



Chancellor  
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## Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings:

In the midst of commencement ceremonies and other campus events heralding the end of the 2004-2005 academic year, we continue to receive word of numerous honors and accolades earned by our colleges and universities, administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Here are several recent examples illustrating the depth and breadth of these accomplishments for your review:

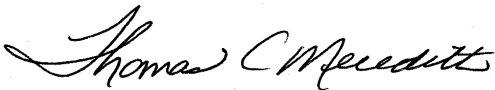


- ▶ The **University of Georgia** captured its sixth national gymnastics title at the National Collegiate Athletics Association's (NCAA) Women's Gymnastics Championships, held in Auburn, Ala., in late April. Led by Head Coach **Suzanne Yoculan**, the Gym Dogs now hold more national titles in the sport than any institution except the University of Utah. At the championships awards banquet, team members were honored with 17 All-America awards. That number led all teams and was the most awards earned by a Georgia team since 1999.
- ▶ Two other USG campuses also are celebrating multiple national championships. **Armstrong Atlantic State University's** women's tennis team snared its third NCAA Division II title this past weekend, and is enjoying the longest consecutive winning streak in Division II history. The team's head coach, **Simon Earnshaw**, was the only coach at the competition to have both men's and women's teams in the semifinals this season – the AASU men's tennis team finished the season ranked third in the nation. Meanwhile, **Kennesaw State University's** all-girl competitive cheerleading squad, coached by **Felecia Ingle**, successfully defended its 2004 National Cheer Association title in April. This was the university's second back-to-back national championship, the first having been NCAA Division II softball titles in 1995 and 1996.
- ▶ The University System of Georgia has laid claim to four 2005 Goldwater Scholars. Since my summary last month of prestigious scholarships won by University System students, we have learned that two more of our top scholars have received Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships for excellence in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences or engineering. **Logan Leslie**, a sophomore chemistry major, is the fifth **University of West Georgia** honors student in the last seven years to receive this prestigious undergraduate honor, and **John Parish**, a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering, is **Georgia Tech's** seventh Goldwater Scholar since 2001. A total of 320 students nationwide – including two at the **University of Georgia** mentioned in this letter last month – were awarded 2005 Goldwater Scholarships. The award covers the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year for up to two years.
- ▶ Four students from the **University of Georgia's** College of Pharmacy also earned national honors. **Brianna Peterson, Eve Bralley** and **Amy Brackman** were among only 70 graduate students chosen nationwide to receive 2005-2006 predoctoral fellowships for \$6,000 each from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education. **Jennifer Arsenault**, a second-year pharmacy student, was among 12 recipients selected to receive 2004-2005 American Society of Health System Pharmacists Student Leadership awards. She received a \$2,500 cash award and a drug information library valued at more than \$900.
- ▶ **Savannah State University** senior **Sean Ingram**, a political science major, won the prestigious Diplomacy Award for exemplifying the true spirit of diplomacy during the 2005 Harvard World Model United Nations' Middle East Multilateral Summit. SSU was one of only two historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to participate in the international conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, which attracted approximately 1,200 students from 50 countries.
- ▶ **Georgia College & State University** has two students of which it is especially proud these days. **Sallie Peters**, a senior majoring in interrelated special education, received the the 2005 Graduation Award for undergraduate students from the Council for Exceptional Children during the organization's annual convention, held April 6-9 in Baltimore, Md. **Ashley Montgomery**, a senior majoring in marketing and art, was one of 40 students nationwide selected by the American Advertising Federation to participate in the AMF's program for Most Promising Minority Students.
- ▶ The **Clayton College & State University** chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) was recognized as the largest, most active chapter in the country during the recent SAM International Conference in Las Vegas. This is the third time the CCSU chapter has received this award in the past four years. In addition, CCSU student **Elizabeth Vincent** was one of 15 students honored with a national Outstanding Student Award during the conference and also was one of three students elected to the SAM national student board of directors for the coming year. CCSU Associate Professor of Management **Michael Deis** was one of eight faculty advisors honored with Outstanding Advisor awards at the conference.

- ▶ Student teams from *South Georgia College* and *Valdosta State University* scored impressively in separate national quiz bowl competitions recently. SGC, the defending back-to-back state champion, placed sixth in the Intercollegiate Quiz Championship Tournament held on the campus of Tulane University in New Orleans. VSU, the top-ranked Division II team, finished eighth in the College Bowl Incorporated National Championship Tournament in Seattle, defeating regional champion *University of Georgia* and the defending national champion, the University of Minnesota, along the way.
- ▶ *Albany State College's* Master's of Public Administration Toastmasters Club recently received the distinction of being named a Distinguished Club by Toastmasters International. The international organization bestows this recognition on individual clubs that achieve at least five of 10 goals it has set for them.
- ▶ *Gainesville College's* Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team earned a berth to the 2005 SIFE USA National Competition, to be held late this month in Kansas City, Mo., by laying claim to the League 6 Championship at a regional competition in Atlanta recently. The GC team also captured the League-6 awards for National Entrepreneurship, National Personal Financial Success Skills, National Business Ethics and National Free Market Economics.
- ▶ **Dr. P. George Benson**, dean of the *University of Georgia's* Terry College of Business, has been appointed chairman of the board of overseers for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for the next year. The award was established by Congress in 1987 to improve performance in U.S. organizations. Awards are made to organizations that have benefited the economic or social well-being of the United States substantially through improvements resulting in performance excellence.
- ▶ **Dr. Lamar Veatch**, assistant vice chancellor for the Georgia Public Library System, recently was elected to the Members Council of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), an international non-profit computer library service and research organization dedicated to furthering access to information and reducing information costs. The 60 delegates to the OCLC Members Council represent more than 53,000 libraries in 96 countries and territories around the world.
- ▶ **Dr. Dan Colley**, director of the *University of Georgia's* Center for Tropical and Emerging Diseases and professor of microbiology, has received the Brazilian Presidential Medal for Scientific Merit for research involving tropical parasites. The Grand Cross medal is Brazil's highest scientific honor.
- ▶ *Medical College of Georgia* School of Nursing Dean **Lucy N. Marion** has been named Nurse Practitioner Faculty Researcher of the Year by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. The organization promotes quality nurse practitioner education nationally and internationally. Marion, who joined MCG in 2004, has served on state and national advisory groups concerning mental healthcare, environmental risks to children and the doctorate in nursing practice. Her National Institutes of Health-funded research focuses on sexual-risk-reduction interventions for high-risk minority populations.
- ▶ **Dr. Alan J. Ziobrowski**, an associate professor in the Robinson College of Business at *Georgia State University*, has received a national award for a research paper written with the help of three other academicians, including his wife, who also is a USG faculty member. Ziobrowski won the *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* William F. Sharpe Award for Scholarship in Financial Research for submitting the best paper published in the journal in 2004. His wife and coauthor, **Brigitta J. Ziobrowski**, is a professor at *Augusta State University*. Their study, "Abnormal Returns from the Common Stock Investments of the United States Senate," found that investments made by U.S. senators outperformed the earnings of other investors by almost 12 percent annually and suggested that senators may be profiting from information unavailable to other investors.
- ▶ **Dr. John Mellinger**, director of the general surgery residency program at the *Medical College of Georgia*, has received one of four Outstanding Teacher awards given out this year by the Association for Surgical Education. Mellinger, a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, arrived at MCG in 2002, and received the Golden Apple Faculty Teaching Award from MCG's surgery residents in 2003 and 2004.

Please join me in congratulating these USG leaders on their accomplishments!

Sincerely,



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