrees are vital to our state's ability to thrive and compete in the 21st Century and beyond."

"The new science building will certainly provide us the opportunity to expand enrollment of the entire university, since all programs require at least one semester of laboratory science courses," adds Furlong. "Additionally, the new research laboratories will enhance our ability to mentor innovative undergraduate research projects and will allow us to offer graduate programs in the sciences. Engaging students in research at the graduate and undergraduate level is essential to their future success as scientists."

The new building will also include two, 64 seat classrooms; three, 36 seat classrooms; and 26 faculty offices, including offices for the department heads of biology and chemistry/physics. Additional spaces will include five small prep rooms; three for biology, and two for chemistry; and two conference rooms. ■



The Clayton State University Science Building Groundbreaking Ceremony

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“My experience at Clayton State and the excellent preparation by the science faculty allowed me to get accepted at both Columbia University and Emory University for graduate school,” she says. “I’ve spent the last six-and a-half-years working towards my doctorate degree in neuroscience at Emory, studying the interplay between stress and epilepsy and how stressful situations work to trigger seizures in the epileptic brain.”

It was while Sawyer was studying at Emory, in August 2012, that Clayton State Natural Sciences Department Chair Dr. Michelle Furlong contacted her about joining the faculty at Clayton State.

“I jumped at the chance to come back and teach at a place that I felt really contributed towards my success as a scientist,” she says. “This is now the third semester that I have been a full-time faculty member here, and I am going to be finishing my doctorate degree at Emory in a matter of weeks.”

Given her background, it’s not surprising that Sawyer is thrilled about the most recent development in the natural sciences at Clayton State.

“I am extremely thrilled about the new science building,” she says. “I have always been thankful for the science program here at Clayton State, and especially for the faculty that have helped me succeed beyond my imagination in my career as a scientist.

“The science building will be a cherry on the top of the excellent programs already in place, and I believe that having access to these new, updated facilities will allow Clayton State to improve the already wonderful science program and expand the research capabilities of the faculty. Just as important, the construction of this new building will focus attention on Clayton State’s outstanding faculty and research and allow people to see that Clayton State is a good place to come to get a science degree.”

It also should not come as a surprise that Sawyer’s department chair has similar feelings about the science building.

“The new science building will certainly provide us with the opportunity to expand

the enrollment of the entire university, since all programs require at least one semester of laboratory science courses,” Furlong points out. “Additionally, the new research laboratories will enhance our ability to mentor innovative undergraduate research projects and will allow us to offer graduate programs in the sciences. Engaging students in research at the graduate and undergraduate level is essential to their future success as scientists.”

Sawyer’s experience as an undergraduate is a good example of the type of innovative undergraduate research projects that Furlong remarks upon. As part of her curriculum at Clayton State, Sawyer did research with Professor of Biology Dr. Stephen Burnett, who is now, of course, a colleague of Sawyer’s.

“We were able to get a paper published detailing our research results into differences in echolocation calls between male and female brown bats,” recalls Sawyer.

Going back to what she sees as the essence of Clayton State, the supportive community the University provides for its students, Sawyer herself is an example of that support.

I may be biased, but I believe the undergraduate science education that I received here was better than one I could have gotten from other universities. A large part of the difference is the family-like atmosphere here and the wonderful interaction between faculty and students,” she claims.” I hope that the new science building will change how many people see Clayton State and that the science program here can actually get the credit it deserves.

“I am also excited at the prospect of getting hired into a tenure-track faculty position so that I can permanently join the ranks of the excellent faculty who care deeply about seeing their students succeed. As a former beneficiary of the excellent education offered by the science department, I am thrilled at this opportunity to give back to the Clayton State community as a new faculty member and help new generations of students fulfill their dreams to become doctors, vets, pharmacists, nurses, dental hygienists, and yes, even research scientists!” ■

Former Clayton State Graduate Students are Now Clayton State Faculty

by Amanda Parham

Within the past few semesters, several graduates of Clayton State University’s School of Graduate Studies have found themselves in a transition from student to faculty at Clayton State. The college now has seven faculty members that were once participants in Clayton State’s Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) English and Mathematics graduate programs, as well as a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies graduate.

Three of the recent graduates graduated from the Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics program; James Kirksey, Aaron Rafter and Jennifer Harris now teach within the Clayton State Mathematics Department. Kelley Gladden, Daniel Smoak and Ryan Strader graduated from the Master of Arts in Teaching English program, while Toyo Wheeler graduated from the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program, and all four of them now teach within the English Department at Clayton State.

Many of these recent graduates were initially attracted to Clayton State’s graduate programs because of the University’s location, the availability of the graduate programs in the evening, the intimate class sizes, and learning from experienced and knowledgeable professors.

Kirksey, who teaches Intermediate Algebra in the evenings, says he was drawn to Clayton’s MAT Mathematics program due to his familiarity with Clayton State, since his full time job is in Morrow.

“One of the things about the program that was good for me was everything was at night, so that was a plus since I work 40 hours a week. I looked at other programs but many required day time availability so this program was feasible,” he says.

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Rafter, another MAT Mathematics graduate, teaches five math courses this semester. He agrees that the location was important in his decision since he has a family, but, he also was drawn to the small class sizes.

"I liked that the program was small and very individualized, and that the professors know me. I actually walked out of the program with a few friends instead of people I'll never see again," he says.

Strader, who teaches freshman English composition classes, says in reference to her attraction to Clayton's MAT English program, "I was attracted to the MAT program because it is a flexible program that allowed me to acquire teaching credentials while also pursuing the study of literature at the graduate level. The MAT program at Clayton looked like a program that would be more balanced for someone like me, someone who wanted to study both education and literature."

The MAT graduate programs have provided these faculty members with positive experiences at Clayton State and they didn't hesitate at the opportunity to return to the college to teach.

Harris, who previously taught public school mathematics, now teaches several math courses within the Mathematics Department at Clayton State. She expresses that she enjoys teaching college math because she is fond of the flexibility in the curriculum.

"I like the freedom you have to teach college students. There is more flexibility in the college realm, where I can teach the method that is best for my students and me," she says.

In some cases, a graduate student doesn't want to leave Clayton State. Gladden, a MAT English graduate, teaches three freshmen English composition courses with the English department. When asked why she wanted to return to Clayton State to teach she replied, "I love this school so much that I didn't want to leave it. I am so committed to Clayton State University because I owe this school for the amazing education I received here, and I wanted to

give back through my teaching. It was my dream to work here, and as promised by the Clayton State motto, my dreams were made real."

Smoak, a MAT English graduate who teaches two freshmen English composition classes, agrees that the atmosphere is contagious.

"I returned to Clayton State because I love the atmosphere, the campus, the people -- both the students and professors," he says. "The diversity of the faculty and students here assures that I am learning all sorts of new things. I'm addicted to learning and diversity, and those with an open mind, creates a learning-rich atmosphere."

Dr. Barbara Goodman, chair of the English Department, is thrilled that several graduates from Clayton State's School of Graduate Studies are now faculty members and teach within her department.

"I think it's wonderful, we are very excited when we have some of our students who have received their master's degree here at Clayton State," she says. "They are all doing an excellent job teaching this semester."

The newest members of Clayton State's faculty hope to impart knowledge and life skills into their students.

"As a faculty member, I hope to do a great job preparing my freshman to write...for the rest of their lives! Freshman composition represents the last time that many of them will be formally instructed in writing. Writing is a life skill, and it enriches one's career and interpersonal life," points out Strader.

Clayton State's School of Graduate Studies includes nine graduate programs. The School of Graduate Studies is in its eighth year of providing graduate programs to students and this is the fourth year for the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) English and Mathematics programs at Clayton State. Currently, there are 366 graduate students enrolled in Clayton State's School of Graduate Studies. ■

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"In 1969, when Clayton State welcomed its first students to study at our campus, there was great excitement in our community," she says. "That same sense of pride and respect continues today because Clayton State continues to distinguish itself as a premiere institution for higher learning.

"As a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, I am honored to chair the Dean's Advisory Board, and I look forward to sharing Clayton State's journey of excellence with not only our community, but also the world."

Serving as vice chair of the Dean's Advisory Board is Dr. Eugene Hatfield, professor emeritus of History, and one of the seminal faculty members in Clayton State's progression from a junior college to a University, and the first director of the University's Honors Program. Continuing to take an active role in the University he served for more than 30 years, Hatfield is also president of the Clayton State Retirees Association.

"I had the privilege of teaching some excellent students while I was at Clayton State," he says. "I know that like my students then, many of our current students have challenges to overcome in gaining a college education. I think this organization will help encourage them in their efforts and recognize their achievements. I look forward to being a part of it.

"I have known most of the members of the Dean's group for many years. I look forward to working with them and Dean Momayezi in our efforts to assist students in the College of Arts & Sciences."

State Representative Valencia Stovall (D-74th) of Ellenwood serves as the treasurer of the Dean's Advisory Board, and Henry County State Court Judge Jason T. Harper serves as secretary.

Other Dean's Advisory Board members include retired Clayton State faculty members Dr. Elliott McElroy, Dr. Brad Rice, Dr. Joseph Trachtenberg and Dr. John Kohler.

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Students Heading for Alternative Winter Break 2013

Not all Clayton State University students headed directly home for the holidays once exams ended on Monday, Dec. 9. Two teams of students will participate in the 2013 Alternative Winter Break Volunteer Program taking place during the week of Dec. 9 to Dec. 13, 2013.

Team Orlando – consisting of Jessica Dent (Augusta), Sara Diggins (Austell), Josee Dolce (Riverdale), Keyauna Hopkins (Macon), Catherine Hutchins (Atlanta), Exell Jackson (Columbus), Samantha Lapiere (Dalton), Joel Lymon (College Park), Christopher Manning (Houston), Jevon Miller (Macon), Nicholas Reed (Statesboro), Hillary Rimes (Savannah), Venus Royster (Atlanta), Breanna Simpson (Jonesboro), Whitney Smith (Macon) Racquel Valadez (Colorado) along with Jennifer Welch, AmeriCorps program coordinator and Dr. Samuel Maddox, associate professor of Psychology, will travel to the Kissimmee/Orlando, Florida area to volunteer with Give Kids the World Village.

Give Kids the World is a 70-acre non-profit storybook resort located in Central Florida where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to a week-long, cost-free fantasy vacation. Throughout the week, Clayton State's students will have the chance to both support community needs, and engage in experiential learning by volun-

teering in a variety of areas in the Village, including food service and entertainment venues. In addition to offering a valuable service to the community, the students will also have the opportunity to address the emotional and psychological impacts on children and families of terminally ill young people, notes Maddox.

Team Atlanta – consisting of Arabia Bellinger (Lawrenceville), Jessica Canty (Decatur), Felisa Creamer (Athens), Avery Dawson (College Park), Oscar Hopkins (Morrow), Taylor Hughes (Lithonia), Erika Smith (Lithonia), Santana Postell (Morrow), Sochea Ung (Jonesboro), Hang Phan (Forest Park), and Thadeous Taylor (Lithonia) along with LaShanda Hardin, Campus Life service learning coordinator and Dr. Charlotte Swint of the Clayton State School of Nursing, will fulfill their goal of affecting the world without a passport, or even leaving the Atlanta area.

Participants will also serve in community support and experiential learning, in this case at four local non-profit organizations, all with a global presence and outreach; Books For Africa, The Global Soap Project, The International Rescue Committee and Project Medshare. Students will have the opportunity to see how local efforts have an international impact and why Atlanta is the preferred location for so many international non-

profit organizations. Swint will serve as faculty advisor for the trip and a valuable academic resource for participating students.

The Alternative Break Volunteer program is an opportunity for students to engage in community-based service projects during the University's designated Winter and Spring Semester Breaks, notes Hardin. "This program was developed to create an understanding and appreciation of the issues people of various communities encounter daily. Students return from the experience with a deeper understanding of volunteerism, community service and activism to help create change," she says. ■

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as a pressure bag to quickly get the fluids in as her pressure was dropping. We gave her Benadryl to combat the reaction."

With a medical emergency on board, the pilot began procedures for an early landing. However, Foster points out that, "the rash and angioedema started to subside and she starting speaking to us. We were able to take a quick history and she said this was her typical reaction to peanuts."

As a result, the plane landed as scheduled in Detroit and the paramedics met the flight onboard. The young woman reported to Foster late in the week that she was now back to normal.

Foster adds a couple of additional notes to her story. First, the young woman said she had not eaten peanuts, but that she may have been exposed to them in another form, likely through peanut oil. Also, a plastic surgeon and a neurosurgeon were both on board the flight, but they really couldn't help very much in these circumstances.

"They are great at what they do, but they are not into acute care," notes Foster.

Finally, Foster's travelling companion for the trip to Daejeon Health Sciences College, Clayton State Associate Vice President for Extended Programs Dr.

Kevin Demmitt, got to see his colleague "in action," and gave her high marks for her professional skill.

"What a flight," says Foster. ■

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Demmitt agrees that the Daejeon nursing program is state of the art.

"They have more simulation labs than we do, and they emphasize hands-on, problem based learning. The new hospital where they send most of their interns was the most impressive I have ever visited," he comments.

In addition to the obvious technological advantages of the MOU, Demmitt points out that there are a number of other factors that make this a good match.

"Like (Clayton State), the college is relatively young and still establishing new

programs," he says. "They started as a nursing technical college, but have had their status upgraded and are adding other bachelor degree programs to meet economic needs. In addition to nursing, (Clayton State and Daejeon) both have bachelor degree programs in dental hygiene, business, teacher education, and liberal arts.

"They also have a similar size student body and are just beginning to build international partnerships."

Demmitt also notes that there are other programs where the two institutions can benefit each other, including film and television production.

"We can explore exchanges in these other areas once the nursing exchange is up and running," he adds.

For more information about Daejeon Health Sciences College, go to http://www.hit.ac.kr/foreign/english/sub01/sub01_01.html. ■

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Public officials also serving on the board include State Senator Rick Jeffares (R-17th) and State Representative Mike Glanton (D-75th), as well as two other award-winning Clayton State alumni. The Honorable Steven Teske, chief judge of the Clayton County Juvenile Court, is the winner of the 2006 Alumnus of the Year for the College of Arts & Sciences. Dwayne Hobbs, chief of police of Forest Park, Ga., is the winner of the 2004

Alumnus of the Year for the College of Arts & Sciences.

The most recent alumnus on the board is Jennifer Rosenbaum, a 2013 Clayton State graduate with a B.A. in political science who is now attending law school at Emory University and who was, appropriately enough, the winner of the College of Arts & Sciences Trachtenberg Political Science Award for 2013.

Also serving on the board are Randy Muth, founder and executive director of the Angkor Resource Center in Riverdale, Ga., and Atlanta attorney David Worley. ■

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deeply passionate about their subject matter and carry that passion to the classroom."

She notes she has also found the support needed from the student health clinic, counseling services, disability services and other departments around campus to be the unsung heroes of Clayton State and an enormous help to the education process.

Proctor advises students in the program or pursuing the program to push hard for A's. Not only does receiving good grades boost GPA, but it allows for a great resume that is ultimately needed and highly beneficial in the job searching process, she says.

"This is MY future, MY destiny, MY dream... all coming true through MY university... Clayton State." ■

Digital Media, cont'd. from p. 5

"This program connects with our overall vision to be the leader in digital media content," notes Janet Winkler, Clayton State executive director of Continuing Education.

Born in Georgia but reared in New Jersey, Johnson began his career in music by performing in talent competitions and showcases around the country at legendary places such as the Apollo Theater in New York City. He is currently CEO/owner of Diamond Light Entertainment, Inc. (DLEI), based in Atlanta, with offices in New York and New Jersey. DLEI has filmed some of the top movers and shakers in music, film, television and sports. He has produces a weekly radio program on JAZZ 91.9 WCLK, and was nominated for inclusion in 2011 for the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

"Everybody loves music," he says. "They may not speak the language, but they know the songs." ■

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“Our biggest success was ‘Breaking Bad.’ In its last season, we counted 40 percent of the below line crew were our former or current students.”

Although New Mexico was the first state to have a loan package as part of its incentive package to attract films from Hollywood, creating what Bond terms “instant interest” in films coming to New Mexico, he also says that Georgia’s present involvement in the film industry already surpasses New Mexico’s.

“I’m regularly taken aback by how many parallels there are between New Mexico and Georgia,” he says. “But I sincerely believe Georgia is ahead of New Mexico in several aspects of its growth in the film and media industry. Georgia is further ahead in the development of its industry at this point.

“The film industry follows the dollar. There’s no two ways about it, Georgia is way ahead in terms of infrastructure for the film industry. Other states have had plans, but they haven’t done anything. Georgia is well-positioned to be a leader in the development of infotainment world, including feature films, TV, cable, all internet, gaming, the use of digital media for training, medically-related and industrial-related training projects.”

Further, Bond says that Clayton State is positioned to be a leader, not just in the state, but in the nation.

“The picture at Clayton State is that enlightened, forward thinking is likely to make Clayton State a leader, if not the

leader in the country, in the type of training we are doing,” he predicts, noting the efforts of both Executive Director of Continuing Education Janet Winkler, and Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes.

Bond relates the series of events that now brings him to Georgia. Hynes originally met with Bobby Vazquez, former president of Local 479 of IATSE, who shared with him a description of the New Mexico courses and requested that Clayton State provide training for the union members and to create a training program for people interested in a career as a technical crew member.

Hynes then asked Winkler to respond to Vazquez’ request and made the introduction to the president of Central New Mexico Community College, who introduced Winkler to Bond. Over the course of the past year, Bond has provided guidance for launching the program. Winkler is also introducing him to large network of professionals in Georgia who have expressed interest in collaborating with Clayton State to ensure the success of the program.

Bond began his media career at the tender age of 15 at a little radio station in Taos, N.M., and worked in production and management at public radio and television stations in New Mexico, central California and Idaho. Those stations won several national and regional awards for programming, fund-raising and audience development.

He began his teaching career in 1987 at

Santa Fe Community College, where he developed academic programs in electronic media production and digital media. He holds B.A. in Communication from New Mexico State University and also had more than 50 hours of graduate credits in communication and business administration.

He has served on numerous local, state and national media and technology advisory groups and has made presentations at several national conferences.

Although not directly related to his film training credentials, it is also worth noting that Bond and his wife Joyce have a lot of hands-on experience in training – they have six-year-old triplets. ■

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Shedrick Scores 26 In 72-63 Win Over Carver

by Gid Rowell

Clayton State senior forward Charles Shedrick scored a career high 26 points Nov. 25 to lift the Lakers to a 72-63 non-conference victory over Carver at the Athletics Center.

With the game tied at 52 apiece with 6:13 remaining, the Lakers outscored Carver 20-11 down the stretch for the win. Senior guard Craig Wong opened the stretch, draining two straight 3-pointers to ignite the run. His second three-pointer gave the Lakers a 63-57 lead with 3:35 remaining in the contest.

After both teams swapped baskets over the next two minutes, Clayton State made 5-of-7 free throws to seal the victory.

“Give Carver a lot of credit, as they came in and took the fight to us,” said head coach Paul Harrison. “They have done that against some other teams in our

league. The main thing is that we won the game, and we are work in progress. It will be nice for the guys to have some time off, and after the holiday, we will come back and continue to improve. That’s the name of the game ... continual improvement.”

With the win, Clayton State improves to 3-1 on the season, while Carver drops to 2-10. The Lakers will return to action Wednesday, Dec. 11, hosting Truett-McConnell in a 7:30 p.m. game at the Athletics Center.

Shedrick’s 26 points came on 11-of-19 shooting from the field, including 3-of-7 from 3-point range. Wong added 15 points, making 5-of-10 from the floor and 4-of-7 from 3-point territory. Freshman William Asplund scored 11 points, making 4-of-5 from the field and pulled five boards. ■

Toure Named Daktronics NCAA Division II All-American

Clayton State men’s soccer player Alhagi Toure has been named to the 2013 Daktronics NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer All-American team.

Toure, who was selected to the All-Southeast Region squad last month, becomes Clayton State’s seventh men’s soccer player to receive All-American honors at the NCAA Division II level since 2000.

“His dedication and focus paid off, but in speaking with Al (Toure) this morning, he wished that he could trade that in to play in the NCAA Final Four today in Augusta,” said head coach Pete Petersen. “He is honored and thankful, but so indicative of the guy...always thinking about others. We are all proud for him and will miss him!”

A senior from Decatur, Ga., Toure led the Peach Belt in goals scored and in points

during the 2013 regular season with 18 goals and 38 points. He also ranked in the top-5 in goals scored in the nation and led the Peach Belt in shots attempted during the regular season.

He was named the Peach Belt Player of the Week on two different occasions in the 2012 season. He finished the season with four multi-goal games and five game-winning goals. His 18 goals on the season were two goals shy of matching Clayton State’s single season record of 20 set by Jason Nidiffer in 1995.

Along with being named first-team All-Conference team, Toure was named the Brine Golden Ball Winner for the most goals scored this year in the PBC.

The Lakers finished the season with a 10-4-2 overall record and a 5-3-2 mark in Peach Belt play. The squad tied for fourth in the conference this season. ■

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Morton added 15 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore guard Kayla Pryce scored 11 points.

For Fort Valley, Jefferson scored 16 points, followed D’Ambria Thomas with

13 points. Carmenonique Dawson chipped in 10 points, while Briana Sheperd had eight points and 11 rebounds. ■

Trivia Time

Abby Someone

by John Shiffert

When in doubt, turn to Mel Brooks. In this case, his mildly demented, black and white tribute to horror pictures, “Young Frankenstein.”

The question was a simple one, whose brain did Gene Wilder accidentally put into Peter Boyle? It was supposed to be scientist and saint Hans Delbruck. It wasn’t, because Marty Feldman (EYE-gore) dropped Delbruck’s petri dish at the brain depository, and substituted Abby Someone’s brain. At least, that’s what Igor originally thought. Turns out it was an abnormal brain, which Igor thought belonged to Abby Normal. However, Wilder, maybe because the monster had just tried to strangle him, sort of guessed what Igor meant.

“Are you saying I put an abnormal brain into a seven-and-a-half foot long, 54 inch wide... gorilla!?”

Well, yes.

Now, while Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller is a former Trivia Time champion, this is not typically his kind of question, since he tends to stick to more refined pursuits, like opera. Ahh, but little did you know...

“It probably would be more accurate to say I was a fan of Madeline Kahn -- who, after all, started her performance career as an operatic soprano,” he explained after coming in with the first correct answer. (Kahn, BTW, played the monster’s love interest in “Young Frankenstein.”) “Ultimately, she didn’t have quite the heft for Puccini, though she did do Musetta in Bohème with a number of American companies, and Richard Strauss, but had she only lived a few generations earlier, she would have been the Operettendiva of Johann Strauss Jr.’s and Offenbach’s dreams!”

Now there’s an answer; good for three Bonus Points as well. Subsequent correct answers came from Jill Ellington, Lou Brackett, Brett Reichert and Rob Taylor.

For the final Trivia Time of 2013, we’ll stick with Brooks, and ask the name of the character he played and created with Rob Reiner’s dad, many years before “Young Frankenstein.”

Sports

Clayton State Improves to 4-1 with 80-66 Win Over Fort Valley

by Gid Rowell

The seventh-ranked Clayton State women's basketball team picked up a hard-fought road victory Tuesday, defeating non-conference opponent Fort Valley State 80-66 in Fort Valley, Ga.

The Lakers outscored the Wildcats 26-8 over the final nine minutes of the game for the win. Trailing 58-54 with 8:44 remaining in the contest, the Lakers went on a 15-0 run over the next four minutes to take control of the game.

Senior forward Kiana Morton ignited the Lakers with a basket and scored four points during the game-deciding stretch, while

sophomore center Andrea Benford capped the run and scored six points during the run. Benford's basket, two of her game-high 20 points, gave the Lakers an 11-point lead, 69-58, with 4:25 remaining.

Fort Valley cut the deficit to eight points, 72-64, with 1:44 remaining but the Lakers scored eight unanswered points to seal the victory. Benford scored five of the final eight points for the Lakers, who led by as many as 16 in the final minute.

With the win, the Lakers improve to 4-1 overall, while Fort Valley drops to 1-6 on the

season. Clayton State will return to action on Saturday, Dec. 14, hosting Georgia Southwestern at 1:30 p.m. at the Athletics Center as part of the Peach Belt Conference doubleheader opener for the Lakers. The men's game will tip-off at 3:30 p.m.

Benford's 20 points came on 8-of-10 shooting from the field. Senior forward Shacamra Jackson added 18 points, which included 10-of-11 from the free throw line. She also finished with 11 rebounds, four blocks and four steals.

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Alicia Robinson Named First-Team NSCAA All-America

Clayton State women's soccer player Alicia Robinson led the Lakers to the Peach Belt Conference regular season and PBC Tournament Championships in 2013, and she has received another honor following her fine senior season.

A midfielder from Telford, England, Robinson was named to the first team National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America team. She was also named to the Daktronics All-

America squad and was named to both All-Region squads earlier this month.

"We are thrilled to have Alicia (Robinson) recognized as a first team All-American," said head coach Gareth O'Sullivan. "She is worthy of the award and has really helped put the program back on the map."

The All-American recognition for Robinson is only the third time a Clayton State women's soccer player has received

the honor. Nkiru Okosieme was named All-American in 2004 and Olaitan Yusuf received the honor in both 2004 and 2005.

The 2013 Peach Belt Player of the Year, Robinson led the league with 10 assists on the season and initiated the Clayton State offense that led the PBC in goals scored with 48 on the year. A team captain, Robinson was also named to the 2012 NSCAA All-Region team and was an All-PBC performer last year. ■

O'Sullivan Named NSCAA Division II S.E. Region Coach of Year

After recently completing one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Clayton State women's soccer program, the postseason awards continue to pour in for the Lakers.

Clayton State head coach Gareth O'Sullivan was named the 2013 NSCAA Division II Southeast Region Coach of the Year, the first time a Laker women's soccer coach has received the honor. In addition to the region award, O'Sullivan was also named the Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year last month.

"This award is shared amongst the entire coaching staff whom I'm lucky to have," said coach O'Sullivan.

Taking over the program three years ago, O'Sullivan has brought Clayton State back to elite status in women's soccer. The Lakers won the 2013 Peach Belt Conference regular season championship and also captured the Peach Belt Conference Tournament Championship. Both titles were the first since 2005 and only the second time in the program's 19-year history.

The Lakers also advanced to the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer National Championships for the first time since 2005 and finished with a 12-4-6 record on the year. The squad entered the national tournament ranked #11 in the country. ■

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