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It all Started with a Coffee Social: Serving Student Veterans at Clayton State

by Shiraz Karaa, Counseling and Psychological Services

As the nation welcomes the return of veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who will take advantage of the expanded GI Bill education benefits, Clayton State University, among other post-secondary education institutions, will see and has seen an increasing number of soldiers who are pursuing higher education opportunities.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2009, the Clayton State campus was bustling with activities honoring our student veterans. However, only a little over a year ago, few veterans on this campus would have expected institutional recognition for their service and most of the campus community was unaware of the unique needs of those who served this country and who now deserve to be served.

The manner in which student veterans services initiatives began at Clayton State is unique to Clayton State. The beginning of a supportive network for student veterans began to take shape at the first Veterans Coffee Social, held in a classroom on Feb. 6, 2008. Working with student veterans who sought services at the campus counseling center, I recognized the need for a comprehensive support program for these students whose academic, social, and psychological needs differ from those of other college students.

How would I reach out to the hundreds of veterans walking around the campus to let them know that support is available to them right here and now? The answer was to have a coffee social inclusive of stu-

dents, faculty, staff, and community resources, such as the Vet Center that became part of the referral and support network for many of our student veterans. Ten participants who consistently showed up at the first coffee socials to find camaraderie in this group of fellow veterans formed a committed group that became the Clayton State Student Veterans Association (SVA).

Serving as the SVA advisor fueled my commitment to expanding services for student veterans. The task of communicating the veterans' needs to the university officials who could influence policy while at the same time continuing to provide

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Clayton State Supply Chain Management Program Drawing Attention from NCR

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University's Supply Chain Management program, a part of the University's AACSB-accredited School of Business, has caught the corporate eye of global technology giant NCR.

A minor under the School of Business' Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Supply Chain Management has been a part of the University's undergraduate offerings since 2001, when Dr. George H. Messer, Jr., was named as the first holder of the Charles Schmidlapp Conklin Chair/Eminent Scholar in Logistics/Supply Chain Management. Currently held by Dr. James Keebler, the Conklin Chair is supported in part by the Charles Schmidlapp Conklin Trust and the Georgia Eminent Scholars Program. The Conklin Trust was formed in 1985 in memory of Charles Schmidlapp Conklin

by his wife, Margaret B. Conklin, and his son, then-Clayton State University Foundation Trustee Charles S. "Chuck" Conklin, II.

With NCR in the process of moving its corporate headquarters from Dayton, Oh., to Suwanee, Ga., CEO Bill Nuti has credited the supply chain management programs at Clayton State and Georgia Tech as one of the reasons the company is relocating to Georgia. In a recent interview with Canada's Business News Network, Nuti said, "Georgia Tech, as well as Clayton [State] University down there have wonderful supply chain management curriculum. So our access to talent there for that discipline is very high."

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Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Creates New Chapter at Clayton State

One of Clayton State University's outstanding academic programs is being recognized with the creation of a new honor society on campus.

The Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society has created a new chapter at Clayton State. The Alpha-Nu-Psi Chapter was installed on Friday, Nov. 13 in a ceremony at the National Archives at Atlanta adjacent to the Clayton State campus.

Professor Wendy Turner of Augusta State University represented the national organization at the event, wherein eight Clayton State University

students were inducted into the society in the presence of faculty, friends, family, and university officials.

The charter members of the Alpha-Nu-Psi Chapter include Janie Bachelor (Jonesboro), Helen "Lou" Brackett (East Point, and an instructional designer in the Clayton State Center for Instructional Development), Patrick A. Coleman (Jonesboro), Rosemonde Fetiere (Stone Mountain), Jacob D. Fountain (Jonesboro), Maureen S. Keillor (Fayetteville), Joshua D. Reynolds (Stockbridge), and Gwendolyn F. Turner-Filardi (Duluth). According to Alpha-Nu-Psi chapter advisor and Assistant

Professor of History Dr. Randall Gooden, each of these students satisfied the requirements for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, which include a 3.0 overall grade point average and 12 hours in history with a 3.1 average in those courses.

Phi Alpha Theta was created in 1921 at the University of Arkansas and has welcomed 360 chapters and more than 350,000 members. Anyone interested in more information about Phi Alpha Theta may contact Gooden at RandallGooden@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4817. ■

Clayton State SNA Wins Chapter of the Year at GANS

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Several students from the Student Nurses Association (SNA) at Clayton State University recently attended the 57th annual Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS). Clayton State's SNA Chapter was awarded the highest honor of Chapter of the Year and Advisor of the Year.

"It feels amazing to be elected Chapter of the Year. It is so satisfying to receive recognition for all the hard work we've been doing, but I also want to remind everyone that we have to give most of the credit to last year's board as they were the ones who made us what we

are today," says Clayton State SNA President, Lora Liu (Peachtree City).

Katrina Barnes, R.N., M.S., clinical assistant professor of Nursing and lab coordinator, was recognized as SNA Advisor of the year.

the state. I am very proud of all of them," says Barnes.

The Clayton State chapter also won best website and newsletter and the banner competition and fundraising event. The theme for his year's banner was "The Many Faces of Nursing" which encompassed different areas of nursing. It is now on display in Clayton State's Harry S. Downs Center.

Liu was elected the GANS legislative director. Clayton State student Loan Nguyen Land (Atlanta) was also elected to the GANS Executive State Board. Land, the SNA webmaster, has been elected the GANS EKG director. ■



SNA banner

"I am very excited and honored to get this award. We have some really great students who have worked very hard to try and win the state awards. I have enjoyed helping them in reaching their achievements. Clayton State SNA has made a name

for us with the other Nursing schools in

Clayton State University Starts Beautification Project at Main Entrance

The Landscape Management Department of Clayton State University's Office of Facilities Management has begun an area beautification project at the North Lee Street and Clayton State Boulevard main entrance to the University campus.

Under the direction of Donald West, the project will proceed for the next couple of weeks, creating green space after the recent renovation of the main entrance, notably the building of a wrought iron fence and new sidewalks along Clayton State Boulevard and North Lee Street. The project consists of laying sod, planting annuals, sewing seed and designing flower beds.

Doing the actual landscaping will be Landscape Management's Craig Lyles, Joshua Johnson, Christopher Martin,

James Coursey, Ricardo Pascual and William Bedingfield. According to West, they'll be laying tall fescue sod and creating planting beds on the islands at the intersection of Clayton State Boulevard and North Lee Street. In addition, the planting bed located below the Clayton State University planter at the Clayton State Boulevard entrance will be raised and filled with colorful annuals.

"We will also cultivate, throw seed, and cover the seed with wheat straw along selected areas near the railroad crossing," adds West. "The area on the right (on North Lee Street) as you exit (the campus) will be transformed into a planting bed.

"As time and resources allow we will continue this effort throughout the rest of the campus." ■

Dr. Samuel Maddox to Speak At November Service Learning Series

The month of November for the Clayton State University Department of Campus Life's Service Learning Series is dedicated to the issues of hunger and homelessness. Dr. Samuel Maddox of the Clayton State University Department of Psychology will facilitate this month's discussion.

All who are interested in the causes, effects and possible solutions to hunger and homelessness on both a local and national level are welcome to come and

participate in the discussion. The session will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Clayton State Lecture Hall, room B-12.

As part of the month of November's for the Service Learning Series, Clayton State students will also take a hands-on approach to addressing the issues of hunger and homelessness by volunteering at the Saint Francis Table Soup Kitchen located in downtown Atlanta on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 a.m. ■

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Recently in Columbus, Ga., Peter Dorsman, senior vice president, Global Operations for NCR, also mentioned Clayton State's program at the ribbon cutting of the company's new ATM advanced manufacturing plant.

NCR's notice of Clayton State is more than just talk. According to School of

Business Dean Dr. Jacob Chacko, he has been in touch with Dorsman and his assistant Mike Groesh, and a meeting has been scheduled for Chacko to visit NCR headquarters in Suwanee on Nov. 20, "to discuss the specifics on how we can partner." ■

New Instructions for Emergency Text Messaging

The Emergency Text Message Channel is still available on the SWAN Portal. However, if it is not visible, it will need to be added to the user's layout. This can be done as follows:

1. Log into the SWAN
2. Navigate to the tab where you would like the Emergency Text Message channel to appear
3. Click the Customize (+) Icon from the SWAN Icon Menu.
4. Search for "Emergency" in the pop-up search form.
5. Click on the "Emergency Text Messages" link in the resulting list
6. Click the green "Add to This Tab" button

The Emergency Text Message channel should now be present on the current tab.

According to Tom Marshall, OITS is going to push this channel out to the "My Tab" tab.

The layout of the channel has been improved considerably since this notification was last sent, including adding a drop-down list so that the user can select their carrier. This automatically selects the correct format for the email address based on the carrier without the user having to have prior knowledge of it. Also added has been an "opt out" option for people who had previously signed up and want to remove themselves.

ew Instructions:
Select your carrier, enter your phone number and click save.

That's it! ■

Parkerson a Panelist on World Chamber of Commerce's "Meet The World in Atlanta Symposium"

The Atlanta-based World Chamber of Commerce's (WCC) "Meet the World in Atlanta Symposium" on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 will have Clayton State University representation.



John Parkerson

Clayton State's Director of International Programs John E. Parkerson, Jr., who serves on the WCC Advisory Board, will be part of a panel discussing strategies to become more successful in today's global economy. The rest of the panel will include several prominent diplomats, including Ambassador Andrew Young. Parkerson, who also serves as honorary consul for Hungary for the southeast United States, will be speaking on US-Hungary (plus Central and Eastern Europe) trade/commercial relations on the morning of Dec. 3.

In addition, Parkerson has also secured an open invitation from the WCC for any Clayton State University

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Dean Roberts Delivers Keynote Address at Regional Mathematics Technology Expo

Dr. Lila F. Roberts, dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State University, recently presented the keynote address at the 19th Annual Kansas City Regional Mathematics Technology EXPO the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The Kansas City Regional Mathematics



Dr. Lila Roberts

Technology EXPO is a forum for mathematics instructors at both the college and secondary levels to demonstrate how they use technology successfully in their teaching, to learn about new mathematics technology, and to discuss the philosophy and future of technology in the mathematics classroom. The EXPO is a two-day event with an average attendance of more than 140, with regular and new attendees on average from about 25 four-year colleges, 15 two-year colleges, 10 high schools, and 10 states.

Special invited speakers are selected for their contributions in mathematics teaching and nation-wide impact in the use of innovative technology for teaching math. Roberts was invited to give two presentations. The keynote was entitled "Beyond Calculators: Handheld Technologies for Math Teaching and Learning." The focus of the address was on widely available handheld devices such as iPod, iPhone,

PocketPCs and mobile computing devices, their potential for use in the mathematics classroom, and a provocative look at how current practices might be modified for inclusion and acceptance of these technologies as teaching tools.

Roberts' second presentation was entitled "Demos with Positive Impact: A Family of Resources for Teaching and Learning Mathematics." This presentation focused on a project (funded by the National Science Foundation) Roberts has worked on since 2000 with Dr. David R. Hill at Temple University to develop a web-based collection of demonstrations for teaching mathematics. Developed primarily as a resource for instructors, Demos with Positive Impact (<http://mathdemos.gcsu.edu/mathdemos>) has been widely accepted as a valuable resource for students and faculty and was awarded the 2008 MERLOT Classics Award for Mathematics. The MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) Classic Awards recognize exemplary online materials.

Currently under development are two new members of the Demos with Positive Impact family. Accessiblemath@mathdemos is a collection of resources that are designed for accessibility by users who have visual or hearing impairments. Mobilemath@mathdemos is a collection directed toward the use of mobile devices in the mathematics classroom. ■

Richardson Wins Grand Award in Pearson-Prentice Hall Online Teaching Competition

Sheryne "Sherry" Richardson, assistant professor of Legal Studies in the Social Sciences Department of the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State University was recently recognized with a significant honor.

Richardson was named the Grand Award Winner of the Pearson-Prentice Hall

Online Teaching Competition. The competition, hosted by the American Association of Paralegal Education, was held in Portland, Ore. The winning submission featured the instruction of agency law in a web-based environment. It included a two-part time-released discussion on posting, video introduction and conclusion, PowerPoint online streaming

lectures, an instructional tutorial and animated characters of the professor and the parties to a case.

Richardson also notes that the services of the Clayton State Center for Instructional Development were instrumental in compiling the winning entry. ■



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outreach and support to this unique student population felt like an overwhelming but very important and invigorating venture.

Next came developing the vision of a comprehensive and sustainable veterans' assistance and outreach program that fosters a smooth transition for student veterans and their families into higher education. The goals within the framework of this vision provided a clear framework for establishing a Veterans Success Program (VSP) at the University. In July 2008, the Veterans Task Force (VTF) committee was formed of a dynamic group of cross-campus personnel and a number of student veterans. This committee is currently developing strategies for aligning the existing needs of student veterans with campus resources including a review of how academic credit is awarded for military service, the launching of a veterans online newsletter on this coming Veterans Day, and developing a faculty and staff training program that promotes understanding of veterans' specific issues – to name a few items. The task of communicating the veterans' needs to the university officials via a formal report to the President's Cabinet will be another important committee function.

We now come full circle to the opening line of this article. The Clayton State campus will be bustling with activities honoring our student veterans on Veterans Day this year. The SVA is spearheading a two-day activities program in collaboration with ROTC, Orientation and New Student Programs, and Alpha Kappa Lambda in honoring veterans on their special day. Local VFW groups will be invited as honored guests. The variety of activities will feature the posting of colors by the ROTC Color Guard and a war memorabilia display of faculty and staff who are veterans. A reception open to the public will follow the posting of colors.

The desire to serve those who served is becoming more evident, as the campus community joins together in making the veterans and their families feel welcome and supported. My hope is that within a year, Clayton State University will lead the way in becoming a veteran-friendly campus. ■

Visiting Writers' Reading Series, November 19

Byrd to Read from "Song of a Living Room" in Athens and Atlanta

Dr. Brigitte Byrd, assistant professor of English at Clayton State University, is taking "Song of a Living Room" around the state of Georgia.



Dr. Brigitte Byrd

"Song of a Living Room" (Ahsahta Press) is Byrd's recently-published third book of poems, and Byrd

has two readings of "Song" scheduled in the next week. Also appearing at these readings will be poet/photographer Kate Greenstreet, who is the featured artist at the final fall semester 2009 Visiting Writer's Reading Series at Clayton State.

Byrd and Greenstreet will be reading in the VOX Series, held at Cine, 234

W. Hancock Ave, Athens, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Two days later, on Thursday, Nov. 19, Greenstreet will be reading at Clayton State in room 272 of the Baker Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of the Visiting Writer's Reading Series. Greenstreet will read from her latest book of poetry, also recently published by Ahsahta Press (<http://ahsahatpress.boisestate.edu/subscription.htm>), "The Last 4 Things."

Then, on Friday, Nov. 20, Byrd, Greenstreet and Scott Wilkerson will be reading at the Beep Beep Gallery, 696 Charles Allen Dr., Atlanta at 7 p.m. ■

Across the Campus

Athletics

For the third time in its program history, the Clayton State Laker men's soccer team boasts having a Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year. The Lakers' Kyle Timm was selected as the PBC co-Player of the Year for this season. Timm shares the honor with Lander senior forward Adam Arthur. Timm joins previous Clayton State players Tonny Madegwa (2007) and Marco Capazario as PBC Player of the Year winners for the Lakers. The senior midfielder from Johannesburg, South Africa, led the PBC in assists with nine, and has been the Lakers' captain and offensive playmaker all season. He tied the Clayton State single-game record for assists (three) against UNC Pembroke in the PBC Tournament quarterfinals. In addition to Timm, Clayton State also had goalkeeper David Cristofoli and defender Liam Brown get selected first team All-PBC, while forward Leighton Fredericks was a second team selection.

Clayton State Chorale

The Clayton State University Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present the fall 2009 performance of the Clayton State Chorale, on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. in the University's world-famous Spivey Hall. The Chorale's Fall Concert is free and open to the public and will be conducted by Clayton State Director of Choral Activities Dr. Shaun Amos.

Golden Key

On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the Clayton State chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society inducted its new members for 2009/10.

Political Science

The final "New York Times" Talk of the fall semester at Clayton State University will focus on "Darwin and Evolution." The "New York Times" Talk will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in room T152 of the University's Clayton Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and is open (and free) to all interested parties. To cover all the bases on this sometimes controversial subject, Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Joseph Corrado, Clayton State campus coordinator of the American Democracy

Project, has assembled facilitators from the disciplines of Biology, Philosophy and Religion. Clayton State Assistant Professors of Biology Dr. Barbara Muslof and Dr. Samantha Fowler will be joined by Clayton State Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Alexander Hall and Columbia Theological Seminary's Mark Douglas. A free lunch, courtesy of the "New York Times" and the American Democracy Project, will be provided to those who attend.

Public Safety

The new date for the next showing of the Department of Public Safety's "Active Shooter" presentation video and PowerPoint will be Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in room 272 of the Baker Center. All are welcome to attend.

Staff Council

Thanks to all who participated in the Staff Council Raffle. The money raised will go to a family in need this holiday season. The winners of the raffle are: Rosemary Fisher (Library) \$25; Vicky Stewart (Nursing) \$50; Donna Miller (Bursar's) \$50.

Theatre

Clayton State Theatre Director Phillip DePoy knows a good play when he reads one. So does the Process Theatre Company, which included Clayton State University Theatre major Kalani Fraser's one-act play, "Hydrangeas" in its Fourth Annual New Play Read-A-Thon. While DePoy is understandably pleased at this honor for one of his students, he's not exactly surprised. Fraser, a resident of Fayetteville and a graduate of Fayette County High School, wrote "Hydrangeas" in DePoy's playwriting course.

Clayton State Theatre Director Philip DePoy, will be reading from his latest book, the historical thriller "The King James Conspiracy," on Monday, Nov. 16, at the main branch of the DeKalb Public Library, 215 Sycamore St., in Decatur, Ga. DePoy is featured on a 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. "Author Talks" twin bill for ages 18 and over with fellow Georgia

writer Ray Atkins, the Rome-based author of "The Front Porch Prophet" who will be reading from his new novel, "Sorrow Wood."

WiSTEM

Chad McDonald, security analyst at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, will speak at Clayton State University on Thursday, Nov 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room UC 416 of the James M. Baker Center. WiSTEM (Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is sponsoring the presentation, which is free and open to the public.

Women's Forum

Bidding is now open for auction items in the Women's Forum Auction. You can view and bid at:

http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/wom_forum/OnlineAuction/BiddingSheet.aspx.

University System

The new link to The University System Supplement is at: http://www.usg.edu/news/publications/category/system_supplement_a_report_of_the_georgia_board_of_regents/.

Annual Women's Forum Auction, Chili Cook-Off, and Quilt Raffle Set for Nov. 19

The Clayton State Women's Forum continues its annual tradition of holding fall fundraising events with all proceeds going to the Women's Forum Scholarship Fund.

"Our priority this year is to focus on these events which will provide resources for our ongoing scholarship awards," says Dr. Cathie Aust, Women's Forum president. "The primary mission of Women's Forum is to support our students and enhance their efforts to attain success."

Established in September 2002, the purpose of Women's Forum is to promote and enhance the professional, educational, and cultural position of Clayton State women students and employees through programming, mentoring, and advocacy. A principal goal of the Forum is to provide scholarships and to build a scholarship endowment. Since its inception, Women's Forum has awarded \$28,280 in scholarships to students and \$1,000 in scholarships to staff members. The organization has also raised \$19,200 towards funding an endowed scholarship.

This year's activities include the Seventh Annual Auction. The format, which originally started as a traditional silent auction on one day, has evolved into a week-long online auction. Bidding began on Nov. 12 for items with a minimum bid of \$21. To place your bid now, visit http://adminservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum/OnlineAuction/BiddingSheet.aspx. All items will be on display beginning at 10 a.m. on Nov. 19 on Main Street in the James M. Baker University Center. Laptop bidding stations will be available. Bidding closes at 1:30 p.m. Payment accepted for bidding items is cash, check, MasterCard, or Visa. Look now to find some terrific treasures and monitor bids.

Auction items are also presented in a second category as PayNGo with prices of \$20 or less. Cash-only sales begin at 10 a.m. on Nov. 19 on Main Street. Come early for the best selection.

Buy tickets now for the Quilt Raffle to win a beautiful 78" x 90" quilt handmade by Lou Brackett. Raffle tickets are one dollar each or six for five dollars. Tickets may be purchased from Pam Healan (Clayton Hall/T211), Francine Mocniak

(UC250), Marcia Price (UC142), Delores Toothaker (MUS202), Vickie Fennell-Smith (STC270) or Dolores Cox (STC 228). The drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the auction.

The Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off is a flavorful and tasty tradition. A prize is given for the best chili in each category; Judges' Choice and People's Choice. Chili will be served on Nov. 19 in the Baker Center Commons from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the chili runs out. The cost is \$5 for chili, cheese, crackers, and drink.

How can you help? Shop the Auction. Buy a Quilt Raffle ticket. Sample some chili. Every dollar counts towards scholarships. ■

To place your bid now, visit
http://adminservices.clayton.edu/wom_forum/OnlineAuction/BiddingSheet.aspx.



Raffle for a handmade quilt by Lou Brackett



Bid on items in the Online Auction



Stop by the Fourth Annual Chili Cookoff

Clayton State to Serve as Co-Convenor for Atlanta's Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Town Hall on Race

The Georgia Humanities Council has been asked by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (authorized by Congress and headquartered in Washington, DC) to convene one of 11 national town halls taking place during 2009 in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

The Atlanta Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Town Hall on Race, "Unfinished Work: Race, Civility and Equality of Opportunity" will be held in two parts, a leadership portion taking place on Dec. 2, 2009 at Morehouse College and a larger conversation to include the public taking place on Dec. 9,

2009 at the Cecil B. Day Chapel at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. Clayton State University will serve as the co-convenor of these two events.

The purpose of these town halls is to:

1. Engage the broadest range of individuals and groups in the commemoration.
2. Through education programs, public forums and the arts, provide an opportunity to reexamine Lincoln's legacy in our 21st century democracy.
3. Reassess the foundations of America's commitment to freedom and to racial

equality. (Lincoln will be reassessed as well, because he is an American role model for the world on human rights and freedom.)

4. Evaluate progress made on the nation's "unfinished work", as Abraham Lincoln mentions in his Gettysburg Address.

More information on these town halls, including the agendas, will be forthcoming. Dr. Mark May, chair of Clayton State's Civic Engagement Committee, will be the contact person for the University. ■

Sigma Tau Delta Inducts 25 New Members

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta (STD), the International English Honor Society, recently inducted 25 English and Education members. After their oaths, led by chapter President LaNesha Lamar, they enjoyed a candle lit reception with catered food, various desserts, and soft jazz playing in the background.

"While the primary goal of the organization is to honor and promote excellent scholarship in English studies, Clayton State's chapter, Alpha Nu Xi, focuses on ways that writing and literature can be used to improve the community," says Dr. Susan Rashid Horn, Clayton State assistant professor and director of the Writer's Studio.

The new members will join current members in writing a proposal and grant to add more printers and copiers on campus. Also, the Alpha Nu Xi chapter of STD is preparing to launch two new scholarships. One will be an essay competition for freshmen that promote safe sexual practices on campus. The other scholarship is designed for members of the Alpha Nu Xi chapter who have demonstrated outstanding community service.

New inductees:

Education majors:

Chiara Browning (Providence, R.I.)
Christina Craft (McDonough, Ga.)
Brenda Young (Atlanta, Ga.)
Shirell Harry (McDonough, Ga.)
Lorena Jenkins (Conyers, Ga.)
Kristie McFadden (Charleston, S.C.)
Shinelle Murrell (Lithonia, Ga.)
Lashonda Smalls (Atlanta, Ga.)
Joan Wendaur (Fayetteville, Ga.)
Stephanie Ziesel (Marietta, Ga.)
Dawn Compton (Mableton, Ga.)
Thomas Lynde (Middleboro, Mass.)
Jennifer Morrison (Hoschton, Ga.)
Michelle Parks (Jerseyville, Ill.)
Sarah Shelby (McDonough, Ga.)
Raechel Waddy (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

English majors:

Benjamin White (Douglasville, Ga.)
Vickie King-Rice (Washington D.C.)
Mai Shelton (Jonesboro, Ga.)
Jennifer Cox (Jonesboro, Ga.)
Tristan Santiago (Ellenwood, Ga.)
Jarvis Watkins (Jenkinsburg, Ga.)
Shavonia Frank (Lake City, Ga.)
Lacey Hill (Ellenwood, Ga.)
Shannon Polson (Stockbridge, Ga.)



Congratulations to University Image & Communications Web Support Specialist Leanne Bradberry who is expecting a baby boy due January 20, 2010. A special thanks to those who joined us for her shower!

Spivey Hall Plans Busy Weekend Before Thanksgiving

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall has a busy three days planned for the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Starting with a performance by the Spivey Hall Honor Chamber Orchestra on Friday, Nov. 20, the Hall will be hosting three concerts in three days.

On Friday, Georgia State University music faculty member and noted clinician Dr. Clinton "Skip" Taylor will showcase the artistic achievements of 45 talented metro Atlanta high school string players in the concluding concert of their multi-day workshop experience at Spivey Hall. The Spivey Hall Honor Chamber Orchestra concert will start at 7:30 p.m., admission is just \$5.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the Brasil Guitar Duo, João Luiz and Douglas Lora, make their Spivey Hall debut at 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$35.

Emerging strongly as the preeminent guitar duo of its generation, the Brasil



Guitar Duo combines classical guitar duos with a high-spirited mix of contemporary Brazilian music, enthraling audiences with the energy and artistry of their performances. Classical Guitar hails the maturity of musicianship and technical virtuosity of their debut CD as "simply outstanding."

Then, on Sunday, Nov. 22, Clayton State's own Clayton State University Chorale,

under the direction of conductor Dr. Shaun Amos, will be singing in a free, 3 p.m. concert presented by the Clayton State Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

For more information on these performances, go to the Spivey Hall website at www.spiveyhall.org. ■



Nontraditional Students Week

The Clayton State Office of Orientation and New Student Programs collaborated with various other campus departments last week to celebrate the success of nontraditional students.

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students who might want to attend the Symposium, held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Atlanta.

"This event provides superior business community networking opportunities for our students," says Parkerson. "Last spring semester, when I taught International Management, I obtained an invitation for my class to attend with me at the Four Seasons Hotel an evening WCC reception and program on international trade. Each student remarked to me afterward how valuable she found the experience and networking opportunities from attending a high-level international business event." ■

A Math Colloquium on “Ratatouille,” “Finding Nemo,” “Cars” and Splines

Have you ever thought what Ratatouille, Nemo and Lightning McQueen have in common? Well, as your children can probably tell you, they’re all popular animation characters created by Pixar.

How are they created? With the help of splines. In the past 50 years, splines (i.e. piecewise polynomial functions) have become a well-established tool in approximation theory and numerical analysis (as well as animation.) They are used for a variety of purposes, including approximating curves and surfaces, fitting data, computer-aided geometric design (CAGD), computer-aided manufacturing (CAM), numerical solving of ODE’s and PDE’s, and image processing.

If this sounds interesting, or if you want to know the story behind Mater and Dory, then you are invited you to the Mathematics Colloquium at Clayton State

University on Monday, Nov. 23, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room UC 272 of the James M. Baker Center.

The speaker will be Dr. Yuliya Babenko, an assistant professor at Sam Houston State University. Her topic? “The Mathematics of the Ratatouille Recipe.” Babenko has authored more than 20 articles in numerical analysis, computational geometry, spline theory, computer aided geometric design, and approximation theory. She is also an active participant in many international conferences and workshops and has participated in numerous panels including “Teaching in the American Classroom” at the Center for Teaching at Vanderbilt University.

Babenko’s talk will present a brief introduction into the development of splines as well as their usage for adaptive interpolation of functions. Recent research on

asymptotically optimal methods of adaptive spline interpolation and approximation in various settings will also be discussed. And maybe Lightning McQueen will show up. ■

Jobs! Jobs! 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.

First Steps

First Steps Service Provider
Stockbridge, GA
Internship/Co-op

Byrd's Nest Childcare, LLC

Teacher - Pre-School
Fairburn, GA
Full Time, Part Time

Business and Technology Outreach Corporation

Business Major, Math/Science Teacher, and Coach
Lake City, GA
Internship/Co-op,
Temporary/Seasonal

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET Program)

Assistant Language Teacher & Coordinator for Int'l Relations
Nationwide,
Japan
Full Time

Yellowstone National Park Lodges

Various positions in Hospitality, Lodging, Food and Beverage
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming
Full Time, Internship/Co-op,
Temporary/Seasonal

EDUCON, LLC

EPA Internship
Nationwide, US
Internship/Co-op

Lanier Parking Systems

Event Parking Attendants
Atlanta, GA
Part Time

CSI Laboratories

Lab Assistant - IHC/Histology
Alpharetta, GA
Part Time,
Temporary/Seasonal

Martindale-Hubbell Career Center for legal jobs

<http://www.martindale.com/Careers/Careers.aspx>

Ben Hill Board of Education

<https://www.astihosted.com/bhc/JAM/defaultApplicant.asp>

Clayton State Men Drop 2-1 Double-Overtime Decision to Lander in PBC Semifinals

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The opportunity for a Peach Belt Conference championship and a possible NCAA Division II National Tournament berth came to a heartbreaking conclusion for the Clayton State Laker men's soccer team in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament.

Battling rival Lander tooth-and-nail for two overtimes, the Lakers dropped a 2-1 decision in the PBC semifinals at Blanchard Woods Park. Clayton State finishes 11-6-1 overall.

Clayton State took a 1-0 lead in the 23rd minute when Brian Endres scored inside the penalty box off an assist by Kyle

Timm. However, Lander (12-5-1) got the equalizer in the 64th minute with Aaron Britain scoring off a give-and-go assist by Adam Arthur.

The game went into the second overtime before Lander's Andy Ludewig scored in the 106th minute off an assist by Jamie Ramm.

Clayton State goalkeeper David Cristofoli recorded two saves, as did Matthew Atkinson from Lander. The Lakers out-shot Lander 16-10. ■

“Take A Kid to the Game” Dec. 3 and Dec. 12

The Clayton State men's and women's basketball teams are inviting local youth for its annual NCAA® Basketball “Take A Kid to the Game®” for two dates in December. The Laker men will host Truett-McConnell College on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. while the Laker women host Carson-Newman College on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

All Laker home basketball games are played at the Athletics & Fitness Center on the campus of Clayton State University in Morrow.

Area youth (12 & under) are invited to attend these special dates and receive a free ticket with the purchase of a full-priced (\$5) adult ticket. Youth will have the opportunity to experience the college game-day atmosphere and some exciting action as they watch the Lakers compete for a win.

Clayton State is hosting one of more than 700 games that will be played across the nation as part of the Take A Kid to the

Game (TAKG) program in its 15th season. The project is a grass roots initiative that attracts the nation's youth and encourages adults to take kids to area college basketball games.

Tickets for these special games can be purchased at the door one hour before the scheduled tipoff time. For more information, contact the Clayton State Athletic Department at (678) 466-4679 or visit <http://athletics.clayton.edu/> on the web. ■

Trivia Time

I've Been Through The Desert with a Witch with No Name...

by John Shiffert, University Relations

The name of the Wicked Witch of the West may have stumped a lot of people, but those who knew that her name was Elphaba (from Gregory Maguire's novel “Wicked,” by the way... L. Frank Baum never named her) were moved to new heights of creativity.

Take former Clayton State Psychology Professor and thespian Dr. B.D. Stillion. That's her response in the headline. Then there was the always-creative Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, who can usually be counted on to come up with a good line. “...and your little dog, too!” was his response, echoing one of Margaret Hamilton's famous lines from the Wizard of Oz movie. And, of course, defending Trivia Time champion Kelly Adams and former titlist Rob Taylor noted that Maguire derived “Elphaba” from the initials of Oz author L. Frank Baum. (Sound out the syllables.)

Still, none of these clever souls took home first place (although all get a Bonus Point for creativity.) That honor went to Roxanne Dilbeck. Chronologically she was followed by Stillion, Adams, Zeller and Taylor.

Having approached the Land of Oz in a roundabout manner... it's time for a two-parter. First; what did the Scarecrow say (in the 1939 movie version) when the Wizard gave him his “brains?” Second; what famous comedian played the Tin Man in an earlier, silent movie version of the Wizard of Oz? Send your answers, not to Kansas (and, besides, Baum was from South Dakota) but to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

Sports

Mutiso, Ellis Earn Division II Cross Country All-Region

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Clayton State University had two representatives selected to the Division II All-Southeast Region team of the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Earning All-Region honors for Clayton State was Fidelis Mutiso for the men, and Chelsea Ellis for the women.

Mutiso, a junior from Nairobi, Kenya, earned All-Region honors for the first time in his Laker career. He's enjoyed a banner season in which he's won the Southern Challenge, placed fourth at the Peach Belt Conference Championships and seventh at the recent NCAA Division II Southeast Regionals, earning him a berth in the upcoming NCAA Division II

National Championships in Evansville, Ind., on Nov. 21.

"Fidelis capped off a fine season with making the All-Region team and making it to the national meet as an individual," said Clayton State head coach Mike Mead. "He worked consistently and hard since the summer and his hard work paid off."

It was a breakthrough season for Ellis, a junior from Port St. Lucie, Fla., taking over as the Lakers' No. 1 runner on the women's side. She capped the season by finishing third at the Peach Belt Conference Championships and 10th at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regionals.

"Chelsea trained hard this summer and was our most consistent runner this fall," Mead said. "I look forward to see what she can do in track this spring." ■

13th-Ranked Clayton State Women Roll to 101-58 Exhibition Rout Over LaGrange

After falling 80-49 in its exhibition opener at Georgia, the 13th-ranked Clayton State Laker women's basketball made a 180-degree turnaround on Thursday with an impressive 101-58 rout over visiting LaGrange in its second preseason exhibition, this one at the Athletics and Fitness Center.

The Lakers forced LaGrange, an NCAA Division III program, into a whopping 43 turnovers for the game with 26 steals. In return, Clayton State scored 58 points off Panther turnovers, including 32 on fast-break opportunities.

The Lakers scored the game's first 15 points, and built a 19-point lead in the first 10 minutes on a lay-up in transition by Genesis Kelly. The Lakers a 46-33 lead at halftime.

Kelly opened the second half with a 3-point basket in the early seconds for the Lakers, and Clayton State never looked back. The Lakers started the second half on a 17-5 run to lead by 25 points at the 14:58 mark on a Teshymia Tillman lay-up.

LaGrange never got closer than 22 points after that. Hall drained a 3-point basket to give the Lakers a 31-point lead with 5:58 remaining, and Clayton State closed out the final seven minutes on a 20-3 run.

Seven players scored in double-figures for the Lakers, paced by senior forward LaDe'Sha Stoudemire with 17 points and Hall with 16 points. Tanisha Woodard scored 15 points, followed by Breanna Fort with 14 points, Kelly with 13 points, Tillman scored 12 points and Latonda Bruce added 10 points.

Clayton State officially opens the 2009-10 season on Nov. 25 at home against Albany State. ■

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