President Hynes on Clayton State’s Regional Impact: Economic Effects Gratifying, Value to Quality of Life Also Significant

With the release this past week of the annual study by the Selig Center for Economic Growth of the University System of Georgia’s economic impact, Clayton State University was once again shown to be a major player in the life of the Southern Crescent. However, as Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes points out, Clayton State’s regional impact goes beyond numbers, to the overall quality of life in the region.

The study, conducted by Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys, director of the Selig Center, calculates the economic impact for FY12 by analyzing data collected between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012. The annual study is conducted on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

“Even in the worst economic times in a generation or two, our colleges and universities proved to be strong pillars and drivers of the economies of their host communities, says Humphreys of the study results as a whole. “That’s due to rising demand for higher education regardless of the overall economic climate.”

The current study shows that Clayton State’s economic impact on the Southern Crescent for FY12 was $256 million and 2,377 jobs. Over the past five years, according to the Selig studies, Clayton State’s economic impact has increased 39 percent, from $184 million. Within the same time frame, the number of jobs the University was responsible for increased 37 percent, from 1737 jobs. Hynes says the results are gratifying, and part of the big picture of Clayton State’s role in the community.

“Clayton State University’s direct economic effects on the region we serve are gratifying,” says Hynes. “But as Dr. Humphreys observes, the data serve only as a hint of other impacts for our community — the data show report payments to artists in Spivey Hall, but not the value of...”

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Clayton State Runners... More than A Century of Peachtree Road Races

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Everyone knows that the July 4, 2013 running of the Peachtree Road Race was the 44th renewal of this Rite of Summer. However, 2013 Peachtree participants from Clayton State University can claim to have more than a century’s worth of Peachtrees under their Nikes, New Balances, Sauconys and Adidas.

Nine members of the Clayton State community gathered on the Quad the week after the race for the University’s annual Peachtree Road Race Finisher photo. In between swapping stories about the race, it was determined that the nine runners present for the photo had participated in more than 125 years worth of Peachtree Road Races.

Led by Assistant Track and Cross Country Coach Hugh Toro, who has run every Peachtree but the first two (that’s 42 consecutive years, people), the Clayton State Nine, who include President Dr. Thomas Hynes, have not only accumulated a total of 128 Peachtree Road Races, but every one of the nine present had run in at least five of the nation’s largest 10K.

While Toro may be Clayton State’s Peachtree Champion (only one person anywhere has run more Peachtrees), the rest of the crowd all had good reason to show off their fashionable black shirts from this year’s race. Clayton State student Yao Seidu, who is also editor of The Bent Tree, made some news himself – he’s run so many Peachtrees that he’s lost count. He thinks he is up above 30, however. President Hynes ran his 16th...
Clayton State University’s long-running and highly-successful Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has received another Performance Award Grant from the Atlanta Prosperity Campaign. The grant is based on the participation in the VITA program during this year’s tax season.

A program of the College of Business at Clayton State, VITA is a national program that provides tax support for certain eligible taxpayers. The program, which has been in existence for 40 years, also provides the volunteer tax preparers with extensive IRS training and testing. The student volunteers can then ensure that taxpayers will have their tax returns filled out accurately and timely and receive the tax credits they qualify for, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

Students can also benefit from having VITA volunteers prepare their taxes, because the volunteers are trained in the rules for the credits available for tuition and other school-related expenses. The VITA program also prepares state income tax returns and provides free e-filing options to ensure clients receive their refunds as soon as possible.

“Clayton State University is proud to be the only university in the state of Georgia that has successfully participated in the VITA program for 23 consecutive years,” says VITA Program Director and Clayton State Associate Professor of Law Dr. Judith Ogden.

Ogden notes that the Performance Award Grant would not have been possible if not for the dedication of the 14 Clayton State accounting students who took part in the 2013 program. This year’s VITA participants were...

Carl Bostic, Atlanta
Cuthbert Agbor, Austell
Bertha Amosu, Peachtree City
Lillie Brantley, Fayetteville
Geraldine Gaines, McDonough
Lisa Moller, Lithonia
Krystal Olmos, Fayetteville
Baonhan Pham, Jonesboro
Maria Quintero, Stockbridge
Sheri Shelton, Locust Grove
Breanna Smith, Hampton
Patricia Sparrow, Jonesboro
Derrance Vickson, Peachtree City
Tracy Lynn Young, Stone Mountain

In addition, Ogden had two Clayton State alumni Rosemarie Schultze of Forest Park

The College of Business at Clayton State University’s recent Summer Entrepreneurship and Business Academy (SEBA) brought together 21 outstanding high school students who concluded their week with final presentations in a competition where the groups of students presented product ideas they had developed during the week.

The competition produced some outstanding products, but none was judged better than the “Helio-Case” of Team Helios. If you know your Greek mythology, you know that Helios was the sun god, so it’s safe to say that Team Helios outshone the competition with its idea for a solar laptop panel.

According to Higgins, their product, the Helio-Case, was designed to tackle the issue of convenience when using computers outdoors.

“The Helio-Case converts sunlight into a usable energy source that will charge a standard laptop within a few hours. It’s perfect for adventurous college students, corporate professionals who are always on the go, and anyone who is both environmentally conscious and technologically updated,” she explains.

Sponsored by PEI, SEBA was a week-long, overnight academy with business classes, guest speakers, tours, team building, an etiquette luncheon, and many other activities aimed at preparing students for life after high school and beyond.
Recently seven 2013 Clayton State University dental hygiene graduates, one 2011 dental hygiene graduate and two dental hygiene faculty members, Joanna Harris and Dr. Ximena Zornosa, volunteered in Georgia’s second Mission of Mercy in Norcross.

The Georgia Mission of Mercy (GMOM) is a charitable dental clinic sponsored by the Georgia Dental Association. The goal of GMOM was to provide dental care at no cost for low and no income adults while placing priority on patients suffering from dental infection or pain. The event was staffed by hundreds of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, laboratory technicians, and community volunteers.

According to Zornosa, over a two-day period approximately 1,700 patients were treated. In addition to addressing the urgent dental needs of this population, GMOM sought to educate patients about the importance of maintaining oral health and raise awareness of the difficulty many Georgia residents face in accessing oral care.

In addition to the two Clayton State professors, dental hygiene graduates Carmen Quintanilla, Jessica Asdavut, Kieu Nguyen, Minh Le, Lauren Cotton, LaTasha Williams, Adilah Wazeerud-Din and Bina Patel (she’s the 2011 graduate) participated.

According to Dr. Gail Barnes, Clayton State Dental Hygiene Department chair, the event was a success with more than 25 alumni and friends of the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene attending from diverse locations such as Boston, Tiverton, R.I., Chicago, Nashville, Tenn., Washington, D.C., Dallas, New York and, of course, south metro Atlanta.

During the ADHA conference, Barnes was a moderator for the Lunch and Learn topic: “Everybody Needs One: A Mentor.” Participants came from across the United States, and their objectives for participation were equally varied. Some wanted to know how to find a mentor. However, there were a few dental hygienists who wanted ideas on how to start a mentoring program within their local dental hygiene association in an effort to increase association membership; specifically for the recent dental hygiene program graduates.

Barnes also notes that the 2013 conference remembered and honored the profession’s visionaries; Alfred C. Fones, DDS, and Irene Newman. In the 1890’s Fones was perfecting his techniques for disease prevention: tooth scaling, polishing and patient education. While in Bridgeport, Conn. in 1906 he trained his dental assistant and cousin, Irene, to clean teeth. Fones is considered the “Father of Dental Hygiene” and Newman the first dental hygienist. A few years later, in 1913, Fones’ school for dental hygiene was a three-year program. His graduates were the first to provide dental care to WWI soldiers.

“As we celebrate 100 years of the dental hygiene profession, we greatly appreciate our matriarch, Esther M. Wilkins, BS, RDH, DMD, who has greatly impacted our profession.”

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Clayton State Professor, Student Meet at Chengdu Panda Base

It’s a long way from Morrow, Ga., but Clayton State University Associate Professor of Education Dr. Mary Hollowell and Clayton State sophomore Maggie Shiffert had a Clayton State reunion last week at the Chengdu Panda Base in the People’s Republic of China’s Sichuan Province.

Hollowell has just concluded five months of teaching in China on a Fulbright Teaching Scholarship. Shiffert is currently taking part in a National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship to study Chinese language and culture in Chengdu for the summer of 2013.

Hollowell, who earned the University’s first Fulbright Teaching Scholarship, taught American Educational Policy and American Children’s Literature in English to Chinese college students at Shaanxi Normal University (SNNU) in Xi’an from February 2013 through July 2013. Having concluded her Fulbright, Hollowell, husband Scott Hollowell, and daughters Kate and Sophie Mei joined a Chinese Heritage Tour sponsored by Chinese Children Adoption International (CCAI) of Englewood, Colo., the agency the Hollowells used when they adopted Sophie Mei in 2004.

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Clayton State Experiential Learning Students’ Business Proposals Adopted by Atlanta Pet Partners

by John Shiffert, University Relations

One of the hallmarks of a Clayton State University education is the opportunity for students to learn outside of the classroom.

Not uncommonly, these experiential learning occasions also end up benefitting the community as well.

One such “win-win” synergy occurred recently between Assistant Professor of English Dr. Sipai Klein’s Writing for Nonprofits course and Atlanta Pet Partners (APP). During the fall 2012 semester, Klein’s Writing for Nonprofits students were divided into three teams taught American Educational Policy and American Children's Literature in English to Chinese college students at Shaanxi Normal University (SNNU) in Xi’an from February 2013 through July 2013. Having concluded her Fulbright, Hollowell, husband Scott Hollowell, and daughters Kate and Sophie Mei joined a Chinese Heritage Tour sponsored by Chinese Children Adoption International (CCAI) of Englewood, Colo., the agency the Hollowells used when they adopted Sophie Mei in 2004.

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**Pat Barton Named GASFAA Treasurer**

Clayton State University Director of Financial Aid Pat Barton was recently voted by her colleagues of the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (GASFAA) to serve as Treasurer for a two-year term during 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

“Pat’s nomination to the slate of candidates and the ultimate election results winner is reflective of her leadership qualities and dedication to the development of professional growth of our members,” says Cathy Crawley, GASFAA president and director of Financial Aid & Scholarship at Georgia College & State University. “It is with sincere appreciation on behalf of GASFAA that I would like to thank Pat for agreeing to accept this position on our Executive Board which has and will continue this year to consume many hours of her personal time in this volunteer role.”

GASFAA is a non-profit organization that was established in the state of Georgia in 1967. The purpose of the organization as defined in its Bylaws, with guidance outlined in its operational Policy & Procedure manual, is to:

- Promote the professional preparation and effectiveness of the Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in postsecondary institutions, governmental agencies, foundations, lending institutions and other who administer student financial aid programs, and
- Assist these entities in promoting and developing effective programs pertinent to student financial aid, and
- Facilitate communications between educational institutions and sponsors of student financial aid funds through exchanges of ideas, information, and experience, and
- Promote such systematic studies, cooperative experiments, conferences and other related activities as may be desirable or required to fulfill the purpose of the Association.

The organization maintains a current five-year Strategic Plan that is actively used and referred to in the planning and implementation of our Association’s activities to insure that our goals remain parallel with our purpose and mission of providing a common ground for financial aid administrators and others involved in assisting students in Georgia with financing their postsecondary education.

The GASFAA Executive Board, consisting of elected officers and committee chairs appointed by the president, bears the administrative responsibilities of the organization while insuring that its mission to promote the professional development of the diverse membership which consists of more than 600 active members representing 150 institutions/organizations is accomplished.

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**Catherine Miller Receives F. Gerald Ham Scholarship from Society of American Archivists**

Catherine L. Miller, a graduate student in the Master of Archival Studies (MAS) program, is the 2013 recipient of the F. Gerald Ham Scholarship given by the Society of American Archivists (SAA). The award will be presented at a ceremony during the Council of State Archivists and SAA Joint Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Aug. 11 to Aug. 17, 2013.

The award offers $7,500 in financial support to a graduate student in his or her second year of archival studies at a U.S. university. Scholarship selection criteria include the applicant’s past performance in his or her graduate program in archival studies as well as faculty members’ assessment of the student’s prospects for contributing to the archives profession.

A native of Warner Robins, Ga., Miller is also interning at the National Archives at Atlanta, which is located immediately adjacent to the Clayton State campus.

In awarding the scholarship to Miller, the Award Committee was impressed by the quality of her writing and the critical thinking behind it. In her well-reasoned paper “Archival Appraisal—How Memories Are Made,” Miller analyzed the importance and challenges of archival appraisal, endorsing this function as the “heart” of the archival endeavor.

The committee also was impressed with the remarks from Miller’s references, who characterized her as creative, intellectually curious, enthusiastic, and willing to go beyond the assigned task. One reference noted that Miller “truly is one of the finest professionals I have been associated with.”

“Cathy’s work is creative and curious. I admire her sense of play, and the way she explores the archival concepts in context,” says Richard Pearce-Moses, director of the MAS program.

The award was created in 1998 by SAA Fellow, past president, and longtime member F. Gerald Ham and his wife Elsie.
The Office of Academic Affairs’ student assistant, Brandon Jenkins, a Political Science major, was a juror on the July 1 episode of HLN After Dark, which discussed the George Zimmerman trail.

The Peach Belt Conference has announced that a record-breaking 1,384 student-athletes have been named to the Presidential Honor Roll and from that list included 39 Clayton State athletes from the 2012-13 season. The Presidential Honor Roll recognizes all student-athletes at the 14 PBC member institutions who had a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the academic year. Of the sports at Clayton State, women’s track and field had the top representation with 14 recipients, followed by women’s soccer with 10 and women’s cross country with nine.

Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Jere Boudell returned to MIT on July 16 to give a presentation on the Eco Hackathon at the MIT App Inventor Summit.

The Clayton State University Office of Career Services will present its Student Part-Time Job Fair for Clayton State students and alumni on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Main Street, the second floor of the James M. Baker University Center.

John E. Parkerson, Jr., a long-time member of the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation and a former director of international programs and faculty member for the University, has been appointed honorary foreign economic counselor by the government of Hungary. The honorary consul of Hungary for the southeast United States, Parkerson was appointed honorary foreign economic counselor by Minister of State for Economic Strategy Zoltán Cséfalvay during a recent visit to Washington, D.C. Parkerson was presented the honor at a special breakfast program hosted by Ambassador György Szapáry at the Embassy of Hungary. Breakfast guests included Washington representatives of six U.S. companies already doing business in Hungary; as well as Katalin Csorba (pictured, along with Parkerson), first counselor - head of Hungarian economic representatives in the U.S.

The Clayton State University Center for Continuing Education will hold an Open House at the Clayton State -- Fayette instructional site, 100 World Dr., Ste. 100, Peachtree City, Ga., from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 1. The Clayton State – Fayette Open House will feature Information Sessions on Special Events and Program Planning, the Security Management Certificate Program and the upcoming trip to South Pacific Wonders, as well as information on the other continuing education programs that will be offered at Clayton State – Fayette this fall.

The Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra (SCSO) is currently seeking musicians for all string positions. Auditions for the orchestra's 2013-2014 season will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., in the Clayton State University Music Building. The audition will include a solo of the individual’s choice, sight reading and an interview concerning the candidate’s playing background. To schedule an audition please email the conductor, Clayton State University Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Richard Bell, at conductor@scsymphony.net.

Remember those clever “Dreams Made Real” pillowcases that Recruitment & Admissions is giving to all admitted freshmen 10 days after they’ve been admitted to Clayton State? The company that produced the pillowcase, BookWear, is so impressed that it is featuring the Dreams Made Real pillowcases in their own promotional material, along with a quote from the Harvard Business Review, “Marketers should think about how to cram surprising brand stories into the smallest space possible.

Dr. Elaine Manglitz has agreed to serve as Clayton State’s interim vice president for Student Affairs. She began that service on July 11, 2013. Sometime later in the summer, there will be a discussion on the next steps in identifying strategies for selecting a permanent appointment to Vice President.

University Relations

University Relations Social Media Specialist Ciji Fox had the opportunity on July 17 to speak with Dr. Steve Spence's social media class. “We did the interview via WebEx, which was very appropriate,” she says. “I also mentioned that any student who might be open to learning more about social media could come ‘shadow’ me if they wanted to and see what my work day consists of.”
Clayton State bids a fond farewell to Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Brian Haynes.
Best wishes as you continue your career!

Clayton State hosted the SEBA/IAREP/ICABEEP Biennial Meetings from July 25 through July 29.
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the profession through her scholarship, leadership and support,” adds Barnes.

Wilkins is the author of the textbook, “Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist.” Dental hygiene educators consider it to be the “Dental Hygiene Bible.” The majority of the 335 Dental Hygiene programs nationally incorporate her textbook into their curriculum. Wilkins lives in Boston and is currently working on the 12th edition of her textbook.

“While researching history facts on the dental hygiene profession I was stuck by one quote,” says Barnes. “The members of any profession must know more than just the technical and scientific facts that make them expert and skillful in their clinical work. They must be aware of the many problems that affect the growth and development of their profession.” This is from Shailer’s 1972 ‘Clinical Dental Hygiene textbook.’

“As dental hygienists continue to keep the improvement of the public’s oral health as their ultimate goal, growth of the dental hygiene profession will be the outcome.”

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and Daniel Garner of Stone Mountain return to take part in this year’s VITA program. In fact, Schultze has volunteered as VITA co-coordinator for several years.

Ogden also says that Clayton State staff member Sundiata Bradshaw and his fellow workers from the HUB Help Desk were indispensable to the success of VITA through their technical support. In all, nearly 200 taxpayers were helped over six Saturdays in February and March 2013.

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bringing exceptional art to our community. It records the salaries of Clayton State AmeriCorps students serving in Clayton County Public schools, but not the long term effects on students in Clayton County Schools who benefit from their tutoring.

“As Dr Humphreys wrote, ‘our studies focus on spending and its economic impact, but do not attempt to measure the value the University System adds in terms of quality of life, the creation of a highly educated workforce to meet the needs of businesses, government and communities, or the overall health of communities.’”

Overall, Clayton State continues to be among the leaders in economic impact among the System’s state universities, ranking fourth in the current study behind three much-larger universities, Kennesaw State, the University of West Georgia and the University of North Georgia.

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The most visible manifestation of TEAM APP’s work can be seen on the Atlanta Pet Partners website, http://atlantapetpartners.org/, in that the students created several logo designs and tag lines and asked APP to choose two of each for survey purposes. The students also attended Boxerfest 2012 with APP to survey public opinion of best logo/tag line and presented APP with results of survey and a suggested T-shirt design using the “second place” logo/tag line.

The mission of Atlanta Pet Partner is to provide registered Pet Partners® teams at no-cost to hospitals, assisted-living facilities, hospice, physical and occupational therapy centers, schools, libraries, certified therapist-rehab programs, mental health programs, physiologist, retirement homes, community health centers, rehab programs, catastrophic community events and crimes, disaster relief and bereavement services to bring peace and hope, joy, comfort, education and inspiration to those in need. If indeed Team APP helped further that mission, then Klein’s students have been a part of a dream made real.
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national symbol, the Chengdu Panda Base. That’s where Shiffert, who was also adopted through CCAI in 1996, joined up with Mary Hollowell to show their Clayton State colors.

“I’m really excited to be able to learn about Chinese culture and the language,” says Shiffert, who is originally from Longyan in the Fujian Province.

A former public school science teacher and museum director of education, and a member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Hollowell was awarded the 2010 Equity & Social Justice Advocacy Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), on the nomination by fellow Clayton State faculty member, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Mari Roberts. Hollowell has also published The Forgotten Room, a book covering an ethnographic case study of a public alternative school which highlights solitary confinement, in 2009. Following the publication of The Forgotten Room, Hollowell became an advocate against solitary confinement cells in public schools, and her efforts, along with those of other child advocates, led the Georgia Department of Education to ban the practice of school seclusion on July 8, 2010.

Launched as part of a U.S. Government initiative in 2006, NSLI-Y seeks to increase Americans’ capacity to engage with native speakers of critical languages by providing formal and informal language learning and practice and by promoting mutual understanding through educational and cultural activities.

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Peachtree this year, and the only reason he hasn’t run more is that he was otherwise teaching at the University of Louisville for 18 years prior to 1996.

Other notable runners included Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management & Academic Success Dr. Mark Daddona, who was running his 10th Peachtree, and Associate Director of Counseling Services Shiraz Karaa, who was running her ninth.

“It was great weather,” says Karaa of the 2013 race. “Overcast, with a light drizzle near the end. However, there was a quagmire in Piedmont Park.”

Trivia Time

Guy Fawkes Day
by John Shiffert, University Relations

Only the British could celebrate a failed attempt to blow up Parliament and the King of England.

Known as Guy Fawkes Day, after the gentlemen who was arrested on Nov. 5, 1605 while guarding the explosives of the “Gunpowder Plot,” this celebration has hung around for more than 400 years, which is a lot longer than Guy himself hung.

By way of explanation: the Gunpowder Plot was a plan by a group of English Catholics to blow up both the Parliament and King James I, with the goal of establishing a Catholic monarch on the throne of England. Since old Guy was caught red-handed with the black powder, and since Parliament actually passed an act making Nov. 5 a day of celebration (apparently since the plot failed), well, Nov. 5 has been Guy Fawkes Day in England ever since.

Those with another reason to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day this year will be; Jill Ellington, Lou Brackett, Brett Reichert, Vickie Smith, Rob Taylor and David Ludley. However, only Smith has actually been to a Guy Fawkes Day Party (which is good for a Bonus Point.)

“I’ve actually been to a Guy Fawkes party where an effigy was burned at the end of the evening. I thought it was a little disturbing…” she says.

Less disturbing, at least to four-time Trivia Time champion Brackett, are the standings in the race for the 2013 Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy. Brackett has a big lead with 29 points, well ahead of second and third place former champions Taylor (15 points) and Ellington (12 points). There’s also a whole group of people between five and 10 points, including Smith, Eddins, Kathy Garrison, Kurt Alexander Zeller, Dirk Morrell, Angel Haynes and Kelly Adams.

Staying with British history, who was the last British monarch to die on the field of battle? (And there are Bonus Points available if you have any additional details.) Send your answers, not to Prince George (he’s too young to get email) but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.
Men’s Soccer Signs 15 Players for 2013 Season
by Gid Rowell, Athletics

Gearing up for the start of preseason practice in August, Clayton State men’s soccer coach Pete Petersen announces the signing of 15 players for the upcoming 2013 season.

Entering his 10th season at the helm of the Clayton State men’s soccer program, Petersen has a nice combination of youth and experience in the 2013 class. The incoming class includes six players with previous college experience and nine players entering as freshman, joining eight talented returnees.

“We have a really good mix of youth and veteran leadership in this class,” said Petersen. “Last year, we were so young that we felt it was important to bring in some veteran players. With the experienced group we have returning along with the new guys, we have a solid group to continue the winning tradition of Clayton State soccer.”

The group of players transferring into the Laker program will be: forwards Jamie King and Samuel Barnsely; midfielder Richard Craven; defenders Adam Halliday and Adam Reakes; and goalkeeper Nick Punter.

Along with the talented college transfers, Clayton State has nine incoming freshman including: Milton San Gabriel, left back; Cameron Grassmyer, center back; Jonathan Klein, goalkeeper; Kyler Kelsey, goalkeeper; Casey Shultis, midfielder; Aleksi Tuominen, left back; Matt Lowrie, right back; Jake Carragher, midfielder; and Logan Trouchet, midfielder.

Clayton State opens the regular season on Thursday, Sept. 5, hosting Tampa in an 8 p.m. match at Laker Field.

Former Laker All-American Wilcox Fires a 59

For former Clayton State All-American Will Wilcox, 2013 has been a dream season for him on the PGA's Web.com Tour, and that special season continued on Sunday, July 14.

Wilcox fired a 12-under par 59 at Sunday’s Utah Championship, tying for third in the event. The score shattered the course record of 63 and was only the third 59 in tour history. The other 59s in tour history belong to Notah Begay, III, Doug Dunakey and Jason Gore.

Wilcox drained a six-foot birdie putt to secure his place in the record. He finished at 21-under, a stroke out of a playoff.

“With the conditions and the left pins, I was able to make some putts,” said Wilcox. “It’s huge, obviously. It’s something every golfer dreams of, and on a par 71, it seems a little more attainable.”

Earlier this year, Wilcox won the South Georgia Classic in Valdosta, Ga., his first win on the Tour.

His third place finish on Sunday vaults him to sixth on the tour’s money list at $205,306 for the year. The top 25 leading money winners on this year’s Web.com Tour earn a spot on the PGA tour in 2014.