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Hello.

I am delighted to share with you some examples of the many impressive awards, honors and accolades earned recently by University System of Georgia faculty, staff, administration, students and alumni:

- ▶ **Southern Polytechnic State University** (SPSU) ranks No. 1 in the nation in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to African-American students in engineering technology fields, according to the latest edition of Profiles of Engineering and Engineering Technology Colleges. Published by the American Society for Engineering Education, the report also lists SPSU as No. 5 in the number of engineering technology degrees awarded to women.
- ▶ *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine ranks the **University of Georgia** 10th in its just-released list of the best values among 100 public colleges and universities in America. Institutions that made the list "combine outstanding economic value with a first-class education," according to the magazine, which ranks UGA's costs for in-state students third lowest among the top 10 colleges and universities. **Georgia Tech** was No. 13 on *Kiplinger's* "Best Values" list and **Georgia College & State University** was No. 79.
- ▶ **Georgia Tech** President **Wayne Clough** has been appointed by **Gov. Sonny Perdue** to the National Governors' Association (NGA) Innovation America Task Force Roundtable. Clough is one of four university presidents participating in the task force, which also includes three industry representatives and six governors. The NGA has taken on this work because the creation of "hot spots" of innovation is a regional phenomenon in which state government can play a critical role. The process will provide governors with ideas and examples of how to help their colleges and universities realize their potential as resources for regional innovation.
- ▶ **Laura Moore**, a former member of the **Georgia Perimeter College** nursing faculty in Clarkston, was featured as the "Person of the Week" on the Jan. 5 broadcast of ABC's World News Tonight. Moore, who has been a pediatric nurse for 23 years, has taken it on herself to find medical care and foster homes for 12 children with severe medical problems in the past three years. These children require medication, equipment and attention to such an extent that their care is beyond the means of their families, and few people are willing to take them in. Some of the children Moore has helped had been languishing in hospitals for years.
- ▶ **Macon State College** (MSC) graduate **Theresa A. Rodgers** is Georgia's first female U.S. Marshal and one of about 20 female marshals in the service's 213-year history. Rodgers, who earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from MSC in 1983, was confirmed as President George W. Bush's choice to head the marshals' service in the 70-county Middle District of Georgia.
- ▶ **University of Georgia** (UGA) Foundation Fellow **Jayanthi Narain** is one of 43 students nationwide – and the only USG student – selected to receive a 2007 Marshall Scholarship to study in the United Kingdom. Narain, a senior with majors in international affairs and economics, will pursue a one-year master of science degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science and then a master's degree in Near and Middle Eastern studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London the following year. She is the first female and fifth UGA student overall since 2004 to earn the prestigious national Marshall Scholarship.

- ▶ For the third consecutive year, a *Georgia Tech* student has been selected as one of the nation's top five industrial design students. **Arthur Wu**, who graduated in 2006, will receive a Student Merit Award from the Industrial Design Society of America (IDSA) at the organization's next national conference. A jury of practicing designers from throughout the Southeast selected his work for the award. Wu had worked towards this specific goal since seeing the winning projects presented by fellow students at an IDSA national conference two years ago.
- ▶ **Dianne T. Castor**, director of advising/orientation and the radiologic science program at *Coastal Georgia Community College*, recently received the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) inaugural Service to Commission Award for her service to NACADA's Two-Year Colleges Commission. This award recognizes individuals for outstanding service, leadership and commitment to a particular commission within the association in support of its efforts to enhance the development of students. NACADA Commissions provide members with an opportunity to join colleagues with similar academic or specific student population interests in advising.
- ▶ **Nancy Tillinghast**, director of the Thomas County Public Library in Thomasville, Ga., was one of 25 winners of the 2006 New York Times Librarian Awards, announced in December. Now in its sixth year, the program honors librarians from around the country who have provided outstanding public service and have had a strong and positive impact on their nominators.
- ▶ *The Georgia Review*, the *University of Georgia's* quarterly journal of arts and letters, was honored in December as part of a prestigious new reading series at the New York Public Library, "Periodically Speaking: Literary Magazine Editors Introducing Emerging Writers." **Stephen Corey**, acting editor of *The Georgia Review* and a staff member since 1983, spoke about the journal, which is currently celebrating its 60th anniversary, and introduced Anna Solomon, who read her short story "Lotto" from the Review's Summer 2006 issue. *The Georgia Review* has been a winner and many times a finalist for the National Magazine Award in Fiction, one of numerous annual prizes given by the New York-based American Society of Magazine Editors.

Please join me in congratulating the USG leaders mentioned above on the recognition they have received.

Sincerely,



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