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Clayton State BSIT, USG WebBSIT Ranked Nationally by GetEducated.com

Clayton State University's online Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) has been ranked as one of the top 20 "best buys" in the country by the education web site GetEducated.com, a consumer group that rates, ranks and verifies the cost and credibility of online colleges and online universities.

GetEducated.com also ranked the University System of Georgia's (USG) WebBSIT program 16th in the nation, out of 88 online degree programs. Clayton State is a member institution in the USG WebBSIT consortium.

The GetEducated.com rankings are for the best IT bachelor degrees based on affordability. According to the GetEducated.com website (<http://www.geteducated.com/online-college-ratings-and-rankings/best-buy->

[lists/online-it-bachelor-degree-best-affordable-online-degrees](#)):

"These online bachelor degree affordability rankings were calculated by comparing tuition and distance learning fees at 43 regionally accredited universities in the U.S that offer 88 online degrees in the major areas of IT, computers, computer science, computer programming, computer information systems, web development, technology management and allied IT career fields. This is a ranking of the least expensive online bachelors. Colleges do not pay to be included in these online college affordability rankings."

Clayton State College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) faculty members Larry Booth and Sandra Jones are regular instructors in the WebBSIT program, and Booth is the coordinator/advisor for Clayton State's

students. Dr. Byron Jeff, chair of the CIMS Department of Information Technology is a member of the WebBSIT Operating Board and CIMS Dean Dr. Lila F. Roberts serves on the Governing Board for WebBSIT.

Clayton State University BSIT program is taught through the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences. Known for its quality, affordability, and commitment to student service, the program was started to meet the needs of busy professionals who saw the benefits of continuing their education, but knew it would be tough to juggle careers and family responsibilities with a standard class schedule.

To learn more about the Georgia WebBSIT program at Clayton State University, please visit <http://cims.clayton.edu/default.asp>. ■

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Yaacoub, Allen Elected Homecoming King and Queen

It's a first for Clayton State University, and an honor that typifies Clayton State's growing international footprint, as well as the high profile of the University's international students.

In the student body elections announced at Saturday night's Homecoming basketball doubleheader, two outstanding individuals were named king and queen. Senior mathematics major Tony Yaacoub, a native of Beirut, Lebanon, and a member of the Clayton State Honors Program, was crowned the University's Homecoming King, Clayton State's first international "king." Joining Yaacoub as Homecoming Queen was another member of the Honors Program, Krystal Allen, who comes from a more nearby location, College Park, Ga.



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Krystal Allen, Queen and Tony Yaacoub, King

Content Management System Conversion Update

by Dolores Cox, Image and Communications

On Mar. 5, during Spring Break, the next phase of migrating the University website to a Content Management System (CMS) called DotNetNuke (DNN) will occur.

At that time, everything on the **adminservices.clayton.edu** domain will be published. The new sites for Academic Affairs, Business and Operations, External Relations, OITS, and Student Affairs will be launched, as well as sites for the Clayton State University Foundation, Staff Council, Laker Angels, Clayton State Retirees Association, Women's Forum, and Toastmasters. This domain comprises approximately 50 percent to 60 percent of the University website.

After the switchover to DNN, all of these sites will use the **www.clayton.edu** domain prefix. What this means is that anything with a URL starting with "**adminservices.clayton.edu**" will now

start with "www.clayton.edu." For example, <http://adminsives.clayton.edu/financialaid> will become <http://www.clayton.edu/financial-aid>.

When the administrative division sites are up and running, the focus will then turn to academic units. We have revised the timeline for completion of academic sites in order to allow more time for faculty members to convert their home pages to DNN.

We have a tentative date for CIMS and College of Health of mid-May to June 1. For the College of Business, College of Arts and Sciences, and School of Graduate Studies, we have extended the date until July 1. This means that faculty will have three to four months to work with the Center for Instructional Development to convert faculty home pages and have a usable DNN site when the college and school sites go live.

The CMS conversion project is a collaboration among several divisions and departments: Dolores Cox, Leanne Bradberry and Shannon Crupi in the External Relations Office of University Image and Communications; Tom Marshall, Chris Hansen and Richard Young in OITS Administrative Systems; Roger Poore, Dan Newcombe and Todd Birchfield in OITS Telecommunications & Networking; and Jill Lane, Lou Brackett, Steven Smith, James Fries and Christopher White in the Academic Affairs Center for Instructional Development.

Your patience is greatly appreciated as efforts continue to improve and enhance the University's website presence. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns or need more information. ■

The Clayton State Strategic Plan: What We Intend to do; Our Goals and Action Steps

A. Create an outstanding educational experience that stimulates intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and innovation.

Action Step I: Develop innovative academic programs to better support the workforce and economic development needs of the region and state.

Action Step II: Invest in and promote excellence and distinctiveness within each of the colleges and academic departments and programs.

Action Step III: Enhance the educational experience of students through the support of student research/scholarship/creative endeavors and student engagement with faculty.

Action Step IV: Broaden students' global perspective through appropriate curricula, experiential and social opportunities.

Action Step V: Obtain, expand and maintain accreditation from national, professional and specialized accrediting organizations.

Action Step VI: Increase externally funded research, scholarship, and creative endeavors.

Action Step VII: Invest resources to recruit, retain, and support dynamic and inspiring faculty and staff.

Action Step VIII: Promote excellence in scholarship, research, creative endeavors, and innovation.

Action Step IX: Foster development of active learning experiences in every major and/or degree or certificate program.

Action Step X: Expand the quality of technology, both equipment and training, to support academic innovation, student learning, and the further development of

hybrid courses and on-line learning.

Action Step XI: Foster a cross-disciplinary approach in developing or revising courses and programs within and among departments and colleges.

Action Step XII: Enhance the effectiveness of off-campus instructional sites by improving their integration into main campus activities and as a corollary assure that the off-campus sites are supported sufficiently to maintain excellent services and programs.

B. Engender a spirit of openness, understanding, collaboration, and mutual respect throughout the University.

Action Step I: Address the cultural competencies of University faculty and staff.

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Dental Hygiene Students Take Part in Day of Service

On Feb. 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King wrote: "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards. That's not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school... I'd like somebody to mention on that day, that Martin Luther King Jr., tried to give his life serving others... I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity."

"The sound of Dr. King's `voice' still resonates within the hearts and minds of those who love peace and serving others!" says Dr. Gail Barnes, chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene at Clayton State University.

Each year, in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, Clayton State dental hygiene students, staff and faculty provide a "Day of Service" for the community. This year, 14 new patients were provided free oral health screenings, x-rays and patient educational services in the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Clinic.



"Unfortunately, many in our community have experienced poor oral hygiene due to a number of reasons such as lack of dental insurance, low income, etc.," says Barnes.

The Clayton State Dental Hygiene Clinic provides several preventive dental care services for a nominal fee. These services are performed by students who are devot-

ed to educate and provide oral health services to their patients. Students and patients provide mutually beneficial services that last long after the appointment is over.

"Dr. King would certainly be proud of our dental hygiene students for their participation in the annual Day of Service, since it coincides with what he believed, `to love and serve humanity,'" adds Barnes. ■

Lauren Ringfield Awarded Fisher Scholarship



Dr. Barnes and Lauren Ringfield

Senior dental hygiene student Lauren Ringfield from Hampton, Ga., was recently awarded the Emile T. Fisher Scholarship available through the Clayton State University Department of Dental Hygiene.

The Fisher Scholarship is available to students enrolled in the University's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree program. To be eligible, a student must:

- Demonstrate financial need;
- Maintain a college cumulative grade point average of 2.80;
- Intend to practice in Georgia (preferably in rural areas);
- Have not previously received a significant scholarship award;
- Be nominated by a faculty member of the BSDH program

"Lauren is a focused and determined student who represents Dental Hygiene well," says Dr. Gail Barnes, acting department chair. "She has met all eligibility requirements and was voted to receive this prestigious award by the Dental Hygiene faculty with which she interacts daily."

Ringfield is scheduled to graduate from Clayton State in spring 2012. ■

MBA Students Travel to Hungary For International Business Study Abroad Trip

Following last month's visit to Atlanta by His Excellency György Szapáry, Ambassador of Hungary to the United States, four Clayton State University MBA students left for Hungary on Friday, Mar. 2.

John E. Parkerson, Jr., honorary consul of Hungary for the Southeastern United States, president of the World Trade Center Atlanta (WTC), and director of International Programs for Clayton State University, is leading a group of Clayton State and Kennesaw State University students on an MBA international business study abroad trip to Hungary and Austria from Mar. 2 to Mar. 11. All but two days of that trip are in Hungary, and two of the days in Hungary will be hosted by Clayton State's Hungarian partner institution, the University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary. During his trip to

Atlanta, Szapáry met with the MBA students who are currently on their way to Budapest.

The Clayton State students making the trip include; Juanita Walker (Woodbury, Ga.), Leslie Narain (Grayson, Ga.), Frank Davenport (Fayetteville, Ga.) and Lera Fox (Locust Grove, Ga.)

"Clayton State's partnership with University of Pannonia in Veszprem has matured significantly during the past three years," notes Parkerson.

Clayton State's ties with Hungary are mature and span seven years, starting when former Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Harden and Clayton County business representatives visited Hungary on a business/trade mission in 2004. The Government of Hungary appointed Parkerson as its diplomatic representative

for the southeast U.S. in 2007, and Parkerson subsequently (in 2008) began a dialogue with the University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary, that has thus far produced student and faculty exchanges.

In 2009, the Clayton State University Foundation participated in a tour of Hungary and the Czech Republic. In 2010, Clayton State hosted Hungary's first exchange student, Sofia Terek, for a semester; and in 2011, Clayton State's Ashley Gombar studied tourism marketing at the University of Pannonia. Moreover, Pannonia's Faculty of Economics and Clayton State's College of Business have exchanged several faculty members on short-term exchanges. Finally, this past year Pannonia's Faculty of Economics appointed Parkerson to serve on its International Advisory Committee. ■

Students Attend Georgia International Leadership Conference

On the weekend of Feb. 24 to Feb. 26, five Clayton State University students (Tony Yaacoub, Lebanon; Yash Brahmhatt, India; Amber Nguyen, Vietnam; Elitha Sinclair, U.S.; and Shuranda Taylor, U.S.) represented the University among 175 participants from colleges and universities across the state at the 2012 Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC).



(L to R) Tony Yaacoub, Elitha Sinclair, Brett Reichert, Amber Nguyen, Shuranda Taylor, Yash Brahmhatt.

The annual event is held at the Rock Eagle 4H Center, near Eatonton, Ga. Brett Reichert, Clayton State associate director, International Student Services Office (ISSO) accompanied the students. This year marked increased representation for Clayton State; five students attended, compared with two last year. Among the five attendees, senior Yaacoub and junior Taylor, presented at one of 15 sessions at the conference. Their presentation, entitled, "Interpretations of Different Gestures Around the World," was one of the most popular, according to Reichert.

"GILC was an event I will never forget, the life impact will be lasting, and I look forward to incorporating many of the ideas shared from students at the participating universities," says Taylor.

The intensive weekend of workshops, sessions, simulations, and inter-active cultural games was designed to break down stereotypes, raise global awareness and build social networks in a fun, structured setting.

Brahmbhatt, a sophomore biology major, says, "It was great meeting so many other international people surviving in the U.S., dealing with F-1 visas, homesickness, and without families..."

"The weekend was structured and intense by design," Reichert says. "In addition to attending three sessions from among 15 available presentations, participants put on an international fashion show, a talent show, watched a moving documentary film about cultural stereotypes, learned Kung Fu moves, were entertained by a 'Chinese Lion Dance,' took a nature walk to Rock Eagle, held two dances, and even found time for s'mores around an outdoor global campfire! All this in just about 40 hours, not including a little time for sleeping."

The annual event is open to all Clayton State Students who are interested in world issues, international themes and other cultures. Photos of this year's GILC are on the Facebook Page of the International Student Services Office: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Clayton-State-University-ISSO-International-Student-Services-Office/165772960107113>. ■

International Student Spotlight: Jennifer England from Wales

Freshman Jennifer England, a native of North Wales and a part of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, is one of Clayton State University's international students for the spring 2012 semester.

Brett M. Reichert, associate director of the Clayton State International Student Services Office, recently sat down with England for a Q and A on her country, and her experiences thus far at Clayton State.

Q: Can you tell me about your country?

A: I live in North Wales which is a part of the United Kingdom and is connected to England. Wales is known for its beautiful, green scenery, mountains, valleys and rivers. When it's sunny it is a comfortable heat, with very little humidity and recently we have had snow filled winters. I would say that spring in Wales is the most beautiful as the daffodils come out and the new lambs are born. Our food is very similar to that of the rest of Britain, however Wales is known for eating more lamb and we have specialty cakes such as Bara Brith which is a Tea Loaf and Welsh Cakes.

Q: Is Wales different from England/British? What is the difference?

A: I get asked this question a lot, 'What is the difference between the two?' and I find it easier to compare the countries of Britain to the States in the U.S. We are separate countries, with different national holidays and cultures. However we all vote for the government centered in London. Great Britain has one prime minister, similar to the president of the United States. However each country has slightly different laws (such as free prescriptions in Wales, and free education in Scotland) which are made by the Welsh Assembly for our country. The main differences between the countries are our history and culture.

Q: Is there any similarity between your culture and American culture?

A: There are a lot of similarities. We both speak English and celebrate traditional holidays such as Christmas and Easter. However we also speak Welsh, a very old, Celtic language. We have certain holidays that are different (we celebrate St. David's Day on Mar. 1, as St. David is our Patron Saint).

Q: Why did you choose to come here to study? What's your major and what's your student status now?

A: I am here as part of the Georgia Rotary Student Program and one of about 50 international students that are studying in universities around Georgia, representing our countries and learning about the American culture. My major is Liberal Arts and Sciences, and I am a freshman.

Q: Is the American university environment and study style different from the ones in your country?

A: The American university system is very different to Britain. We do not study core classes so our Bachelor degree only takes three years to complete as the program is more intense. We do not have extra credit available to us either so that is a bonus over here! The class sizes are similar in some universities however in others class sizes can reach up to 300 students.

Q: What is your plan after your year at Clayton State?

A: I am only here for one year, so once I leave I will return to Britain and start studying for my Biology degree in Nottingham University. I plan to be a Biology teacher when I graduate.

Q: Have you ever experienced any cultural shock when studying abroad?

A: There have been quite a few culture shocks, such as transportation. At home we have much easier access to public transport such as buses and trains and the distances we travel are a lot shorter.

Q: Do you have any advice for international students who are studying at Clayton State or planning to choose Clayton State to pursue their degrees?

A: I would say immerse yourself as much as possible, get to know all

sorts of people as that is the best way to find people that you can get along with. I now have a wonderful group of friends and that is because I wasn't afraid to go out of my comfort zone when I first arrived. This will help banish intense homesick feelings. Also try not to get too caught up in the contrast to portion size and variety of foods as a lot of my friends have complained that they gained weight when at university, look after yourself and keep yourself healthy so you can focus on your studies.

Q: If you could be an animal, which one you would choose to be? Why?

A: I would be a lioness, as they are strong and powerful individuals but also work incredibly well as a team. They seem to have a pretty good balance to me, and lions are also my favorite animal!

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: My favorite color is purple. ■



Jennifer England



Across the Campus...

Academic Affairs

Dr. Micheal Crafton, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs has been added to the University System of Georgia's Distance Education Task Force.

Arts & Sciences

In honor of Black History Month, the Clayton State University Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Departments of Teacher Education, Humanities, English, Visual and Performing Arts, and Social Sciences, presented a talk by author Calvin Alexander Ramsey, and a concert reading of his play, "The Green Book" on Feb. 27 as part of the Clayton State Speaker Education Series. The next installment of the series is; Preventing Childhood Bullying: Viewing "The Fat Boy Chronicles," which will be held on Mar. 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the Auditorium of the main building of Clayton State – East, which is located on Trammell Road in Morrow, just east of the main Clayton State campus. Like all of the Education Speaker Series events, this presentation is free and open to the public.

Athletics

The Clayton State Laker men's track and field team officially concluded the 2012 indoor season last Sunday at the George Mason Last Chance meet at George Mason. Both Ayrton Azcue and Charles Anderson were aiming for NCAA Division II provisional qualifying times in the 800-meter run. Yet despite the strong finishes, but both Laker runners came up short in achieving that goal. Azcue finished second overall with a time of 1:55.22, marking his second-fastest time in the 800-meters this indoor season. Anderson, meanwhile, placed fifth with a time of 1:58.26. Clayton State opens the 2012 outdoor season on March 17 at the Morehouse Relays.

Playing its first tournament of the 2012 spring season, the Clayton State Laker men's golf team finished an impressive tied for fifth overall in the 13-field team of the Armstrong Pirate Invitational on Tuesday. The Lakers struggled to a 309 in

the first round on the 6,897-yard Greg Norman-designed Savannah Quarters Country Club course. However, Clayton State rebounded for a 295 in the second round to finish tied for fifth with Belmont Abbey with a 604. The Lakers finished two strokes ahead of Flagler, nine strokes ahead of Eckerd and 10 strokes in front of Coker. Individually for Clayton State, freshman Will Shenstone finished tied for 10th overall with a 6-over par 148 (74-74). He was 11 strokes off the pace of individual medalist Patrick Garrett from Georgia College. Also, junior Chris McManus finished tied for 24th with a 9-over 151 (77-74), while sophomore Tyson Beaupre finished tied for 30th with a 10-over 152 (79-73).

Kayla Mobley came to play on Wednesday, Feb 22 in getting head coach Dennis Cox a milestone victory as the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team rolled past visiting Montevallo 78-44 in Peach Belt Conference action at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory marked the 500th collegiate coaching victory for Cox at both the junior college and four-year levels in 22 seasons. Mobley was a key factor for the Lakers' success. The junior forward scored a career-high 22 points on 10-for-11 shooting from the field with eight rebounds, including seven offensive rebounds.

College of Business

The AACSB-accredited College of Business at Clayton State University is proud to announce its inaugural Summer Entrepreneurship and Business Academy (SEBA) for high school students, a program designed to help prepare students for the future by providing a unique and exciting hands-on learning opportunity. The week-long academy, which will be held from June 10 through June 15, 2012, will challenge students to think critically and provides them with a taste of college life. SEBA will be moderated by Clayton State professors from the accounting, finance, management and marketing fields. Topics will include entrepreneurship, business, ethics, free enterprise, teamwork, and personal skills. Participation in this program is limited to

20 students. For more information, please contact the College of Business Office at (678) 466-4528 or visit <http://business.clayton.edu/seba>.

The Pan African American Chamber of Commerce will host "African Business & Development: Pathways & Partnerships for the 21st Century" on Thursday, Mar. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at The World Trade Center Atlanta located at 303 Peachtree St., NE, #100. Guest speaker Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University will present his take the enormous economic opportunities that have not been fully utilized between Africa and the United States. Reservations for this event are required. Ticket prices include lunch and parking. For PAAC members the price is \$35, and for non-members the price is \$45. For tickets and further information please visit www.PAACChamber.com or call (770) 365-8196.

SBDC

Clayton State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be hosting a "Starting a Business" workshop, a comprehensive workshop on important decisions you make prior to opening a business, at the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site. "Starting a Business" will be held on Thursday, Mar. 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Clayton State – Fayette, 100 World Dr., Ste. 100, in Peachtree City. The cost is \$69 per person with 50 percent off for each additional person. In addition, Clayton State students and employees also get 50 percent off. To register, go to http://www.georgiasbdc.org/subpage.aspx?page_name=view_cart&addproduct=111024.

Smith Awards

The Smith Awards Committee of Staff Council is currently accepting nominations of eligible employees. To be eligible, the staff employee must be full-time benefited and have at least one year of credible service. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Mar. 7. Nominations will not be accepted after this deadline. Please submit your nomination in fifty words or less and be as specific

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ic as possible. Due to the website upgrade, an online submission form is not available. An MS Excel file is available or you may send your submission to Heidi Benford, Staff Council chair, at heidibenford@clayton.edu via email. The Staff Smith Awards Committee members are Sara Holmes, Shawnda Jennings and

Tiffany Robbins, and are not eligible to be nominated.

Veterans Resource Center

The Grand Opening for the Clayton State Veterans Resource Center (VRC) will be Friday, Mar. 16, at 11:30 a.m. President Dr. Thomas Hynes will be in attendance.

The VRC is located on the first floor of the Student Center, next to The Loch Shop. All student and employee veterans are invited.

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Action Step II: Develop and implement student, faculty and staff recruitment and retention plans that target underrepresented groups.

Action Step III: Maintain and expand student programs and services that enable students to put into perspective their own view of diversity within a global context.

Action Step IV: Initiate a curriculum review to determine how multiculturalism can be woven throughout the student's overall learning experience.

Action Step V: Provide the opportunity for the study of international cultures utilizing current University resources.

Action Step VI: Develop and implement innovative study abroad opportunities and exchange programs for students, faculty and staff.

Action Step VII: Create no later than December 2011 a two-phase "contract of social responsibility" for each enrolled undergraduate and graduate student that initially commits.

- All enrolled students to adhere to the principles of academic citizenship (e.g., academic honesty, tolerance of opposing views, representing University values); and subsequently enabling students to make a deeper commitment by taking a specified number of courses in service learning and by agreeing to fulfill a certain amount of hours of community service, if they so aspire.

C. Foster learning that engages students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the greater community.

Action Step I: Devise intentional efforts to connect alumni with current students through the creation of Alumni liaisons within each academic program, Student Affairs, Athletics, and Continuing Education.

Action Step II: Assess the needs of adult learners and their families to address the most effective ways to engage them with the University and the community.

Action Step III: Assess the role of University Housing, Greek Life, Athletics, and Campus Recreation in fostering a continuous student-alumni learning environment.

Action Step IV: Develop innovative Continuing Education opportunities for alumni, family members, and their employers.

Action Step V: Develop and implement programs and activities that encourage alumni to return to campus, participate in teaching and learning opportunities, and connect with current students.

Action Step VI: Provide a means to document a student's affinity groups and transfer the information to Alumni Relations after graduation.

Action Step VII: Collaborate with community partners to plan and implement campus events to bring together students, alumni, and community members.

Action Step VIII: Work in partnership with the Boards of Education of Clayton County, Fayette County, Fulton County, and Henry County to develop a pre-K-16 pipeline that encourages students to seek a baccalaureate degree and beyond.

Action Step IX: Create internships that actively improve the civic life of Clayton, Fayette, Fulton, and Henry counties with local organizations.

Action Step X: Develop strategic partnerships with local as well as global institutions/corporations to provide learning opportunities for students, faculty and staff that will make them more aware of global complexity and its social impact on the state and region.

Action Step XI: Seek to attain classification as a Carnegie Community-Engaged institution by 2015.

Action Step XII: Document and increase the development of meaningful research projects and service learning opportunities that benefit Clayton, Fayette, Fulton, and Henry counties, focusing on such issues as education reform, political engagement, immigration, transportation, economic development and the environment.

D. Expand and allocate resources strategically according to Mission and Values, to support overall institutional effectiveness.

Action Step I: Develop and implement Corporate and Foundation fund-raising programs to benefit university activities.

Action Step II: Assess how to strengthen advocacy efforts with federal, state and local governments to secure new appropriations for the University.

Action Step III: Create a budget process that enables the reallocation of resources to invest in the goals set forth in the University's new Strategic Plan.

Arts Page

Charles Anderson is Clayton State's "Idol"

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Charles "Scooter" Anderson is Clayton State University's Idol for 2012!

With his performance of "Dream in the Air," Anderson sealed the deal. At least 200 students and guests were in attendance for the first Clayton State Idol competition, which took place Monday, Feb. 13, in the Student Activities Center Ballroom. The event featured the vocal talents of several Clayton State University students. Anderson received a trophy, cash prize, and gifts and rewards from local businesses and The Loch Shop.

Anderson (a sophomore pre-engineering major from Pittsburgh), Andrea Cain (a senior English major from Augusta), Joshua Davis (a sophomore pre-business major from Brunswick), Damoli Harris (a freshman biology major from Detroit), Angelo Mirville (a Dual Enrollment sophomore liberal studies major from Locust Grove), Christian Reynolds (a junior psychology major from Atlanta), and LaDonna Williams (a senior theatre major from Locust Grove) were the seven semi-

finalists that advanced from the audition call held on Thursday, Jan. 26. Vocal coaches Jevon Brock and Kelli Ellis worked with each of the semi-finalist throughout the process.

The semi-finalists opened the event with a group selection of Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror." The three finalists in the competition were Anderson, Harris and Mirville. The judges for the evening were: Ciara Edge, a Clayton State alumna and choral and drama director at Hampton Middle School; Candace Henry, another Clayton State graduate and assistant director of Orientation & New Student Programs, and Jerryal Pettigrew, academic advisor in the Clayton State First Year Advising & Retention Center.

"The elimination was tough and each contestant displayed great talent," Henry says.

Program hosts Joseph Echols from the Office of Recruitment and Admissions, and Jessica Horton, senior English major, also kept the crowd entertained through-



(L to R) finalists Damoli Harris, Charles Anderson, Angelo Mirville

out the night. Clayton State Assistant Professor of Theatre/Communications, Shontelle Thrash provided production assistance for the performers. Audience

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Spivey Hall Announces Dates for Annual Summer Music Camp

Spivey Hall has announced the 2012 dates for its annual Summer Music Camp.

The camp will run from Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day. Registration is now open and there is an early-bird registration discount before Mar. 2. The deadline to register is Friday, May 25.

Spivey Hall's Summer Music Camp is designed for both boys and girls who will be in fourth to seventh grade in the 2012/2013 school year. Participation is not limited to previous choral experience; however, students need to be able to sing on pitch (in tune) before camp begins. Music teacher recommendations are required.

The camp will see students working with music specialists Craig Hurley and Marcena Kinney, and will feature singing,

playing Orff instruments and tone chimes, piano lab, folk dancing, and performing in Spivey Hall. Summer Music Camp will be located primarily at Spivey Hall, on the campus of Clayton State. Some activities will take place in the Music Education Building. All participants will check in and out from Spivey Hall each day of camp.

The cost to attend Summer Music Camp is \$150 per student, due in full before the registration deadline of Friday, May 20. Current and new members of the Spivey Hall Young Artists program can register for a reduced rate of \$125. A late registration fee of \$175 per student will be accepted after May 25 on a space-available basis. Checks may be made payable to Clayton State University and mailed to Spivey Hall with the registration form, payment form, waiver, and music teacher's recommendation. Visit

www.spiveyhall.org/education, or email EducationManager@SpiveyHall.org, or call (678) 466-4481 for complete registration information.

Hurley is the conductor of the Spivey Hall Young Artists, the training choir of the nationally renowned Spivey Hall Children's Choir. He is currently the music specialist at Ford Elementary School in Cobb County, where he teaches general music to kindergartners through fifth graders. Kinney is the accompanist of the Spivey Hall Young Artists and has served on the faculties of Paine College, Augusta State University, Agnes Scott College, and Georgia Perimeter College.

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Results of National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day "Fitness Challenges" 2012

The Clayton State University Department of Recreation & Wellness celebrated National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day on Wednesday, Feb. 22, with a day filled with numerous events, information and cash prizes (for the top three places in the fitness contests). All events took place in the Clayton State Student Activities Center (SAC) Fitness Center.

Highlighting the day were fun fitness competitions for both students and

Clayton State employees. The fitness competitions consisted of three events; Bench Press Contest (for relative strength), a Total Gym Pull Up Contest, and the Balance Creek Contest.

Cash prizes were awarded to students who place in each fitness competition, and an overall Clayton State University Fitness Champion title was awarded. The male and female with the most points accumulated by competing in each contest will win the overall title of "Clayton State

Fitness Champion" and the winners will be recognized at an event in April, and their names will appear on a perpetual plaque that is on display the SAC Fitness Center.

Other events on the day included: Cornhole, Group Exercise Classes, and Dodgeball. ■

STUDENTS

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Female:

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Clayton State Opens Low Element Challenge Course

Are you looking for a team-building-type opportunity for your class, student group, or department? Do you find that you are in need of greater communication, trust, and cooperation within the group dynamic? If so, Clayton State University's Department of Recreation & Wellness has an opportunity for you.

The Department of Recreation & Wellness is pleased to announce the unveiling of a Low Element Challenge Course on the campus of Clayton State. This outdoor facility will avail itself to the

campus community as well as outside groups and corporations. Trust, communication, teambuilding and leadership are just a few of the skills that will be challenged and developed at the Low Element Course.

Outdoor teamwork-enrichment programs have increased in popularity and Clayton State's Outdoor Adventure Program is thrilled to offer this exciting opportunity

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Action Step IV: Increase service levels through continuous process improvement, making use of technology and enabling users to engage in self-service.

Action Step V: Fund a Sponsored Program Officer position to work with faculty to identify grant-funding opportunities and provide grant writing support and related training.

Action Step VI: Develop where possible differential tuition and fee schedules for high demand academic programs.

Action Step VII: Create and implement Continuing Education activities and programs as well as on-line learning that provide learners an enriched experience and generate a financial return on investment for the benefit of the University.

E. Provide an inviting and supportive campus community for faculty, staff, and students.

Action Step I: Enrich and enhance the cultural, intellectual, and personal experience of the entire University community (faculty, staff, students, trustees) by recruiting and retaining individuals with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

Action Step II: Provide the University community with a variety of campus services in a friendly, convenient, and efficient manner that improves the overall experience of our students and the professional experience of our faculty and staff.

Action Step III: Create a supportive work environment that encourages input and collaboration that enables faculty and staff to optimize their personal and professional development.

Action Step IV: Adopt best practices, support innovative approaches, and continue to embrace technology to enhance research and administrative functions and improve learning and communication.

Action Step V: Cultivate a campus culture and environment that encourages all campus members to engage and participate with the University community in a variety of activities.

Current Strategic Plan Activities

Strategic Planning Officer Jim Flowers has several initiatives moving forward for the Clayton State Strategic Plan, not the least of which is this on-going series of articles in Campus Review.

While seemingly holed up over at Clayton State -- East, Flowers has, in reality, been as busy as the proverbial beaver, conducting the recent IT survey of students, faculty, staff and even Continuing Education students. On-campus focus groups, based on the results of those surveys will be starting soon.

A second information-gathering effort - the Strategic Plan Action Step Inventory -- is in the works. Department heads and chairs should have received a preliminary introduction to this initiative.

In preparation for the planning of next year's activities, Flowers is requesting that department directors and chairs conduct an inventory of CURRENT activities as they align with specific action steps of the strategic plan. A description of the process proposed and the instrument to be used to gather activities will be coming shortly from Flowers' office, and more detail will be included in the next issue of Campus Review.

Also in the works is a special quarterly PDF-format newsletter from President Dr. Thomas Hynes, summarizing on-going strategic plan activities. Look for the first issue within the month. ■

Why is Strategic Planning Important for Clayton State?

by Jim Flowers, Strategic Planning Officer

"The work of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee has been done in the context of changing times for higher education, as well as a necessity for this university to be able to define success on our own terms—terms that reflect an authentic assessment of who we are, where we have been and what we can do as well if not better than other institutions of higher education." President Tim Hynes

Challenges in the economy have led to significant reductions in state funding for institutions such as Clayton State. Economic challenges have affected the choices students must make with regards to postsecondary education. However, along with those challenges come opportunities.

An institution's future depends upon its ability to recognize the external threats and opportunities, internal weaknesses and strengths, and the alignment of institutional resources to meet those challenges. Strategic planning ensures those factors are recognized and is one of the most important activities of an institution of higher education (Hughes and White 2010).

Organizations must adapt to changing environments. The new strategic plan

for Clayton State identifies a number of opportunities to be realized upon successful plan implementation. Those opportunities include:

- Creation of innovative, successful learning programs that prepare students for productive careers
- Creation of methods of learning for students, faculty and community partners using technology which will be recognized nationally for efficiency and effectiveness
- Successful and sustained partnerships with K12 systems in Henry, Clayton, Fayette, and Fulton counties to prepare students for college studies, improving graduation rates and time-to-completion of degrees
- Graduates will have at least one

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Action Step VI: Continue to implement the campus facilities master plan, enhance physical work space, and promote the integration of environmental sustainability in construction, learning, research and practice.

F. Reposition Clayton State University in the Higher Education Marketplace and Beyond

Action Step I: Articulate the distinctive vision and mission of Clayton State University in bold and compelling terms

through sustained efforts in strategic communications, including advertising and public relations.

Action Step II: Identify the overriding communication objectives from Goals A-E.

Action Step III: Develop a budget for a campus-wide comprehensive marketing and branding strategies that reposition Clayton State University along the key attributes identified in Goals A-E.

Action Step IV: Implement chosen com-

munications plans to support achievement of Goals A-E.

Action Step V: Develop ongoing system of assessing, tracking and reporting communications effectiveness to be conducted concurrently with Plan implementation.

Action Step VI: Identify and adjust any effectiveness gaps in the communications plans ■

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Participants of the Spivey Hall 2012 Summer Music Camp will give a free public performance in Spivey Hall on Friday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m., to showcase their talents. All families and friends are welcome to attend. No tickets are required, and seating will be general admission. ■

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members also heard renditions of Beyoncé's "Dangerously in Love," Luther Vandross' "Superstar," and Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful."

Darius Thomas, Orientation & New Student Programs new student programs assistant, was the program coordinator for

Clayton State University Idol. Thomas expressed excitement about the future of Clayton State University Idol.

"This first-time event generated positive student support and interest to kick-off the homecoming week and I look forward to next year's event," Thomas says. ■

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to the University community. Nicholas Kilburg, assistant director of Recreation & Wellness, was instrumental in the design of this facility which includes seven elements.

"Our programs are uniquely created to give each participant and team an invaluable set of tools not only for personal

growth, but also for professional development," he says.

Cindy Lauer, director of Recreation & Wellness adds, "the addition of the Low Element Challenge Course will enable our department the opportunity to expand programming and experiential learning opportunities to students, classes, campus

organizations, university staff, and faculty."

For further information, please Kilburg at (678) 466-4972 or email NicholasKilburg@clayton.edu. Information can also be found at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/recwell/outdooradventure/>. ■

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experience of learning by doing, improving their readiness to solve real-world problems via internships and hands-on learning opportunities;

Achieving the above outcomes provides a bright future for Clayton State University. If we maintain the focus on the goals and action steps of the plan, we will be successful.

Implementation of the plan is not a single event but a continuous activity. Every department, academic and non-academic alike, are reviewing their plans to identify

activities that align with action steps that support strategic goals. This inventory of activities will highlight steps already taken to position Clayton State University for success. Reviewing our current activities is necessary so that all of us can act to achieve our goals. Dr. Hynes notes, "That success will ultimately bring others to appreciate the distinctive characteristics of the Clayton State University that we know locally, nationally and internationally so that it may be shared with others."

The outcomes of the activity inventory will provide departments with data need-

ed to adapt their programs to meet the challenges of today's economy. The inventory will also let departments share their experiences, their ideas with the campus community. The inventory will demonstrate how divisions, departments, and individuals contribute to the success of this university at every level of the plan. With such knowledge, department chairs and managers can minimize "re-inventing the wheel" as we move forward to achieve our goals. ■



Homecoming 2012



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Runners-up for the Homecoming honors, and members of the Homecoming King and Queen's court; are first runners-up Matika Holmes and Christian Reynolds, and second runners-up Priyani Patel and Corenza Morris.

Yaacoub is the president (and founder) of Clayton State's International Student Association, a DEEP Peer educator, a member on the Student Fees Committee, and a member of the Financial Club. He originally came to Clayton State through the Georgia Rotary Student Program, and

liked the University so much that he stayed on afterwards to complete his degree (this coming May) from Clayton State. A Dean's List student and an attendee and presenter at several scholarly mathematical conferences throughout the southeast, Yaacoub has won the William A. Watt Award and the Mathematics Outstanding Senior Award from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State.

Allen is the president of the Sigma Sigma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Inc., and a member of the Golden Key Honors Society, the Clayton State AmeriCorps National Service Program, and the Fraternity and Sorority Council. She has been on the Clayton State Dean's List for spring and fall of 2009 and the fall of 2010. She was also crowned Miss Black and Gold in the 2009-2011 Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Pageant, and is the Greek member with the highest institutional grade point average. ■



Career Expo



Woodard, Cox Earn Peach Belt Conference Postseason Honors

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

With the Peach Belt Conference Tournament on the horizon, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team picked up numerous postseason awards from the Peach Belt Conference on Tuesday.

Forward Tanisha Woodard was selected both Peach Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year and first team All-Peach Belt Conference for a second straight season, while Laker head coach Dennis Cox was honored as the Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year for a second straight season. In addition, Clayton State guard Brittany Hall was selected second team All-Peach Belt Conference and guard Drameka Griggs was a third team selection.

Woodard, a 5-foot-10 senior from Rome, Ga., followed up a stellar junior season by leading the Peach Belt Conference in both steals and assists, while ranking fourth in blocked shots and seventh in assist-to-turnover ratio. She led the conference in steals for a second straight season and is also ranked 10th in the nation in steals and 21st in assists.

Woodard set the Peach Belt Conference career record for steals with 408. That eclipses the old mark of 407, held by former Columbus State standout LaShawn Mincey from 1997-2001. In addition, she also recorded just the third triple-double in the history of Peach Belt Conference women's basketball with 13 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds on Saturday against Georgia College.

Offensively, Woodard is averaging 11.6 points and 5.9 rebounds a game, while dishing out 148 assists heading into this weekend's Peach Belt Conference Tournament. She scored in double-figures in 20 games this season, scoring a season high 18 points against Georgia Southwestern on 5-for-5 shooting from 3-point range.

Woodard became the seventh player in Clayton State women's basketball history



Coach Cox



Woodard



Hall



Griggs

to eclipse 1,000 career points this season, and is now ranked second all-time with 1,324 points. She also set the Laker single-game record for assists and the career marks for assists, blocked shots, field goal attempts and games played.

Hall, a 5-9 senior from Smyrna, Ga., earns All-Conference honors for the first time in her career. A two-year starter and three-year team captain, Hall is averaging 10.3 points, 3.4 assists and 2.9 rebounds a game this season. She has scored in double-figures in 15 games this season with a season-high 20 points against Montevallo.

Hall is ranked 10th in the Peach Belt Conference in steals, assists and assist-to-turnover ratio. This season, she set the Clayton State career record for 3-point field goals and became the eighth player at Clayton State to eclipse 1,000 career points. Hall is now fifth all-time at Clayton State with 1,096 points.

Griggs, a 5-5 junior from Ellenwood, was the Lakers' spark off the bench both offensively and defensively with her tremendous speed and agility. She is averaging 10.7 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 2.2 steals a game. Griggs scored in double-figures in 15 games with a career-high 28 points against Wingate, plus 20 points against Georgia College.

Griggs is ranked seventh in the Peach Belt in free throw percentage (.764) and eighth in steals.

Coming off last season's NCAA Division II National Championship, Cox paced the

Lakers to their fifth Peach Belt Conference regular season championship in his eighth season at the Clayton State helm. Overall, this is the third time that he's been honored by the Peach Belt, having also won the award in 2007. Cox has paced Clayton State now to eight straight 20-win seasons, and with an overall record of 210-47 and a winning percentage of .818, he is the third-winningest active head coach in the nation at the Division II level. ■

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five points, Smith scored again in the lane to cut the Pacer lead to 49-47 at the 1:16 mark.

Clayton State made a defensive stop and had a chance to either tie or take the lead. But a Laker turnover with 35 seconds remaining put Pacer guard Brittany Hill at the free throw line. She converted the first but missed the second, giving the Lakers another opportunity.

The two teams traded turnovers before Clayton State had a final shot to tie it with 18 seconds remaining. However, Dixon's corner 3-point attempt was off.

Dixon scored 15 points off the bench for Clayton State, while Woodard scored 11 points and Mobley added nine points. Woodard and Mobley were both selected to the All-Tournament team. PBC Tournament Most Valuable Player Hannah DeGraffinreed paced USC Aiken with 18 points and Kayla Harris scored 15 points. ■

Williams, Salter Earn All-Peach Belt Conference Honors

by Lee Wright, Sports Information



Williams



Salter

The Clayton State Laker men's basketball team picked up two All-Peach Belt Conference honors on Tuesday.

Both Teondre Williams and Anthony Salter were selected second team All-Peach Belt Conference for the 2011-12 season. It marks the second straight season that Clayton State has had multiple All-Conference selections in men's basketball.

A Division I transfer from Oregon, Williams is the Lakers' leading scorer this season, averaging 18.3 points per game. The 6-foot-5, 218-pound senior from Atlanta is ranked third in the Peach Belt in scoring, and has

reached double-figures in scoring in all but three games played this season.

Williams scored 20 or more points in 11 games, highlighted by a career-high 28 points against Limestone, plus 27 points against Flagler and 26 points against West Georgia. He also scored 24 points each against Tennessee Temple, Edward Waters and West Georgia and is shooting 76 percent from the free throw line this season.

Salter, a 5-11, 170-pound senior point guard from Tallahassee, Fla., took over successfully following the graduation of last season's All-PBC guard Timmy Downs. The Division I transfer from the University of Hawaii is averaging 17 points to rank eighth in the Peach Belt. He also shoots 38 percent from 3-point range and 75 percent from the free throw line.

Salter scored in double-figures in all but two games played this season. He scored a career-high 26 points against UNC Pembroke, plus 25 points against Montevallo twice and against Augusta State. ■

Men Drop 48-40 Decision To Aiken in PBC Quarterfinals

The Clayton State Laker men's basketball team turned in perhaps its top defensive performance of the season. However, the Lakers could not make some key shots down the stretch and dropped a 48-40 decision against USC Aiken in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament quarterfinals at the Lumpkin Center. The defeat ends Clayton State's season at 16-11 overall.

"That was an unbelievable effort by our team," said Clayton State head coach Gordon Gibbons. "We came in extremely well-prepared, and that team (USC Aiken) was guarded tonight by a real good defensive team. But what cost us the game tonight was the free throw line."

It was a defensive battle to the nth degree. Clayton State limited the Pacers, the

Peach Belt Conference regular season champion and one of the top offensive teams in the conference, to only 26 percent shooting from the field and 1-for-16 shooting from 3-point range. But the Lakers could not fare much better offensively, shooting only 33 percent from the field and 0-for-9 from 3-point range.

That ended an impressive streak for the Lakers in which they connected on at least one 3-point basket in 330 straight games.

Neither team led by more than seven points in the first half as there were six ties and eight lead-changes. There were five ties and six lead-changes in the second half. Clayton State opened the half on a 12-4 run as Anthony Salter converted a 3-point play and a jumper in the lane.

Trivia Time

Born in the U.S.A.

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Just to slip in a Bruce Springsteen reference... who was the first American president who was actually "born in the U.S.A.?"

No less than four former chief executives were nominated for this singular honor; George Washington, Martin Van Buren, John (no relation to Steven) Tyler and Zachary (no relation to Rob) Taylor. It is, of course, something of a trick question.

Washington, for instance, was born in what became the state of Virginia, but, at the time, it was the Virginia colony, since there was no United States. Thus, the first president born after independence was declared from England was; Martin Van Buren, Old Kinderhook himself. (In case you're interested, Tyler was the first president born after the Constitution was adopted.)

Those who came up with Van Buren included; Jill Ellington, Taylor (Rob, not Zachary, although he guessed him, too), Teressa Bolt, Lou Brackett, Norman Grizzell, Brett Reichert, Scott McElroy, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Tom Eddins, and B.D. Stillion (who gets a Bonus Point for the "Born in the U.S.A." line.)

Sticking with this year's theme of presidential politics; who was the first sitting president defeated for re-election thanks in a large part to a concerted PR campaign by his opponent, consisting of clever electioneering slogans, jingles, banners and the like? Send your answers to Clayton State's PR person. ■

Juron Dobb's lay-up at the 12:49 mark gave the Lakers a 29-26 lead.

USC Aiken took the lead for good on two free throws by Jesse Seilern, but Clayton State had numerous chances to either tie or take the lead. USC Aiken finished the game on a 7-1 run in the final two minutes.

Anthony Salter paced Clayton State with 18 points, while center Andrew Bachanov grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. ■

Sports

Clayton State Women Lose to Aiken in PBC Tournament Championship

Aiming for its fourth Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship in the last eight seasons, the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team came up short in its quest, dropping a tough 52-47 decision against USC Aiken in Sunday's championship at the Lumpkin Center.

The defeat snaps a 10-game winning streak for Clayton State, which is ranked third in the nation in Division II. The Lakers are now 28-3 overall, and will earn an at-large bid to the 2012 NCAA Division II National Tournament for an eighth straight season.

No. 9 USC Aiken, which won its first PBC Tournament title, improves to 26-3 overall and wins the Peach Belt Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

"They (USC Aiken) came out and stuck it to us, played us real physical and we didn't respond to that very well," said Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "We showed a lot heart and character in the second half making the comeback that we did, but sometimes it takes so much energy to make that comeback that it's hard to finish.

"USC Aiken has always been a tough match-up for us, and they won the game within the game today."

Unlike Saturday's semifinal victory over Lander, Clayton State started the game sluggish, shooting only 24 percent from the field and making only one 3-point basket. The Lakers at one point trailed by 11 points as the Pacers' Daniela Tarailo made a baseline jumper at the 6:52 mark.

Clayton State trimmed the deficit to four points 24-20 on a jumper in the lane by Kayla Mobley, but USC Aiken closed out the half scoring the final six points to lead 30-20 at halftime.

The Lakers got down by as many as 16 points early in the second half before slowly and methodically chipping away at the USC Aiken lead. Clayton State used a 9-1 run to trim the lead to eight points as Tanisha Woodard twice scored in transition and Mobley scored on a baseline layup at the 10:33 mark.

A 3-point basket by Brittany Hall, followed by back-to-back lay-ups by Dixon and Shannon Smith trimmed the USC Aiken lead to 43-42 with 7:36 remaining. After USC Aiken pushed the lead back to

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For a Triple Double... and the Conference Steals Record Woodard Selected Peach Belt Conference "Player of the Week"

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The Peach Belt Conference released its last regular season weekly honors for women's basketball on Monday, and for the second time this season, Clayton State's Tanisha Woodard was selected as the Peach Belt Conference "Player of the Week."

Woodard, a 5-foot-10 senior forward from Rome, Ga., enjoyed a tremendous conclusion to the regular season in her two games last week. She scored nine points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the Lakers' 78-44 victory over Montevallo on Wednesday. But it was Clayton State's regular season finale against Georgia College on Saturday where Woodard had the spotlight.

First, she recorded four steals to set the Peach Belt Conference career record for

steals with 408. That shattered the previous mark of 407 held by former Columbus State standout LaShawn Mincey from 1997-2001. And second, Woodard recorded only the fourth triple-double in the history of Peach Belt women's basketball with 13 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in the Lakers' 93-58 victory. It was also the third triple double in Clayton State history, and the first by a women's basketball player.

That helped pace Clayton State to its fifth Peach Belt Conference regular season championship in the last eight seasons.

For the season, Woodard is leading the Peach Belt in both steals and assists, and is also ranked fifth in blocked shots and seventh in assist-to-turnover ratio. In addition, she is ranked 10th in the nation in steals.

Woodard also moved into second place all-time at Clayton State in points. She now has 1,324 points for her Laker career. ■

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