

# Announcements Posted Thursday

## August 1, 2024

### Request for Mass Comm practicum students for fall 2024

Communication, Department of : Thursday August 1, 2024

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Mass Comm practicum students complete 45 hours for a 1.0 course credit. All practicums must be completed on campus and supervised by a Georgia College & State University faculty or staff member.

Fall practicum student requests are due by COB Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Click [here](#) to request a Mass Comm practicum student.

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# **EXTREMELY HIGH DEMAND ALERT NOTICE: Everyone's Assistance Is Needed with Electricity Usage!**

**Sustainability, Office of : Thursday August 1, 2024**

## **URGENT NEED OF ASSISTANCE:**

Based on weather forecasted this week, demand on the power grid has increased to \$2.5/kilowatt hour, a significant increase from the normal rate. **Peak hour pricing for campus will be in effect during the afternoon hours of 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

The campus community is urged to shut down nonessential lighting and consider unplugging nonessential equipment during these peak hours. If you have access to windows, use natural light. When not using natural light, close window blinds. Turn lights off when you leave your office. Keep temperature setpoints at 75 degrees F.

The Office of Sustainability thanks everyone for your cooperation and understanding!

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<https://forms.gle/T81ZMZiu6JrkENS48>

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# The Bottom Line: A Business Blueprint for Inclusion

Inclusion and Belonging, Office of : Thursday August 1, 2024

The Office of Inclusion & Belonging, in partnership with the [Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce](#) and J. Whitney Bunting College of Business & Technology, will present “The Bottom Line: A Business Blueprint for Inclusion” on Wednesday, August 14. It will be held in the Peabody Auditorium and Kilpatrick classrooms from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This event is the second part of Making Excellence Inclusive Day for Milledgeville business and professional community.



The morning session will be a panel discussion about inclusion and the economic impact on the small business. The panelists will include:

- Marcus Green, '10, '12, Chief of Contracting, Architecture & System Engineering Division with Hanscom Air Force Base Massachusetts
- Dr. Bernard Solomon, '86, Manager of Solomon & Associates Consulting Group
- Shaneke Thomas, Employee Experience Partner with YKK AP
- Antoinette Reames, '12, Owner of Black Barby Ink

Following the panel, there will be concurrent professional development breakout sessions. The event will conclude with lunch and keynote speaker Sirnette Dickerson, Customer Success Leader with UPS Capital. The event is free and GCSU professional staff and administration are invited to attend. Please scan the QR code to register. For more information, please contact Jennifer Birch at 478-445-8520.

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# Announcements Posted Friday

## August 2, 2024

### The MAX Hours August 1-13

#### Dining Services : Friday August 2, 2024

We are excited to announce that we are hard at work creating a new and improved web experience for our dining services! This fresh update is designed to better serve our vibrant campus community with easier navigation, enhanced features and a user-friendly interface.

As we put the finishing touches on this new platform, **please note that the dining hours displayed on the current webpage may vary**. To ensure you have the most accurate information, we will post the updated hours here regularly.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition period. We look forward to sharing the complete web experience with you in the coming weeks, making your campus dining journey smoother and more enjoyable.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### The MAX

August 1-7: closed

August 8-13: lunch from noon – 2 p.m.

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[Dining Services](#)

# GCSU Athletics to hold retirement celebration for Jimmy Wilson Wednesday

**Athletics : Friday August 2, 2024**

The Georgia College & State University Athletics Department will hold a retirement celebration honoring Associate Director of Athletics and Head Golf Coach Jimmy Wilson from 2-3 p.m. August 7 in the Pat Peterson Room inside the Russell Library. Light refreshments will be served.



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# Deal Center's Lindee Morgan named to the 2024-2025 Education Policy Fellowship Program

Deal Center : Friday August 2, 2024

The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education is thrilled to announce the selection of 24 new fellows for the 17th cohort of the Education Policy Fellowship Program, including Dr. Lindee Morgan, executive director for the [Sandra Dunagan Deal Center](#) for Early Language and Literacy.



This [cohort of leaders](#) are embarking on an intensive 10-month journey through Georgia's education policy landscape that will begin in August 2024 and conclude in May 2025.

The participants will hear and discuss education policy with the most respected policy makers in the state and nation. At the end of a year, EPFP Fellows will be better informed, more skillful advocates for sound public policy.

Housed at GCSU, the Deal Center works tirelessly to provide research, professional learning and community engagement throughout the state. Morgan became Executive Director in July 2023. Before moving to Milledgeville, Morgan served as an Associate Professor in the Division of Autism and Related Disorders in the Department of Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and as the Co-Director of the Education Sciences Research Core at the Marcus Autism Center and the Co-Director of the Louise and Brett Samsky Preschool, both of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Morgan also served in academic and administrative roles at Florida State University.

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# August Newsletter: Continuing & Professional Education

## Continuing & Professional Education : Friday August 2, 2024

The Department of Continuing & Professional Education invites you to read our [August Newsletter](#). We continue to provide you with a variety of fun programs and course offerings open to anyone interested in learning or enrichment! Keep up with all the latest news and events and be sure to subscribe.



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# **Parking Advisory - Sorority Recruitment Move-In Day**

**Parking & Transportation : Friday August 2, 2024**

On Saturday, August 3, Parking Services will begin blocking off the spaces in front of each residence hall on Greene Street and at The Village apartments on West Campus to prepare for Sorority Recruitment Move-In Day, which will be on August 8.

Updated: 2024-08-01

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## **ATTACHMENT**

**Notes about attachments are on the second page of this document.**

[Move-In P&T Map.pdf](#)

# Announcements Posted Monday

## August 5, 2024

### AMP Parking Spaces

#### Parking & Transportation : Monday August 5, 2024

Select parking spaces across campus have been designated as AMP (Aims Mobile Pay) hourly parking.

Rules and Rates are listed below:

- Make sure your vehicle is registered every time you park in an AMP Hourly Parking space.
- The first 30 minutes are free to park for all campus community members.
- Each hour costs \$2.00, with a maximum of 4 hours in one day.
- Download the AMP app, register your vehicle, and get a permit each time you park in the AMP Hourly Parking space as soon as you park.
- There will be signs and QR codes you may scan in front of each space.

Download the AMP Parking app on the Apple Store or Google Play to park in these spaces.

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# The 8th Annual Making Excellence Inclusive Day

**Inclusion and Belonging, Office of : Monday August 5, 2024**

The Office of Inclusion & Belonging presents the 8th annual [Making Excellence Inclusive Day](#) on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. This year's theme is "Empowering Every Voice, Igniting Collective Success." The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The opening session and concurrent breakout sessions will be held in the A&S Auditorium and A&S classrooms. The lunch and keynote presentation will be held 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. in Peabody Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Dr. Clyde Wilson Pickett, vice chancellor for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, from the University of Pittsburgh.

[Registration is now open](#). For further information, please contact the Office of Inclusion & Belonging at 478-445-8520.

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# Announcements Posted Tuesday

## August 6, 2024

### Brian Freese Sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police

#### Public Safety : Tuesday August 6, 2024

On Friday, August 2, Major Brian Freese was sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police for [Georgia College Department of Public Safety](#). Major Freese took the oath of office from Chief of Police Wes Hardin, at left, on the front porch of Hall House.



Freese is an alumnus of the College of Charleston and Mississippi State University. Prior to joining GCSU, Freese spent more than 18 years at the University of Georgia. Most recently Freese served Athens-Clarke County in the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. Freese also previously served as a police officer for the City of Winterville, Georgia.

Please join us in welcoming Major Freese to GCSU!

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# **August 14 - Schedule an in-person financial consultation with Corebridge Financial's (formerly AIG/Valic) Tom Smith**

**Human Resources, Office of : Tuesday August 6, 2024**

Tom Smith, financial advisor for Corebridge Financial (formerly AIG/Valic) will be on campus and available for one-on-one consultations Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

These consultations will take place in Kilpatrick Hall, Conference Room 221. Smith will have availability from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in 45-minute increments, which means availability will be limited. It is advised that you reserve your time ASAP.

[Click here to schedule an appointment with Tom Smith on August 14, 2024.](#)

Additional on-campus opportunities to meet with Smith have been scheduled for the same location the following dates:

- Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024
- Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024
- Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024

Should the upcoming on-campus availability not work with your personal schedule on any of these dates, you may contact Smith directly to explore other options for meeting:

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# Announcements Posted Wednesday

## August 7, 2024

### GCSU has 55 student-athletes earn D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award

Athletics : Wednesday August 7, 2024

WESTLAKE, Ohio | Fifty-five Georgia College & State University student-athletes have been recognized by the Division 2 Athletics Directors Association with their D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award.



GCSU had 23 repeat honorees, including [Anna Agi](#) (women's cross country) who received the award for the fourth consecutive year.

[AJ Mathis](#) (baseball), [Callie Miller](#) (women's volleyball), [Ashton Morrison](#) (women's tennis), [Enzo Sergi](#) (men's tennis) and [Max Sheppard](#) (men's golf) each received the award for the third year in a row, while [Kaitlyn Anders](#) (softball), [Tucker Balch](#) (men's cross country), [Sydney Charles](#) (women's soccer), [Divina Checo](#) (softball), [Shradha Chhabra](#) (women's tennis), [Gabe Cizek](#) (men's tennis), [Blane Davis](#) (men's golf), [Aralyn Everett](#) (women's soccer), [Alexa Geary](#) (women's basketball), [Rachel Machovec](#) (women's volleyball), [Brooke Mooney](#) (women's cross country), [Jillian Muncus](#) (women's cross country), [Brooke Roberts](#) (women's volleyball), [Chiara Santoro](#) (women's tennis), [Jana Shellhorse](#) (softball), [Myra Strickland](#) (women's basketball) and [Jada Warren](#) (women's basketball) each received the award for the second consecutive year.

Women's soccer led the way with 12 student-athletes, while baseball added eight and softball had seven more. Women's volleyball added six, while women's basketball had five. Women's cross country and women's tennis had four student-athletes each, while men's tennis had three. Men's golf, men's basketball and men's cross country had two each to earn the

award.

The Academic Achievement Awards, in its 17th year, is a program that recognizes the academic accomplishments of student-athletes at the Division II level. In total, 19,774 student-athletes from 192 institutions were recognized for the 2023-24 Academic Achievement Awards. It was the largest number of student-athletes being nominated since the award program's inception. The Peach Belt Conference had 565 student-athletes earn the Academic Achievement Award.

To receive the Academic Achievement Award, the student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have attended a minimum of two years (four semesters) of college level work and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during his/her last academic year.

Below are the 55 student-athletes from Georgia College that received the D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award:

Name	Sport	Academic Year Completed
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[Carter Barnes](#) Baseball So.

[Evan Cowan](#) Baseball So.

[TJ Kloiber](#) Baseball So.

[AJ Mathis](#) Baseball Sr.

[Will Sims](#) Baseball Jr.

[Tyler Smith](#) Baseball Jr.

[Bradley Wilson](#) Baseball Jr.

[Gabriel Wuerth](#) Baseball So.

Aidan Kudlas Men's Basketball So.

Oscar Lynch Men's Basketball So.

Tucker Balch Men's Cross Country Jr.

Evan Rehrauer Men's Cross Country So.

Blane Davis Men's Golf Jr.

Max Sheppard Men's Golf Sr.

Gabe Cizek Men's Tennis Jr.

Enzo Sergi Men's Tennis Sr.

Rodrigo Pérez Crespo Men's Tennis So.

Kaitlyn Anders Softball Jr.

Divina Checo Softball Jr.

Emily Hobbs Softball So.

Eliza Kuhne Softball Jr.

Caroline Pollock Softball Jr.

Jana Shellhorse Softball Sr.

Kelsey Parlor Softball So.

Alexa Geary Women's Basketball Sr.

Myra Strickland Women's Basketball Sr.

Bailey Vick Women's Basketball So.

Jada Warren Women's Basketball Sr.

Amelia Wylly Women's Basketball Sr.

Anna Agi Women's Cross Country Gr.

Lorena Cazora Women's Cross Country Jr.

Brooke Mooney Women's Cross Country Sr.

Jillian Muncus Women's Cross Country Sr.

Sydney Charles Women's Soccer Jr.

Sarah Charney Women's Soccer So.

Carter Drake Women's Soccer So.

Aralyn Everett Women's Soccer Jr.

Arin Goriscak Women's Soccer So.

Bridget Johnson Women's Soccer So.

Sarah King Women's Soccer So.

Chloe Markey Women's Soccer Jr.

Lily Markey Women's Soccer Jr.

Ava Martin Women's Soccer So.

Sarah Mason Women's Soccer So.

Grace Phillips Women's Soccer Sr.

Laura Almagro Women's Tennis So.

[Shradha Chhabra](#) Women's Tennis Jr.

[Ashton Morrison](#) Women's Tennis Sr.

[Chiara Santoro](#) Women's Tennis Jr.

[Abby Infante](#) Women's Volleyball Sr.

[Riese Johnson](#) Women's Volleyball So.

[Rachel Machovec](#) Women's Volleyball Gr.

[Callie Miller](#) Women's Volleyball Sr.

[Brooke Roberts](#) Women's Volleyball Sr.

[Hayley Shepherd](#) Women's Volleyball Jr.

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# Seeking guest discussion facilitators for Times Talk fall semester 2024

American Democracy Project : Wednesday August 7, 2024

The American Democracy Project at Georgia College & State University requests your support for another semester of engaging and lively weekly facilitated conversations on current events and topics of local and/or global public interest in any arts, sciences or humanities discipline or field. Times Talk is celebrating its 19th year as a GCSU campus tradition and a nationally innovative civic engagement program by providing a discussion space in the library for interested faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members to gather from noon to 12:50 p.m. every Wednesday to discuss a chosen topic of that week's volunteer facilitator. The facilitator spends a few minutes providing perspective and insights on the topic, uses a New York Times article or other credible news source for factual background/context and encourages participants to share their perspectives, observations, insights and questions.



Become part of the tradition by volunteering to facilitate a discussion on a topic of interest to you. Co-facilitator teams of faculty, staff, students and/or community members are encouraged. Since we can deliver Times Talk virtually, as well as in face-to-face format, we welcome international facilitator teams, as well. Here is a link to a very short introduction video about Times Talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlvCnaQM7wo>. I've attached the Times Talk tool kit which includes step-by-step directions for facilitators.

To volunteer, send your name and co-facilitators names, if any, topic idea in question format if possible, (For example: "Aid Without Saviorism: How Do We Help In Other Countries In Ethical Ways?") your contact information and preferred dates from the following options: Wednesdays—Sept. 4, Sept. 11, Sept. 18 (Constitution Week) Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 . Send this information to

[jan.hoffmann@gcsu.edu](mailto:jan.hoffmann@gcsu.edu) who hosts and serves as the introducer, timekeeper and moderator for each program. You will be contacted as soon as possible for follow up. Times Talk facilitation dates are filled on a first come, first served basis.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

**Notes about attachments are on the second page of this document.**

Times Talk Tool Kit Final.pdf

# **Sorority Move-in Day**

**Public Safety : Wednesday August 7, 2024**

Bobcats: Thursday, Aug. 8, is Sorority Move-in Day at Georgia College & State University.

Greene Street will be closed from 8 a.m. through noon. We are also expecting heavy traffic throughout the day. Please plan accordingly and help us maintain a safe and secure environment for our newest Bobcats.

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# Outdoor Emergency Notification System Test

## Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024

### Public Safety : Wednesday August 7, 2024

Georgia College & State University will test the Outdoor Emergency Notification System (siren system) Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. This test is scheduled to occur the first Wednesday of every month between 10 a.m. and noon and will last approximately one minute. No action is required during the testing, and all campus operations should continue as normal. A message stating that this is a test will precede and follow the "alert" tone. In the case of an actual tornado warning, the message would advise of a tornado warning, and the tone would cycle through. This would be repeated every five minutes until the warning expires or is canceled, at which time an all clear message would sound. The audible system test will only be tested when clear sky conditions are present. Tests will not occur when skies are dark or severe weather is predicted for the area on the day the test is scheduled to occur. In this case, the test will be rescheduled for later in the month.

There are three sirens operated by GCSU in Baldwin County: one on West Campus and two on Main Campus.

This testing program is designed to maintain a reliable warning system and to meet recommended testing guidelines. Additionally, we want to maximize the effectiveness of the Outdoor Emergency Notification System. By performing these tests, we hope to enhance awareness and education regarding emergency preparedness at Georgia College and within the local community.

For more information on the Outdoor Emergency Notification System and other campus emergency systems, [please visit the emergency systems page on the Public Safety website.](#)

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# Where the Roots Rise, an exhibition of photography by: Jaime Aelavanthara

Art, Department of : Wednesday August 7, 2024

Jaime Aelavanthara

Georgia College & State University Department of Art

Dorothy Leland Gallery, Ennis Hall

320 W. Hancock St. Milledgeville, Georgia

Aug. 22 - Sept. 12, 2024



Reception on Wednesday, Aug. 28 2024, from 5 until 7p.m. with a virtual artist talk at 5:30 p.m. in Ennis 105

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# Directions for accessing your complimentary digital academic pass subscription to the New York Times

American Democracy Project : Wednesday August 7, 2024

Did you know that every faculty, staff and student with a current active GCSU email address can receive a complimentary full access digital subscription to the New York Times? Follow the quick and simple directions to activate your academic pass: Activate by going to the website <http://accessnyt.com>. Type in "Georgia College" and choose that option, input your active Georgia College & State University email address @gcsu.edu for faculty/staff or @bobcats.gcsu.edu for students, create a personal password, check your campus email for the confirmation email you will receive shortly. Click the link to verify your account. Remember to login whenever you visit the NYT website. Download the free mobile NYT app to your IOS device (go to Apple app store) or Android device (go to Google play) or go to <https://www.nytimes.com/services/mobile/index.html>.

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# The Inclusive Leadership Certificate Program for GCSU faculty and staff

Inclusion and Belonging, Office of : Wednesday August 7, 2024

The Office of Inclusion & Belonging is now accepting applications for the 2024 – 2025 Inclusive Leadership Certificate (ILC) program. The ILC program is a professional development opportunity for Georgia College & State University faculty and staff to gain valuable skills and knowledge concerning foundational concepts of inclusion. At the conclusion of the program, participants will enhance individual aptitudes and understanding, develop the capacity to appreciate differing perspectives and experiences and acquire beneficial skills that will contribute to a welcoming and inclusive academic and workplace environment at GCSU.



Program requirements:

- Completion of a Pre- and Post-Harvard University Implicit Bias online assessment
- Four core ILC workshop sessions
- Two elective workshop/event sessions with reflections
- Group project / oral reflection

The ILC program will be held during the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Upon completion of the program, participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion in a ceremony toward the end of the spring semester.

Fall semester schedule for ILC Core Workshop Sessions:

- Friday, Sept. 13

- Friday, Sept. 27
- Friday, Oct. 4
- Friday, Oct. 18

Sessions will be held at noon. Locations TBD.

How to apply:

- Space is limited. A cohort of 5 to 10 people will be selected by OIB staff. There is no cost to participate.
- Complete an online submission form and submit a letter of recommendation from a direct report or department head.
- [Interested participants can submit applications between Aug. 7 – Aug. 28](#). Selected participants will be notified via email Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The Office of Inclusion & Belonging looks forward to having you join the ILC Cohort 2024 – 2025.

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# Announcements Posted Thursday

## August 8, 2024

### Dean Stratton named to 2024-2025 AASCU's Becoming a Provost Academy

**College of Business & Technology : Thursday August 8, 2024**

Dr. Micheal Stratton, dean of the [J. Whitney Bunting College of Business and Technology](#), is among the 38-member cohort selected by The American Association of State Colleges and Universities ([AASCU](#)) for this year's [Becoming a Provost Academy](#) (BAPA).

The yearlong leadership development program – offered in partnership with the American Academic Leadership Institute ([AALI](#)) – takes place from July 2024 to July 2025. The program kicked off at the AASCU 2024 Summer Meeting for Academic and Student Affairs Leaders in Denver at the end of July, which Stratton attended along with several other faculty and staff representatives from Georgia College & State University.



According to AASCU, "Becoming a Provost Academy offers a rich experience designed to prepare seasoned academic affairs administrators to be effective and successful provosts."

The 2024-2025 cohort is BAPA's largest ever.

"We are proud of the successful leaders BAPA has supported since its inception," said Terry Brown, AASCU's vice president of Academic Innovation and Transformation. "As regional public universities address challenges, we need academic leaders who put students at the center of their decision-making."

Stratton joined Georgia College July 1, 2020, when he was appointed as dean of the College of Business and Technology. Stratton holds a B.A. in Liberal Studies from Western New England University and both an MPA and Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Albany. Prior to Georgia College, Stratton served as both faculty and department chair at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Since 2016, 40 BAPA participants have become provosts serving at AASCU member institutions, and 10 have gone on to become presidents or chancellors.

Please join us in congratulating Dean Micheal Stratton for being selected to this prestigious program.

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# Announcements Posted Friday

## August 9, 2024

### GCSU to host Bobcat Bash and Athletics Alumni Weekend Oct. 18-19

**Athletics : Friday August 9, 2024**

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. | Georgia College & State University Department of Athletics have announced the dates for the inaugural Bobcat Bash and Athletics Alumni Weekend.



The Bobcat Bash, which is a new fundraising supporting GCSU student-athletes, will be held Oct. 18, while the Athletics Alumni Weekend, where alumni can reconnect with their teams, will be Oct. 19.

The Bobcat Bash will start at 6 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Centennial Center. The event will feature dinner, dancing and an exclusive silent auction team - all to raise funds for enhancing the student-athlete experience at GCSU. Tickets \$125 person or \$250 for a couple. A table of eight can be purchased for \$1,000. Sponsorship packages are also available. Please contact [Steve Barsby](mailto:steve.barsby@gcsu.edu) at [steve.barsby@gcsu.edu](mailto:steve.barsby@gcsu.edu) or 478-445-1778 for more information. To register for the Bobcat Bash, go to <https://give.gcsu.edu/e/bobcatbash24/>.

The Bobcat Bash also marks the kickoff of the GCSU Athletics Alumni Weekend Oct. 19 when GCSU sports programs will be hosting athletics alumni events. These events will be a great opportunity for alumni, families and friends to reconnect with their teams and engage with the current student-athletes. All alumni events are free, family friendly and open for fans to enjoy. To register for the Athletics Alumni Weekend, go to <https://give.gcsu.edu/e/athleticalumniday24/>. Be sure to visit the GCSU Alumni Tent at the Deep Roots Festival in downtown Milledgeville to

connect with the Alumni Engagement Team and pick up some exclusive GCSU Alumni merchandise giveaways.

The GCSU Athletics Alumni Weekend wraps up with our sixth annual Athletics Day of Giving Oct. 22. This day is dedicated to raising crucial support for our GCSU student-athletes, ensuring excellence in all they do. One hundred percent of your donation goes directly to the team of your choice, making an immediate impact on our student-athletes.

For questions or further information, please contact Michelle Aquino at [michelle.aquino@gcsu.edu](mailto:michelle.aquino@gcsu.edu) or 478-445-5320.

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# Internal job posting - Apprentice - Electrician I

Human Resources, Office of : Friday August 9, 2024

An internal campus search is underway for the position of the Apprentice - Electrician I. Anyone interested in applying for this opportunity is encouraged to sign in to OneUSG and enter the Recruiting Self Service module to view the job posting and apply. The application deadline is 8/15/2024.

Applying to jobs as an internal applicant can be done directly through OneUSG. Please follow this job aid for step-by-step instructions: [How Do I Apply For Internal Jobs? \(ESS Job Aid\)](#)

You will be prompted to “Login” when clicking on the link above please follow these simple steps:

Visit <https://usg.service-now.com/usgsp>.

Click Login, then Login using SSO.

Click Knowledge, then OneUSG Connect Knowledge.

Questions regarding the application process can be directed to [careers@gcsu.edu](mailto:careers@gcsu.edu).

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# Announcements Posted Monday

## August 12, 2024

### Move-in this week: Join the Cat Crew Aug. 14 and/or 15

#### University Housing : Monday August 12, 2024

Due to the anticipated number of admitted students and returning upperclassmen, we have two scheduled fall move-in dates. On Wednesday, Aug. 14, we will move more than 500 students into the West Campus Apartments, and on Thursday, Aug. 15, we will move more than 1,100 students into the Central Campus Resident Halls. We need your help!

The University's goal is to recruit more than 200 Cat Crew volunteers Aug. 14 and 400 volunteers Aug. 15 to give our students and their families a warm welcome and help them move into their campus homes.

The Cat Crew is made up of students, staff, faculty and community volunteers who work in teams to assist students in unloading vehicles and moving items into their buildings.

Please join us to be the first to welcome our newest Bobcats. If you can assist the Cat Crew Wednesday, Aug. 14, and/or Thursday, Aug. 15, please complete the sign-up sheets at: [www.gcsu.edu/housing/cat-crew](http://www.gcsu.edu/housing/cat-crew).

Thank you for participating in the Cat Crew!

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# IT Help Desk hours - Fall 2024

## Information Technology : Monday August 12, 2024

As we wrap up summer and prepare for fall classes to begin next week, please note the IT Help Desk is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to assist you this week (Aug. 12, 2024 - Aug. 16, 2024).

We will resume our normal operating hours of Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., starting Monday, Aug. 19, 2024.

Telephone and email support are provided as follows on weekends:

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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# GCSU Choral Ensembles: Open to students, faculty/staff and community members

Music, Department of : Monday August 12, 2024

Please see below to find out more information about our choral ensembles and this year's schedule. Our choirs are one-credit courses that meet for two-and-a-half hours per week. You do not have to be a music major or minor to participate. Whether you have experience singing in a choir or not, if you love to sing, please consider joining us. Students may register for the unauditioned ensembles; if you wish to audition for an ensemble, see below for details. GCSU faculty/staff and community members, please visit [here](#) for more information. Either way, if you have any questions, please email me at [jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu).



Max Noah Singers (MNS) is a choral ensemble dedicated to the study and performance of a variety of literature from madrigals and motets to modern. MNS is open by audition to all members of the university community. MNS has performed several commissioned premieres by such composers as Carrie Magin and David Hamilton. In addition to participating in the mostly classical concerts with University Chorus and Women's Ensemble. MNS also presents concerts with popular solo and ensemble music in a themed atmosphere, such as Valentine's Day Rendezvous. MNS also takes a performance, recruiting and outreach tour most years. MNS also performed at Carnegie Hall in May 2018, and traveled to Hungary and Austria in May 2016. Max Noah Singers 2025 European Tour will take place from Tuesday, June 10, to Wednesday, June 18. As part of this tour, they will participate in [Notes of Harmony](#): Berlin Choral Festival (combined gala) with conductor [Craig Hella Johnson](#) and perform concerts under the direction of Dr. Flory in Berlin and Prague. Auditions will be held August 21 and 23 and you may sign-up for an audition [here](#). MNS rehearses three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1–1:50 p.m., in Porter Hall 304. For more information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Flory at [jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu).

University Chorus (UC) is a non-auditioned choral ensemble focusing on the study and performance of music of all periods and styles. This ensemble is open to all members of the university community. Students who enjoy singing are encouraged to join regardless of major or music-reading skills. In the past, UC performed a number of choral masterworks with instrumental ensembles and professional vocal soloists, including Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music. UC also performs contemporary choral favorites such as Eric Whitacre's "Little Birds" and Byron Smith's "He'll Make a Way." UC rehearses twice a week, Monday and Wednesday, 3:30–4:45 p.m., in Porter 304. For more information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Flory at [jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu).

Women's Ensemble (WE), open to all treble-voiced members of the university community, is a non-auditioned choral ensemble dedicated to the study and performance of music of all periods and styles. WE was reconstituted in 2006, and since then has performed a variety of works for treble voices, including Kim André Arnesen's "Love's Onward Journey" and excerpts from Amy Beach's Three Flower Songs. WE rehearses twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30–4:45 p.m. in Porter 304. If you have any questions about WE, feel free to email [dana.gorzelany@gcsu.edu](mailto:dana.gorzelany@gcsu.edu).

## 2024–2025 Events

Constitution Week Concert 2024  
Max Noah Singers  
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.  
Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion

Americana  
Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church

Seventeenth Annual Holiday Concert  
Tickets Required (donations encouraged)  
[give.gcsu.edu/e/holidayconcert24/](http://give.gcsu.edu/e/holidayconcert24/)  
Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Russell Auditorium

Max Noah Singers 2024 Tour  
Sunday, Dec. 15–Wednesday, Dec. 18

Max Noah Singers Tour Homecoming Concert  
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church

Valentine's Day Rendezvous  
Max Noah Singers  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Magnolia Ballroom

From Stage and Screen  
Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church

Music at the Mansion  
Saturday, April 12, 6 p.m.  
Lawn of Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion

Max Noah Singers 2025 European Tour  
Notes of Harmony: Berlin Choral Festival (combined gala) with Craig Hella Johnson and concerts in Berlin and Prague  
Tuesday, June 10–Wednesday, June 18  
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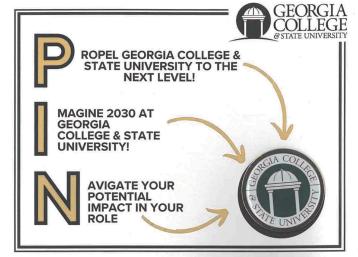
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[Music, Department of](#)

# GCSU Lapel Pins are available!

**President, Office of the : Monday August 12, 2024**

If you or someone in your department/office were not able to make it to the Faculty and Staff Fall Kickoff and you would like a lapel pin, please reach out to [marybeth.pennington@gcsu.edu](mailto:marybeth.pennington@gcsu.edu) to arrange pickup of the pins. Thank you!



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# Announcements Posted Tuesday

## August 13, 2024

### Fulbright Scholarship interviewers needed

**National Scholarships Office at Georgia College : Tuesday August 13, 2024**

The National Scholarships Office is looking for faculty and staff members with experience in international education who are interested in interviewing students and reviewing applications for the Fulbright Scholarship. This is a great, low commitment way to help our students compete on the national stage.

Panelists typically review three applications, offering feedback and participating in short interviews with students. This year's interviews will take place between the weeks of Sept. 9 and Sept. 16. To accommodate our alumni applicants, we will hold both in-person and virtual interviews.

If you are interested, please reach out to Anna Whiteside ([anna.whiteside@gcsu.edu](mailto:anna.whiteside@gcsu.edu)).

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[National Scholarships Office at Georgia College](#)

# **Dr. Buchanan, featured speaker at Coastal Georgia Historical Society**

**Government & Sociology, Department of : Tuesday August 13, 2024**

Dr. Scott Buchanan, professor of Political Science, was the featured speaker last week at the Coastal Georgia Historical Society's annual Chautauqua Lecture Series. The series features scholars and authors from around the nation, and this year's series focuses upon pivotal elections in U.S. political history. Dr. Buchanan's talk was titled "Georgia's Gubernatorial Election of 1946: The Triumph of Rural Georgia."

A link to the talk may be found here: <https://vimeo.com/event/1195663>.

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# Interlibrary Loan service interruption

**Ina Dillard Russell Library : Tuesday August 13, 2024**

Russell Library is experiencing an interruption in Interlibrary Loan services. We are working with our service provider to resolve the problem, but until the issue is resolved, Interlibrary Loan accounts will not be accessible. We will notify campus when the issue is resolved. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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# Announcements Posted Wednesday

## August 14, 2024

### Fall 2024 CTL Programming lineup

#### Center for Teaching & Learning : Wednesday August 14, 2024

Welcome back to a new and exciting semester! As we embark on this journey together, let's celebrate the strength and vibrancy of our liberal arts community. This is a time to reconnect, share our experiences and support one another in our collective mission to inspire and educate our students.

Our community thrives on collaboration, creativity and the exchange of ideas. Let's continue to foster an environment where every voice is heard and valued. As we prepare for the semester ahead, let's embrace the opportunities to innovate in our teaching, engage with our students, and make a lasting impact on their lives.

Here's to a semester filled with growth, discovery and the joy of learning. Together, we can achieve great things. Below is the 2024 Fall Semester Programming Lineup. You can register for these workshops by visiting our [registration link](#).

-The CTL Crew

#### [Digital Bootcamp](#)

Aug. 14 from 8:30 to 9 a.m. & Dec. 16 from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

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This session will explain how you can benefit from a full series of courses to maximize your learning potential. You will discuss and share experiences and strategies with your peers and learn to complete a comprehensive learning experience for the digital environment. By completing the Digital Bootcamp series, you will obtain your Brightspace Essentials or Advance Training Course for Instructors certificate and badge, one (1) of our Quality Matters (QM) course offerings, obtaining a certificate and receive a Digital Bootcamp certificate and badge as a gate-keeping criterion for instructors new to teaching online at Georgia College & State University.

### [Brightspace Essentials Training Course for Instructors](#)

Aug. 14 @ 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm & Aug. 15 @ 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm

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In this two (2) day certificated training, you can unlock the full potential of your online teaching with the Brightspace Essentials Training Course for Instructors. This comprehensive course equips you with the essential skills needed to effectively navigate and utilize the Brightspace Learning Management System (LMS). Learn to customize your course homepage, create engaging content modules, manage announcements and streamline communication with students. Gain hands-on experience in setting up assignments, quizzes and discussion forums all while mastering the grade book and personalized learning tools. Ideal for those who are new to Brightspace or those seeking to enhance their online course delivery, this training provides the foundational knowledge and practical skills to create a dynamic and interactive online learning environment. Join us and transform your digital teaching capabilities today.

### [Academic Affairs Small Grants Program](#)

Aug. 28 @ 2 p.m or Aug. 29 @ 3 p.m.

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Are you interested in applying for one of the grants being offered by Academic Affairs? Are you wanting support and guidance for preparing and submitting your Academic Affairs Small Grant? Join Jim Berger to learn steps for completing the application and receive guidance on what can be included and what to leave out. Even if you are not sure you want to apply to the programs, this session can help you think about the process and potential projects. Each of the sections will be discussed, rubrics for the different types of grants will be provided and tips on how to create a more successful application will be covered. These grant programs are open to all full-time faculty (Instructors, lecturers, tenure, tenure-track and non-tenure). Handouts will be provided, and resources will be shared.

[Roadmap Workshop - Liberal Arts Skills in the Professions and Personal Wellbeing](#)

Sept. 4 @ 10 a.m.

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Discover the power of incorporating Liberal Arts Skills in the Professions and Personal Wellbeing within your courses. Learn how to create a comprehensive roadmap that guides your class throughout the semester, emphasizing the importance of intentionality in your teaching. We'll explore how to seamlessly integrate key communications into your course through the syllabus, learning objectives, class activities and assessment measures at each stage of your course. Additionally, you'll gain insights on helping your students communicate their successes to the broader community. Save time with ready-made syllabus statements and presentation slides, ensuring you don't have to reinvent the wheel. Join us to enhance your teaching approach and make a lasting impact on your students.

[Quality Matters - Designing Your Online Course \(DYOC\)](#)

Sept. 6 @ 1- 4 p.m. & Sept. 13 @ 1- 4 p.m.

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Transform your online course design with the certificated Designing Your Online Course (DYOC) workshop. Gain a deep understanding of Quality Matters' foundational concepts and learn to apply the essential QM Rubric Specific Review Standards to your course. This workshop provides practical guidance on developing a structured, effective online course plan and aligning one module for development. Ideal for educators seeking to build robust, high-quality online courses, DYOC equips you with the tools and insights needed to create a well-organized and engaging digital learning environment.

### [Teamwork – Collaborative Excellence: Enhancing Teamwork through Liberal Arts](#)

September 18, 2024 @1:00p.m.

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In this workshop, we will look at ways to intentionally highlight how your classes develop your students' teamwork skills. We will cover several effective strategies for fostering a collaborative classroom environment, integrating teamwork into your syllabus, and creating assignments that promote cooperative learning. Participants will learn techniques to facilitate group dynamics, manage conflicts, and ensure equitable participation among students. We will also discuss methods to assess teamwork effectively and provide constructive feedback. By the end of this session, you will have a clear plan for how to embed teamwork as a learning objective in your syllabus, how to overtly convey to students when a class assignment or activity is developing this skill, and how to align your SRI objective selection in a way that best reflects that you are maximizing student success via this hallmark trait of a liberal arts education.

### [Critical Teaching Behaviors](#)

Sept. 24 @ noon or Sept. 25 @ noon

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Discover the essence of effective teaching with our Critical Teaching Behaviors Workshop. Designed for instructors at all career stages, this workshop delves into the core of what makes teaching "good" through an evidence-based guide to instructional strategies that enhance student engagement and success. Participants will learn to align classroom activities with learning goals, teach inclusively, create engaging learning environments, assess student progress and use technology effectively. Additionally, the workshop offers tools for developing a teaching narrative, gathering peer and student feedback and creating a teaching portfolio. By integrating the widely recognized Critical Teaching Behaviors (CTB) framework, this workshop equips educators with comprehensive feedback and documentation techniques to advance their careers and improve teaching effectiveness. Join us to gain practical insights and develop your teaching skills in an interactive, supportive environment.

### How Students Define Success - Part I

Oct. 1 @ noon or Oct. 2 @ noon

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This session offers instructional tips to address the three fundamental ways recent literature has identified that students define success: "I belong/I matter," "I can reach my goals," and "I can get help/solve problems." Join us for this session to explore practical strategies for implementing these principles in your classroom and creating an environment where every student can thrive.

### Critical Thinking – Navigating the Liberal Arts Landscape

October 3, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m

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In this workshop we will look at ways to intentionally highlight how your classes develop the critical thinking skills of your students. We will cover multiple techniques to achieve this, including how best to embed it as a learning objective in your syllabus, how to overtly convey to students when

a class assignment or activity is developing this skill, and how to align your SRI objective selection in a way that best reflects that you are maximizing student success via this hallmark trait of a liberal arts education.

### [Quality Matters - Improving Your Online Course \(IYOC\)](#)

October 4, 2024 1-4 pm or October 11, 2024 1-4 pm

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Enhance your existing online courses with the certificated Improving Your Online Course (IYOC) workshop. Focused on applying Quality Matters' Specific Review Standards, this workshop helps you identify and prioritize improvements to your course. Learn to describe the alignment of modules and make data-driven decisions to enhance course quality. Perfect for educators aiming to elevate their online teaching, IYOC provides the strategies and support necessary to make impactful, evidence-based course enhancements.

### [How Students Define Success - Part II](#)

Oct. 8 @ noon or Oct. 9 @ noon

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Discover how to prioritize students' well-being, address their challenges and inspire them to excel through personalized teaching approaches. Learn techniques for making classes interactive and engaging, promoting critical thinking and connecting course material to the real world. Explore effective communication and feedback methods, as well as guidance and support practices to cultivate a positive learning atmosphere. Gain insights into showcasing passion and expertise to ignite students' enthusiasm for learning. By embracing these principles, you'll enhance your teaching effectiveness and empower your students to thrive academically and beyond.

### [Liberal Arts at the Intersection: A Roadmap for Creative Problem-Solving](#)

Oct. 16 @ 2 p.m.

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In this workshop, we will look at ways to intentionally highlight how your classes develop your students' problem-solving skills. Our panel of faculty from across the university will share how they employ various pedagogical practices that draw on problem-based learning. Sharing our interdisciplinary insights, our goal is that participants will learn how to effectively and seamlessly plan and then implement aspects of problem solving in their own unique courses that prepare students for the diverse professions they plan to pursue after graduation and beyond. By the end of this session, you will know how to, first, best embed problem-solving as a learning objective in your syllabus, then, how to overtly convey to students when a class assignment or activity is developing this skill and, finally, how to align your SRI objective selection in a way that best reflects that you are maximizing student success via this hallmark trait of a liberal arts education.

### [Communication - Charting Your Course](#)

Oct. 31 @ 11 a.m.

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In this workshop, we will look at ways to intentionally highlight how your classes develop your students' communication skills. We will specifically focus on ways to emphasize the importance and transfer of these skills that are being learned in the class to future professional opportunities. By the end of this session, you will have a variety of strategies that will help to explicitly convey both written and verbal communication skills that students are learning in your class as well as examples of how to align your SRI objective selection in a way that best reflects that you are maximizing student success via this hallmark trait of a liberal arts education.

### [Quality Matters - Apply the QM Rubric \(APPQMR\)](#)

Nov. 1 @ 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. & Nov. 8 @12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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Master the application of the Quality Matters Rubric with the certificated Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) workshop. This intensive training covers the critical elements of the QM quality assurance program, including the QM Rubric, materials, processes, and administrative components. Learn to apply the QM Higher Education Rubric to review online courses, make informed decisions about meeting standards, and draft constructive recommendations for course improvement. Ideal for those committed to excellence in online education, APPQMR ensures you have the expertise to elevate course quality through rigorous, standards-based evaluation.

[Liberal Arts in the Profession and Personal Wellbeing - Roadmap Wrap-up](#)

Nov. 11, 2024 @ 1 p.m.

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Join us for an insightful workshop designed to help you assess the effectiveness of incorporating Liberal Arts Skills in the Professions and Personal Wellbeing within your courses. This session will guide you through a multifaceted approach, starting with gathering student feedback through surveys and SRIS to understand their perceptions and experiences. Learn how to align your assessment measures with learning objectives that emphasize communicating liberal arts skills, using both formative and summative assessments to monitor progress. Gain valuable insights from classroom assessment techniques. Learn more about conducting focus groups or interviews for qualitative feedback and track students' long-term success to see how they apply these skills in real-world contexts. By employing these strategies, you will be equipped to comprehensively evaluate and enhance your teaching approach, ensuring a lasting impact on your students and their effectiveness in communicating the skills they learned in your class.

[Active Learning 101](#)

Dec. 16 @ 10 to 11:30 a.m. & Dec. 17 @ 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## Library 376

In this two (2) day certificated training, discover how to transform your teaching with Active Learning 101, a foundational course designed to create engaging, student-centered learning environments. Learn to develop dynamic course content, effectively use GeorgiaVIEW/D2L and other technologies and craft interactive materials that promote hands-on learning. This training is ideal for instructors at all levels. This course blends online lectures, interactive modules and practical assignments to invigorate your teaching practice. Join us and empower your students to actively participate and excel in their learning journey. Enroll today and turn your classroom into hubs of energy and discovery.

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# **Planning Guidance Session (administered by Finance Professor Brent Evans)**

**Economics & Finance, Department of : Wednesday August 14, 2024**

Finance professor, Brent Evans, will host a financial guidance session this Friday at 12 p.m. in Atkinson 108. The session will last about an hour. The session will serve as a crash course on investing and the use of tax shelters that are available to faculty (both specific to Georgia College & State University employees and also shelters that anyone can use) such as the 403(b), 457(b), HSA and Roth IRA accounts. While investing is the primary focus, Brent will spend a bit of time on other topic areas (e.g. health insurance).

You are welcome to bring your lunch to the session.

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# GCSU's Advancement marks record-breaking fundraising year

University Advancement : Wednesday August 14, 2024

[Georgia College & State University](#) achieved its largest fundraising year-to-date in Fiscal Year 2024, securing more than \$8.8 million in charitable donations. This remarkable accomplishment represents a 212% increase over the previous year.



"Every gift is important; every gift matters," said Seth Walker, vice president of [University Advancement](#).

"Engaging everyone in the giving process has been crucial," he said. "It benefits the institution and demonstrates a unified effort, with full support from our trustees. [President Cox](#) remains focused on fundraising, as we strive to provide more resources for our students, faculty and staff."

The surge in philanthropic support will significantly enhance funding for scholarships, general resources and university programs through the Foundations of Excellence Fund, Georgia College's primary [annual fund](#). The increased flexibility in funding will bolster key initiatives like [GC Journeys](#) and the [Office of Inclusion & Belonging](#), as well as other critical areas in academic and student affairs.

The fundraising success is attributed to contributions from several large donors with the majority of support coming from medium and small gifts. Notably, the institution saw a 10% rise in alumni giving and a 15% increase in contributions from faculty and staff. Student giving also grew substantially, along with support from GCSU friends in the Milledgeville and Baldwin County community, underscoring their commitment to the university.

University Advancement implemented several strategic changes, which included raising the minimum endowed amount for scholarships,

introducing performance metrics for directors of development and investing significantly in online giving platforms.

These initiatives have made it easier for alumni and friends to contribute.

“Fundraising is the only revenue source we have without a cap,” Walker said. “To continue delivering an excellent experience for our students, faculty and staff, we emphasize giving back as a core tenet of our mission. We are excited to partner with donors to create new philanthropic opportunities across campus.”

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# Week of Welcome 2024

## Student Life, Office of : Wednesday August 14, 2024

Week of Welcome is an immersive experience that showcases the unique and multifaceted culture of Georgia College & State University. It is always a time to get acquainted with the GCSU campus community, to make new connections, to get involved and to explore the different parts of campus. This year, Week of Welcome 2024 will be held on August 14 - 23 with additional events and activities offered throughout the rest of the month.



For a detailed schedule please visit the Week of Welcome 2024 website:  
<https://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/wow>.

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# Move-in Day for Main Campus

**Public Safety : Wednesday August 14, 2024**

Thursday, Aug. 15, is Move-in Day for students on Main Campus. Greene Street and Jackson Street will be closed starting at 6 a.m. until 12 p.m. Traffic will be heavier than usual throughout the day as our new and returning Bobcats get settled.

Let's make them feel welcome and help us maintain a safe and secure environment as we begin a new year.

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# Announcements Posted Thursday

## August 15, 2024

### Celebratory cannon fire on Friday, August 16

#### University Communications : Thursday August 15, 2024

From GMC Campus Police: celebratory cannon fire Friday morning



On Friday morning, August 16, between 11:05 and 11:15 a.m. there will be three cannons fired on Greene Street by the National Guard. The cannon fire will be loud and heard throughout the area of downtown Milledgeville and the GMC and GCSU campuses.

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# Interlibrary Loan service restored

Ina Dillard Russell Library : Thursday August 15, 2024

The recent interruption in Russell Library's Interlibrary Loan services has been resolved. Our service provider has restored login access, and Interlibrary Loan accounts are now accessible again. We apologize again for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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# GCSU lecturer co-publishes new insight on physics phenomena

Chemistry, Physics, & Astronomy, Department of : Thursday August 15, 2024

Dr. Kushan Wijewardena, lecturer of physics and astronomy at Georgia College & State University, is part of a team of researchers who recently co-authored a paper on a popular phenomenon well-known in physics called the “fractional quantum Hall effect” or FQHE.

His research, done in collaboration with Professor Ramesh Mani at Georgia State University, was published in the journal Communications Physics. It adds new insight into the behavior of electrons.

“The results were fascinating,” Wijewardena said. “It took several years for us to have a feasible explanation for the experimental observations that we made.”

“The study demonstrates the importance of the high-quality crystals developed at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich by Professor Werner Wegscheider and Dr. Christian Reichl,” he added.

Wijewardena joined Georgia College faculty last year after completing his doctoral studies in Mani’s physics lab at GSU. That’s where Wijewardena began working on measurements to explore “excited levels of fractional quantum Hall effect” by applying a direct current bias.

This is the first time these findings have been reported.

At Science.org, FQHE is explained as “a fascinating quantum liquid made up solely of electrons confined to a plane surface. Found only at temperatures near absolute zero and in extremely strong magnetic fields, this liquid can flow without friction. The excited states of this liquid



consist of peculiar particle-like objects that carry an exact fraction of an electron charge. Called quasiparticles, these excitations can themselves condense into new liquid states.”

Wijewardena explained it this way: “We are exploring properties such as electrical resistance and conductance in a two-dimensional electron system, where the electrons can behave as gas or liquid, depending on their environment. Here, two-dimensionality for electrons is realized by trapping the electrons at the planar interface of two different materials. Our sample of electrons is similar in shape to a very small sheet of paper with no thickness (about 1 mm x 0.5 mm). When we place the sample in a perpendicular magnetic field and at an extremely low temperature close to absolute zero, the electrons exhibit quantized circular orbits, analogous to concentric circles drawn on the sheet of paper. The radius of these orbits depends on the energy of the electrons, which is influenced by the charge of the electron, and the magnetic field strength. The energies of these orbits are quantized into ‘Landau levels,’ meaning their energy changes in discrete steps rather than continuously. One might think of the lowest energy state corresponding to the smallest circle as the ground state, and the higher lying levels as excited states.”

Wijewardena continued: “Typically, in FQHE, researchers study the ground state, which is the lowest possible energy state. However, there could also be higher lying, or excited states, that the correlated electron system can occupy, which we have examined in the publication.”

GSU’s Mani said “fractional quantum Hall effects are thought to reflect the correlated ground states of electronic systems in a magnetic field. Loosely speaking, one might say it’s like investigating the ground floor of a building.”

He added, “Then, one might ask whether the building structure has floors at higher levels and whether they can be investigated and what these upper floors look like. Our study reports an investigation of these upper floors or excited states of fractional quantum Hall effect. Surprisingly, with a simple technique, we were able to access these upper floors, find complex signatures and, most importantly, find the excited states of fractional quantum Hall effects.”

In its announcement of Mani's and Wijewardena's research, Georgia State University noted everyday modern conveniences "like cellphones, computers, GPS, LED lighting, solar cells and even self-driving cars" were made possible by advances in past research in "condensed matter physics," a subfield of physics.

This research led to "flatland science and flatland materials (that) are now being studied in condensed matter physics with the aim to realize more energy-efficient, flexible, faster and lighter-weight future electronics, including novel sensors, higher efficiency solar cells, quantum computers and topological quantum computers."

According to GSU's statement, the team "observed all the FQHE states splitting unexpectedly, followed by crossings of split branches, which allowed them to explore the new non-equilibrium states of these quantum systems and reveal entirely new states of matter."

Several Nobel Prizes have been given for FQHE research over the years.

The original quantum Hall effect—which involved a complex physics formula with two-dimensional electron systems subjected to low temperatures and strong magnetic fields—was discovered by German scientist Klaus von Klitzing in 1980. He was awarded a Nobel Prize for his work in 1985. Mani worked with Klitzing in Stuttgart, Germany, for many years.

Shortly after quantum Hall effect was established, scientists at Bell Laboratories reported their discovery of FQHE. It provided evidence of fractional or one-third of an electron's charge, winning Robert Laughlin, Horst Störmer, and Daniel Tsui a Nobel Prize in 1998.

In 2010, another Nobel Prize was awarded for the discovery of graphene. This provided quantum Hall effect evidence for electrons without mass, which behaved differently from regular electrons. Then, theories for "topological phase transitions and topological matter" arising from QHE received the Nobel Prize in 2016.

"From this progression," Wijewardena said, "one can see the quantum Hall effect related to science has been a very active field in condensed matter physics."

"Since the discovery of the fractional quantum Hall effect, there has been quite a lot of research work on this exciting topic," he said. "However, this is the first report of excited state fractionally quantized Hall effects induced by applying a direct current bias."

In the photo: Dr. Kushan Wijewardena gets ready to load a sample into the dilution refrigerator.

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# GCSU's Jada Warren named PBC nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year Award

Athletics : Thursday August 15, 2024

AUGUSTA, Ga. | Georgia College & State University women's basketball player [Jada Warren](#) is one of two Peach Belt Conference selections for the NCAA Woman of the Year.



In addition to Warren, Clayton State University track and field performer Ariyonna Jones was the other PBC selection for the award. The two will be among the 46 Division II student-athletes advancing in the selection process after being chosen from all PBC institution nominees for the award. The selections were made by the Peach Belt Senior Woman Administrator Committee.

"I am truly honored to be one of two nominees from the Peach Belt Conference for the NCAA Woman of the Year award," said Warren. "This recognition is a testament to the dedication and effort I've invested in my athletic and academic pursuits, as well as my commitment to actively contribute and engage with the community around me."

Warren graduated from Georgia College in May with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. The Norcross, Georgia, native graduated cum laude with a 3.64 cumulative grade-point average and received the GCSU Student Leader of the Year Bobcat Award. A member of the PBC Team of Academic Distinction and Presidential Honor Roll, she was a College Sports Communicators Academic All-District® selection, a member of the Georgia College Honors College and named to the Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society. She also served in the Student Government Association, the Black Student Alliance and in the LIFE Mentorship Program.

"Jada is a remarkable student-athlete and young woman," said GCSU Assistant Director of Athletics and Student-Athlete Success/Senior Woman Administrator Cathy Stevens. "She not only checks all the boxes,

but exceeds in all areas for this award. She is a person of integrity, has an engaging personality and is a servant leader both on campus and in the community."

On the court, Warren averaged 8.8 rebounds and 3.7 points during the 2023-24 season for the Bobcats. Warren, who pulled down a career-high 17 rebounds against Columbus State University, grabbed 256 rebounds and shot 44.0 percent (40-of-91) from the field. She also collected 22 blocked shots, 21 assists and 13 steals. Warren was 50th in NCAA Division II and led the PBC in rebounds. She was also first in the Peach Belt in rebounds per game (8.8). Warren finished seventh in the league in blocked shots.

Warren is the third Bobcat to be named a PBC selection for the NCAA Woman of the Year since 2017, joining Macy Polk (women's tennis) and Kate Richardson (women's soccer) last year.

The NCAA Woman of the Year Selection Committee will announce 30 finalists - 10 from each division - later this fall, then narrow that to the top three nominees in each division. The NCAA Woman of the Year award will be presented at the NCAA Convention in Nashville in January.

The Woman of the Year Selection Committee, made up of representatives from the NCAA membership, will choose 10 nominees from each division to make up the national top 30 honorees. The top 30 honorees will be announced later this fall. From there, the selection committee will narrow the pool to three finalists from each division. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will select the 2024 Woman of the Year from the nine finalists.

At January's NCAA Convention in Nashville, the national top 30 honorees will be celebrated, and the NCAA Woman of the Year will be announced.

To learn more about the award program and previous winners, visit [ncaa.org/woty](https://ncaa.org/woty).

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# Announcements Posted Friday

## August 16, 2024

### Table Talk is back

#### Auxiliary Services : Friday August 16, 2024

So, what is “Table Talk” you ask? It’s a free lunch to facilitate friendly, lively conversation between students and faculty at The MAX (okay, not really free – Auxiliary Services and Dining Services pick up the tab).

Here’s how it works:

1. Faculty who have already used Table Talks in the past remain registered in the program. New faculty participants can contact the Bobcat Card Office to be added to the program. All currently enrolled students are automatically eligible and do not need to contact the Bobcat Card Office to have the privilege activated.
2. Table Talk is available for any one meal per week, Monday through Saturday. It is not available on Sundays. If you attempt to participate more than once per week, your card will be declined, and payment will be required for the meal.
3. One teaching faculty member (faculty status - not staff) and no more than two students at a time may participate.
4. All participants—faculty member and student(s)—must check in at the cashier's stand at the same time (with Bobcat Cards) and let the cashier know you wish to take part in Table Talk. If you do not present yourselves as a complete group, or if you do not have your Bobcat Card, payment will be required for the meal.

5. The Table Talk program is not allowed for faculty members and students who are related to one another. It is also not intended for faculty to meet with their graduate assistants or other student workers.

Georgia College & State University Auxiliary Services and Dining Services are proud to sponsor this valuable program that fosters stronger relationships between faculty and students. Please do your part in adhering to the above guidelines so the program will continue.

For further information, please contact Charles Cruey, director of Auxiliary Services, at campus, extension 1976 or [charles.cruey@gcsu.edu](mailto:charles.cruey@gcsu.edu).

Georgia College & State University Auxiliary Services and Dining Services  
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# We need volunteers for Bobcat Brigade 2024

**University Advancement : Friday August 16, 2024**

The Office of Alumni Engagement invites you to join us in welcoming students to campus at the Bobcat Brigade Tent on the first two days of class for the fall 2024 semester. We need volunteers to participate in one-hour shifts between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. near the Make-A-Wish Fountain (next to the College of Arts & Sciences building).

All you need to bring is your smiling face and willingness to help students find their way around campus. Please fill out the sign-up sheet with your name, email and time preference(s). Sign up here:  
<https://forms.gle/fJaB57sd9YTWg9aR8>.

P.S. A tent will be provided along with coffee and water in the morning, then lemonade and water in the afternoon. We will also have goodies that you can give to students to help them on their way to class.

Thank you so much for your willingness to help!

For more information, please contact Nadirah Mayweather at 478-445-8158 or [nadirah.mayweather@gcsu.edu](mailto:nadirah.mayweather@gcsu.edu).

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# Call for Proposals - Collaborative Research Grant - Application Period Opens September 1

Center for Teaching & Learning : Friday August 16, 2024

Collaborative research involves scholars from across disciplines working together to address a common research goal or question. Collaborating on a common goal utilizes different perspectives and disciplines combining their respective skills and backgrounds to study and understand unique and diverse problems.

The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for Georgia College faculty to conduct research on conduct collaborative research on complex problems. This award will prioritize collaborations across departments and schools.

Grant amount: Up to \$4,000.00

Submission Timeline:

Application Open: September 1, 2024 to September 15, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. EST

Notification letters distributed to applicants: October 11, 2024  
Award Lasts Until: November 1, 2025 [All funds must be expended by May 1, 2025]

The call for Collaborative Research Grant proposals for 2024 Round I opens September 1, 2024, with a deadline of September 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Applicants should read the [guidance provided by Academic Affairs](#). Once the applicant has their materials ready to submit, please log into GeorgiaVIEW/D2L, click on the Self-Registration menu option, and find the 2024 Collaborative Research Grants Program course. Be sure to complete self-registration for the course. Submission instructions and forms to upload your materials are in the course announcements.

For assistance, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at  
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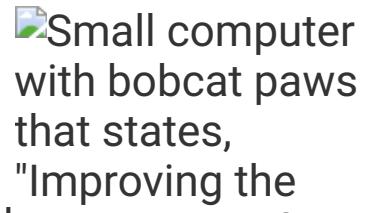
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# Writing Center: Syllabus statement and class visits

## The Writing Center : Friday August 16, 2024

Georgia College & State University's Writing Center is dedicated to assisting undergraduate and graduate writers across all disciplines. Writing consultants (graduate and undergraduate tutors) offer feedback and strategies to help students improve not only their current projects but also their writing in general. About 2,000 students from all universities used the writing center in the 2023-24 academic year for process-oriented work across multiple composing/dissemination modalities, including posters and presentations. We believe that all authors can benefit from sharing work with attentive readers who are dedicated to helping writers meet their goals.



Fall hours start Aug. 26. In-person, virtual and feedback via email appointments are available Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Virtual and feedback via email appointments are also available Mon. - Thurs. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Find us in A&S 2-56A, down the hallway from the auditorium.

Students can reach the center via email at [writing.center@gcsu.edu](mailto:writing.center@gcsu.edu). Scheduling an appointment is available directly at [writingcenter.gcsu.edu](http://writingcenter.gcsu.edu) or [by visiting MyGCSU](#) and selecting "WCOnline" from service apps (also [by visiting Unify](#) and selecting "Scheduling with the Writing Center" from the "Start Here" tab).

The #1 reason students use the Writing Center is that faculty and staff recommend it to them. Connect students with the Writing Center by:

- including it in your syllabus—[see the linked overview for the syllabus statement & more helpful info](#).
- requesting a class visit or info cards/flyers for your building/office—see contact info below.

- contacting the Writing Center Director Dr. Joy Bracewell to chat about other ways the center can support students in your courses or unit.

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# Academic Affairs Small Grants Program – Application Period Opens September 1

Center for Teaching & Learning : Friday August 16, 2024

The call for research grant proposals for 2024 Round I opens September 1, 2024, with a deadline of September 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Applicants should read the [guidance provided by Academic Affairs](#). Once the applicant has their materials ready to submit, please log into GeorgiaVIEW/D2L, click on the Self-Registration menu option, and find the 2024 Academic Affairs Small Grants Program course. Be sure to complete self-registration for the course. Submission instructions and forms for uploading your materials are in the course announcements. For more information, please see the [Program Call for Submissions](#).

Grant amount: Up to \$5,000.00

Submission Timeline:

Application Open: September 1, 2024 to September 15, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. EST

Notification letters distributed to applicants: October 11, 2024  
Award Lasts Until: November 1, 2025 [All funds must be expended by May 1, 2025]

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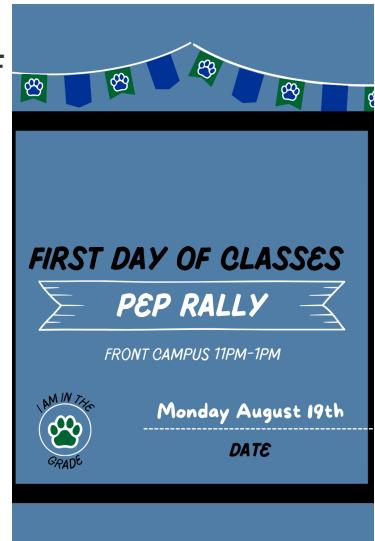
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# First Day of Class Pep Rally

Student Life, Office of : Friday August 16, 2024

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the First Day of Class Pep Rally! It will be held Monday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Front Campus. To kick off the start of the school year there will be King of Pops, a 360-photo booth and a motivational speech at noon from the one and only President Cox.



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# The Milly Famers Market is today!

**Government & Sociology, Department of : Friday August 16, 2024**

The Milly Farmer's Market is TODAY and every first and third Friday. The market is open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and can include locally sourced and grown products, handmade natural household cleaning supplies, freshly baked bread and pastries, fresh eggs, locally raised meats, pork, duck, and rabbit, wildflower bouquets, bagged local compost, potted plants and succulents, local honey, corn and other seasonal vegetables, seasonal fruit, locally-raised and made goat soaps, natural oil-based skincare and beard products, handmade fudge and divinity, teas and herbs, and more! The Milly Market is double EBT/SNAP approved.

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# First-year students introduced to Milledgeville and service on GCSU Gives Day

Community Engagement and Service, Office of : Friday August 16, 2024

Instead of sleeping in the weekend before classes start, all first-year students will get a lesson in volunteering at a university known for its community service.



[Georgia College & State University's](#) annual [GCSU Gives Day](#) is 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. It's a day when a flood of freshly moved-in freshmen disperse throughout their new community, Milledgeville, to learn the importance of giving back.

The expected economic impact of this year's donated labor is \$120,000.

"GCSU Gives Day is a fundamental piece of the liberal arts education we provide students at Georgia College," said Ashley Copeland, director of [Community Engagement & Service](#).

"We want to create informed citizens who care about people and the community they're moving into," Copeland said. "Right from the start, GCSU Gives Day shows our new students what it means to be a part of Georgia College. We give back."

GCSU Gives Day is a bit like a huge chessboard with a myriad of moving pieces.

Two shifts of students, clad in blue T-shirts, will be given instructions and a bagged breakfast. Then, they'll be bussed to more than 30 locations throughout the city. They'll dig, plant, clean, organize and interact with the public at various civic nonprofits, businesses, schools, churches and nursing homes.

The biggest volunteer site this year is the Life Enrichment Center's second annual back-to-school "Kids Block Party" in the Urban Arts Village at 224

E. Walton St., Milledgeville. Georgia College students will help set up booths and run games and learning activities for children. Between 10 and 11 a.m. the university's Bobcat mascot, Thunder, will greet the public, along with Spike the GMC bulldog, Chik-fil-A's cow and Milly the owl.

Other GCSU Gives Day sites include:

- Oconee River Greenway, 420 E. Greene St. Students will clean debris, remove trash and cut brush along trails.
- Bike Walk Baldwin, 59 GA-22. Students will clear and build new biking trails.
- Animal Rescue Foundation, 711 S. Wilkinson St. Students will do deep cleaning and bathe dogs.
- Comfort Farms, 347 Horace Veal Rd. Students will plant gardens, work with animals and set up animal pens.
- Lakeview Primary School, 273 Blandy Rd. Students will garden, plant and beautify the grounds.
- Central State Hospital, 252 Swint Ave SE. Students will paint and clean the Chapel of All Faiths.
- Linus Project, 220 S. Wayne St. Students will make 'no-sew' blankets to celebrate the project's Milledgeville chapter.
- Georgia War Veteran's Home, 2249 Vision HWY. Students will help with fall festival, run activity stations and assist with mealtime.
- Lockerly Arboretum, 1534 Irwinton Rd. Students will wrap lights for Christmas decorations.
- Andalusia the Home of Flannery O'Connor, 2628 N Columbia St. Students will do outside work.
- Memory Hill Cemetery, 301 West Franklin St. Students will clear and clean Flannery O'Connor family gravestones.
- Green Acres Health and Rehab, 313 Allen Memorial Dr. Students will play bingo with senior citizens and polish fingernails.

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Community Engagement and Service, Office of

# Community-Based Engaged Learning Grants – Application Period Opens September 1

Center for Teaching & Learning : Friday August 16, 2024

The call for research grant proposals for 2024 Round I opens September 1, 2024 with a deadline of September 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Once the applicant has their materials ready to submit, please log into GeorgiaVIEW, click on the Self-Registration menu option, find the CbEL Grants Program course. Be sure to complete the self-registration for the course. Submission instructions and forms to upload your materials are in the course announcements. For more information, please see the [Program Call for Submissions](#).

Grant amount: Up to \$1,000.00

Submission Timeline:

Application Open: September 1, 2024 to September 15, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. EST

Notification letters distributed to applicants: October 11, 2024

Award Lasts Until: November 1, 2025 [All funds must be expended by May 1, 2025]

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# Announcements Posted Monday August 19, 2024

## Travel Regulations/PeopleSoft Online Travel Trainings

### Business & Accounting : Monday August 19, 2024

Accounting Services will host Travel Regulations and Online Travel Training multiple times this fall. All sessions will be held in the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room in the Library. New and seasoned travelers are welcome to attend. Informational sessions will be held Wednesday, Aug. 28, 10-11 a.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2-3 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10-11 a.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2-3 p.m. We will also do small group/departmental training at a time that works for your group.

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# Access list for fall semester 2024

**Public Safety : Monday August 19, 2024**

If you have students who need to gain access to facilities after hours for the fall 2024 semester, please forward a list of names along with the building and/or room number(s) to [publicsafety@gcsu.edu](mailto:publicsafety@gcsu.edu) so we can update our access log.

Please note that access will not be granted to facilities after hours without prior approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Safety.

Thank you.

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# **Fall 2024 Robert E. "Buzz" Lee First-Year Convocation Series**

**Provost & Academic Affairs, Office of the : Monday August 19, 2024**

Please join us for the Fall 2024 Robert E. 'Buzz' Lee First-Year Convocation, as we come together to celebrate and uphold our proud tradition of welcoming new students to Georgia College & State University.

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[2024 Convocation Invitation pdf.pdf](#)

# Mindful Monday

**Student Health and Wellbeing, Office of : Monday August 19, 2024**

Today kicks off the first Mindful Monday, a Year 1 initiative of Georgia College & State University's QEP, Bobcats FIRST. Here's what you can do to be part of this initiative:



- Follow @gcsu\_bobcatsfirst on Instagram or download the attached image.
- Share the Mindful Monday post to your departmental and/or personal social media account.
- Reference the Mindful Monday in class, and ask students to reflect silently or aloud.
- Share in other creative ways to promote mindfulness, positivity and belonging.

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# **Week of Welcome Block Party and Marketplace 2024**

**Student Life, Office of : Monday August 19, 2024**

Come out and enjoy live music from the band The Stews. There will also be Bobcat Marketplace for all students to learn more about all our different student organizations here at Georgia College & State University. There will also be fun attractions, Kona Ice and much more.

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# GCSU Jazz auditions

Music, Department of : Monday August 19, 2024

Hi musicians,



Georgia College & State University Jazz will be holding auditions for the GC Jazz Band and Combos on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the McComb Building. The audition materials are attached. This is a "come all" audition, so no specific times are needed, just show up with your axe. Class times for the courses are as follows:

- Jazz Band—Tues./Thurs. 3:30-4:45 p.m.
- Jazz Combos—Tues. at 6 p.m. or Thurs. at 5 p.m., depending on the combo

We are also offering Jazz Improvisation on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. You don't need to audition for this class, just register for MUSC 1045-01.

If you have any questions about jazz auditions, please let me know (clifford.towner@gcsu.edu). Good luck and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Updated: 2024-08-19

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[Music, Department of](#)

## ATTACHMENT

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**F24Jazz.pdf**

# Fall 2024 Senior Exit Exam Registration

**Center for Testing : Monday August 19, 2024**

Registration is now open for the fall 2024 senior exit exams. The registration deadline is Sept. 20, 2024.

To view the testing dates specific to your major and to secure your spot, please visit: [www.gcsu.edu/testingcenter](http://www.gcsu.edu/testingcenter).

For any inquiries or assistance, feel free to reach out to us at 478-445-5016 or via email at [gctesting@gcsu.edu](mailto:gctesting@gcsu.edu).

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# Open call for summer 2025 BSP faculty

## Bridge Scholars Program : Monday August 19, 2024

This is an open call for applications to teach a three-credit summer course in the Georgia College & State University Bridge Scholars Program (BSP). Faculty members are needed to teach Area A-E core courses for the summer 2025 Bridge Scholars Program. Core courses meet in the morning (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) or afternoon (1:30 - 4:30 p.m.) Monday-Friday between June 23 and July 25, 2025.

BSP is a year-long Residential Learning Community which gives approximately 125 freshmen a head start on college through a special program designed to help them make a successful transition from high school to campus. During the summer, BSP students take a one-credit hour success course and six hours of core courses for a total of seven hours. Students who pass all courses with a grade of C or better are eligible to return to Georgia College for their freshman year. These students continue to take classes and participate in extracurricular programming together throughout their first year. One of the highlights and benefits of the program is the close interaction that BSP students enjoy with their faculty and BSP staff. Past BSP students have gone on to be academically successful campus leaders. This is due, in part, to the strong start they have had for their college experience.

Summer 2025 dates (extracurricular programming TBA):

GC1010 and core courses: June 23 -July 22 (M-F, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; no classes July 3-4)

July 23 – July 24, Final exams, grades posted, program closing event

July 25 – BSP Students check out of residence halls

Interested faculty should submit a paragraph identifying the core course they would like to teach, including brief description of the course and addressing (1) their interest in the BSP program, (2) how their teaching

style would be a good fit for this specialized cohort of students and (3) their thoughts on how faculty involvement outside of the classroom can support and enhance pedagogy.

Please submit this paragraph by Monday, Sept. 30, 2025, to [bridge.scholars@gcsu.edu](mailto:bridge.scholars@gcsu.edu). Hiring decisions will be made by the end of October.

Remuneration is a portion of your salary plus benefits. Pay will be split over pay dates on June 30 and July 31, 2025. Faculty should understand that due to the nature of this program, there is an expectation of involvement outside the classroom to support and facilitate student development via relationship building and mentoring during the transition to university life. Faculty must be approved by their department chair and the chair of the area they wish to instruct.

Faculty hired to teach with the BSP during summer 2025 will be required to hold at least one study session at West Campus during the summer program and participate in the following events:

- BSP Orientation (TBA)
- Thursday, July 25: Closing event

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[Bridge Scholars Program](#)

# Job Opening for Student Assistant at the Deal Center

Deal Center : Monday August 19, 2024

Join the Deal Center team as the Student Assistant to advance research in language and literacy practices throughout Georgia to ensure that every child meets their potential.



The Student Assistant performs a variety of support duties through close interaction with our Administrative, Program and Research Teams as needed, as well as with other departments and organizations. The duties and responsibilities of this position require professionalism, interpersonal and clerical skills, as well as an understanding and appreciation of effective customer service. This position also includes the engagement with, and maintenance of, all of our social media platforms, serves as receptionist for the organization and will be responsible for interacting with visitors, incoming calls and other duties as needed. This position offers a great learning opportunity and statewide exposure of work. It's a great position for a Mass Communications student, but it's not a requirement.

Qualifications include:

- Student is enrolled in at least six credit hours as an undergraduate student at Georgia College & State University
- Proficient computer skills (Microsoft Teams, Excel, Word, etc.)
- Experience in customer service and event planning
- Experience with social media marketing, website design and maintenance

To apply now through Aug. 29, please visit:

<https://www.gcsu.edu/humanresources/employment-opportunities>.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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# The Inclusive Leadership Certificate Program for GCSU faculty and staff

Inclusion and Belonging, Office of : Monday August 19, 2024

The Office of Inclusion & Belonging is accepting applications for the 2024–2025 Inclusive Leadership Certificate (ILC) program. The ILC program is a professional development opportunity for Georgia College & State University faculty and staff to gain valuable skills and knowledge concerning foundational concepts of inclusion. At the conclusion of the program, participants will enhance individual aptitudes and understanding, develop the capacity to appreciate differing perspectives and experiences and acquire beneficial skills that will contribute to a welcoming and inclusive academic and workplace environment at Georgia College.



Program requirements:

- Completion of a Pre- and Post-Harvard University Implicit Bias online assessment
- Four core ILC workshop sessions
- Two elective workshop/event sessions with reflections
- Group project / oral reflection

The ILC program will be held during the 2024-2025 academic year. Upon completion of the program, participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion in a ceremony toward the end of the spring semester.

Fall semester schedule for ILC Core Workshop sessions:

- Friday, Sept. 13

- Friday, Sept. 27
- Friday, Oct. 4
- Friday, Oct. 18

Sessions will be held at noon. Locations TBD.

How to apply:

- Space is limited. A cohort of five to 10 people will be selected by OIB staff. There is no cost to participate.
- Complete an online submission form and submit a letter of recommendation from a direct report or department head.
- [Interested participants can submit applications between Aug. 7 – Aug. 28](#). Selected participants will be notified via email Wednesday, Sept. 4.

[Watch the video](#) of the inaugural ILC cohort as they share their experiences and thoughts about the program.

The Office of Inclusion & Belonging looks forward to having you join the ILC Cohort 2024–2025.

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# Announcements Posted Tuesday

## August 20, 2024

### Having a problem in GeorgiaVIEW? Remember the 10-minute rule

**Center for Teaching & Learning : Tuesday August 20, 2024**

Barb Szyjko, Georgia College & State University's retired Instructional Technology staff specialist, came up with the 10-minute rule during her 14 years here at Georgia College, and we think it's a great guideline.

If you've been working on a GeorgiaVIEW issue for 10 minutes without resolution, please give CTL a call or send an email. We're glad to help and can save you time and anguish.

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[Center for Teaching & Learning](#)

# Meet Your 2024-2025 Staff Council!

## Staff Council : Tuesday August 20, 2024

The 2024-2025 academic year has kicked off, and your Georgia College & State University Staff Council is ready to serve. In its representation of all staff employees, Staff Council aims to promote better understanding, increased cooperation and open communication among all constituent groups on campus.

Look out for events, notices and opportunities provided by your Staff Council throughout this next year. View your 2024-2025 Staff Council members [on the website](#).

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# **Dept of English Senior Lecturer Jeffrey H. MacLachlan interviewed about the literary history of the Communist Bloc**

**English, Department of : Tuesday August 20, 2024**

Lansing Community College's Literary Podcast "Washington Square On-Air" interviewed Georgia College & State University's Department of English Senior Lecturer Jeffrey H. MacLachlan about the literary history of the Communist Bloc, including his original poem based on a Soviet advertisement for liquor.

<https://player.captivate.fm/episode/20e887e4-5274-49c9-8276-52b2ff18e0bb>

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# Bobcats FIRST Workshop Series: "We're All People Here!"

Student Health and Wellbeing, Office of : Tuesday August 20, 2024

The Bobcats FIRST workshop series kicks off on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 12 p.m. in the MSU Donahoo Lounge with "We're All People Here: Why Faculty Aren't Scary and You Should Get to Know Them." This lighthearted panel discussion with some of Georgia College & State University's stellar faculty will cover topics like taking the fear factor out of office hours, how to seek help and what faculty wish students knew. From new students to seniors, this discussion has something for everyone. Pizza will be provided.



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# Introducing Instructor Peer Coaching (IPC) at GCSU: Elevating Teaching Excellence

Center for Teaching & Learning : Tuesday August 20, 2024

Instructor Peer Coaching (IPC) at Georgia College & State University (GCSU) pairs faculty members for collaborative growth in teaching practices. Participants refine active learning, technology integration, effective lecturing, feedback incorporation and classroom management through structured training and goal-setting. Guided by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), instructors will conduct observations, reflections and assessments to drive continuous improvement. And there's more: Each instructor will receive \$125 in professional development funds each semester in December and May. So, join us in shaping the future of education and elevating teaching excellence at GCSU through collaborative learning with FPC.

If you want to request IPC, please contact us at [ctl@gcsu.edu](mailto:ctl@gcsu.edu) with "IPC" in the email subject line. You must express interest in the process before Aug. 31.

Updated: 2024-08-20

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# USG Board of Regents approves 2025 USG Healthcare Plan premiums

Human Resources, Office of : Tuesday August 20, 2024

The Office of Human Resources wanted to share that on Wed., Aug. 14, the Board of Regents approved the 2025 University System of Georgia (USG) healthcare plans and premiums for active employees and pre-65 retirees. The Board also approved funding for the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for retirees 65 and older.

The system continues to experience increasing costs within the healthcare market, including inflation and rising prescription drug costs. This unfortunately impacts the USG healthcare plan. There will be plan design changes and premium increases for all plans, while health promotion programs will continue to be available to support employees' health. As USG has done in the past, cost increases for 2025 will be shared between employees and employer.

The following was approved for 2025:

- Increases in deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, co-insurance and/or co-pays across all USG healthcare plans.
- Increases in monthly employee premiums of between \$9 to \$65, depending on the plan and coverage tier.
- The well-being program will continue, and an incentive of up to \$100 for employees and covered spouses will be available for completing designated health promotion activities through the healthcare provider (Anthem or Kaiser).
- Weight loss support program will be available through Weight Watchers for employees and spouses enrolled in the USG healthcare plans.
- For employees enrolled in the Consumer Choice HSA plan, the contribution will continue at \$375 for employee only coverage and at \$750 for family coverage.

- Tobacco and working spouse surcharges will continue at \$150 per month. Certification of status is required each enrollment year, or the surcharge will apply. Certification must be done during Open Enrollment in OneUSG Connect – Benefits system. Information is available at: <https://benefits.usg.edu/health-and-well-being/surcharges>.

A summary of the approved healthcare plan design changes and premiums is available on the USG Benefits [website](#).

The 2025 Open Enrollment period will be Oct. 28 through Nov. 8. Please complete your 2025 enrollment elections and certifications through [OneUSG Connect – Benefits](#) no later than Nov. 8.

You are also invited to attend the Georgia College & State University Benefits Fair Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. for more information about the USG benefits programs. We encourage all employees to attend the fair to learn about the changes to the 2025 benefit plans and about all the benefits USG and GCSU have to offer. Information will also be mailed to your home just prior to the open enrollment period.

Retirees:

Pre-65 retirees and pre-65 dependents will remain on the same plans as active employees and 2025 design changes will apply as well. As in the past, there will be separate pre-65 retiree premium rate charts for the 2025 plan year which include the same increases shared in the summary above.

Medicare-eligible retirees 65 and over and Medicare-eligible dependents age 65 and older will continue to enroll in their supplemental healthcare coverage through Alight Retiree Health Solutions. Medicare Part A and B will provide primary coverage. USG will also continue to provide an annual contribution into a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for retirees and/or dependents to use towards premiums and other eligible out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.

This year, the Board of Regents approved the USG HRA annual contribution funding at \$2,640 per year per 65 and older Medicare-eligible retiree and 65 and older Medicare-eligible covered dependent(s). To receive the 2025 USG HRA funding, the retiree and/or dependent must enroll in coverage through Alight Retiree Health Solutions. The Medicare enrollment period is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, with coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2025.

As always, we encourage retirees to review their plan enrollment each year and reach out to Alight Retiree Health Solutions to evaluate options for the coming year. Retirees will have an opportunity to review available options, including low-premium cost Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO and PPO) as well Medicare Supplement plans, during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

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# **Department of Theatre and Dance Interest and Information Meeting - Open to all**

**Theatre & Dance, Department of : Tuesday August 20, 2024**

The Department of Theatre and Dance will hold an interest and information meeting Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 5 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. We are pleased to welcome all Theatre and Dance majors and minors, as well as any student interested in learning more and being involved in our productions.

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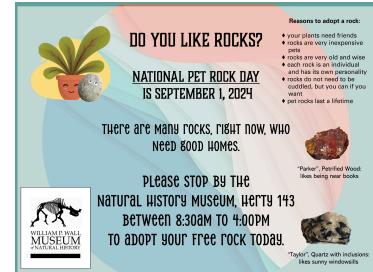
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[Theatre & Dance, Department of](#)

# National Pet Rock Day is Sept. 1, 2024

Biology & Environmental Sciences, Department of : Tuesday August 20, 2024

National Pet Rock Day is Sept. 1, 2024. Are you prepared? Please stop by the William P. Wall Museum of Natural History, Herty 143, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to adopt your free rock.



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# Announcements Posted Wednesday

## August 21, 2024

### Meet The Greeks 2024

#### Fraternity & Sorority Life : Wednesday August 21, 2024

Meet the Greeks will be held this Thursday, Aug. 22, in the Donahoo Lounge. The doors open at 6 p.m. Come and learn more about our National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations on campus and how you can join.

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[Fraternity & Sorority Life](#)

# **Council of Student Ambassadors seeks nominations**

**Enrollment Management : Wednesday August 21, 2024**

The Council of Student Ambassadors is recruiting students to join our team. The [application](#) is open to new and returning students and closes Sept. 1.

We hope to bring in a class of students committed to Georgia College & State University and full of Bobcat spirit! To help in this process, we are asking staff and faculty to nominate students who they believe would be a good fit for our team.

Please nominate students by using this form: [https://georgiacollege-bsucw.formstack.com/forms/nominate\\_an\\_ambassador](https://georgiacollege-bsucw.formstack.com/forms/nominate_an_ambassador). Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26.

The purpose of the Council of Student Ambassadors is the positive promotion and representation of Georgia College & State University and its public liberal arts mission. The ambassadors serve as a vital link between the university's student body, prospective students and their families, staff, alumni and friends. They serve as tour guides, assist at recruitment events and are overall representatives of GCSU.

For more information on the council, visit [gcsu.edu/ambassadors](http://gcsu.edu/ambassadors).

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[Enrollment Management](#)

# Part-time Job Fair - Wednesday, Aug. 28

## Career Center : Wednesday August 21, 2024

Our annual Part-time Job Fair is happening Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom (Student Activities Center). This is your chance to find the perfect part-time job and kickstart your fall adventure.



Click [here](#) to check out the amazing off-campus and local employers and awesome on-campus departments that will be there.

Stop by in between classes, and bring plenty of copies of your resume (if you have one) to leave with employers. See you there!

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# Bobcats release 2024 cross country schedules

Athletics : Wednesday August 21, 2024

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. | Georgia College & State University Men's and Women's Cross Country Head Coach [Alexander Bruno](#) has released the upcoming 2024 schedule for the Bobcats.



"We are extremely excited for the competitive schedule we have planned this fall," said Bruno. "Opening the season at USC Upstate allows us to gain experience on the regional championship course. The return of the GCSU Bobcat Invite will be the centerpiece of our regular season. Our upperclassmen will provide us with valuable insights as we return to a familiar course for the Peach Belt Championship."

The Bobcats open the season Sept. 6 with two meets. GCSU will compete at the Eye Opener hosted by the University of South Carolina Upstate. The Milliken Research Park course is one that has hosted many regional and national championship events and will again host the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championships Nov. 9. The Bobcats will also compete at the GMC Brickyard Invitational hosted by Georgia Military College at the Council Farms Cross Country Course.

GCSU will travel to Macon, Georgia, Sept. 21 to take part in the Julius Johnson Invitational hosted by Mercer University at the Georgia Premier Cross Country Course.

Sept. 28 marks the return of the GCSU Bobcat Invitational that will be competed at Council Farms Cross Country Course in Milledgeville. The women's 5K race will start at 9 a.m. followed by the men's 8K event at 10 a.m.

The final regular season meet for the Bobcats will be Oct. 11, as they travel to Charlotte, North Carolina, to take part in the Royals Cross Country Challenge hosted by Queens University of Charlotte at McAlpine Creek Park.

The Bobcats will compete in the Peach Belt Conference Championships Oct. 26 in Oakwood, Georgia, at the UNG Cross Country Course. It will be the second consecutive season that the conference meet will be hosted by the University of North Georgia. GCSU finished in fourth place in both races a year ago.

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# Announcements Posted Thursday

## August 22, 2024

### Office of Inclusion and Belonging - Open House

**Inclusion and Belonging, Office of : Thursday August 22, 2024**

Join the Office of Inclusion and Belonging for an Open House!

We're excited to invite you to an open house on Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the H.U.B. at Blackbridge Hall. Sponsored by the Office of Inclusion and Belonging, this event will give you a chance to learn about the exciting changes we've made, including new furniture and a fresh focus on our activities. Meet our staff, explore our updated space and enjoy some delicious food.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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#### **ATTACHMENT**

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# **International Affairs and Global Development Scholarships**

**National Scholarships Office at Georgia College : Thursday August 22, 2024**

Are you interested in pursuing a career that will allow you to travel the world, creating positive change?

Come, learn more about International Affairs Scholarships. Awards discussed will be the Rangel, Pickering and Payne Fellowships, which fund graduate school in international affairs, as well as the Boren and Critical Language Scholarships, which fund study abroad Aug. 27 from 5 until 7 p.m.

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[National Scholarships Office at Georgia College](#)

# Fulbright Scholarship Info Session with GCSU and Fulbright alumna Anagha Ramakrishnan

National Scholarships Office at Georgia College : Thursday August 22, 2024

The Fulbright Scholarship is one of the nation's oldest global exchange programs, sending over 2,000 Americans abroad every year to study, research or serve as English Teaching Assistants abroad. Come, learn more about the Fulbright experience from Anagha Ramakrishnan, a 2022 GCSU grad who just returned from Athens, Greece, where she served as an English teaching assistant in the 2023-2024 school year.

The event takes place Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 2 until 3 p.m. in the Carl Vinson House.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these awards but can't make it, please reach out to Anna Whiteside ([Anna.Whiteside@gcsu.edu](mailto:Anna.Whiteside@gcsu.edu)).

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[National Scholarships Office at Georgia College](#)

# Greene Street road closure Aug. 23, 2024

## Public Safety : Thursday August 22, 2024

Parts of Greene Street will be closed this Friday, Aug. 23, from 2 p.m. until 12 a.m. for the Welcome Back Block Party. Greene Street will be closed starting at Columbia Street and extending to Tattnall Street. To prepare for the road closure, all vehicles in this area need to be moved by 2 p.m. this Friday, Aug. 23. All vehicles left parked in this area will be subject to being towed.

Updated: 2024-08-22

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# Announcements Posted Friday

## August 23, 2024

### Come, join the GCSU Podcasting Club and learn to podcast

Communication, Department of : Friday August 23, 2024

The Podcasting Club will produce a Georgia College & State University focused podcast that will include discussion and promotion of campus events, student groups and interviews with students and faculty. There are several opportunities for student involvement including serving as a host, reporter, sports reporter or other positions including serving as the social media coordinator or editing the podcast. For more information, contact Dr. Chad Whittle at [Benjamin.Whittle@GCSU.edu](mailto:Benjamin.Whittle@GCSU.edu).

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# Georgia Council on Literacy Aug. 26, 2024, Magnolia Ballroom

## Deal Center : Friday August 23, 2024

The Deal Center at Georgia College & State University will host the Georgia Council on Literacy quarterly meeting in Magnolia Ballroom, Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please see the attached agenda for reference. Please feel free to share this agenda with any faculty, staff or students who would like to attend. For further information about the Georgia Council on Literacy, visit its website at [Georgia Council on Literacy | The Governor's Office of Student Achievement.](#)



If you have any questions about this meeting, please feel free to contact the Deal Center.

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### ATTACHMENT

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# Mindful Monday for Aug. 26

Student Health and Wellbeing, Office of : Friday August 23, 2024

This is the Mindful Monday post for Aug. 26. Mindful Monday is a Year 1 initiative of Georgia College & State University's QEP, Bobcats FIRST. Here's what you can do to be part of this initiative:



- Follow @gcsu\_bobcatsfirst on Instagram or download the attached image.
- Share the Mindful Monday post to your departmental and/or personal social media account.
- Reference the Mindful Monday in class, and ask students to reflect silently or aloud.
- Share in other creative ways to promote mindfulness, positivity and belonging.

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[Student Health and Wellbeing, Office of](#)

# Join GCSU's Artificial Intelligence Community of Practice

**Center for Teaching & Learning : Friday August 23, 2024**

Are you a faculty member at Georgia College & State University who's interested in exploring the exciting world of artificial intelligence? Do you want to learn how AI can enhance your teaching and support your students?

We invite you to become a part of our AI Community of Practice. This group, shepherded by Dr. Ward Risvold, director of the Georgia College AI Lab, brings together faculty to collaborate, share insights and discover innovative ways to integrate AI into their classes. By participating, you'll engage in joint activities and discussions that foster collective learning and professional growth, create projects, explore the latest in AI technology and find opportunities to expand your teaching.

**Meetings:** Second Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m., beginning Sept. 11. We'll meet at the CTL Classroom, 376 Library.

Don't miss out on this chance to be at the forefront of educational technology. Let's harness the power of AI together!

For more information and to join, please contact Jim Berger at the Center for Teaching & Learning: (478) 445-2520 or [ctl@gcsu.edu](mailto:ctl@gcsu.edu).

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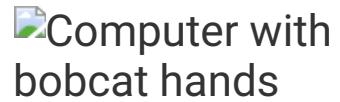
# Announcements Posted Monday

## August 26, 2024

### Start your semester with support and success: Writing Center is open

#### The Writing Center : Monday August 26, 2024

All writers can benefit from another "set of eyes." Georgia College & State University's writing consultants (graduate and undergraduate tutors) will provide a welcoming space to listen to your top concerns and assist you with your writing, posters, and presentations.



In-person, virtual, and feedback via email appointments are available Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Virtual and feedback via email appointments are also available Mon. - Thurs. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Find us in A&S 2-56A—down the hallway from the auditorium.

Schedule an appointment directly at [writingcenter.gcsu.edu](http://writingcenter.gcsu.edu) or [by visiting MyGCSU](#) and selecting "WCOnline" from service apps (also [by visiting Unify](#) and selecting "Scheduling with the Writing Center" from the "Start Here" tab).

Questions? Email [writing.center@gcsu.edu](mailto:writing.center@gcsu.edu).

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[The Writing Center](#)

# Calling all trumpet players

Music, Department of : Monday August 26, 2024

The Georgia College & State University Jazz Band is in need of two (2) trumpet players to fill out the band. If you play trumpet and have Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:45 p.m. available, then this might be a good fit for you. If you are interested or want more information, please reach out to Dr. Towner at [clifford.towner@gcsu.edu](mailto:clifford.towner@gcsu.edu).



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# **Randall Bonser, a limited-term lecturer in English, spoke at the Digital Humanities 2024 Conference, “Reinvention and Responsibility” in Washington, D.C. on a panel on “Pedagogy and Generative AI”**

**English, Department of : Monday August 26, 2024**

Randall Bonser, a limited-term lecturer in English, spoke at the Digital Humanities 2024 Conference, “Reinvention and Responsibility” in Washington, D.C. as part of a panel on “Pedagogy and Generative AI.” Five instructors from the U.S. and Europe addressed a workshop audience interested in how a diverse section of college instructors are using AI as part of their curriculum. Professor Bonser outlined how he teaches students to use Gen AI as a collaborator, while helping his students form NBPs (necessary brain processes) and “fall in love with their own voice.”

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# Thinking about applying for an Academic Affairs Small Grant? This CTL Grants Workshop can help

Center for Teaching & Learning : Monday August 26, 2024

Are you interested in applying for one of the grants being offered by Academic Affairs? Perhaps you have questions about what research projects can be supported by grant funding. [The application period opens Sept. 1!](#) Completing a grants application can feel high stakes; are you ready? We want you to be successful.

Join Jim Berger to learn steps for completing the application and receive guidance on what can be included and what to leave out. Even if you are not sure you want to apply to the programs, this session can help you think about the process and potential projects. Each of the sections will be discussed, rubrics for the different types of grants will be provided and tips on how to create a more successful application will be covered. These grant programs are open to all full-time faculty (instructors, lecturers, tenure, tenure-track and non-tenure). Handouts will be provided, and resources will be shared.

[Register to attend](#) at 2 p.m. on Aug. 28 or at 3 p.m. on Aug. 29. The workshops will be held in Library 376.

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# 6th Annual Allison Everett 5K Run/Walk

College of Health Sciences : Monday August 26, 2024

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m. at the West Campus Intramural lot for a 5K sponsored by the Exercise Science Club and the Exercise is Medicine initiative. We will have tables, concessions and prizes! All students, faculty and community members are welcome. Students will also receive a student discount. Come out to support the club and spend time with friends.



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[College of Health Sciences](#)

## ATTACHMENT

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[5K Ad Blue.pdf](#)

# Free online oral history course now available

O'Connor Institute : Monday August 26, 2024

Do you want to learn more about oral history? Are you interested in preserving family stories? Look no further.

Register for "Oral History Basics," a free online course created by Dr. Stephanie Opperman, professor of history at Georgia College and program director of the NEH-funded grant "Collecting the Past."

The course will teach you how to capture and share meaningful stories and memories.

Perfect for history enthusiasts and storytelling lovers alike, this workshop offers practical tips and valuable insights to help you preserve the past.

Take advantage of this opportunity to enrich your skills and sign up today.

Sign up at: [Oral History Basics: Online Course Registration \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com).

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[O'Connor Institute](#)

# August 2024 CTL Newsletter

Center for Teaching & Learning : Monday August 26, 2024

Please see the [August 2024 CTL Newsletter](#) for more information on:

- Examining the Use of AI in Higher Education: Insights from faculty
- News from the CTL: New Faculty Orientation; Introducing Instructor Peer Coaching (IPC) @ Georgia College & State University: Elevating Teaching Excellence; Upcoming Workshop Programming - Fall 2024; Academic Affairs Small Grants - Application Period Opens September 1; Community-Based Engaged Learning Grants - Application Period Opens Sept. 1; Call for Proposals - Collaborative Research Grant - Application period opens Sept. 1; Join GCSU's Artificial Intelligence Community of Practice; Having a Problem in GeorgiaVIEW? Remember the 10-Minute Rule; Table Talk is Back
- Spotlight on Faculty Awards: Dr. Catrena Higginbotham Lisse - 2023 Charles Dunn Award from the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC)
- News from IT

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# Graduating Seniors: Fall 2024 senior exit exam registration

**Center for Testing : Monday August 26, 2024**

Registration is now open for the fall 2024 senior exit exams. The registration deadline is Sept. 20, 2024.

To view the testing dates specific to your major and to secure your spot, please visit: [www.gcsu.edu/testingcenter](http://www.gcsu.edu/testingcenter).

For any inquiries or assistance, feel free to reach out to us at 478-445-5016 or via email at [gctesting@gcsu.edu](mailto:gctesting@gcsu.edu).

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# Announcements Posted Tuesday

## August 27, 2024

### GCSU picked to finish fourth in Peach Belt

**Athletics : Tuesday August 27, 2024**

AUGUSTA, Ga. | The Peach Belt Conference preseason coaches poll for women's cross country has been released.



Georgia College & State University has been picked to finish fourth in the league.

Flagler College was the top pick in the women's poll as they collected nine first-place votes and 81 points, while Augusta University is second with 71. The University of North Georgia is third place with 60 points and was followed by Georgia College (56), Columbus State University (48), Clayton State University (41), University of South Carolina-Aiken (38), Lander University (25), University of South Carolina-Beaufort (20) and Georgia Southwestern State University (10).

Flagler has won the last six Peach Belt titles. GCSU returns seven runners from last year's fourth-place squad at the PBC meet.

The 2024 PBC Championship will be hosted by North Georgia Oct. 26 at its UNG Cross Country Course located in Oakwood, Georgia.

The Bobcats open the season Sept. 6 with two meets. GCSU will compete at the Eye Opener hosted by the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Bobcats will also compete at the GMC Brickyard Invitational hosted by Georgia Military College at the Council Farms Cross Country Course.

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# TRS: One-on-One Pre-Retirement Counseling Sessions, Sept. 17, 18 and 19 (On Campus)

Human Resources, Office of : Tuesday August 27, 2024

TRS will be visiting GCSU for in-person, one-on-one 50-minute Pre-Retirement Counseling Sessions on Sept. 17, 18 and 19, 2024. Registration is now open; see details below and in the attached flyer.

Appointments are limited; it is recommended that you register ASAP! \*Members who are not within five years of retirement will not be allowed to sign up - this is a TRS regulation.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024 – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 -- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 -- 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Wooten-Garner House (Office of Human Resources) Conference Room

These 50-minute sessions will allow you to:

- Receive individual benefit estimates.
- Receive detailed information about TRS retirement options.
- Receive more in-depth information about purchasing service.
- Ask very specific questions about your individual situation.
- Bring a guest with you to listen and ask questions.

To register, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit [www.TRSGA.com](http://www.TRSGA.com).

2. Click on Account Login link in the upper navigation bar.
3. Select “Active Member” and proceed to the Account Login page.
4. Register for and/or log in to your TRS account.
5. Click on Register for an Event, choose Statewide Events, then choose BALDWIN County or enter ZIP Code 31061.
6. Pick the event and time of your choice. You will receive an automatic email confirmation upon your successful registration.

There is no Event Code for this event.

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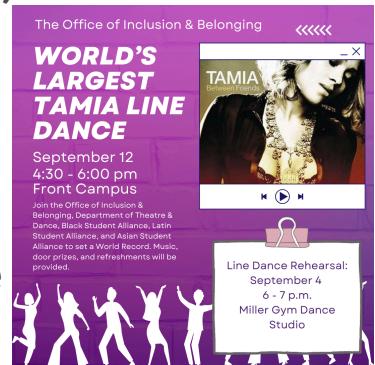
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[In-Person-Pre-Retirement-Counseling-Flyer\\_Form\\_Sept 17-19 GCSU.pdf](#)

# The World's Largest Tamia Line Dance

Inclusion and Belonging, Office of : Tuesday August 27, 2024

The Office of Inclusion and Belonging (OIB), in partnership with the Department of Theatre and Dance, Black Student Alliance, Latino Student Alliance and Asian Student Alliance, will host “The World’s Largest Tamia Line Dance” Thursday, Sept. 12. The event will be held on the Front Campus lawn from 4:30 until 6 p.m. The entire Georgia College & State University community is invited. The event will be filled with fun and fancy footwork as GCSU attempts a world-record Tamia Line Dance.



To get everyone ready to do the line dance, you can rehearse at the Miller Gym Studio Sept. 4 from 6 until 7 p.m. You can also view a [YouTube video showing the line dance](#) if you can't make the rehearsal. So, bring your friends and co-workers to this awesome community event!

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# Bobcats have 14 players named NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes

Athletics : Tuesday August 27, 2024

LOUISVILLE, Ky. | Fourteen Georgia College & State University softball players captured the Easton/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Scholar-Athlete honors for the 2023-24 academic year.



The honor goes to student-athletes who earned a 3.50 grade-point average or higher during the 2023-24 season. The NFCA honored 1,524 student-athletes from NCAA Division II institutions.

Below are the 2023-24 Easton/NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes from GCSU:

Name Major (Minor)

[Riley Barsby](#) Undeclared: Nursing Track

[Addison Black](#) Undeclared: Nursing Track

[Divina Checo](#) Special Education

[Reina Checo](#) Psychology (Criminal Justice)

[Stephanie Condland](#) Elementary Education

[Karlie Gutierrez](#) Finance (Spanish Language & Culture)

[Emily Hutcheson](#) Management (Business Administration)

[Eliza Kuhne](#) Psychology (Management)

Jessica Owens Biology (Anthropology)

Caroline Pollock Exercise Science

Jana Shellhorse Marketing

Isabella Theus Undeclared: Nursing Track

Maddie Todd Exercise Science

Kacie Wiggins Management

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# **Dr. Kerry James Evans, assistant professor of English, named the Honorable Mention Winner of The Backwaters Press Prize in Poetry/University of Nebraska Press. His manuscript, Nine Persimmons, will be published in spring 2026.**

English, Department of : Tuesday August 27, 2024

Dr. Kerry James Evans, assistant professor of English, is named the Honorable Mention Winner of The Backwaters Press Prize in Poetry/University of Nebraska Press. He will be awarded \$1,000 and his manuscript, Nine Persimmons, will be published in spring 2026.

Of *Nine Persimmons*, Judge Tomás Q. Morín said: “I play it out measure by measure,’ writes Kerry James Evans. And those soulful measures are filled with a music that is unabashedly Southern. These poems are haunted, full of grit and down-home. They have no quit in them. If the great Harry Crews had written poetry, he might have written something like Evans’s *Nine Persimmons*.”

Kerry James Evans is also the author of *Bangalore* (Copper Canyon).

“Having moved a great many times in my life, ‘place’ has a significant role in my life,” said Evans. “After I was born, my father joined the Air Force and his first assignment was at Offutt Air Force Base. So many of my first memories, including the birth of my brother, took place in Nebraska, so when I found out *Nine Persimmons* was named Honorable Mention of the Backwaters Poetry Prize, I couldn’t have been happier. I’m incredibly grateful to everyone at the Backwaters/UNL Press for giving this collection a home.”

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# Bobcats selected to finish fourth in PBC

**Athletics : Tuesday August 27, 2024**

AUGUSTA, Ga. | The Peach Belt Conference preseason coaches poll for men's cross country has been released.



Georgia College & State University has been picked to finish fourth in the league.

Augusta University was top choice in the poll of men's cross country coaches with eight first-place votes and 64 points, while Flagler College was next at 57. Columbus State University was third with 45 points and was followed by GCSU (43), Clayton State University (33), University of South Carolina-Aiken (31), Lander University (22), University of South Carolina-Beaufort (19) and Georgia Southwestern State University (10).

Augusta won the PBC Championship for the fifth time in a row. The Bobcats return five runners their 2023 team that finished in fourth place at last year's championship, including reigning PBC Freshman of the Year [Daniel Laird](#).

The 2024 PBC Championships will be hosted by the University of North Georgia Oct. 26 at its UNG Cross Country Course located in Oakwood, Georgia.

The Bobcats open the season Sept. 6 with two meets. GCSU will compete at the Eye Opener hosted by the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Bobcats will also compete at the GMC Brickyard Invitational hosted by Georgia Military College at the Council Farms Cross Country Course.

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# Announcements Posted Wednesday

## August 28, 2024

### Dr. Jeannie Pridmore selected for USG Executive Leadership Institute

Information Systems & Computer Science, Department of : Wednesday August 28, 2024

The University System of Georgia selected Chair of Information Systems and Computer Science Dr. Jeannie Pridmore to participate in their yearlong [Executive Leadership Institute](#).

The professional development program enhances scholar leadership skills and prepares participants for administrative roles through group learning, mentorship and more.



“It is an honor for a department chair from the Bunting College of Business & Technology to have been selected to participate in this year’s Executive Leadership Institute,” said Interim Dean Dr. Tanya Goette. “Jeannie is in her second year and has already demonstrated exceptional leadership by driving innovation in our curriculum and fostering strong industry partnerships.”

The program also offers job shadowing of senior executives across different institutions of higher learning, facilitating exploration of many layers of operation.

“My primary goal is to develop and grow as a leader by focusing on self-awareness, emotional intelligence and gaining insights into leadership within higher education,” Pridmore said. “I am especially excited for the mentorship and personal reflection opportunities. I hope participating in

the ELI will equip me with the tools to become a more effective leader for my faculty and students, and to become as valuable as I can be for Georgia College & State University."

"I have always worked in very male dominated fields, and at times questioned if I would have advancement opportunities," she said. "For me, this means recognition of years of hard work, recognition of my passion to be the best leader I can be for my faculty and students, and I am thankful for the opportunity to gain leadership skills needed to excel at GCSU."

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[Information Systems & Computer Science, Department of](#)

# Guest Artist Concert: "From Bolivia with Love: an evening of violin and piano music"

Music, Department of : Wednesday August 28, 2024

Tuesday, Sept. 3 Pianist Sergio Ruiz, former chair of Georgia College & State University's Music Department, returns to campus with violinist Javier Pinell for a concert, "From Bolivia with Love: an evening of violin and piano music," at 7:30 p.m. in Max Noah Recital Hall. Ruiz is now professor of music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He and Pinell, a professor of violin and chair of string studies at Sam Houston State University, chose to perform the unique style of Bolivian melodies and dance rhythms, combining Andean folk elements with European traditions of art music. Come on a musical journey that will transport you from plateaus of the Andean Mountains to exotic rainforests of the Amazon. Produced by GCSU's Owen Lovell, this concert will also be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment). A \$5 donation is encouraged. Online donations can be made at [give.gcsu.edu/g/department-of-music/](https://give.gcsu.edu/g/department-of-music/). All proceeds benefit music scholarships or the [GCSU Department of Music](#) through GCSU Foundation, Inc. For more information, please email [music@gcsu.edu](mailto:music@gcsu.edu) or call 478-445-8289.



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# Read the College of Business & Technology's Annual Report

College of Business & Technology : Wednesday August 28, 2024

The College of Business & Technology had an incredible year of accomplishments, accolades and transformative learning experiences that advanced our strategic plan. [We are excited to invite you to read our 2023-2024 Annual Report.](#)



We thank our faculty, staff and students for representing the J. Whitney Bunting College of Business & Technology with such prestige throughout the year. Go Bobcats!

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# Now hiring Student Tutors

Deal Center : Wednesday August 28, 2024

The Student Tutor will gain experience in education through close interaction with the Deal Center's Program Manager and certified supervising teachers from Baldwin County School District. The responsibilities of this position require professionalism, interpersonal skills and a willingness to learn and apply effective teaching and learning strategies for working with elementary-age children. This position serves as a peer tutor for striving K-2 readers, and will participate in training, data collection and other duties as needed.



Required Qualifications: Enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours as an undergraduate at GCSU.

Great Opportunities include:

- Support local K-2 students' reading development.
- Choose your weekly commitment (3 - 6) hours.
- Competitive pay.
- Strengthen your collaborative planning skills.
- Receive complimentary training in Science of Reading curriculum.

To apply, please visit:

<https://www.gcsu.edu/humanresources/employment-opportunities>.

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### **ATTACHMENT**

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**Tutor.pdf**

# Announcements Posted Thursday

## August 29, 2024

### Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program - Class of 2024 applications due Friday, Sept. 27, 2024

**Provost & Academic Affairs, Office of the : Thursday August 29, 2024**

Georgia College & State University (GCSU) established the Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program in 2019 to provide a selected group of faculty and faculty in administrative positions with dedicated time to develop and hone leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education. The program will specifically focus on issues women face in academic administration.

This year's program begins November 2024 and runs through May 2025. Fellows will attend monthly meetings where they will learn from senior administrators on campus, as well as visiting speakers from academia, business and other fields. Participants will be GCSU faculty who hold the rank of assistant (with three years of experience at GCSU), associate or full professor who represent all colleges and the library and/or academic administrators with faculty status. A selection committee will review the submissions and make recommendations to the provost.

Applicants should submit materials to Rhonda Griffin, administrative assistant for the Office of the Provost ([rhonda.griffin@gcsu.edu](mailto:rhonda.griffin@gcsu.edu)) by Friday, Sept. 27, 2024. The application materials should include:

- A letter not to exceed two pages presenting evidence of interest in academic leadership, experience in academic governance or administration to date and what the nominee hopes to accomplish with the support of the program;

- Two letters of recommendation; one of which needs to be from an immediate supervisor. Each recommendation letter is limited to one page in length;
- A current C.V. or résumé.

The Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program is administered by the Office of the Provost. More information about the program can be found at the website: <https://www.gcsu.edu/provost/womens-leadership-faculty-fellows-program>. Questions about the program may be directed to Dr. Mandy Jarriel, [mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu](mailto:mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu) or Dr. Liz Speelman, [liz.speelman@gcsu.edu](mailto:liz.speelman@gcsu.edu).

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# **Legislative Exams: Fall 2024**

**Center for Testing : Thursday August 29, 2024**

Registration is now open for the Fall 2024 Legislative Exams. The last testing date for any legislative exams will be Dec. 3, 2024.

Slots are filling up fast. Please register by visiting our website:  
[www.gcsu.edu/testingcenter](http://www.gcsu.edu/testingcenter).

If you have questions, please contact the Testing Center at 478-445-5016.

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# **Council of Student Ambassadors Application Closes Sept. 1**

**Enrollment Management : Thursday August 29, 2024**

The 2024-2025 Council of Student Ambassadors application is now open. Applications are open to all students and close Sept. 1, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Interested students should [complete the application here](#).



The purpose of the council is the positive promotion and representation of Georgia College & State University and its public liberal arts mission. The ambassadors serve as a vital link between the university's student body, prospective students and their families, staff, alumni and friends. They serve as tour guides, assist at recruitment events and are overall representatives of GCSU.

For more information on the council, visit [gcsu.edu/ambassadors](http://gcsu.edu/ambassadors).

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[Enrollment Management](#)

# Outside Activities Approval Form

Human Resources, Office of : Thursday August 29, 2024

As the academic year gets underway, The Office of Human Resources would like to remind employees of the [Approval Request for Outside Activities form](#) available via my.gcsu.edu. The purpose of this form is for employees to disclose any potential, actual or apparent conflicts of interest before engaging in compensated outside activities that relate to their expertise or responsibilities as a USG employee. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, consulting, teaching, speaking, offering services, etc. The new form is effective immediately. Please refer to corresponding USG [policy](#) information (cited at the top of the form).

After logging into my.gcsu.edu, you will locate Forms from the Service Apps menu, then scroll down and locate University Required Forms.

If you have questions about the policy and/or process, please contact the Office of Legal Affairs and/or the Office of Human Resources.

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# **Late-Night Shuttle passengers must scan Bobcat Cards**

**Parking & Transportation : Thursday August 29, 2024**

All passengers riding the Late-night Shuttle are required to scan their Bobcat Card.

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## **DEPARTMENT WEB SITE**

[Parking & Transportation](#)

# College Colors Day 2024

**University Communications : Thursday August 29, 2024**

Join President Cox for our College Colors Day Celebration Friday, August 30, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Front Campus. We are celebrating the 20th annual National College Colors Day! Be sure to wear your BLUE and GREEN. We will have snacks, swag, giveaways and a chance to cheer for some of our outstanding student athletes. Thunder will be there, of course!



And don't forget that you can stock up on Bobcat gear by using promo code SPIRIT24 in-store or online at [Barnes & Noble at Georgia College](#).

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# Announcements Posted Friday

## August 30, 2024

### IT Help Desk holiday hours - Labor Day 2024

#### Information Technology : Friday August 30, 2024

The Information Technology Help Desk is closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The IT Help Desk will monitor phone and email messages. Information Technology staff will monitor systems and services to ensure availability. A system emergency is defined as an entire building being offline; internet access to the campus not working; and/or Banner, PAWS, email or the main website being down. We will follow up on all non-emergency requests during normal operating hours Tuesday, Sept. 3. Please contact Public Safety at (478) 445-4400 in the event of an emergency.



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# Volleyball selected fifth in the league

**Athletics : Friday August 30, 2024**

AUGUSTA, Ga. | The Peach Belt Conference preseason coaches poll for women's volleyball has been released.

Georgia College & State University has been picked to finish fifth in the league.



Augusta University, which won its second consecutive league regular-season title and the PBC Tournament for the fifth time in the last six years, collected three first-place votes and 15 points to edge Lander University, who picked up the other two first-place votes, by a point.

University of South Carolina-Aiken is in third place with 10 points and was followed by Flagler College (7) and Georgia College (4).

The season gets underway Sept. 6 and 7, as GCSU will host its annual Bobcat Classic. The Bobcats will welcome Southern Wesleyan University, Albany State University, Lee University and Young Harris College for the two-day event. GCSU will face Southern Wesleyan at 2 p.m. before hosting Albany State at 7 p.m. Sept. 6, while the Bobcats will entertain Lee (2 p.m.) and Young Harris (7 p.m.) on the final day.

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# Mindful Monday for Sept. 2

Student Health and Wellbeing, Office of : Friday August 30, 2024

This is the Mindful Monday post for Sept. 2. Mindful Monday is a Year 1 initiative of Georgia College & State University's QEP and Bobcats FIRST. Here's what you can do to be part of this initiative:



- Follow @gcsu\_bobcatsfirst on Instagram or download the attached image.
- Share the Mindful Monday post to your departmental and/or personal social media account. (Monday is a holiday, so don't forget to schedule the post before the weekend.)
- Reference the Mindful Monday in class on Tuesday, and ask students to reflect silently or aloud.
- Share in other creative ways to promote mindfulness, positivity and belonging.

To receive the Mindful Monday directly to your e-mail on Fridays, [click here](#) to join the distribution list.

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# Interlibrary Loan Services - Temporary disruption

**Ina Dillard Russell Library : Friday August 30, 2024**

Russell Library is experiencing a temporary disruption in Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services. We are working with our vendor to resolve the problem and are hopeful for a swift resolution. We will update when the disruption has been resolved.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

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# Soccer picked to finish sixth in Peach Belt Conference

**Athletics : Friday August 30, 2024**

AUGUSTA, Ga. | The Peach Belt Conference preseason coaches poll for women's soccer has been released.



Georgia College & State University has been picked to finish sixth in the league.

Columbus State University, which finished second in the PBC regular-season standings, but won the PBC Tournament, was the top pick in the poll as they collected five first-place votes and 77 points, while the University of North Georgia, which won the PBC regular-season title, collected three first-place votes and was second with 71 points.

Flagler College is in third place with 68 points and was followed by Lander University (60), Clayton State University (46), Georgia College (42), University of South Carolina-Beaufort (29), Georgia Southwestern State University (27), University of South Carolina-Aiken (21) and Albany State University (9). Flagler and Lander each received one first-place vote.

The Bobcats, who return a lot of experienced players (28) from last year's 8-8-2 squad that finished in sixth place in the Peach Belt Conference, open the 2024 campaign in Salisbury, North Carolina, for two matches. GCSU will face Chowan University at 5 p.m. Sept. 6, and they will round out the weekend Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. when they face No. 13 Catawba College. GCSU will open its home schedule at Bobcat Soccer Sept. 11 when they will entertain Middle Georgia State University in a 7 p.m. non-conference match.

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# National Pet Rock Day is Sept. 1, 2024

Biology & Environmental Sciences, Department of : Friday August 30, 2024

National Pet Rock Day is Sept. 1, 2024. Are you prepared? Please stop by the William P. Wall Museum of Natural History, Herty 143, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. to adopt your free rock.

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# **Wellness and Recreation Center Labor Day Holiday closure**

## **Wellness & Recreation : Friday August 30, 2024**

The Wellness and Recreation Center will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Normal operation hours will resume Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024. Full WRC operation hours can be found on our [website](#).

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