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## Clayton State Spring Commencement; Open Doors, Dreams and... What Did You Want to be When You Were 10?

by John Shiffert

Clayton State University's largest Commencement day took place on Saturday, May 10, as more than 500 individuals walked across the stage in the Athletics Center to receive recognition for their masters, baccalaureate or associate degrees from their families, friends, faculty and the Clayton State administration, as represented by the University's deans, vice presidents and, most prominently, President Dr. Thomas Hynes who, as always reminded the assembled multitudes that, "every one of our commencement ceremonies is special."

Spring 2014 turned out to special in more than one instance. In addition to repre-

senting the largest group of Clayton State graduates to be honored on a single day, the newest members of the Clayton State Alumni Association also had the opportunity to hear not one, but two outstanding Commencement addresses.

A total of 235 graduates from the Colleges of Business and Health received their diplomas in the 9 a.m. ceremony, and heard a truly remarkable speech from the immediate past chair of the Clayton State University Foundation, Heritage Bank CEO Leonard Moreland.

The 275 graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences and Information &

Mathematical Sciences attending the noon ceremony may have missed Moreland's exhortation to take the opportunity to walk through the open door that their diplomas represent, but they were present for an equally thought-provoking presentation centering around what they wanted to be when they were 10 years old from Dana Lemon of the State Transportation Board of Georgia.

Anyone who has heard a Commencement address knows that the speakers typically exhort the graduates to look ahead to the future. And, while that was the case in

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## Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee Appointed Dean of the College of Business

Dr. Avinandan (Avi) Mukherjee has been appointed to the position of Dean of the AACSB-accredited College of Business at Clayton State University, effective Aug. 1, 2014. He will replace Dr. Michael Deis, who will return to his faculty position as professor of Management, having served as interim dean since January 2013.



Mukherjee

"I am honored to have been chosen as the dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University and excited about this new leadership opportunity," says Mukherjee. "I look forward to leading this vibrant and growing College of Business with an amazing team of faculty and staff who are dedicated to the success

of our students. The College of Business at Clayton State University will continue to grow with innovative programs, engaged learning initiatives and enhanced regional partnerships. It is well positioned to prepare tomorrow's business leaders for Atlanta and the world."

Currently chairperson of the Department of Marketing in the School of Business at Montclair State University in New Jersey, Mukherjee has served in that position since 2008. In that role, he has led a multi-pronged comprehensive transformation of the department, which resulted in the Marketing Department becoming the largest department in the school in number of programs and number of graduating students. His accomplishments include

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## Clayton State University Announces Staff Nominees, Winner for Annual Alice Smith Award

Clayton State University gathered on Apr. 29 in Spivey Hall to honor faculty and staff with the annual Service Awards ceremony. This year also celebrated the 19th annual announcement of the Alice J. Smith award winners. The Service Awards Ceremony is a time for Clayton State to celebrate and honor faculty and staff through recognizing years of service, tenure, promotions, and retirement.

This year's staff nominees are: from the Department of Campus Life, Atawanna Royal; from Department of Facilities Management, Ana Gordon; from Public Safety, Angela Evans; from the Registrar's Office, Andrea Clark; and from Spivey Hall, Sam Dixon.

Ana Gordon was recognized as the 2014 Alice Smith Staff Award winner.

A staff member since 1998, Ana Banzuelo Gordon is no stranger around the campus. She serves campus as a Service Maintenance Worker and enjoys engaging with people of all ages and getting to see

bright students, faculty and staff every day. She currently resides in the city of College Park, Ga.

Gordon has a strong passion for education and writing. She came to the United States from the Philippines to pursue education. She just celebrated her 35th year in the United States. She and her husband have been married for 30 years and have encouraged their children to pursue higher education. Her son is a 2008 Clayton State graduate with a degree in Information Technology. Her daughter is currently pursuing a degree in Health and Fitness Management with a minor in Business at Clayton State.

"My nomination for being one of the finalists of the Alice Smith Award is a great part of my success story because Clayton State has recognized my longtime sacrifice, struggle and determination for



Gordon

the sake of education," says Gordon.

Royal, from Savannah, Ga., is a 2008 graduate from Clayton State University. She recently obtained a M.Ed. of Higher Education from Georgia Southern University. She is currently an Assistant Director of Campus Life where she cherishes serving the student body and helping them to grow emotionally and academically.

Her passion for students is truly reflected in the many Student Choice Awards she has received; Staff Member of the Year in 2011, 2013, and 2014. She was also given the 2014 Student Choice Tribute Award.

"Reflecting on the establishment of the Smith Award which is in honor of the incredible teaching career and passion for learning of Mrs. Alice Smith, I can't help but feel a sense of pride and a sense of accomplishment as I too am extremely

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This year's faculty nominees are: from the College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Richard Singiser and Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller; from the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, Richard Pearce-Moses; from the College of Health, Joanna Harris-Worlds; and from the College of Business, Dr. Margaret Thompson.

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller was recognized as the 2014 Alice Smith Faculty Award winner.

A native of Portland, Ore., Zeller currently lives in Morrow where he takes great pride in walking to work every day. He has been a part of Clayton State since 2002 and holds many titles; Professor of Music, Director of Opera and Vocal Studies, and Coordinator of the Division of Music.

He holds a degree a B.A. in Theater, B.A. in Music Voice Performance from the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University. He received his



Zeller

Master of Music in Voice Performance from the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati where he stayed on to earn a Doctor of Musical Arts.

"I am very pleased and honored that my faculty colleagues in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts have expressed their admiration for my artistic and pedagogical work by nominating me for the Alice Smith Award — all the more so as it is actually the fourth time in the last decade that they have done so. That I continue to be re-nominated, even without ever being successful at 'bringing home the gold' seems to me to be a particularly powerful statement of the high regard in

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## Clayton State Bids Farewell to its Chaucerian

by John Shiffert

The only thing missing on Apr. 23 were a few of the Canterbury Tales as Clayton State University bid farewell to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Micheal Crafton.



Crafton

Recently named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of West Georgia, Crafton leaves Clayton State after five years that clearly made a strong impression on his colleagues, not the least of whom is President Dr. Thomas Hynes. And while the Latin phrase *Res Ipsa Loquitur* (“the thing speaks for itself”) nicely characterizes accomplishments of this Chaucerian and Latin scholar at Clayton State, it is

only right that Hynes actually list some of those accomplishments.

“Professionally, he has been a model leader,” says Hynes. “He has created the conditions in which a sense of urgency for actions has been consistent with shared and collaborative approaches to change. His leadership in many areas, such as strategic planning, enrollment management, Complete College Georgia, community engagement, to name but a few, has been exemplary.

“He brings perspective, intelligence, integrity, and good humor to academic affairs, and to the entire university.”

Crafton’s exceedingly well-attended farewell reception (“He Doth Go West” and “A Fond Fare Thee Well”) on Apr. 23

bore out the veracity of Hynes’ comments, in part through encomiums from those individuals who worked closest with Crafton over the years, the Clayton State deans.

“Six months of Micheal Crafton than a couple of years of someone else,” said CIMS Dean Dr. Lila Roberts.

Dr. Michael Deis, interim dean of the College of Business, noted Crafton’s optimism and humor, referring to the provost as “the original Renaissance man.”

Dr. Nasser Momayezi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences praised Crafton’s unique leadership style, also characterizing him as the type of person

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## Kevin Demmitt Named Interim Provost And Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Kevin Demmitt, a 20-year veteran faculty member and administrator at Clayton State University, has been named the University’s Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.



Demmitt

“Clayton State is blessed to have a number of individuals able to exercise leadership in times of transition. As Dr. Micheal Crafton prepares to leave us after nearly five years of exceptional service, we are delighted to announce that Dr. Kevin Demmitt has agreed to serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,” says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes in making the announcement of Demmitt’s appointment.

Hynes points out that Demmitt has served the University in wide variety of capacities over nearly 20 years, most recently in the Office of Academic Affairs as Associate Vice President for Extended Programs. Included in those leadership

responsibilities have been oversight of Clayton State’s off-campus sites – notably the Peachtree City and Henry County locations – as well as on-line offerings, the growing dual enrollment program, and the Office of International Programs.

“His breath of experiences, together with his strong commitment to academic excellence, and collaborations across programs and divisions, make him an exceptional candidate for this position,” says Hynes. “Like many of our colleagues, I am excited for this chance to work with Dr. Demmitt in this new capacity, and I know he will do an excellent job continuing the excellent work of Dr. Crafton and our other Academic Affairs colleagues.”

“I am excited about serving in this capacity,” says Demmitt, a long-time and well-known resident of Peachtree City, Ga. “We have a number of academic initiatives underway, including developing new programs to support the film industry, increasing our engagement with the community through student internships, and continuing our efforts to help more students graduate and enter the workforce.

My goal is to work with others to keep them moving forward.

“This marks my 20th year at Clayton State. Never did I think that my work could change so much while staying at one university. It is a wonderful place to work. There is an engaging spirit of entrepreneurship as we start new programs and adjust to the changing landscape. From the development of new academic programs, to the opening of new instructional sites, and the growth of online learning – it has been quite a ride. But our core commitment to excellent instruction and serving the needs of our community has remained the same. That is why I am still here and enjoying what I do every day.”

According to Hynes, Clayton State intends to begin the search process to identify the next permanent Provost almost immediately. Crafton is leaving Clayton State to return to the University of West Georgia as that University System of Georgia institution’s provost. ■



## Pat Keane Retires After 30 Years at Clayton State

by John Shiffert

Pat Keane, Clayton State University's longest-tenured staff member, retired at the end of April 2014, after 30 years with the University and 11 years running the Athletic Department.

Yes, we know that Mason Barfield and Carl McAlouse have served as athletic director during the years from May 1, 2003, and Gareth O'Sullivan is the current interim athletic director, but everyone connected with Athletics at Clayton State knows who has REALLY been running the show since the retirement of the equally estimable Dotty Bumbalough on Apr. 30, 2003.

Not only had Keane been with Clayton State longer than any non-faculty member (and there are very few faculty who have

been with Clayton State longer) at the time of her retirement, but she was also the winner of the University's 2013 Alice Smith Staff Member of the Year Award. The administrative assistant for the Athletic Department at the time of her retirement, Keane was serving in her fourth different position at the University, which may be some kind of record in and of itself. She first worked part-time at Clayton State as the switch board operator, starting in 1984. She then moved over to work full time in the Continuing Education Division, and later spent several years in the Office of Media & Printing Services before joining the Athletic Department.

A native of the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia, as well as scenic Flourtown,

Pa., (that's Flourtown, as in flour mills) Keane graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill section in 1965 as Patricia Stoffyn. Along with her husband, John Keane, she has three children by nature, and hundreds of adopted children; the athletes of Clayton State who have passed through the University in the past 11 years. Indeed, the Lakers have had no more loyal fans than the Keanes over those years. In particular, John Keane is famous for his advocacy of Clayton State basketball, having built a long-time reputation for cheering the Lakers from the cheap seats.

In her 30 years at Clayton State, Pat Keane has been the face of an institution that has grown from a junior college to a

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## Clayton State Honored with "Tree Campus USA" Designation By Arbor Day Foundation and Georgia Forestry Commission

The Arbor Day Foundation's honoring of Clayton State University as a 2013 Tree Campus USA® was formally recognized on Apr. 25 as part of the University's Second Annual Arbor Day Celebration... a "Trees Made Real" event.

The celebration was held on the University quad in front of an enthusiastic crowd that included dozens of local school children. Amidst long-term loblolly pines and a host of newly-planted hardwood trees that will someday join the pines in marking this "Tree Campus USA," the ceremony featured the Georgia Forestry Commission's Joan Scales presenting the 2013 Tree Campus USA banner and plaque to Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes, Vice President for Business and Operations Corlis Cummings, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management Harun Biswas and Assistant Director of Landscape Management Justin Brooks.

In her address, Scales pointed out that the Tree Campus USA designation was awarded for commitment to effective urban forest management and targets

those institutions that conserve, maintain and grow trees. Scales also noted that Clayton State is one of only nine universities in the state to be named a Tree Campus USA.

"We're recognizing universities that are trying hard to maintain their environment," she said.

Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and sponsored by Toyota to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Clayton State achieved the title

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Left to right: Corlis Cummings, Justin Brooks, Harun Biswas, Joan Scales.

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## President Hynes and Dean Eichelberger Traveling to South Korea to Sign a New MOU

by John Shiffert

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas Hynes and Dean of the College of Health at Clayton State Dr. Lisa Eichelberger will be traveling to Seoul and Daejeon, South Korea to visit Daejeon Health Sciences University.

Their visit is in conjunction with the initial MOU between Clayton State and Daejeon Health Sciences University, originally signed in March 2013. That MOU serves as a general framework for inter-institutional cooperation between the College of Health at Clayton State and Daejeon Health Sciences College. Eichelberger coordinates the application of the agreement with Dr Hyen-sook Jeon, dean, School of Nursing and Bongnam Lee, director, International Programs, of Daejeon Health Sciences College.

“This is a very significant development in Clayton State’s international partnerships,

as it is Clayton State’s first formal partnership with a higher education institution in Korea,” said Hynes at the time of the MOU signing. “It opens the door to expanded academic collaborations – student and faculty exchanges, joint teaching or collaborative degree programs, Korean student enrollment - between the College of Health and foreign institutions that have compatible health curriculum.”

Hynes and Eichelberger will be leaving on Mother’s Day for a eight-day trip that will include meeting with 16 individuals who will be



Hynes



Eichelberger

coming to Clayton State for classes this July, and to sign an official MOU further solidifying Clayton State’s growing agreement with Daejeon, which may in the future include additional educational possibilities and partnerships in other areas besides nursing. Eichelberger will also be giving a lecture, and both Clayton State administrators will be meeting with many different groups and touring medical facilities. Hynes and Eichelberger will also be tweeting from South Korea during their trip. They can be followed at @tim2333 (Hynes) and @DocLisaEich (Eichelberger).

The 16 representatives from Daejeon Health Sciences University will be coming to Clayton State in July to study medical terminology and English, visit local hospitals and to take in several cultural opportunities. They will be staying in Clayton State’s Laker Hall. ■

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## Birla College Professor Supports Expanded Relationship with Clayton State

Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, assistant professor and head of the Department of English at Birla College of Arts, Science & Commerce, an affiliate of the University of Mumbai, is no stranger to Clayton State University.

For that matter, faculty members at both institutions have enjoyed a relationship that dates back more than 10 years. It’s a relationship that has been marked by numerous faculty exchanges, including one in March 2012 when Sharma first visited Clayton State’s Department of English. On a return trip to Clayton State in April 2013, Sharma took time out from a busy schedule that included lecturing to Clayton State classes, to talk about both where she hopes the relationship between Clayton State and Birla College might go in the future, and the learning process.

During a luncheon with Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kevin Demmitt, Sharma expressed the desire to expand the Birla/Clayton State relationship beyond faculty exchanges, to include student exchanges as well. Demmitt, who at the time of the meeting was serving as the Associate Vice President for Extended Programs, is pleased with Birla College’s desire to continue to grow and expand the relationship.

“We have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship with Birla College over the years,” he says. “The faculty who have visited India have been overwhelmed by their hospitality and the eagerness of their students to learn. And it is very beneficial for our students when they have the opportunity to learn from their faculty during their visits to Clayton State.

“One of our next goals is to for our students to experience this cultural exchange through study abroad and other programs.”

One group of Clayton State students who had the opportunity to diversify their education this semester was Dr. Mary Lamb’s Careers in Writing class. The connection was a natural, since Sharma, in addition to being an English professor, is also a published author, essayist, poet, critic and journalist in India. In addition to having her poetry and research articles appear in wide variety of international publications, she had published “In the Shadows: Women in Arthur Miller’s Plays” in 2012. She is also a widely-published critic and a regular freelance writer for Times of India and Mumbai Mirror.

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# Clayton State's Annual Scholarship Luncheon – a Heartwarming Experience

Clayton State University recently celebrated some of its finest scholars, and the donors who made their dreams real, at the annual Clayton State University Foundation Scholarship Luncheon.

This opportunity to bring Clayton State scholarship recipients together with the individuals and organizations that made their scholarships possible was, to paraphrase Clayton State President Dr. Thomas Hynes, heartwarming.

“Your presence here warms my heart,” he said in addressing the donors. “Your gifts give students opportunities that they would not otherwise have. Your gifts really do make a huge difference for supporting students who have dreams, for whom gifts make those dreams real. We are incredibly grateful.”

The Foundation's Scholarship Luncheon drew a large turnout of recipients, donors and Clayton State administrators; in all, 18 scholarship holders were present along with the representatives of 14 Clayton

State Foundation scholarship funds; in addition to Foundation Board Chairman and Heritage Cadillac CEO Tim Crawford, who also thanked the donors, noting that Clayton State scholarships wouldn't be possible without their support.

The luncheon's three student speakers made clear the importance of that support.

“For someone that you don't even know to recognize and appreciate your hard work, that says a lot to how they value math and teaching,” said Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics graduate student Julie Bartlett, a recipient of the Billy R. Nail Endowed Scholarship. “I wish I could just give (the donors) a hug. It has been an honor to me for them to recognize the work I have done.”

“Every morning I wake up and I know that I can achieve greatness, but I also know that I have to maintain greatness,” said Todd Burke, an undergraduate Clayton State Presidential Scholar.

“When you have something that's keeping you moving, and driving you every day, it helps you out so much.”

“It goes beyond monetary things. Because of my scholarship, I've had the opportunity to present and attend several conferences,” noted Master of Psychology graduate student Megan Brock, a recipient of the Clayton State Retirees Association Graduate Endowed Scholarship.

Speaking for the donors collectively was Jack Hancock, a partner in the law firm of Freeman, Mathis, & Gary, and a Foundation board member. Freeman, Mathis, & Gary has created and endowed the G. Robert Oliver Scholarship for Legal Studies.

“The education of our youth is the key to the success of our nation,” said Hancock. “We started the G. Robert Oliver Scholarship to do two things. Number

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## **Georgia Power Joins Corporate Partners Program**

Georgia Power Co., a long-time supporter of Clayton State University dating back to the last years of the 20th Century, has once again recognized excellence at the University, joining the Clayton State Corporate Partners Program and donating \$7500 to two of Clayton State's Excellence Funds.

The Clayton State University Corporate Partners Program was created to develop, enhance and support partnerships between the business sector and the University. Internships, employee recruitment, networking opportunities, and a heightened corporate visibility are just a few of the ways to these partnerships have developed.

“Through this program, our corporate partners gain access to a talented, educated student body and access to dedicated senior administrators and award-winning, knowledgeable faculty,” notes Clayton State Vice President for External Relations Kate Troelstra. “Our students benefit through engaged learning and increased opportunities for success.”

Georgia Power's recent donation is in two parts, \$5000 from the Georgia Power Foundation to the President's Excellence Fund and \$2500 to College of Information and Mathematical Science's (CIMS) Dean's Excellence Fund.

The CIMS Dean's Excellence Fund supports Clayton State students in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Information Technology who come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, providing scholarships for students who demonstrate need and funding for engaged learning experiences such as travel to professional conferences where students present their research results.

“Georgia Power has a strong history of supporting Clayton State University students, particularly underrepresented groups such as women and minorities, who are in the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) fields,” says Dr. Lila Roberts, dean of the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences.

“We are grateful for their continued support of our programs and students.”

The Clayton State President's Excellence Fund currently supports student scholarships, student success programming – notably in the Office of Career Services, faculty/staff support programs and other programming that adds to the richness of the educational experience at Clayton State University.

Clayton State currently has four types of scholarships; Academic Scholarships, Department Scholarships, Honors Scholarships, and Private Scholarships. For more information on Clayton State scholarships, plus information on free scholarship search sites, go to the Clayton State Office of Financial Aid web pages at <http://www.clayton.edu/financial-aid/Scholarships>. ■

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## **Bruce Gant Gives Back To Veterans Through Scholarships**

by John Shiffert and Lauren Graves

Clayton State University Foundation Trustee Bruce B. Gant, Jr., and his wife Vicky Gant, have established a scholarship for veterans at Clayton State University.

A decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, a long-time Foundation trustee and businessman in Clayton County, Gant and his wife have recently established the Clayton State Veterans Scholarship.

The Clayton State Veterans Endowed Scholarship is being established by the Gants in order to support veterans through scholarships in perpetuity. Until the endowment is fully-funded, the Gants will make an annual contribution so that the scholarship can be awarded as early as next fall. As a medic in the Vietnam War, Bruce Gant is a veteran and a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Recognizing the supreme sacrifice that



veterans make for the nation, this scholarship is a way to give back to those who wish to complete their degree.

A long-time agent – now retired -- for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Gant earned State Farm's prestigious President's Club ranking three

times in his career and also won Clayton County's "Small Business of the Year" award in 1999.

After returning from Vietnam where he had served as a Senior Corpsman (medic)

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## Across the Campus...

### College of Business

Dr. James "Jim" Keebler, who is retiring at the end of this semester is the "2013 Overall Professor of the Year." for the College of Business. Dr. Reza Kheirandish was awarded "2013 Outstanding Service Award," Dr. Leon Prieto was awarded "2013 Research Professor of the Year." and Dr. Margaret Thompson received the "2013 Teaching Professor of the Year."

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The recent Allied Academies Conference in Nashville saw the presentation of two Distinguished Research Award-winning papers: "Women vs Men in Entrepreneurship: A Comparison of the Sexes on Creativity, Political Skill, and Entrepreneurial Intentions" by Dr. Leon Prieto, and a collaboration between Dr. Beverly Wright, Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi and Prieto entitled "Preference for Forbidden Entertainment Products Among Adolescent Males."

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Dr. Leon Prieto has been invited by the University of the West Indies, Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, located in Trinidad and Tobago, to deliver a workshop on May 22 and May 23 alongside Dr. Simone Phipps (Middle Georgia State College). The title of the workshop is "Corporate Entrepreneurship: A Dynamic Approach to Leading Innovation and Change." The workshop will be delivered to local executives who are interested in adopting new strategies to build a culture of corporate entrepreneurship that will help them remain competitive.

### Communication and Media Studies

Dr. Randy Clark reports that there is a series of books in publication called "Fan Phenomena" that examine different TV shows and movies. The newest one, just out, is about "The Big Lebowski." And, Clayton State's Pop Culture expert has a chapter in said book. "These books are kind of halfway between popular works and academic works, so they might be of a little more interest than the traditional scholarly publication," notes Clark.

### English

Dr. Mary R. Lamb, associate professor and director of First-Year Writing reports that the First-Year Writing cover art contest winner is Kahdeidra Ponder. She won \$150 and her design will be featured on Clayton State's first-year writing textbook, "Connections." Thanks to all those submitted!

### Music

Clayton State University's Music Drama Workshop performed "The Boys from Syracuse" in Spivey Hall on Friday, Apr. 11 and Saturday, Apr. 12. According to Director Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, coordinator of the Division of Music and director of Opera and Vocal Studies, it was the first Music Drama Workshop production with scenery and lighting design work by Assistant Professor of Theatre and Technical Director Adam Howarth.

### Nursing

Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Lynn Stover was the speaker at the Apr. 23 meeting of the Clayton County Rotary Club.

### Orientation and New Student Programs

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Ninth Annual New Student Convocation at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014 in Spivey Hall. The New Student Convocation is an exciting time when faculty, staff and all new students assemble to mark the beginning of a new academic year. New Student Convocation is a formal ceremony intended to inspire, motivate and officially welcome our new students. President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr., will offer encouraging words to incoming students and the campus community during the ceremony. Regalia are requested for this year's ceremony (processional participants). If you are not able to wear regalia, there will be a reserved seating location available for staff and faculty program attendees. Business professional attire is requested for non-processional participants. Additional ceremony and RSVP information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars in advance! Contact: (678-466-5443); [cele-namilner@clayton.edu](mailto:cele-namilner@clayton.edu).

### Political Science

The Sixth Annual Civic Engagement Research Conference, sponsored by Clayton State University, the New York Times and the National Archives at Atlanta, was held on Friday, Apr. 4, at the National Archives at Atlanta. According to Dr. Joe Corrado, associate professor of Political Science and chair of the University's Civic Engagement Council, each year students from the University System of Georgia are invited to submit papers and panel-session proposals on any topic relating to civic engagement. The selected papers and proposals are then presented at the conference. The conference included the Annual Ogden First Amendment Essay Contest, an award named in honor of James H. Ogden, Jr., late husband of Clayton State Professor of Business Dr. Judith Ogden. This year's winner was Amy Patel, with second place finisher Angela Arnold.

### Psychology

Dr. Celeste Walley-Jean was cited in an article in the Huffington Post, "7 Lies We Have To Stop Telling About African-American Girls."

### SGA

Congratulations to your 2014 - 2015 Student Government Association Executive Officers: President Jonathan Conner; Vice President Taylor Hughes; Treasurer Destiny Battle.

### Spivey Hall

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall, the Southeast's premier recital hall renowned internationally for its superior acoustics and the excellence of its classical, jazz and world music artists, has announced the establishment of The Drs. Bryan and Norma Edwards Spivey Hall Chamber Music Endowment, a perpetual fund created to ensure that chamber music of the highest quality, performed by outstanding international ensembles, continues to hold a permanent and prominent place in Spivey Hall's programming.



# Clayton State's First Dream Catchers Recognized

The legend of the dream catcher embodies the idea that only good dreams are filtered through the netting allowing the good to pass through the feathers to the people. Clayton State is an entire community that rallies around the individual dreams and aspirations of its people. Clayton State's key attributes are creating an empowering experience, offering a supportive community, as well as offering inclusive diversity and an engaged, experiential preparation.

The "Dream Catchers" program allows faculty and staff to nominate a fellow colleague, themselves or even a department that really embodies one or all of the attributes. It's a way to remind all of us what makes our university unique! We will recognize these nominations monthly and encourage all of you to tell us how dreams are made real in your area.

Below are the March 2014 nominations along with excerpts from their nomination:

**Brett Reichert, Associate Director of International Student Services**

"Brett has assisted numerous international students on campus to realize and go for their dreams in ways they didn't know were possible. For example, he helped a student who left her dreams of becoming a dentist in India to follow her husband to the U.S. for his high tech career. She heard about Clayton State's Dental Hygiene program and Brett helped her change her status from H4 visa (his dependent) to an F1 visa (full-time student). She graduated from Clayton State and he helped her obtain her own work



authorization to maintain her status and to lawfully gain practical experience."

**Richard Singiser, Associate Professor of Chemistry**

"For the past three years his student evaluations of instruction have been above the average of the college, department and chemistry division ("exceptional instruction and support."). Students indicate that he always provides immediate helpful feedback on their assessments. They also say that he is organized, knowledgeable, and always available to help."

**Barbara Musolf, Associate Professor of Biology**

"Musolf has mentored many undergraduate research projects and internships this past year. She does not receive teaching credit for this mentorship and this level of mentorship/teaching consumes a lot of time. It should be understood that it is nearly impossible for undergraduate sci-

ence students to be successful in their field and/or accepted into graduate/professional programs unless they participate in research experiences."

**Valerie Baker, Administrative Specialist, Office of Career Services**

"Her consistently calm demeanor and attitude and warm tone welcomes students into the Office of Career Services and allows them to feel heard well before being seen by other professional staff members for presenting issues. The work that she does with supervising student workers in the office has been amazing. I've seen her help transform our students into confident, independent thinkers who have gained useful skill sets transferable to any workplace." ■

## *Life's Transitions*

Retired Clayton State University Psychology professor Dr. Willie James Manning of Vienna Ga., passed away recently. He was laid to rest on Wednesday, May 7, at Antioch A.M.E. Church in Stone Mountain Ga.

Dr. Manning received his Bachelors Degree from Tennessee State University, his Masters Degree from Howard University and his Ph.D. from Georgia State University. He also did studies at Oklahoma University.

Dr. Manning is survived by his loving wife Lillie Grace Thornton-Manning, son Zario Manning, step-son Bobby Lee Thornton Jr., step-son Eric Thornton and his wife Natilus R. Thornton.

## MAS Graduate Student Selected as NEH Summer Scholar

Jean Young, a graduate student in the Master of Archival Science (MAS) program at Clayton State University, has been selected as an NEH Summer Scholar from a national applicant pool to attend one of 30 seminars and institutes supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The Endowment is a federal agency that, each summer, supports these enrichment opportunities at colleges, universities, and cultural institutions, so that faculty can work in collaboration and study with experts in humanities disciplines.

Young will participate in an institute titled “Black Aesthetics and African Centered Cultural Expressions: Sacred Systems in the Nexus between Cultural Studies, Religion and Philosophy.” The three-week program will be held at Emory University from July 13 to Aug. 1, and co-directed by Dr. Pellom McDaniels, III, assistant professor in African American Studies and faculty curator of the African American Collections at the Manuscript, Archives and Race Book Library (MARBL) and Paul Carter Harrison, an award-winning playwright/director/theatre theorist.

The 25 teachers selected to participate in the program each receive a stipend of \$2,700 to cover their travel, study, and living expenses.

The approximately 440 NEH Summer Scholars who participate in these programs of study will teach more than 113,000 American students the following year. ■

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## Another Triumph for Clayton State’s SAM Chapter

For the past 13 years, Clayton State University business students have been empowered by their participation in the annual Society for Advancement of Management’s (SAM) annual student business case competition.

The current year has been no exception, as, for the fourth straight year, Clayton State’s SAM chapter finished in the top two teams in their division of the national competition, finishing ahead of chapters from such a diverse group of universities as Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Wright State University (Ohio) and Rowan University (New Jersey).

For 2014, the Clayton State SAM chapter placed second for the competition for the James Rutherford Trophy (undergraduate division) at the SAM competition in Orlando, Fla. This follows the Clayton State chapter finishing first in 2011 and 2012, and second in 2013.

“We have been consistently one of the high-performing teams in the SAM case competition in the 13 years that we have participated in this business competition,” exclaims chapter advisor and Associate Professor of Economics Dr. Reza Kheirandish.

The 2014 SAM travelling team consisted of four students: Rachel Mannor, Katelyn

Curtis, Sarita Brayboy and Chris Jeboda. In addition, Carmen Williams was a member of the team who could not travel to Orlando, but who helped the team prepare their case.

“The team worked very hard during the past two months and developed financial and SWOT analysis and suggested recommendations for JC Penney,” explains Kheirandish. “The judges were impressed by our team’s performance. I am very proud of this team especially because the difference between the first and the last team is not very much.”

Mannor, Curtis and Williams have also received the SAM Outstanding Student Regional Award based on Kheirandish’s nomination and their resumes and GPAs.

“I would also like to acknowledge the leadership of our previous faculty advisors, Dr. Michael Deis and Dr. Lari Arjomand,” says Kheirandish. “As the current faculty advisor I also want to thank my colleagues in the College of Business at Clayton State for encouraging their most talented students to participate in SAM case competition team and their words of encouragement for me throughout the past few years.”

Williams was born in Atlanta and currently resides in McDonough. A senior gener-



al business major with minors in Supply Chain Management and Spanish, in addition to her participation in SAM, she is also a member of Clayton State Internet Radio and the University Hearing Panel, and currently works for the student computer help desk, the HUB on the Clayton State campus.

The current president of the Clayton State SAM chapter, Curtis is a native of Lebanon, Ind., who anticipates graduating in May 2015 with a bachelor’s degree in Marketing with a concentration in Supply Chain Management. She is a member of two national honor societies, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma, as well as Delta Sigma Pi, a national business fraternity. Currently residing in Peachtree

## Justin Pollard – Clayton State Nursing’s Rookie of the Year at Emory University Hospital

by Siera Blasco

Justin Pollard graduated from Clayton State University in 2012 and has been only escalating his career since. Pollard was recently selected for Rookie of the Year at Emory University Hospital (EUH), where he works as a registered staff nurse in assessing patients, prescribing meds, and overall educating patients on how to best deal with their specific types of cancer.



Pollard

Pollard had always had a passion for nursing, drawn by the moral aspect of the

career rather than the monetary. He was first introduced to the practice in high school through summer technical programs, and from there chose Clayton State for its nursing program and proximity. Pollard feels that the clinical rotations offered at Clayton State best prepared him for his residency through hands-on work as well as the stimulation labs that preceded those.

While Pollard feels that, “all the professors were nurturing and helpful,” Clayton State Assistant Professor of Spanish Dr. Khedija Gadhoom served as a particular influence in Pollard’s journey. Gadhoom inspired Pollard to study abroad in

Guadalajara, Mexico, where he and other students charted and gave medications to patients.

Now Pollard is co-chair of the Magnet Committee at EUH, a committee that advocates excellence, safety, and innovation in the nursing field. He was also nominated and voted as employee of the month as well as Rookie of the Year. Many of his coworkers say that if they had to have any nurse, it would be Justin Pollard. ■

## Clayton State MBA Graduate Fred Snow Reaching New Heights

by Siera Blasco

Fred Snow, a Clayton State University alumnus from the Master of Business Administration program, has taken his career to new heights since graduating in May 2013.



Snow

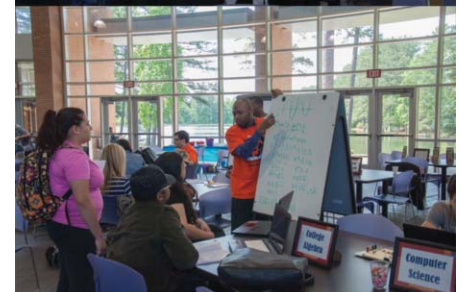
Snow has been part of Hella, an international technology company, for 20 years now, serving currently as the vice president to the U.S. automotive aftermarket division. After his MBA graduation from Clayton State, Snow was selected for Hella’s Learn Engage Accelerate Drive (LEAD) program, being one of the three selected from North America, out of 50 participants chosen internationally from their pool of approximately 29,000 employees.

Snow’s desire for knowledge spurred him to pursue the MBA program at Clayton State. He attributes his success in the LEAD program to Clayton State, in that not only did he sharpen his ability to work with diverse groups of people, but the

MBA also aided in the development of his public speaking skills.

The MBA program allowed Snow to, “deal with public speaking, under pressure, with little practice or warning,” much like the actual challenge that was given to him when, on the eve of a presentation to Hella’s Board of Directors, his group decided at last minute that Snow should be the one to present. The board was interested and selected the plan Snow presented, and are now in the process of executing the plan. Snow and many others of his team members remain connected to the project.

Snow’s thriving intellect particularly enjoyed Dr. Gary May’s capstone class, in the way that it pulled, “everything in the program together” just as the MBA program helped hone Snow’s ambition, intellect, and experience into accelerating his pursuit to the capstone in his career; to run a company. ■



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both Moreland's and Lemon's keynotes, it's unlikely that any of the graduates, or members of the audience, for that matter, will ever forget the thoughts of the two speakers, despite the fact that both admitted at the start of their speeches that they weren't sure how to connect to the graduates.

It's safe to say that those fears were groundless. Moreland, after sharing a few details of his own passage through higher education, a tale that included admitting he had failed to make either the NBA or the major leagues, spoke about diplomas, dreams, and how to fulfill them, in what could only be described as a moving speech.

"There's a common characteristic for all of us; where to look for the answers," he said, referring first to diplomas. "Let me give you a hint... you are the answer. In the end, you did this, and no one will be able to take this away from you.

"This diploma will open a lot of doors, you have to find the doors, and risk mak-

ing a mistake. Step through the door, the rewards are on the other side."

As a long-time member of the Clayton State University Foundation, and one of the University's most loyal supporters, Moreland knows very well that Clayton State is the place where dreams are made real. He turned to "Dreams Made Real" in his conclusion.

"I hope you will take the opportunity to step through that door," he said. "On the other side of that door will be a community with dreams of its own. You will have the awesome opportunity to make those dreams become real, as you have made your own dreams come real."

As noted, college graduates are typically pointed towards the future by Commencement speakers. And Lemon did indeed do that, after asking the graduates to first look back at the start of a provocative and evocative address.

"What did you want to be at age 10?" she asked. "It may be very close to what you

should be doing. If you're lucky enough to get a job that's your dream job, it may be very close to what you wanted when you were 10."

While the graduates were pondering those thoughts, Lemon continued by noting that, at age 10, she wanted to be a pediatrician. While her career, first in banking and second in her family business, W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home, may not have exactly matched that desire, she pointed out that her success in business has allowed her to set up a foundation that benefits children, clearly another way of benefiting youth.

"You must be willing to walk away," she explained of her decision to leave Bank of America and join the family business. "You must be fearless. Know where you are going. When it was time to start my journey, I wasn't afraid to leave. I remembered what I wanted to be when I was 10.

"Remember what you wanted to be when you were 10." ■

**More photos of commencement, hooding and pinning ceremonies, and other end of semester awards will be included in the next issue of *Campus Review*.**



## Raj Sashti Appointed Director of International Programs

Raj (Rajgopal) Sashti has been appointed the director of the Office of International Programs at Clayton State University.

Previously the director of International Program Development in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southern Polytechnic State University, as the senior international officer for Clayton State, Sashti will report directly to Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kevin Demmitt and will work closely with the deans, department chairs and other campus unit heads.

Sashti's leadership responsibilities will include oversight of a strategic plan for Clayton State's international programs, all student and faculty study abroad programs, fund raising, increasing awareness of global issues, hosting visiting scholars and dignitaries, developing international partnerships and working with business and civic organizations to promote greater economic development in the Southern Crescent of Atlanta.

Sashti is not a newcomer to Clayton State, he has previously worked at the University as the director of Nine University and College International Studies Consortium of Georgia, serving in those capacities from 2004 to 2008.

During his prior tenure at Clayton State Sashti:

\* Received seven Fulbright-Hays direct and matching grants for \$525,000 to pro-

mote international education; developed and implemented the first-ever Maymester student study abroad programs;

\* Formed an effective Clayton State International Education Business and Advisory Council and secured external funding for study abroad scholarships from corporate and civic leaders;

\* Provided overseas faculty development opportunities for more than 50 Clayton State and other USG faculty members to study and travel in Argentina, Chile, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Hungary and the Czech Republic;

\* Secured two Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence grants to host visiting scholars from New Zealand and Thailand;

\* Signed faculty and student exchange MOUs with universities in Latin America and Asia.

A recipient of three Fulbright grants to Germany, Japan and Brazil, during the course of his professional carrier, Sashti has been awarded more than five million in grants from U. S. government agencies and non-profit organizations, has directed more than three dozen Fulbright Hays projects in various countries of East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia; Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, former Soviet Union, Eastern and Western Europe and Central and South America. ■

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“There was a lot of curiosity among the students. They wanted to know more and more about India,” she says of her lecture to Lamb’s class. “They asked many questions; a good thing.

“Interaction between the teacher and the taught is very important. It should be encouraged all the more.”

Sharma is a great proponent of interaction across cultures, hence her support of expanding the relationship between Birla College and Clayton State.

“In this age of globalization, it is easier for student to enrich their experiences,” she says. “These programs facilitate cultural interaction, for the benefit of the teachers and the students. Faculty exchange programs help bridge the gap between cultures. We should now move towards student exchanges.

“The younger generation is responsible for the growth of our countries. Let’s give them a chance to see what lies on the other side of the globe, to broaden their horizons, and raise their aspirations. It’s very much needed.” ■

## What are Your Thoughts on Transit in Clayton County?

Clayton State students, faculty and staff; please provide your thoughts on public transit in Clayton County! The Clayton County Board of Commissioners has hired a consulting firm to conduct a transit feasibility study, and they need your feedback on this important issue. The study will be asking the following questions:

Is transit service feasible in Clayton County?

- If feasible, what types of services should be offered?
- Where should transit operate?
- How should transit be funded?
- To assist in the preparation of a possible public transit plan for Clayton County, please take the survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Clayton\\_Transit\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Clayton_Transit_Survey).

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Please also join in during the week of May 19 for public meetings on transit in Clayton County. The dates, times and locations will be posted soon at the website, [www.Transit.ClaytonCountyGA.gov](http://www.Transit.ClaytonCountyGA.gov). Check back often to learn about the project. ■

## HFM Meets the Gold Standard for NSCA

by Siera Blasco

Clayton State University's Health and Fitness Management program is the only program in Georgia to be awarded recognition from the National Strength and Condition Association (NSCA) for meeting the gold standards of health and fitness practice as required for the Education Recognition Program (ERP).

The criterion for NSCA recognition includes offering a Health and Fitness baccalaureate degree and having a full-time professor, Clayton State's being Assistant Professor of Health and Fitness Management Dr. Chris Dr. Pitsikoulis, that is a Certified Strength and

Conditioning Specialist who teaches at least one of the many required EPR classes per year. According to Health and Fitness Management Program Director Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, Clayton State not only meets these points, but exceeds them, by also offering additional courses like First Aid and CPR, Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation, and Sports Psychology.

As program director in charge and overseeing the requirements of EPR, Poudevigne developed Clayton State's application for recognition by NSCA. According to Poudevigne, by getting this

credit, Clayton State will now have opportunity to offer CPT and CSCS certification trainings on campus, with an additional 25 dollars for each student in the CSCS certification.

Clayton State will also be able to use the NSCA logo for ERP status on the website while Clayton State's listing will be displayed on NSCA's website.

"This will cultivate exposure and merit that will attract future Lakers to our school as well as potentially increase internship and career opportunities for our students," says Poudevigne. ■

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City, Curtis volunteers with the Freedom Foundation where she supports with marketing, inventory management, Alternative Break programs, and their flagship program, Random Acts of Theatre Company.

The vice president of the Clayton State SAM chapter, Mannor grew up in Chicago, and now resides in Fayetteville. She is working towards her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting, and is planning on graduating in the spring of 2015. A member of the Clayton State Accounting Club and the Georgia Society of CPAs, her goal is to obtain her MBA and CPA certification after graduation.

Jeboda is an international student, coming to Clayton State from London. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management. His interests include, but aren't limited to; soccer, technology, finance, traveling, music, movies, and general knowledge. He is currently serving as the treasurer of Clayton State's Honor Student Association, the treasurer for Clayton State's SAM Chapter, and the student manager for Clayton State's Course Hero program. He plans on one day becoming the CFO of a prominent technology firm.

Brayboy is majoring in business management with a minor in marketing, and

already holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia. Along with participating in the SAM case competition, she is also involved in empowering her fellow Clayton State students as a mentor in the College of Business' Major Mentor Program. Her past employment experiences include Sprint Nextel Corporation and AFB&T, a division of Synovus Bank. She is a native of Atlanta, and currently resides in Ellenwood.

Last year's second place SAM competition team, which produced a case study of Netflix, consisted of four different Clayton State students, including two non-traditional students and an international student; Azadeh Aarabi-Taft, Henrick Drummond, Martha Mobley and Rodrecus Hughes.

Aarabi-Taft was born in Tehran, finished her high school education in Iran, and moved to the United States in February 2011. She started her college education at Gordon College and transferred to Clayton State University in fall of 2012 as a pre-business major. She expects to receive her degree in Accounting by the summer of 2014.

Drummond was 25 years old during last year's SAM competition. Another Accounting major, he has done his own work empowering his fellow students at

Clayton State as an accounting tutor. He is also very involved with student activities at Clayton State, having served as president of the Accounting Club, treasurer for SAM, and as another mentor for Major Mentors. He was recognized as a national outstanding student at the 2013 SAM conference.

Another non-traditional senior Accounting major prior to his May 2013 graduation, Hughes was born in Millen, Ga., in 1986 and now resides in Jonesboro. Last year's SAM president and a member of the Accounting Club, he previously served in the U.S. Army for four years as a combat medic, completing a 12-month tour in Iraq.

Another May 2013 graduate, Mobley now has a Bachelors degree in Business Administration (majoring in marketing) from Clayton State. While a student at Clayton State, she revived the school's marketing club, joined SAM as the chapter vice president and joined the Major Mentor Program. She also individually received the SAM regional award for being an outstanding student, and Clayton State honored her as the Outstanding Graduate of the Year in Marketing and the Service and Leadership Award in Marketing. ■



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that, “you think he’s a friend you’ve known forever.”

While Hynes may not have known Crafton forever, he has worked with him on academic projects at various levels since 1997. Thus, it’s not surprising that Hynes’ tribute encompassed all of the aspects of someone he labeled, “an incredibly complex human being.” And while Hynes acknowledged Crafton’s complexity, he also said there were four perpetual things that forever characterize J. Micheal Crafton; forever academic, forever amused, forever curious, and forever human.

Included with tributes to Crafton’s humanity and administrative work were words of his academic prowess. Dr. Antoinette Miller, in her own unique style, opened the reception with a tribute that included a series of Old English phrases that are still in use, turning her address into a pop quiz for the provost by insisting that Crafton ring a bell every

time she uttered something with an Old English background. (He didn’t miss a single one.)

Fittingly, Dr. Barbara Goodman, chair of the English Department, spoke for the faculty as a whole, noting that Crafton had taught World, British and Medieval Literature at Clayton State and noting that Apr. 23 was, in fact, the 450th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare.

“The generosity of spirit here at Clayton State is profound; I cannot say enough about it,” says Crafton. “There is something untranslatable about Clayton State University. To forget you is to forget who I am.”

“The foundation he has helped us establish here at Clayton State in academic affairs guarantees nothing but success for learning here in the future,” concludes Hynes. “He’s left this institution better.” ■

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with a Marine rifle company, Gant made the transition from saving lives on the battlefield to helping others protect their investments on the home front.

“When I became an insurance agent in 1974, a very wise senior agent gave me the best advice; he told me, ‘If you take care of your clients, they will take care of you – if you don’t take care of them, someone else will,’” says Gant. With a goal of superb customer service strongly embedded in his business ethics, Gant began building a successful client base that would eventually make him one of Clayton County’s most honored and recognized businessmen.

As part of his commitment to the community whom Gant says “has given me so much,” Gant has served as Chairman of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, chaired the Pacesetters Committee, was a member of the Military Affairs Committee, and has served on the Board of Trustees for the Clayton State University Foundation since 1997.

“Being asked to be a trustee on the Clayton State University Foundation was and is one of the greatest honors I have received,” says Gant. “I feel that as a trustee, I can give back to the community and make a positive impact on our future.”

Clearly, serving others has always been a high priority with Gant. When serving in Vietnam in 1968, Gant fought in the Hue City battle for which the USS battleship Hue City – the first and only ship in the United States Navy named for a battle in the Vietnam War – was named. When the ship was dedicated in 1991, Gant and his fellow Marines who fought at Hue City were named honorary crew members.

Gant thanks his wife, Vicky, for her support over the years and her contribution to both the success of his career and his business. Similarly, future generations of Clayton State student veterans will be thanking the Gants for their contributions to making their dreams real. ■







Clark Howard and crew filmed a commencement-related episode of "Ask Clark" on the Clayton State main campus.



Women's Forum welcomed Colonel Angelique L. Faulise U.S. Air Force (Retired) on April 22.





(Left) The School of Nursing Faculty Scholar, Barbara L. Nichols, DHL,MS, RN, FAAN presented Perspectives on Globalization and Health Policy on Friday, April 4. (Right) The School of Nursing held its first Graduate Research Symposium which featured keynote speaker Elizabeth Tornquist, MA, FAAN.



The Alumni Association inducts new members in a ceremony held in Spivey Hall.



# Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

by Bobby Hamil

The month of April was National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, with a focus on ending the outrage of sexual assault, giving survivors the support they need to heal, and building a culture that never tolerates sexual violence.

Although great strides have been made, sexual violence remains a great concern on college campuses. Today, an estimated one in five women is the victim of a sexual assault on college campuses. Because campuses should be places where everyone can safely and comfortably pursue their dreams, President Obama recently launched the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

Listed below are some practical safety tips for not only prevention from being a victim of a sexual assault, but also tips for prevention from being accused of a sexual assault:

## Don't Be a Victim of Sexual Assault

- When you're preparing for a date or a party, take care of yourself first. Have enough money to pay for your meal and transportation home, if necessary. Have your cell phone charged and with you.
- At parties and bars, keep a friend in sight. Watch out for each other, and check in from time to time to make sure you're both comfortable with how things are going.
- Trust your instincts. If you find yourself in a situation where something feels wrong, look for a way out of the situation—move closer to other people or seek out a safe way to get home.
- Don't ignore sudden feelings of mistrust just because you have known someone for a long time. You can't tell if a person has the potential to rape based on past behaviors.

- Never leave a drink unattended or accept a drink that you did not see poured. Date-rape drugs can leave you unable to protect yourself, or even know what is happening to you.
- If you're going to drink, stop when you begin to feel the effects of alcohol. The more you drink, the harder it is to know when to stop. When you're drunk, you are more vulnerable.
- Take assertiveness training and self-defense classes. Passive and submissive behaviors can be dangerous. If you become frightened, do your best to be assertive. Speak loudly and firmly or yell.
- If you are sexually assaulted, go to a clinic or emergency room immediately. You can decide later whether or not to press charges, but it is critical that you

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## Plan, Prepare, React

by Bobby Hamil

To all students, faculty and staff, the following safety tips are being provided in the unfortunate event that any of you are ever exposed to an active shooter incident, whether on or off campus.

Active Shooter defined—an individual actively engaged in shooting people in a confined space or other populated area. In most cases, there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

If an active shooter is ever in your vicinity, quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect yourself. Students, employees and visitors are likely to follow the directions of instructors, supervisors and administrators during an active shooter situation.

Active Shooter Response Options -- Preferred Option; Evacuate

- Have an escape route and plan in mind. Identify the nearest exit doors from your location to the outside of the building.
- Leave your belongings behind (take

keys and phones only if it doesn't delay your escape)

- Keep your hands visible if you encounter the police

Second Option; Hide

- Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock or barricade the doors if possible with tables, chairs, etc.
- Place cell phones on silent or vibrate mode
- Keep quiet and turn out the lights

Last Resort; Take Action

As a last resort and only when your life is in danger

- Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the shooter, books, backpacks, shoes, hot coffee, fire extinguishers, anything that may be a deterrent or distraction.

Call Public Safety at (678) 466-4050 or 911 when it is safe to do so.

How to respond when law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions from officers
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers when instructed by officers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to go to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Don't stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating; proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the building/area or toward the location designated by officers

Information you should provide to law enforcement or 911

- Location of the active shooter/s
- Number of shooters

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**Keane, cont'd. from p. 4**

university. And, in the past 11 years, she has been a part of the Golden Age of Clayton State sports, celebrating All-Americans, Peach Belt Conference champions, national rankings galore and, of course, the highlight for everyone associated with Clayton State Athletics, the 2011 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship. In honor of her years of service for Clayton State, she was feted by the Athletic Department and dozens of her peers, including a large contingent of previously-retired Clayton State staff, with a retirement luncheon on Friday Apr. 25.

"I don't believe there is a better environment than a college campus to work. Helping students and coaches make their dreams come true is so rewarding. I look forward to coming to work every day... of course working with awesome colleagues helps too!," said Keane on the occasion of winning last year's Smith Award. Residents of Morrow for the past 40 years, the Keanes have also made numerous trips back to Philadelphia during that time. However, their first trip will after her retirement was to spend 19 days in Europe, starting with a river cruise from Nuremberg and ending in Budapest.

Of course, before she left Clayton State, Pat received one more honor. At the Tuesday, Apr. 29 Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony, she received her 30 year award from the University, an extremely rare accomplishment for a staff member. But, then again, Pat Keane is an extremely rare individual. Clayton State will not likely see her equal any time soon. ■



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receive medical attention and caring support as soon as possible.

**Don't Be Accused of Sexual Assault**

- First, be respectful. Anytime you are uncertain whether your partner is comfortable with your behavior, ask! You can simply say, "Are you okay with this?" "No" means no. What's more, assume that "I'm not sure" also means no.
- Understand that a person who is drunk is not legally capable of giving consent. If the other person is not capable of making an informed decision, do not have sex.
- Recognize that your sexual needs do not give you the right to do whatever you want. Any sexual activity should be mutually desired.
- If you're going to drink, do so responsibly. Most sexual assaults on college campuses follow drinking by one or both individuals. In addition, be aware of how

alcohol affects you. If drinking makes you more aggressive, you could be in danger of sexually assaulting someone. Being drunk is not a defense for committing sexual assault.

- If your friend or roommate is sexually assaulting someone, do what you can to stop the assault. You can be charged with complicity if you know about an assault and fail to intervene.
- Be aware that committing rape has severe consequences. For your victim, there can be years of emotional trauma, unwarranted guilt, and fear. For you, sexual assault can lead to criminal charges, attorney expenses, and prison. For both of you, a sexual assault can result in disease, pregnancy, and social stigma. An act of non consensual sex is not worth years of regret.

**Active Shooter, cont'd. from p. 18**

- Physical description of the shooter/s
- Number and type of weapons possessed by the shooter/s
- Number of potential victims and their locations at the incident scene

These are just a few safety suggestions to keep in mind. Our Public Safety Department can provide an "active shooter response" training session to either small or large groups upon request, which includes a practical scenario video recently produced by campus police in the USG system. If interested, please call our office at (678) 466-4050.

## Clayton State Wins an Award; What Does it Mean to You?

by Dr. Donna McCarty

Sunday, Apr. 13...

I am in the office today trying to catch up a bit (still, the effects of Snowmageddon I and II linger) and there are no students and no faculty or staff around. It is a peaceful Sunday afternoon. The beauty of the campus is with me, the birds are chirping, the trees are in bloom, and the lake is serene.

With the absence of the people, I am reminded that what makes Clayton State such a wonderful place is not the beauty of our campus (lovely as it is), but the people who make up our community. We have won the "100 Top Workplaces" award once again – for the third year in a row, but you may NOT know that we are the ONLY University System of Georgia institu-

tion on the list and, in fact, the only college or university on the list. There were approximately 1200 businesses nominated or invited to participate in the competition for this award, and Clayton State came in 10th out of 25 award winners in the large business category.

You might be asking why I am sitting here on Sunday afternoon writing to all of you to bring up this award which is, to some extent, old news. It is because of a statement that grabbed my attention: The businesses and institutions that win this award are ones that have earned the "affection and loyalty" of its employees. This is significant to the students in our program, because the faculty and staff at Clayton State are genuinely committed to you and to this university. We don't just get up and come to work everyday – Clayton State University and the Department of

Psychology are more than a job or even a career for this faculty (full and part-time) and staff – working as a team within our department to accomplish our shared goals is a calling and part of how we express our values, our dreams, and our humanity in a "real life" way.

So when come to campus, I hope you will take a moment to feel a bit of what I am feeling today: gratitude for the gift of making a difference now and in the years to come as a faculty or staff member, student, or graduate. By working and learning together, we are able to do meaningful things every day, and that is something about which to feel genuinely joyful.

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## Clayton State Schedules Information Sessions and Classes for Digital Film Technician I and II

Lights! Camera! Action! The Clayton State University Division of Continuing Education is gearing up for its second round of information sessions and classes for Digital Film Technician Training I and II.

The highly-successful first set of Film Tech I courses, taught by long-time digital film industry expert Barton Bond, have been playing to full houses of 40+ students each since February. With the next round of classes due to start in June, Clayton State is holding three information sessions prior to the start of classes.

The first will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to noon in Fayette County. The exact location is still to be determined, so interested parties are urged to check the Continuing Education website at [www.conted.clayton.edu](http://www.conted.clayton.edu) for location details. The second information session will be held on Saturday, May 31,

also from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Harry S. Downs Center on the Clayton State main campus in Morrow. The third session will be on Saturday, July 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., also in the Downs Center.

The maximum number of students per class is 40. Digital Film Tech I is the prerequisite to Digital Film II. All classes will be held in Clayton State's Lucy Huie Hall, 9157 Tara Blvd., Jonesboro, Ga.

Digital Film Tech I will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., plus two Saturdays, from June 9 to Aug. 27. A second evening session of Digital Film Tech I, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (plus two Saturdays), also from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., will run from Sept. 16 to Dec. 9

The day time version of Digital Film Tech I will also feature two sessions, Tuesday/Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. (plus two Saturdays) from June 24 to Aug. 12, and the same hours on Mondays and Wednesdays (also with two Saturdays) from Sept. 29 to Nov. 12.

Digital Film Tech II will feature two evening courses, the first on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (plus four Saturdays) from June 10 to Sept. 2. The second Digital Film Tech II course will run Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (plus four Saturdays) from Sept. 15 to Dec. 3.

Registration information is also available at [www.conted.clayton.edu](http://www.conted.clayton.edu) or by calling (678) 466-5050 or (678) 466-5118. ■



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one, to recognize a partner and colleague of ours in the law firm, but, equally important, to provide opportunities for young people to gain that education and hopefully, by participating ourselves, to show them the importance of continuing

participation and their giving back to those who will follow after them.”

The official video of the annual Clayton State University Foundation Scholarship Luncheon is available on You Tube at

<http://youtu.be/EF5JB0uEBEg>.



The Civic Engagement Research Conference was held on Friday, April 4 with key note speaker, Roger Sikes. Amy Patel was presented with an award for the first place essay.



The Elevator Pitch Competition was held at Clayton State University on Friday, Apr. 11. The awards were: 1st place, Ty Woods; 2nd place, Candace Eldridge; 3rd place, Jasmine Andrews; Honorable Mention, Danny Hardawar. Thank you to our judges: Mitch Johnson, Primerica Financial Services, Competition Sponsor; Bryan LaBrecque, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Clayton State University; and Heather Chaney, Small Business Development Center, Clayton State University.

## Concerts, Summer Camp Provide Focused Experiences in Music for Children

Spivey Hall Introduces First World Music Festival to Summer Education Events

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall ([www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org)), the Southeast's premier recital hall renowned internationally for its superior acoustics and the excellence of its classical, jazz and world music artists, has announced details of its 2014 summer education programming.

In addition to its summer camp (<http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/summercamp/>), this year scheduled for June 9 to June 13, Spivey Hall will launch its first Summer World Music Festival (<http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/spivey-hall-summer-world-music-festival/>) including seven performances by various global artists over eight weeks in June and July 2014.

"Accessibility remains vital for Spivey Hall's education programs," says Melanie Darby, Spivey Hall's education manager. "Increased emphasis on testing and the scarcity of buses pose challenges for out-of-classroom learning and enrichment for many Atlanta area students during the school year. The Summer World Music Festival and the Summer Music Camp aim to serve families with quality learning experiences and performances during the summer months when academic calendars and transportation issues will not be an obstacle to attendance."

Spivey's Summer World Music Festival will include seven performances in June and July; concerts will take place in Spivey Hall on Wednesday mornings at 11:15 a.m. Each week will present an instrumental or vocal artist or ensemble

performing music that represents different regions and cultures around the world. The current schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, June 4  
Aly Camara  
African Drumming | Africa

Wednesday, June 18  
Ustad Shafaat Khan  
Sitar and Tabla | India

Wednesday, June 25  
Troika Balalaikas  
Balalaikas | Russia

Wednesday, July 2  
Faculty Grass  
Red, White and Bluegrass | USA

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## Atlanta Pet Partners Benefits from Clayton State Students Experiential Learning

Dr. Sipai Klein, assistant professor of English at Clayton State University, structures his Writing for Nonprofits class in such a way that students gain valuable hands-on experience through working with nonprofit companies in the community. As a result, Klein's spring semester 2014 class divided into three teams and ventured outside the classroom to partner with three nonprofit organizations.

One of those organizations, Atlanta Pet Partners (APP), has benefited greatly from such partnerships in the past. During the fall 2012 semester, students originally developed materials that APP used in their advertising and fundraising campaigns, including a logo and tag line that are used today. Klein's students from the spring 2014 class have again partnered with APP to further develop their fundraising efforts and create a social media presence.

The APP team consisted of students Raphael Battle, Jackie Cummins, Alex Ramirez and Dominique Williams. The team met with APP founder and CEO,

Dan Barnhill, to discuss the most important needs for the organization. It was determined that establishing a social media presence was imperative to the growth of the organization. Facebook and Twitter accounts were created along with their initial content postings. Training was also provided to enable the sustainability of the sites.

In addition, a sample fund-raising letter was developed along with a list of potential grant opportunities should APP decide to apply for them. The team also developed a list of local events that APP could participate in to increase their visibility and fund-raising efforts. The lists included detailed contact information, locations, dates, websites and entry fees. A job description for an Event Coordinator position was also created.

"I am very pleased with the quality of work the team has provided. I'm looking forward to having a social media presence in addition to our website," says Barnhill. "I hope everyone will check us out at

[www.atlantapetpartners.org](http://www.atlantapetpartners.org) and give us feedback through Facebook. The photos that the team uploaded to the Facebook page tell the story of APP."

Atlanta Pet Partners was founded in 2011 and is an all-volunteer pet therapy organization. It is the mission of Atlanta Pet Partners to provide trained service animals to help bring peace and hope, joy, comfort, education and inspiration to those in need. APP also provides college students with a "How to Work With and For Nonprofits" internship program.

To learn more about APP, connect with them via their new social media sites:

Facebook  
(<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Atlanta-Pet-Partners/1492275540993967>) and

Twitter  
(<http://twitter.com/ATLpetpartners>). ■



**Arbor Day, cont'd. from p. 4**

by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

"Students are eager to volunteer in their communities and become better stewards of the environment," says John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Nebraska City, Neb.-based Arbor Day Foundation. "Participating in Tree Campus USA sets a fine example for other colleges and universities, while helping to create a healthier planet for us all."

"You don't have to spend more than five seconds on this campus to know that trees are who we are," said Hynes in his

remarks during the ceremony. "Trees define us. We want to make sure this campus is not just beautiful today, but beautiful forever."

It is worth noting that a study of the Clayton State campus in early 2012, initiated as part of the Tree Campus USA program, tagged a total of 1379 trees on the then-167 acre campus.

The Arbor Day ceremony included a tree planting (the featured tree was a *Chionanthus virginicus*, or the Fringe Tree) in the Quad behind the James M. Baker University Center as well as the Clayton State Tree Committee giving away tree seedlings. The day also included guided tours by Clayton State students of the "Plants of the Piedmont" trail, located behind Spivey Hall, the Music Education Building and the Harry S.

Downs Center. Local children, a key part of the celebration, painted small terracotta pots to take home with their seedlings. Following the ceremony, additional trees were planted at various locations throughout the campus, including Carolina Silverbell, Japanese Stewartia, Sugar Maple, and American Snowbell.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org). ■



Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting 2014





Smith Awards and Service Awards 2014

**Smith Faculty, cont'd. from p. 2**

which my colleagues hold me and my work in the department, and I am deeply touched by their perennial confidence and affirmation,” says Zeller.

Originally from Boiling Springs, Pa., Singiser now currently resides in Jonesboro, Ga., with his wife and pets. He is an associate professor of Chemistry with a PhD from the University of Kentucky.

“The best aspect of working at Clayton State is the ability to make a difference in students’ lives. The students at Clayton State benefit greatly from the personal interacts that they get with the faculty and I am happy to have the opportunity to provide that interaction,” says Singiser.

He enjoys watching students grow over their tenure at Clayton State and has been at the university since 2008.

“Although cliché, it is an honor to be nominated. I was nominated by my

department chair, and it is nice to be recognized within my department. To even be considered with for the award and to be compared to past winners is truly an honor,” says Singiser.

Pearce-Moses began his tenure at Clayton State in 2010 when he was hired to be the first Director of Master of Archival Studies Program. He holds a master’s degree in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois.

“When I interviewed for the position, I asked several people what they liked about Clayton State. They all said, ‘the people,’ and now I know why. The community of students, faculty, and staff are committed to a supportive learning environment and are a delight to work with. I’m not at all surprised that the Atlanta Journal-Constitution ranked the university in the top ten places to work in Atlanta the last two years,” says Pearce-Moses.

A resident of Clayton County for 23 years, he notes starting a new program has been extraordinarily demanding but that, “at the same time, it’s extraordinarily rewarding when I see the students mastering the content, integrating the ideas from different courses, and mastering the knowledge and skills necessary to be a professional archivist.”

Harris-Worelds is from Wake Forest, N.C., but currently resides in East Point, Ga. She has recently been promoted to Assistant Professor and celebrating six years at Clayton State. She received an A.S. in Dental Hygiene from Guildford Technical Community College, a B.S. in Health Education from the University of North Carolina, and M.S. in Dental Hygiene Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is currently working on her Doctorate of Education in Adult Education from the University of Georgia.

### Smith Staff, cont'd. from p. 2

passionate about learning and education as a whole,” says Royal.

Evans, who is originally from Atlanta, now calls Clayton County home. She has served in the Department of Public Safety for 17 years and is currently a sergeant. She graduated in 1999 from Fulton County Public Safety Training and later received a paralegal certificate and an A.A.S. degree in paralegal studies from Clayton State.

Evans finds watching students graduate a most rewarding aspect to her job. She noted getting to know students and see them grow from the challenges of life to meet their goals of walking across the stage at graduation is a proud moment.

“As an officer, I like that here at Clayton State you can get to know the people that you work with and serve. I was touched when I learned that I was nominated for Alice Smith award. It’s truly an honor to have one’s work to be recognized by your community,” says Evans.

Clark earned both her A.A.S. and B.A.S. in administrative management at Clayton State. She received her M.B.A. from Walden University. She is a resident of Covington, Ga., but was raised in Eatonton, Ga. Currently the assistant registrar; Clark has worked at Clayton State for 13 years.

As chair of the Readmission Appeal Committee, she loves watching students at graduation who have had a difficult start finally complete their degree.

“Clayton State reminds me so much of the small town community I grew up in. The campus is so inviting and there are some very friendly people who are always willing to share their knowledge with you. I’ve grown to know people outside of work and share in some of their personal journeys,” says Clark.

Considering it a real privilege to be Executive & Artistic Director at Spivey Hall, Samuel Dixon celebrates his 10th year at Clayton State. He received his

B.A. magna cum laude from Dartmouth College and his M.B.A. from Northwestern University.

He has lived in numerous places over the years but now calls the city of Morrow home. The most challenging aspect of his career is sustaining the intensity of the October-to-May concert season but he says being able to connect extraordinary musicians with appreciative audiences for a fantastic performance is most rewarding.

“As a Clayton State employee, I came to appreciate the beauty of the campus, the incredible commitment of the staff and faculty, and the ability of this institution to really make a difference in the lives of its students. Clayton State cultivates a highly supportive and collaborative environment, and these values are really important to me. People here really care,” says Dixon. ■

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She enjoys sharing her love and passion for the dental hygiene profession with students. She has been recently married and enjoys living in her East Point neighborhood.

“The most rewarding aspect of teaching dental hygiene is seeing the ‘ah-ha’ moments when a student grasps a difficult concept or does well with their first difficult scaling patient. These are the learning moments I live for! The nomination for the Alice Smith Award came as a surprise. I am happy that my hard work and dedication to students, the dental hygiene department, and the university have been recognized, especially at this level,” says Harris-Worelds.

Thompson has lived in the Candler Park area of Atlanta for the last 25 years. She is a full Professor of Management at Clayton State and has been at the University for 10 years. She received her B.A. in Communications Arts from Mississippi State University, a M.A. in

Organizational Communications from the University of Georgia, and a Ph.D. in Human Resource Development from Georgia State University.

She is an avid runner and married with two children. She enjoys seeing the “light bulbs” go off for students and has enjoyed being a part of the three study abroad programs. She received the promotion to full Professor this spring.

“Being able to connect with students from all different origins and backgrounds is very rewarding. This is my second time being nominated for this award. It is an honor to be nominated by my peers. I do not envy the folks who were on the committee – I’m sure it is always a very difficult decision. All the nominees have many talents to share,” says Thompson.

The University’s 2014 Alice J. Smith Awards will be presented at the ceremony. An annual honor since 1995, the Smith Awards are presented to the faculty mem-

ber and staff member ranked most outstanding as determined by committees of their peers. The award was established by local philanthropist Joseph Smith as a memorial to his wife, to honor her career in teaching and her love for learning. ■



### Mukherjee, cont'd. from p. 1

growing the student enrollment by 85 percent and faculty strength by 55 percent, launching a new program in Sports, Events and Tourism, introducing a radically-new MBA curriculum on and off-campus, and generating a record level of student awards and scholarships.

Mukherjee brings with him a uniquely international academic experience. Prior to joining Montclair State, he had been a full-time faculty member of Marketing at the Pennsylvania State University, the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, and the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta. He served as the director of Studies of the Executive MBA Program at University of Bradford, and the chairperson of Computer Services at Indian Institute of Management. He has also been a visiting faculty member at Rutgers Business School (in Newark, N.J., Beijing, Shanghai, and Singapore), INSEAD (France), Copenhagen Business School (Denmark), ESC Toulouse (France),

Nordic International Management Institute (China), and Kathmandu University (Nepal).

Mukherjee earned his Ph.D. in Marketing at the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad, India, which is consistently ranked among the Top 100 Business Schools across the world. Part of his doctoral work was conducted at ESSEC Business School in Paris and his research was affiliated to the International Motor Vehicle Program of the MIT Sloan School of Management.

He is the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing, a leading specialist reference resource of academic information and analysis, highlighting cutting edge research, new concepts and theories, and fresh practical ideas and initiatives that can be readily applied in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. In addition, Mukherjee has published more than 100 refereed articles in scholarly journals, conference proceedings and

edited books. His published research papers have been cited more than 1500 times by fellow researchers and scholars. Mukherjee has also supervised six doctoral dissertations and was competitively chosen at Montclair State University as the only doctoral faculty from the School of Business in the Environmental Management Doctoral Program. ■

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Wednesday, July 9  
The Celtic Company  
A Do Irish Ensemble | Ireland

Wednesday, July 16  
TBA  
TBA | Asia

Wednesday, July 23  
Aire Flamenco  
Flamenco | Spain

The Summer World Music Festival is presented as part of Spivey Hall's Young People's Concerts, providing individuals of all ages access to outstanding live performances. Artists featured during the Summer World Music Festival will provide study guides in advance of their performance that meet Georgia Performance Standards for curriculum connections in world history, geography, and music.

The Spivey Hall Summer World Music Festival is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General

Assembly. GCA also receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for Spivey Hall's Summer World Music Festival are priced at \$2 per concert and are available for purchase now at <http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/program-registration/>.

Spivey Hall's Sixth Annual Summer Music Camp is a week-long day camp for students entering fourth to seventh grades, scheduled for June 9 to June 13.

While the camp is based on choral singing, it strives to give campers a broad range of musical experiences throughout the week. This year, the program adds two new breakout sessions: music technology and drama. These sessions join past favorites including piano lab, tone-chimes, guitar, folk dancing and percussion ensemble. Each camper will also be given the opportunity to receive a private coaching either in voice or a solo string instrument.

Campers will rehearse throughout the week and then share what they've learned during a demonstration concert on Friday, June 13 at 2:30 p.m. Craig Hurley, director, and Marcena Kinney, accompanist, of the Spivey Hall Young Artists, will lead the team which includes Dr. David Hirschorn, a 24-year guitar and choral teacher, and music specialist Betsy Swanson, along with several Spivey Hall Children's Choir members acting as counselors.

Registration for Spivey Hall's Annual Summer Camp is available online at <http://www.spiveyhall.org/educational-programs/summercamp/>. Registration is \$150 by June 5; and \$175 after June 5. Multi-child discounts are available. ■





CMEA, NAFME Student Chapter, and The Department of Visual & Performing Arts presented a Music Showcase featuring Clayton State music students and the Clayton State Jazz Combo.



FYARC holds a registration party in Laker Hall



Congratulations to C.E.'s Janet Winkler. Janet retires with 14 years of service to Clayton State and 28 in the continuing education industry.



Congratulations to Dr. Linda Nash in the Department of Mathematics who retires with 20 years of dedicated service to Clayton State.



## Making the Dream Real: Clayton State to Hold Degree Completion Open House June 3

If you have a friend, relative, or co-worker who could benefit from completing their college degree, or if perhaps you have some college credits, but no degree, Clayton State University has an opportunity for you.

All Georgians who have some undergraduate college credits, but do not hold a college degree, are invited to attend the Clayton State Degree Completion Open House on Tuesday, June 3, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., in room 101 of the Harry S. Downs Center on the Clayton State main campus in Morrow. Interested parties are invited to drop in anytime during the three-hour open house, which is designed to provide information and on-site services to residents in the local community who have already earned college credit and are now ready to finish their college degree.

Representatives from the following Clayton State offices will be available during the Open House to answer questions and provide information:

Recruitment and Admissions  
Financial Aid  
Registrar's Office

Testing Center  
Center for Academic Success  
Academic Advising  
Career Services  
Veterans Resource Center

For more information, contact Dianna Alsip at [diannaalsip@clayton.edu](mailto:diannaalsip@clayton.edu). ■

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## UHS Signs Agreement with Clayton County Board of Health to Offer Free HIV Testing

The Clayton State University office of University Health Services (UHS) has signed a collaborative agreement with Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH) to offer free HIV testing on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the UHS clinic through the end of 2014.

This service began May 5 and will be available every other Monday until the start of the 2014 fall semester in August. The next free testing opportunity is available on Monday, May 19. Starting with the fall semester, free testing will be avail-

able every Monday from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. through the end of December.

This is a walk-in testing opportunity; no appointments are being scheduled for the HIV testing. Anyone is eligible for this free testing through the CCBOH collaborative, including the community. CCBOH will make arrangements for counseling and treatment of anyone with positive results. ■

### Trivia Time

## Tales of the Ruby Slippers

by John Shiffert

You'd think everyone would know about the Ruby Slippers. However, that reference seems to have even by-passed our own Dolores Cox, who wore a pair of Ruby Slippers when she played Dorothy Gale in a Faculty Follies some years ago.

THAT Dorothy, and THOSE Ruby Slippers. The ones she was wearing throughout most of the movie version of "The Wizard of Oz." In all fairness, it was something of a trick question, since the several pairs of Ruby Slippers actually made for Judy Garland to wear in the movie had an adventurous life, not that what happened to them in the movie was commonplace. As Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller and Jill Ellington pointed out, in the movie the Ruby Slippers just kind of disappear from the plot when she returns to Kansas... so nobody knows what happened to them.

Now, in L. Frank Baum's book of the same name, her footwear wasn't even a pair of Ruby Slippers, but a pair of Silver Shoes, that she loses in the desert as she is being whisked back to Kansas.

Having said that, natives of Kansas are not terribly fond of L. Frank Baum, his book, or the movie. Why? (And there are Bonus Points if you know the back story...) ■

## Sports

# Coleman Named Associate Head Coach of Women's Basketball

Clayton State head coach Dennis Cox has announced the promotion of Kaleena Coleman to the position of associate head coach of the Laker women's basketball program.

A two-year letterwinner at Clayton State, Coleman recently completed her eighth season as a full-time assistant on the sidelines alongside Cox. In addition to her coaching duties, she also assists in recruiting, scouting and basketball operations.

The Lakers finished this season with a 22-7 record, winning their fourth straight Peach Belt Conference championship and advancing to the NCAA Division II National Championship for the 10th straight year.

"Kaleena has earned the title of Associate Head Coach in so many ways over the past eight years," said Cox. "This program would not be where it is without her

efforts and influence. To me, she is the heart and soul of what it means to be a Laker. I don't know what we would do without her."

In eight seasons, Coleman has helped lead the Lakers to six Peach Belt Conference regular season championships and three PBC Tournament titles. In addition, she has been a part of eight straight trips to the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

During her tenure on the Laker sidelines, the Lakers have advanced to the NCAA Division II "Final Four" in 2007, the Division II "Sweet 16" in 2008, the Division II "Elite Eight" in 2009 season, captured the NCAA Division II National Championship in 2011 and advanced to the Division II "Elite Eight" in 2013.

Coleman transferred to Clayton State in 2003 after playing two seasons at Darton College. In her two seasons in a Clayton

State uniform, she played in 56 games with 16 starts during her senior season at the guard position.

As a senior in 2004-05, she helped steer the second best turnaround in NCAA Division II that season, leading Clayton State to a 25-7 record and both the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships.

In addition, Coleman was also on the first Clayton State squad to advance to the NCAA Division II National Tournament in 2005.

A native of Edison, Ga., Coleman earned her bachelor's degree in education in May of 2006 from Clayton State. ■

## Clayton State Athletics to Kickoff Summer Youth Camps

The Clayton State Department of Athletics is readying to kick-off its 2014 summer youth athletic camp schedule.

The first series of camps will begin the week of June 2-6 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, speed development and general sports activities camp.

The week-long camps are offered to youth ages 6-to-17 years-old and run from 9 a.m.-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. 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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