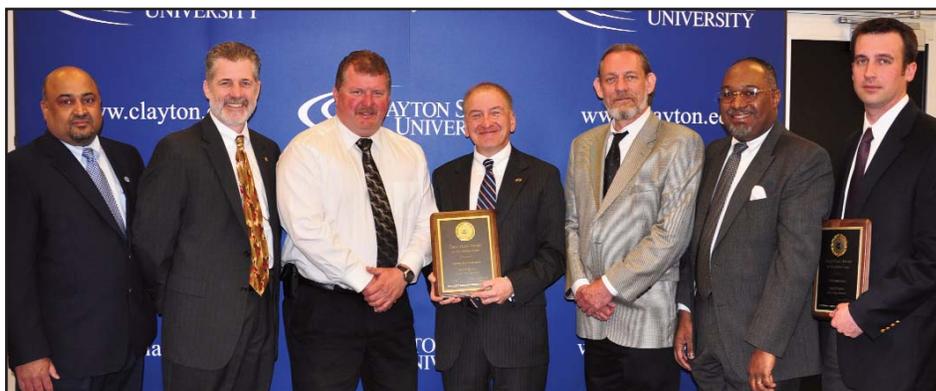


## Dean Chacko's Final Day at Clayton State Includes American Concrete Institute Award

Dr. Jacob M. Chacko, dean of the Clayton State University School of Business since Jan. 1, 2008, started his final day at Clayton State by taking part in a ceremony that honored one of the highlights of his 11-year tenure in Morrow.

The Clayton State University School of Business Building recently received the First Place Award in the Low-Rise Category in the Georgia Chapter of the American Concrete Institute's (ACI) annual awards competition. As part of the award, the building's architect, the Marietta-based Flynn Finderup Architects, received a plaque from ACI commemorating the event. On the morning of Mar. 9, George Flynn, Lars Finderup and Flynn Finderup associate architect Jeff Robinson visited the School of Business Building to present the plaque



Left to right; Dr. Jacob Chacko, George Flynn, Clayton State Facilities Management's Darren Thomas, Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Lars Finderup, Jeff Robinson, David Yuhas of YLH Construction (Erin Fender photo).

to University President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., and outgoing Dean Chacko, who first came to the Clayton State School of Business as associate dean in 1999, and succeeded Dean Ernest

"Bud" Miller upon the latter's retirement at the conclusion of 2007. As it turned out, Mar. 9, 2010 is also Chacko's last day at

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## Market Research Project Launched

In addition to ongoing initiatives in Strategic Planning and Facilities Master Planning, a comprehensive Market Research project has been launched for the University. The objective of this project is to determine the "position" and "value" of Clayton State University in the minds of various target audiences. The consultant firm for the University's Market Research project is Paskill, Stapleton & Lord. For more information about their services: [www.psandl.com](http://www.psandl.com).

David Black, vice president, and Dana Evans, senior consultant, visited Clayton State's campus on Mar. 2 through Mar. 4. They requested meetings with numerous individuals as well as various groups. The on-site discussions they conducted will assist them in developing research criteria and survey instruments for a broad spectrum of internal and external audiences, such as: current students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, and staff; high

school juniors and seniors; employers, businesses, and civic leaders; and general population samples from multiple metropolitan Atlanta counties.

Vice President for External Relations BG (Ret.) Robert L. Stephens, Jr., who is leading the project, reports that an additional component of the project is the assessment of existing communications efforts. Evaluating the effectiveness of current marketing materials and messages, what these communicate about Clayton State University, and how this compares to competitors will enable the University to formulate ongoing strategies for marketing and branding. The University Image Council, representing numerous campus constituencies, is involved and seeks to address how the marketing and communications activities should be focused to promote an emerging Clayton State

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## Clayton State Opera Plans Evening on Intriguing, Interesting Characters... Women from the Bible

In conjunction with Clayton State University's celebration of Women's History Month, Clayton State Opera presents: "Eve and Her Daughters: Opera and Women of the Bible," an evening of opera focusing on women from the Bible, featuring a cast of Clayton State University students directed by Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Clayton State's director of Opera and vocal Studies, and accompanied by an orchestra under the baton of Clayton State Director of Choral Activities Dr. Shaun Amos and Clayton State's staff coach-accompanist, Alex Benford.

The program will run in Clayton State University's Spivey Hall on Friday, Mar. 26 and Saturday, Mar. 27 at 8 p.m., and will open with Eve's Odds, an award-winning one-act opera on the Garden of Eden story by composer Bruce Trinkley and librettist Jason Charnesky. The program will continue with excerpts of Romantic and Baroque era works by Saint-Saëns (Samson et Dalila) and Handel, and conclude by 9:30 p.m. with one of the oldest surviving musical dramas of the Western world, the Planctus Mariae, the lament of Mary the mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross.

"Opera and Women of the Bible" will feature the following Clayton State students; José Caballero (McDonough), Melissa Callender (Stockbridge), Naybu Fullman (Riverdale), Afolabi Giwa (Fairburn), Kelly Jarrard (Stockbridge), Salvatore LoCascio (Newnan), Lindsey Martin (Conyers), Amanda Pillatzki (Hampton), Kyle Thomas (Jonesboro), Nicole Wilder (Conyers), and Lianna Wimberly Williams (College Park).

"I think what is interesting about this program is that composers in all eras have been drawn to the stories of the Bible for theatrical treatment — the Scriptures are full of drama," says Zeller. "So from the earliest piece to the most recent, a huge range of times and musical styles are covered — all turning to the same source material.

"Where women do appear in the Bible, they are almost always the most intriguing, interesting characters."

"Opera and Women of the Bible" will be performed mostly in English; the brief Samson et Dalila scene will be in the original French, and there will be a few pas-

sages of Latin in the choral sections of the final piece.

Eve's Odds is a "musical midrash" in the Jewish Talmudic tradition, says Zeller. A midrash is a kind of imaginative discussion of a Scriptural story -- in this case, that of the Garden of Eden -- that explores the deeper meaning of the text by filling in events, discussions, and personalities that may be only suggested in the original text.

"There are some fantastical and even humorous elements that might not have been quite what many of us learned in second-grade Sunday School, including the inconvenient appearance of Adam's first wife Lilith -- an actual character from real midrashic stories-- a walking Snake, and a guardian angel who's watched way too many cop dramas," he explains. "And yes, to answer the question people ask me most frequently about the show, in a fantasy, Adam and Eve can discover they're 'naked' while completely covered with fabric garments.

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### "Too Tall" Andre Leads Team to Victory

## Student Affairs Cops Faculty/Staff Shoot-Out Honors

The 2010 Faculty-Staff Shoot-Out Challenge champion is Team #4 -- the Division of Student Affairs, inspired and led by Captain Andre "Too Tall" Clanton.

"Thanks to all who participated in this year's Faculty/Staff Shoot-Out Challenge. It was a great deal of fun having the Shoot-Teams come over and give it their all during the week. Then to have everyone at the ball-game on Saturday night made the entire night a great event. We really appreciate you being great sports in displaying your extraordinary skills in front of such a large crowd," says Athletic Director Mason Barfield. "I want to thank the Shoot-Out Challenge organizing committee of Mark May, Celena Milner, Heidi Benford, Donna McCarty, Carolina Amero for all of their time and effort to put this together. "



Runner-up to Student Affairs was Team #10 – the departments of Humanities and Social Sciences. ■

Left to right; Hakim Groomes, Carmelita Davis, L.Michelle Hayes, Ryan Whitfield

## Campus Life Presents Culture Shock Week, Mar. 29 to Apr. 3

The Clayton State Department of Campus Life's annual Culture Shock Week will run from Monday, Mar. 29 to Saturday, Apr. 3, to create awareness and sensitivity to the diversity that exists at Clayton State University and beyond and to encourage cross-cultural interactions.

### Mar. 29

#### ***Bon Appétit Clayton State University***

The Diversity Educational Experiences for Peers (DEEP) Peer Educators will kick-off the Culture Shock Week Celebration with cultural treats and more information about the week of activities.

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Location: James M. Baker University Center-Main Street  
Sponsored by: DEEP Peer Educators

### Mar. 30

#### ***Student Safe Space Training***

Would you like to learn more about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and questioning (LGBTQIQ) community? Do you have a friend or family member who is LGBTQIQ and needs a support system? Are you interested in standing up against biased attitudes and behaviors towards this community? If you answered yes to one of these questions, then come out and participate in this one-hour Safe Space Training session for students. This workshop is good for Resident Assistants, student leaders, members of student organizations, School of Nursing majors, etc. Safe Space Certifications will be given out at the end of the training. Register at [multicultural@clayton.edu](mailto:multicultural@clayton.edu) by Wed., Mar. 24.

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Location: James M. Baker University Center, 265  
Sponsored by: DEEP Peer Educators

### Mar. 31

#### ***How Stereotypical Are You***

"How Stereotypical Are You" is an intensive, interactive game show that explores biased behaviors and attitudes. Attending this game show will help you to self-reflect on your own thoughts and actions and learn how to be acceptant and appreciative of different cultural groups.

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Location: James M. Baker University Center, 265  
Sponsored by: DEEP Peer Educators

### Apr. 1

#### ***Cultural Fest***

Come out and sample different dishes from all over the world and learn about other cultures.

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Location: James M. Baker University Center, Quad  
Rain Location: Student Activities Center Ballrooms  
Sponsored by: Campus Life and DEEP Peer Educators

#### ***Cultural Showcase***

This showcase will take you along a cultural journey that will feature performances from Full Radius Dance (Physically-Integrated Dance Group), the Plainsmen (Native American Dance Group), Lisa Chyn (Classical Chinese Dance), Sasikala Penumarthi (Classical Indian Kuchipudi Dance) and Clayton State's very own Caribbean Student Association and Appointed Generation Gospel Choir. You don't want to miss out on this entertaining event. Open to the public. Free Admission.

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Student Activities Center Ballrooms  
Sponsored by: Department of Campus Life, Disability Resource Center and DEEP Peer Educators

### Apr. 2

#### ***Faculty and Staff Safe Space Training***

Campus Life, Counseling and Psychological Services, and the Gay/Straight Alliance will host Clayton State University's third Safe Space training for faculty and staff. The Safe Space program is a national movement to increase the visible presence of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) student allies and places that are "safe" for LGBT students across college campuses and school environments. An ally is

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## Part One of a Four-Part Series **The Facts About Textbook Pricing**

Part of the University Bookstore Advisory Council's communication plan for the spring semester is to increase awareness about what's causing the increases in textbook prices, and what the Bookstore is doing to help control these costs. It's also about collaborative efforts, and working together with students and faculty. And, it's about a lot of things neither the Bookstore nor Auxiliary Services has any no control over... notably, publishers' practices in the textbook market.

The Advisory Council includes faculty, staff, and students, and is chaired by Dr. Donna McCarty. The current communications campaign is about doing as much as is possible with matters the Bookstore can control. In that regard, the Advisory Council has created a booklet with an overview of this information and the new textbook ordering process which helps the faculty make better textbook ordering decisions (the booklet is available from the Bookstore). The Advisory Council also recently met with SGA and is planning a meeting with textbook coordinators to share information with that group and faculty.

As part of the Council's communications plan, the next four issues of Campus Review will feature an ongoing series of articles on "The Facts About Textbook Pricing." This issue, we look at rising textbook costs...

Textbook costs from publishers have been increasing at an alarming rate, outpacing inflation significantly, and rising more than 30 percent in the last five years.

#### ***Why?***

Basically, there are four main reasons. Textbooks are more expensive to produce -- more color graphics, elaborate

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## Colleges, Counties Launch Statewide Internship Program

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE) have partnered to create the Georgia County Internship Program. This unique statewide initiative will open doors for students to explore a variety of careers in county government and help a new generation understand the importance of local government in American democracy.

Already, during the launch for summer internships, 11 counties around the state have posted over 30 positions. The internships will attract a wide range of college majors to a spectrum of county offices. Current internship opportunities include: stormwater data collection assistant and substance abuse project assistant in Gwinnett; CAD project management and policy research in DeKalb; Web site intern in Cobb; marketing and media intern in Dawson; law research assistant in Brooks; and Operation Warrant Clean-up intern in Clayton.

"Both Clayton and Fayette counties have been early adopters of the program," says ARCHE's Beth Day.

Counties post internships for students at a new Web site, GeorgiaCountyInternships.org. ARCHE career service directors, deans and faculty members joined with ACCG, an ARCHE community partner, to plan the program.

The ACCG-ARCHE collaboration aims not only to give students direct exposure to county careers - but also a hands-on understanding of the inner workings of local government that will make them better-informed citizens and voters.

Both ACCG Deputy Director Ross King and ARCHE President Mike Gerber credit their own college internships with directing their careers along paths that led to their current positions. King interned with the city of Americus when he was a master's student at the University of Tennessee. Gerber interned with the University of Maryland's vice president for legislative relations.

"These are great opportunities for students to see how government works," said Gerber. "And there are no better ambassadors than our students to help local offi-

cial understand the caliber of education at Georgia's private and public colleges and universities."

"We are teaching a new generation about the function of county government," King said. "As the baby boomer generation gets ready to retire, there will be a large number of positions in county government that need to be filled, so it is critical that we work to attract the best and brightest to public service in our state."

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) is a nonprofit instrumentality of Georgia's county governments. Formed in 1914 with 19 charter county members, today ACCG serves as the consensus building, training and legislative organization for all 159 county governments in the state. With this primary charge, ACCG works to ensure that the counties can provide the necessary leadership, services and programs to meet the health, safety and welfare needs of their citizens. Visit [www.accg.org](http://www.accg.org) for information about ACCG and its services. ■



Office of Recruitment and Admissions recruiters Amy Nyland and Joseph Echols at work at the NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) Atlanta National College Fair at the Georgia International Convention Center, on Jan. 24. High school students from all over Metro Atlanta (and beyond - and estimated attendance of 8,000) came with their parents to check out colleges and universities from all over the nation. Clayton State's recruiters got names and information for more than 200 prospective students.

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"The Bible has been raising just as many questions as it has answered for millennia — we're presenting some of the questions that interested writers in the 1350s, the 1730s, the 1870s, and the 1990s."

General admission is \$10; and \$5 for students and seniors. Admission is free with a LakerCard ID. For more information, contact Zeller at (678) 466-4759. ■

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bindings, study aids, etc. Many books are now "bundled" with supplementary materials such as study aids, CD's, and website support. New editions are published more frequently. Textbooks are also produced in much smaller quantities than "best sellers," leading to a much higher per book cost.

Next issue, we'll look at University Bookstore pricing and other facts of textbook costs. ■

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University brand.

The market research results will become the foundation for the development and implementation of an integrated marketing, identity, and communications program for the University that will: guide recruitment of students, faculty and staff; enhance public relations and communications activities; and support alumni and development efforts. No known general market research of this magnitude has previously been done for Clayton State. ■

# Mandatory Customer Service Training

Register at: <https://adminsyste.ms.clayton.edu/Training/sessions/login>

Many of you may remember that approximately two years ago Governor Sonny Perdue began the "The Art of Exceptional Customer Service" training initiative. The Governor has set the goal that "Georgia will have the BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE in the nation."

In an effort to help reach this goal and as part of our ongoing commitment to excellent customer service, Clayton State University will begin offering a new Customer Service training class to its employees. The first set of sessions has been slated to begin in April 2010.

These current sessions are only for full-time, benefitted staff. Faculty will receive training at a later date yet to be determined. If you have further questions or concerns pertaining to faculty training, please contact the Provost's Office.

The class covers a lot of the same material as the old two-day class, but it has been customized for the University System of Georgia, and streamlined to five hours.

This new course is mandatory for all Clayton State University full-time, benefitted staff who did not complete and

receive a certificate for the initial two-day class offered in 2008 and 2009. Due to the limited number of classes offered at this time, we ask that only full-time staff sign up for one of the current sessions. Additional sessions will be made available to all other employees at a later date.

All full-time, benefitted staff are asked to register for a session prior to Mar. 31, 2010. All sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. They will be held in the University Library, room L-200. ■

## Campus Events Council Presents a Women's History Month Celebration

Clayton State University will celebrate Women's History Month with three events planned by the University's Campus Events Council. All three events are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, Mar. 17, award-winning stage actor Adilah Barnes, best known to film audiences for her role in Universal's "Erin Brockovich" and to television audiences for her five seasons in the role of Anne Marie on ABC's "Roseanne" takes her audience on a journey through time that explores the lives of seven African American women who have made lasting contributions to the fields of human rights, education, literature, and politics. "I Am That I Am: Woman" celebrates the ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and achieve life's callings by undaunted faith and belief in oneself. Barnes' one-woman play is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Ballroom.

For more information, visit: <http://diversityta.com/artist.html?id=105>.

On Thursday, Mar. 24, Women Empowering Women present a movie showcase of "Precious," from 7 p.m. to

9 p.m. in room 272 of the James M. Baker University Center .

Based on the novel "Push" by Sapphire, Precious is a 2009 American drama film directed by Lee Daniels. Claireece Precious Jones endures unimaginable hardships in her young life. Abused by her mother, raped by her father, she grows up poor, angry, illiterate, fat, unloved and generally unnoticed. So what better way to learn about her than through her own, halting dialect.

Finally, on Thursday, Mar. 25, "I Didn't Cry," a one-Woman showcase by actress Sergia Perez, will be presented from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center ballroom. Perez presents a lecture and dramatic play, based on a true story, about domestic violence. This production seeks to transform, inspire and encourage healing through its dynamic presentations and workshops on these issues and more facing young woman today.

For more regarding this performance, visit: <http://diversityta.com/artist.html?id=106>. ■

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a member, often of the majority group, who works to end oppression by supporting and advocating for the oppressed population. Attending the Safe Space training is one way to serve as an ally and can provide you with a chance to learn about yourself and others and to create a campus climate that is accepting of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion or other differences.

Register for the Safe Space Training at [multicultural@clayton.edu](mailto:multicultural@clayton.edu) by Friday, Mar. 26.

Time: 10 a.m. – noon

Location: Student Activities Center Ballroom C

Sponsored by: Department of Campus Life, Department of Counseling and Psychological Services and Gay/Straight Alliance.

## Apr. 3

### Caribbean Vibes and Latin Beats Carnival

A Caribbean and Latin Carnival will be held on the Student Activities Center Green for Clayton State and the surrounding community. A parade starting at Laker Hall will kick-off the festivities. Open to the public. Free Admission.

Time: noon – 3 p.m.

Location: Student Activities Center Green  
Sponsored by: Caribbean Student Association, Hispanic Student Association and Atlanta Carnival. ■

# Across the Campus...

## Athletics

The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association recently announced its 49 athletes and coaches winning regional awards for the 2010 indoor season. Among the honorees was Clayton State's Natasha Gass, who won USTFCCA Women's Southeast Region Athlete of the Year. This is the second such award for Gass, a senior from Augusta, Ga. She also won the award in 2007 as a freshman when Clayton State competed in the South Region. Gass was the top-rated women's long-jumper this indoor season in the Southeast Region. Her best jump of the season was 17-2.25 feet at the Tiger Invite at Tennessee State. She also jumped 15-6 feet at the Hoosier Hills Invitational at Indiana.

## English

Dr. Mary Lamb is running a contest for students to submit the cover design of the updated edition of the Writing Handbook. This can be original art (a photograph of it or we could take a photograph) or original photograph (min. 600 dpi). Themes including writing, transformation, growth, and journey. Prize: \$100 and credit in the book. Include your name, Clayton State address, year and major, and contact number. Please direct submissions and inquiries to Dr. Mary R. Lamb, mary-lamb@clayton.edu. Deadline: Mar. 26, 2010. Sponsored by Cengage Learning.

## Financial Aid

It's Money Madne\$\$ in Financial Aid! The Financial Aid Office and Veterans Affairs will host their annual Financial Aid Awareness Fair on Tuesday, Mar. 23, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Financial Aid Office suite, room 102 of the Student Center. You will be able to: Get assistance with filing your FAFSA on-line; Meet the Peer Financial Counseling staff; Attend information sessions with 2010-2011 updates on loans, Pell and HOPE; Ask ALL your financial aid questions. Refreshments will be served.

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Clayton State University will be changing its process for obtaining Federal Stafford and Federal PLUS loans beginning with the 2010/2011 academic year. Clayton State currently participates in the Federal

Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, in which students and parents obtain funds from private banks, credit unions and lenders. Beginning Fall semester 2010, Clayton State will participate exclusively in the William D. Ford Direct Loan (DL) Program, in which borrowers obtain funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education. Eligibility rules and loan amounts are identical under both FFEL and DL programs. For questions related to the Direct Loan Program that should help students and parents understand how the change will affect them please visit: [http://adminservices.clayton.edu/financialaid/Loan\\_Information/Direct%20Lending%20Questions.htm](http://adminservices.clayton.edu/financialaid/Loan_Information/Direct%20Lending%20Questions.htm).

## Library

Do you have ideas on how the library can enhance their services? The library is asking for your input and participation. Please take a few minutes to complete our four question survey. Your ideas and suggestions will help us plan and develop new services. The survey will close on Monday, May 10, 2010. Go to; <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/enhancinglibrary2010>. If you experience any technical problems with the survey, please contact (karamullen@clayton.edu for assistance.

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Are you feeling crazy and overwhelmed? Need help with a research paper? Then come to the Library's Munch & Learn sessions. On Wednesday, Mar. 24 at noon in Library room L200, bring your lunch and learn as we explore the EbscoHost's Academic Search Complete database where you can locate great articles for your information needs. Next month look Munch & Learns for JStor and Lexis Nexis database. For more details, please contact Yalonda Carson at (678) 466-4330 or yalondacarson@clayton.edu.

## Mailing Services

There's a new survey online regarding campus-wide mail services. The mail services survey starts Mar. 1 and lasts for two weeks. And, this just in... there will be a drawing for a \$50 bookstore gift card from all survey respondents. Go to <http://mailservices2010.questionpro.com>.

## NARA

There is a fantastic collaboration where Arts Clayton Gallery and the National Archives at Atlanta, will present their 2nd collaborative fine art and archival exhibit exploring "1920s: The Golden Age." Join us for the Opening Reception as we celebrate the opening of this amazing collaboration of art and history on Thursday, Mar. 18, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the National Archives at Atlanta, 5780 Jonesboro Rd. in Morrow. The event is free. Artwork featured in this show is for sale with proceeds benefiting the local artist and the artistic programming of Arts Clayton and Arts Clayton Gallery.

## OITS

Congratulations to Ben Simpson who has accepted a position in Boston. Best wishes; we will miss you! If anyone on campus needs assistance for anything that you would have contacted Ben for, please contact THE HUB.

## Operations

There will be a Facilities Master Planning town hall meeting on Wednesday, Apr. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location to be announced.

## Orientation & New Student Programs

The Office of Orientation and New Student Programs is looking for three/four new members to serve on the 2010 New Student Convocation Committee. New Student Convocation is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Aug. 13. Committee members are responsible for the overall planning and implementation of the convocation program. New Student Convocation is an exciting time when faculty, staff and all new students assemble to mark the beginning of a new academic year. The ceremony is created to formally welcome new students into the Clayton State community. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email Celena Milner at [CelenaMilner@clayton.edu](mailto:CelenaMilner@clayton.edu) by Thursday, Mar. 18.

## Public Safety

The handicap parking spaces located in the main faculty and staff parking lot will

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be temporarily designated as faculty/staff parking only, due to construction activity that will close off access to the handicap sidewalk. There will be temporary handicaps spaces designated in parking lot C located across from Clayton Hall to offset any deficiencies.

**Student Affairs**

The Division of Student Affairs will host its Annual Student Leadership and Involvement Awards Program on the evening of Thursday, April 15. Clayton State University student leaders and organizations make significant contributions to the campus environment and surrounding communities. The Student Leadership & Involvement Awards provides the Division of Student Affairs with an opportunity to recognize those outstanding students and organizations for their hard work and dedication. Recognized student organizations and individual students who are interested in applying for an award can download the application from the Department of Campus Life website: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campus-life/>. Nominations and application packets for awards should be submitted to the Department of Campus Life in the Administrative Suite, upstairs in the Student Activities Center. Applications are due by Friday, Apr. 2.

**Student Veterans Association**

On Monday, Mar. 22 and Thursday, Mar. 25, buy Student Veterans Association home-baked goods and a drink and write a message for a Wounded Warrior. All messages will be inserted into plastic Easter Eggs w/candy and delivered in baskets to the Wounded Warriors at Shepherd Center/SHARE Initiative. Net proceeds will go toward purchasing gift cards for the SHARE residents. In the James M. Baker University Center, on Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**The City of Morrow**

The City of Morrow presents the Southern Leprechaun Jubilee on Wednesday, Mar. 17 — St. Patrick's Day — from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at OldeTowne Morrow (next to Southlake Mall.) Featuring: performances by The Ballybeg Band and Drake Irish Dance of Peachtree City; Irish-inspired food provided by Maguire's Pub, City Harbor and Southern Poundcakes; inflatable devices for the kids to enjoy; and a green Olde Towne Fountain.



*Life's Transitions...*

*Congratulations to University Relation's part-time writer Ciji Fox on the birth of daughter Anaya Kay Perry born Mar. 3 at 7:40 p.m. (7.1 lbs, 18"). Mother and baby are doing well.*

**Bjoran Accepted To MIT Graduate Program In Sciences Writing**

Kristina Bjoran, a resident of Stockbridge, Ga., and a graduate of Clayton State University, has been accepted in the MIT Graduate Program in Sciences Writing.

A Dean's List student during her undergraduate years at Clayton State, Bjoran graduated following the fall 2009 semester with a B.A. in English with an emphasis in writing (specifically, creative writing.)

"She has been an absolutely wonderful student and is a great young person I feel very fortunate to have crossed paths with. I am terribly proud of her," says Dr. Brigitte Byrd, Clayton State assistant professor of English. "I think this is wonderful news and such a great achievement, one which says quite a bit about our English program at Clayton State University." ■

**Clayton State Alumna Tami Petty to Debut at Lincoln Center**

Soprano Tami Petty, a 1994 graduate of Clayton State University, will be making her solo debut at New York City's Lincoln Center on Monday, Mar. 22.

Petty, who graduated from the then-Clayton State College with a B.M. in Music Performance, will be performing with Voices of Ascension in Rossini's Petite

Messe Solennell at 8 p.m. at Alice Tully Hall's Starr Theatre, 65th Street and Broadway in New York.

Petty is the recipient of The Elizabeth & Michel Sorel Charitable Organization's inaugural Emerging Artist Award. The Sorel Charitable Organization, a non-profit foundation whose mission is to create opportunities for women in music, is sponsoring Petty's performance at Lincoln Center.

Sorel's Emerging Artist Award is designed to give gifted women professional expo-

sure in the world's major concert halls. The Organization will arrange annual appearances of the Emerging Artist with varying ensembles and artists, as well as cover the artist's fee for each performance. The Sorel Organization's Executive Director Judy Cope is overjoyed to launch this new program, and to honor Tami Petty as its first beneficiary.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award," says Cope. "Many young singers feel pressured to perform strenuous repertoire before their voices are ready. Ms. Petty has taken a difficult road by allowing her voice the necessary time to develop, and we are honored to be in a position to reward her sustained patience and dedication with performance opportunities that finally let her shine."

For more information on Petty, go to her website; <http://www.tamipetty.com/>. ■

## 2010 Division of Student Affairs Student Leadership and Involvement Awards

The Division of Student Affairs will host its Annual Student Leadership and Involvement Awards Program on the evening of Thursday, Apr. 15.

Clayton State University student leaders and organizations make significant contributions to the campus environment and surrounding communities. The Student Leadership & Involvement Awards provides the Division of Student Affairs with an opportunity to recognize those out-

standing students and organizations for their hard work and dedication.

Recognized student organizations and individual students who are interested in applying for an award can download the application from the Department of Campus Life website: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/campuslife/>.

Nominations and application packets for awards should be submitted to the

Department of Campus Life in the Administrative Suite, upstairs in the Student Activities Center. Applications are due by Friday, Apr. 2.

For questions or additional information about this event or the application process, please contact the Department of Campus Life at (678) 466-5433 or via email: [studentleadership@clayton.edu](mailto:studentleadership@clayton.edu). ■

### Department of Campus Life Honored by Georgia College Personnel Association

The Clayton State University Department of Campus Life recently received the Georgia College Personnel Association's (GCPA) Outstanding Student Learning Program of the year for the 2009 Diversity and Multicultural Conference.

Lakiesha Cantey, assistant director for Campus Life, was presented with the award at the GCPA Annual Awards Luncheon. Instituted in 2000, this award recognizes innovative practices of student affairs division or office that promotes the goals of student learning and personal development.

Clayton State's first Diversity and Multicultural Conference was a one-day event that featured 12 educational presentations focusing on various topics pertaining to privilege, race, sexual identity and bias, stereotypes, discrimination, cultural competency, and mentoring underrepresented populations. Majority of the presenters were faculty and staff from Clayton State University, representing both academic and administrative departments, including: School of Nursing; Visual and Performing Arts; Division of Student Affairs; Counseling and Psychological Services; Communication and Media Studies;

Psychology and Human Resources; Disability Resource Center; and Special Grants and Projects. In addition, there were presenters from the University of Georgia's Department of Multicultural Services and Programs and African American Cultural Center and Georgia Perimeter College at Dunwoody's Social Sciences Department.

More than 160 participants from Clayton State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia, Georgia Perimeter College, and Culture Connect Inc., attended the event. Approximately 85 percent of the attendants were students and 15 percent were faculty, staff, and members of the community.

The keynote speaker, Tim Wise, is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in the United States.

"His message was powerful and captured everyone's attention. He focused on how Barack Obama's emergence as a political force has taken the race debate to new levels," says Cantey. "His message triggered many to reflect on their own beliefs and actions."

Recipients of the GCPA Outstanding Student Learning Program have traditionally demonstrated the following: the spe-

cific goals of the program complement and reflect the institution's commitment to student learning and personal development; the program facilitates the interaction between institutional resources and the student population to achieve learning and personal development; the program demonstrates collaborative efforts between student affairs units and other institutional units to promote student learning and personal development in a cooperative environment; and the program uses local institutional-based assessment and research findings as well as information from the broader field of higher education.

The Diversity and Multicultural Conference was the first state-wide initiative to focus exclusively on helping students, faculty and staff in higher education in becoming culturally competent leaders. Overall, the first Diversity and Multicultural Conference was successful and well-received by the campus and surrounding community. The Department of Campus Life is looking forward to making this an annual event. ■

## Spring Retirement Seminars

Please plan to attend one of several retirement seminars and/or counseling sessions beginning Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2010 and ending Thursday Apr. 1, 2010. The upcoming seminars and counseling sessions will provide information and guidance on retirement and/or social security benefits.

### TRS

On Tuesday, Mar. 23, TRS representatives will conduct a Pre-Retirement Workshop for employees within five years of retirement. The workshop will be held in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education in room 331, from noon to 1 p.m.

The seminar will provide information on:

- Planning your retirement
- Retirement plans and benefits
- Calculating your benefit
- Applying for retirement
- Benefit payments
- Working after retirement

One-on-one counseling sessions will also be offered on Wednesday, Mar. 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday, Mar. 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All counseling sessions will be held in the Harry S. Downs Center in rooms 323 and 331.

Participants attending the one-on-one counseling sessions will be able to receive individual benefit estimates; detailed information about TRS retirement options; more in-depth information about purchasing service; and answers to individualized questions.

To register, please access the following web site: [www.trsga.com](http://www.trsga.com). Please note: only employees within five years of retirement may register.

### TIAA-CREF

Am I on the right financial track for retirement? Do I need to save more to reach my financial goals? What asset allocation mix and investment strategy is best for me? If you need answers to these questions or others, please plan to attend a confidential, one-on-one counseling session with a TIAA-CREF representative. The sessions will be held in the Lecture Hall, room B14, on Monday, Mar. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To schedule a counseling session, contact Tonya Damon-Holland at 1-800-842-2003, ext. 26-3532.

### VALIC

On Mar. 30, Rex Cagle (financial advisor), will conduct a "Revisiting Retirement" seminar in the James M. Baker University Center (downstairs in the Center for Instructional Development), room 138, from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. The seminar will provide information on risk management, investment planning, tips on developing a personal financial plan, as well as outline action steps/strategies that will help you achieve your financial goals.

You may register at <https://my.valic.com/seminars>. The registration code is CSUMOR11AB.

### Social Security Administration

Plan to attend a Social Security Pre-Retirement seminar on Wednesday, Mar. 31, in the James M. Baker University Center, room 322, from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. A Representative will discuss Social Security benefits, including information on eligibility requirements, online services, effects of retiring at various ages, disabled children under the age of 18, Medicare Part A, B, and D, widows benefits, windfall elimination, and effects of earned income and retirement benefits.

### Fidelity Investments

Ryan Hunt will present "Achieving a Sound Retirement" on Thursday, Apr. 1, in the James M. Baker University Center, room 267, from 11 a.m. to noon. The sem-

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## Fiscal Year End 2010 Deadlines

### **Requisition Deadline Based Upon DOAS Guidelines:**

- Mar. 5, 2010 - Complex services and/or goods, conducted by use of an RFP and/or construction contracts. These requests must be received by DOAS by March 12, 2010.
- Mar. 26, 2010- Request for Quotes (RFQ) agency contracts, open market/one time purchases.
- Mar. 26, 2010- Request for renewal or extension of current contracts.

### **Bids posted by CSU, not on State contract:**

- May 14, 2010- Last bid opening date for FY10 purchases.

### **Purchase Requisitions Submitted to Procurement Services:**

- May 14, 2010-All purchases requiring a purchase order.\*  
\*Anything requested after this date must be approved by Budget & Finance.
- May 21, 2010-No change orders to PO's after this date.

### **P-Card Cutoff Dates:**

- May 7, 2010- Suggested last day to use the p-card so that the purchase will be posted to the May Visa statement (received in June). Any purchases on future statements will be charged to fiscal year 2011.

### **Budget Amendment Requests:**

- May 3, 2010- All budget amendments for FY 2010 submitted to Scott McElroy.

### **Check Request and Travel Reimbursement Deadlines:**

- June 18, 2010- Last day the Travel and Expense module will be available for reimbursement requests for fiscal year 2010.
- June 11, 2010 – Last day to submit all check requests with appropriate documentation for FY2010.

*Any questions, contact Procurement Services at extension 4280. ■*

# Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Careers and Student Programs

Thursday, Mar. 18th

11:30am – 12:30pm, University Center, Room 262

- Learn about a career opportunity unlike any other.
- Discover how you can have a global impact.
- And show the world a side of America it has never seen.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet with a representative from the U.S. Department of State about the diverse range of careers available. If you would like more information visit [www.careers.state.gov](http://www.careers.state.gov).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Start early...finish ahead)

### Practice Interview Day

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Students gain valuable experience by having a practice interview with an employer. The employer conducts a realistic practice interview and then provides feedback about the student's interviewing skills. Students must schedule practice interview times in advance. Limited appointment times are available. Contact Career Services 678-466-5400 or visit the Student Center, Suite 250

### Business Etiquette Luncheon & Effective Networking

Thursday, April 8, 2010

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Student Activities Center

Tickets on sale now!!

Includes multi-course lunch and training

Purchase advance tickets - \$15

Office of Career Services, Student Center, Suite 250

To see the organizations that participated in the CAREER EXPO

\*\*\* Logon to Laker CareerZone, then select "Events" \*\*\*

## RESUME CRITIQUED "ON THE SPOT"

Walk-In Resume Review Come to Career Services between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. any Wednesday. Bring a printed copy of your resume. Remember, first come, first served.

## ATLANTA AREA CAREER FAIRS

(Information purposes only; no affiliation with Clayton State)

### GACE College-to-Career (C2C) Fair

April 13, 2010

Workshop for students 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Career Fair 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, GA
- Participating Colleges and Universities
- Information for Students
- List of participating companies (changes daily)

Professional Dress Required and Bring Plenty of Resumes!

### On-Campus Recruiting

(Employers will setup on Main Street in the University Center. You may come as you are)

Tuesday, Mar. 16th

11am – 3:00pm

Georgia Army National Guard

Wednesday, Mar. 17th

11am – 2:00pm

Colonial Life

### EMPLOYER INFORMATION SESSIONS

RSVP is Required

Thursday, Mar. 18th

11:30am – 12:30pm

UC Room 262

Department of State

Tuesday, Mar. 23th

11:30am – 12:30pm

UC Room 265

Atlanta's John Marshall, Emory, GSU, Mercer University, UGA Law Schools

### THIS WEEK'S FEATURED JOBS

There are many jobs available in the Metro-Atlanta area. Once you have logged on to the SWAN PORTAL click on the Career Icon, then choose the Jobs and Internships tab to view Laker CareerZone and NACElink Networking positions.

### eVestment Alliance LLC

Associate SQL server

Database Administrator

Marietta, GA

Full Time

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Public Health Apprentice Program

Nationwide, US

Internship/Co-op

### Thacker Caskets, Inc.

Sales Representative

Macon, GA

Full Time

### Emagination Computer Camps

3D Animation Instructor/ Game Design Instructor

Atlanta, GA

Full Time

### Office Depot

Customer Service Associates / sales

McDonough, GA

Part Time

### League of Women Voters of Georgia

Intern Atlanta, GA

Internship/Co-op

### Best Buy

Geek Squad

Morrow, GA

Full Time, Part Time

### CSU Bookstore

Bookstore Clerk

Morrow, GA

Temporary/Seasonal

### Asta Publications, LLC

Editing Assistant

Graphic Design Assistant

Marketing Research Assistant Publicity Assistant

Stockbridge, GA

Internship/Co-op

### Six Flags Over Georgia

In-Park Staff Auditor

Austell, GA

Temporary/Seasonal

### PrePaid Legal Services

Independent Associate

Nationwide, US

Full Time, Part Time

### US Army Reserve Command

Student Career Experience Program

Atlanta, GA

Full Time

### The Home Depot

Bilingual Cashier (Spanish/English)

Bilingual Cashier (Vietnamese/English)

Cashier

Lumber/Building Materials Sales Associate

Riverdale, GA

Part Time

### Hormel Foods

<http://www.hormelfoods.com/careers/default.aspx>

### The City of Riverdale, GA

<http://www.riverdalega.gov/jobs.aspx>

### Time Warner

<http://www.timewarner.com/corp/careers/index.html>

### Guaranty Bank

<https://recruiter.kenexa.com/guaranty/cc/Home.ss?cid=bupJEdUjsTs%3D>

## INTERNSHIP NEWS

### THE GEORGIA COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

<http://www.georgiacountyinternships.org>

Association County Commissioners of Georgia

(ACCG)

Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education

(ARCHE)

Seeking an internship? Contact Bridgette McDonald, Associate Director of Career Services at [BridgetteMcDonald@clayton.edu](mailto:BridgetteMcDonald@clayton.edu) or (678) 466-5400.



The 2010 Career Expo

### Business, cont'd. from p. 1

Clayton State, as he leaves to assume the position of dean of Business at Abu Dhabi University in the United Arab Emirates.

“You’re always excited when your home receives accolades from others,” said Chacko during the morning ceremony in the School of Business’ capstone classroom. “This is my last day at Clayton State and I’d like to say how grateful I am to have a part in the process.”

Clayton State dedicated the School of Business Building on Oct. 1, 2008.

“This building was constructed to serve the needs of businesses south of I-20,” said Chacko at the October 2008 ribbon-cutting ceremony. “These needs include general business education, small business development, consulting, and training and development.”

The School of Business Building is 15,000 square feet on two floors.

The funds for the building (\$4 million) came from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and were originally targeted to renovate the existing Administration Building. However, when foundation issues were discovered in the Administration Building, it was decided that it would be more cost effective to use the money to build a new School of Business building as an addition to an existing building.

According to Flynn, the School of Business Building won the award for using concrete in an innovative manner, in that it’s constructed, “sort of like using giant Lego blocks.”

“This is an extraordinary example of a wise use of resources,” said Hynes of the building in his remarks at the award ceremony. “It combines design, functionality and ambiance.” ■

### Seminars, cont'd. from p. 9

inar will provide employees an opportunity to explore their plan benefits in more depth; tap into Fidelity’s experience and guidance; and to make sound decisions that will help them meet their savings goals.

To register for the upcoming workshop and/or to schedule a confidential, one-on-one consultation, call 1-800-642-7131 or visit [www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations](http://www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations). ■

### Trivia Time

## Punch Drunks

by John Shiffert, University Relations

He was a mild-mannered waiter who went absolutely bonkers upon hearing “Pop Goes the Weasel.” So naturally (or maybe soytaintly) he ends up in the boxing ring as “K.O. Stradivarius.”

The movie short’s name was “Punch Drunks,” and the actor was the one-and-only Jerome Howard, better known as Curly of The Three Stooges. And maybe he was a victim of soyicumstance, but when his brother Moses (Moe) sends him into the ring, he’s unbeatable as long as Larry Fine (born Louis Feinberg on the corner of Third and South in Philadelphia) is there with his violin, fiddling away with “Pop Goes the Weasel.” Of course, Larry’s violin (“My Stradivarius!” he exclaims) gets broken in the climatic scene, and he ends up stealing a sound truck playing “Pop Goes the Weasel” and crashing it into the arena.

Maybe you had to be there, or maybe, as B.D. Stillion claims, it’s a Y chromosome thing. (Her comment on this one... “I’m ashamed to answer this one, but it’s ‘Trivia Time,’ so just on principle.”) But this second of the Stooges film shorts (written by Moe, Larry and Curly, BTW) has seldom been surpassed for low humor.

“Classic morning TV growing up... my mom hated us watching it, which made it even more fun!” says Norman Grizzell in a typical “Y” response as the first correct answer with “Weasel.” However, he was also the only male respondent... defending Trivia Time champion Lou Brackett was second with the weasel answer, and Jill Ellington chimed in with both the weasel and K.O. Stradivarius answers. Just to keep the Trivia Points straight on this two-parter... Weasel: Grizzell, Brackett, Ellington, Debye Baird and Stillion. Stradivarius: just Ellington and Stillion.

In honor of their recent 11th birthday, we’ll turn this week’s Trivia Time over to Jared and Joseph Shiffert, who also recently earned their own trivia credentials by leading the Brooks Elementary School Academic Bowl team to second place (out of 56 schools) in the West Georgia RESA Regional Championships. Here’s an actual Academic Bowl question... see if you’re smarter than either of these fifth graders (no fair googling it... they didn’t have access to the internet during the competition)... what was the name of the dance in “Alice in Wonderland” wherein the dancers flung their crustacean partners into the ocean? Send your answers, not to Jared and Joseph (since they don’t have email), but to their father, at [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu). ■

# Sports

## But Fall to Tusculum in NCAA First Round

# Lakers Take Peach Belt Women's Basketball Crown

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Paced by a stellar performance by guard Teshymia Tillman, the Lakers women's basketball team won its third Peach Belt Conference Tournament championship in the last six seasons with an impressive 94-75 victory over Francis Marion last week. The victory improved Clayton State to 24-6 and clinched the Lakers' sixth straight NCAA Division II National Tournament berth.

"For us to control that game the way we did, I'm still a little bit in awe of our kids," said Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox. "We just had a resolve about us today and I'm impressed by the way we hung together.

"Because of the way we've been playing, that's why I believed (in us). Not because of anything done in the past."

However, in the first round of the NCAA Division II Southeast Region Tournament, the second-seeded Lakers were upset by seventh-seeded Tusculum. The Lakers could not stop a late rally by the Pioneers and lost, 69-63 at Lander's Horne Arena. The defeat ended 19th-ranked Clayton State's season at 24-7 overall.

"I really don't know why, but we didn't play with the energy that we've been playing with," said Cox. "That's real important for us to play our style and to have the success that we've had this year and every

year requires a great amount of energy. I'm going to have to go back and ask myself and figure out why. I thought we did what we normally do in preparation."

Clayton State held a 52-42 lead with 11:07 remaining in the game, but Tusculum finished the game on a 27-11 run.

In the Peach Belt championship contest, Tillman had a banner game for the Lakers with a career-high 34 points and a career-high 15 rebounds in garnering PBC Tournament Most Valuable Player honors. She tied both the Clayton State and Peach Belt Conference single-game record for field goals with 14, and missed tying the Clayton State single-game scoring mark by one point.

In addition, Tillman became the first Clayton State player to eclipse 500 points scored in a season. She ended the season with a Clayton State women's record 525 points.

But Tillman wasn't alone in the Laker glory. Tanisha Woodard recorded her second straight double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Genesis Kelly scored 13 points off the bench and Lesheria Stevens added 12 points. Woodard joined Tillman on the All-Tournament team.

Clayton State built a 16-point lead early against Francis Marion and stretched its lead to as much as 22 points. The Lakers shot 54 percent from the field in the first half. However, Francis Marion finished the half on a 23-7 run on the strength on three 3-point baskets by Nicole Mealing to trim the Clayton State lead to 49-44 at halftime.

"They're (Francis Marion) so explosive that you know no lead is safe," Cox said. "It felt like a one-point game the whole game to us because that's how much respect we have for them. They cut the lead down to five, quickly, just before half and even though we were frustrated with that at halftime, it may have been a blessing in disguise because it showed us that it can happen again.

"We did a better job of staying focused."

Stay focused the Lakers did. Clayton State opened up the second half with a 15-4 run to take a 16-point lead and never looked back. Twice, the Lakers increased its lead to 20 points, including 82-62 on a jump shot by Kelly with 5:27 remaining.



Clayton State in the spring.

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