Dr. Chavonda Mills, said: “It is my hope that the partnering of a liberal arts education with professional pharmacy schools will produce 21st century pharmacists dedicated to serving all members of the community and that some of these students will return to rural Georgia to practice pharmacy.”

Carolyn Forché selected as Inaugural Darugar Scholar

Carolyn Forché celebrated the release of her latest collection of poems, “In the Lateness of the World,” on March 10 of last year. The country went into lockdown three days later, throwing her planned readings and book signings out the window along with planned poetry readings at coffeehouses, many of which attract a diverse group of aspiring pharmacists to respond to market demand. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of pharmacists is projected to decline 3 percent from 2019 to 2029, yet demand for pharmacists in hospitals and clinics is projected to increase, particularly in rural areas.

About 21 percent of Georgia College chemistry majors declare a concentration in pre-pharmacy. This year, Georgia College is experiencing a three-year peak at 24 percent, said Dr. Chavonda Mills, Georgia College’s provost. “This helps students see an avenue, while beginning their careers early—competing both degrees in seven years, instead of eight.”

This year that the chemistry program has taken the initiative to develop these innovative Pharm.D. Pathways,” said Dr. Eric Tenafas, head of the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia College.

“This means our chemistry majors will have even greater options ahead of them, ” he said, “including the ability to earn a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree in less time in what is a high-demand field.

In addition, this is a positive retention, recruitment and graduation initiative for our university.”

Pharmacology Pathways began more than a year ago when Mills knew that this would attract a diverse group of aspiring pharmacists to respond to market demand.

Forché, who has spent 36 years as an instructor, said: “I believe poetry can bring about social change. I think it can make one think about being a human being and what being human is.”

This event will be free and open to the public.

What's going on in Bobcat Territory?

Wednesday

10 a.m.-12 p.m. - African American Read-in takes place Friday

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The annual African American Read-in will be held Friday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 201 of Russell Library.

The African American Read-in is a Black History Month event sponsored by the Black Caucus of National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The main purpose of the event is to draw the attention of African American literature as a traditional part of Black History Month activities.

The event will be an “open mic” style, in which students can share their favorite stories or poems over a 5-minute selection by their favorite author. Selections may include poetry, dramatic monologues, short stories, and creative non-fiction. This event will be for the public.