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Clayton State Ranked in First Tier of Regional Colleges by U.S. News & World Report

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University is ranked in the first tier of the top regional colleges in the south by U.S. News & World Report.

The rankings, which include evaluations of more than 1,400 schools nationwide, are available at www.usnews.com/colleges, and will also be published in the September issue of the magazine, which will be on newsstands starting Aug. 31.

Although Clayton State is a university with eight graduate programs, U.S. News' methodology, which follows that of the Carnegie Classification on Institutions of Higher Education, places Clayton State in the "regional college" category since Clayton State grants relatively few graduate degrees.

Among regional colleges in the south, Clayton State is ranked 57th by U.S. News, the first time that Clayton State has appeared in the first tier of the rankings. Among public regional colleges in the south, Clayton State is ranked 11th.

"While the U.S. News & World Report survey is but one indication of our progress, it is edifying to see the rise in ratings, and our designation in the first tier of institutions in our classification," says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr. "We believe that our rise to a ranked regional institution reflects recognition of the work of our faculty and students to support learning. We will continue to seek improvements in some areas, and seek to review the ways in which we

communicate to regional audiences the excellence of our programs."

The U.S. News rankings are based on a variety of subjective and objective factors, including the opinions of high school counselors and other university presidents. The former group apparently had good things to say about Clayton State, since the University ranked 16th among all regional colleges in the south for the percentage of 2009 freshmen who were in the top 25 percent of their high school class. Some 44 percent of Clayton State's 2009 full-time freshman class were in the top quartile of their high school class, perhaps indicating that both counselors and top students think highly of Clayton State. ■

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Clayton State a "Best Buy" and a Happy Marriage of Ethnic Diversity and Scholastic Achievement, says "James"

Clayton State University is "proof that ethnic diversity and scholastic achievement can make for a happy marriage in the modern South."

And, Clayton State is a good deal as well.

So says Georgia's only monthly news magazine, "James," in its July 2010 Best Colleges & Universities in Georgia issue. Coming on the heels of U.S. News & World Report ranking Clayton State in the first tier among Regional Colleges in the South, James' comments serve to underline what Clayton State students, faculty and staff already know... the University has a lot to offer prospective college students, from ages 14 (the University's youngest Dual Enrollment student) to 74 (the University's oldest MBA graduate).

James lists Clayton State as both one of the "Underrated" colleges and universities in Georgia (that's where the "happy marriage" quote comes from) and as one of the "Best Buys" among Georgia institutions of higher education, noting Clayton State's proximity to Atlanta and the diversity of its student body, which has been ranked the most diverse in the south six times since 2001 by U.S. News. (Clayton State is seventh in the most current U.S. News rankings.)

James says it this way, "School with someone just like you. School with someone not at all like you. Do them both right down the street."

That's Clayton State; right down the street for much of metro Atlanta, as diverse a student body you'll find, and a center for scholastic achievement, all wrapped up in a best buy. ■

Clayton State Welcomes Two New Foreign Exchange Students

By John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University welcomed two foreign exchange students to campus last week with an informal reception in the University's Office of International Programs.

Zsofia Terek and Mariam Chubinidze are studying at Clayton State for the fall semester pursuant to the University's bilateral agreements with University of Pannonia (Veszprem, Hungary) and Georgian American University (Tbilisi, Georgia). According to Director of International Programs John E. Parkerson, Jr., although Clayton State has previously had all kinds of foreign students attend the University, Terek and Chubinidze repre-

sent a first for Clayton State -- the first foreign exchange students pursuant to a formal bilateral exchange process.

Both Terek (from the University of Pannonia) and Chubinidze (from Georgian American University) are full-semester exchange students, and undergraduate business majors.

Parkerson, along with 15 additional Clayton State faculty and staff and several other students, hosted the reception for Terek and Chubinidze on Aug. 24. Attending were the University's Rotary student from Sweden, Freja Fornander, deans, study abroad course directors, past

exchange professors, and representatives of the University's School of Graduate Studies.

"This was an opportunity, not just to meet these two foreign exchange students, but also to learn more about their countries and their universities," notes Parkerson. "Pannonia already has an active faculty exchange program with Clayton State, and Georgian American University wants to engage in faculty exchanges as well.

"They (Terek and Chubinidze) were so touched and grateful to the faculty and

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College of Arts and Sciences Announces Annual Faculty Award Winners

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Clayton State University College of Arts and Sciences recently announced its second annual Gene Hatfield Scholar and Teacher of the Year Award winners. Dr. Todd Janke, an associate professor of Philosophy, was honored as Teacher of the Year. Dr. Joe Johnson, an associate professor of Foreign Languages, was awarded the Scholar of the Year.

Selected separately by faculty committee, each recipient received a plaque and a check for \$500. The awards are funded by Dr. Gene Hatfield, retired chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State.

Janke received his B.A. from St. Olaf College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Georgetown University. He also received special recognition this past spring as the winner of the 2010 Alice J. Smith Faculty Award.

In addition to teaching Philosophy, Janke also teaches Critical Thinking (a course focusing on skills essential to effective critical thinking in both aca-

demical and general use) and has also taught the University Foundations course that helps new students make a successful transition to Clayton State University.

Janke has said the most rewarding part of his time at Clayton State is making philosophy come alive for students, and that he enjoys watching students transform each semester and really learning how to grapple with really dense text.

Johnson is currently serving as interim chair for the Department of Humanities. He received his B.A. from The Citadel, M.A. from the University of South

Carolina, and Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

Johnson teaches both French and Spanish courses. He is a frequent translator of French-language comic books and graphic novels for publication in the United States and Canada. He is currently working on the translation of *The Three Musketeers* for the Classics Illustrated series. He has also edited a classroom edition of the 18th Century French novel *Manon Lescaut* by the Abbé Prévost, with a similar edition of Denis Diderot's *La Religieuse* currently on press. ■



Dr. Todd Janke, Teacher of the Year



Dr. Joe Johnson, Scholar of the Year

Foundation to Host Annual Town & Gown Golf Tournament September 13



Perhaps seeking better weather than that faced in 2009, the Clayton State University Foundation's Annual Town & Gown Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, Sept. 13 at Crystal Lake Country Club, 100 Crystal Lake Blvd., Hampton, Ga., with registration beginning at 9 a.m., and a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Excellence Fund of the Clayton State University Foundation, which is primarily used to provide scholarships for students in the Clayton State Honors Program.

The entry costs are \$500 per four-person team or \$150 per individual (the same as

last year), if received by Sept. 7. Team entries after Sept. 7 are \$600 and individual entries are \$200. Awards will include first and second team prizes, along with raffle prizes.

Sponsorships are also still available for the tournament. There are various levels of sponsorship, including; Event Sponsors (\$5000), Co-Tournament Sponsors (\$2500), Laker Sponsors (\$1000), Luncheon Sponsors (\$200) and Cart Sponsors (\$150). Individual holes are also available for sponsorship at \$150 per hole. For more information on sponsorship, call Clayton State Director of Development Reda Rowell at (678) 466-4474. To obtain

a registration form for the tournament, call (678) 466-4470.

Last year's tournament was the most successful Town & Gown event ever, raising a record \$35,000 in cash and prizes, despite being postponed from Oct. 12 to Oct. 23 due to rain, and then being played largely in the rain on the later date. Rowell says she fully expects the weather to be drier this year. ■

It's Carrie... Claire Fang Names Second New Swan, Thanks to Sandy Weinberg

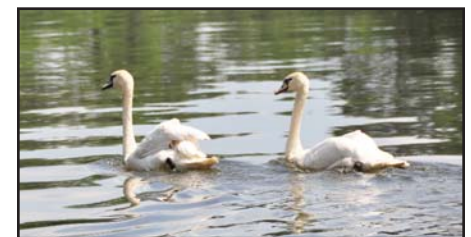
Just over a month after her arrival, Clayton State University's second new Royal Mute Swan has a name.

Thanks to the generosity of Associate Professor of Healthcare Management Dr. Sandy Weinberg, who purchased the naming rights to the new arrival last week, Royal Mute Swan Number Two is now "Carrie." Having arrived on July 13, 2010, along with her fellow Royal Mute Swan, Elizabeth (courtesy of Groen's Wildlife Services of Cedar Lake, Ind.), Carrie is currently one of three of the graceful, long-necked birds that help give the name to the Clayton State campus' most noticeable natural feature... the 12-acre Swan Lake.

When Clayton State Director of Media and Printing Services Paul Bailey

arranged for the purchase of the two new female swans, he also inquired of the campus if anyone would like to help underwrite the cost of the new arrivals by purchasing naming rights. Although Clayton State's swans have traditionally been named after "Gone With the Wind" characters (the first two back in 1995 were Rhett and Scarlett), one of the new swans was quickly named Elizabeth, after Elizabeth Taylor of the Clayton State School of Graduate Studies, who purchased the naming rights to one of the new arrivals.

Weinberg, after purchasing the naming rights to the second new swan, turned the actual naming over to Claire Fang, the four-year old daughter of the newest member of the Clayton State Healthcare Management faculty, Assistant Professor



Carrie and Elizabeth,
Clayton State's Royal Mute Swans

of Healthcare Finance Qiu Fang. Weinberg isn't quite sure how Claire Fang came up with "Carrie," but that will be the name for the new swan. When further inquiries were put forth, Claire Fang said she just likes it, without any particular reason.

Claire and Elizabeth join the University's holdover Polish Mute Swan, who is named Belle (after Belle Watling in "Gone With the Wind"). Bailey says that visitors to campus can tell them apart by their feet -- Royal Mute Swans have black feet, Polish Mute Swans have tan or reddish feet. ■

Student Media has Three New Websites

Clayton State Student Media Advisor L. Michelle Hayes has announced that each of the University's three student media outlets has a new website.

The student newspaper, The Bent Tree, which dates back almost to the University's founding in 1969, has also celebrated the start of the fall semester with a first-ever "Welcome Back" edition of the newspaper for Clayton State students. The Bent Tree's new website is www.benttreenews.org.

Clayton State Internet Radio (CSiR), which launched in April 2008, is

currently broadcasting live with a brand new look online at www.claytonstateradio.com.

And, the newest student media organization on campus, Clayton State Television (CSTV), now has its new web channel up and running at www.cstvnow.com

"This is the voice of the student body," says Hayes. "And now, more than ever, we have three great new ways for the students to stay informed."

Clayton State student media is officially a functional area of the University's

Department of Campus Life. For more information on Clayton State student media, contact Hayes at (678) 466-5427. ■

Fast Facts...

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Pre-Pharmacy Student Association and Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity Sponsor "A Run through Wonderland"

The Clayton State University campus will be transformed into a figment of Lewis Carroll's imagination, and a road race course, on Saturday, Sept. 11 when the Clayton State Pre-Pharmacy Student Association and Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity join together to sponsor a 5K race, a 5K walk, and a 1 mile tot trot to benefit the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

Entitled "A Run through Wonderland," the event will take place entirely on a two-loop course on and through the Clayton State campus -- the first time a road race has actually been run between the buildings of the University's 175-acre main campus.

Although the Clayton State campus has often been described as a natural wonder with its five lakes, woods, and multiple species of waterfowl, the "Wonderland"

part refers to the famed Lewis Carroll fantasy. According to Clayton State student Hillary Orr, the race course will have several props so that participants will be travelling along the course from Alice's perspective. There will also be characters, such as the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, etc., along the course.

The 5K race will begin at 8 a.m., with the winner receiving a \$200 donation to his or her favorite charity. The 5K walk will begin at 9 a.m. The tot trot (for children age seven and younger) will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the winner of that event will receive an honorary ribbon for ovarian cancer awareness. All three events will start and finish outside the Student Activities Center. Afterwards, all participants will adjourn to the green behind the Student Activities Center for the rest of the festivities.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer Registries and the Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program of National Cancer Institutes, more than 21,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and about 15,000 women die of the disease each year in the United States. While the ninth most common cancer among women, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death among women, and is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. All proceeds from the race will go directly to the "Ovarian Cancer National Alliance" in order to fund research to find a cure to ovarian cancer and to promote awareness of this disease.

To find out more about the event and register, go to <http://www.arunthroughwonderland.webs.com>. Or contact Orr at horr2@student.clayton.edu. ■

Two-Day, White Water Rafting Trip, September 11 & 12

Join Outdoor Adventure for a weekend of whitewater rafting on the Nantahala and Ocoee rivers. We will arrive in western North Carolina on Saturday and raft the Nantahala and after eating we will stay the night in cabins before rafting the Ocoee on Sunday. Sign up soon spots are limited!!!

Destination: Nantahala and Ocoee rivers
Date: Saturday, Sept. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 12
Cost: Student: \$60. Faculty & staff: \$120
Sign-up deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 7

For more information pick up an Outdoor Adventure brochure located around campus or contact: Nick Kilburg, Assistant

Director of Recreation and Wellness (Outdoor Adventures), (678) 466-4972, nicholaskilburg@clayton.edu. ■

Schedule Set for Constitution Week



Constitution Week 2010 is Monday, Sept. 13 to Friday, Sept. 17, and Clayton State University, in the persons of its Civic Engagement Council is preparing for its annual observance.

Highlighting the week-long series of events will be the Wednesday, Sept. 15, keynote address by Eric Segall, professor of Law at Georgia State University, who will be speaking on "How the Supreme Court Decides Cases." Segall's address will be in room 272 of the James M. Baker University Center, and will run from 2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

As is always the case, Clayton State is making use of the resources of the nearby National Archives at Atlanta for Constitution Week. The National Archives will display documents related to the 14th Amendment from Tuesday, Sept. 14 through Friday, Sept. 17 on Main Street on the second floor of the Baker Center. Civic Engagement Council Chair Dr. Joseph Corrado notes that Clayton State professors are encouraged to take their classes to see this exhibit.

Also running throughout the week is another standard feature of Constitution Week at Clayton State, the voter registration drive. From Monday through Friday, voter registration and citizenship tests will be administered on Main Street in the Baker Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13, will also have the First Amendment Lunch and Learn in Ballroom C of the Student Activities Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Barbara Goodman, chair of the Clayton State Department of English, will be a part of the panel for this discussion.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 will have three Constitution Week events. The first is a Volunteer Fair in the Student Activities Center Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Next is a constitutional debate, moderated by Associate Professor of Philosophy Dr. Alexander Hall and Associate Professor of Communication Dr. Felicia Stewart at the Amphitheatre by Swan Lake, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. The committee has come up with three provocative debate issues:

- 1) Should the 14th Amendment be repealed in order to stop children of illegal immigrants from becoming U.S. citizens?
- 2) Could Arizona's bill 1070 be enforced without the use of racial profiling to determine who is suspected of not being a U.S. citizen?
- 3) Should 1st Amendment protections be abridged due to 9/11 sensitivities?

Finally, State Representative Mike Glanton will be speaking in a "Lead the Way" discussion in the Student Activities Center ballroom at 6 p.m.

The day following Segall's keynote, the first "New York Times Talk" of the semester will be held on Thursday, Sept. 16, in room 322 of the University Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Technology and Our Brains" will be facilitated by Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Barbara Musolf. Lunch will be provided for free by the New York Times.

Also on Sept. 16, Clayton State Vice President of External Relations Robert L. "Steve" Stephens, a retired U.S. Army brigadier general, will give another Lead the Way Discussion in room 268 of the Baker Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. ■

Math Club... A Cool Group

The Clayton State Math Club held its First Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, Aug. 24. In addition to the 35 or so students who



attended, many Clayton State faculty and staff members and ice cream lovers attended, including President Dr. Tim Hynes, Provost Dr. Micheal Crafton, Associate VP of Academic Affairs Dr. Robert Vaughan, the deans of every college, and many of the professors in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences.

"I think everyone had a good time and got to enjoy some delicious ice cream from Morelli's Gourmet Ice Cream & Desserts," says Math Club Advisor Dr. Christopher Raridan.

The Math Club also provided ice cream for more 100 students, faculty, and staff on Thursday, Aug. 26. Special thanks goes to Campus Life's Atawanna Royal and Dining Services Eugene LeBoeuf for helping the Math Club get organized on such short notice.

"As advisor of the Math Club, and on behalf of all of the members of the Math Club, I want to extend a personal 'Thank You!' to all of the participants in this fun and exciting event," says Raridan. "I hope that you enjoyed the ice cream and the socializing, and I am looking forward to seeing you, and many new students, again at next year's Math Club Ice Cream Social.

For more information on the Math Club at Clayton State, please contact the president of the club, Maria Morales-Beale at mmoralesbeale@student.clayton.edu, or Raridan at ChristopherRaridan@clayton.edu. ■

Across the Campus...

Career Services

The Office of Career Services estimates that the Student Part-Time Job Fair drew 300+ students and 18 employers and departments... a great success, according to Assistant Director of Career Services Ryan Whitfield.

Counseling and Psychological Services

Starting Aug. 24, the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services will be holding evening hours on Tuesday and Wednesdays until 7 p.m.

Financial Aid

The Clayton State University Office of Financial Aid will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, for staff development.

Gospel Choir

The Clayton State University gospel choir, "Appointed Generation," will be performing on the Clayton State campus for the first time in two years on Thursday, Sept. 16. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Clayton State Theatre, room 132 of the University's Arts & Sciences Building.

Library

Are you a collector, an aficionado of certain subject, or just someone who likes to do displays and bulletin boards, please contact Rosemary Fischer in the Library Archives to sign up for one of our display cases or the bulletin board. The Library maintains three display cases and one bulletin board. Please contact Fischer at rosemaryfischer@clayton.edu.

Procurement Services

Procurement Services will conduct P-card training on Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Student Center, room 277. This training is for all new P-cardholders and any approvers that have not attended training this calendar year. Please contact Marcia Jones, Procurement Services, if you have any questions or concerns.

Public Safety

During these first days of the semester, as you all know, finding a parking spot at peak times can be challenging. However, monitoring of the faculty/staff lot adjacent

to the new construction of the BHS Annex indicates there are many vacancies in that lot most of the day. According to Chief Bobby Hamil, "in particular, from my personal monitoring, I have not seen any vehicles parking in the spaces up front that are marked for disability parking." As a reminder, when the construction fence was installed, Public Safety advised that the disability spaces in that lot are currently available to all faculty/staff, since the handicapped access paths connected to that lot are not available for use during the construction. The sign at the entrance also advises of the temporary relocation of disability parking spaces.

UHS

University Health Services (UHS) will be sponsoring a SISTA Circle on Thursday, Sept. 2, in room 268 of the Baker Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 16, in room 312 of the Baker Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a social-skills training project for African American Women (ages 18+) to reduce harm of risky sexual behaviors, while educating healthy living when it comes to safer sex. It is comprised of group discussions from addressing the challenges and joys of being a woman to protecting herself when it comes to love, sex and relationships: personal and professional. SISTA is offered free of charge to groups of eight or more women and facilitated by members of AID Atlanta's SISTA SOL Team who are certified by the CDC. Please email Latrice Barlow, latricebarlow@clayton.edu to RSVP or for additional information.

Wi2STEM

A new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Student Workshop, hosted by Wi2STEM, will be held in room 267 of the James M. Baker University Center on Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshop will feature lots of great tips, info, and prizes for new STEM students. Only 20 students may sign up. To register for this informative workshop email Philomise Moncion at pmoncion@clayton.edu.

University Relations Publishes Fall 2010 Issue of "The Laker Connection"

The latest edition of Clayton State University's magazine, The Laker Connection, is in the mail to some 17,000 alumni and friends of the University.

The fall 2010 issue, volume 5, number 2, features

Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. "Tim" Hynes, Jr., on the cover and focuses on the University's many and varied student



services. In addition to officially welcoming Hynes as the University's fourth president, "The Laker Connection," (the cover story is written by Laker Connection Editor Lauren Graves) includes stories on the various offices that provide student support – Career Services, the Disability Resource Center, and Counseling and Psychological Services – in addition to a feature on the University's successful Customer Service Improvement Initiative, directed by Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary and Administrative Services Carolina Amero.

Graves posted the online version of The Laker Connection on Friday, Aug. 27, and will also be emailing The Laker Connection distribution list to alert those people that the issue is online. The Office of University Relations' Ciji Fox will also be updating the Twitter/Facebook status with news that the issue is now online.

Hard copies of the magazine are available through the Office of University Relations.

Check out the fall 2010 issue at <http://news.clayton.edu/magazine.htm>. ■



Campus staff members past and present gathered on August 18 to celebrate External Relations Database Specialist Dana Brown's baby shower. Dana is expecting a boy due Oct. 5.

Congratulations, Dana!

Got News?

Send your campus news
or story ideas to
JohnShiffert@clayton.edu

“Ask Me” Featured in Governor’s Office of Customer Service PR Campaign

Clayton State University’s “Ask Me” program was featured in the Governor’s Office of Customer Service’s knowledgeable customer service campaign on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

“Over the last 16 months, the Governor’s Office of Customer Service has been working on a goal to instill five key customer commitments – Helpful, Accessible, Responsive, Knowledgeable and Courteous - into the customer service culture of Georgia, with knowledgeable service being the current focus,” says Stephen Bailey, communications specialist for the Governor’s Office of Customer Service. “Each word is accompanied by a series of e-postcards, featuring state employees, customers and students that serve to provide a quick, encouraging message to help keep state employees motivated and let them know that their hard work is not going unnoticed.”

Bailey thought Clayton State’s “Ask Me” program would be the perfect candidate for the campaign, especially since the Campaign’s slogan is – “The Right Answer, The First Time.”

“A few years ago I heard about the ‘Ask Me’ program,” Bailey says. “It always stuck in my mind as a service I wish was there for me when I was in school, especially during that awkward first week when you are trying to acclimate yourself to new surroundings and schedules.

“Also, in keeping with our knowledgeable customer service campaign slogan – The

Right Answer, The First Time – I thought the program was a perfect fit and an example of how a university can cultivate a culture where students and faculty partner together to proactively and innovatively provide great customer service.” The e-postcard featuring Chanielle Lee, Clayton State student program coordinator, was sent to 90,000 state employees across Georgia.

“It is always a rewarding experience to work with Clayton State University,” Bailey says. “The faculty and staff I’ve had the pleasure to interact with are always very helpful and enthusiastic about promoting better customer service to students.”

“Ask Me” is a student-focused initiative created and implemented by Campus Life and student volunteers. Now in its third year, “Ask Me” provides information, directions, and general customer service to new students as they attempt to navi-

gate during their first days on campus. The “Ask Me” program was awarded the bronze medal by the University System of Georgia in the Improvement Initiative category of the annual Chancellor Customer Service Awards in 2009.

Clayton State Customer Service Champion and Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary & Administrative Services Carolina Amero, and Assistant Director of Campus Life Lakiesha Cantey, received the award from USG Chancellor Erroll Davis at the Board of Regents office on Sept. 15. All 35 institutions in the University System submit nominations for the yearly Chancellor’s Customer Service Award program.

“Clayton State University is committed to customer service,” says Clayton State Vice President of Business and Operations Corlis Cummings. “It impacts the lives of all of our students, faculty, staff and visitors. ■

Dental Hygiene Holds Third Annual White Coat Ceremony

by Erin Fender, University Relations

The Clayton State University Department of Dental Hygiene held its Third Annual "White Coat" ceremony on Aug. 16, 2010 in the Harry S. Downs Center. A total of 51 junior and senior students took the dental hygiene oath.

The annual White Coat Ceremony welcomes junior students in to the dental hygiene program as well as reminds the students of their responsibilities associated with patient care in the program and also promotes the principles of professionalism they will need to embrace in their future practice of dental hygiene.

Michael Sterns, Johnson & Johnson's Dental School Account Manager for the southeastern United States, was the keynote speaker. Sterns has received numerous company awards including being a two-time Achiever's Club winner and winning three company Encore awards. He graduated summa cum laude from Auburn University and holds a Master of Science degree from Troy State University.

Following Sterns' remarks, Sharonia Rowe, president of the Student American Dental Hygienist's Association chapter at Clayton State, led the students in their oath. A luncheon, provided by Johnson & Johnson, followed the students' oath. ■



Keynote Speaker Michael Sterns



Sharonia Rowe leads the students in their oath.



Students take a break from their luncheon to show school spirit.

Continuing Education to Celebrate National Women's Health & Fitness Day

The Clayton State University Center for Continuing Education will be celebrating National Women's Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, Sept. 29, with a variety of free events that will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Included in the day's activities, which will precede Clayton State's Presidential Inauguration events by one day, will be, health and fitness lectures, a three-quarter

of a mile nature walk around Swan Lake, and plenty of freebies -- massages, a Zumba exercise class, a bellydancing class, and a Chicago-style Steppin' class. There will also be door prizes and plenty of healthy food and drink.

To pre-register and see the schedule of events, go to the Continuing Education webpage at; <http://conted.clayton.edu/default.htm>, and

search for the following Course Code; 112CDSF001. Or, go directly to <https://ace2.clayton.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?~112CDSF001>.

The entire Clayton State Continuing Education catalog is also online at <http://issuu.com/claytonstatece/docs/fall2010>. Interested individuals can browse through it or save or print whatever pages they want. ■

Clayton State Names International Programs Advisory Committee

In a move that is indicative of the growth of international programs at Clayton State University, Director of International Programs John Parkerson has recruited 20 Clayton State faculty and staff members to serve on an informal International Programs Advisory Committee.

The 20 individuals represent a cross-section of disciplines from throughout the University.

“The Office of International Programs wants your critical input as future international programs... for faculty, staff, students and research... are considered and

designed,” said Parkerson in an email to committee members.

Faculty members on the committee include; Christopher Ward (associate professor of history); Victoria Pasley (associate professor of history); Diane Prince (associate dean of the School of Business; Michael Deis (professor of management); Paul Melvin (assistant professor of biology); Catherine Deering (professor of psychology); Melanie Poudevigne (assistant professor and program coordinator of health and fitness management); Karen Weaver (associate professor of nursing); Kevin Demmitt (assistant vice president

of academic outreach); Rafik Mohamed (chair of the Department of Social Sciences); Augustine Ayuk (assistant professor of political science); Gregory McNamara (associate professor of English); Eugene Ngezem (assistant professor of English); Susan Rashid Horn (assistant professor of English); Karen Young (associate professor of sociology); Nikki Finlay (assistant professor of economics); and Patrick Carney (director of bands). Also appointed to the committee are Spivey Hall Executive and Artistic Director Sam Dixon and Director of Development Reda Rowell. ■

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staff for making them feel a part of the Clayton State family.”

Clayton State’s relationships with the University of Pannonia and the Georgian American University are reciprocal exchange relationships. The agreement with the University of Pannonia was signed in March 2009, and the agreement

with Georgian American University in December 2009. Students pay tuition and fees at their home institutions, but they pay accommodations/food costs at the host institution.

“We are seeking Clayton State students to apply for a semester abroad at one of these two universities,” adds Parkerson.

See the following websites for background regarding the University of Pannonia and Georgian American University: <http://englishweb.uni-pannon.hu/>, <http://en.gtk.uni-pannon.hu/> and <http://gau.ge/eng/internationalrelations.php/>. ■

Students Serenade Their Professor

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Mary Hudachek-Buswell, a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics in Clayton State University’s College of Information and Mathematical Sciences, was recently serenaded by a group of students as she walked to her car after a day of meetings and the Annual New Student Convocation.

“It was late and everyone was happy as they were moving to the parking lot,” she says. “The group of students were singing in the parking lot. I had had a couple of them in a math class and waved to them. I started joking about how sweet it was they were singing to me on my way to the car. That’s all it

took for them to stop and begin following me to my car. I put my things down and fumbled for my phone to record them. As I did so, there was another faculty member who came from another spot farther away to listen.”

Hudachek-Buswell was rewarded by the experience and appreciated ending her day with music.

“It meant a great deal to me,” she says. “The laughter, music, and the connection with the students was something we all needed. The students loved the attention as I did. It was a beautiful way to start a school year that holds so

much promise and hope for the future.”

To watch Hudachek-Buswell’s video of the serenade, go to: <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1448893193842&ref=mf>. ■

Sotheavy Vann – a Presidential Scholar With Family Ties to Clayton State

by Ciji Fox, University Relations

Sotheavy Vann is a recent recipient of a Clayton State University Presidential Scholarship. This new program consists of six, four-year presidential scholarships that continue annually so that in four years Clayton State will have 24 honors students on presidential scholarships. The Presidential Scholars will supplement the existing University Honors Program.

Having previously been a Dual Enrollment student at the University, Vann felt Clayton State would be a comfortable place for her to continue her education... it's almost like home.

"Clayton State University was an obvious top choice for me among my other college options since I already felt at home there," she says. "As a Dual Enrollment student, I had been attending Clayton State University since my junior year in high school, which was just before my sister graduated from the Nursing program. In addition, my uncles and aunt had also attended Clayton State, so it has a lot of history for me.

"I really enjoy the scenic campus, especially the lakes. Also, the student population and class sizes are perfect. I feel comfortable with the friendly staff and students who provide a relaxed atmosphere on campus. Therefore, when I received the Presidential Scholarship, it sealed the deal for me to choose Clayton State University."

Vann is enthusiastic about the upcoming year.

"Mainly, I feel excitement with a tinge of nervousness as I will be living in a dorm with three other roommates," she says. "However, I also feel confident starting college at the University already knowing what to expect from the environment and classes.

"I am looking forward to making new friends and the many opportunities that I can take advantage of now that I am not limited by the Dual Enrollment schedule. I plan on being active in the clubs such as the Student Government and Christian organizations. I also want to be involved in research projects and to study abroad. Furthermore, I am excited to begin more in-depth classes for my biology major."



Sotheavy Vann

Vann is honored to be one of the first Presidential Scholars.

"It feels great, awesome, and spectacular to be a Presidential Scholar," she says. "I feel so honored to be one

of the few and hope to live up to the expectations of being one. I want to be of credit to Clayton State University as much as the scholarship has been to me. Most of all I feel so blessed by God and gratitude for the people involved in making it all possible."

As part of the application process for the Presidential Scholarships, each applicant submitted an original essay on the subject, "What I Wish to Accomplish with My College Education."

In Vann's essay she explains how she wants to make a difference and help those who are less fortunate with her college education.

"The essay is about my dream to make a difference with my college education," she says. "Although people may think that I have my life and future already set, I was really uncertain about what I wanted to do or make of myself at the time of writing the essay. However, once I searched myself and prayed, I knew that whatever career path I chose I want it to be benefi-

cial to people who are less fortunate. For a while, I felt called to be a missionary, but I wanted to meet people's spiritual as well as physical needs. Thus, I decided to become a medical missionary. I knew healthcare was much needed in third world countries where people die of easily preventable illnesses.

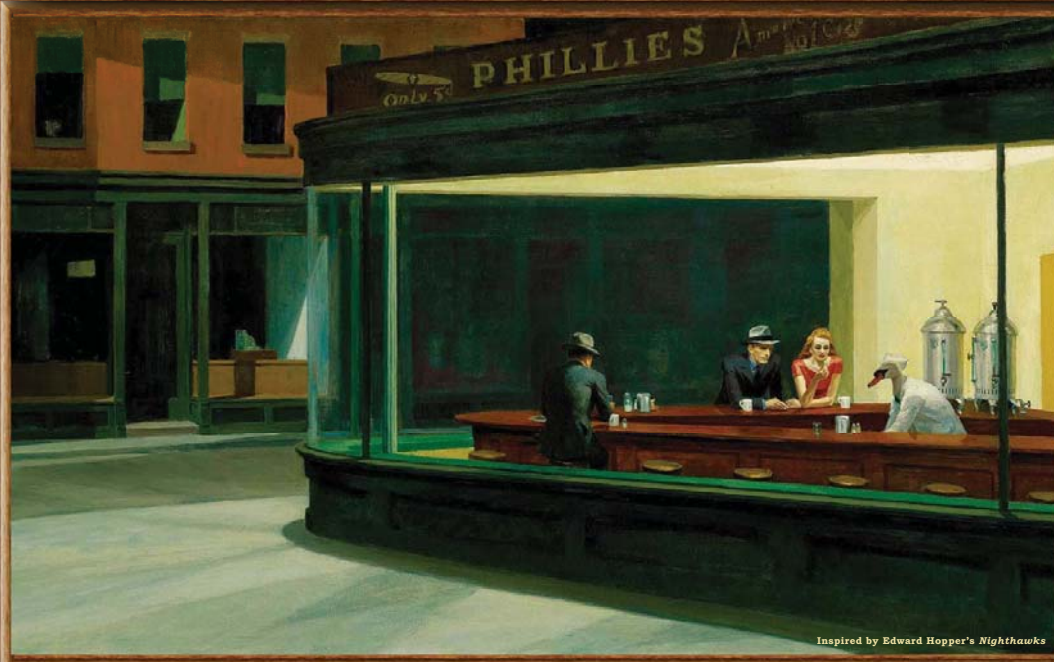
"Having lived in a poor country myself, I personally have a heart for the people who suffer from lack of basic needs. I am inspired by Mother Teresa and want to follow her selfless example to help 'the poorest of the poor.' In order for me to become a capable doctor, I need education and skills which I will find in college. Not only that, but college will also give me the experiences to mature and to develop my character and perspectives. After writing my essay, my resolve to go after my dream seemed to have solidified. I might be unsure about the details of how I will become a medical missionary, but I will work hard to achieve it. My aim is set on becoming a medical missionary." ■



Call for Submissions

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S
STUDENT JOURNAL OF LITERATURE AND ART

CYGNET



Inspired by Edward Hopper's *Nighthawks*

Cygnet accepts fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, sequential art, translations, and art submissions from Clayton State University students each year between April 15 and November 15.

LITERATURE SUBMISSIONS

Submit TWO typed copies of each piece (12pt, Times New Roman, single spaced) to Melanie Nolan (Arts and Sciences Building, G110).

POETRY: Submit 3 poems of a total of 5 pages maximum. All poetry submissions will be entered to the Poetry Palooza Student Contest, unless otherwise specified by the author. The authors of the winning poems will be invited to read at the *Cygnet* launching party in April.

FICTION: Submit one short story or short-short story of a total of 3000 words maximum.

CREATIVE NONFICTION: Submit one literary essay or a short-short literary essay of 3000 words maximum.

SEQUENTIAL ART: Submit a piece of 5 pages maximum

DRAMA: Submit a scene from a play—maximum 6 pages

TRANSLATION: Submit a poetry, flash-fiction, or sequential art translation of your own work written originally in a foreign language—maximum 2 pages.

Students may submit one piece in each genre. Submitting a particular piece to *Cygnet* does not preclude students to submit the same piece to the Stanley Cyrus Awards in Creative Writing.

For more information, contact Dr. Brigitte Byrd at brigittebyrd@clayton.edu

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Contact Alan Xie at alanxie@clayton.edu



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Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Upcoming Events

Employer Information Session #1 - Association of County Commissioners

Come learn about Careers in County Government!

Representatives with the Association of County Commissioners will be conducting an information session to inform you about the wide variety of career and internship opportunities in county government. The session will focus on educating students that there are positions at the undergraduate and graduate level for all majors.

Tuesday, Aug. 31
UC Room 265 | 11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.
RSVP and get more details:
<http://adminsivces.clayton.edu/career/EmployerInfoSession.htm>

Fall Semester Workshops

Graduate School Workshop
Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010
Afternoon and Evening Workshops Available

- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - UC265
- 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - UC272

This Week's Featured Jobs

Log on to the SWAN PORTAL, click on the Career Icon, and then choose the Jobs and Internships tab to view Laker CareerZone and NACELink Networking positions.

Best Buy, Inc.

Various Positions | Peachtree City, GA
Temporary/Seasonal, Part Time

Buchanan Chiropractic

Medical Assistant
Stockbridge, GA | Full Time

Department of Behavioral Health &

Developmental Disabilities
Nurses | Rome, GA | Full Time

State Personnel Administration
Mail Clerk | Atlanta, GA | Part Time

Employer Info Sessions

Tuesdays from 11:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
RSVP is required

Sept. 14
UC265 | *Children's Healthcare of Atlanta*

Sept. 21
UC265 | *TBA*

Oct. 19
UC265 | *TBA*

Internship News

Impact of Internships on Salary Offers
http://www.naceweb.org/so2010/0818/inter_n_salary

Announcements

Make sure to take advantage of the following services provided by Career Services to help you launch your career:

- On-line job postings in Laker CareerZone
- Resume review services
- Practice Interviews
- On-campus interviewing and recruiting
- Individual career coaching
- FREE copy of Job Choices Magazine
- FREE Avery Business Cards (Create your own and print them yourself in minutes!)

Come into the office of Career Services to get your sample pack today!

Walk-In Resume Review

Come to Career Services every Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bring a printed copy of your resume.
Remember, first come, first served.

Trivia Time

If Grant Had Been Drinking at Appomattox...

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Perhaps only the mind of James Thurber could have come up with this short story, wherein the Union General of the Armies wakes up hungover on that fateful morning, mistakes Robert E. Lee for Robert Browning (they did look a bit alike), and then surrenders to the astounded Confederate leader. Maybe not Thurber's best short story, but it's in the running.

In the running for the first correct answer were trivia regular Lou Brackett (The Night the Bed Fell is her favorite Thurber story), Rob Taylor, who supposes that the U.S. capitol would be in Richmond and Lee's picture would be on the \$20 bill, English Professor David Ludley (you knew someone from the English Department would have to get this one), and B.D. Stillion, who mentioned the Robert Browning angle. Well done, all, and a Bonus Trivia Point for each.

Still on the subject of faux American history and American heroes, how did the story of George Washington chopping down the cherry tree come about? Send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■



Part Time Job Fair

Sports

Cross Country Regionally Ranked by USTFCCA

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) announced on Tuesday the preseason regional cross country rankings for Division II. In the Southeast Region, both Clayton State squads are regionally ranked.

The Clayton State Laker men's team is a preseason No. 4 in the Southeast Region, while the Laker women are ranked eighth in the region. Overall, there are eight regions in Division II.

The Clayton State men are one of three Peach Belt Conference teams ranked in the Southeast Region for the preseason. Columbus State is ranked second, while UNC Pembroke is ranked sixth. Queens, the defending Division II Southeast Region Champion, is the top-ranked team in the Southeast Region.

The Clayton State women are one of five Peach Belt teams ranked in the Southeast Region preseason poll. Defending Southeast Region champion Columbus

State is the top-rated team in the region, while Augusta State is ranked fourth, Georgia College is ranked ninth and Montevallo is ranked 10th.

Clayton State opens the 2010 season on Sept. 10 with the Georgia State Invitational at Nash Farms in Hampton. ■

Sayon Selected Preseason All-Peach Belt Conference for Soccer

The Peach Belt Conference released its 2010 preseason All-Conference team for women's soccer on Friday, Aug. 20, and selected to the squad was Clayton State's Cherie Sayon.



Cherie Sayon

A senior forward from Monrovia, Liberia, Sayon is the lone Laker representative on the 12-player 2010 women's preseason All-PBC team. She was selected both All-PBC and Division II All-Southeast Region last season.

Sayon provided the Lakers a much-needed spark in the 2008 season, finishing with 14 goals with one assist for 29 points. She is the top returning goal scorer this season in the Peach Belt. Sayon recorded a hat-trick this season in the Lakers' dramatic come-from-behind victory over North Georgia.

She also added two goals each against Lees-McRae, Alabama-Huntsville and UNC Pembroke, and scored a game-

winning goal in overtime against Montevallo. Overall, Sayon finished the season ranked second in goals scored and third in points scored.

Clayton State opens the 2010 season on Sept. 3 at Alabama-Huntsville. ■

Fredericks Selected Preseason All-Peach Belt Conference for Soccer

The Peach Belt Conference released its 2010 preseason All-Conference team for men's soccer on Tuesday, and selected to the squad was Clayton State's Leighton Fredericks.

A junior forward from Johannesburg, South Africa, Fredericks is the lone Laker representative on the 12-player 2010 men's preseason All-PBC team. He is a two-time All-Peach Belt Conference selection and was both the PBC Freshman of the Year and Division II All-Southeast Region in 2008.

Fredericks has been the leading scorer for the last two seasons for Clayton State.

Last season, he tallied nine goals and one assist for 19 points, ranking him sixth in the Peach Belt in goals scored and tied for seventh in points. Fredericks' best performance was a hat-trick against Alabama-Huntsville. He also scored twice against UNC Pembroke and a goal each against Newberry, Erskine, Flagler and Brevard.

As a freshman in 2008, Fredericks led the Peach Belt in goals scored with 13.

Clayton State, which is coming off an 11-6-1 campaign in 2009, opens the 2010 season on Sept. 3 against Belmont Abbey in the Laker Shootout. ■

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