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Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings:

Our campuses once again have scored many achievements to celebrate. Here are a few examples I thought you'd be interested in reading about this month:



- ▶ The *University of Georgia* reports that **Dr. Deryl Bailey** – an assistant professor of counseling who receives pilot funding from our African American Male Initiative – has received his third national award this year. The National Association for Multicultural Education honored Bailey with its 2004 Multicultural Program Award on Oct. 30. The organization applauded the expansion of its award-winning Project Gentlemen on the Move mentoring program into the Empowered Youth Programs, which mentors approximately 150 Athens-area students and their parents.
- ▶ The *University of Georgia* ranked No. 8 in the nation for the number of students who participated in its study-abroad programs during 2002-2003, according to a report released this week by the Institute of International Education. The institute reported an 8.5 percent increase in study-abroad students nationally in 2002-2003, but **Dr. Rick Sutton**, director of our Office of International Programs, says the news here in Georgia is much more impressive. During the current academic year, the University System of Georgia's study-abroad total rose 17.5 percent compared to last year.
- ▶ *Kennesaw State University* was honored this past weekend as the 2004 University of the Year by the Atlanta Chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs for its active outreach to Hispanic students.
- ▶ A *Savannah State University* professor and a 1996 SSU graduate received the Minority Access National Faculty Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health and Minority Access, Inc. The award – which honors individuals who have excelled in producing and supporting minority researchers – went to **Dr. Chellu S. Chetty**, a Professor of biology who directs SSU's Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, and **John Lee Baker Jr.**, who holds a biology degree from SSU and now is the coordinator of "Preparing Smart Boys to be Smart Men," a Newark, N.J.-based program.
- ▶ *Albany State University* junior **Charles Doxley** won the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Forum essay competition in New York last month with a moving composition on attending a historically black university.
- ▶ *Armstrong Atlantic State University* radiologic sciences students who sat for the National Board Exams given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists last spring achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the test.
- ▶ Two *Medical College of Georgia* faculty members have been named fellows of the International College of Dentists (ICD), which honors meritorious service to the dental profession. The ICD's newest fellows are **Dr. Connie Drisko**, dean of MCG's School of Dentistry, and **Dr. Van B. Haygood**, professor of oral rehabilitation in the dental school.
- ▶ *Columbus State University* music professor **Manuel Diaz** has invented an innovative type of metronome for which he received a patent recently. Trademarked under the name "Keeping Time," this metronome is a wristwatch that sends out a pulsating beat musicians can feel without the need to listen and watch for the traditional tick-tock of a conventional metronome swinging to and fro. And, yes, it also tells time. Diaz' invention was inspired by CSU students who complained that the traditional metronome's beat couldn't be heard over the sound of their instruments.

In closing, I also want to call your attention to the fact that the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has snapped up another of the shining stars on our University System Office staff. **Robyn Crittenden**, who has spent the past four years as assistant vice chancellor for legal affairs in charge of contracts, will be leaving us this week to become the GSFC's lead agency counsel. She'll be joining **Shelley Nickel**, my former special assistant, who was named the GSFC's executive director nearly two years ago.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Meredith
Chancellor