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Ventriloquist & Alumnus Mark Merchant to Perform:

Alumni Association Taking Nominations for Outstanding Alumni Awards

Alumni Association 18th Annual Dinner Planned for April 29 at the Fabulous Fox Theatre

Later this spring, the Clayton State University Alumni Association will celebrate the achievements of several distinguished alumni at a “Fabulous” venue and Atlanta landmark.

The Alumni Association welcomes all alumni and friends of the University for its 18th Annual Dinner at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. The event will be held on Thursday, Apr. 29 in the Fox’ Egyptian Ballroom. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m., and will be preceded by a reception at 6:30 p.m.

“In our University’s 40th anniversary year, we are thrilled about plans for our Annual Dinner,” says Alumni Association President Jamey Hicks. “Our event has grown tremendously over the last few

years, and we are excited about having the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our alumni at the Fox Theatre.”

In conjunction with the dinner, the Alumni Association will also recognize its 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award winners and have a special performance from alumnus Mark Merchant

’77, who is an acclaimed comedy ventriloquist (<http://www.markmerchant.com/>). In addition, the Association will hold a benefit auction and attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Fox.



“Our event has always been a special time for our alumni and University family to meet and learn about the exciting growth and development at Clayton State,” says Hicks.

The Alumni Association is also taking nominations for its 2010 Outstanding Alumni Awards. For more information, or to nominate someone, go to http://admin-services.clayton.edu/alumni/distinguished_alumni/nomination.html.

Although Clayton State University is best known as an outstanding comprehensive metropolitan university located 15 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta, some 40 years after its doors opened to students for

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Laker Hall Reaches 100 Percent Occupancy

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University’s on-campus residence hall, Laker Hall, has achieved the notable accomplishment of reaching 100 percent occupancy.

“While we have maintained an average occupancy of 90 percent since Laker Hall opened in fall 2008, it is a great accomplishment to reach 100 percent,” says Jeff Jacobs, associate dean for Housing, Residence Life, and Student Conduct. “Laker Hall is a superb facility, and we are very pleased that so many students want to take advantage of the residential experience.

“The residence hall, coupled with our new Student Activity Center, has contributed to our transforming campus. We see more

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Clayton State Needs a New Plan

A new Facilities Master Plan, that is.

Vice President of Business and Operations Corlis Cummings reported to the Administrative Council at the start of the fall semester that the University’s Facilities Master Planning process is underway.

For the uninitiated, Facilities Master Planning is planning that concentrates on the physical development of the campus and its facilities. It includes elements of campus organization, land and building use, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, infrastructure, open space, the University’s relationship to the community, and it ensures compli-

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Please Pardon Our Dust

Change is inevitable on a college campus. With a growing student population and a broader selection of degrees, Clayton State University must keep moving forward and provide adequate space for its students and programs.

In the coming days, the Business and Health Sciences (BHS) building will be renovated and the BHS Annex will be built in front of the Arts & Sciences (A&S) building. This Annex is part of our BHS renovation, and it will house the Dental Hygiene Clinic and three badly needed laboratories.

Though we would prefer to construct this building with no impact to the Clayton State community, we realize that the building's location will at times affect traffic flow on Clayton State Boulevard and Caldwell Drive. Starting Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010 Caldwell Drive will be closed to through traffic near the BHS building.



Parking will also be affected, as roughly 40 percent of the faculty and staff parking lot across from A&S will be used for staging for the construction crew.

Construction will begin within the next 10 days and will continue until October, 2010. The move-in is scheduled for November 2010, and use of the Annex will begin by the start of spring semester in January 2011.

The BHS renovation will take place primarily during Spring Break and over the summer months to reduce the impact on students. The building will remain open and functional during this time, though portions may be blocked off due to construction.

This is an exciting time for Clayton State, and though the construction may be slightly inconvenient at times, the new construction will be a wonderful asset to the University. ■

WI²STEM Pre-Med Students Begin Shadowing Neurosurgeon

Dr. Sandea Greene-Harris, of Southern Crescent Neurosurgery and Spine, and Mary Hudachek-Buswell, Clayton State University WI²STEM (Women Interested In Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) faculty advisor, have set in motion a physician shadowing opportunity for three Clayton State pre-med students; Philomise Moncion, Naveen Hassin, and LeTisha McClerklin.

“Physician shadowing provides the student with clinical exposure to patients and physicians, allows students to see what medicine is like on a day to day basis, and for them to discover if medicine is where they want to be,” says Hudachek-Buswell.

Greene-Harris originally spoke to Clayton State students in the fall. During her presentation she informed the students that physician shadowing is essential for any student pursuing a medical degree. While Clayton State does not have an official shadow program in place for pre-med students, the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine,

as well as many other medical schools, requires shadowing experience for admissions. These shadowing experiences are discussed at length during medical school admissions interviews.

Greene-Harris has offered to mentor these three young women, and will have them attend the semimonthly conferences with her, and Moncion, Hassin and McClerklin attended their first cancer conference held at Southern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) on Friday, Feb. 12.

The conferences have several physicians, pathologists and surgeons present cases in common, and discuss treatment options. The Clayton State students must review anatomy and diseases that affect that region of the anatomy prior to attending, as well as, a journal on their shadowing experiences. Hudachek-Buswell meets regularly with these young women and examines their preparatory work.

First generation, minority college students face unique challenges that mitigate their success in higher education, says Hudachek-Buswell.

“To overcome those obstacles, these students need academic advice, emotional support, and academic-social integration,” she adds. “Therefore, it was imperative that WI²STEM and Dr. Greene-Harris provide the students with this rewarding professional opportunity. The major objectives of WI²STEM are to present women, and all Clayton State students, with academic-professional interactions, motivational experiences, and academic affirming events that assist them towards realizing their full potential.

Since its formation in 2009, WI²STEM has grown and continued to take on more initiatives with the full support of Dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Dr. Lila Roberts. Drs. Yvette Gardner, Catherine Matos and Susan Hornbuckle are also active faculty members and supporters in the WI²STEM organization.

Moncion was born in New York City, and is a resident of Stockbridge. She is

Dana Sweatt... Building Blocks Of a Non-Traditional Student

Dana Sweatt of Fayetteville is what higher education refers to as a “non-traditional” student, basically meaning it has been more than five years since she graduated from high school.

However, as an undergraduate pre-business major who initially attended Clayton State University’s Clayton State – Fayette instructional site in Peachtree City, she is, in many ways, quite traditional. With an average student body age varying only between 26 and 28 over the past 15 years, Clayton State has long proven to be a destination of choice for “older” students. And now, with hundreds of students taking advantage of the convenience afforded by the Peachtree City site (and Sweatt is an example of this – she lives in Fayetteville but actually lives closer to Peachtree City), that trend is even more evident, especially in light of the current struggles of the American economy and the American public.



Dana Sweatt

Recently, while waiting for an appointment, Sweatt took the time to type out a few things that came to mind with regards to her personal “non-traditional” student experience at Clayton State. She did so, she says, with the hope she can “encourage others in similar situations to come back to school to prepare for the new opportunities on the other side of this economic low.”

Here is her story...

“I was in Training and Recruiting management within the same industry for several years. Having experience is great, but when the economy cycles, so do career opportunities. Since education level provides a tremendous resource as the initial gatekeeper for the best jobs in a competitive market, a new economy required a new plan.

“With my daughter off to pre-school, I began seeking out ways to re-enter the professional arena. One of the first ratio-

nales for my going back to school was the book *Off-Ramps and On-Ramps: Keeping Talented Women on the Road to Success*. By looking at high profile professional women that had taken time off for family, I realized the importance for more companies to recognize the enormous contributions that committed, family-focused professional women make and that the old stereotype of a corporation’s key contributors must be reshaped for a new advanced economy and work force. I did not want to be on the wrong side of this inevitable evolution, so with this new incentive in hand, I resolved that higher education was paramount. Finishing my education and ultimately achieving an MBA will increase options for me and my family, so I headed to Clayton State University.

“What initially attracted me to Clayton State was the new Peachtree City site. My first semester in PTC provided a comfortable re-entry back into school, a challenging curriculum, quality professors and a

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Clayton State’s Georgia AmeriCorps Programs Show Their Commitment to Service and Volunteer Recruitment

Georgia AmeriCorps members served alongside 23,804 volunteers helping communities across the state last year. The data comes from a report on service and volunteerism just released by the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism (GCSV). The 2009 Annual Quarterly Report on Service and Volunteerism details the overwhelming success Georgia AmeriCorps programs continue to have in regard to recruiting volunteers and providing meaningful service to Georgia’s families and clients.

Clayton State University is a first time recipient of the AmeriCorps grant, receiving the award in June 2009. The grant, administered by the Department of Campus Life, enables 25 diverse and dedicated Clayton State University students to tutor high school students at Jonesboro

and Morrow High Schools in Language Arts, Math and Science to prepare them for success on the Georgia High School Graduation Test.

Another aspect of the program is civic engagement, in which AmeriCorps members have participated in and recruited peers and community members to actively engage in service projects to meet Clayton County’s and the state’s critical needs.

“Clayton State students participating in the program are a part of an elite national corps of AmeriCorps service members who transform communities and affect change one volunteer at a time,” says Natasha Hutson, Clayton State assistant director of Campus Life.

Clayton State University AmeriCorps student members have performed more than

6,500 hours of tutoring high school students and community service since the program’s inception. Members have served Clayton County and surrounding areas by participating in monthly community service projects, like;

- CHAMPS Men’s Health Fair held at the Georgia World Congress Center
- Clayton County Panhandle Park Stream Clean-up
- Aids Walk Atlanta
- Breast Cancer Walk
- Saint Francis Soup Kitchen, Atlanta
- Festival of Trees and Lights, Clayton County International Park
- Trees Atlanta, Decatur

AmeriCorps members also sponsored a Haunted House for the City of Morrow’s

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A Talk by Jeffrey B. Perry

“Hubert Harrison: Black Socrates of the Harlem Renaissance”

by Maggie Shiffert, University Relations

The Clayton State University chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honor society, will be sponsoring a program that will include author/activist Jeffrey B. Perry talking about Hubert Harrison.

“Hubert Harrison: Black Socrates of the Harlem Renaissance” is free and open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 2, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room B-10 of the Clayton State Lecture Hall. Autographed copies of Perry’s books will be available for purchase from the author.



Jeffrey B. Perry

Harrison had rare, signal roles in the largest class (socialism) and race (the New Negro/Garvey) radical movements of his time, the early years of the 20th Century. He was a highly skilled

writer, orator, educator, critic, and political activist who, more than any other political leader of his time, combined class and anti-white-supremacist race consciousness into a coherent political radicalism.

Perry is a long time activist who preserved and inventoried the Hubert Harrison papers. He is the editor of A Hubert Harrison Reader and the literary executive for Theodore Allen’s book *Class Struggle and the Origin of Radical Slavery: The Invention of the White Race*. Perry has also written a book of his own called *Hubert Harrison: The Voice of Harlem Radicalism, 1883-1918*.

For more information, go to <http://a-s.clayton.edu/history/perry.htm>, or contact Dr. R. B. Rosenberg, associate professor of History, at (678) 466-4808. ■

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the president of WI²STEM, an ambassador for Clayton State University Orientation program, and a member of the local and national American Medical Students Association. She is a junior majoring in Biology with a focus in Pre-Med. Even with a part time job, and a busy life, she has found a way to keep herself on the Dean’s List and plans to stay there for the remainder of her studies.

“WI²STEM is for women in science, and the opportunities ultimately lead them towards a bright future!” she says.

McClerklin is a senior at Clayton State University majoring in Integrative Studies with an area concentration in Biology. She is currently completing prerequisite courses for the Physician’s Assistant Program. A native of Columbia, S.C., McClerklin entered Clayton State in the spring of 2007 where she remains on the Dean’s List and continues to excel academically. A member of WI²STEM, she states that the key to success is preparation, dedication, and determination.

Hassin was born in New York City and is a resident of Riverdale. She is the vice president of WI²STEM and a junior majoring in biology, and minoring in chemistry with a focus in Pre-Med. She is currently in a research program in the natural sciences. She is also the secretary of the Muslim Students Association at Clayton State, a member of the National American Medical Students Association, a member of the Honors program, and a volunteer at Kids Avenue Pediatrics.

“WI²STEM is not just any ordinary club, it is an organization that is dedicated in providing women the opportunities and collaborations needed to make a difference in the world,” she says. “It is by far one of the greatest milestones for Clayton State University.”

These three women of WI²STEM greatly appreciate the opportunity that has been handed to them, and they plan to take full advantage of it, says Hudachek-Buswell. This is a chance for them to learn more about the fields they plan to enter as well as provide them with an experience that would normally be out of reach. ■

Clayton State Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Elects Officers

Clayton State University’s Alpha-Nu-Psi Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society met on Tuesday, Feb. 16, for its first business meeting and election of the year.

According to Clayton State Assistant Professor of History Dr. Randall S. Gooden, members ratified a chapter constitution and chose officers. Patrick Coleman (Jonesboro) was chosen as president to serve until Aug. 1, 2010. Coleman also is president of the Clayton State University History Society. Jacob Fountain (Jonesboro) was elected vice president for the term expiring Aug. 1, and under the chapter constitution, he will

assume the presidency for a one-year term on that date.

Seniors Rosemonde Fetiére (Stone Mountain) and Joshua Reynolds (Stockbridge) were elected as secretary-treasurer and historian, respectively, for terms ending on Aug. 1.

Membership in Clayton State’s chapter of Phi Alpha Theta is open to all Clayton State students who have taken 12 semester hours in history and achieved a 3.1 grade point average in those courses, as well as an overall GPA of 3.0. It also is open to full-time faculty and emeritus faculty in history. ■

Arts and Sciences Holds First Installment of Colloquium Series

On Friday, Feb. 5, the first installment of the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium Series was held. The theme of this inaugural event was "Scholars Spanning the Globe," and it featured the following talks:

- Dr. Augustine Ayuk, Political Science – "Teaching and learning in India: My CHM experience."
- Dr. J. Celeste Walley-Jean, Psychology – "Portraits of Brazil: How a Teacher became a Student."
- Dr. Steve Spence, Digital Media Studies – "World Opinion, Global Media, and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement."

According to Dr. A. Rafik Mohamed, chair, Department of Social Sciences, the Colloquium was very well attended with more than 30 faculty members representing every discipline in the College.

This colloquium series is designed to offer College faculty an opportunity to



share their intellectual passions and expertise with colleagues by engaging in the exchange of ideas beyond the more casual conversations that typify daily academic life. It also offers faculty an opportunity to receive constructive feedback on their research from a body of peers with a common interest in promoting scholarly excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences at Clayton State University.

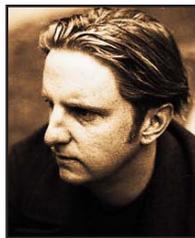
Additionally, these colloquia are intended to allow College faculty an opportunity to better acquaint themselves with colleagues from other departments and disciplines. Finally, this series will hopefully demonstrate to other members of the

University community that the College of Arts and Sciences is a key player in Clayton State's drive to be recognized as an institute of intellectual excellence in the region and the nation.

The second installment of the series is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Mar. 19. Mohamed reports that he plans to have one of the panelists to be a faculty person whose research connects with or involves the broader community. ■

Poet Chad Davidson is Next Author in the Clayton State Visiting Writers Reading Series

On Thursday, Mar. 4 at 6:30 p.m., the spring 2010 Visiting Writers Reading Series at Clayton State University continues with poet Chad Davidson reading in room B14 of the Lecture Hall.



Chad Davidson

The Visiting Writers Reading Series is sponsored by the Clayton State Department of English under the direction of Assistant Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd. Davidson's reading is sponsored in part by the Georgia Writers Registry through a LEGG (Literary Event

Grants of Georgia) grant, and is free and open to the public.

An associate professor of literature and creative writing at the University of West Georgia, Davidson is the author of *The Last Predicta* (2008) and *Consolation Miracle* (2003). Both published by Southern Illinois University Press. He is the co-author, with Gregory Fraser, of *Writing Poetry: Creative and Critical Approaches* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).

Prior to his reading on Mar. 4, Davidson will visit Byrd's Advanced Poetry Writing class at 5 p.m. ■



Campus Connect!

Staff Council hosted Campus Connect on Feb. 25. With its theme "Appetizer Throw Down," participants enjoyed appetizers submitted by Clayton State staff members. Appetizer submissions could be entered for a chance to win prizes. The winners were: 1st place: Wanda Bunn (cheese ball); 2nd place: Pat Keane (black bean salsa); and 3rd place: Jean Myers (Greek salsa). Look out for the next Campus Connect in April hosted by Facilities Management (more information to come)!

Across the Campus...

Athletics

Prior to Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, only one team in the history of Peach Belt Conference women's basketball had ever accomplished six straight 20-victory seasons. Make that two. With four players scoring in double-figures, the Clayton State Lakers defeated North Georgia 71-63. It's the sixth straight 20-victory season for the 22nd-ranked Lakers, who join Columbus State (1999-2004) as the only two teams in the Peach Belt that have accomplished six straight 20-victory seasons.

Career Services

The Clayton State University Office of Career Services will be holding its 24th Annual Career Expo for all Clayton State students and alumni on Thursday, Mar. 4, from noon to 3 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Activities Center. "Employers will be bringing opportunities for full-time, part-time, permanent, and temporary employment, as well as internships," reminds Director of Career Services Dr. Angelyn Hayes to all students. "So bring plenty of resumes and dress professionally, as if you were having a job interview. It's required." Under the direction of Ryan Whitfield, assistant director of Career Services, the Career Expo will also include the Employers Brunch in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center at 10 a.m. The 2010 Career Expo is sponsored by the following this year: the Clayton State University Foundation, Waffle House Careers, and Walmart Logistics.

Counseling & Psychological Services

Concerned about a difficult student or unusual student behavior? Unsure when or how to refer a student to the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services? Counseling and Psychological Services will lead an open discussion for faculty on Dealing with Disruptive or Concerning Students on Tuesday, Mar. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room UC 268 of the Baker Center. This program seeks to offer advice and support to faculty who may encounter students with various behavioral and/or mental health problems.

Health & Fitness Management

Improve your health and the health of your loved ones by becoming a certified

personal trainer. Clayton State University will host a three-day personal trainer workshop from Mar. 19 through Mar. 21, a one-day personal trainer workshop on Mar. 19, all in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center, room E43. Coordinated by Clayton State's Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, the three-day workshop will prepare attendees to receive the newest personal trainer certification from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) (www.acsm.org). The one-day workshop is designed for currently and previously certified personal trainers and will provide the knowledge necessary to successfully attain the new ACSM Certified Personal Trainer credential. To register for the three-day or one-day workshop, contact ACSM by calling (317) 637-9200 or visit www.FRAUSA.com or www.ACSM.com. Workshop costs range from \$375 to attend all three sessions to \$175 for the one day ticket. One day tickets are available only for those who are already certified or educated in exercise science.

Orientation & New Student Programs

The following are the summer 2010 Orientation dates and times: All Combined/Express — Saturday, Apr. 24, 9 a.m.; All Combined/Express — Friday, Apr. 30, 1 p.m.; All Combined/Express — Wednesday, May 19, 1 p.m.; Fayette Campus — Tuesday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

Political Science

Twitter... Why do students use it? Does online networking increase 18-29 year olds' engagement in politics or their engagement with their peers? If you are 18-29 years old and willing to spend some time on a new social networking website, contact Dr. Joe Corrado via email: joecorradoclayton.edu to participate in a research project that will examine these timely issues. Students who are able to demonstrate activity on the taking it global website will be eligible to receive \$15 and a free lunch if they participate in a focus group.

Public Safety

The Clayton State Office of Public Safety is currently investigating recent reports of

laptop thefts from campus offices. As a theft preventative measure, please don't leave your laptops unattended, and ensure that your offices and residences are secured when you are not there. Also, everyone should record the make, model and serial numbers of computers, as well as for other personal electronic equipment, for use by law enforcement if needed to track lost or stolen property.

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and more activities on campus with increased student participation. In essence, we've become a 24 hour campus, with many activities occurring late-night and on weekends."

Jacobs admits that there have been some challenges.

"When we approach maximum occupancy in our facility, it becomes more difficult to place all interested students and balance room assignments by gender," he says. "During the first week of the spring 2010 semester, we maintained a small waiting list, but ultimately, we were able to assign all students to a room."

Despite some challenges, having the residence hall is rewarding, he adds.

"Seeing students so quickly acclimate to living on campus, and knowing we have been able to provide a more traditional college experience, is rewarding," Jacobs explains. "We believe an on-campus living experience can be transformative for those students who make the most of it. The opportunity to build relationships, develop and hone interpersonal leadership skills, and embrace diversity — all in a supportive learning environment — contributes to a rich college experience which challenges students' growth and development."

Behind the scene activities have made this success possible.

"There are many activities which occur 'behind the scenes' in preparation for res-

Emerging Student Leadership Conference, Apply by Mar. 5

The Student Leadership Conference is designed to help students develop an understanding of leadership theory and application. Students participate in a series of activities, workshops and discussions that challenge their understanding of leadership, team/group dynamics and diversity. The conference is a great way for students, both residential and non-residential, to network, interact with peers and engage in a number of fun and educational activities.

This year's conference will take place at Callaway Gardens in Georgia's beautiful Pine Mountains. This conference is free for all Clayton State University matriculating students. The 2010 Leadership Conference will cover topics such as:

- Value-Based Leadership
- Leadership and Civic Engagement
- Assessing Leadership Success

- Leading Through Tough Times
- Team Building Activities

If you are a leader or an emerging leader on campus, this conference is for you. The application and additional information can be found at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campuslife/eslc.htm>. The application deadline for the Leadership Conference is Mar. 5.

Questions? Please contact LaShanda Hardin, leadership and service coordinator at LaShandaHardin@clayton.edu or by phone at (678) 466-5433. ■

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Fall Festival, where families were able to enjoy games, food, music and a train ride sponsored by the Morrow Police Department.

Clayton State AmeriCorps members have recruited more than 100 peer volunteers to engage in these service projects with them, creating an awareness of the needs of our community and encouraging others to be involved in the solution. Recruited volunteers have dedicated a total number of 1356 hours to addressing the needs of our communities through volunteering in these service projects.

The total number of volunteers recruited by Georgia AmeriCorps members in 2009 comes to an impressive 23,804 and those volunteers served a total of 68,042 hours over the course of the year. Georgia's 500 AmeriCorps members dedicated 471,701 hours serving with

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Nominate a Distinguished Alumni Today

The Clayton State Alumni Association Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Apr. 29, at the "Fabulous" Fox Theatre.

At the dinner, the Association bestows outstanding alumni awards to a worthy recipient of each school or college, and to an overall distinguished graduate.

The Alumni Association welcomes participation in the nomination process.

This will be the ninth year the Association has recognized graduates this way, and past winners are listed online.

We need your completed nominations by Mar. 22. Please contact Gid Rowell, director of Alumni Relations, at (678) 466-4477 if you have any questions. ■

The online nomination form is located at:
http://adminservices.clayton.edu/alumni/distinguished_alumni/nomination.html.

For a list of former Clayton State Distinguished Alumni Award Winners, go to:
http://adminservices.clayton.edu/alumni/distinguished_alumni/all_time_list.html.

2010 Award Categories

- Outstanding College of Arts & Sciences Alumnus
- Outstanding College of Health
- Outstanding College of Information and Mathematical Sciences
- Outstanding School of Business
- Outstanding Young Alumnus (Graduating Senior, 2009 Fall/Summer or 2010 Spring)

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the first time Clayton State has a statewide footprint among its alumni. Clayton State alumni currently reside in 115 of Georgia's 159 counties.

Among the 13,000+ alumni on Clayton State's records, it is true that more reside in Clayton and Henry counties (2865 from each county, in fact) than any other. Also not surprisingly, Fayette (1320) and Fulton (1182) counties each have more than a thousand Clayton State grads. However, there are more than 100 former Lakers residing as far a field as Butts, Douglas, Newton, Spalding, Rockdale, Cobb and Gwinnett counties.

All Clayton State alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends of the University are invited to the dinner. For more information about the dinner and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or by email at gidrowell@clayton.edu. ■



The Clayton State community gathered in the School of Business on Feb. 5 for a farewell reception in honor of Dean Dr. Jacob Chacko, as he begins his next journey in life. To read more about Jacob's future plans, see the January 15, 2010 issue of Campus Review. Best wishes, Jacob!

Retirees Association Announces Third Annual Gourmet Dinner and Wine Pairing

The Clayton State Retirees Association (CSRA) has announced that its Third Annual Gourmet Dinner and Wine Pairing will be held in the Harry S. Downs Center on Thursday, Mar. 25, at 6:30 p.m. (A fitting site, since Dr. Harry S. Downs, Clayton State's first president, is a CSRA member.)

Themed "Tour de France via Food," the dinner will feature an evening of French cooking demonstrations, French foods, and select wines. The cost for the dinner, which is open to the public, is \$100 per

person, which is tax deductible as allowed by law. Attire is business casual.

The menu for the evening will include; Amuse-Bouches, Cucumber & Smoked Salmon Canapés, Raspberry Brie En Croûte, Creole Mustard and Herb Crusted Lamb Chop, Fingerling Potatoes & Haricots Verts, and Warm French Apple Tartelette w/Caramel Sauce.

CSRA uses the dinner to build the endowment for the Clayton State Retirees

Scholarship, the University's first scholarship endowment for graduate students.

Also featured for the evening will be shared recipes and raffled door prizes, including: AirTran Airways tickets for two, a round of golf for four, gift cards for restaurants, and more.

Individuals wishing to attend should RSVP by Mar. 18 to Linda Castleberry at (678) 466-4470. ■

Study Spanish Abroad in Guadalajara this Spring

Clayton State students will have an opportunity to study Spanish in Guadalajara, Mexico from May 23 to June 26, 2010.

Intensive language courses will be offered through the Centro de Estudios para Extranjeros. Clayton State University courses on Latin American culture and the history of Mexico will also be offered on site. Students may earn up to 16 hours of college credit during his experience.

The beautiful colonial city of Guadalajara, the capital of the State of Jalisco, is the second largest city in Mexico. The original home of Mariachi music, it is also considered the cultural center of western Mexico. Day tours of Guadalajara and nearby Tequila (home of a famous beverage) and a weekend getaway to the Pacific Ocean beaches at Puerto Vallarta are also included.

Students will have lots of opportunity to experience Mexican culture and practice

everyday Spanish living with a local host family. Along with a family atmosphere, your home-away-from-home also provides three meals a day and access to laundry facilities.

The cost of this program is \$2,900.00 (including travel, room and board, excursions, health insurance and CEPE tuition. Clayton State tuition not included). Contact the Office of International Programs at (678) 466-4092 for additional information. ■

Clayton State Dual Enrollment Students are Stars

Three Clayton State University dual enrollment students were recently recognized as STAR Students at their high schools for the 2009/2010 academic year.

Devon Alcorn, 17, is one of North Clayton High School's two STAR Students for 2009/10. He has a 3.65 grade-point average, and is a part of the International Baccalaureate program at North Clayton. He is also a pitcher and first baseman for the school's baseball team. However, Alcorn has spent most of his school days since August 2008 in the dual-enrollment program at Clayton State, where is a member of that Math Club.

Meanwhile, Kharon Franklin is shooting for the stars. Community Christian School's 2009/10 STAR Student, Franklin, 17, says his post-college plans include NASA. He hopes to become an astronaut. Academically, he splits his time between his high school classes

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Hall Completes Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Course; Plans to Develop Online Courses for ROTC, Dual Enrollment Students

Dr. Mannie E. Hall, Jr., director of Academic Outreach at Clayton State University, recently completed the University of Notre Dame (UND) Lean Six Sigma Black Belt course offered by the Executive Education Division of Mendoza College of Business, in-partnership with MoreSteam.com.

"The UND Lean Six Sigma Black Belt course is academically rigorous and prepares transformational leaders with the in-depth knowledge and advanced skills to employ applied statistics to make data-driven decisions in the service industry, including higher education," says Hall. "Special emphasis is placed on understanding and evaluating voice of the customer metrics, which partly differentiates Lean from regular Six Sigma."

Hall hopes to develop online Six Sigma Green and Black Belt courses for Clayton State's ROTC Cadets and uniquely capable Dual Enrollment students, especially those early college students in pre-engineering.

Hall previously served as a Master Black Belt during the later stages of his first

career in military education. Hall has an extensive background and professional education in Six Sigma completing courses and certifications at Motorola University, other universities (including UND), and the United States Military. Hall generally plans on using his updated Six Sigma education, certifications, and skills to better measure, evaluate, analyze, and implement Six Sigma projects designed to help enhance student success, better account for voice of the customer and stakeholder input indicators, and increase applied research opportunities.

The University System of Georgia embraces Six Sigma professional education and projects. According to Hall, many progressive colleges and universities are employing Master Black Belts as a means to drill down deeper into student success/retention data, to better incorporate voice of customer and voice of stakeholder input, and develop new metrics for higher education. ■

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helpful staff. Differences were embraced as the norm and Clayton State's faculty helped with scheduling and advising that best fit my needs. My reservations about going back to school quickly faded.

"For a full time student with a family, creative scheduling is important. The purpose of going to school is to enrich my family in many ways, and that includes spending quality time together. So the next semester I considered classes on the main campus, but not without anxiety as a non-traditional student in my 30s. Fortunately, Clayton State's blend of traditional and non-traditional students is exactly like most corporate work environments and is made up of a wide-range of ages, with everyone bringing a variety of energy, excitement and experience to the table. As a result, Clayton State's diverse

age group allowed my 'main campus' apprehension to subside.

"My responsibilities and schedule obligations outside of the classroom are plentiful, but feeling the buzz of the traditional activities on campus is nice. It also keeps me in touch with what my nieces and nephews will soon be experiencing so that I can at least pretend to be familiar with the latest trends. We are all at varying stages in our lives, age is only one difference, and Clayton State does an excellent job at allowing the integration of varying stages to be enjoyable and successful.

"As a non-traditional student, I consider every day in class as a major part of my career. It is my job to do well. School is not free nor does it provide a paycheck and the support and sacrifices that my

family is making for me to be here full time is an enormous responsibility that I did not have as a traditional college student. Clayton State University provides the support, advising, and counseling that assists me in devising a schedule that can help me fulfill those responsibilities.

"The first time my three-year-old asked me if I have building blocks at my school like she has, my initial thought was no. However, after being at Clayton State for a year, I realize that she is correct. The tools I am receiving are indeed building blocks and it is my responsibility to build, which is the precise reason I came to Clayton State University." ■

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idential students,” Jacobs says. “The housing staff worked extremely hard to manage a variety of occupancy challenges including handling withdrawals and move-outs, new contract processing, and room turnover. Quite frankly, from the very beginning of our housing program implementation we have had much assistance from many offices and departments on campus. And, while we continue to learn more about and improve our housing services, doing so is that much easier with the support of so many others.

“We are working to enhance our residential life experience each semester through expanded programming, further shaping the learning environment and providing additional opportunities for engagement. In addition, we continue to explore the possibility of having additional housing with a variety of living options for students beyond their freshman year.” ■

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ance with physical master plan principles. In short, Facilities Master Planning is the physical embodiment of the University's strategic plan.

As is the case with so much that goes on at Clayton State, the reason for doing facilities master planning tracks back to strategic planning. In Cummings' words, it is to ensure that the physical facilities exist to implement the institution's strategic plan and to be responsive to the academic mission and goals, historic development and traditions, physical setting, and regional and community setting.

The conditions that are currently driving master planning include the University's new leadership, something that encompasses new directions and strategy for the University. Other factors driving the process include the University's mission, the campus' physical environment and capacity, Clayton State's academic trends and the expansion of academic programs, facilities planning, and housing. External factors include regional growth, the changing demographics of the region, and various other surrounding influences.

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and classes at Clayton State. This semester, the courses he is taking at Clayton State include microeconomics, psychology, American literature, and Spanish.

Also, Andrew "Travis" Rogers, 17, this year's STAR Student at Strong Rock

Christian School in Locust Grove, is the senior class president, a member of Strong Rock's football and track teams, and participates in the math team. He also takes math classes as part of the dual enrollment program at Clayton State. ■

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those volunteers and together they were able to serve a total of 156,223 clients.

"Each category of numbers is impressive by itself and it is important to realize that behind those statistics are children who were tutored, senior citizens whose neighborhoods were safer, food distributed to the hungry, unemployed persons assisted and many other badly needed community service activities," says John Turner, executive director of the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism.

The Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism requires each of the 20

Georgia AmeriCorps programs funded to recruit volunteers for their service activities and projects, and that the members are provided with first aid and CPR training.

Communities across Georgia not only benefit from service provided by AmeriCorps members and volunteers, but also from the 216 current 2009-2010 Georgia AmeriCorps members certified in first aid and CPR. Currently, 20 of Clayton State University's AmeriCorps members are CPR and first aid certified. ■

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As facilities master planning progresses, considerations in the process will most notably take into account the history of the University, the goals of the University (including the mission statement and the strategic plan, as well as future academic programs), existing campus conditions, future campus requirements (including space needs analysis, parking, athletic and recreational facilities, proposed and

acquisition and planned development and ongoing construction), plus additional requirements like land and building use, open space, vehicle and pedestrian circulation and utility infrastructure.

A town hall meeting on facilities master planning will be held on Apr. 7, in Spivey Hall to solicit input from the entire campus and the entire campus should plan to attend. ■

Clayton State Men Drill Georgia Southwestern 69-41; Clinch PBC Tournament Berth

The scenario was simple for the Clayton State Laker men's basketball team on Saturday – defeat Georgia Southwestern or get a Columbus State defeat against Montevallo and you clinch a Peach Belt Conference Tournament berth.

Both scenarios played out well for the Lakers as they posted an impressive 69-41 win over visiting Georgia Southwestern on Senior Day at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory concludes Clayton State's regular season 15-12 overall and 8-9 in the Peach Belt Conference. Clayton State will now travel to Georgia College

for the Peach Belt Conference Tournament quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The Lakers put on a defensive clinic against Georgia Southwestern (7-20, 3-14 PBC), holding the Hurricanes to only 26 percent shooting from the field, including only 20 percent from 3-point range. Clayton State also forced 20 Georgia Southwestern turnovers and out-rebounded the Hurricanes 46-37.

The first half was tight with five lead-changes. However, Clayton State grabbed

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Trivia Time

Airplane!

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Maybe it depends on your sense of humor, but it says here that any movie that features a send-up of the infamous John Travolta disco dance (in this case by Robert Hays and Julie Hagerty) with a backdrop of a couple of girl scouts in a knock-down brawl in a seedy pub is pretty funny.

Or maybe it's chromosomal, sort of like The Three Stooges. Whatever, not many people knew exactly what Hays' "problem" was in the screwball comedy, "Airplane!" True, Hays was afraid to fly (because of what happened over Macho Grande), but his problem was a drinking problem... every time in the movie he tried to take a drink, he'd pour it down the side of his face instead of into his mouth. Now that's a problem. Only B.D. Stillion (who can't stand the movie... she says it's a Y chromosome thing) and Norman Grizzell correctly identified Hays' problem.

And only Lou Brackett, Stillion and Grizzell knew the second half of the question, regarding the "Airplane!" game show. "You're putting that entire airplane in jeopardy!" You got it, complete with the original Jeopardy host, Art Fleming, and a category, "Famous Aviation Disasters." Maybe you had to be there...

If indeed Stillion is correct, we'll expect a lot of Y chromosome answers to this one... what tune did Louis Feinberg play on his violin that made pseudo-boxer Jerome Howard go berserk? And what was Howard's nom de ring in this instance? Send your answers, not to Stillion (who may not want them in this case), but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■--

Sports

Tillman Shines as #22 Clayton State Women Top Georgia Southwestern, 78-68

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Teshymia Tillman saved her best game of the season for Saturday night in the regular season finale for the Clayton State Laker women's basketball team.

The junior guard scored a career-high 31 points as the Lakers knocked off visiting Georgia Southwestern 78-68 on Senior Night at the Athletics and Fitness Center. Clayton State, ranked 22nd in the latest USA Today/ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, finishes the regular season 21-6 overall and 12-5 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Next up for the Lakers are the Peach Belt Conference Tournament quarterfinals, where Clayton State will play host to in-state rival Columbus State on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Tillman scored 23 of those points in the second half when the Lakers needed it the most. Clayton State played very lackadaisical in the first half, shooting only 36 percent from the field and trailing by as many as eight points. A driving jump shot in the lane by Whitley Wiltz gave Georgia Southwestern a 32-30 lead at halftime.

However, Tillman put Clayton State ahead early in the second half with five straight points, including a 3-point basket. The Lakers stretched the lead to nine

points 47-38 on a lay-up by Tanisha Woodard at the 14:51 mark, but Georgia Southwestern countered with a 17-2 run over the next five minutes.

Nadirah Gardner nailed three straight 3-point baskets, including the third that gave the Hurricanes a 50-49 lead with 11:47 remaining. A 3-point basket by Wiltz stretched the Georgia Southwestern lead to 55-49 at the 10:19 mark.

However, Clayton State didn't panic. Tillman cut the lead to two points on a 3-point play and then her 3-point basket at the 5:24 mark tied the game 59-59. Tillman wasn't through as she converted two straight lay-ups and gave the Lakers a 63-59 lead with 4:39 remaining.

That was part of a 16-1 Clayton State run that put the contest out of reach. A lay-up by Woodard and a jump shot by Genesis Kelly gave the Lakers a 72-60 lead at the 2:43 mark. Georgia Southwestern never got closer than nine points after that.

In addition to Tillman, LaDe'sha Stoudemire recorded her fifth double-double of the season with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Kelly scored 12 points off the bench. ■

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the momentum late as Jaquas Dobbs scored on a put-back and a jump shot by Eric Wilson staked the Lakers to a 30-24 lead at halftime.

Clayton State put the defensive clamps on Georgia Southwestern in the second half, limiting the Hurricanes to only 21 percent shooting from the field and only two 3-point baskets. The Lakers opened the half on a 9-0 run as Brandon Robinson scored seven straight points, including a 3-point basket to give the Lakers a 39-24 lead with 17:48 remaining.

Georgia Southwestern countered with a 9-2 run to trim the Clayton State lead to eight points. Marcus Scott scored four points in the rally, including a driving lay-up to trim the Laker lead to 41-33 with 13:10 remaining.

That, however, was as close as the Hurricanes would get. Luvonte Rhines recorded a breakaway dunk to put the Lakers back up by 12 points, and a Torrin Greene 3-point basket gave Clayton State a 49-36 lead with 9:56 remaining. The Lakers finished the game on an 18-1 run, holding Georgia Southwestern without a field goal for the final nine minutes.

Robinson paced Clayton State with 17 points, while Greene scored 13 points off the bench. The Lakers bench out-scored Georgia Southwestern by a whopping 32-5. ■

Clayton State Records 22 Top 10 Finishes at Sewanee Indoor Invitational

The Clayton State Laker men's and women's track and field teams concluded the 2010 indoor season with its most productive meet of the season at the Sewanee Indoor Invitational.

Overall, Clayton State set one team record and recorded 22 Top 10 finishes for the meet. The Laker men recorded 15 top 10 finishes, while the Clayton State women finished with seven.

The lone team record came from the Clayton State women as Monique Belmudes broke teammate Keisha Etienne's mark in the 800-meter run. She finished third overall with a time of 2:25.77. In that same event, Paige Galvin placed fifth in 2:39.31 and Rene Mares finished ninth in 2:45.85 for Clayton State.

On the men's side, freshman Edward Parks continued his strong showing in indoor competition. Parks finished second overall in the 400-meter dash in 53.21 seconds. In addition, Laker teammates Robert Spezzacatena and William Parks finished fifth (54.25) and ninth (54.84) respectively.

While her teammates were competing at Sewanee, Clayton State's Etienne aimed to an NCAA provisional qualifying time at the Virginia Tech Challenge.

While Etienne came up short on that goal, she did set a women's team record. Etienne placed 11th in the 600-meter run in 1:38.51. In addition, Etienne also placed 18th in the 400-meter dash in 58.31 seconds. ■

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