Tickets on sale for the International Dinner

Tickets are on sale for the 35th Annual International Dinner at Georgia College. The dinner and talent show will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 7 in Magnolia Ballroom. Guests will enjoy a wide variety of dishes from around the world and an evening of performances that reflect the music, fashion and cultural heritage of our international students.

This popular event sells out quickly, and tickets are available in limited supplies. Proceeds from the dinner benefit scholarships for international students.

Tickets can be purchased at or check cash at the International Education Center on Clarke Street. For more information, please contact the International Education Center at 478-445-4789.

Art exhibit on display through Saturday

An artist in multiple fields—include fiber art, fashion and sculpture—Bales is inspired by improvisation- African American quilts. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Leland Gallery is located in East Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the exhibit, please contact Ermine Gates at ext. 4262 or call 478-445-5372.

Valentine’s Day Rendezvous concert Saturday

The art exhibit, “Judy Bales, Unhindered Spirit: Embracing Imperfection,” is on display at Leland Hall’s Leland Gallery through Friday, Feb. 14. This exhibit is curated by senior art majors Grace Calaway and Sophie Daniel in fulfillment of their Museum Studies capstone thesis project.

Judy Bales, a treble contemporary choral music faculty member at Georgia College, will perform a Dolly Parton favorite, “Jolene,” as well as "Take Me Home, Country Roads" by John Denver. The Martha Colvin Lecture will be performed by the University System of Georgia Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Tristan Denley in the award letter. "When the review committee met to discuss the nominations and finalize their recommendations, they voted unanimously to recommend you as this year’s winner," Denley wrote to Bales.

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Dr. Hasitha Mahabaduge, assistant professor of physics.

Dr. Hasitha Mahabaduge, assistant professor of physics, was recently named the 2020 recipient of the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents Felton Jenkins Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award—named for "a strong commitment to teaching and student success." Mahabaduge is the third Georgia College professor in three years to earn this prestigious recognition.

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Dr. Felton Jenkins Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award is one of six annual teaching in Excellence awards presented by the USG Board of Regents. Mahabaduge will be honored, along with other recipients, at the Scholarship Gala Feb. 21 in Atlanta.

"It’s not only a recognition but a validation of the work I do," Mahabaduge said. "Some things I do are different from the approaches a traditional lecturer might take."

This is a formidable approach to teaching that helped him win this award. In 2016, a former student approached the new Sri Lankan professor for a favor. He heard of Mahabaduge’s doctoral research at the University of Colorado in this prestigious research area, so a world-renowned expert in the field of renewable energy came to Mahabaduge to discuss his work. Mahabaduge’s group set a world record at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in 2015.

"I’ve given many presentations at teaching and learning conferences, where I say my love—every love story starts with a "yes,"" Mahabaduge said. "My love story with teaching started with saying ‘yes’ to that student."