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School of Nursing Awarded Two Board of Regents Grants Totaling \$459,502

by John Shiffert

For the 11th consecutive year, the School of Nursing (SoN) at Clayton State University has received grant money from the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia.

According to Dean of the College of Health at Clayton State, Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, the two, two-year grants total \$459,502 and have been awarded to hire a technology staff person to support the SoN faculty, and to establish a faculty practice within the Clayton State Student Health Center in cooperation with the Office of Student Affairs.

“These grants are an outgrowth of a Board of Regents appropriation for nursing, aimed at recruiting nursing faculty. The

grants had to be targeted towards ideas that would recruit or retain nursing faculty. They were very broad, we were given a creative opportunity to design programs for the specific purpose of recruiting and retention. The Board left it up to individual schools to come up with ideas.”

While these grants will provide support for the Clayton State nursing faculty, they will do much more, enhancing the University’s reputation for providing support for both its students and its community.

“The whole reason the Board of Regents does this is not just for faculty,” says Eichelberger. “The grant is the Nursing Faculty Initiative, but the connection to

students is clear. The Board is doing this so we can get more faculty to teach more students. The reason we’re here is to turn out more nurses for the citizenry of Georgia.

“That’s why we want to recruit and retain our nursing faculty. When the faculty has the resources they need, they’re better able to teach the students.”

Eichelberger notes that Clayton State took advantage of the opportunity provided by the BOR to see what issues were causing stressors for the faculty, and to see what was needed to support the work of the nursing faculty and students. Since the School of Nursing is one of the

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Anna Cox of Jonesboro High and Jennifer Henley of Morrow High Named First Recipients

Clayton State Announces Teacher Excellence Recognition Initiative

In recognition of the important role that excellent teachers play in the lives of students, Clayton State University, along with its Department of Teacher Education, has announced the establishment of the Teacher Excellence Recognition Initiative (TERI). This initiative is designed to annually recognize two high school teachers from Clayton County Public Schools who demonstrate excellence in teaching and exemplify the Clayton State learning experience; empowering, engaging, inclusive and supportive; in their own classrooms.

Each yearly TERI recipient will receive a \$1000 stipend plus \$250 to be used for classroom materials. These awards are made possible through the generosity of

the Jack and Sherry Hancock Clayton County High School Faculty Recognition Collaborative, in conjunction with the Clayton State University Annual Professorship Program. Jack Hancock is a Clayton State University Foundation board member, and an attorney with the law firm Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP.

“The education of our youth is the key to the success of our nation,” says Hancock.

The winners of the 2014 Teacher Excellence Recognition Initiative awards are Anna Cox of Jonesboro High School and Jennifer Henley of Morrow High School.

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University Professor Catherine Deering: Inspiration and Empowerment

by John Shiffert

Catherine Deering, Ph.D., ABPP, professor of Psychology and now the Jack and Sherry Hancock University Professor at Clayton State University, has been an inspiration for generations of Clayton State students, empowering thousands over more than 20 years, and being inspired herself by those same students. It's a relationship that typifies Clayton State in general and "Kitty" Deering in particular, in part because of the culture of support it represents.

"I love teaching at Clayton State because the students are dedicated to using what they learn to improve the lives of people in their own communities," she says. "The University Professorship is such an honor because it affirms the power and importance of education, and it inspires me to want to work even harder to give my best to empower our students."

Originally a member of Clayton State's nursing faculty, and winner of the

University's very first Alice Smith Faculty Member of the Year Award in 1995 as a nursing professor, Deering has been a seminal part of the University's Psychology Department since 2001. She holds a B.S.N. from Duke University, an M.S.N. from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island. According to Psychology Department Chair Dr. Donna McCarty, Deering is exceptional as a teacher, and in service to the University and in the mental health community at large.

And, in addition, "she tops off an already strong performance in the classroom by being one of the most prolific scholars and participants in professional development I have ever known," says McCarty.

Furthermore, notes McCarty, Deering was instrumental in developing, implementing and the instruction of the University's Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program, and her expertise is of great ben-

efit to the students who are enrolled in that program.

"(She is) a senior faculty member who is an exemplar for the meaning of the term 'Full Professor,'" says McCarty.



Deering

Dr. Nasser Momayezi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Clayton State, agrees with that characterization and adds that Clayton State's University Professors have all exhibited a long term commitment to the mission and goals of Clayton State; displaying the highest standards of good character, academic integrity, and leadership.

"University Professorships provide recognition and support to exemplary faculty

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Clayton State Establishes University Professorships

The word professor is derived from Latin as, "A teacher of highest rank." Typically, colleges and universities reserve the title, "University Professor," for members of the faculty who make a meaningful impact in the lives of students and colleagues. The rank is a significant designation serving as tangible evidence of the University's commitment to attracting and retaining stellar faculty; thus ensuring a high quality learning experience for all its students.

Thanks to the generosity of several key donors and the Clayton State University Foundation, the University recently bestowed the title, "University Professor," on six faculty members during the Annual Faculty/Staff Recognition Awards Program held in Clayton State's renowned Spivey Hall.

"This spring we began a tradition of awarding University Professorships, a

designation which I think is emblematic of the celebration of faculty and their contribution to the education of our students," says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes.

Clayton State's initial University Professors include: Dr. Michelle Furlong, department chair of natural sciences; Dr. Jennell Charles, professor of nursing from the College of Health; Dr. Catherine "Kitty" Deering, professor of psychology; Dr. Mary Lamb, associate professor of English; Dr. Reza Kheirandish, associate professor of economics; and Dr. Christopher Raridan, associate professor of mathematics.

Awarded faculty will carry the title of, "University Professor," for two years allowing up to 12 faculty to have the distinction at any given time. This recognition comes with a \$5,000 annual salary supplement. The Clayton State University

Foundation assisted in creating the monetary supplement by creating a matching dollar-for-dollar gifts program.

Fittingly, three Foundation Board members were in the audience for the announcement of University Professorships that either bore their name, or the name of their organization. Foundation Chair Tim Crawford and his wife Sabrina Crawford, owners of Heritage Cadillac Mitsubishi, were present for the initial Heritage Cadillac Mitsubishi University Professorship being awarded to Dr. Charles. Past Foundation Chair Leonard Moreland, Heritage Bank CEO, was present for the awarding of the Heritage Bank University Professorship to Dr. Furlong. Similarly, a third member of the Foundation Board, Jack Hancock, and his wife, Sherry Hancock, witnessed the awarding of the 2

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Second Senior Class Gift Raises More Than \$2000 from 142 Graduates

Clayton State's Senior Class Gift initiative, originally launched in the fall of 2013, accounted for a total of \$2174 raised from 142 seniors over the course of four weeks this spring. With the gift being matched by Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes, the Spring 2014 Senior Class Gift created \$4000 for various Clayton State departments and the Dream Maker Scholarship Fund for Clayton State students.

Based on the total number of spring 2014 graduates, 19 percent of the graduating seniors participated, and proudly wore an orange tassel on their graduation caps in recognition of their generosity.

Described by Annual Fund Director Myisha Garnes as a new tradition of paying it forward at Clayton State, the Class Gift Campaign also promotes the importance of philanthropy and is a collective effort by Clayton State's seniors to leave their mark on the University. Garnes also notes that the Senior Class Gift is the first step for seniors in staying connected to Clayton State

The first Senior Class Gift from the December 2013 Commencement raised \$1,317 from 88 seniors and was similarly matched by Hynes, making a total of \$2,600 dollars raised towards scholarships. Earlier this spring, former Clayton

State Student Government President Joshua Davis presented Hynes with a check on behalf of the class of 2013 during the Annual Scholarship Luncheon.

For more information on the Senior Class Gift, go to <http://www.clayton.edu/Giving/Annual-Fund/Senior-Class-Gift>. ■

Clayton State Creating First Alumni Directory

by John Shiffert

After 45 years of making dreams real, Clayton State University is currently in the process of creating its first-ever alumni directory.

"This is an exciting project as we will benefit from free data research services and a quality publication," says Director of the Office of Alumni Relations Leila Tatum. "Harris Connect, our partner in this project, has begun reaching out to our alums to gain updated contact information. They are receiving yellow postcards in the mail requesting that they call a 1-800 number."

Why an alumni directory? Tatum explains that staying in contact with our alumni, and helping them stay connected to each other, is among the Alumni Association's greatest responsibilities.

Publisher Harris Connect, currently in the process of collecting information, is contacting Clayton State alumni by mail and phone, asking alumni to verify their name, address and email, their graduation information, class year, college achievements, their current title and employer, and to provide any career updates.

"We sure hope you are as excited about this project as we are!" says Tatum to the University's 20,000 alumni, who will be offered the option of purchasing the completed directory. "There are some cool new things with this directory, which will be available in CD, softbound and hardbound formats. You will be able to include a wide range of details like personal photos, messages to friends, detailed biographical profiles – all in an effort to reinforce those important relationships made while you were at Clayton State."

Tatum also notes that Clayton State's contract with Harris Connect prohibits them from selling or sharing any of the information on Clayton State alumni.

"Once the alumni directory is published, all data collected by Harris Connect will be sent to Clayton State," she says. "We will use the information collected to update our own alumni records, enabling us to more reliably communicate the news, information, and programs relevant to our alumni."

For more information on the Clayton State Alumni Directory, go to the directo-

ry's FAQ web page at <https://giving.clayton.edu/alumni/harris-directory-faq>. ■

Bridgette McDonald Earns GACE's Highest Honor

By John Shiffert

Clayton State University Director of Career Services Bridgette McDonald has been awarded the Georgia Association of Colleges and Employers' (GACE) highest honor, the Founders Award. McDonald received the award at last month's 44th Annual GACE Conference in Young Harris, Ga.

The GACE Founder's Award recognizes those individuals who have provided outstanding service, support, and dedication to the organization and career services and recruitment professions. The award was established in 1992 and is only given when deemed appropriate by the GACE Board of Directors. As a result, the award has only been presented 12 times since 1992, so McDonald joins an elite group that also includes Clayton State's late Director Emeritus of Job Placement and

Cooperative Education, Peggy A. Gardner, who earned the Founder's Award in 1997. No other organization in the state has had two recipients of the Founder's Award.

GACE provides a link between employers and career services professionals, providing professional development, and promoting professional and ethical standards for each group. Clayton State Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Angelyn Hayes notes that McDonald's contributions to GACE include her having served as a college director, vice-president in charge of planning the annual GACE conference, GACE president (2008/2009), and currently serving as treasurer of the organization. She is also involved in numerous GACE initiatives including the College-to-Career Fair,

membership drives, and networking events. Most significantly, adds Hayes, McDonald is committed to GACE and engages with its members and its mission with unparalleled commitment and passion.



McDonald

As notable an accomplishment as receiving the Founder's Award represents, it should also be mentioned that, during McDonald's 15 plus years as a member of

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CRDTS Clinical Exam Produces Smiles by Dental Hygiene Students

The Clayton State University Dental Hygiene Class of 2014 was all smiles before their recent graduation – all 22 senior students had their dreams made real by passing the CRDTS (Central Regional Dental Testing Services) clinical exam.

According to Dr. Gail Barnes, Clayton State Department Chair, Dental Hygiene, the Topeka, Kan.-based CRDTS exam involved the students cleaning a patient's teeth for an allotted time. The examiners who took part in the five, half-day sessions in the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Clinic were dentists and dental hygienists from across the country. In addition to Clayton State's 22 dental hygiene seniors; 17 candidates for the CRDTS exam were from other Georgia dental hygiene programs.

"I thank each of you for the time and effort you have continuously given to our students. Your expertise and devotion to their clinical education is phenomenal!" said Barnes in an email to the Clayton State Dental Hygiene faculty.

The "Perfect 22" of the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Class of 2014 included...

- Danielle Ashby - Cartersville, Ga.
- Christine Baptiste - McDonough, Ga.
- Alyssa Braswell - McDonough, Ga.
- Monica Canning - Atlanta
- Ashleigh Cole - Buford, Ga.
- Soumayah Walton-Davis - Decatur, Ga.
- Trang Dinh - Jonesboro, Ga.
- Kayla Dlugolec - Fayetteville, Ga.
- Alycia Findley - Stockbridge, Ga.
- Lisa Gillis - Morrow, Ga.

- Nhung Hoang - Lawrenceville, Ga.
- Joo Jin - Duluth, Ga.
- Jessica McClendon - Snellville, Ga.
- Ashley McKinnon - Stockbridge, Ga.
- Dhiana Meyers - Morrow, Ga.
- Vy Nguyen - Stockbridge, Ga.
- Kajal Patel - Savannah, Ga.
- Linh Tran - Jonesboro, Ga.
- Shayla Ventriglia - Brooks, Ga.
- Yenory Villada - Duluth, Ga.
- Felicia Williams - Duluth, Ga.
- Abri Yisrael - Loganville, Ga. ■



AmeriCorps Recognized by Governor Deal

by Samantha Watson

Clayton State University's AmeriCorps program received a letter of recognition from Governor Nathan Deal for their service with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) on Feb. 22. The AmeriCorps team members graciously gave up their weekend to help with the disaster response to the snow and ice storms in Augusta, Ga.

Deal expresses his "deepest gratitude for the commendable service you rendered our fellow citizens during the most recent snow storms. Your work... was indispensable in aiding Georgians..."

Twenty-two Clayton State students answered the GEMA call for volunteers and served on that Saturday. During the service project, AmeriCorps members cleaned up debris and hauled away trees

and tree limbs from community member's lawns. The combined work of the Clayton State team resulted in the complete clearing and cleaning of five homes located in Augusta and North Augusta.

Deal praises the students and states that their commitment and selflessness are, "the greatest characteristics of a Georgian, and your actions during these tough winter episodes reflect such admirable qualities."

That day AmeriCorps members removed approximately two tons of tree/tree limbs and provided a total of 209 hours of response service. During their service the team even recruited an additional four volunteers who provided a total of 38 hours of service.

The Clayton State University AmeriCorps Program is dedicated to the community, requiring its members to complete more than 900 hours of service within Clayton County and abroad. ■



AmeriCorps Program Recognized In National Publication for Innovation

The 2014 edition of Transforming Communities through Service: A Collection of the Most Innovative AmeriCorps State and Volunteer Generation Fund Programs in the United States features AmeriCorps State and Volunteer Generation Fund programs in 21 states.

Clayton State University's AmeriCorps Program is featured in Transforming Communities as one of 28 programs nationwide to be recognized as an innovative program in the focus area of education. Clayton State AmeriCorps members annually tutor more than 200 high school students at risk for academic failure and/or dropping out, providing an important resource to support the local school district. According to Clayton State AmeriCorps Program Coordinator Jen Welch, 78 percent of the students tutored showed an increase in their overall grade average and of those students, 72 percent of student's grades improved by five points or more.

In addition to tutoring, Clayton State AmeriCorps members conduct a Spring Break College and Career camp for high

school students. Members participate in local community service projects, recruit community volunteers, and serve as one of the most popular groups on the Clayton State campus. This past year, Clayton State members recruited 160 volunteers who collectively served more than 1,000 hours at various community service projects including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Make a Difference Day, and a 5K Race benefiting Georgia's Wounded Heroes.

Welch notes that the AmeriCorps program is successful because Clayton State is a service institution that focuses on being a supportive community, both for its own students, and for the surrounding communities. Clayton State, institutionally and individually, invests much time in service learning and sees AmeriCorps as one of its most effective programs in reaching the surrounding community.

Another reason for the program's success is the high demand for AmeriCorps programs in Clayton County. Welch says that the community understands AmeriCorps' contributions and sees the direct impact of the programs. Further, the involvement of

Clayton State staff, including but not limited to Welch, and students have made this program one of the most popular programs on campus.

Clayton State student Breanna Simpson, who was tutored as a high school student, noted the program's secrets to success when she shared her story with the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism Board. She spoke about the pride she feels serving as an AmeriCorps member because prior to her having an encouraging AmeriCorps mentor, she had no plans to even to go college. This relationship not only encouraged her to go to college, but to return in service as an AmeriCorps member to mentor younger high school students to continue the cycle.

The 2014 edition of Transforming Communities commemorates the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps and state service commissions, the statewide governor-appointed agencies leading the nation's service movement and AmeriCorps State programming.

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Across the Campus...

College of Health

Dr. Betty Lane has been named Chair of the School of Nursing after having served as Interim. "She has done an amazing job leading the School through a very successful reaccreditation of the undergraduate and graduates programs," says Dean Dr. Lisa Eichelberger. Also, Dr. Gail Barnes has decided to return to faculty effective June 30 and Lois Manning Burke will serve as Interim Department Chair of Dental Hygiene effective July 1. Burke served as Department Chair of Dental Hygiene at Clayton State previously from 1993 to 2003.

Facilities

Clayton State's Tree Campus USA designation earned a "shout-out" from Chancellor Huckaby at the May Board of Regents meeting.

Health Care Management

Dr. Peter Fitzpatrick, chair of the Clayton State University Department of Health Care Management, was heard on Fox5 News on Tuesday, June 10 in conjunction with a story WAGA-TV is doing on prescription drug use in America. Fitzpatrick was interviewed by WAGA on Wednesday, June 4 for the broadcast story, which looked at the overuse and abuse of prescription drugs.

History

Although uncredited, Dr. Christopher Ward contributed to a National Geographic article on Siberia's "Medical Train." Go to <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2014/06/siberian-train/yaffa-text>.

OITS

Beginning June 16, Dr. Bill Gruszka will serve as Clayton State's Visiting CIO. Gruszka was previously Director, IT Production Services at Georgia State University, and has previously served as Chief Information Officer at Southern Polytechnic State University. Gruszka will help Clayton State maintain its institutional leadership in Information Technology as the University begins the process of seeking a permanent successor for Dr. John Bryan.

Public Safety

Clayton State University Director of Public Safety Bobby Hamil will be providing an active shooter training presentations on Tuesday, July 15 at 10 a.m. in room B12 of the Lecture Hall. The presentation will include a 15 minute video followed by a PowerPoint and Q&As. Total presentation should take about an hour and a half. No reservations are needed and these presentations are open for students, faculty and staff to attend.

SBDC

The Clayton State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has programs scheduled in Griffin, Ga., and McDonough, Ga., in July 2014. SBDC's next Starting a Business class will be on Tuesday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce/Griffin Welcome Center, located at 143 North Hill St., Griffin, Ga. On Thursday, July 24, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., SBDC presents, "Why Video is the Ultimate Tool for Your Business" at the Henry Chamber of Commerce, 1709 Highway 20 West, McDonough, Ga.

School of Nursing

The Chair of Nursing Dr. Betty Lanes has announced that Anita Miller is the latest addition to the School of Nursing staff. She serves as the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Lane and Dr. Victoria Foster, Director of the Graduate program. As an Administrative Assistant located in Ste. 220 of the Harry S. Downs Center, she will provide secretarial, administrative and financial support services for the school of nursing administrators. She has more than 20 years of experience in administrative support in business and educational settings. Kristie Clark who joined the School of Nursing staff in April, continues to serve as the secretary.

The Loch Shop

The Loch Shop was featured on the Connect2One (C2O) Facebook page after a visit from a C2O representative. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=710515632320481&saved>.



Associate Professor of History Dr. Kathryn Kemp reports this news flash! Strange bird on campus... "It was near the steps that go up to the dorm, scratching around like a chicken. It was a bit smaller than the Canada geese," says Kemp. Fellow historian Lou Brackett pointed out it was a turkey vulture, leading Kemp to ask, "what does it mean when a vulture shows up at school?"

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GACE, she has also received the organization's Rising Star Award and the NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Management Leadership Award.

"This award means the world to me, because I was truly not expecting it at this time," she says of the Founder's Award. "It has been such a pleasure and an honor to serve in various positions in GACE because I had the great fortune of being trained to lead it from some outstanding individuals! I have a very strong foundation in the Career Services profession that has prepared me to make significant contributions in several states but my involvement in Georgia has meant the most to me."

"Bridgette McDonald is the classiest career service professional in the State of Georgia," says Joan McElroy, now retired from many years of service in Clayton State's Office of Career Services. "She is great at multitasking and communicates exceptionally well with students, co-workers, and faculty. Her devotion to her career at Clayton State University's Career Services office and to GACE is



President Tim Hynes and Dean of the College of Health Lisa Eichelberger visit Daejeon Health Sciences College in South Korea. Students and faculty from Daejeon Health Sciences College will visit Clayton State July 6 through Aug. 3.



2014 Summer Entrepreneurship and Business Academy sponsored by PEI

Faculty and Undergrad Student Present Research at Prestigious Research Conference

by Samantha Watson

During April 2014 Sundee Proctor, a Clayton State University undergraduate secondary education student, and Dr. Mari Roberts, assistant professor of Teacher Education, attended and presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

During the conference, Proctor presented a paper entitled, Bread and Circuses? The Short and Long-Term Influence of “The Diversity Course.” The idea for the research originated in Dr. Roberts’ Exploring Sociocultural Perspectives of Diversity Class during the 2011 school year.

“In this course, we attempt to answer the question, ‘how can equity and excellence

in education be achieved in a society in which, historically, the dominant culture has determined their meaning?’ through analysis, reflection, and close examination of systemic inequities,” comments Roberts.



Proctor

The research was started in order to understand the effect of classes like these on participating students, what they take away from these classes, and how they apply them to their own classes.

Roberts explains that Proctor’s help has been invaluable, “Sundee was actually a

very active member of the 2011 course. So, when she found out about the research, she volunteered to assist and continues to do so through the Clayton State Honors Program.”

Clayton State University’s Undergraduate Research Committee Grant, offered out of the Provost’s office, made their attendance possible. The grant’s purpose is to encourage faculty members to engage in active research that addresses the needs of the community with undergraduate students. The grant covered all of the trips expenses for both of the researchers. ■

Veterans Turn to Tina Lake for Transition Assistance... and More

by Amanda Parham

Georgia has 778,000 veterans living in the state. Within Clayton County alone, there are more than 22,000 military veterans. Over the next three years, it is estimated that about 50,000 service members will be returning to Georgia.

Upon their return from active duty, many will be seeking employment or making the decision to pursue a higher education. Tina Lake, Clayton State University’s Veterans Resource Center coordinator since December 2012, wants all active military and veterans to consider reaching out to the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) for assistance in making the transition from military life to campus life.

“The admissions process does not have to be daunting. We are here to help navigate through the steps and will continue to provide support throughout to ensure a seamless transition from military life to campus life,” Lake states.

Clayton State’s VRC is a centralized venue that offers information on the services and programs available on campus

and in the local community to assist in the success of military-affiliated students. The center is also used by students as a place to relax or study in between classes and provides an opportunity to network with other former service members. Additional ways students can network with one another are through meet and greets and team-building events hosted by the VRC.

Clayton State also has a Student Veterans Association (SVA), a chapter of the Student Veterans of America. The student organization meets once a month in the VRC to build camaraderie, discuss concerns, plan fundraisers and community/campus service events like the on campus Veteran’s Day ceremony.

Lake shares, “I have been fortunate to witness the power of veterans connecting with other veterans and supporting one another through challenges. I think that is an important function of the VRC — giving our military-affiliated students the opportunity to build the camaraderie they often miss when they leave military service.”

Lake works closely with other campus departments to provide services and programs for approximately 500 military-affiliated students who attend Clayton State.

“It is truly a team effort amongst university departments,” Lake adds.

Some of the programs offered include: Counseling and Psychological Services recently-established S.E.R.V.E. (a Supportive and Encouraging Resource for Veteran Empowerment), a group that offers a supportive and confidential environment for female veterans to share their experiences and empower each other to succeed; the Department of Career Services provides student veterans with resume assistance, interview skills, and veteran-specific employment workshops; the Center for Academic Success offers one-on-one customized academic coaching in the Veterans Resource Center and provides tutors and learning support; the

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Dreams Made Real for Clayton State Supply Chain Management Alumnus Kurt Dewdney

by Samantha Watson

"My story is a direct result of attending a career services event," admits Clayton State University alumnus Kurt Dewdney.

Jamaican native Dewdney graduated from Clayton State University in December 2013 with a Bachelor's in Supply Chain Management and a minor in Marketing after completing his associate degree at Georgia Perimeter.

Taking an 11-year break after receiving his associate degree Dewdney, "thought readjusting to school would be extremely difficult. On the contrary, the content of Clayton State classes were relevant, challenging, and interesting."

Dewdney was consistently on the Dean's List during his time at Clayton State, and was awarded a certificate and plaque for

outstanding academic achievement. Clayton State Supply Chain Management professors nominated him for the Atlanta Cargo Association's Supply Chain Scholarship, which he also earned.

Dewdney, encouraged by the Clayton State Director of Career Services Bridgette McDonald, to participate in an internship, attended a career fair at the Cobb Galleria last spring, which was marketed by Career Services. At the fair he networked with the HR manager for a Wal-Mart Distribution Center. Taking initiative, Dewdney then contacted the manager and was subsequently offered an internship in the District of Columbia shortly thereafter.

"At the end of the internship, I was offered to remain with Wal-Mart as an

area manager in the Quality Assurance Department, where I completed several different efficiency improvement projects that the DC office had going on," states Dewdney.

After consistent work with several Wal-Mart departments, Dewdney applied for the Quality Assurance Operations Manager position and was hired.

"This is considered a record in this building and throughout the company, for someone to come in as an intern, become an Area Manager, and now serve as an Operations Manager in less than a year," explains Dewdney. ■

Stacy Gooden's Undergrad Dreams Made Real



Gooden

"Before I knew it my first son was graduating from high school and attending college. Seeing his life begin to unfold made me realize too much time had gone by. If I wanted to go back to

college and use my degree for a career, it was now or never," states Stacy Gooden, a senior undergrad at Clayton State University.

Gooden graduated high school the June of 1987 and enrolled in college the following August at Brigham Young University. Like many college freshman, she dropped out after completing her first semester.

During her extended hiatus from college, Gooden took pride in being a stay-at-home mom of three sons as well as co-publishing a weekly community newspaper in Ohio with her husband, Dr. Randall

Gooden, entitled, New Middletown Postmark.

"Going back to college was always in my life plan but the years go by so fast," admits Gooden. Inspired by her children, she began to make moves to go back to school. Witnessing the success her husband has as an Associate Professor of History at Clayton State, she soon found that it was the right place to look for helping her dreams to be made real.

"My educational experiences have been exceptional at Clayton State. The combined challenge of classroom instruction, research, and writing has been very rewarding," comments Gooden.

Gooden has thrived at Clayton State, making the Dean's List every semester of her attendance, receiving the Academic Recognition Award in April of both 2013 and 2014, and receiving the Excellence in History Award in April of 2014. She has also been awarded the Marshall Scholarship through Clayton State in two

consecutive academic years and to top it all off, she is a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society and Golden Key International Honor Society. A resident of Griffin, Ga., Gooden will receive her undergraduate degree in December 2014.

"I didn't want to come back to college just for a degree. I wanted an enriching culminating experience. There is always something new to learn at Clayton State and I plan on being a lifelong learner," professes Gooden.

Realizing her success at Clayton State and in the College of Arts and Sciences itself, she hopes to continue in her graduate education with Clayton State's Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies Program. Gooden plans to concentrate in both history and political science and eventually teach at the junior college level or on an adjunct basis at a university. ■



Spring 2014 Hooding Ceremony for Graduate Studies



Spring 2014 Nursing and Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremonies



Spring 2014 Commencement Ceremonies

Sodexo Focuses on Sustainability

This spring, Clayton State University Dining, operated by Sodexo Campus Services, focused its events and promotions on sustainability, including a waste reducing dining initiative and annual recycle art contest.

In an attempt to reduce waste in their dining program, Clayton State Dining ran a marketing campaign, "Go Green," to create awareness and increase participation in the use of biodegradable, recyclable, and reusable containers used in Lakeside Dining Hall. Reusable mugs are also used in several retail dining locations. They even took it one step further by primarily promoting the initiative using social media.

The results: this spring, Clayton State faculty, staff and students purchased 172 reusable mugs across campus, and in Lakeside Dining Hall, all take-out pur-

chases were required to choose either a bio-degradable or reusable container. All of these products helped reduce waste in our landfills.

According to Clayton State University Dining General Manager Dyiesha Kerr, Lakeside Dining Hall cashier Linda McClain was instrumental in promoting the sustainability program and educating customers. Kerr points out that McClain not only sold more than 85 reusable mugs in less than three weeks, going on to win the employee sales contest, but that, "Linda is passionate about Clayton State's environmental focus.

"She helps our customers understand that their dining experience is more than just great food. It is also a community experience that shares a sense of environmental and social responsibility."

Clayton State Dining also held its annual Recycle Art Contest this spring. To celebrate Earth Day, students were asked to express their creativity and artistic talents with recycled art products. In an effort to create their next big "trash-formation," entries included a dress made completely of recyclable magazines and an art piece that, using cans, bottles, fast-food bags, cardboard, fabric and a spark plug, inspired people to keep the campus clean.

The winner, Mark Morrow, created a hot air balloon inspired by the movie "Up." He used aluminum cans, bottle wrappers, and food wrappers. He won an assortment of gifts and prizes, courtesy of The Loch Shop. ■

Clayton State Student Wins National "Find Your Pinspiration" Contest

Clayton State University student Erica Vondyke was one of 16 National Grand Prize winners in Sodexo's Find Your Pinspiration contest.

Sixteen college students, chosen from countless entries across the United States, were named National Grand Prize winners in the Pinterest contest.

The contest, run by Clayton State University Dining's food-service operator, Sodexo, was a resident dining sweepstakes. The social media-based event gave students a chance to get other students motivated to create a path toward a healthier and fit lifestyle by creating an engaging atmosphere to build awareness of the need to choose healthier, nutrient-rich foods and to find ways to become more active.

Each winning student received one of 16 Health & Wellness Packages that included a \$250 Gift Card to Dick's Sporting Goods®; a \$100 SpaFinder® Gift Card, a Nike+ FuelBand and a BKR® H2O Bottle.

In addition to on-campus activities, Find Your Pinspiration used the power of Pinterest to engage students to add excitement, find their motivation and inspire others to a healthier lifestyle by repinning ideas and photos on Pinterest.

Look for more exciting promotions from campus dining again this semester.

For more information on Clayton State University Dining, visit <http://csudining.sodexomyway.com> ■

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seen every single day. Bridgette is answering a call to prepare students for employment. I count it a privilege to be her friend."

"Your commitment to GACE... has been unwavering over these years," says Diane Fennig, director of graduate student and alumni services at the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. "You have always been a team player, ready to serve and always with a smile and a contagious sense of humor. Bridgette, you are most deserving of this honor by your colleagues in the greatest state Association of Colleges and Employers.

"I am honored that you are joining the ranks of those of us who have come before you. The one-and-only Peggy Gardner would be especially proud!"

"Bridgett McDonald has been an active and engaged member of the association since 1997. She has assumed a variety of roles to lead GACE and has tirelessly promoted the benefits of membership of our

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Jack and Sherry Hancock University Professorship to Dr. Deering.

Dr. Lamb received the Tommy Clonts University Professorship, established to honor Mr. Clonts' volunteer efforts to a number of charitable causes throughout the region.

Dr. Kheirandish received the Bud and Mary Miller Professorship, established recently by the former dean of the Clayton State University College of Business, Ernest "Bud" Miller and his wife Mary.

Dr. Raridan received the Jimmy Easley University Professorship, named in honor of long-time Atlanta Journal/Constitution employee Jimmy Easley. ■

Self-Paced Online Courses... Another Clayton State Award-Winning, Empowering Innovation

by John Shiffert



Southard

Clayton State University's expertise in online education dates back into the last century, when the University was honored by the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) at its 18th Annual TeleCon Conference and Awards in the "Best Program -- Higher Education Distance Learning" category.

Thus, it should come as no surprise that, virtually a generation later, Associate Professor of Legal Studies Sheryne

Southard has been similarly honored in the 2014 Annual SoftChalk Lesson Challenge, for her innovative, empowering approach to online learning through Self-Paced Online Courses, a concept that was first broached to her by Social Sciences Department Chair Dr. Rafik Mohamed.

Clayton State's first Self-Paced Online Course (SPOC), in American Government, was given as a pilot project in the spring 2014 semester. Barely two months into the semester, Southard submitted her work to SoftChalk, a provider of content authoring software for educators in K-12, colleges, universities and medical programs, and was awarded fourth place nationally out of 117 entrants.

The SoftChalk Lesson Challenge is a contest held annually that allows SoftChalk users to submit their best and most creative lessons and eCourses for recognition. A judging panel made up of educators from across the nation scores the lessons based on a subset of the Quality Matters judging rubric. Lessons are judged on specific categories including creativity, professionalism, interactivity and how well the lesson reinforces student learning.

"For us to place that high with the pilot version of the course... we're on to something," says Southard.

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Loch Visits Scotland for The Loch Shop

Fans of Clayton State University social media have recently followed Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes and Dean of the College of Health Dr. Lisa Eichelberger during their recent trip to South Korea.

Similarly, many Clayton State followers “went” to Sochi, Russia with Clayton State alumnus Kevin Liles to take in the Winter Olympics as he photographed the events for USA Today.

In June, Clayton State followers were following the adventures of Clayton State’s mascot, Loch as he (she? it?) returned to visit the ancestral home of all Lochs... Scotland.

Loch visited Ayr, Scotland an official representative of Loch Shop. He (she? it?) was travelling along with another Clayton State alumnus, Maggie Shiffert, who was in Scotland with the Newnan, Ga., Masterworks Ensemble, visiting that city’s sister city on a cultural exchange and giving a couple of choral performances. Loch’s adventures are available at <http://scotlandadventures101.tumblr.com/> as well as on The Loch Shop’s Facebook page and the ClaytonStNews Facebook page. ■



The Testing Center Helps Make Georgia’s Dreams Real

by Samantha Watson

Clayton State University’s Testing Center now is now offering the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) test, which became computerized in October 2013.

This assessment was intended to be offered to Clayton State Teacher Education program students, but because of interest in the certification, it was also opened to the community at large. The Testing Center, located in Arbor Hall at Clayton State East, 5823 Trammell Rd., Morrow, will be reaching out to current and future educators to become certified in many areas of teaching by administering this exam.

Since October 2013, the Testing Center has administered more than 1,000 GACE assessments, at an average of nearly 150 per month.

“We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to help people become certified so that they can join the education profession in our community,” states Sharon Long, Director of the Testing Center.

The COMPASS test for community employment opportunities, specifically the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) entrance examination is also offered by the Testing

Center at Clayton State. These entrance or re-certification exams have been administered in the center for the past three years. The Testing Center staff estimate they administered about 200 POST assessments during 2013.

The COMPASS test is also administered by the Testing Center for future nontraditional students as an admissions and placement assessment.

In addition to helping make real the dreams of current students and the surrounding community, the Testing Center also offers two examinations for Clayton

State University graduates through the Law School Admissions Council. They are the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

The center wants to assure Laker Nation that they will continue to administer about 200 assessments per month for Clayton State University students, but that they are taking a step further out into the surrounding community. In line with the university’s strategic plan, the Testing Center is adopting a community sense of service and helping make everyone’s dreams be made real. ■



Student Affairs Honors Individuals and Organizations for Leadership and Involvement

The Clayton State University Division of Student Affairs held its annual Student Leadership & Involvement Awards on Thursday, Apr. 17

Clayton State student leaders and organizations make significant contributions to the campus environment and surrounding communities. The Student Leadership & Involvement Awards provides the Division of Student Affairs with an opportunity to recognize these outstanding students and organizations for their hard work and dedication, notes Atawanna L. Royal, assistant director of Campus Life.

While congratulations are due to all of the 2014 Student Leadership & Involvement Award recipients, four individuals are worthy of special notice.

The Marteace Lockhart DRC Champion Award, named in honor of one of the late Marteace Lockhart, a hero to all who knew him, went to another Clayton State student who is likewise a hero to all who know him, Zac Bradley.

The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award went to a faculty member who, not coincidentally, is also an outstanding teacher, Dr. Anthony Stinson.

Other individual awards included the Excellence in Student Involvement Award -- to Briana Davis -- and the Laker Vision Award, given to Cassandra Allen.

The organizational awards follow...

Outstanding Diversity Advocacy and Leadership Award
DEEP, Diversity Education Experience for Peers

Outstanding Community Service Activity/Program of the Year Award
Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity

Outstanding Collaboration Activity/Program of the Year Award
Tau Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Clayton State chapter

of the NAACP

Outstanding Activity/Program of the Year Award
Tau Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Outstanding New Student Organization of the Year Award
We Are O.N.E. Interfaith Council

Outstanding Student Organization of the Year Award
Sigma Sigma chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Scholastic Achievement Award Sorority
Tau Epsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Scholastic Achievement Award Fraternity
Tau Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. ■



Clayton State Welcomes Diverse Student Population with English Learning Programs

by Gantt Thomas

In effort to expand the multi-national and cultural appeal of Clayton State University, the Continuing Education department is offering the opportunity for the development of English Speaking and Writing skills.

Acknowledging Clayton County's need for learning English in its culturally diverse environment, the University has developed the successful English as a Second Language program. The program was designed to help those who may not be native English speakers to grow their proficiency in the language. The classes, led by Diane Cox and Ophie Rivera, last

for 10 weeks and begin with an assessment to determine the students' course placement. At the end of the comprehensive program, students receive a certificate of completion.

A sister program of ESL (English as a Second Language), TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) has been created as well. This program exists to serve students who originate from other countries and primarily speak the language of their place of origin. This program consists of four courses totaling 150 hours of course instruction. Taught by a professional, experienced instructor

(Leigh Lawrence), this is a comprehensive program leading to a certificate in Global TESOL. Classes are taught on Saturdays at the Downs Center.

Details about upcoming free information sessions for these programs can be found at www.conted.clayton.edu or by contacting Laurie Morse at (678) 466-5054 or lauriemorse@clayton.edu for more information. ■

Pritul Patel Makes His Own and Others' Dreams Real

by Samantha Watson

"From when I first landed here in Georgia, to the person I am today, I can proudly say that Clayton State University has been a huge part of my path to success," proclaims Clayton State alumnus Pritul Patel.

Patel was born and raised in London, "East London to be exact," he says. He moved to the United States in the pursuit of his university education. Clayton State's moderate size and diverse community of students are what attracted Patel to study here. He was very fond of the personal attention his professors afforded him due to the intimate class sizes.

After considerable deliberation and multiple changes of major, Patel graduated with his Bachelor's in Mathematics. The alumnus is quick to point out that Clayton State has one of the best math departments as well as outstanding departmental faculty.

Patel has collaborated with the Clayton State Center for Academic Success' (CAS) Sarah Minion, Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Christopher Raridan, and Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Elliot Krop to complete and publish two mathematics-related research articles in the area of Graph Theory. He attributes this accomplishment, as well as others, to the help of the Math Department.

"The Math Department has considerably helped me on my path to success, however, I would also like to thank Kathy Garrison in the Center for Academic Success for being supportive of my future goals. The CAS has helped me grow as an individual," states Patel.

This comment comes as no surprise, since immediately following graduation Patel landed a tutoring job in CAS. He is ecstatic about the center and professes that his passion for tutoring math combined with the feelings of happiness he gets from helping the student body make him love his job.

"I am happy to be a part of other student's lives in making their dreams be made real!" exclaims Patel.

Patel is in no rush to leave the U.S. and explains that he will remain here for "however long I need to." He has applied

for a one-year employment authorization to the U.S. government in order to gain experience in his related field. He is also the first Clayton State international student to apply and receive the 17-month employment extension for STEM majors.



Patel

While working in CAS, Patel is seeking employment in the private sector in order to gain experience. He comments that he has, "received help and guidance from many of the services offered at Clayton State such as Career Services. Even the Math Department and CAS have offered me advice."

Patel admits that arriving in the U.S. was a big culture shock for him, but he remedies his homesickness by continuing to practice hobbies he picked up back home.

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Business Students Excel at Student Academic Conference

The College of Business made \$300 in cash awards available for talented students at the recent Student Academic Conference, which was designed to showcase student research work.

In the category of Poster Session Awards, a big congratulations goes out to the first place poster entitled "Dolores Huerta" by Melanie Hammond and Tawana Jackson (author and presenter). The second place poster award was for the "Mary Crow Dog" poster by Kilwanna Wright and Sita Moore. Faculty advisors for both poster sessions were Diane Fulton and Thomas Garsombke, who team-taught the leadership/principles courses and worked jointly on the leadership model, which formed the theoretical basis of the students' research projects.

In the area of Oral Presentation Awards, first place was earned for "Indexing for Higher Education Construction Projects" by Alex Rodriguez, Brenda Moon, Joseph Majak (presenter and author) and Evadne Matthews (presenter and author). The faculty advisor for the MBA level project was Reza Kheirandish and the students worked with the owners of a community-based architectural firm, who also attended the session.

Second place was awarded for "Childcare at Clayton State University: A Marketing Research Study to Determine the Demand for and Student Expectations of a Campus Childcare Facility" by Jennifer Buege (author and presenter), Jarrett Holland, Ebony Johnson and Tiffany Johnson; an undergraduate project guided by faculty advisor Anita Whiting in her marketing research course.

Third Place went to the presentation entitled "P&G's PUR Water Purifier: Corporate Philanthropy and Shareholder Value" by Lauren Frazier (presenter and author), Persephone Lowe (presenter and author), Sakshi Sawhney (presenter and author), and Turki Alsulaiman. Faculty advisor Alphonso Ogbuehi mentored the project in his MBA course. Honorable Mention was given to Aiman Fadil, an MBA student for his talk, "Language is an Essential Skill for a Global Manager." Fadil was advised by Fulton in her MBA Global Business and International Logistics course.

The faculty Advisors should also be recognized for their support and encouragement of the students to complete their research projects and successfully enter the competition. In addition, the evalua-

tion of research projects would not be possible without the great judges for the Poster Sessions -- Margaret Thompson, Judith Ogden and Kheirandish, and those faculty who judged the Oral Presentations; including Nikki Finlay, Kheirandish, Ogbuehi, Fulton and Thompson. Final Judges for the Awards were Thompson and Fulton, who also served on the Student Academic Research Conference Committee as the College of Business representative.

A total of 17 students in business were accepted and successfully participated in the Conference this year in six poster/oral presentation sessions. Cash awards and certificates were presented to all award winners at the annual College of Business Honors Award Ceremony on Friday, May 9. ■



Using Selfies to Motivate Student Registration and Reach a Record Retention Rate

First-Year Student Advisors Present at NACADA Conference

Advisors from the Clayton State University First-Year Advising and Retention Center (FYARC) presented at the NACADA (National Association of Academic Advising) regional conference on May 16, at the University of Georgia.

Nearly 70 advisors from across the southeast region attended FYARC's presentation on "Timeless First-Year Advising for the Millennial Generation." FYARC advisors shared their advising strategies for first-year students such as providing holistic academic advisement, major and career exploration, and linking advisement to first-year programming. In addition, the presentation highlighted the center's innovative outreach and communication efforts for the millennial generation. These efforts include hosting Freshman Registration Parties in the Laker Hall residence hall, teaching students how to register, and posting advising selfie pictures through social media to motivate students to register.

"Our advising colleagues were shocked to learn that we require all of our first-year students to attend at least three advisement sessions during the semester," says FYARC Director DeLandra Hunter. "By the end of the presentation, I think they understood that academic advisors should develop meaningful relationships with students to support their developmental needs and increase retention. Of course, this takes time to do."



FYARC presenters (left to right); Jerryal Pettigrew - Advisor, Marcia Bouyea-Hamlet - Assistant Director, Kimberly Ridenour - Advising Coordinator, and DeLandra Hunter - Director.

Clayton State reached a first-to-second-year retention rate of 72.34 percent for its fall 2012 cohort, the highest retention rate the institution has ever seen. This is a 4.5 percent increase from the 67.84 percent retention rate in the fall of 2011.

"Although there are a variety of programs and interventions we have developed over the past several years, we believe our intentional, directive, and monthly mandatory advising sessions are making the greatest difference in our freshmen," says Dr. Mark Daddona, associate vice president of Enrollment Management and Academic Success. "Our first-year stu-

dents are developing close connections with the staff in the First-Year Advising and Retention Center as well as other students.

"As a result, more first-year students are returning to the institution for their second year of college."

Daddona also notes that, for the first time, the University surpassed the average 70.60 percent retention rate of all institutions in its sector and has the second highest retention rate of institutions in its sector. ■

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who have displayed a consistent record of accomplishments with respect to teaching, scholarship, and service," he says. "It is the highest honor a University can bestow upon a member of its faculty."

The Jack and Sherry Hancock Annual University Professorship comes from the generous support of Clayton State University Foundation Trustee Jack Hancock and his wife, Sherry Hancock, who have also established the Teacher Excellence Recognition Initiative,

designed to annually recognize two high school teachers from Clayton County Public Schools who demonstrate excellence in teaching and exemplify the Clayton State learning experience; empowering, engaging, inclusive and supportive; in their own classrooms.

Jack Hancock has more than 30 years of experience in governmental and corporate liability. He is a successful and accomplished trial and appellate lawyer who received his B.B.A. and his J.D. from the

University of Georgia. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, serving as legal counsel and chair, and served on the Board of Directors of the Regional Business Coalition.

Awarded to the faculty member who exemplifies the Clayton State educational experience – empowering, engaging, inclusive and supportive – the University Professorships are managed by the Clayton State Office of Academic Affairs. ■



Foundation Board Meeting

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University's heaviest users of online classes; many of the elective courses in the College of Health as well as the basic licensure nursing courses are on line; and since Clayton State's Center for Instructional Development doesn't have the staff to cover all of the online classes, technology support was a logical place to start.

The grant to establish a faculty practice within the new Student Health Center is for Clayton State's nurse practitioner faculty, those nurses who both teach and hold additional credentials. In order to keep up their certifications, they must also practice as nurse practitioners.

"When you're teaching full-time, it's difficult for them to find someplace to practice," she notes. "The whole idea was, when we got a new clinic we were going to set aside rooms so that the nursing fac-

ulty could practice and see patients in the clinic."

According to Eichelberger, the grant money will be used for planning for a consultant to set up a faculty practice, for equipment to outfit the new rooms, and for staff to handle the billing and paperwork.

Approval for the plan came from Student Health Center Director Polly Parks, and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Elaine Manglitz.

"We are very appreciative of their cooperation," says Eichelberger. "We are partnering with the Clinic and Student Affairs in this endeavor."

Eichelberger wrote the technology grant for the BOR with assistance from Clayton State Director of Special Projects Jim

Flowers, ERM Compliance Officer Cheryl Jordan, and Dean of Assessment and Instructional Development Dr. Jill Lane. Eichelberger notes that Flowers, Jordan and Lane not only supplied data for the grant proposal, but also helped ensure the long-term support from the University.

"This is not just a one-time shot, the program needs to continue after the grant runs its course in two years," explains Eichelberger. "We received a commitment from Clayton State; President Hynes wrote a letter of support that the University would continue funding after the two-year grants are up, so that program will continue." ■

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"Most teachers do not go into the profession because of the tangible rewards of money or fame. We love teaching and we love watching our students grow and achieve. A thank you note from a parent or an email from a former student has worked the magic of keeping many good teachers going for years," says Dr. Ruth Caillouet, chair of the Clayton State Department of Teacher Education and professor of English Education. "But, we are very thankful to be able to be a part of this amazing opportunity. The Teacher Excellence Recognition Initiative will reward Clayton County Public School high school teachers for the truly excellent work they do in the classroom every day."

The selection criteria for the TERI awards speaks volumes towards the excellence of the winners, "Nominees should demonstrate best practices in teaching and will have made a significant contribution to their school and their profession above and beyond the fulfillment of their normal academic responsibilities. The contribution may be in the areas of teaching, service, academic leadership, creative activity and/or scholarly attainment. In addition to possessing an exemplary record of accomplishment and recognition at the institutional or national level, the nominee is expected to have demonstrated the highest standards of good character, academic integrity and institutional leadership. Each nominated teacher should also exhibit strong leadership skills or provide outstanding community service."

Cox, a Latin teacher and chair of the World Language Department at Jonesboro High School, is no stranger to Clayton State. After earning her English degree at the University of Georgia, she became Clayton State's very first masters graduate, earning her Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) on Dec. 11, 2008.

While earning a MALS degree and the TERI award from Clayton State are significant honors, they do not represent Cox' only notable achievements. Along with her husband and fellow Jonesboro High School teacher Andrew Cox, she is also the most accomplished Mock Trial coach in the state of Georgia, leading the

Jonesboro Mock Trial Team to four State Championships and two National Championships over the years. She is also a former (2007) Clayton County Teacher of the Year.

In her Latin classrooms, Cox is known for not just teaching the language, but also the culture of the ancient world from an historical perspective. Her teaching uses Total Physical Response Story method wherein students learn words and phrases and class is never about book work but empowering students by creating knowledge.

Henley, who teaches 10th, 11th and 12th grade Social Studies at Morrow High School, bases her teaching methods and philosophies around the ideas of Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences, meaning that she believes that people learn in various ways. She was introduced to the idea of Multiple Intelligences while earning her Master of Education at Georgia State University in 1997 and, almost 20 years later, it is still the basis for her teaching, since she feels it results in more student engagement.

Henley's teaching methods have served her well; her students have had some of the highest Advanced Placement scores in Clayton County, including her favorites, United States History and Government and Politics: United States.

The coordinator of the Governor's Honors Program (GHP) at Morrow High School, wherein 14 Morrow students have attended GHP over the past nine years, Henley was also chosen earlier this year as the Daughters of the American Revolution U.S. History Teacher of the Year for Georgia.

TERI donor Jack Hancock has more than 30 years of experience in governmental and corporate liability. He is a successful and accomplished trial and appellate lawyer who received his B.B.A. and his J.D. from the University of Georgia. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, serving as legal counsel and chair, and served on the Board of Directors of the Regional Business Coalition.

Nominations for the TERI awards may come from the teachers themselves, a peer, a principal, or a Clayton State University faculty member. The award application includes a letter of nomination with a detailed description of outstanding, innovative, and engaging classroom or school-wide practices that positively influence student performance, submitted to the school principal where the teacher is employed. Each high school principal reviews the nominations from his/her school and submits no more than one nomination to the Clayton State University Office of the Provost. A Clayton State selection committee chosen by the Provost evaluates all nominations and then selects two teachers from the 10 nominations for the award. ■

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Disability Resource Center supports the unique needs of our student veterans in a variety of ways, such as specialized assistive technology, a distraction-reduced testing environment, volunteer classroom note-takers, and accommodations to ensure equal access for individuals with disabilities.

Lake has also established a Veterans Advisory Team at Clayton State. This team is comprised of faculty and staff, many who have served in the military, to advocate on the behalf of military-affiliated students. The group addresses any concerns the students may have and continuously looks for ways to better serve the student population.

In 2010, Clayton State University earned the distinction of “Veteran Friendly” from the University of Georgia Board of Regents.

“It is our goal to ensure our military-affiliated students have the support and resources they need to make a smooth transition and achieve their academic and career goals,” Lake explains.

Student veteran Troylin Hickerson shares, “The Veterans Resource Center has been instrumental in my transition to college life by providing a forum where I can meet veterans who have previously experienced the transition and gain vital information necessary for me to be successful. I made contact with the VRC prior to admissions and have been a regular at the center ever since.”

Lake holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from the University of Maryland and a Master in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Before coming to Clayton State, she served as director of Operations for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Tacoma, Wash., Royal Air Force (RAF) Mildenhall in the United Kingdom, and Lajes Field Air Base on Portugal’s Azorean Islands. She also served as communication specialist in the Office of Public Relations for Dorchester School District Two in Summerville, S.C. ■



Congratulations to Cindy Lauer on her retirement. We will miss you, Cindy!

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organization. She has served both the GACE membership and the GACE board by speaking up and offering her insight, wisdom and opinion to maintain continuity and tradition,” adds Don Cornwell, associate director of the Career Center at Emory University. “Bridgette has earned the respect of her peers and colleagues throughout the state of Georgia as someone you can count on to step up and get things done.

“Therefore, it is fitting that GACE bestow its highest honor on one of its hardest working and diligent members who consistently provides outstanding service, support and dedication to the Georgia Association of Colleges & Employers.”

McDonald has empowered and supported Clayton State students since 2007, initial-

ly as the associate director of Career Services under Hayes, and as the director of Career Services since 2012. Prior to coming to Clayton State, she was career and employer relations coordinator at Southern Polytechnic State University from 2002 to 2006. She was also a career specialist at Mercer University from 1997 to 2000, and, overall, has 25 years experience in the professional student development/recruitment/career counseling services field. She holds a Master of Science in Community and Agency Counseling and a Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business from Jackson State University. ■



Spring 2014 Honors Convocation

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“Something” in this case is something different from standard online courses. While there are many types of online courses, they typically are highly structured. But, that’s not the case with a Self-Paced course.

“We want to expand access to online course and reduce barriers,” explains Southard. “So, we removed the structure, in particular, the intermediate course deadlines. In fact, the only deadline is the end of the semester.”

One other unique feature of the course is the teamwork involved in the development process. All of the Political Science faculty contributed content in constructing the course. Not surprisingly, Southard will continue working with her colleagues on the Clayton State faculty to develop additional SPOC.

Southard points out that at the time Mohamed, who also has a history in the online arena, came to her, no one in the University System of Georgia was doing self-paced online courses for academic credit. Maybe that’s because removing deadlines has a tendency to set students up for procrastination, leading Southard to ask, “how do you overcome this?”

“We set out to make the ideal learning experience,” she explains. “Since students naturally do the things that are fun and interesting first, you make it fun with the use of technology.”

With that in mind, Southard created highly-visual courses that relied heavily on animation, stop-motion videos and interactive instruction.

“I took every opportunity to make it visual,” she says. “I was going for things that would be mnemonic, including a digital professor, a virtual instructor that leads the students all through the course.”

However, even if an online course is fun, it’s also important that the students, some of whom may not be very technological-oriented, can do the work.

“If you pull the structure out of the course, the course process must be seamless,” explains Southard. “It has to be easy to navigate, it has to be easy to do the work.”

It’s also true that the students weren’t the only ones having fun.

“It’s fun, it’s been the most fun I’ve ever had,” says Southard. “In creating the

course, we tried to get a smile on the student’s face by transporting them to the scene, to see what it was like.”

And, according to the students’ feedback, Southard succeeded in the ultimate goal of a Clayton State professor, to make a Clayton State education an empowering experience and to provide the students with the support they need to succeed themselves.

One student in particular captured the sentiment of many of those enrolled in the pilot course, “I thoroughly enjoyed this class. I am a full-time employee and a mother of three boys. Going back to school seemed impossible. This self-paced course was exactly the type of course I needed. I was able to complete my work after the children were in bed or on the weekend. I hope to have many more options of self-paced online courses while attending Clayton State.”

Indeed, every single student who responded to a course survey said they would enroll in a self-paced online course in the future.

And that’s as important an “award” as one from the USDLA or the SoftChalk Lesson Challenge. ■



The Athletics Hall of Fame inducts its first members.



Athletics Golf Tournament

Update on Construction of the New Science Building

The month of May brought McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., to the completion of the settlement of the building pad, by means of utilizing previously installed “wick drains” to help allow water to be “wicked” out of the ground up to 30 feet below the building’s foundations. Approximately 1300 wick drains were originally installed, allowing for a faster settlement of the building than a normal surcharged load of soil theoretically would have provided.

Soil settlement monitoring was completed in order to allow for analysis by the soils engineer to help make sure that there was not going to be a large differential in the soil settlement in different areas of the

building foundation. Once settlement had slowed to within the soils engineer’s desired range, it allowed for a portion of the building’s soil surcharge to be removed in support of new construction. Also in May, the area that will become the basement and loading dock was excavated to its full extent. After the basement area had been cleared, aggregate piers were installed.

After completion of the aggregate piers, McCarthy proceeded with the concrete foundations. Additional excavation occurred in the basement area and continued on up the east and west sides of the building, starting from the south and heading north. These excavations allowed

for rebar and concrete footings to be installed. Each footing cast will end up getting a wall or column installed on top of it.

Early June saw the pouring of multiple sections of the basement retaining wall as well installed the casing for what will house the elevator’s hydraulic jack. June also saw the continuation of the completion of the basement walls and putting up the shorter walls on the sides of the building foundation. ■



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The publication launch celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which reauthorized the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its core programs including Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Volunteer Generation Fund, and the Social Innovation Fund.

“The publication highlights the role of states as laboratories for service and fosters new models for addressing a variety of pressing social issues,” says Tom Branen, executive director of America’s Service Commissions. The publication is available electronically by visiting the Innovations in Civic Participation (ICP) website, www.icicp.org.

America’s Service Commissions is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing and promoting the 53 governor-appointed state service commissions across the United States and territories with the mission to advance national service, volunteerism, and the network of state service commissions. State service commissions are governor-appointed public agencies or nonprofit organizations made up of more than 1,110 commissioners - private citizens leading the nation's service movement and operating the granting of federal national service funds at the

state and local level. Learn more: www.statecommissions.org.

ICP is a non-profit organization supporting the development of innovative high-quality youth civic engagement policies and programs both in the U.S. and around the world. ICP is a leader in the global movement to promote sustainable development and social change through youth civic engagement. We embrace a positive view of young people that recognizes their potential to create beneficial and lasting social change in their communities through active participation in service opportunities. ■

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“During the week I help students, plan and organize study sessions and events, train tutors, and help make dreams real. On the weekend, however, I travel up and down the coast to perform the DHOL at weddings. The DHOL is a drum that originates in India and is played at Indian weddings,” he explains.

In the past, he has played at notable events such as the Annual Savannah Asia Fest and during multiple occasions for the Queen of England. ■

Trivia Time

Kansas, Or South Dakota?

by John Shiffert

Although “The Wizard of Oz” is arguably the most popular (and maybe the best, too) children’s book of all time, it’s not real popular in the state where the beginning and ending are set... Kansas.

That’s because author L. Frank Baum made Kansas out to look like either a desert or the Dust Bowl, gray and desolate. That’s something that certainly came true about 30 some years later, but it didn’t make the Kansas Chamber of Commerce jump for joy around the turn of the century.

You see, Baum had previously lived in what was now South Dakota, a barren location that was also suffering from a draught at the time. And that’s what he described in “The Wizard of Oz,” the Dakotas. In point of fact, Baum had never even been to Kansas when he wrote the book.

The inimitable Kurt-Alexander Zeller knew all about Baum, the Dakotas and Kansas, gathering three Bonus Points for also explaining what is thought to be the motive behind Baum’s portrayal of Kansas, he was trying to combat the overly rosy pictures in the popular press of the time about the opportunities available in the supposed land-of-plenty of the West. Jill Ellington also had the correct answer.

Sticking with popular fiction, what fictional character, at the denouement of a decades-long chase, lit a candle and exclaimed, “Now, Enoch Drebbler... who am I?” ■

Athletics

Lindblom Named DII All-American in Golf

Clayton State's Fredrik Lindblom has been named as a Division II PING All-American by the Golf Coaches Association of America. Lindblom is one of six Peach Belt Conference men's golfers selected to the All-America teams. Lindblom was a second team selection, along with Columbus State's Robert Mize.

"I am very proud of Freddy," says Laker coach Steve Runge. "He worked extremely hard to elevate his game to reach this level. As his game improved, his confidence grew and he began to win."

Lindblom led the Lakers this season to a top five finish in the Peach Belt and to the program's first appearance in the NCAA D-II region championships since 2009. The senior was named to the All-PBC squad and was the league's Player of the Year. A senior from Varmdo, Sweden, he won two events on the season and turned in six Top 10's in his 11 events. He finished the season sixth in the PBC with a 72.74 stroke average.

He becomes the Lakers' fifth golfer to receive All-America honors and the first

since 2009 when Will Wilcox earned first team honors and Wade Binfield earned Honorable Mention. ■

Matthews, Kemboi Compete in NCAA DII Track and Field Championships

Clayton State University sophomores Jessica Matthews and Job Kemboi competed in the recent NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Grand Valley State University.

Matthews placed 16th in women's triple jump and Kemboi finished 18th in the 10,000 meter finals.

Matthews, a Monroe, Ga., native, hit marks on all three of her preliminary attempts with a best of 12.08m (39-7.5). The event was won by Antqunita Reed of Pittsburg State with a wind-aided 13.33m (43-8).

"Jessica made consistent jumps in her attempts, but the competition was pretty stout," says Lakers head coach Mike Mead. "Jessica had another strong season and we just need to get her in more competitive meets during the regular season next year to better prepare her for this meet."

Kemboi, from Eldoret, Kenya, finished his first outdoor championship in 31:15.75, far off from his season and career-best of 30:02.97. Southern Indiana's Johnnie Guy won the event in 29:33.31.

"Job was right in the mix the first 12 laps but another side stitch hit him and he couldn't hang with the leaders," says Mead. "Job had a great year and I'm looking forward to his junior year!" ■

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