

# **Clayton State Honored by Commencement Speakers**

#### by John Shiffert, University Relations

It is not uncommon for universities to honor individuals at graduation. Indeed, the graduates are being honored for the years of effort involved in earning their degrees. In addition, there are often occasions where a specific individual may be honored with an honorary degree, as was the case in May 2010 when Clayton State University bestowed an honorary doctorate on its "father," the University's founding president, Dr. Harry S. Downs.

Then there are the times that the university itself is honored. One of those special moments took place on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, during the fall 2010 Commencement ceremonies, when Clayton State was honored by the presence of not one, but two extraordinary commencement speakers, University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr., and Clayton State Professor of Mathematics Dr. Cathie Aust. While coincidental that both Davis (in June 2011) and Aust (December 2010) are retiring from the academy, it can certainly be said that they both made memorable farewell speeches to the 470-some graduates, faculty, staff, family and friends at the capacity twin ceremonies.

Davis went first, speaking at the 9 a.m. ceremony and setting an unofficial Clayton State Commencement speaker record for most times interrupted by applause. Alternating an excellent sense of humor with his more serious comments, and giving his audience both the hard facts of higher education in the second decade of the 21st Century as well as reasons for optimism, Davis sent a message to all within earshot of the impor-

tance of education, notably higher education, to the United States, the State of Georgia, and the Clayton State graduates present in the University's Athletics & Fitness Center. Perhaps the best way to make the Chancellor's point is to let him speak for himself...

"We cannot rest on the laurels of what has been achieved in the past. This week, a report was released detailing scores from the 2009 Programme for International Student Assessment. This initiative tests 15-year-old-students worldwide in reading, math and science. Out of 34 countries, the U.S. ranked 14th in reading, 17th in science and 25th in math.

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## Clayton State and National Archives At Atlanta Partner to Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ever since January 2001, Clayton State University has celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a special commemorative event, celebrating his life, legacy and work, and the Civil Rights movement. For 2011, the University is pleased to announce a partner for this annual event, the National Archives at Atlanta.

This year's event, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the National Archives at Atlanta facility, 5789 Jonesboro Rd., just west of the Clayton State campus in Morrow. The event's theme is, "In Step with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement." Highlighting the evening will be the exhibit from the National Archives' collections, "Revisiting the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement Through an Activist's Lens" by Dr. Doris A. Derby.

Other events at the National Archives on Jan. 20 will include two performances by the Clayton State University Gospel Choir, a talk by Clayton State sociology professor Dr. Rodger Bates on "Reflections of the Civil Rights Movement," a panel discussion, that will include Derby, "Foot Soldiers March, Act and Remember," and a special dramatic reading by Clayton State students using John Lewis' testimony from the Selma to Montgomery march.

# Inaugural School of Business Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series, January 27

Dean Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi has announced that the initial presentation in the Clayton State University School of Business Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Spivey Hall. The speaker will be W. Cliff Oxford, CEO Entrepreneur Advisors. He will be speaking on, "The Rise of Entrepreneurism the Bubble that will not Burst."

Oxford's address is free and open to the public, however, reservations are

required. Contact Wanda Bender at (678) 466-4528 or wandadavis-bender@clayton.edu to reserve a spot in what promises to be a signature moment in the history of Clayton State's AACSB-accredited School of Business.

### **Mother-Daughter Nursing Students Striving to Earn Degrees**

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Hinshaw family of Morrow, a mother and daughter team, are both currently attending Clayton State University striving to earn their BSN degrees.

Laura Hinshaw earned an associate's degree in nursing in 1983 from Clayton State and recently returned to her alma matter to enroll in the RN-to-BSN program.

"I consider myself a prudent nurse. I care about my patients and I want to do the right thing at all times. I chose to obtain my BSN because it is evidence-based that



(L to R): Laura and Anna Hinshaw

the BSN nurse achieves better patient outcomes," says Hinshaw, who has worked as a RN for 28 years.

Hinshaw, who currently works at Southern Regional Medical Center as charge nurse for the orthopedic/neurological floor, has been an inspiration for her daughter who is pursuing her own BSN.

"I am proud of her choice for profession. I can truly see that it is what God intended her to be. In her, I see compassion and a deep desire to learn and understand the concepts and knowledge needed to care for patients," she says.

"My mom never pressured me to become a nurse. Although once she noticed that I sparked an interest for nursing she began listing the pros to becoming a nurse. My mom and I are very similar and I was influenced by my mom's passion for patient care," says Anna Hinshaw.

Associate Professor of Nursing and Director of the RN-BSN program, Dr.

Karen Weaver, has had both mother in daughter in the classroom since they have began their journey toward their degrees.

"They are both pleasant, conscientious, responsible, and extremely bright students! Laura is an outstanding registered nurse and I'm certain Anna will be an exceptional nurse, too," says Weaver, who will have Laura in two courses in the spring 2011 semester.

Weaver knows firsthand what it feels like to have your child follow in your footsteps; her daughter graduated in 2006 from Clayton State's School of Nursing.

"She had always wanted to become a nurse and when circumstances in her life were such that she could attend school fulltime, she did so and graduated at age 39 with her BSN. I think there is no greater honor than to have a child follow in the footsteps of a parent," says Weaver. ■

### **Clayton State Students Participate in Mock Mediation Competition**

Clayton State University recently sent its first team to the Brenau University Mock Mediation Tournament.

Twelve teams competed, with three students on each team. Clayton State's team consisted of Courtney Pipkin, a psychology major, Matthew Shelnutt, a biology major, and Matthew Bland, an English major. Their coach was Dr. Judith Ogden from the School of Business. Each team member had an opportunity to play a mediator, an attorney, and a client. The Clayton State team did very well, often outscoring their opponents.

This is the eighth year that Brenau has hosted an Intercollegiate Mediation Competition. Judges included faculty members, and local attorneys and mediators. Students mediated disputes involving an automobile accident, damage to business property from flooding, and employment discrimination.

Clayton State's team members were all either members of the University Hearing Panel or resident assistants in the dormito-

## **Clayton State Says Farewell to International Students**

#### by Brickney Frierson, University Relations

As the fall 2010 semester ends, the Clayton State University community is saying farewell to its first international students from its bilateral exchange process. After a busy semester of academics and American culture, it is time for Zsofia Terek and Mariam Chubinidze to fly back across the Atlantic Ocean to their respective families. The young ladies will be missed by faculty, staff and students at the University.

"This was an experience of a lifetime," Terek and Chubinidze say in unison and giggle. It is clear that the ladies have developed a friendship during their semester abroad in America together.

Terek, a graduating senior from the University of Pannonia in Veszprem, Hungary, was overwhelmed by the "southern hospitality" offered by the Clayton State community. As a first-time traveler to the United States, she didn't expect to meet life-long friends so quickly.

"Everybody has been very welcoming and warm," she says.

Her roommate Chubinidze, from Georgian American University in Tbilisi, Georgia agrees.

"I enjoyed that people were interested about my country and culture," she shares. During the last week of finals, several university students surprised the ladies with a going-away party in the dorm. It was the last time for the ladies to share their experience and culture with their Clayton State classmates.

The stellar scholars had no problem exceeding in the classroom at Clayton State. For Terek, 23, the quantity of work at Clayton State was more then she was used to but prefers the additional assignments.

"The workload really makes sure that you learn and not just memorize information," she says. Fortunately, both ladies adjusted smoothly and were able to practice in a few American and Georgian classics. The ladies even completed prestigious internships in order to receive the total American college-student experience.

John Parkerson, Clayton State director of International Programs, designed a program filled with learning activities inside and outside the classroom. Parkerson, along with assistance from other faculty and staff, arranged for the ladies to attend the top Atlanta attractions and sporting events.

"He never thought his time was too precious for us," Terek says referring to Parkerson providing transportation and resources for her and Chubinidze. The exchange students toured the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coca Cola, cheered for the Braves and Falcons, and ate at a variety of cultural restaurants. They were also able to travel to Washington D.C., to explore the nation's capital and spent Thanksgiving in New York City.

"We were too busy to miss home," Chubinidze, 19, answers when asked if she ever felt homesick.

Both Terek and Chubinidze hope that their semester at Clayton State University inspires more students to take advantage of the student exchange program. Chubinidze is the first student from her home university to participate in an exchange program. She is hoping her pictures and stories influence her classmates to explore a new Courtney and culture. Terek aspires to work internationally after graduating.

## Clayton State International Students Contribute \$1 Million Plus to Local Economy

In its annual Economic Impact Statements, The National Association of International Educators (NAFSA) recently estimated that foreign students and their dependents contributed approximately \$18.78 billion to the U.S. economy during 2009/2010 academic year. That figure represents the amount of money foreign students brings to the United States to support their education, including tuition figures and living expenses. According to the NAFSA report, Clayton State University's foreign students contributed \$1,441,000 to the economy during the 2009/2010 academic year. However, the NAFSA report actually under-represents Clayton State's international student population during the 2009/2010 academic year. According to figures compiled by the Clayton State Office of Institutional Research, the University had 97 international students from 39 countries (the United Kingdom had the most - 11) in the fall of 2009, whereas the NAFSA report only lists 57 such students. Thus, a more accurate economic impact figure for Clayton State's 2009/2010 international students would be closer to \$2.5 million.

# Dr. Susan Duley Accepts Position as Dean of Dental Hygiene at West Coast University

Dr. Susan I. Duley, department head of Dental Hygiene at Clayton State University since the start of the fall 2003 semester, will be leaving the University this month to accept the position of dean of Dental Hygiene at West Coast University in Los Angeles, starting in January 2011.

"I will develop BSDH, RDH-BSDH, and MS-DH programs at the university," she says. "I look forward to this new and exciting challenge."

While serving at Clayton State for the last seven-plus years, Duley received many significant honors from her peers. Among the more recent was the 2008 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Glaxo Smith Kline Dental Hygiene Teaching Fellowship. During 2007, she was honored four

times, as an American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute Fellow, with a Scholarship award from American Dental Education Association, with an ADEA/Colgate Palmolive Allied Dental Educators Fellowship, and with an American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, consultant appointment.

While at Clayton State she has instituted a formal "White Coat" ceremony for the

University's dental hygiene students, and has seen her department's Dental Hygiene Clinic become a popular public outreach program.



Duley

Duley earned

Ed.D., from Western Michigan University, and holds three degrees, Ed.S., M.S., and B.S., from the University of Detroit Mercy. ■

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## **Clayton State Holds Fall Tutoring Blitz**

by Erin Fender, University Relations



Clayton State University's Center for Academic Success (CAS) just wrapped up another successful tutoring blitz as students are preparing for their upcoming final exams. The Tutoring Blitz was held Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 in the James M. Baker University Center Commons area.

CAS had help from various organizations on campus assisting with making this a successful event. More than 400 students attended as well as 30 faculty members.

"Dining Services provided hot coffee for everyone along with a few treats from CAS. We had the Honors students volunteering their time and members of the Math Club volunteer for the first time. A special thanks goes out to all the faculty members who provided their expertise and patience to all of the students. As always, we are so proud of our peer tutors who help make the CAS such a wonderful place to learn year round," says Kathy Garrison, interim director of CAS.

This year's event was held for the first time outside of CAS, which is located on the lower level of the Clayton State Library.

"With the more visible location, we definitely attracted a greater number of students," says Hina Rehmani, CAS tutoring coordinator.

"The additional space and change of atmosphere helped make this Tutoring Blitz the most successful ever," adds Garrison, who hopes to hold the spring Tutoring Blitz in the same location.

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Prior to the event at the archives, the Clayton State Department of Campus Life will hold a special student on-campus march from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Another part of the University's celebration of King will take place on Saturday, Jan. 22, when the AmeriCorps program will present the Second Annual Day of Service for Clayton State students.

The National Archives at Atlanta is no stranger to Clayton State... since the University has partnered with the archives on numerous occasions over the years since its new facility officially opened on July 15, 2005. Indeed, the National Archives at Atlanta has previously played a significant role on both the University's MLK Commemorative Event, and the annual Constitution Week celebrations, among many others. This year's joint MLK event is being led by National Archives Atlanta Regional at Administrator James McSweeney, with the help of a committee comprised of both National Archives and Clayton State staff.

# Across the campus....

#### Athletics

The NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) 2010 Division II All-Southeast Region team for women's soccer was released on Tuesday, and Clayton State's Cherie Sayon was honored as a third team NSCAA Division II All-Southeast Region selection. The All-Region team consists of players from the Peach Belt Conference, South Atlantic Conference and Conference Carolinas. A senior forward from Monrovia, Liberia, Sayon earns the All-Region honor for a second straight season, becoming the fifth Laker player in program history to earn All-Region in multiple seasons. She joins Nkiru Okosieme (2001, 2002, 2004), Judith Chime (2004, 2005), Olaitan Yusuf (2004, 2005, 2007) and Nkese Udoh (2005, 2006) on that level. In addition to this NSCAA honor, Sayon was also recognized this season as a Daktronics Division II All-Southeast Region selection. Sayon enjoyed another banner year offensively for the Lakers, earning Peach Belt Conference co-Player of the Year honors. She finished tied for third in the Peach Belt in goals scored with 13 and ranked fourth in points scored with 30. Sayon finished her career ranked fourth at Clayton State in goals with 27 and fourth in points scored with 59.

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The Women's Division II Bulletin for women's basketball came out on Tuesday with its first monthly awards for the 2010-11 season. In those two honors, Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox received the Women's Coach of the Month. Now in his seventh season at the Clayton State helm, Cox has the Laker women off to the best start to a season so far in program history, six of those Laker victories came in a nine-day period, culminating in winning two games against Florida Southern and Eckerd at the Eckerd Thanksgiving Classic. Cox is 158-44 at Clayton State with a winning percentage of .781, making him the second-winningest active head coach at the Division II level.

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Clayton State forward Ryan Pugh and defender Igor Lukic have been honored as a part of the 2010 NSCAA Division II All-America Team for men's soccer. Pugh was selected third team All-American, and Lukic was an honorable mention AllAmerican selection. This marks the second time in program history that Clayton State has had two players earn Division II All-American honors in the same season.

#### **Continuing Education**

Clayton State's Center for Continuing Education announces the latest students to graduate from the Event Planning Certificate Program. The program is a 36hour course taught by Qualena Odom Royes. The course introduces students to the basic elements of the industry in event management, design, marketing, and administration. Congratulations to the new Clayton State Event Planning Class Graduates of fall 2010... Nadia Brock, Tanza Cooper, Lenesia Cooper, Trenicia Groman, Stephanie Hester, Josie Kelley, Rusty Pyrda, Christie Martin, Kim McNair, Anesia Moville, Celeste Weaver, Rose Reeves, Helen Willis, and Karen Watts.

#### CSiR

To help you get into the holiday spirit, starting Dec. 1, Clayton State Internet Radio (CSiR) has committed not only their website design, but their programming schedule to have Christmas music in heavy rotation. While you can still expect to hear our usual selections of today's hits and yesterdays classics, our holiday music gallery ranges from all decades and genres.

#### **Graduate Studies**

The School of Graduate Studies fall 2010 Hooding Ceremony on Friday, Dec. 9, saw a total of 20 individuals -- summer 2010 and fall 2010 graduates from the School of Graduate Studies -- receive master's degrees from Clayton State.

#### Human Resources

The campus will be closed on Dec. 24, 2010 in conjunction with the five paid winter holidays. Employees must take Dec. 24 as a vacation day or obtain approval for flex-time during the current pay period (Dec. 11 through Dec. 24). Monthly employees may take the flex-time option by working additional hours anytime during the month of December. Additionally, the campus will be closed on Jan. 3, 2011 for the normal New Year's Day holiday for 2011.

#### Library

'Tis the season to curl up with a good

book! The Clayton State Library is hosting a paperback swap for the months of December and January in the lobby. The rules are easy. Bring a paperback in good condition; pick up a paperback book you haven't read yet. Repeat the process as often as you like. For these Swap Books, you can even keep the paperback over the holidays. Swap Books are not library owned books and have no due dates or fines. The specially marked shelves are in the library lobby and are available Monday through Friday during library hours. If you have paperback books to donate, please contact 4332 or JenniferDuke@clayton.edu.

#### Orientation and New Student Programs

New students are going to a new office suite to meet with Clayton State University's Office of Orientation and New Student Programs (ONSP) beginning Dec. 16, 2010. ONSP has relocated from the first floor of the Student Center to suite 218 on the second floor. The staff will be moving into the old Human Resources suite now that HR has moved into their new office space located at Clayton State -- East. The ONSP contact information will remain the same. For further information@clayton.edu or by phone at (678) 466-5443.

#### President's Office

We will be providing agenda details after the beginning of the new year, but we wanted to provide some advanced notice of a planned called faculty meeting on Jan. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Clayton State Theatre (A&S 132). In addition to a chance to take stock on the academic year to that time, there will be proposed changes in by laws and faculty personnel policies that are scheduled to come from the faculty senate, and that require a vote of the general full time faculty. Again, specific material will be made available after the first of the year.

#### Public Safety

Additional motorcycle parking has just been designated on campus. It is in Lot B, next to Laker Hall, and more specifically, located adjacent to the crosswalk leading to the stairs going to the University Center. For those

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# **Clayton State Statistical Highlights for 2010**

As Clayton State University approached its fall Commencement ceremonies, Director of Institutional Research Dr. Nareem Reddy was sifting through some facts and figures about the University that point out some of Clayton State's growth and successes over the past few years.

Here are some of his findings:

Bachelor's degrees awarded by the University from FY2005 to FY2009 increased by 56.1 percent, from 558 degrees to 871 degrees. This marks the second highest increase among Regional Universities of the University System of Georgia.

For the fall 2010 semester, Clayton State has the highest number of dual enrollment students among the Regional Universities with 238... an increase of more than 400 percent from the 55 dual-enrolled students in the fall 2006 semester. Clayton State's dual-enrolled students now include high school freshmen, as young as 15 years old.

Eighty-two percent of the University's full-time faculty hold doctoral degrees. In the fall 2006 semester, Clayton State had only one graduate program (the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies) with 13 graduate students. In the Fall 2010 semester there are eight graduate programs with 238 graduate students.

Clayton State's fall 2010 students come from more than 100 Georgia counties and more than 30 states. ■

## Fayette County High School Student Receives Associate Degree

#### by Brickney Frierson, University Relations

Clayton State University presented a Fayette County Dual Enrollment Program (DEP) student with an associate degree at the University's fall Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 11. Ted Allaire, a fall 2010 graduate of McIntosh High School in Peachtree City, completed his Associate of the Arts in Liberal Studies while completing high school an entire semester earlier than his counterparts.

"Earning my associate degree is one of my proudest moments," Allaire says.

"Not only is this the culmination of the last 13 years of academic achievement, but also it proves that the Dual Enrollment program truly was worth the extra effort I have put forth over the last two years."



Allaire

Allaire was inspired to enroll in the DEP after hearing a lecture from Clayton State's Dr. Kevin Demmitt and Dr. William Hagans during his sophomore year in high school.

Demmitt, the University's assistant vice president for Academic Outreach,

says, "the transition from high school to college requires a certain level of motivation, self-discipline, and ability on the part of the student. Ted has all of these characteristics and that is why he has been successful."

Courses completed at Clayton State University as part of DEP satisfy requirements for both high school and college.

The graduate is extremely grateful for the opportunity Clayton State University provided for him academically and personally. He explains that a university setting is like a, "sanctuary where I could make the most of my academic potential and interact with peers on a higher, safer, more intellectual level than I ever could have in high school."

In spring 2011, Allaire plans to transfer to Georgia State University as a juniorlevel Psychology major with a concentration in Community Psychology and minor in Sociology. He looks forward to continuing his studies and pursuing a Ph.D. in Psychology.

"Thinking about my future used to be incredibly stressful," Allaire shares. "Now, that I have something [an associate degree] to show for my labor, the stress has essentially disappeared."

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"This has real consequences. It has consequences for our ability as a nation to remain competitive globally - to continue to create the industries and workforces of tomorrow.

"Between 1994 and 2008, the United States slipped from ranking second in college graduation rates to 13th. And of the 34 countries tested, only eight have a lower high-school graduation rate than the U.S.

"As a college graduate, you are part of a privileged minority. As a nation, we need this college-educated minority to turn into a majority. We have to change these statistics.

"That change starts with us: with our commitment to invest and reinvest and invest again in education at every level from Pre-K through college. Education is truly the great transforming agent - for individuals and for societies.

"All of the problems we face today will be supplanted by new issues tomorrow. But we put ourselves in a much better position to meet current and future challenges by building and maintaining a culture of educational excellence.

"We don't need the Chinese to admire our higher education system  $\neg$  we need more Americans admiring it, supporting it, and sending their children to earn a degree. We need to ensure a greater number of future graduates from Clayton State University and our other 34 degree-grant-

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# Ask Me! Returns to Clayton State in January 2011

Ask Me! the partnership between Clayton State's Customer Service Team and the Department of Campus Life, is currently recruiting student volunteers to help welcome newcomers for the start of the spring semester.

Ask Me! is designed to help welcome newcomers and returners to the University during the start of each semester. The program features welcome tents and student volunteers wearing bright orange Ask Me! T- shirts. Volunteers are positioned in hightraffic areas around the campus to help welcome students, answer questions, and to point people in the right direction.

Student volunteers will serve four-hour shifts on the following days: Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, also from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Volunteers for Ask Me! will earn \$25 "Bookstore Bucks" for each four -hour shift (limit two shifts per volunteer). To be eligible, a student must have earned at least 15 credit hours at Clayton State University and must attend one of two 30-minute training sessions, held on Wednesday, Jan. 5 and Thursday, Jan. 6.

To learn more about Ask Me!, please contact clee14@student.clayton.edu or LakiesaCanteyRawlinson@clayton.edu.

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ing institutions here in the University System of Georgia."

As a professor who has helped define Clayton State University for the past 35 years, Aust was serving in her final Commencement ceremony as the University's faculty marshal and senior faculty member. A teacher right to the end of her official Clayton State career (she plans to go right back into teaching, mainly on the high school level, after the holidays), Aust has contributed to the success of innumerable students throughout the years. This includes high school as well as college students. Since 2006 Aust has been involved in the development and implementation of the new high school mathematics curriculum to implement the Georgia Performance Standards in Mathematics. She served as a writer and editor for extensive portions of the Georgia Department of Education's Frameworks for Mathematics I and II and, in the last two years, has provided a variety of professional development sessions for mathematics teachers in the metropolitan area and beyond. This past semester she was working with high school mathematics teachers in the Rockdale County Public Schools under an agreement between the school system and Clayton State.

Thus, it was no surprise that she used the occasion of her Commencement address to instruct the graduates in the noon ceremony of three points for their future.

"The best was to thank those who have helped you is to do the same, to help others," she said at the start of her address. Aust then pointed out that Clayton State graduates have learned, no matter what their major; they have gained considerable analytic skills. She urged the graduates to use those skills to take a reflective approach and to be, "good teachers to yourself" in the future, and to gain knowledge, "about yourself, others and the world around you." Finally, echoing some of Davis' thoughts, she concluded by requesting that the graduates appreciate a diversity of opinions.

"No one group or person has all the answers to the issues that face us today," she said. "Use your analytical abilities while remaining open to diverse ideas."



Clayton State University's fall 2010 Commencement. Speakers for the dual ceremonies were Chancellor Erroll Davis and Clayton State's senior faculty member Dr. Cathie Aust.

# Life's Transitions...

#### **Clyde Jeffreys**

Clyde Bernard Jeffreys, age 76, of Morrow passed away Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010. He was a member of The Jonesboro Masonic Lodge. He is survived by wife Mamie, the secretary in the College of Arts & Sciences before she retired, and a member of the Clayton State Retirees Association, and children: Mike (Debbie) Jeffreys of Morrow, Randy (Susan) Jeffreys of Dalton, Rick (Jennifer) Jeffreys of Canton, Brothers; James Earl Jeffreys of Texas, Leonard Jeffreys of Jonesboro, Lloyd Jeffreys of Alabama, Jerry Jeffreys of Mississippi, David Jeffreys of Alabama, Sisters; Lennice Wiley of McDonough and Edith Jezek of Alabama; Grandchildren; Chris, Brandy, Jason, Matt, Angela, Ashley, Lauren, Avery and Emily, Step-grandchildren; Amanda, Tiffani, Crystal, Kim, James and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15, in the Ford-Stewart Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in McDonough.

### **Babies on board!**

Three Clayton State staff members received early Christmas gifts this month with the arrivals of baby boys. Congratulations to Hakim Groomes, Erin Fender and Sonya Holtzclaw!



#### Welcomed on Dec. 1

The Department of Recreation & Wellness' Hakim Groomes and his wife Shameka welcomed their baby boy, **Uryah Stephan Groomes**, on Dec. 1. Uryah weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20" long. Mom and baby are doing well!



#### Welcomed on Dec. 10

University Relations Photojournalist Erin Fender and her husband Chris are very pleased to announce the birth of **Porter David Fender**. Porter was born on Dec. 10 at 6:05 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20.5" long. Mother and baby are doing great!

#### Welcomed on Dec. 17

Payroll Assistant Sonya Holtzclaw and her husband Will welcomed their son **William Frank "Frankie" Holtzclaw, IV** on Dec. 17. Frankie weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 21" long. Mother and baby are doing well! Frankie is Sonya and Will's second child, joining proud big sister Savannah, age four.



### 2010 Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting

Clayton State University held its Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting on Dec. 2. The celebration, which included guitar performances by Facilities Management's Bob Ward and a hand bell choir performance lead by Clayton State's first master's degree graduate Anna Cox, culminated in the lighting of the University Center tree. A special thanks to the Joyful Praise Ringers from Morrow First United Methodist Church for lending their hand bell talents for the celebration.



**Congratulations on your retirement, Carol!** The Office of Recruitment and Admissions held a retirement party for Carol Montgomery, assistant director, on Dec. 9. Montgomery has worked with Clayton State for more than 20 years, and we'll all be sad to see Carol venture off into her next life adventure. (L to R): *Amy Poole, Diane Burns (former Director of Admissions), Carol Montgomery, Donna Bynum, Dolores Cox.* 



# Clayton State's Golden Key Honour Society Inducts New Members

by Erin Fender, University Relations

Clayton State University's Gold Key International Honour Society Chapter held their induction ceremony on Nov. 30, 2010, in the ballrooms of the Student Activity Center.

Clayton State's chapter inducted 40 new sophomore members and 68 new junior members. Also honored were five new graduate members, Bill Furtner (Fayetteville), Corina Gill (Loganville), Marcus Johnson (Stone Mountain), Ainsley Stelling (Newnan), and Talia Thornton (Atlanta).

In addition to the new students inducted, the chapter inducted five honorary members from the Clayton State administration and faculty: President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton, Interim Vice President of Enrollment Services Dr. Mark Daddona, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Elaine Manglitz and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. John Campbell.

Golden Key International Honour Society is the world's premier collegiate honor society, with nearly two million members from more than 190 countries who have been recognized at more than 375 chapters at colleges and universities. Members of the Society gain exclusive opportunities and connections through more than \$600,000 annually in numerous scholarships and awards, partnerships with major corporations, career advancement and graduate programs.

The Clayton State chapter's advisors are Jeff Jacobs, associate dean of Students, and Barbre Berris, assistant director, Orientation & New Student Programs. The chapter was recently recognized at the 2010 Golden Key International Summit in Scottsdale, Ar., as Clayton State's Golden Key chapter achieved "Good Chapter" standing.

### Office of Counseling and Psychological Services Accredited by IACS

#### by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Clayton State University's Office of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has been accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc., (IACS) an Alexandria, Va.based organization of American, Canadian and Australian counseling agencies.

CAPS was evaluated by IACS against high standards of counseling practice and

was found to offer competent and reliable professional services to its clientele. Approval by IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development as well as demonstration of excellence in counseling performance.

CAPS is directed by Dr. Christine Smith and offers personal counseling as a university counseling center serving Clayton State students. IACS was established in 1972 to encourage and aid counseling agencies to meet professional standards through peer evaluation and to inform the public about counseling services that are competent and reliable.

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unaware, there is also designated parking for motorcycles in lot D.

#### **University Bookstore**

Congratulations to student Elizabeth Kelly who won the \$50 Bookstore Gift Card for responding the University Bookstore's annual survey! Congratulations also to student LaSandra Haynes and faculty member Steve Burnett who both won \$25 gift cards. Prize winners were chosen randomly from all survey respondents. The University

#### Mock Mediation, cont'd. from p. 2

ries. They, and other students, received basic mediation training over the summer from Ogden, Jeff Jacobs, associate dean for Housing, Residence Life, and Student Conduct, and Andre Clanton, assistant director of Student Conduct, in order to serve as peer mediators to help resolve disputes between and among students. More information please visit http://adminservices.clayton.edu/studentconduct/ProgramsandServices.htm.

#### Records, cont'd. from p. 11

tion 3-point attempt was wide as time expired.

Clayton State is off for the holiday break. The Lakers return to action on Dec. 29Bookstore would like to thank the campus community for the overwhelming response to its recent customer service survey. Almost 500 students, faculty, and staff responded. The survey revealed that nearly 90 percent of the respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the service they receive at the University Bookstore. The survey also provided suggestions for new items that the Bookstore should stock and insight into the purchasing patterns of Bookstore customers.

The peer mediators would like to hold a competition on campus this spring with the winning students going on to the Brenau Mock Mediation Competition in the fall of 2011. Any students who are interested in becoming peer mediators or in participating in the Mock Mediation Competition, should contact the Office of Student Conduct, University Center 250, Phone: (678) 466-5444, or StudentConduct@clayton.edu. ■

30, playing host to the 2010 Heritage Bank Holiday Classic at the Athletics and Fitness Center. ■

### Lukic Earns NSCAA Division II Men's Soccer All-American Honors

#### by Lee Wright, Sports Information

In what was a banner 2010 season for the Clayton State Laker men's soccer team, the postseason honors have not ended yet for the Lakers.

Clayton State defender Igor Lukic was honored on Monday as a part of the 2010 NSCAA Division II All-America Team for men's soccer. Lukic was selected first team NSCAA Division II All-American, marking the first time since Josh Grenier in 2000 that a Clayton State men's soccer player has earned first team Division II All-American honors.

Lukic helped pace Clayton State to its best season in program history in 2010, finishing 19-4 overall with a share of the PBC regular season championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight."

"I am very proud of him and it is an honor well deserved," says head coach Pete Petersen about Lukic. "He was a force defensively for us this season, and it is going to be tough to replace him next season."

A senior from Sabac, Serbia, Lukic was also a first-team All-PBC and Division II All-Southeast Region selection. He was one of the anchors to a stellar Laker defense that allowed only 19 goals in 2010 with a 0.82 goals-against average and a Peach Belt-leading 11 shutouts. He also scored two goals on the season and was a two-time PBC Defensive Player of the Week.

#### <u>Trivia Time</u>

### Hey! It's Enrico Pallazzo!

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Anytime you can bring Leslie Nielsen into the conversation, it's a bonus. Thus, last issue we went with a special bonus question in memory of the straight-faced, rock-brained Lt. Frank Drebbin of Police Squad.

With all of the hilarious moments Nielsen provided audiences, the funniest may have been his impersonation of a fictitious opera star, Enrico Pallazzo, while "singing" (to use the term loosely... "butchering" might be better) the National Anthem before an Angels/Mariners game. Check it out on YouTube some time. Among those who have seen "The Naked Gun" were; Lou Brackett, Brett Reichert, Norman Grizzell, Rob Taylor, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, and B.D. Stillion.

The regular question was much more straight-laced... what were FDR's radio addresses to the nation labeled? An easy one maybe, but, it is the giving season. Among those who knew about the Fireside Chats were; Brackett, Taylor, Grizzell, Julia Spinolo, Mike Mead, Zeller, Tom Eddins and Stillion.

Now, if you have indeed seen "The Naked Gun," then you know that Nielsen does a quick change and becomes the home plate umpire for the aforementioned equally fictitious game. In fact, that's where the "Hey! It's Enrico Pallazzo" line comes from. After he saves the day as an umpire, he takes off his mask and one of the fans recognizes him as... Enrico Pallazzo.

Anyway, not everyone in that game was an actor. Each team had a genuine baseball player in uniform... the leadoff hitter for the Mariners and the right-fielder for the Angels. Who were they?

Thus concludes the 2010 version of Trivia Time. Come back next year to see who wins the 2010 Tom Eddins Virtual Trivia Trophy. ■

# Sports

# Clayton State Sets Six Records In 112-43 Rout of Augusta State

#### by Lee Wright, Sports Information

So much having rust after a two-week lay-off.

The Clayton State Laker women's basketball team returned to action in a vengeance on Saturday with a 112-43 rout over visiting Augusta State in Peach Belt Conference action at the Athletics and Fitness Center. The victory improves sixth-ranked Clayton State to 10-0 overall and 2-0 in the Peach Belt. Augusta State falls to 6-3 overall and 0-2 in the Peach Belt.

Records fell by the wayside for the Lakers. Clayton State set single-game records for points (112), points in a half (60), margin of victory (69), assists (31) and steals (36). For Augusta State, it was the worst defeat in program history.

In the men's half of the doubleheader, shots would not fall for the Lakers as they dropped a tough 58-55 decision to Augusta State. The defeat snaps a fourgame winning streak for Clayton State, which falls to 8-3 overall and 1-1 in the Peach Belt. Eighth-ranked Augusta State escaped undefeated at 9-0 overall and 2-0 in the Peach Belt.

Offensive woes plagued the Lakers throughout. Clayton State shot only 30

percent from the field for the game, including only 4-for-22 (18 percent) from 3-point range. In the second half alone, the Lakers shot only 26 percent from the field.

The women had no such problems. Clayton State was in control from the beginning, using its press as a catalyst in forcing 46 Jaguar turnovers. The Lakers jumped out to a 23-3 lead in the first 10 minutes and pushed the lead to 30 at the 6:22 mark. Breanna Fort's lay-up with 16 seconds remaining gave the Lakers a commanding 52-19 lead at halftime.

Clayton State erupted for 60 second-half points to run away with contest. At one point, the Lakers' largest lead was 73 points, 106-33 on a 3-point basket by Latonda Bruce.

Teshymia Tillman led a balanced Clayton State scoring attack with 18 points along with seven assists as six Lakers reached double-figures. Tanisha Woodard scored 17 points, followed by Kayla Mobley and Shacamra Jackson each with 13 points. Drameka Griggs added 10 points, as did Alexiss Griffin, who was making her

Clayton State debut after missing the first nine games with an injury.

In the men's game, Clayton State remained close and within striking distance against the Jaguars. Down 11 at one point, the Lakers closed the gap to six at halftime. Clayton State kept the deficit at single-digits throughout the second half, but never could get over the hump. A jump shot by Willie Walker in the paint trimmed the Augusta State lead to 42-39 at the 9:22 mark. Timmy Downs then drained a 3-point basket to cut the Jaguar lead to 47-44 with 5:51 remaining and another 3-point basket to cut the deficit to 54-51 with 1:50 remaining. Trailing by two points, the Lakers had a golden opportunity to tie the game, but Downs missed a lay-up attempt in transition, and Andre Bachanov could not convert the follow with 32 seconds remaining.

Following two free throws by Augusta State's Tye Beal, the Lakers' Brandon Robinson hit a 3-point basket to cut the Jaguar lead to one point with 12 seconds remaining. Beal again hit two free throws with seven seconds remaining, and Downs' despera-**Records, cont'd., p. 10** 

## Petersen Selected NSCAA Division II Men's Soccer Southeast Region Coach of the Year

Fresh off pacing the Clayton State Laker men's soccer team to its best season ever in 2010, Pete Petersen is receiving some deserved recognition.

The seventh-year Clayton State head coach was honored on Tuesday as the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) Division II Southeast Region Coach of the Year for men's soccer. While this is the first NSCAA honor for Petersen at the Division II level, he was previously the NSCAA National Coach of the Year at the junior college level in 1994 after leading Spartanburg Methodist to the NJCAA National Championship. Petersen paced the Lakers to a banner season, finishing 19-4 overall, winning a share of the Peach Belt Conference regular season championship and advancing to the NCAA Division II "Elite Eight" for the first time in program history. Petersen was also selected Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year for the third time in his tenure at Clayton State.

The Peach Belt Conference title was the third for Clayton State under Petersen, as was the NCAA Division II National Tournament berth. In addition, the Lakers finished fifth in the final NSCAA Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, marking the highest finishing national ranking ever for Clayton State. Petersen is now eligible for NSCAA Division II National Coach of the Year honors. That award will be announced on Jan. 14.

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