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## Teacher Education Unit Re-Accredited by NCATE

The Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has re-accredited the Clayton State University Teacher Education unit for the next six years, affirming the unit’s mandate to make dreams real for both Clayton State students and those students they will be teaching in the future.

At its April meeting in St. Louis, NCATE decided to continue the accreditation of Teacher Education at Clayton State at the initial teacher preparation level. This re-accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community.

According to Dr. Ruth Caillouet, Teacher Education chair, her program has met all NCATE standards for the second review

in a row. In particular, the Clayton State Teacher Education unit was commended for its strengths in Standard 2 (Assessment System and Unit Evaluation), Standard 3 (Field Experiences and Clinical Practice), and Standard 5 (Faculty Qualifications, Performance, and Development). The unit was also commended for reaching the Target level, the highest mark for Standard 5; Faculty Qualifications.

The Standard 2 unit devotes considerable time and effort to assuring fairness and inter-rater reliability through its faculty norming sessions. It utilizes assessment data, video-based case studies, and role playing to assure that all faculty assign fair and unbiased scores. Where inconsistencies arise, the faculty works tirelessly to make changes in rubric terminology to assure fairness.

Standard 3 addresses the practice of having both content area and education faculty observe candidates has improved the performance of candidates and assisted mentor teachers. Mentor teachers and campus faculty are able to interact and improve content area pedagogical performance.

Standard 5 offers commendations on the quality of its faculty as well as the faculty's scholarly agenda.

“Special congratulations are in order because the UAB cited no areas for improvement relative to any of the standards,” wrote NCATE President James G. Cibulka in a letter to Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes.

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## New Science Building Shines Spotlight on Henry County Legislative Delegation

by John Shiffert, University Relations

The addition of a new science building for Clayton State University, a part of the state’s FY 2014 budget for the University System of Georgia (USG) approved May 7 by Governor Nathan Deal, will help make dreams real for generations of students from throughout the Southern Crescent. Nowhere is this more true than in Henry County, where no fewer than 3,681 Clayton State alumni of all ages reside, and where 1,290 current students call home.

Legislators from Henry County saw the potential for the new \$19.8 million building’s positive effect on local businesses and students in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

disciplines, as well as in nursing, health-care management and dental hygiene. Their efforts played a significant role in the science building becoming a dream made real.

The primary Henry County role-players in forwarding this major step in future economic development were: Sen. Rick Jeffares, R-17th District; Rep. Andy Welch, R-110th district; Rep. Dale Rutledge, R-109th district; and Rep. Brian Strickland, R-111th district. Other legislators with parts of Henry County in their districts who also took part in supporting the science building include: Rep. Sandra

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# Alexander Hall Named Director of Honors Program

Dr. Kevin Demmitt, associate vice president of Extended Programs at Clayton State University, has announced that Associate Professor of Philosophy Dr. Alexander Hall has been named the fourth director of Clayton State's Honors Program.



Dr. Alexander Hall  
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State's Honors

Hall succeeds Professor of History Dr. Adam Tate. Now-retired Professor of History Dr. Eugene Hatfield was the founder of the Honors Program in 1995. He was followed as director by Demmitt, who was followed by Tate as director.

"I would like to thank Dr. Adam Tate for directing the Clayton State Honors

Program for the past six years," says Demmitt. "Under his tenure, the Honors Program curriculum has been strengthened and enrollment has increased significantly. He has helped build a strong foundation that will serve us well for years to come.

"Dr. Hall was selected from a very qualified pool of candidates by a committee of faculty and honors students. He is recognized by faculty and students as one of the top teachers and scholars on campus. He is an excellent role model for our students."

The director of the Clayton State Honors Program oversees the management and development of the Program. Responsibilities include recruiting qualified students, working with departments to develop and schedule Honors courses, managing the budget for scholarships and

operating expenses, and working closely with the Honors Student Association.

"I have with pleasure taught for several years in the Honors Program at Clayton State; and I look forward to stepping into the role of director and the opportunity to work with Dr. Demmitt and the faculty and staff of the University to build on the success of Dr. Tate and his predecessors, Drs. Hatfield and Demmitt," says Hall.

"It was a great pleasure to serve as honors director," says Tate. "Dr. Hall will do an excellent job developing the Honors Program further."

"The Honors program is excellent, it shows what Clayton State students can do," adds Dr. Wallace Shakun, now-

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# Clayton State Students Present at Mathematics Conferences

As the spring 2013 semester was drawing to a close, Clayton State University mathematics students were travelling to conferences at Morehouse College and the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Christopher Raridan of the Clayton State University Mathematics Department in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences (CIMS) escorted 10 Clayton State students to the 11th Annual Harriett J. Walton Symposium on Undergraduate Mathematics Research, held at Morehouse on Apr. 6.

One week later, on Apr. 13, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Elliot Krop escorted eight Clayton State undergraduate students to the seventh annual mathematics conference hosted in Knoxville, Tenn., by the University of Tennessee Mathematics Department.

Clayton State students attending the Morehouse conference were Hung Hua (Morrow), Maria Morales-Beale (St. Louis), Michael Ngo (Morrow), Thuhong Nguyen (Forest Park), Chidozie Okoro (Lagos, Nigeria), Laura Parrish, Pritul Patel (East London, England), Petra President (Derniere Riviere, St Lucia),

Jessie Roberts (College Park), and Jarvis Turner (Morrow).

Twenty-six presentations were given at Morehouse by 41 students from seven different colleges and universities, including the host institute, Clayton State, Georgia State, Albany State, Spelman, Birmingham-Southern and Paine.

Five Clayton State students gave presentations. Ngo, Nguyen and President provided a group presentation concerning

results from their research entitled "Small Pattern Gallai-Ramsey Numbers." Parrish presented results from her research entitled "On Opinionated Complete Bipartite Graphs." Patel gave a presentation on his research entitled "On the Edge-Balanced Index Sets of Complete Odd Bipartite Graphs."

Ngo is a junior majoring in math and Nguyen and President are seniors com-

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Pictured (left to right): first row, President, Morales-Beale, Ngo, Parrish, Nguyen; second row, Turner, Okoro, Raridan, Patel; third row, Roberts, Hua.

## Two Nursing Faculty Honored For Nursing Excellence by the AJC

Two members of the School of Nursing faculty in the College of Health at Clayton State University were recently nominated for the Atlanta Journal Constitution's Nursing Excellence Award.

Elicia S. Collins, clinical instructor and student navigator in the school of Nursing, and Dr. Debra Jennings Cody, assistant professor of Nursing, were recognized in both the AJC's "Celebrating Nurses: Nursing Excellence Awards" May 5 insert and at the Eighth Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Luncheon, held on May 7 at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

The Nursing Excellence Awards are given to nurses who go above and beyond to significantly impact their clients and stu-

dents. Nominations for the award are typically made by friends, patients and colleagues of the nominees.

Collins holds a B.S.N., from Mercer University and an M.S.N. from Indiana Wesleyan University. Cody's B.S.N. is from the Mississippi University for Women, and her M.S.N. and Ph.D. degrees are from Georgia State University. ■



Dr. Debra Cody

## College of Business Students Excel in Clayton State's Academic Research Conference

Clayton State University's Annual Academic Research Conference (ARC) saw students from the College of Business excel in their presentations.

Dr. Beverly Wright groomed five graduate student groups from the College of Business to present their research at the spring 2013 ARC.

Wright's students were from her MBA course BUSA 6100, "Decision Making Under Uncertainty," wherein students are required to work with a client in the community, either in a for-profit or non-profit setting, on a practical research project using their newly acquired skills.

Two of Wright's groups were judged worthy of the top prizes. First prize for oral presentations, a cash prize of \$100, in the College of Business went to Dalia Matthias, Ali Fawaz, Nytha Thoth and Mariama Fanneh, who presented their findings on "A Better AGERA, A Better Community." Second prize of \$80 for oral presentations was given to Timothy Parson, Michele Adams-Johnson and Maher Balbaid for their research on "Mav's Pizzeria."

Dr. Diane Fulton, the College of Business' representative on the ARC committee, and Dr. Thomas Garsombke from the College of Arts and Sciences, worked collaboratively with undergraduate students in their MGMT 3101 "Principles of Management and Organizational Behavior" and TECH 4101 "Leadership in Technology" courses to give students mentoring and incentives to create viable research projects on leadership and management topics. Four undergraduate student groups registered for the conference from their classes with first prize for "Best Poster Session" going to a leadership presentation called "Baynard Rustin - The Master Strategist and Unknown Civil

## AmeriCorps Program Honored by Local Mayors

Clayton State University's AmeriCorps program coordinated efforts to gain recognition for service in late April as part of the national Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

Two local mayors -- Mayor Joy Day of Jonesboro, and Mayor Linda Lord of Forest Park -- signed proclamations for the Mayor's Day of Recognition to recognize Clayton State students' contributions to the local community.

The Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism coordinated Mayors Day of Recognition in Georgia, while the Corporation for National and Community Service led a nationwide effort for mayors across the country to recognize the key role that national service plays in solving important problems within their communities. Together 832 mayors in 50 states officially recognized the work that AmeriCorps state and national members, VISTA, and Senior Corps volun-

teers are doing to make cities better and stronger.

The Mayors Day of Recognition in Georgia also specifically mentioned Clayton State's efforts in its newsletter recapping the event.

"One way that AmeriCorps members are making a difference in local cities is through local schools. Almost half of AmeriCorps state funding goes to support K-12 students attending local schools. A great example is the Clayton State AmeriCorps team.... (which) annually supports over 300 students through tutoring and mentoring but also collectively serves thousands of hours each year in community service projects in great cities such as Jonesboro and Forest Park." ■



# Lynn Stover Receives UAB Alumni Award for Innovation

by Samantha Watson, University Relations



Dr. Lynn Stover

Dr. Lynn Stover, associate professor of Nursing at Clayton State, was selected as the recipient of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Marie L. O’Koren Alumni Award for Innovation in April. She was recognized at the UAB School of Nursing’s Alumni Night Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Apr. 24.

This is the inaugural year for this prestigious award, which was named after UAB

School of Nursing’s second dean. The Nursing Chapter of the UAB National Alumni Society along with the award selection committee recognized Stover’s nomination application as the most outstanding.

“I was very honored to be one of the first recipients of this nursing alumni award,” comments Stover. “Being a graduate of UAB School of Nursing has presented me with many challenging opportunities and I am proud to be a graduate of UAB. My professors were rigorous with their expectations and I learned so much from them that I continue to use every day as a faculty member at Clayton State University.”

Dr. Helen Taggart, Nursing Department head and tenured professor at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga., prepared Stover’s nomination application.

Dean and Fay B. Ireland Endowed Chair in Nursing Doreen Harper, says that it is Stover’s leadership in nursing and her dedication to the profession that make her unquestionably deserving of receiving the esteemed award in the category of Service. ■

## International Student Spotlight: Ahmed Alhussain of Saudi Arabia

Students come in all shapes, sizes, races, and ethnicities, and have a wide variety of hopes and dreams. Recognizing this, Clayton State University welcomes and embraces student diversity in all its glory.

Ahmed Alhussain is not only a Laker community member and Smyrna, Ga., resident, but also a citizen of Saudi Arabia. He is a graduate student, hoping to graduate from Clayton State this summer with a Masters in Health Administration.

“The graduate program at Clayton State fits my needs; having a strong curriculum and being closer to my family,” states Alhussain.

He explains that a major difference between university life at home and the U.S. is American universities offer the opportunity to build good and close relationships between students, professors, and staff.

Alhussain recently received admission into the University of South

Carolina Health Administration Ph.D. program. His ultimate goal is help develop the healthcare system of his home country, “from my view, our healthcare system will improve if we improve our knowledge.”

With more than 70,000 Saudi students enrolled in American universities through Saudi Arabia’s Cultural Mission to the U.S.A. (SACM), Alhussain believes this is a good opportunity to improve Saudi healthcare services, and other related fields.

Along with having a wife, who is currently a graduate student at Georgia State University, and a three-year-old daughter, Alhussain also has an internship at Hands of Mercy Hospice as a part of his graduate project. He is also well connected to other Clayton State Saudi students -- 18 in total.

When asked what he misses about home, Alhussain admitted to missing his family the most, “I have a big family and a strong relationship with them.” He also misses mosque, “In Saudi Arabia there are mosque at every corner and I can attend

every prayer. Here, the mosque is far away from my home.”

Alhussain loves to read, especially leadership related text. His favorite Saudi dish is Kapsa (rice and meat), but he loves American fast food like Chick-fil-A. His favorite phrase in Arabic is امهفن سب قولح فايحل = “Life is Good, but you have to understand it.” ■

# Meet Clayton State's New General Manager for Dining Services, Dyiesha Kerr

By Samantha Watson, University Relations

People find security in habit. Change makes us uncomfortable because it requires adjustment. Yet change is precisely what Clayton State undergoes to institute improvement and growth. Laker Nation doesn't just go through change, it becomes enriched.

Clayton State's most recent enrichment, Dyiesha Kerr, comes to campus from Sodexo as the new general manager for dining services. Her diverse background and passion for culinary arts will prove to be promising aspects in her developing success here.

"I'm really excited about working at Clayton State and getting back into campus food services," comments Kerr, "The campus is really beautiful. Right now I've just been getting to know everyone, and they've all been really friendly and shown me a lot of hospitality."

Kerr held a position at Atlanta International School in Buckhead prior to coming to Clayton State. Atlanta International is a pre-k through 12-grade school comprised of international students. Kerr gained a lot of experience constructing menus featuring three international entrees a week during her time there.

All of Kerr's prior experience to Atlanta International was based in high education establishments. She came to Clayton State to get back into university dining services. She explains that she enjoys it better, "It's

more fun to be able to interact with the college students and do more promotions, and all around do more culinary wise and front of the house wise."

Kicking off the dining services improvements is Lakeside Dining Hall's new floor renovations, but Kerr is ready to implement some of her own culinary ideas onto campus. She explains that she is "eager to introduce some new menu items, specifically healthy options, and see the community's response."

As general manager for dining services, Kerr is responsible for the Dining Hall, Jazzman's Café, Pizza Hut, Sub Connection, Sandella's, and catering. She starts off every workday visiting each dining option to check in with supervisors, employees, and customers.

Not only does Kerr want to introduce the Laker community to new things, but she also wants to keep successful dining services programs going strong. She notes the environmental consciousness of campus dining services and wants to continue the recycling program. She also mentions the student marketing coordinator position that she is currently looking to fill. This position is held by a marketing major every semester and offers experience in marketing for all the dining options across campus.

Kerr obtained her degree in Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management from the New York Restaurant School. She also

completed an extensive internship in Italy that lasted a year-and-a-half.

"I've been working in food service ever since I was 13. I just love it," comments Kerr, "I love to interact with people, and put together new recipes and see people's expressions when they try new things."

Kerr is married to a fellow lover of culinary art, who is a chef at the Flip burger boutique and Cheeky. A native of New Jersey, she now resides in Douglasville and has a 17-year-old son who will be graduating high school this year, and a four-month-old daughter.

Her love for food doesn't stop at her job, but extends into her hobbies as well. She confesses that she has a passion for cake decorating, "I actually started when I was nine years old baking cakes and pies and by the time I was 12 I was selling them."

Even though Kerr and her husband are chefs, they like to go out to experience the different restaurant atmospheres to keep up with what's trending and try new cuisines. Kerr admits that she likes to duplicate what she finds in other restaurants, and put her own spin on a dish. The couple does, however, cook for themselves quite often. Kerr loves any dish with seafood in it, explaining that she makes a great smothered red snapper at home. ■

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retired dean of the School of Technology at Clayton State, who served with Hatfield, who he refers to as, "an excellent professor," for many years.

A specialist in Medieval and Ancient Philosophy, Hall was adjunct faculty at Clayton State in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005 before becoming an assistant professor of philosophy in the fall 2005

semester and an associate professor of philosophy with the fall 2010 semester. He has been organizer and editor of the Proceedings of the Southeast Philosophy Congress, which has been held at Clayton State since 2008. His book, "Thomas Aquinas and John Duns Scotus: Natural Theology in the High Middle Ages," was published by Continuum Studies in Philosophy in 2007 and reprinted in 2009.

Hall holds philosophy degrees from the University of California at Davis (B.A.), San Francisco State University (M.A.) and Emory University (Ph.D.) ■

# Across the Campus...

## Athletics

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) has honored two members of the Clayton State women's team. Freshman Jessica Matthews was named the Southeast Region's Field Athlete of the Year, while assistant coach Clive Caesar was named the Assistant Coach of the Year.

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The Clayton State men's and women's track & field teams had four student-athletes recognized last week by the Peach Belt Conference office in Augusta with All-Academic awards. The Lakers had three student-athletes from the women's team receive the All-Academic honor and one from the men's team. Paige Galvin and Samantha Walling were named to the first team, while Silvia Espelt received honorable mention recognition. For the men's team, Matt Bailey was named to the first All-Academic team.

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Clayton State's Jessica Matthews placed 11th at the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships. A freshman from Monroe, Ga., Matthews had a jump of 39-foot 7 ¾-inches (12.08m) at Colorado State University-Pueblo's Neta and Eddie Rose Thunderbowl stadium. Her jump in the national meet was her second best performance of the season. Amanda Ouedraogo, from Abilene Christian, won the triple jump at 44-0-¾ (1.343m), a new national meet record. Matthews, who was named the NCAA Division II Southeast Region Field Athlete of the Year, qualified for the national championships with a jump of 40-foot 7 ¾ inches (12.39m) at the Coach "O" Invitational earlier this year.

## Chemistry

Local high school student Minh-Thu Phan, who was awarded grant money from the American Chemical Society SEED program to work with Dr. Jonathan Lyon last summer on a chemistry research project, has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the SEED program to pursue a college education.

## College of Business

Clayton State faculty members Dr.

Alphonso Ogbuehi and John Parkerson, both of the University's College of Business, were recently invited to be on the Advisory Board of the American Nigerian International Chamber of Commerce (ANICC). Ogbuehi and Parkerson support ANICC's mission to facilitate international business opportunities between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Their service on the board will focus around promoting the development of trade, commerce and investments.

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Dr. Ali Dadpay, assistant dean, MBA director and assistant professor of Economics in the College of Business, recently had an article, "The Problem is the Same: Economy," published on the IranOpinion website, <http://iranopinion.com/node/49>.

## International Programs

John Parkerson, Clayton State director of International Programs, has decided to leave the University at the end of the contract year to concentrate on his international legal practice and outside teaching opportunities. As a result of this change, and considering the need to economize at every opportunity, Academic Affairs is moving International Programs under Dr. Kevin Demmitt as a part of the Division of Extended Programs in order to explore different structures for promoting international programs at Clayton State.

## Music

Dr. Michiko Otaki, Clayton State University's director of Keyboard Studies, will perform from Chicago on "Live from WFMT" with English violist Roger Chase on Monday, June 3, at 8 p.m. CDT (9 p.m. EDT). The live broadcast recital may be heard world-wide via WFMT's web streaming audio feed at [www.wfmt.com](http://www.wfmt.com). The concert spotlights works by English composers of the early 20th Century, including Sir Arthur Bliss, Edward Elgar, Benjamin Dale, and Frederic Delius, as well as a 1987 sonata by Geoffrey Grey which was commissioned by Chase for his Wigmore Hall debut.

## Recreation & Wellness

The Wellness Council encourages everyone to engage in "deskercise." As published in the May 2013 monthly newslet-

ter by the National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability, this article provides 20 easy exercises that can be performed at your desk; <http://www.nch-pad.org/1061/5452/Deskercise~20~Ways~to~Get~Moving~While~you~Work>. All individuals are encouraged to get a minimum of 150 minutes (30 minutes, 5+/-week) of physical activity per week (per the American College of Sports Medicine). For assistance in getting started, consider registering for the 60 miles in 60 days incentive program which will be launching in June. Or, reach out to the experts available at the SAC Fitness Center. For more information regarding exercise programs or the upcoming incentive program, please contact Lisa Williamson or Cindy Lauer.

## Student Affairs

Clayton State's Gold Key International Honour Society Chapter travelled to Pate's Creek Elementary School in Stockbridge, Ga., on Tuesday, May 28 to read to Pate's Creek's first graders. The event qualified the Clayton State chapter as a Bronze Level chapter for the year, notes Amanda Laine, the chapter's outreach liaison. Golden Key International Honour Society is the world's premier collegiate honor society, with nearly two million members from more than 190 countries who have been recognized at more than 375 chapters at colleges and universities. Members of the Society gain exclusive opportunities and connections through more than \$600,000 annually in numerous scholarships and awards, partnerships with major corporations, career advancement and graduate programs.



## Alumnus Offering Clayton State Students a Chance to be a Zombie

Recent Clayton State University graduate Anissa Matlock, a former stalwart of the Clayton State Theatre, is moving from the stage to the screen, and from romantic comedy to zombie/apocalypse comedy. Matlock is currently organizing auditions for interested Clayton State students for roles in an independent film called "Welcome to the Bubs," which she describes as being, "a zombie/apocalypse comedy."

Matlock is looking for Clayton State students who may be interested in either the role of a young female character, or who would like to participate as a zombie – because the film will need nearly 100 of the walking dead.

Most recently seen in December 2012 presenting her theatre major capstone project, a 30-minute romantic comedy entitled "Love Potion," Matlock also played no less than five different roles in the spring 2012 Clayton State Theatre production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

Matlock is currently looking for an actress to play a young female character, "Zee," in "Welcome."

"Zee is the daughter of a scientist and she is carrying an essential element that will help to domesticate the undead," explains Matlock, who adds that personality is a



must, apparently for both this role and for domesticating the undead.

As for the zombies, Matlock says all types needed, including some "hero zombies."

"They must be willing to wear latex applications and a good bit of fake blood," she requires. "They should be comfortable with stage combat, and must attend all rehearsals as they will be getting killed with blunt objects, rather than being shot from a distance and will need to practice with the cast."

Although the audition dates are flexible, Matlock says they are likely to happen on

the second weekend in June. Filming is scheduled to take place between mid-June and August of this year... unquestionably a dream made real, especially for fans of the undead. ■

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Rights Activist" by Melis Andrade (group leader and presenter), James Brown, David Eden, and Shelah Jones. Honorable mention for oral presentation was awarded to the topic, "Management Under Stressful Conditions" by Jay DeSeino (presenter), Ashton Gordon (presenter) and Terry Bishop.

The third place award for oral presentations went to an MBA group mentored by Dr. Reza Kheirandish in his MBA level ECON 6100 "Managerial Economics" course. This winning project, by Sonya

Myricks and Jessica Vickson, focused on "The Dynamics of Autism, its Co-Occurring Conditions, and the Impact of Early Intervention."

Cassandra Simmons, an MBA student mentored in Dr. Judith Ogden's MGMT 6101, "Cross Cultural Negotiation" course, won Honorable Mention for her poster session on "Rules and Regulations of EEOC and OSHA Laws."

The students were further recognized at the annual College of Business Honor and

Awards Day celebration and at various Department, College, and University functions throughout April.

In all, a record-breaking 43 students participated in 11 different sessions from the College of Business in the ARC Conference. Special thanks go to Dr. Greg Kordecki, Dr. Adel Novin, Wright, Fulton, Ogden, Kheirandish and Garsombke who served as faculty advisors, audience members and/or judges for the competition. ■

## Alumni

### Alumni Association Announces its New Officers

The Clayton State Alumni Association held its Officer Installation Ceremony on Thursday, Apr. 25, in Spivey Hall, marking the first time the Alumni Association conducted a separate standalone event to honor outgoing officers and recognize the incoming ones.

Foremost among the incoming officers is an individual for whom the honor is far from being a “first time.” New President Lanelle LaRue of Lake City, Ga., has twice previously served as president of the Clayton State Alumni Association, and is also one of the charter members of the Clayton State Alumni Association, dating back to 1991.

Joining LaRue as officers will be Vice President Larry Jordan (McDonough), Treasurer Jenny L. Rice (Newnan) and Secretary Marvin H. Bailey, Jr.

(Stockbridge). All three are new to serving as Alumni Association officers.

LaRue grew up in the Veazey community of Greene County, Ga., the youngest of

eight children. She earned her Associate Degree in Business from Clayton State in 1985, and has also earned numerous cer-

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(L to R): Lanelle LaRue, Larry Jordan, Marvin H. Bailey, Jr., and Jenny L. Rice

### Diana Peters Recognized as Exemplarily Intern at Transition House

by Samantha Watson, University Relations

Diana Peters, a recent Clayton State University graduate from Jonesboro, was recognized for her exemplary service during her internship at Transition House, Inc., in April.

Transition House is a program that provides supportive housing and recovery for homeless veteran adults with alcohol and drug addictions.

Her recognition took place at the graduation ceremony for veterans who completed the program. She was acknowledged for her outstanding contributions to the program in such a short amount of time.

Peters was completely surprised by the award, “I was just doing what comes nat-

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### Clayton State Alumnus Promoted to Master's Level Position

Clayton State alumnus DeMario Lindsey was promoted to a master's level clinical exercise physiologist at Saint Joseph Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation on Apr. 12.

“I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to serve my patients in a greater capacity and to work within such an excellent organization that supports and allows the growth of its employees,” comments Lindsey, a native of Lithonia, Ga., who graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Health and Fitness Management in 2009.

Lindsey professes that Clayton State's professors made a tremendous impact on him. They “provided a nurturing environment that allowed me to develop as a student and healthcare professional.” He also acknowledges that Clayton State “prepared me with the knowledge, skill, abilities, and professionalism needed to succeed in the work place.”

“The program is honored by his promotion and together we congratulate him for his focus and dedicated hard work with the community,” states Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, FACSMDirector, Health and Fitness Management.

In the future Lindsey will be pursuing a doctoral degree in public health.

“I will continue to strive to grow as a clinician/leader in order to provide high quality healthcare and reduce health disparities in the community,” he says.

His wish is that his story inspires other students to achieve their dreams. ■



## Alumni

# Debbie-Ann Lawrence Publishes First Book

by Samantha Watson, University Relations

Debbie-Ann Lawrence, Atlanta resident and recent Clayton State University graduate, released her first book in January 2013, entitled “Your Year of Turn Around: 40 Days of Encouragement.” It is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and Xlibris Publisher’s bookstore/website.

In December 2012 Lawrence graduated from Clayton State with a paralegal certification after earning her B.A. in Sociology from Purchase College at SUNY and her Masters in Business Administration from Long Island University.

Lawrence’s book aims to inspire and support greatness within individuals, businesses, and ministries. The 40-day encouragement plan consists of reflection journal entries, daily prayers, as well as decrees and business/sports strategies. The book’s goal is to facilitate the detailed

planning of every day for 40 days. The book also offers a personal inventory and self-improvement chart to help control and modify stress within different areas of life.

“I was inspired to write the book while taking a course taught by Professor Mara Mooney. I started the book during the latter part of the course and I completed it by the end,” comments Lawrence.

She emphasizes, “Professor Mara Mooney’s inspiration, leadership, and great level of excellence greatly impacted me. I graduated more equipped and empowered for life.”

Lawrence hopes that her readers develop a workable plan for multiple successes, and that they are inspired to do what they have always wanted to do. Several schools, businesses, churches, and individuals have contracted Lawrence to be a

ghostwriter, book coach, and writing consultant following the release of her book. She is due to release her second book in the late summer of 2013.

In addition to the writing projects, she has also received many opportunities for public speaking, workshops, conferences, and several teaching outlets. She has also recently been accepted to a doctoral program in Leadership and Education.

Lawrence thrives on variety and loves movies, music, shopping, and water sports. She believes in being well rounded.

“I go above and beyond the call of my prescribed paralegal duties and that has lead me into the avenue of motivational speaking. I have a genuine concern for people and their success,” comments Lawrence. ■

## Shannon Polson’s Dream Made Real

“It has always been my dream to become a high school English teacher. As humorous as it may be, I even remember insisting to be the teacher whenever I ‘played school’ with my friends as a child,” confesses Shannon Polson, Clayton State University alumnus.

Around the time Polson graduated from Stockbridge High School, her mother was diagnosed with a crippling disease. She states that Clayton State’s local location made it possible for her to care for her mother while attending school. Clayton State’s beautiful campus, remarkable English department, and reasonable price are the other factors that led her to be a part of Laker Nation.

Polson graduated magna cum laude with a 3.89 GPA from Clayton State in the spring of 2012 with a B.A. in English and a certification to teach English at the secondary level. She professes that she, “would not be where I am today without the sup-

port system I had through my professors — especially Dr. McNamara and Dr. Smith, who encouraged me through the toughest times.”

She also expresses that the English and Education departments are “phenomenal.” She is grateful to the supportive faculty for going the extra mile to help students’ dreams be made real.

The outstanding experience that solidified Polson’s decision to become an English teacher was her Literary London study abroad trip. She explains that the most memorable day of the trip involved a visit to the Globe Theater to watch Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. During the trip she remembered a lecture on the Globe Theater given by her ninth grade literature teacher.

“I remember asking my teacher why we had to learn about the theater and she said, ‘because I’m willing to bet some of you



Polson’s story was featured on the Clayton State University facebook page! Follow our social media at [news.clayton.edu](http://news.clayton.edu).

guys will either have an opportunity to watch a play at the Globe one day, or have an opportunity to teach this information to your own ninth grade class,” recalls Polson.

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**Teacher Ed, cont'd. from p. 1**

“Clayton State University’s Teacher Education unit recognizes the importance of accreditation and the value of this review process as it helps guide us in the important work of teacher education,” says Caillouet. “NCATE’s findings also help confirm our own beliefs — that we have tremendous faculty who are committed to creating quality programs, that the 50 to 70 new teachers who graduate from our programs each year are truly competent, caring, committed, collaborative, and culturally responsive, and that we have an assessment system that allows us to make

data driven decisions based on best practices in the teaching profession.”

Caillouet also points out that, while there are seven faculty members in the Clayton State Teacher Education Department, there are approximately 30 other faculty from across the Clayton State campus who work with education programs.

Founded in 1954, NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges, and departments of education.

NCATE and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) have recently consolidated and are now transitioning into The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Clayton State’s next teacher education accreditation visit; to be held under the auspices of the new accrediting body, CAEP; is scheduled for fall 2019. ■



**Science Building, cont'd. from p. 1**

Artist rendering of the Science Building

Scott, D-76th; Sen. Emanuel Jones, D-10th; Rep. David Knight, R-130th; Rep. Demetrius Douglas, D-78th; and Rep. John Yates, R-73rd.

"With nearly 20 percent of Clayton States' student population coming from Henry County, the new science facility will greatly enhance the level of academic and practical skills Clayton State can provide students from all over the Southern Crescent," says Welch. "When looking to attract innovative companies in the healthcare and medical sciences industries to our community, we must be able to provide them with well-educated, trained pool of employees. This addition to Clayton State helps us toward that goal."

I applaud Governor Deal and the leadership in the House, Senate and our entire delegation for recognizing a true need and answering the call of President Tim

Hynes," adds Rutledge. "This is a very exciting time for the staff, faculty and administration at Clayton State University, but, most importantly also for the students and citizens of Henry County and surrounding communities.

"Education is key to economic development and job creation. This expansion will have huge positive impact for our community."

"The leadership of our delegation from the Southern Crescent area was instrumental in securing agreement from the General Assembly to move ahead with the construction of this facility," says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes. In addition, he notes that the House leadership – the speaker, speaker pro tem, majority leader and house appropriations chairman -- all joined to support the effort.

Additional labs and classroom space for the natural sciences have been a need for Clayton State since the University has expanded from 4675 students in 2001 to 7000 students currently. Indeed, given the science course and lab requirements in the core curriculum, the lack of a dedicated science building has limited the University’s enrollment, in effect limiting the number of students who can make their dreams real at Clayton State.

"Governor Deal and his staff also deserve credit for their efforts and leadership to include the building in the FY14 budget," adds Hynes. "It was also truly a bipartisan effort in both chambers that secured funding."

Clayton State has been a regional engine for economic development and education since it opened in 1969. The most recent annual report from the University of Georgia’s Selig Center for Economic Growth in the Terry College of Business states that Clayton State impact on the Southern Crescent in FY11 was impressive – a \$252,426,600 output impact in current dollars, and 2,311 jobs.

Maybe more impressive, given the current difficult economic climate, these figures both increased significantly, and surpassed the USG averages, from FY10 to FY11. FY10 figures for Clayton State showed that the University’s output impact in current dollars was \$236.2 million. The FY10 employment impact was 2,169 jobs. Thus, the FY11 figures represent an increase in output impact of 6.9 percent, and an increase in jobs of 6.5 percent. ■

# Clayton State's Non-Traditional Chelsea Fearce

by Samantha Watson, University Relations

Chelesa Fearce is not the traditional "non-traditional" student. And while her two-year dual enrollment at Clayton State University and Charles Drew High School is inspiring, Fearce's story doesn't stop there.

Despite being homeless with her family of five for most of her high school career, she graduated May 23, 2013 from Drew as the valedictorian of her senior class. Fearce explains that she has learned a lot from Clayton State that she hopes to carry on into her next two years of school.

"Clayton State has taught me the importance of studying instead of cramming. The school offers intellectually stimulating classes with capable teachers who expect the best from me. I have learned that I have to earn my grade and to always pay attention in class," comments Fearce.

The rising college junior is a part of the National Honor Society at Clayton State, but she regretfully expresses that she wasn't able

to participate in any extra curricular activities because of her circumstances.

"I did what I had to do," she says Fearce. However, Fearce did more than many others could have in her situation... achieving a 4.466 GPA and a SAT score of 1900. She was rightfully a star student at Charles Drew.

Fearce believes that you have to do what you have to in the present so that you can have the future that you want. She is thankful for her strong support system from her assistant principal, Sandra Nicholson, who encouraged her to dual enroll, and for her parents who, "have been instrumental in my success and who are very proud of me. They always push me to work hard and to never give up, even if the situation at hand seems to be too much for me to handle."

Spending time at Clayton State has given Fearce the head start that she needs. She

explains that she enjoyed the university's academically-challenging environment and the beauty of the campus. She also appreciated the effective marketing of information about activities, grades, and other campus events, as well as the use of technology to register for classes, which she believes is very convenient for students.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and I would like to thank the university for showing me the ups and downs to college life. I feel better prepared in moving forward with my education," professes Fearce.

Fearce will be continuing her college career at Spelman College in the fall as a college junior. She plans on entering medical school after achieving her undergrad degree. ■

## Mathematics, cont'd. from p. 2

pleting their Senior Capstone Projects in mathematics. They are collaborating with Marcus Bartlett, a senior math and chemistry double major, under the direction of Krop. Parrish, who is a senior completing her Senior Capstone Project in mathematics as well, is working jointly with the Clayton State Mathematics Department's Dr. Christian Barrientos and Krop. Patel, a December 2012 graduate of Clayton State, is working with Raridan and Krop.

"These opportunities are helping me to prepare to give my final senior presentation," says President.

Nguyen adds, "I like doing research and it is enjoyable to see the research of other students. Because this conference is local, it is easy to have access to new ideas, to see what is currently being done in the field and to see how much is still unknown."

"The experience that I had today at the HJ Walton Symposium was wonderful," says Hua. "The integrity of the presenters, kindness of the residents, and beauty of

the area definitely enhanced every second of it."

"The HJ Walton Symposium is very educational and inspiring, providing an opportunity to learn new ideas and methods of proofs," adds Okoro. "I had a great experience!"

"Attending and presenting at conferences has a profound impact on student interest in mathematics and in research in general, which promotes their overall educational experience and encourages them to consider further study in graduate school," says Raridan. "Active engagement in mathematics research provides Clayton State students with an opportunity to see what they can truly achieve."

The students attending the University of Tennessee conference were Kenny Gillis (Riverdale), President, Nguyen, Ngo, Drew Schmidt (McDonough), Hua, Christian Larsen (Covington) and Okoro.

There were nine student presentations at the conference from Clayton State

University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Kennesaw State University, Morehead State University, Anderson University, and Spring Hill College.

Ngo, Nguyen and President once again gave their special 30-minute joint presentation on their research with Krop in the field of Ramsey Theory, entitled, "Small pattern Gallai Ramsey numbers."

Larsen gave a 15 minute presentation on his statistical research with the Clayton State Mathematics Departments' Dr. Keith Driscoll, entitled, "Inverse prediction intervals".

When asked about their experience, the students gave extremely positive reports, expressing that the conference experience was valuable.

The students' travel was funded through CIMS. The students, Raridan and Krop would like to thank Dr. Anthony Giovannitti, Mathematics Department chair, and Dr. Lila Roberts, dean of CIMS, for providing the necessary support for travel to conferences. ■



### Polson, cont'd. from p. 9

Realizing the extent of her present opportunities, and the breadth of her future ones, Polson made the decision to switch her English concentration from purely literature to education.

Foreshadowing Polson's future success was her long-term substitute-teaching job in fall 2012 at Eagle's Landing High School. There she taught 10th and 11th grade English for an entire semester, and she is proud to announce that, during her semester as a sub, her 11th grade students had a 98 percent pass rate on the Georgia High School Writing Test.

As fate would have it, a position became available at Eagle's Landing in the spring for the following school year, which

Polson applied for and was accepted to. She signed her contract with Henry County Schools May 21, and will have her very own classroom this August. She exclaims that she couldn't be more excited to start this new chapter of her life.

Polson's college years were filled with many awards and achievements, which include her position as vice president of Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society. She also won the 2012 Debra Durden Award for Excellence in Teaching of English, the 2011 Bill Pasch Award for Outstanding Senior English Major, and an Academic Achievement Award in 2011 and 2012.

Polson grew up in Stockbridge, has a dog, named Roxy, who she spoils like a child,

and was recently proposed to at the Shakespeare Tavern in Atlanta. Needless to say... she said yes. She loves to read and write in her spare time, and enjoys traveling, photography, and crocheting. While awaiting her position at Eagle's Landing, she currently works as a store supervisor at the Stockbridge Chick-fil-a Dwarf House.

"The great thing about teaching literature is that there are so many life lessons to be learned through each character's experiences — there's something for everyone," states Polson. ■

### Peters, cont'd. from p. 8

ural to me." She is grateful, however, and "honored that Transition House chose to recognize my efforts to support their organization in this way."

During her internship Peters is thankful that she "gained insight into the kind of strength and commitment it takes to turn one's life around once you have hit rock bottom. I have total admiration for the veterans who successfully complete the Transition House program because it is hard work."

Along with her long-standing commitment to volunteer work, Peters founded

the Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO) at Clayton State in 2010. NTSO won the University's Outstanding New Student Organization award that same year. She is also secretary for Clayton State's Student Veterans Association, a member of two honor societies, made the Clayton State Dean's List four years in a row, and won the Clayton State Academic Achievement Award in 2012 and 2013.

Peters majored in Psychology and Human Services, graduating on May 4, 2013. She intends to find a position with an organization that provides support for veterans/military members. She will eventually

pursue a master's degree in applied psychology with a research focus on the effectiveness of bio field energy modalities in the treatment of PTSD. ■

## Clayton State University Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden Dedicated

The Clayton State University Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden, planted by the Clayton State Retirees Association (CSRA) and the University's Facilities Management Landscape Department in September 2012, was dedicated to the University on Friday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes, members of the Facilities Management staff, and CSRA members were present for the dedication, along with Clayton State faculty and staff. A bronze plaque was placed in the garden during the ceremony.



(L to R): Sandy Golden, CSRA Member & Master Gardener; Justin Brooks, Clayton State Assistant Landscape Management Director; Martha Wicker, CSRA Vice President; Carol Hatfield; Gene Hatfield, CSRA President. Photo credit: gr8photo.com

# Retiree Life Plan Excerpt

**Supplemental Life Insurance Reduction at Retirement**

Are you planning to retire from Clayton State or another University System of Georgia institution? Do you have supplementary life insurance from the University System? Are you depending upon this insurance for financial security when you retire?

It is very likely that the amount of USG life insurance you will be eligible to continue as a retiree will be reduced, leaving you with considerably less coverage compared to the amount you have as an active employee. Will you need to purchase additional life insurance from another source?

Two dates are important in determining how much life insurance you are eligible to continue when you retire: November 1, 1980 and January 1, 1988. If you were first insured after these dates, specific restrictions and reductions apply. The date of first insurance usually refers to your date of hire unless you added insurance after that date or separated and were rehired at a later date.

For detailed information, contact Human Resources at (678) 466-4230 or review the information found below and in the Retirement Guide on the HR website at [www.clayton.edu/human-resources/handbooks](http://www.clayton.edu/human-resources/handbooks).

<b><u>RETIREES</u></b>	
<p><b>Coverage can only be continued into retirement if the employee meets the criteria of a USG retiree as defined by the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 8.2.9.2 Definition of a University System of Georgia Retiree/Eligibility for Retirement or under Section 8.2.9.4 Career Employee. For details, review the full manual at <a href="http://www.usg.edu/policymanual">www.usg.edu/policymanual</a>, or contact Human Resources at (678) 466-4230.</b></p>	
<b>Employees Initially Insured ON OR AFTER November 1, 1980</b>	
<b>SELECTED PLAN FEATURES</b>	<b>PLAN PROVISIONS &amp; BENEFITS</b>
<p><b>Employees who retire regardless of age</b></p>	<p>Life insurance coverage will be reduced to 50% of the Supplemental coverage amount in effect immediately before retirement or \$15,000, whichever is <b>less</b>.</p> <p>The Basic coverage will remain \$25,000, with a maximum Supplemental coverage amount of \$15,000. The amount of coverage cannot be less than the Basic Life amount of \$25,000.</p> <p>Dependent coverage will be reduced to 50% of the benefit amount elected for covered spouses and children upon employee’s retirement.</p> <p>Basic and Supplemental AD&amp;D coverage is cancelled upon retirement</p> <p>See the <b>SPECIAL NOTE</b> on page 11.</p>

# Retiree Life Plan Excerpt

<u>RETIREES</u> (Continued)	
<p>Coverage can only be continued into retirement if the employee meets the criteria of a USG retiree as defined by the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 8.2.9.2 Definition of a University System of Georgia Retiree/Eligibility for Retirement or under Section 8.2.9.4 Career Employee.</p>	
<p><b>Employees Initially Insured PRIOR to November 1, 1980 (Closed Plan)</b></p>	
SELECTED PLAN FEATURES	PLAN PROVISIONS & BENEFITS
<p>Employees who retire prior to their 67<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p>	<p>The amount of insurance available equals the amount of Basic and Supplemental coverage in force immediately prior to retirement, to a maximum of \$125,000.</p> <p><b>Then, at age 67</b>, the amount of life insurance coverage is reduced to 65% of the combined Basic and Supplemental coverage in effect at retirement. The maximum amount of Basic and Supplemental Life coverage at age 67 is \$81,250. (Basic and Supplemental AD&amp;D coverage reduce to 65% at age 67.)</p> <p><b>Then, at age 70</b>, the amount of life insurance coverage is reduced to 50% of the combined Basic and Supplemental coverage in effect at retirement or \$40,000 whichever is <b>less</b>. The minimum amount of coverage cannot be less than the Basic Life amount of \$25,000. Basic and Supplemental AD&amp;D coverage terminate at age 70.</p> <p>Dependent coverage will be reduced to 50% of the benefit amount elected for covered spouses and children upon employee's retirement.</p> <p>See the <b>SPECIAL NOTE</b> on page 11.</p>



# Retiree Life Plan Excerpt

<u>RETIREES</u> (Continued)	
<b>Employees Initially Insured PRIOR to November 1, 1980 (Closed Plan) Difference between above</b>	
<b>SELECTED PLAN FEATURES</b>	<b>PLAN PROVISIONS &amp; BENEFITS</b>
<p><b>Employees who retire at age 67 or older, but Prior to their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.</b></p>	<p>The amount of coverage available equals the amount of Basic and Supplemental coverage in force immediately prior to retirement or \$81,250, whichever is <b>less</b>.</p> <p><b>Then, at age 70</b>, the amount of life insurance coverage is reduced to 50% of the combined Basic and Supplemental coverage in effect at retirement or \$40,000 whichever is <b>less</b>. The minimum amount of coverage cannot be less than the Basic Life amount of \$25,000. Basic and Supplemental AD &amp; D coverage will terminate at age 70.</p> <p>Dependent coverage will be reduced to 50% of the benefit amount elected for covered spouses and children upon employee's retirement.</p> <p>See the <b>SPECIAL NOTE</b> listed below.</p>
<p><b>Employees who retire on or after age 70.</b></p>	<p><b>At age 70</b>, the amount of coverage is reduced to 50% of the Basic and Supplemental coverage in effect at retirement or \$40,000, whichever is <b>less</b>. The minimum amount of coverage cannot be less than the Basic Life Amount of \$25,000. Basic and Supplemental AD &amp; D coverage will terminate at age 70.</p> <p>Dependent coverage will be reduced to 50% of the benefit amount elected for covered spouses and children upon employee's retirement.</p> <p>See the <b>SPECIAL NOTE</b> listed below.</p>

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

If supplemental coverage was purchased for the first time on or after January 1, 1988, coverage must be in effect for ten consecutive years immediately prior to retirement. If the employee does not meet this requirement, only Basic Life and Dependent coverage may be carried forward into retirement.

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# Retiree Life Plan Excerpt

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**Disclaimer:** This booklet summarizes your life insurance plan. It is not intended to cover all the details of the life insurance plan. This booklet is not a contract and the benefits that are described can be terminated or amended by the University System of Georgia in its sole discretion. Should any questions arise, the master contract and the contract of the administration are the final authorities in determining benefits. FLX 980017, OK 980030, OK 980034 underwritten by Life Insurance Company of North America

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## Spivey Hall's Fifth Annual Summer Music Camp Starts June 10

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall has a handful of spots remaining for this year's Summer Music Camp... a rare opportunity for young singers to make their dreams real and perform on the stage of the world-famous Spivey Hall.

The camp will run from Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day. Registration is now open and the deadline to register is Monday, June 3.

Spivey Hall's Summer Music Camp is designed for both boys and girls who will be in fourth to seventh grade in the 2013/2014 school year. Participation is not limited to previous choral experience; however, students need to be able to sing on pitch (in tune) before camp begins. Teacher recommendations are required.

Students will receive a comprehensive music experience while working with music specialists Craig Hurley and Marcena Kinney, and will feature choral singing, guitar instruction, class piano, playing Orff instruments and tone chimes, folk dancing, and performing in Spivey Hall. Summer Music Camp will be located at Spivey Hall, on the campus of

Clayton State. Some activities will take place in the Music Education Building. All participants will check in and out from Spivey Hall each day of camp.

The cost to attend Summer Music Camp is \$150 per student, due in full before the registration deadline of Monday, June 3. New members of the Spivey Hall Young Artists program can register for a reduced rate of \$125. Discounts are available for families registering multiple students. A late registration fee of \$175 per student will be accepted after June 3 on a space-available basis. Checks may be made payable to Clayton State University and mailed to Spivey Hall with the registration form, payment form, waiver, and music teacher's recommendation. Visit [www.spiveyhall.org/education](http://www.spiveyhall.org/education), or email [EducationManager@SpiveyHall.org](mailto:EducationManager@SpiveyHall.org), or call (678) 466-4481 for complete registration information.

Hurley is the conductor of the Spivey Hall Young Artists, the training choir of the nationally renowned Spivey Hall Children's Choir. He is currently the music specialist at Ford Elementary School in Cobb County, where he teaches general music to kindergartners through

fifth graders. Kinney is the accompanist of the Spivey Hall Young Artists and has served on the faculties of Paine College, Augusta State University, Agnes Scott College, and Georgia Perimeter College.

Participants of the Spivey Hall 2013 Summer Music Camp will give a free public performance in Spivey Hall on Friday, June 14 at 3:30 p.m., to showcase their talents. All families and friends are welcome to attend. No tickets are required, and seating will be general admission. ■

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## Clayton State Athletics Readies for June Kickoff of Summer Camps

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

The Clayton State Department of Athletics will kick-off its 2013 summer athletic camp schedule in the first week of June.

The first series of camps will begin the week of June 3-7 and all camps are held on the campus of Clayton State University. The department offers athletic camps for boys and girls in the following sports: soccer, basketball, tennis and speed development.

The week-long camps are offered to youth ages six-to-17 years-old and run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half-day camps are also available either in the morning or in the

afternoon. Campers may also choose to combine two different half-day camps if they wish.

Cost of the full-day camp is \$125 and for a half-day is \$65. To register online or print out a registration form, please visit Clayton State Athletics Summer Camps.

Clayton State's athletic camps are designed to provide the highest quality instruction in a safe, fun, and socially-enriching environment, and to help campers' dreams be made real. The primary goal is for all campers to enjoy themselves while also learning and improving their skills.

Daily activities are led by Clayton State head coaches and focus on character building aspects of each individual sport, including self-esteem, discipline and responsibility. The camps combine small group instruction as well as game play to ensure development of fundamental skills and game knowledge.

For more information, contact the Clayton State Athletic Department at (678) 466-4678. ■



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tificates from the Clayton State Division of Continuing Education. In addition to having now served three times as Alumni Association president, LaRue has also served as Vice president twice, secretary twice, and treasurer once, so it's pretty safe to say she's familiar with the workings of the association, including giving the Alumni Association's Commencement address, which she did twice on Saturday, May 4.

Retired from Marriott Corporation after 33 years, she spent 10 years with Marriott In-Flite Services, moving up through several positions, and 23 years with the Atlanta Airport Marriott, eight years as a sales assistant and 15 years as operating manager of the business center. She received from Bill Tiefel, president of Marriott Lodging Group, the Tiefel Service Award for quality service and guest satisfaction in 1995.

LaRue has two sons and a daughter, two granddaughters, and her, "most recent interest, my new great grandson Emery Christopher Sink."

In her spare time LaRue loves baking, gardening, hiking or anything outdoors.

Vice President Jordan, originally from New Jersey, now lives in McDonough. He has been an economic assistant with the U.S. Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics in Atlanta since 2007, and a licensed realtor with Keller Williams Realty Traditions in Stockbridge since 2006.

Jordan earned his Bachelors of Business Management with a concentration of Supply Chain Management and Logistics from Clayton State in the fall of 2006. His Clayton State resume is also one of the best. He's served as the Alumni Board's Membership and Business Plan chairman since 2007. While a student, he was the Atlanta Air Cargo Association Scholarship winner in 2005, and a Dean's List student from 2004 to 2006. He even was the 2006/2007 Homecoming King and served as a student assistant in the Counseling Services and Financial Aid Departments, and for the University Rideshare Program.



Lanelle LaRue addresses attendees at the 2013 alumni ceremony in Spivey Hall.

"I love to watch and play sports including basketball and football," he says of his leisure pursuits. "I am learning to play golf.

"I like to spend time with my family, travel to new places, learn about different cultures, and work out at the gym."

Treasurer Rice is the budget manager for Southern Company Services (SCS). Since joining Georgia Power in 1991, she served in various roles, including assistant to the senior vice president of Metro Atlanta Regions and budget manager for Customer Service & Marketing, before joining SCS in 2010. She also served as the 2010 – 2011 Board Chair of the Club of Hearts, a Georgia nonprofit corporation funded by contributions from Georgia Power and Southern Company employees in metro Atlanta.

Like all four of the new officers, Rice has a business degree from Clayton State, in her case a 1991 BBA in Accounting. She also earned an MBA in Economics from Georgia State University in 1997. She is also a Certified Public Accountant. While attending Clayton State, she was involved in the Accounting Club and had the opportunity to prepare tax returns through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. She also spent time as a tutor in the English lab.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, exercising and playing golf. Rice and her husband, Chet, reside in Newnan, Ga.

Secretary Bailey is a 24 year old native of Macon, Ga., who currently lives in

Stockbridge. In 2007, he enrolled at Clayton State to obtain a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. He completed his degree in fall 2011.

In the spring of 2009, he was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., through the Tau Epsilon Chapter. During his years a brother on campus, he served in several positions in the chapter including chapter president. He was also afforded the opportunity to serve in the national membership development process for Alpha Phi Alpha as a master trainer, where he still serves today.

Also while attending Clayton State, he sat on the Student Fees & Activity Advisory Board, was a Campus Life volunteer, and completed the inaugural Loch Leadership Institute. Due to his Photoshop skills, his work has been showcased through various mediums across campus, such as the 2012 Orientation SROW t-shirt, and the 2012 Homecoming t-shirt.

Currently an employee of Wells Fargo & Co., since graduation Bailey has transitioned into the Pi Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. He aspires to return to school this fall to work on a Masters Degree in Divinity along with a Masters in Business Administration. Some of his hobbies include hanging out with friends, frat brothers, and being involved at his church, the Greater Traveler's Rest Baptist Church. ■

## Clayton State Finishes Third in 2012-13 PBC Commissioner's Cup

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

After enjoying another solid all-around season athletically, Clayton State University claimed yet another high ranking in the annual Peach Belt Conference Commissioner Cup standings

The final standings were announced at the conference's annual meetings earlier this week, and Clayton State finished third overall in the 2012-13 Peach Belt Conference Commissioner Cup, finishing behind only Armstrong State and Columbus State in the final tally. This marks the fifth time that Clayton State has finished at least in the top-3 in the Commissioner Cup standings, and the Lakers have finished at least in the top-5 every year since 2006.

With 112 possible points, Clayton State accumulated 72 points for a rating of .643. Armstrong won the Cup at .803, followed by Columbus State at .764. Finishing behind Clayton State were USC Aiken (.641), Georgia College (.553), Montevallo (.530), Lander (.528), Flagler (.500) Augusta State (.492), UNC

Pembroke (.484), North College (.466), Young Harris (.446), Francis Marion (.398), and Georgia Southwestern (.248).

Clayton State captured regular season championships in women's cross country and women's basketball during the 2012-13 season. In addition, the Lakers finished in the upper half of the league standings in the following sports: men's cross country (fifth), women's soccer (T-fourth), men's golf (fifth) and women's tennis (T-fifth).

The Commissioner's Cup is presented annually to the best overall athletic program in the league. The PBC Commissioner's Cup is determined by calculating the number of points possible to each school, given the number of sports they participate in, divided by the number of points earned during the year.

Points are determined by placement in the final regular-season standings of each of the PBC's 15 championship sports. ■

## Krommelova Named to Capital One Academic All-District Team

Clayton State tennis player Ivana Krommelova has been named to the Capital One Academic All-District team.

Krommelova, from Nove Zamky, Slovakia, graduated in May with a 3.9 grade point average, earning her degree in Supply Chain Management. She also attained a double minor in Finance and Marketing.

Battling injuries this season, Krommelova finished with a 5-3 record in singles play and a 5-8 mark in doubles. She helped the Lakers earn its 10th berth in the NCAA Division II National Tennis Championships in the last 15 years. Clayton State finished the season fifth in the Peach Belt Conference and ranked eighth in the NCAA Division II Southeast Region.

Earlier this spring, Krommelova was the recipient of several academic honors at Clayton State. She was named the College of Business' Outstanding Graduate of the Year, the Outstanding Graduate of the Year in Supply Chain Management, the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals General Scholarship winner and the College of Business' nominee for the University System of Georgia Chancellor's Academic Award.

Krommelova was also a member of Clayton State's Honor's Program and a starter on Clayton State's NCAA Division II Final Four team in 2011.

By being named to the first-team Academic All-District team, Krommelova will be eligible for the Capital One Academic All-America team. ■

### Trivia Time

## What's My Line?

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Our last trivia question took on some of the aspects of an old-time quiz show. (Note to all you youngsters – those were reality TV before there was reality TV.) Maybe “What's My Line” or “To Tell the Truth.”

The question was, who has had the more titles at Clayton State than Dr. Benita Moore? There were several good guesses, notably the ubiquitous Pat Keane, who has seen everything and done everything at Clayton State over the past 25+ years. However, the answer we were looking for came from the individual who posed the question... Dr. Angelyn Hayes... and no one guessed her. In case you're wondering, here's the list of Hayes' titles at Clayton State (and she ought to know); Instructor, Acting Assistant Director of Continuing Education, Coordinator of JTPA, Coordinator of Cooperative Education, Assistant Director of Career Services, Associate Director of Career Services, Director of Experiential Learning, Acting Assistant to the VP of Academic Affairs, Director of Experiential Learning and Online Instruction, Director of Experiential Learning and Academic Advising, Director of Career Services, Director of Career Services and Coordinator of Student Affairs Assessment, Assistant VP of Student Affairs.

Whew... for compiling that resume, and for stumping the field, Hayes gets six trivia points.

As to the Bonus Question, “who joined Moore as one of the all-Ph.D. “Twirling Professors” in the Homecoming Parade some 10 years ago?” Maybe you had to be there, but it was one of the great moments in Clayton State history, featuring Drs. Moore, Cathie Aust and Lisa Eichelberger. Three Bonus Points each for Lou Brackett and Ginny Bass for remembering a memorable occasion.

Moving to a completely different subject, what did Fa Zhou tell Mulan when she returned from defeating the Huns (not that the Huns actually got to that part of China, it was the Mongols, but Disney doesn't follow history directly.) ■

# Sports

## Azcue and Smith Earn All-American at NCAA Division II Track and Field National Championships

by Gid Rowell, Athletics

Clayton State's Ayrton Azcue and Shannon Smith earned All-America honors May 25 after their performances at the

NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field National Championships in Pueblo, Col.

Azcue placed eighth in the 800m run with a time of 1:51.24. He becomes Clayton State's second two-time All-America in men's track & field, joining Carlos Guyton in 2004 and 2005. Azcue earned All-America honors earlier this year placing second in the 800m at the indoor national competition. Drew Windle, from Ashland, won the race with a time of 1:48.52.

jump, clearing a height of 5-8 ¾. Her jump matched Clayton State's school record in the event set by Kim Larry in 2008. Barbara Szabo, from Western State, won the event leaping 6-1 ½. ■



Ayrton Azcue



Shannon Smith

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Smith received All-American honors after placing seventh in the nation in the high

## Former Laker Soccer Player Chris Klute Featured on MLS Website

Former Clayton State men's soccer stand-out Chris Klute was featured on the official Major League Soccer website earlier this week after breaking into the starting lineup for the Colorado Rapids.

chris-klute-emerges-top-option-left-back.

Klute, who played at Clayton State in 2011, has started nine of the last 10 matches for the team at left back and has two assists on the season.

defender, becoming arguably the top defender in the Peach Belt and one of the best in both the region and the country. He was named to the Daktronics 2011 NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region team.

For a link to the story and video, go to <http://www.mlssoccer.com/news/article/2013/05/28/colorado-rapids-defender->

In 2011 for the Lakers, he played every minute of the Lakers' 18 games at center

Klute signed a two-year contract with the Rapids, who are based in Commerce City, Col., for the 2012 and 2013 seasons. ■



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