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Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings:

Commencement ceremonies at the end of the spring semester barely have slowed the steady flow of reports I receive of accolades earned by our institutions, administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Here are some examples I thought might be of interest:



▶ The number of national championships racked up by our campuses continues to mount. Since I updated you last month, we have brought home three more titles. The men's golf team at **Darton College** captured the college's first national trophy by winning the 2005 NJCAA Division

II Golf Tournament on May 27. The Cavaliers set a new national tournament record with a score of 1,124, which was 28-under par. The NJCAA also selected four members of the Darton team as First Team All-Americans and named Darton freshman **Brent Witcher** as the No. 1 Division II player in the nation. Witcher finished at 12-under 276, to set a new tournament record by four strokes. Meanwhile, **University of Georgia** sophomore **John Isner** and junior **Antonio Ruiz** claimed the NCAA Men's Doubles National Tennis Championship, which wrapped up on May 30. This is UGA's third NCAA doubles crown and Isner's second crack at it. The **University of Georgia** also claimed the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship title, finishing with an 11-shot advantage over **Georgia Tech**, which took second place in the tournament. Afterward, UGA Coach **Chris Haack**, was honored by the Golf Coaches Association of America as the National Coach of the Year. This is UGA's second national men's golf title.

- ▶ Four students from the **University of Georgia** have received national scholarships in recent weeks. The National Science Foundation awarded highly competitive graduate research fellowships to ecology students **Sonia Hernandez-Divers** and **Chrissa Carlson** for separate studies on how birds are affected by human behavior. UGA College of Education students **Julia Bellezza** and **Jennifer Kozel** were among only a dozen undergraduate students in the nation to win prestigious scholarships from Kappa Delta Epsilon, an honorary professional education fraternity, for academic excellence in pursuit of education degrees.
- ▶ **Georgia College & State University** was among nine institutions nationwide recently selected to receive a dissemination grant from the Association of American Colleges and Universities' Program for Health and Higher Education. The grant – awarded because of the work done by a faculty-student team in promoting HIV/AIDS education and awareness on the GCSU campus – will support the team's participation in the Centers for Disease Control's National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta next week.
- ▶ The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, a component of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded researchers from **Georgia Tech** and Emory University \$11.5 million to establish a new research program focused on creating advanced nanotechnologies to prevent cardiovascular disease. The multidisciplinary program will be headed by **Gang Bao**, a professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory. The program will include 12 faculty investigators from both institutions and will be based at Emory. In addition to this program and an on-going cancer nanotechnology program, the Georgia Tech/Emory group also plans to expand biomolecular engineering and nanotechnology to the detection and treatment of other diseases, such as neurodegenerative and infectious diseases.
- ▶ **Dr. Raymond Greenlaw**, dean of the School of Computing at **Armstrong Atlantic State University**, recently was named a member of the 2005-2006 Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) by the board of directors of ABET, Inc., the recognized U.S. accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. ABET is a federation of 30 professional and technical societies representing these fields.
- ▶ The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division II of the American Psychological Association) has chosen **Dr. Joseph Mayo**, a professor of psychology at **Gordon College**, as the 2005 recipient of its Two-Year College Teaching Excellence Award. Mayo will receive the award at the association's national convention in August, and also will be featured in the October issue of the journal *Teaching of Psychology*.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Thomas C. Meredith".

Thomas C. Meredith
Chancellor