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THE LEARNING CENTER

# SEMESTER SNAPSHOT

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## WELCOME TO OUR FALL NEWSLETTER



Dear Campus Community,

Welcome to an exciting edition of our newsletter, where we celebrate a decade of continued learning, growth, and academic success! This year marks a significant milestone for us as we proudly commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Georgia College & State University SI Program. A decade of dedication, hard work, and passion for education has brought us to this moment, and we are thrilled to share our journey with all of you.



**IN THIS NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL FIND:**

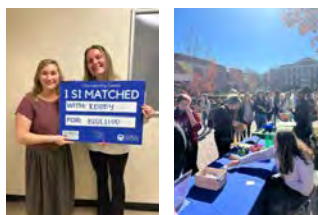
Accomplishments, Events, and Awards from the Semester





### Fall Event Flicks

Want to keep up with The Learning Center, get event updates, and see more photos like these? Follow us! @GC\_learningcenter



### A Message From Jeanne & Rebecca

We have much to celebrate wrapping up a terrific semester of creatively adjusting to meet the academic needs of our biggest first-year class! We extended our drop-in tutoring hours, added more Academic Workshops, our student computers were upgraded, our social media followers doubled, Excel Bootcamp content was revised, and we now have two more classes for tutoring support!

Beginning in the fall of 2012, a solid ten academic years ago, GC&SU centralized the Supplemental Instruction program under the Learning Center. That first year, during the fall semester, we went from about 7 SI leaders to 41 leaders, received a significant STEM grant from USG, and continued on a growth trajectory as we discovered our sweet spot. Over these past ten years, with the SI program alone, more than 26,000 (yes, 26 thousand) students voluntarily attended and utilized their SI sessions. During this time, we have had the immense pleasure of working with over 800 SI leaders and now, dozens of SI Coaches. Perhaps the most impactful bit of data is the overall averaged end-of-course persistence rate (completed the course with an A, B, or C): of the SI session Attendees, 86% successfully completed the course compared to the Non-attendees' completion rate of 68%.

We are insanely blessed with wonderful faculty partners who invest their time and wisdom into our leaders and the program. Just this month, we received our re-accreditation from UMKC, for the 2nd time. Our program was the first to receive this accreditation in the state of Georgia and we continue to be so proud of our staff and the fantastic academic support they provide.

- Jeanne Haslam, Director

It's been a busy but productive semester for the Learning Center (LC). As another semester concludes, I can't help but be thankful for the support we have received to do this important work- from faculty partners, staff who promote our services, administrators who understand our need for resources, and especially our student staff who carry out the mission of the LC. This semester our usage has increased across several of our programs. Excel Bootcamps, which only began a few semesters ago, had the highest number of attendees thus far, our FYE Workshops now span multiple department partnerships and new topics, and our Math Lab is seeing more tutoring than ever!

In addition to the usage, this semester the LC saw its first recipient of the national Tutor of the Year Award, had a staff member and student present at the Georgia Tutoring Association conference as well as 2 presentations at the annual College Reading and Learning Association conference, and a re-accreditation awarded from our Supplemental Instruction accrediting body. I started in the LC at Georgia College & State University in July of 2019 and since then, I have been fortunate to witness the LC grow in programs, student staffing, and campus outreach. Spring 2024 is already set to be a fantastic semester as we continue the work to support GCSU students. Thank you, GCSU community, for your continued support of the LC. You can follow our work and the LC student staff on our social media platforms.

- Rebecca Cofer, Assistant Director



## THIS JUST IN: SOPHIA ROCKS!

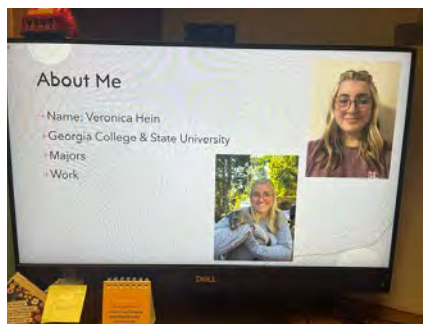
Our wonderful Tutor Lead, Sophia McNeill, received the prestigious Tutor of the Year Award from the Georgia Tutoring Association. This award recognizes her excellence in working with students, whether it's biology, chemistry, or statistics. She is a dedicated tutor, an outstanding leader, and a level 3 CRLA tutor. Congratulations, Sophia!



## UPCOMING TRAININGS

SI Leader Training - January 7th, 2024

Tutor Training - January 12th, 2024



## AN IMPRESSIVE GATA PRESENTATION

Our incredible BECK Coach Veronica Hein presented at the Georgia Tutoring Association Virtual Conference this past October. She had been working on her presentation since spring and this dedication truly showed within her work.

Her presentation was on Conference Style Training and featured different methods she learned from working with students at The Learning Center. This was a very impressive feat, and we are so proud of her!



## SI-MATCHED PROGRAM

Our Supplemental Instructors Leaders (SI's) got matched with their future professors and classes at our second annual SI-Matched event. The event served as both a celebration to kick off the semester and a way to welcome our newest SI Leaders.

## SEMESTER BY NUMBERS

Over the last decade, the SI program has seen over 26,000 students voluntarily attend and utilize SI sessions. Throughout this period, we've had the honor of collaborating with over 800 SI leaders and many SI coaches.

However, the most striking statistic is that 86% of attendees successfully complete the course with an A, B, or C grade, in contrast to the 68% completion rate for non-attendees.



## HONORING DEE FULLER

Dee Fuller was an incredible man and dedicated much of his time to volunteering as a math tutor at The Learning Center. He was known for always having a smile on his face.

One of his last wishes was to support The LC's mission. You can still donate to the LC in his honor using the below Info.

Consider donating to the LC:

GCSU Foundation, Inc. Make sure to designate it to The Learning Center. We appreciate your contributions greatly to continue assisting GC&SU students.



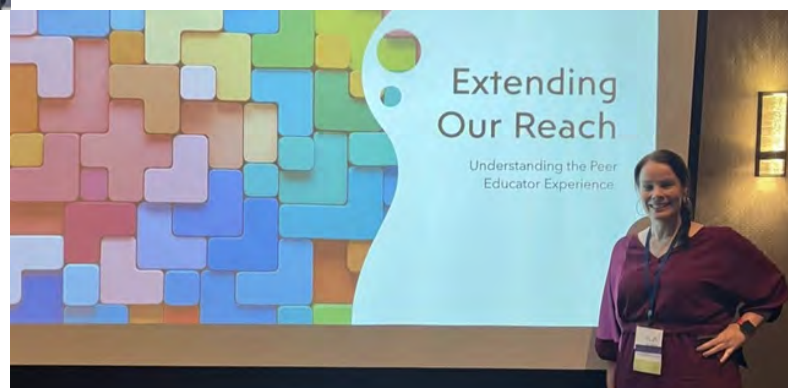


## HERE'S TO FUNDED RESEARCH!

Elizabeth Seidita and Heather Vincent, two outstanding Learning Center Staff Members, received grants this fall to continue their research. The Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society Undergraduate Research Foundation awarded them for their work in Kasey Karen's research lab. Their research is in molecular virology and immunology. Way to go!

## REBECCA PRESENTED AT CRLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our wonderful Assistant Director, Rebecca Cofer, presented at the College Reading and Learning Association Conference! She had two sessions on peer educator gains and allies in learning centers.



## HIGHLIGHTING OUR DECEMBER GRADS!

We want to thank some of our fantastic staff members who are graduating this December. Please join us in congratulating Allison White, Courtney Sandbo, and Monica Lichtenwalner!

