Clayton State University has been selected by NASPA -- Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, as one of the lead institutions participating in a national initiative on civic learning and democratic engagement.

As a member of the Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Network (CLDE), a group of higher education-related institutions that have come together with the goal of promoting engagement among college students, NASPA has made a commitment to encourage and highlight the work of student affairs in making civic learning and democratic engagement a part of every student’s college education... much in the same fashion as Clayton State has done through its Strategic Plan. Clayton State’s commitment as a lead institution will run through December 2013.

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Attorney General Olens and former Georgia Governor Roy Barnes To Highlight Clayton State’s Annual Constitution Week

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Clayton State Welcomes Third Group of Presidential Scholars

Clayton State University’s third “class” of Presidential Scholars have begun their full-time college careers in Morrow.

The Clayton State Presidential Scholars program consists of six, four-year presidential scholarships that continue annually. With the program having started in the fall of 2010, by the start of the 2013 academic year Clayton State will have 24 honors students on presidential scholarships. The Presidential Scholars supplement the University’s long-standing Honors Program.

The six recipients of the 2012 Clayton State Presidential Scholarships are as follows:

Abigail Jenkins, Stockbridge, Ga., an honors graduate of Woodland High School

Malcolm Hirsch, Atlanta, a graduate of Tucker High School, and formerly a dual enrollment student at Georgia State University

Mariah Hunter, College Park, Ga., a graduate of North Clayton Comprehensive High School

Shante Mowry, Springville, Pa., a graduate of Elk Lake School

Toren Carr, Peachtree City, Ga., a graduate of McIntosh High School

Tracey Lamar, Ellenwood, Ga., a graduate of the Heritage Classical Study Center, and formerly a dual enrollment student at Clayton State

As Presidential Scholars for the 2012/13 Academic Year (encompassing the fall and spring semesters), each student will receive a $3,000 University Grant, a Housing Grant, and a $250 Bookstore Award, for an annual award of just under $9,000. These scholarship awards are in addition to any HOPE Scholarship funds for which the Presidential scholars would be eligible.

Clayton State Associate Professor of Philosophy Dr. Alexander Hall has been named the fourth annual winner of the College of Arts & Sciences’ Gene Hatfield Scholar of the Year Award.

The Arts & Sciences Scholar of the Year award is made possible by, and is named after, Dr. Eugene Hatfield, long-time (1976–2008) history professor at Clayton State. Preceding Hall as recipients of the Hatfield award are Dr. Brigitte Byrd (2009), Dr. E. Joe Johnson (2010) and Dr. Jonathan Lyon (2011).

In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Clayton State, Hall also serves as assistant director of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics, and as the Managing Editor of its Proceedings. In 2011, Hall co-edited the first nine volumes of the Society for Medieval Logic and Metaphysics Proceedings, which were published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. He has also been one of the organizers of the Southeast Philosophy Conference, which annually brings a variety of national and international speakers to the Clayton State campus.

“I’ve consulted with faculty from departments across the University over matters as diverse as the mind-body problem, human nature and evolution, Aristotle and freedom of the will, the rhythm of Boethian prose, medieval literature, post-modern idealism and the philosophical implications of various popular culture movements. All of this is to say that the Clayton State faculty possesses a wealth of expertise from which they generously share, and I am honored to have received from them the 2012 award for Scholar of the Year.”

Hall received his B.A. from the University of California at Davis (1992), an M.A. from San Francisco State University (1998) and a Ph.D. from Emory University (2004). He began teaching Critical Thinking as a part time faculty member at Clayton State in fall 2001, entering the ranks of full time faculty three years later.
Marquarius Jewell Selected as Clayton State’s SunTrust Scholar

Clayton State One of 10 Metro Atlanta Institutions To Participate in SunTrust Scholars Scholarship

Clayton State has once again been selected as one of 10 University System of Georgia (USG) institutions in the metro Atlanta area to participate in the SunTrust Scholars Scholarship program, which benefits students facing financial hurdles in attending college through funding by the SunTrust Foundation.

Foundation officials recently announced a second round of funding in the amount of $47,500 to the University System of Georgia Foundation to benefit the “SunTrust Scholars” program, which is managed by the University System of Georgia Foundation.

Clayton State University’s 2012/13 SunTrust Scholar is Marquarius Jewell, a May 2012 graduate of Monroe Area High School, and the first member of his family to attend college. Jewell is registered for 15 credit hours for the fall 2012 semester, and SunTrust is funding his full tuition for the year, plus $200 extra for fees, a total of $4,712.

“I am grateful to SunTrust for taking a leadership role by establishing and supporting the SunTrust Scholars program,” says USG Chancellor Hank Huckabay. “With corporate partners like SunTrust some excellent and deserving students will receive needed financial assistance to complete their college education.”

In 2004, the USG Foundation developed a strategic plan to provide support for the University System goals and mission, setting a high priority on securing funding for and providing scholarships to deserving students, based on merit and/or financial need. Since that time, more than $2 million has been awarded to students at all 35 colleges and universities in the University System.

In 2011, the SunTrust Scholars grant was the first awarded directly to the USG Foundation to provide scholarships for students attending multiple USG institutions.

“The USG Foundation is truly grateful to the SunTrust Foundation for taking the lead in providing scholarships to multiple campuses,” says Chairman Ken Bernard, “We encourage other corporate funders to join the SunTrust Foundation in this significant endeavor.”

The SunTrust scholars are selected by the institution, with the scholarship funds available to begin in the fall semester 2012. The selected students receive full tuition plus a stipend to cover a portion of additional expenses such as books and fees.

School of Nursing Announces 2012/13 Faculty Scholars

The School of Nursing (SoN) in the College of Health at Clayton State University has announced its Faculty Scholars for the 2012/13 academic year -- clinician, educator, consultant, activist and author Judith Kline Leavitt, and former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Clarke Franklin.

“We have two wonderful scholars coming to spend time with our faculty and students in the SoN, and we would like to share them with the larger community,” says Clayton State Nursing Professor Dr. Jennell Charles. “Although these dates are for the fall, they will return in the spring as well, and we are also planning on having them participate in online discussions in several courses.”

Leavitt’s initial visit to campus will be on Thursday, Sept. 20 and Friday, Sept. 21. Franklin, who has previously spoken twice on the Clayton State campus, most recently as a Commencement speaker in December 2011, will be back on Thursday, Oct. 18 and Friday, Oct. 19. More details on their participation in the SoN Faculty Scholar program will be forthcoming.

Leavitt has had a long and distinguished career as a clinician, educator, consultant, activist and author. She presently works as a consultant in health policy and strategic planning. She retired in 2005 as an associate professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Nursing in Jackson, Miss., having taught and worked in health policy.

She served as chair of the Advisory Committee for the Mississippi Office of Nursing Workforce and was formerly executive director of Generations United, a national organization in Washington dedicated to intergenerational policies and programs. Leavitt also served on the National Advisory Council on Education and Practice for the Division of Nursing, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and was selected by President Bill Clinton to serve on the Health Professional Advisory Group to the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform.

She is a noted speaker and author of extensive writings on policy and politics, including the award-winning book, “Policy & Politics in Nursing and Health Care.” The book has won an unprecedented 12 AJN Book of the Year Awards.

Franklin was elected the first African American woman mayor of a major southern city in 2002 and served two-terms until 2009. Upon leaving office, she was appointed to the William and Camille Cosby Endowed Chair at Spelman College and served in this capacity until June 2011.
Dr. Ali Dadpay Appointed MBA Program Director

Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University, has announced the appointment of Dr. Ali Dadpay as director of the University’s MBA program. Dadpay, an assistant professor of Economics and Finance, succeeds Dr. Judith Ogden, who will return to her regular faculty duties in accounting and business law.

“In this position, Ali will be responsible for the leadership, strategic planning, management and growth of the MBA program,” says Ogbuehi. “Ali’s energy and vision will be an asset for the program in this highly competitive MBA market.

“I would also like to use this opportunity to extend our appreciation to Judith Ogden for successfully shepherding the affairs of the MBA program over the last two years.”

Dadpay earned his Bachelor of Science from Sharif University of Technology in Iran in 1997. His master’s degree is from Virginia Tech (2001) and his Doctor of Philosophy in Economics was conferred in 2007 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Clayton State’s MBA program is for experienced professionals who are seeking to move their careers to the next level and beyond over the course of a 20-month, fast-track program. Students whose time is already at a premium in their roles as executives, benefit from a course structure that allows for continuous full-time work outside class. International students also benefit from a structure that meets the full-time program of study requirement, while allowing maximum time during the traditional academic week for study and preparation. MBA courses meet primarily every other Saturday for nine hours, and utilize online components to increase students’ ability to use technology and to help students use their time most effectively.

The MBA is offered in a lock-step, cohort format to build stronger relationships among students so as to increase communication and the sharing of experiences. The curriculum is rigorous and is designed to prepare graduates to operate successfully in a rapidly changing global world of business.

Graduates of the Clayton State MBA program can also gain insight into one of three concentrations: Accounting, International Business, or Supply Chain Management.

Dental Hygiene Holds Annual White Coat Ceremony

The Department of Dental Hygiene at Clayton State University officially began the 2012/2013 academic year today with its Fifth Annual White Coat Ceremony, held in the University’s Harry S. Downs Center.

As has traditionally been the case, a highlight of the ceremony was the senior class president leading students and faculty in the recitation of the Dental Hygiene Oath. Doing the honors for this year for the 54 members of the classes of 2013 and 2014 was Dental Hygiene Senior Class President Lauren Cotton, a graduate of Jonesboro High School and a resident of McDonough, Ga. Cotton’s part in the program followed guest speaker Michael Stearns, account manager for Johnson & Johnson, and preceded remarks by Kathy Allen, president of the South Metro Atlanta Dental Hygienists Society.

Also speaking during the ceremony were Dental Hygiene Department Chair Dr. W. Gail Barnes, and the dean of the College of Health at Clayton State, Dr. Lisa Eichelberger.

The Dental Hygiene Oath is as follows:

“In my practice as a dental hygienist, I affirm my personal and professional commitment to improve the oral health of the public, to advance the art and the science of Dental Hygiene, and to promote high standards of quality care. I pledge continually to improve my professional knowledge and skills, to render of full measure of service to each patient entrusted in my care and to uphold the highest standards of professional competence and personal conduct in the interests of the Dental Hygiene profession and the public it serves.”

The White Coat Ceremony was followed by a luncheon, provided by Johnson & Johnson.
College of Business Starting Major Mentor Program

The College of Business (COB) is in the process of embarking a new career development focus program called the COB Major Mentor Program. This program will provide a sense of direction and assist pre-business students with a better choice in selecting a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) major that is suitable to their need. Presently, the coordinator for this program is Sherwin E. James, M.Ed.

The COB Major Mentor program is designed to aid existing, new, and transfer students with adjusting to Clayton State University by pairing these students with an upper classman in the College of Business BBA program who serves as a mentor throughout the semester. The mentors will participate in supporting the diverse culture of students at Clayton State University by providing resources and one-on-one meetings to assist in social, personal, and academic exploration.

The College of Business has five BBA majors in our program and each BBA major has a specific mentor designated to the program. The BBA majors are: Accounting, General Business, Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain Management. Students interested in participating in this program should email COBMajorMentor@mail.clayton.edu or SherwinJames@mail.clayton.edu.

English Professors Harold and Byrd Join with Fayette County Public Library in Fayette on the Page

This year, people all over Fayette County are reading “The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.” That’s because the Fayette County Public Library’s (1821 Heritage Park Way, Fayetteville) annual Fayette on the Page program is focusing on the work of Georgia author Carson McCullers, specifically “The Heart is a Lonely Hunter,” for 2012.

This year’s program will feature, throughout August and September, a series of three films based on works by McCullers. These three films will be screened free of charge for the public at the Fayette County Public Library, and will include two Clayton State University professors sharing their time and expertise, hosting the screenings and then facilitating Q&A sessions after the screenings. Professor of English Dr. Gwendolyn Harold, and Associate Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd are both taking part in this year’s program.

Each film will be shown twice in one week, on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., and on the following Saturday at 3 p.m.

Harold, an expert on Southern Literature, hosted screenings on Aug. 14 and Aug. 18, and will return on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m., to introduce and facilitate discussion of another McCullers-based film. Note: The library is prohibited from publicizing the actual titles of the films outside of the library -- a stipulation of the performance license purchased annually in order to show movies to the public. Contact the Fayette County Public Library at (770) 461-8841 and ask for film titles. A printed schedule for the Fayette on the Page 2012 Film Series, including film titles and descriptions, is also available for pickup at the library.

Byrd, a Fayetteville resident, will help close out the McCullers film series on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m., with an introduction to the final film in the series, followed by a facilitated discussion.

“Dr. Harold’s presence this past Tuesday enhanced the audience’s viewing experience a great deal, and we are looking forward to the rest of her appearances, as well as Dr. Byrd’s,” says the Fayette County Public Library’s Public Services Librarian Sarah Trowbridge. “We are so grateful to be able to count on the expert assistance of Clayton State’s faculty whenever we need a little academic ‘something extra’ for our programs here at the public library.”
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**Athletics**
The Peach Belt Conference board of directors and Commissioner David R. Brunk have announced that men’s and women’s outdoor track and field will become official conference championship sports beginning in 2012/13. Additionally, the league welcomed the University of Alabama at Huntsville and Nova Southeastern University as its first associate members to help meet the NCAA minimum sports sponsorship, which requires six teams to formally conduct a league championship. With the two new schools, the PBC has six men’s and seven women’s track and field programs, including, of course, Clayton State.

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Former Clayton State soccer standout Cherie Sayon racked up the awards while starring for the Lakers women’s team during the 2009 and 2010 seasons, and the recognition continues as she has advanced to the next level. Sayon, from Monrovia, Liberia, was recently selected as one of four players from the Georgia Revolution for the inaugural Women’s Premier Soccer League (WPSL) Southeast All-Conference Team. Sayon, who graduated earlier this spring from Clayton State with a degree in Healthcare Management, led the Revolution of the newly formed WPSL to a second place and the Southeast Conference trophy.

**College of Business**
Nnaoke Ufere, a member of the College of Business Advisory Board, recently had a paper published in World Development.

**Continuing Education**
Thanks to the efforts of Lauren Bell, Atlanta area director for Kaplan, and Mary Hudachek-Buswell, Kaplan is offering a free practice test registration for Clayton State students with Kaplan’s “Classroom Anywhere Practice Tests.” Go to: bit.ly/ClaytonStatePracticeTest. The exams are offered from Sept. 15 through Oct. 27 only. It is on a first come first serve basis. This link includes all upcoming computer exams for GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, DAT, OAT and PCAT, so anyone thinking about a graduate program will be interested.

**International Programs**
Clayton State Director of International Programs John Parkerson, speaking in his role as president of World Trade Center Atlanta, made a presentation on “U.S. Trade and Development Agency: Foreign Marketing, Development and Start Up Assistance and Grants” to the Economic Development and Partnership Gwinnett.

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John E. Parkerson, Jr., director of the Office of International Programs at Clayton State University, and Honorary Consul for Hungary for the southeastern United States, was the keynote speaker at “Coming to America: Celebrating the Immigrant Experience,” at the National Archives at Atlanta, on July 20.

**Dental Hygiene**
Clayton State University’s Department of Dental Hygiene has announced the opportunity for all interested parties to provide feedback on the University’s Dental Hygiene Program to its accrediting agency. The American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation (http://www.ada.org) invites the constituents of the Clayton State Dental Hygiene Program to submit written and signed letters providing support of, or feedback on, the program no later than Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. Dr. W. Gail Barnes, department chair of the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene, which is a part of the University’s College of Health, encourages any and all interested parties to send a letter to: The Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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**ISSO**
Clayton State is currently the "Featured School" on the Study Georgia website. Go to http://www.studygeorgia.us/ and look at the bottom of their home page. Study Georgia is a membership-driven non-profit organization formed for the purpose of bringing talented international students to diverse educational programs offered by Georgia’s institutions of higher education and English language programs. Clayton State is a founding member of the Study Georgia consortium.

**Psychology**
Georgia State University will be presenting Conflict Resolution Education Teacher Education Training (CRETE) and Educators for Social Responsibility Training at Clayton State University’s Harry S. Downs Center on four days in August, starting on Thursday, Aug. 16 and Friday, Aug. 17, and concluding on Friday, Aug. 24 and Saturday, Aug. 25. This free conflict resolution training is for local secondary educators.

**Recreation & Wellness**
Attention students and Fitness Center members! Free group X classes are being held at daily the SAC Fitness Center. To view the complete schedule, please visit http://www.clayton.edu/recwell/fitness-center/groupexercise. For more information, contact Lisa Williamson at (678) 466-4975.

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The Department of Recreation & Wellness’ X Factor Outdoor Yogalates classes will be held every Thursday from Sept. 6 through Sept. 27 (rain date is Oct. 4) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., on the Laker Hall Green (in front of the Laker Hall sign). Outdoor Yogalates is a four week session that will help you relax and tone up using bodyweight exercises and deep breathing/stretching techniques. For more information, contact Lisa Williamson at (678) 466-4975 or lisaroth@clayton.edu.

**Registrar**
Are you planning on graduating in May 2013? Graduation Applications for spring 2013 are due in the Registrar’s Office — STC 239 — by Sept. 15, 2012. Since Sept. 15 falls on a weekend this year, we...
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will accept applications on Monday, Sept. 17, 2012. Turn your complete and correctly filled out graduation application along with your $35 application fee as soon as possible. Please don’t wait until the last minute!

Teacher Education
Associate Professor of Teacher Education Dr. David Messer, and wife (and sometimes Clayton State adjunct) Carol McCullough were recently featured in the New Voices section of the ASCDExpress - The Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. ASCDExpress published an article about and promoting the Civic Awareness and Engagement audit that Messer and McCullough developed a few years ago.

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The Clayton State University Department of Teacher Education will be holding a special screening of the movie, “The Inconvenient Truth Behind Waiting For Superman” on Tuesday, Aug. 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the auditorium at Clayton State – East. The screening, the first installment in the Department’s Education Film Series, is free and open to the public. After the screening, Matt Jones of EmpowerED Georgia will facilitate a discussion about the general nature of charter schools, HR 1162 and the Proposed Charter Amendment and charters as a larger push for privatization of public education. The Grassroots Education Movement has created this new documentary, written and directed by New York City public school teachers and parents, in response to Davis Guggenheim’s controversial film, “Waiting for Superman.”

The Loch Shop
Any student, faculty or staff person who wears their “I Got Mine” t-shirt in the Loch Shop throughout the fall semester will get a 10 percent discount on all of their purchases that day, excluding Textbooks and Technology items. All you need to do to receive the 10 percent off is have your shirt on when you come in The Loch Shop to make your purchase.

University System
The 318,000 students enrolled in the University System of Georgia’s 35 colleges and universities have a new colleague in Dr. Joyce A. Jones, who has been named as the University System’s vice chancellor for Student Affairs, beginning Aug. 15, 2012. The head of Student Affairs has the primary responsibility for general oversight of a wide range of student services provided throughout the USG. The Office provides direct support for five major areas of student administration: Enrollment Services; Student Services; Student Life; Student Information; and Special Projects.

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help solve community problems through collective action.

On its part, NASPA will assist Clayton State in creating its collaborative strategies by sharing information gleaned from NASPA’s involvement in CLDE, as well as assisting in finding assessment tools and models to determine student gains in civic learning and democratic engagement.

“We encourage campuses to leverage the excitement around the forthcoming presidential election to directly engage students in dialogues about political-themed issues. As part of the CLDE network, NASPA has committed to supporting development of student led conversations on civic engagement, the political process, and citizenship,” says NASPA President Kevin Kruger in an email to Haynes.

In point of fact, Clayton State has already planned an initiative along these lines, the upcoming annual Constitution Week celebration, from Sept. 17 to Sept. 20. Kruger also notes that experience from others reinforces the need for Student Affairs to collaborate with faculty and other units, who are also committed to engaging students in their own learning and commitment to democratic engagement. Haynes already has plans along these lines, in collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs and the Clayton State Campus Coordinator of the American Democracy Project, Dr. Joseph Corrado.
Clayton State a Major Presence at Distance Learning Administration Conference

Clayton State University faculty and staff played a major role in the recent Distance Learning Administration (DLA) Conference, held at Jekyll Island, Ga., wherein almost 200 representatives from universities and colleges from throughout the United States and Canada gathered. The conference was focused on the best practices in administration, technology and teaching within the online environment.

The highlights of the conference for Clayton State included Ginny Bass, director of Degree Completion, receiving the previously-announced DLA Outstanding Instructional Support Award for 2012, and Professor of Sociology Dr. Rodger Bates receiving the Best Paper Award at the conference for his article, “Distance Learning for Special Populations.”

Bass’ award is one of three DLA Wagner Awards to be presented to outstanding individuals, to recognize them and/or the groups that they represent, for their excellence in Distance Learning Administration Innovation, Outstanding Instructional Support, or Leadership.

In addition to being published in the Conference Proceedings, Bates’ article also was published in the June edition of the Online Journal for Distance Learning Administration. The paper summarized research by Bates on offline distance learning in a variety of environments, including deployed military personnel, prison populations, Native Americans and athletes. This paper was partially developed through Bates’ previous experience in providing ipod-based distance learning opportunities for deployed USAF personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Bates also recently published, “Dancing with Wolves, Today’s Lone Wolf Terrorists” in The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology. This article reviewed the growth and importance of lone-wolf terrorists. In addition, a typology of single-actor, self-radicalized terrorists was developed.

The DLA Conference also featured Clayton State faculty members Sherry Southard (Legal Studies), Mara Mooney (Legal Studies), and Dr. Christie Burton (Bachelor of Applied Science program coordinator) presenting, “Shifting from Obligatory Discourse to Rich Dialogue: Promoting Student Interaction in Asynchronous Threaded Discussion Postings” which was also published in the Conference Proceedings.

Mary Hudachek-Buswell Salutes Dr. Sally Ride

In April 2010, Clayton State University professors Mary Hudachek-Buswell and Dr. Catherine Matos, both faculty members in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, were invited to attend former astronaut Dr. Sally Ride’s Roundtable Discussion about Gender Equality in Math and Science Education at the Four Seasons Hotel in Atlanta. The purpose of the meeting was a cause that Ride, Hudachek-Buswell and Matos firmly believed in -- the issue of motivating young people, especially girls, to pursue careers in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.

Thus, it was a very personal matter for Hudachek-Buswell when, on July 23, 2012, an American icon; physicist, educator and astronaut Dr. Sally Ride, passed away at the age of 61 after battling pancreatic cancer.

“Dr. Sally Ride was the first American woman in space on June 18, 1983,” recalls Hudachek-Buswell. “She was more than a physicist, educator and astronaut. Dr. Ride was a powerful role model for American women in STEM disciplines, inspiring generations of women to reach for the stars. She broke through barriers with grace and professionalism."
Her signature youth program as mayor was the Mayor’s Youth Program, which provided internships and more than $6 million in financial aid to nearly 4,000 Atlanta college students. Aside from her role as a public official, her community service spans more than 40 years in Atlanta and includes her active participation in the arts, homelessness and higher education.

During her eight years as mayor, the city experienced unprecedented growth and afforded Franklin the opportunity to partner and collaborate with many local and regional leaders in addressing urban policy challenges which included urban planning, economic development and infrastructure. She is best known for advocating for and tackling major government operations and ethics reform, launching the Atlanta Beltline, planning and executing more than $5 billion in airport and water infrastructure improvement, leading the acquisition of the Morehouse College Collection of Martin Luther King Jr. Papers, launching the Regional Commission on Homelessness and developing successful business and public sector partnerships and alliances.

A native of Philadelphia, she currently serves as the chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Purpose Built Communities and President of Clarke-Franklin and Associates, Inc. She co-chairs the United Way of Atlanta’s Regional Commission on Homelessness, serves as the Chair of the National Center of Civil and Human Rights and serves a member on the board of the United Nations Institute For Training and Research (UNITAR) and United Way of Atlanta. Additionally, Franklin serves on the board of Directors of Mueller Water Products and Delta Air Lines.
College of Health Dean Authors Article for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

By Erin Fender, University Relations

Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the College of Health at Clayton State University, who also serves as co-lead of the Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition, recently authored an article for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ).

“As I told this year’s graduating class at Clayton State University, I truly believe this is the most exciting time to be a nurse. One of the reasons is the release of the Institute of Medicine’s nursing report and the support for nursing from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP,” said Eichelberger.

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Clayton State Preparing For Loch Fest Film Festival

The Clayton State University Division of Student Affairs has announced its second film festival.

Loch Fest is an Atlanta student film festival, created by Clayton State University, where student and professional work is showcased. This film festival will give student films more exposure in the Atlanta community and allows professionals to showcase their work and speak about their views of film as an art and a business.

This film festival is open to all universities in the state as well as members of the community. The submission fee is $5 until Sept. 14, and then $15 from Sept. 15 to Oct. 19. The deadline to submit a film is Oct. 19.

This year’s film festival is sponsored by Clayton State University’s Department of Campus Life and Clayton State Television (CSTV). The website for the festival is http://cstvnnow.com/lochfest. The website has all the information about submission and accepted formats for films.

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about the original mural. He subsequently uncovered a photograph of the original and decided to recreate it for exhibit and educational purposes.

Constitution Week will feature an additional constitutional event as well; a constitutional debate, “225 years: is it time for another constitutional convention?” that will include students from Forest Park Middle School. The debate will be held on either Sept. 18 or Sept. 19.
In an unprecedented happening, Trivia Time gave the respondents to the previous issue’s question (Speaking of movies about the Beatles, what does John Lennon ask the crusty old gentleman in the train compartment in “A Hard Day’s Night?”), a second chance.

As it turned out, enough responses with the same wrong answer came in to demand a review of the facts. It turns out that the repartee in question was between the old gentleman and Ringo Starr, not John Lennon. In other words, the wrong member of the Fab Four was identified in the original question.

Having thus backtracked, Deborah Carey and Rob Taylor came up with the desired answer. To set the scene... John, Paul, George and Ringo are sitting in a train compartment with an elderly gentleman who clearly doesn’t approve of their Beatles haircuts. Says the old-timer, “I fought the war for your sort.” (Meaning World War II, in case you’re interested.) It’s Ringo who replies, “I bet you’re sorry you won.”

Having messed up the previous question, it’s best to stick with a certainty. One of the highlights of the just-completed Olympics were the opening ceremonies, where Sir Paul himself brought down the house with “Hey Jude.” However, the ceremonies’ opening song, “Jerusalem,” initially performed solo by a boy soprano, was equally a classic British musical number and, in fact, also played a role in a noted film about Britain and the Olympics. What was that film?
Laker Golfer Named All-America Scholar

by Mike Mead, Athletics

Clayton State senior golfer Clark Nelson was among 52 Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholars selected for the 2011/12 season. Nelson, from Glasgow, Scotland, was one of 10 Peach Belt Conference golfers to make the prestigious team.

The Peach Belt Conference dominated the nation with 10 selections to the team, more than any other Division II league. PBC golfers claimed 19 percent of all available spots on the team.

“This is a nice honor for Clark,” says Laker golf coach Steve Runge. “Clark has been a great representative of the golf team on the course and in the classroom. He’s a nice example of a team leader.”

Nelson, a marketing major who will graduate this academic year, earned the team’s academic award, as well as the Joe Hamilton Award this past season. He was also a finalist for the Laker Award, given to the top male student-athlete each year.

To be eligible for Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar status, an individual must be a junior or senior academically, compete in at least three full years at the collegiate level, participate in 70 percent of his team’s competitive rounds or compete in the NCAA Championships, have a stroke-average under 78.0 and maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.20. A recipient must also be of high moral character and be in good standing at his college or university.

Zac Bradley’s Journey Has Come a Long Way

It has been nearly 15 months since Zac Bradley’s life took a drastic turn. The Clayton State men’s basketball player has had a busy summer since May 9 attending a day program at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta to rehabilitate his body that sustained serious injuries in May 2011.

“I came back to therapy. I had a few more goals I wasn’t really satisfied with,” said the Riverdale native in a recent interview from the Shepherd Center during a lunch break. “I wasn’t satisfied with my physical being. I felt like I should be doing more. I came back to the Shepherd Center to do more physical therapy.”

Bradley’s life dramatically changed on May 26, 2011. While leaving the Clayton State campus during a terrible storm, a tree fell on his car entrapping him inside. Bradley was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital where he underwent multiple surgeries on his brain, neck and spinal cord. He spent last summer in rehabilitation at the Shepherd Center before returning home last October.

“I’ve come a long way. Yah, a very, very long way,” said Bradley. “When I was in the hospital I could barely lift my arm or lift my phone, stuff like that. Now I’m able to do whatever I want to do when I want to do it.”

Bradley has spent an average of five hours a day in occupational and physical therapy and will complete his day program on July 25. “It varies from occupational therapy where you focus on being more independent in life,” explained Bradley. “It’s about doing simple things like cooking, being able to clean. Feed yourself, dress yourself and all those things. Physical therapy is usually the hardest part of the day. It’s mostly strengthening and building up your muscles you can use.”

Since the accident, Bradley had been confined to a motorized chair. However, as the weeks and months have passed, he has steadily gotten stronger. One of Bradley’s summer objectives is becoming stronger to operate a manual wheelchair.

“I am now in a manual chair,” announced Bradley. “That was one of my major goals coming into therapy this summer. Also, I work on standing. I’m put in a standing frame to get blood circulation. It’s just good for your overall body health.”

In January of this year, Bradley returned to Clayton State as a full-time student. Despite his physical challenges, Bradley finished the Spring Semester with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). The Health & Fitness Management major boosted his overall GPA to over 3.7.

Bradley continues to bare expenses that insurance does not cover. Individuals interested in contributing to the Help Hope Live Foundation in honor of Zac Bradley, can go on-line at http://www.helphopelive.org/.

Bradley is scheduled to resume his education at Clayton State with plans to take a full load as fall Semester classes begin; indeed, he has come a long way!