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## Clayton State University Makes Dreams Real for 440 Graduates

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Some 440 dreams were made real at Clayton State University on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The University's annual Fall Commencement Ceremony saw 440 individuals awarded their undergraduate or master's degrees as part of two ceremonies in what Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes described as, "a very important day for our graduates and their families. This was a really exceptional event."

Speaking to the graduates from the colleges of Business, Health, and Information and Mathematical Sciences at the 9 a.m. ceremony was Dr. Willie Cochran, Jr., senior vice president, Medical Affairs/CMO at Southern Regional Medical Center in Riverdale.



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Congratulations, Clayton State University fall 2012 graduates!

The keynote speaker at the noon ceremony for the graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences was Roosevelt Giles,

founder of IMS/EndPoint Consulting Group, and vice chairman of the Board of Commencement, cont'd., p. 11

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## Clayton State's MLK Celebration 2013, January 15 to January 21

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Celebration at Clayton State University is a collaborative effort between the Department of Campus Life, AmeriCorps, Diversity Education Experiences for Peers (D.E.E.P.) Educators, the Tau Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Sigma Sigma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to commemorate the life of the ultimate dreamer of the 20th Century, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and significant events that occurred during the Civil Rights movement.

This highlights of the 2013 celebration of those dreams being made real are an MLK Rally at Forest Park High School, King's Sunday Supper and Day of Service, and an MLK March in Atlanta.

Jan. 15 -- MLK Rally -- 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., Forest Park High School

Campus Life, in collaboration with AmeriCorps and D.E.E.P. Educators, will sponsor a rally at Forest Park High School to educate students about Dr. King's dream, vision, and life as well as celebrate his legacy.

Jan. 15 -- I Have A Dream March and Candlelight Vigil -- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., James M. Baker University Center Quad and Lawson Amphitheatre

Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the annual MLK March in honor of individuals that fought for civil rights of all mankind. The MLK March

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## President Announces IT Planning, Phase 2

As promised earlier this year, an IT strategic planning committee would issue a plan, as well as an initial strategy for establishing some priority recommendations for campus actions.

The report can be found at our web site under period communications <http://www.clayton.edu/Portals/1/president/IT-Strategic-Plan-Phase2-Final-Report.pdf>. At very least, please review the material on page five of the very thoughtful report that outlines a proposed strategic plan. Next steps will include the development of an information technology council, which will assist with the review and advancement of IT infrastructure, support, and utilization (with an eye toward more effective applications of IT for learning and academic and institutional support.)

The report was the result of many months of work, and included the engagement of a significant part of the campus community. Let me express my special thanks to the committee, that included:

Carolina Amero, co-chair AVP,  
Auxiliary & Administrative Services

Ginny Bass Director, Degree  
Completion

Rodger Bates Professor of Sociology

Dolores Cox Communications  
Coordinator

Jim Flowers, co-chair Strategic Planning  
Officer

Deborah Gritzmacher Assistant Professor  
of Healthcare Management

Pamela Barnes Programming Director,  
Continuing Education

Tom Marshall Director, Administrative  
Systems

Katherine Ott Assistant Dean, Libraries

Richard Pearce-Moses Director, Master  
of Archival Studies Program

Lila Roberts Dean, College of  
Information & Mathematical Sciences

Steven Smith Faculty Developer, Online  
Learning

Faculty in CIMS & Education  
Sheryne Southard Assistant Professor of  
Legal Studies

Shannon Thomas Director, Client  
Support Services

Leon Wheeler Human Resources  
Information Systems Coordinator

John Bryan – ex officio consultant  
Vice President for Information  
Technology & Services.

This is most impressive and thoughtful work, and I publicly express my appreciation to our colleagues for helping us get to this point. We have been known in our history as an innovator in the application of information technology to learning. We will be working in the very near future to form the technology council, whose work at very least will help establish structures to support transparency of university activities similar to the processes already established for budget development, facilities master planning and strategic planning. And those efforts in turn will allow us to better use present and future resources to support learning, and make key choices that capture that spirit of institutional innovator.

Thanks in advance for your support of these efforts, and your willingness to serve should you be asked to do so. And should you have any questions, please let me know at your convenience.

-- Dr. Thomas Hynes, president ■

## Health Care Management, Health & Fitness Management Join the Clayton State University College of Health

The Department of Health Care Management, and the Health & Fitness Management program are joining the College of Health.

After a great deal of conversation that emerged out of strategic planning and out of discussions with outside with consultants, the leadership in Academic Affairs and President Dr. Thomas Hynes have agreed that, consistent with Clayton State's strategic desire to present health care education as a significant part of what the University will be known for in the region, the department of Health Care

Management (HCM), now in the College of Business, and the program of Health & Fitness Management (HFM), now in the College of Arts and Sciences, will become part of the College of Health. Health & Fitness Management will also become part of the Health Care Management Department, under the direction of Dr. Peter Fitzpatrick. Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, current dean of the College of Health, will serve as dean of the entire expanded unit.

This move will take effect on Jan. 1, 2013, however, a number of details will be finalized over the course of spring semester

and a public celebration and launch of this new arrangement will take place in the fall of 2013. Initially this move is more of an administrative or organizational move than a physical move; however, over time there will be efforts made to make some physical moves as well.

Dean Eichelberger notes that the location for advisement of the HCM and HFM students will transition to the College of Health after the Jan. 3, 2013 orientation. ■

## DeAnna Holmes Aims to Make Her Dreams Real at Clayton State

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

DeAnna Holmes, a senior majoring in health care management, is the mother of three and battling breast cancer. However, Holmes is taking major strides to accomplish her goals and make her dreams a reality at Clayton State University.

“In 2007, I was a junior underwriter with Wachovia Mortgage, and I decided that it was time for a change,” Holmes says. “I decided it was time for me to do something that I knew I would enjoy doing. I obtained my associates degree in science at South University in 2007, graduating magna cum laude with a 3.67 GPA.”

After Holmes graduated from South University she moved to Georgia.

“Once I got to Georgia I knew that I didn’t want to end (my education) there and decided to attend Gordon College for nursing,” she says. “However, my plan fell through. I then transferred to Clayton

State for nursing and that’s when cancer struck. After that I decided to change my major to Health Care Management.”

Holmes did not let cancer get in the way of accomplishing her dreams.

“My strong upbringing from my parents and my determination to be a good example for my children is what keeps me motivated to excel in school,” Holmes explains.

Holmes is indeed determined. Every Friday she receives chemotherapy, which sometimes leaves her exhausted, which can be challenging. Despite the challenge, on the days when she is feeling exhausted Holmes motivates herself to come to cam-



DeAnna Holmes

pus earlier in the day to keep her focused and stay active.

“Being a full time student I have to balance my children’s activities as well to make sure I’m there for them and I pray, pray, pray,” Holmes says.

Holmes looks forward to graduating from Clayton State in May 2013. She plans to obtain a healthcare management position in an oncology or cardiology department.

“I would also like to work in an executive department, to make sure that the doctors and hospital staff do their part to make sure every patient is being properly cared for in an effort to decrease the amount of unnecessary accidental deaths,” she says. ■

## Chemistry Club Focuses on Community Outreach

by Samantha Watson, University Relations

Clayton State University’s Chemistry Club recently sponsored service-learning projects at Atlanta’s Fernbank Science Center and the Fernbank Natural History Museum. The club is presently focused on expanding its outreach to all students who are involved or interested in chemistry, and the surrounding community, with its mission to provide academic and career information particular to the chemistry field.

Gloria Phuong Le, president of the Chemistry Club, says, “I believe the club can serve to promote the awareness of the surrounding community about Clayton State University in general and the chemistry majors in particular.”

Phoung Le (Ellenwood) is one of the original founding members of the Chemistry Club, a senior double major in chemistry and biology at Clayton State who plans to graduate in spring 2013. She has many

future plans for the Chemistry Club that promise to propel the success of the club itself, as well as its members.

Other recent club events included a chemistry “study day” on Dec. 1 to aid students preparing for chemistry finals. Upcoming events include various chemistry demonstrations that will “help students feel motivated studying chemistry and also help them understand what is going on with their class materials in a fun and interactive atmosphere,” says Phoung Le.

A large part of the Chemistry Club’s mission is to increase the retention of chemistry students at Clayton State. The club provides assistance to its members in their



Gloria Phuong Le

efforts to gain admission to graduate school. This is a great perk of being a member for Crystal Seckendorf, who plans to go to graduate school for Environmental Sciences with an emphasis in geochemistry and water quality. Seckendorf (McDonough) is a single mother who is also double majoring in biology and chemistry and is in the Army Reserves.

As well as serving chemistry majors, the club strives to involve non-majors like Ruby Corral (Atlanta).

“I am not a chemistry major but I have enjoyed being part of the chemistry club

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## Caillouet Essay Wins Second National Award

An essay written by Dr. Ruth Caillouet, chair of the Department of Teacher Education at Clayton State University, has won a second national award.

Caillouet's article, "To Be Young, Gifted, Black, and Lesbian: Wyeth and Woodson, Models for Saving a Life," was selected as the recipient of the 2012 Virginia Hamilton Essay Award this past spring. Last week, Caillouet flew to Las Vegas, Nev., to receive the 2012 Nilsen-Donelson Award for the outstanding article in *The ALAN Review* for volume 39, published by the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the

National Council of Teachers of English (ALAN).

The article's previous honor, the Virginia Hamilton Essay Award was established in 1991, and recognizes a journal article published in a given year which makes a significant contribution to professional literature concerning multicultural literary experiences for youth.

Dr. Steven Bickmore, Dr. Jacqueline Bach and Dr. Melanie Hundley currently edit ALAN



Dr. Ruth Caillouet

Review Since July 1995 Virginia Tech's DLA (Digital Library and Archives) has provided Internet access to the ALAN Review homepage, <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/alan-review.html>. ■

## Sociologist Bates Covers the Gamut from Frivolity to Homeland Security and Terrorism

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University Professor of Sociology Dr. Rodger Bates is one of those rare individuals whose expertise covers two ends of a spectrum.

In Bates' case, that sociological spectrum runs the course from frivolity to homeland security and terrorism

Bates recently made a presentation on "The Social Construction of Frivolity," at the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) meeting in Mobile, Ala. The presentation was co-authored with daughter Emily Bates Fortner, assistant professor of Sociology at Jackson State Community College in Jackson, Tenn.

"With regards to my other interests, in the past two-years I have published two articles in the *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* in the area of terrorism," he adds. "Only a sociologist can move from terrorism to frivolity and back and keep a straight face."

Of course, keeping a straight face on the subject of frivolity may not be easy. "The Social Construction of Frivolity" covered

such wide-ranging "frivolous" pastimes as theme parks, doing the "wave" at sporting events, Mardi Gras, the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, and a new fad, "planking," which Bates describes as involving people laying out in a plank-like manner in various public places. Proving that the MSSA was into the Bates' presentation, four MSSA officers mimicked planking for the camera during the meeting.



MSSA planking

"Leisure is a continuum of behavior from normative to deviant. Some forms of leisure reflect widely shared cultural norms while others reflect only marginal or sub-cultural acceptance," reads the abstract for "The Social Construction of

Frivolity." (Planking is apparently quite a hit on social media.) "Within this continuum, we label some harmless forms of non-traditional behavior frivolity. The social construction of frivolity is tempered by time, place, social class and tradition. In addition, frivolity can be a two-edged sword, defining the abnormal as normal or the normal as abnormal.

"Anthropologists document the functional nature of frivolity as a safety-valve to the pressures of conformity. Sociologists explore how patterns of interaction are altered or suspended in response to special events defined as periods of frivolity. Likewise, students of popular culture study the emergent norms, behaviors and the social definitions associated with carnivals, festivals and special environments dedicated to frivolity."

On a more serious note, Bates points out that Homeland Security/Emergency Management is now an approved minor in sociology at Clayton State, as well as a concentration in both the Clayton State

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## Psychology Major Honored by Clayton County Public Schools Homeless Education Programs

Katrina Swain, a Clayton State University senior psychology major, was recently awarded a plaque for her service to the homeless by Sonia Davis, coordinator of Homeless Education Programs for Clayton County Public Schools.

Swain started serving a three-days-a-week internship with the Homeless Education Department (HED) in January of 2012, helping to organize supplies for homeless students, packing book bags and selecting uniforms and other available supplies requested by school social workers. She also helped with special projects for students.

Swain volunteered at one of the county's homeless shelters, Calvary Refuge Center, to learn first-hand what happens to families in search of housing. During one of her nights volunteering, Swain met a family that had contacted HED for assistance.

"Having met them at the shelter made their requests for services at the HED office more personal for me," Swain says.

Fittingly for a student where dreams are made real, Swain was the initial contact to schools regarding a special project known as "Dreams Do Come True," the inaugural project for First Baptist Church of Lovejoy which provided free prom dresses, shoes and accessories to high school juniors and seniors in good standing. Swain contacted counselors at high schools to invite juniors and seniors to participate in the project. More than 20 young ladies from CCPS high schools participated in the project.



Katrina Swain

Once the project ended, Swain used pictures taken by Homeless Education Department staff to create a special visual presentation showcasing the beautiful young ladies in their prom attire.

A non-traditional student at Clayton State, Swain is prepared to make a difference once she earns her degree. She recently added starting a homeless shelter as one of her goals. ■

## Clayton State to Host Georgia Psychology Society's Eighth Annual Meeting in March

Clayton State University will be hosting the Georgia Psychological Society's Eighth Annual Meeting on Saturday, Mar. 30, 2013.

The preliminary conference schedule for Mar. 30 calls for welcome, refreshments and registration from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., followed by a general poster session (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.), and the keynote address. After lunch will come two additional poster sessions (from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.), followed by presentations and symposia.

Registration is \$20 for students, \$30 for faculty and professionals, includes yearly membership in the Georgia Psychological Society (GPS). Lunch and mid-morning snacks will be provided at conference. Register via; Georgia Psychological Society, c/o Department of Psychology and Counseling, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Ga., 31698-0100. Registrations will be held at the conference registration desk for pick up and registrants will receive email confirmation.

After Mar. 20, participants should register at the conference registration desk between 8 a.m. and 9:40 a.m.

Faculty, professionals, graduate students and undergraduate students in psychology and related fields are invited to submit papers for possible presentation. Submissions in basic and applied areas of psychology, and interdisciplinary topics will be considered. Possible interdisciplinary topics include psychological factors in education, nursing, sports, politics, and management. Presentation proposals (as 250 word abstracts, or full papers) are due by Tuesday, Mar. 12 to Dr. Charles R. Talor of Valdosta State University, at [crtalor@valdosta.edu](mailto:crtalor@valdosta.edu). Submissions should be in MSWord or RTF format and must include the following: author name(s) and affiliation(s), address, email and phone number of key presenter, name of faculty mentor (if any), whether submission should be considered as a Psi Chi Poster session or Honor Society Poster Session.

For additional details contact Talor, Dr. Blaine L. Browne at [blbrowne@valdosta.edu](mailto:blbrowne@valdosta.edu), or Dr. Steven J. Kohn at [sjkohn@valdosta.edu](mailto:sjkohn@valdosta.edu). GPS sponsors include: Department of Psychology and Counseling at Valdosta State University, Department of Psychology at Georgia Southern University, Department of Psychology at Columbus State University, Department of Psychology at Clayton State University, and Department of Psychology at Coastal Georgia University. ■

# Across the Campus...

## Alumni

John Lewis Morrow, a May 2012 honors graduate of Clayton State University with a B.S. in Biology, returned to campus on Saturday, Dec. 15 to be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. The ceremony took place at outdoor the Judge Eugene Lawson Amphitheater. A tutor at the Center for Academic Success during his undergraduate years at Clayton State, Morrow previously graduated Marine Officer Candidate School (OCS) 207 in August 2011. OCS is a 10-week course designed to train, screen, and evaluate potential marine officers.

## Athletics

The Clayton State men's soccer team recently had a player named among the region's best as Ado Junuzovic was named to the 2012 NSCAA/Continental Tire Men's NCAA Division II Southeast All-Region team. A sophomore from Lawrenceville, Ga., Junuzovic was Clayton State's leading scorer in his first season with the Lakers. He finished the season with 11 goals and three assists to lead the Laker offensive attack. The Clayton State women's soccer team had two players named among the region's best as junior Alicia Robinson and senior Natalia Valentine were named to the 2012 NSCAA/Continental Tire Women's NCAA Division II Southeast All-Region team. Robinson, a junior from Telford, England, was named to the first team All-Region squad, while Valentine, a senior from Boksburg, South Africa was named to the second team.

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During last year's indoor season, the Clayton State women's indoor track & field team set four team records. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the squad came away with two team records and a NCAA provisional mark from the Birmingham-Southern College Panther Icebreaker Meet at the Birmingham Crossplex. Senior Paige Galvin set one of the four records last season and did it again Saturday. Fresh off the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships two weeks earlier, Galvin bettered her 3,000m indoor mark by 12 seconds to finish fourth in 10:37.81. Meanwhile, newcomer Jessica

Matthews took it one-step better. The freshman from Monroe, Ga. broke the team's indoor triple jump record and hit an NCAA DII provision mark on her first collegiate attempt in the event. Matthews finished up with a best of 38-4¼ to place sixth in the meet and have the best Clayton State women's triple jump for both indoors and outdoors.

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Led by the Clayton State distance corps, the Lakers track & field team opened up its ninth indoor season Saturday with seven Top 10 finishes at the Icebreaker Meet. Senior Ayrtion Azcue, the team's MVP in 2012, led the way with the team's highest individual finish with a second place finish in the 3,000m run with a time of 8:58.32. He finished the long day running the fastest leg on the team's 4 x 400m relay that ran a respectable 3:23.43 to place fourth in the event.

## Business

Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University, has been named to the board of directors of Clayton County Family Care. According to Clayton County Family Care Interim Executive Director Marie Barber, her organization has served the local community for 60 years, with the hope that its services will continue to help thousands of families each year. Barber also says Ogbuehi's knowledge, expertise and vision will be invaluable to helping define the organization and achieve its goals. The mission of Clayton County Family Care, located at 1000 Main St., Forest Park, Ga., is to provide short term emergency assistance and promote self sufficiency for Clayton County residents.

## Campus Life

Campus Life is already planning for the 2013 Alternative Spring Break in March, which will offer Clayton State students the opportunity to help provide quality early education for preschoolers in a Head Start program in Biloxi, Miss., or, alternatively, to work to protect and preserve a stretch of the Mississippi River in Memphis. Students can pick up application forms in the Campus Life office, or they can be downloaded <http://www.clayton.edu/campus-life/servicelearning/asb>. For

further information, contact LaShanda Hardin at (678) 466-5433 or [lashanda-hardin@clayton.edu](mailto:lashanda-hardin@clayton.edu).

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Each year, the Clayton State University Office of Campus Life organizes community service opportunities for Clayton State students at varied locations throughout the state and the nation, timed to coincide with the University's winter and spring breaks. From Dec. 9, 2012 to Dec. 15, 2012 Alternative Winter Break sent Clayton State 13 students to work with community agencies in Washington, D.C., agencies that focus on the homeless population and those people who are most affected by it; another 10 students go to eliminate substandard housing on Johns Island, S.C., with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity.

## CIMS

The First Lego League Super Regional Qualifier will be returning to the campus of Clayton State University on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013. Specifically, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) will once again be hosting the First Lego League Super Regional Qualifier in the James M. Baker University Center, largely on Main Street and the Commons Area. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with Jarrett Terry, CIMS assistant dean for Undergraduate Advisement and Student Services, heading up the organization of the event. The competitions during the day will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 12:50 p.m. to 3 p.m., with the presentation of awards from 3:50 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NARA

The National Archives at Atlanta is proud to announce the "release" of its immigration-themed video, "Coming to America: Celebrating the Immigrant Experience." NARA's social media team recently posted the video to NARA's YouTube channel. The link to the video on YouTube is <http://youtu.be/WPDJU8Fg0ps>. ("Join the National Archives at Atlanta for a Naturalization Ceremony that it hosted on July 20, 2012. Share the joy of new citizens



The Clayton State campus and community gathered on November 29 to share their well wishes with Director of Development Reda Rowell as she begins the next chapter in her life.

and learn about NARA records that document the path to citizenship, often times with surprising and poignant results.”)

### Teacher Education

Two spring 2012 graduates of Clayton State’s Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics program, Jabril Willis, a math teacher at A.Z. Kelsey Academy in Griffin, Ga., and Shaneeka Favors, a 10th grade math teacher at the South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, were among 44 of Georgia’s best and brightest new teachers to receive a New Teacher Assistance Grant from Georgia Power. The grants can be used to purchase items such as books, educational materials, computers and other supplies. Teacher nominations were submitted to Georgia Power by the 22 Georgia public colleges and universities that have a school of education. To be eligible for the grant, candidates had to be in the top 25 percent of their class academically, be a first-year teacher employed by a public school in Georgia, and demonstrate a high aptitude for teaching.

### The Loch Shop

Clayton State students, faculty and staff who will be stuck on campus following the end of this week’s final exams can at least have the consolation of a special sale at The Loch Shop. Starting on Monday, Dec. 10, and running through Friday, Dec. 21, The Loch Shop will be having its annual “Stuck On Campus” sale, not just for anyone stuck on campus during the holiday season, but for anyone who wants to drop by the first floor of the Clayton State Student Center Monday through Friday. Included in the sale will be such bargains as limited edition Clayton State University Christmas ornaments for \$9.99, “Buy 2 Bargain Books, Get One Free” (of equal or lesser value), as well as deep discounts on the most popular authors in The Loch Shop’s trade book section.

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Congratulations to students Tina Wright and Taylor Hughes and staff member Heidi Benford. Each will receive a \$50 gift card as winners in The Loch Shop sur-

vey random prize drawing. The Loch Shop would like to thank the campus community for their feedback on our operations. Your input has a significant impact in determining how we develop our plans for the future as well as letting us know areas we need to improve in order to ensure you are receiving the best customer service possible. We are thrilled we received 94 percent or higher positive rating and will strive to reach a perfect satisfaction level of 100 percent.



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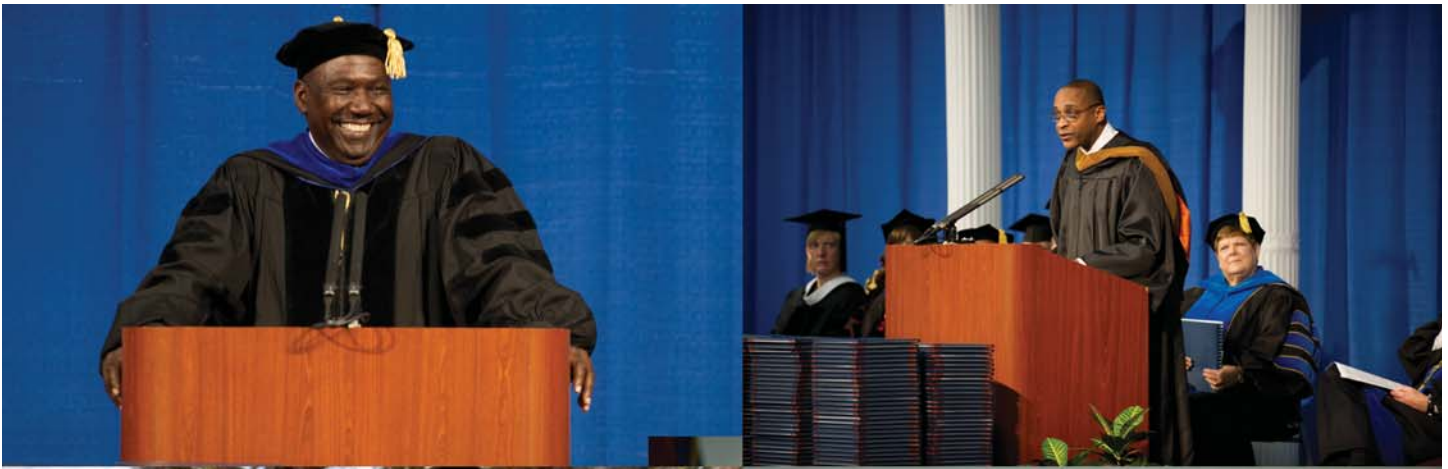
Fall 2012 School of Graduate Studies Hooding Ceremony



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Fall 2012 Nursing Pinning Ceremony





## Clayton State Student and Staff Member Selected for NASPA's Mentoring Program

Kelvin "Jevon" Miller, a 22-year old native of Macon, Ga., and a senior at Clayton State University majoring in psychology and human services, has been selected for the 2012/13 class of the NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP).

Miller is one of four Clayton State students selected for this year's class. The NASPA Undergraduate Fellows program is a semi-structured mentoring program for undergraduate students wishing to explore and better understand the field of student affairs and/or higher education. Students and mentors apply as a pair, and if selected are provided the foundation to establish a semi-structured mentoring relationship at their institution.

Miller's mentor, who was selected with him, is Darius Thomas, program assistant in the Clayton State Office of Orientation

& New Student Programs and a Clayton State Graduate. Thomas was a Fellow in NUFP as well during his undergraduate days at Clayton State. Thomas earned his bachelor of science in psychology and human services in fall 2010; he later received his master of education in higher education administration from Georgia Southern University in summer 2012. He has served in his current role since August 2011.

Miller's anticipated graduation date is fall 2013. Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a master degree in higher education administration. His future career aspirations include creating and supervising a minority-driven initiative to assist minority students in retention and graduation. His long-term goal is to become provost of a university.

"My interest in the field of student affairs comes from my campus involvement and

rewarding interaction with student affairs professionals," says Miller. Some of his campus involvement include, serving as a F.I.R.S.T. Step Peer Mentor, president of SAAB (Student African American Brotherhood), Co-Founder of the Visual Art Club, and a NAACP Collegiate member.



Kelvin "Jevon" Miller

"I look forward to working with Mr. Miller as he explores the wonderful world of higher education," says Thomas. ■

## The Loch Shop Launches New Custom Fan Shop

Clayton State University Laker fans can now do all their holiday shopping on-line, with one easy click of the mouse.

Todd Smith, manager of the University's Loch Shop, has announced the launch of [www.claytonstategear.com](http://www.claytonstategear.com), the official online store for Clayton State Athletics devoted exclusively to selling Laker athletic gear. From Adidas to Under Armour, [www.claytonstategear.com](http://www.claytonstategear.com) has something for every Laker fan, while offering the ease of online purchasing.

"Our new custom fan shop, [www.claytonstategear.com](http://www.claytonstategear.com), allows the Loch Shop to offer its customers a larger number of items than we have space to offer in our current bricks and mortar location," notes Smith, who adds that The Loch Shop splits the proceeds from every sale with the Clayton State Athletics Department.

Jessica Valadez, the developer of the new site and college program manager for

Advanced-Online, says that [www.claytonstategear.com](http://www.claytonstategear.com) should have between 300 to 500 products available online, and will continue to add new products throughout the year. She also promises to

run monthly promotions (the current one is a gift with a \$50 purchase) throughout the year as well. ■



Loch shops the Loch Shop in-store and online at [www.claytonstategear.com](http://www.claytonstategear.com).

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Atlanta Life Financial Group, Herndon Capital Management.

“No matter how far you go in education, it is the dedication to one’s own ideas and convictions that will set you apart,” Cochran told the audience at the 9 a.m. ceremony. In addition to his medical degree, Cochran also holds an MBA.

Cochran earned his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1979 and graduated from Methodist Hospital’s surgical residency program in 1984. He subsequently joined the teaching staff of that Indiana institution as clinical coordinator for surgical endoscopy and general surgery teaching faculty. He was part of the initial team charged with creating the trauma service at Methodist, providing 24 hour in-house coverage for accident victims in the downtown Indianapolis area. He maintained a private practice in Indianapolis until his move to Georgia in 1991.

He joined the Southern Regional Medical Center medical staff in 1992 as a general surgeon. During his tenure as part of the surgery department, he helped form

Surgery South, which grew into the only multi-specialty general surgery group in the Southern Crescent. He was instrumental in bringing new technologies and procedures to the hospital, demonstrating administrative leadership and participating in the development of an in-house trauma program and statewide trauma network for Southern Regional.

In 2006, Cochran extended his duties to include hyperbaric medicine and wound care at Southern Regional. He was a leading force in directing enhancements to make that service one of the busiest in the South Metro Atlanta area. During this period of professional transition, Cochran had an opportunity to join Southern Regional Medical Center’s executive team in March 2008 as the Vice President of Medical Affairs. Realizing that further study is truly the key to success, he completed his MBA from Stetson School of Business at Mercer University in 2009.

While Giles was born in Union, S.C., as the son of sharecroppers and finding work early in life picking cotton, he quickly advanced in education, earning a B.S. in Business Administration with a minor in

computer science from the University of South Carolina and Limestone College. From working the night shift at textile manufacturer Milliken and Company, he became a programmer for the same company prior to taking a job with AT&T in Network Design. In 1985, while still working at AT&T, he founded IMS/EndPoint Consulting Group, foreseeing the need for consulting, design, and management services that focused on networking-diverse computer systems to make data processing transparent to users.

Not surprisingly, Giles focused his remarks on technology, especially mobile technology.

“This is a very exciting time, and you are the first generation to be fully-connected,” he said. “The nerds have now won! Long live the nerds!

“We have not yet scratched the surface in terms of what mobile technology can do. Products and services are turning into software that allows the masses to participate. There are endless possibilities and opportunities. The answers are in your hands.” ■

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procession will end at the Lawson Amphitheatre with a candlelight vigil in remembrance of Dr. King’s birthday, legacy and dream.

Jan. 20 -- King’s Sunday Supper -- 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Student Activities Center Ballroom

Inspired by the legacy of Dr. King, America’s Sunday Supper invites people

from diverse backgrounds to come together to share a meal, discuss issues that affect our community and highlight our shared values and strengths.

Jan. 21 -- MLK Day of Service and MLK

March -- 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Atlanta

The campus community will engage in a series of volunteer projects in the Atlanta

area in tribute to the work and life of Dr. King. Transportation will be provided for 25 participants. For more information regarding registration for this event, please contact LaShanda Hardin at LaShandaHardin@clayton.edu. ■

## Life’s Transitions

*Emerita Professor of Sociology Dr. Faye Barr died unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 3, at her home. She had just returned from Paris on Nov. 27, where she had been seeing the city with Robert and Ginny Harrell. She had a delayed Thanksgiving with her grandchildren and their families on Sunday. After they left, she went to bed and apparently at some point during the night passed away. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 8 in Milledgeville, Ga.*



*University Relations’ Ciji Fox, along with fiancé Anthony and daughter Anaya, welcomed Canaan Anthony at 8:02 a.m. on December 6, 2012. He was 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 19” long. Congratulations!*



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The Clayton State court was recently named the "Mason Barfield Court," in honor of the Lakers' former Athletic Director. Barfield, who retired last fall, founded the program 23 years ago.



Happy birthday, Loch!  
The Clayton State mascot celebrated with cake and a birthday card in the James M. Baker University Center on Nov. 30.

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B.A.S. Administrative Management degree and in the Criminal Justice major.

“With all courses being fully online, these are very popular options,” he explains. “We offer the following courses; Introduction to Homeland Security, Introduction to Emergency Management, Counter-terrorism, Intelligence and Analysis, Legal Issues in Homeland Security and Disaster Planning and Response.

In addition, Bates’ two most recent articles in the area of terrorism are, “Terrorism within the Community Context” and “Dancing with Wolves, Today’s Lone Wolf Terrorists.” Since their publication in the online Journal of Public and Professional Sociology, 872 downloads of these articles have been recorded. ■

## Clayton State Runs in NCAA Division II National Championships

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

The Clayton State women’s cross country team participated for the first time in school history in the NCAA Division II National Championships on Saturday, Nov. 17, placing 28th in the event.

Although the Lakers finished in the bottom of the half of the field, the squad did set a team record average of 23:20.0 for a 6K race, which was seven seconds faster per runner than the previous team best set at the NCAA Division II Southeast Region meet earlier this year.

“We finished ahead of most of the teams I thought we could beat, except for Columbus State,” says head coach Mike Mead. “It was a good day but just against an elite field. This bunch set a benchmark that we will be gunning for next season.”

For Clayton State, senior Paige Galvin led the way for the Lakers finishing in 111th place with a time of 22:39, a career best in her final collegiate cross country race. Her time ranked 12th on the team's Top 25 fastest individual times for 6K.

“Paige ended her career on a high note,” says Mead. “Any time you can finish a career running your best at the national meet is a worthy accomplishment.”

Junior Samantha Walling also ran a career-best, breaking 23:00 for the first time, finishing in 173rd place with a time of 22:58. Her time ranked No. 16 all-time on Clayton State’s all-time list.

Racquel Valadez, a sophomore, had the team’s third best finish with a time of 23:11 to place 185th, while sophomore Jessica Smith placed in 211th place with a time of 23:50. Junior Gisele Javois rounded out the scoring for Clayton State in 219th place with a career best time of 24:00.

Freshman Taylor Galvin placed in 232nd spot with a time of 24:26 in front of sophomore Maia Kuhnen in the 238th position with a time of 24:52. ■

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and working with other science majors and non-majors helping with outreach,” she says.

To learn more about Clayton State’s Chemistry Club and how to get involved, please President Phuong Le, at [\[dent.clayton.edu\]\(mailto:dent.clayton.edu\) or the club’s faculty advisor, Dr. Patricia Todebush, at \[PatriciaTodebush@mail.clayton.edu\]\(mailto:PatriciaTodebush@mail.clayton.edu\) ■](mailto:gle@stu-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### Trivia Time

## The Art of Compromise

By John Shiffert, University Relations

There’s something to be said for labeling the period from roughly 1820 to 1850 as the Great Age of Compromise in American politics (those were the good old days...)

Despite the deep divisions in the Union brought about by the “peculiar institution” of slavery, some of history’s great political figures managed to keep the country together during those years through the Art of Compromise, and there was no one greater at this arcane (and one is tempted to say now-forgotten) art form than Kentucky Senator Henry Clay, sometimes called the Great Compromiser. Although Clay died shortly after passage of his masterwork, the Compromise of 1850, both he and the nation were fortunate that two other great men of the Senate were available to shepherd the bills (there were actually five of them) through – Daniel Webster and Stephen A. Douglas.

The first correct answer to the names of the three senators behind the Compromise of 1850 came from former Trivia Time champion Rob Taylor. The second correct answer from former Trivia Time champion Kurt-Alexander Zeller. Third was Jill Ellington, followed by yet another Trivia Time titlist, Lou Brackett.

While compromise may have been the watchword for many notable American politicians in the first half of the 19th Century, not everyone was really into compromise. Say, President Andrew Jackson, who was sort of an early-day Chris Christie – he said what he thought, and let the chips fall where they may (which may be why he fought so many duels.) One of his final pronouncements came as he lay dying; that he had only two regrets. One was that his race horses had never beaten a certain swift filly of another owner. His other regret, though, was that he hadn’t hung a certain individual. Who?

# Sports

## Several Clayton State Student-Athletes Graduate

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

Clayton State University held its fall semester graduation on Saturday, Dec. 8, with more than 600 students graduating from the University. Among the 440 students who participated in ceremonies, the Department of Athletics had a number of student-athletes receive degrees.

The following students contributed to intercollegiate athletics in some form or fashion and participated in graduation exercises on Saturday:

### College of Arts and Sciences

#### *Bachelor of Arts*

Men's Basketball, Torrin Greene – Liberal Studies, Criminal Justice, minor Administration, Brian Roberts – Communication and Media Studies  
Men's Soccer, Christopher Carman – Health and Fitness Management  
Women's Soccer, Mary Fernandez – Psychology and Human Services  
Women's Basketball, Brittany Hall – Psychology and Human Services

### College of Business

#### *Bachelor of Business Administration*

Men's Soccer, Brian Garcia – Marketing  
Men's Soccer, Sukhman Bal (not at Sat.'s ceremony)

#### *Master of Health Administration*

Athletic Training, Jeff Gilbert ■

## Griggs Named Peach Belt Player of the Week

Clayton State women's basketball player Drameka "MeMe" Griggs has been a shining star so far for the fourth-ranked Clayton State women's basketball team, and she was recognized Tuesday by the Peach Belt Conference office for her outstanding play.

Griggs, a preseason All-PBC selection, was named Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week after leading the Lakers to three victories. A guard from Ellenwood, Ga., she averaged 20 points per game, while shooting 60 percent from the field.

The 5-foot-5 senior started off the week with 20 points, two rebounds, two assists and two steals at Southeast Regional opponent Newberry, then added 14 more against Chowan, playing 10 fewer minutes in a lopsided victory Saturday in the Loch Shop Classic.



Drameka Griggs

Griggs came back the next day with a herculean effort to score half of Clayton State's points with 26 in a 52-48 win over Lenoir-Rhyne, a key region victory. She hit 11-of-16 shots in that game to go with five rebounds and eight steals.

For the week, she averaged 4.3 steals per game and hit 85 percent of her free throws. Griggs is currently fourth in the PBC in scoring with 20 points per game, third in field goal percentage and second in total steals. ■



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