

## Georgia College earns highest rating as a state educator preparation program for fourth year

Georgia College's John H. Lounsbury College of Education earned a Level 4 rating on the 2021 Teacher Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs) published by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Level 4 is labeled "exemplary" and is the highest rating available. The Level 4 ranking is above the desired level of performance for effectively preparing future teachers. This marks the fourth year in a row Georgia College has received the highest rank.

"Our exemplary rating is a tribute to our faculty who are dedicated to student success and set a high bar for our students," said Dr. Joe Peters, dean of the College of Education. "It also reflects the exemplary work of our teaching and leadership candidates who rise to meet the coursework and field experience challenges set by faculty."



The PPEMs evaluate educator preparation programs using measures like certification assessments required by the state and measures collected once candidates are in the classroom, including observations by supervisors and surveys of

employers as well as newly employed teachers. The primary purpose of the PPEMs is to give educator preparation programs detailed information they can use to improve.

"At GaPSC, the needs of our students in Georgia come first. In order that they can receive the quality education they deserve, it is imperative that their teachers be effectively prepared," said Matt Arthur, GaPSC Executive Secretary. "The 2021 measures are consistent with prior years, and even reflect the targeted improvements made by many EPPs, in spite of the challenges faced by programs, teachers and students alike over the last year and a half."

PPEMs are used to provide the public with information on educator preparation programs, especially those thinking of pursuing a career in education. PPEMs align with two of the state-standards that program providers must meet to continue preparing future Georgia-certified educators.

"Since their inception, PPEMs have deeply informed the process of continuous improvement for Georgia educator preparation programs," said Penney McRoy, educator preparation division director at GaPSC. "We are seeing programs generate plans to improve specific preparation measures, and then seeing the payoff in greater effectiveness in following years. We're excited for Georgia students to benefit from these improvements."

While PPEMs do reflect important data about program effectiveness, they cannot capture all aspects of a preparation program,



nor are they meant to.

"Our providers rated Level 4 have shown exemplary performance, and some of these providers have had the opportunity to share their best practices with other Georgia program providers at state conferences. In time, we hope all of our providers with Level 4 will have the same chance," said McRoy.

The PPEM ratings of all Georgia educator preparation program providers are now available at [gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/ppems.aspx](https://gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/ppems.aspx).

For more information on the College of Education, visit [gcsu.edu/education](https://gcsu.edu/education).

## Creative Expressions concert set for Monday

This year's Creative Expressions concert – performed by adults with intellectual disabilities from the Life Enrichment Center (LEC) and Georgia College Music Therapy students– will be Monday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in New City Church, 224 E. Walton St. in Milledgeville.

The theme is "Double Decades – The 1980s meet the 2010s."

You'll recognize great favorites in this uplifting, positive program of songs. Performing groups include the Men's Vocal Percussion, Jungle Royales, Good Vibrations, the Harmonettes, the Bell Tones, the Music Makers and Music in Motion.

For over 20 years, performers from LEC and Georgia College have used music to build community connections and show we are more alike than different.

A \$5 donation is encouraged. All proceeds benefit music scholarships or the GC Department of Music through GCSU Foundation, Inc.

For more information, please email [music@gcsu.edu](mailto:music@gcsu.edu) or call 478-445-8289.

## Local students participate in Georgia College's 'Day in the Lab'

Georgia College's Science Education Center hosted 57 middle schoolers Thursday, Nov. 11. Professors and students guided youth through various types of chemical reactions, giving them a sense of what it's like to major in science.

The event was called "Day in the Lab."

"It is my hope we can build a better relationship with our local middle school students to keep them excited and interested in science," said Dr. Catrena Lisse, chemistry professor and director of the Science Education Center.

This is the second year the university has held the chemical workshop. The goal is to give Georgia College Early College 8th-grade students "a real laboratory experience with undergraduates majoring in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math)," Lisse said.

Middle schoolers were accompanied by their teacher, Tynisha Harris. They are currently studying about chemical reactions, like synthesis and decomposition. Youth learned how to make carbonic acid using only water and their exhaled breath (carbon dioxide). They'll also investigated a "beautiful blue solid" by mixing two liquids together.

The 8th graders also toured university labs and learned about the diversity of undergraduate research being done at Georgia College. About five college students and three professors conducted tours and helped with lab experiments.

For more on the Science Education Center, visit [gcsu.edu/artsandsciences/science](https://gcsu.edu/artsandsciences/science).



### Did you know?

Beginning ceramics art students will be having their annual flower/vase show in Ennis Tuesday, Nov. 16, through Friday Nov. 19.

Students used traditional Chinese glazes, such as celadon, on their GC's signature stoneware clay body using regional iron-rich clays to develop the objects.

A student reception will be held on the front porch of Ennis on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m.

Students: Maggie Barnhardt, Erin Lass, Jessica Mcewen, Samantha Threlkeld, Ann Douberly, Katherine Hosford, Lauren Johnson and Gia Mehdiouf. Curated by student Mary Ludington.



## What's going on in Bobcat Territory?

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7 p.m.- Come out and enjoy our GC Jazz Jam Session at Allen's Market, downtown Milledgeville, presented by Jazz at Georgia College.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5 p.m.- Ceramics art students will have their annual flower/vase show this year in Ennis Hall Tuesday, Nov. 16, through Friday Nov. 19. A student reception will be held on the front porch of Ennis Hall Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m.</p> <p>7:30 p.m.- Georgia College's Opera Scenes Ensemble presents "Trials of Fate" in Max Noah Recital Hall. Five students will perform seven scenes from six operas in Italian, German, French and English. This concert will also be livestreamed at <a href="https://facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment">facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment</a>.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>5:45- Gallery talk will be held on the front patio of the Museum of Fine Arts/Underwood House for the capstone exhibit BOUNDLESS. The exhibit showcases students' outstanding research over the past year and includes work in a variety of media.</p> <p>7 p.m.- The William Harvey Address takes place in Magnolia Ballroom with guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Sucre, physician and scientist from Vanderbilt University. She will discuss the topic "So Long as We Can Breathe: Lung Injury and Regeneration Explored Through a Developmental Lens."</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>