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Hello.

I am pleased to continue sharing 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:

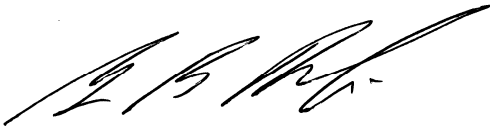
- ▶ The *University of Georgia's* New Media Institute won international recognition this summer when it was cited as a Laureate in the *Computerworld* Honors Program. The institute, an interdisciplinary unit of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, collected a gold medal for its wireless initiative, the WAGZone (Wireless Athens Georgia Zone), during the 18th annual Laureate Medal Ceremony & Gala Awards Evening held in Washington, D.C. The *Computerworld* Honors Program recognizes organizations from a variety of sectors for their on-going efforts to utilize technology in order to benefit society.
- ▶ **Dr. Robert Loewy**, chair of *Georgia Tech's* School of Aerospace Engineering (SAE), has been awarded the Daniel Guggenheim Medal, one of the most prestigious honors in aeronautics. Previous recipients of this salute to notable achievements in the advancement of aeronautics have included Orville Wright, Charles Lindbergh, Igor Sikorsky and William Boeing. Loewy, who is the William R. T. Oakes Professor at Georgia Tech, has served as chair of SAE since 1993. He previously was a professor and director of the Rotorcraft Technology Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His research interests include helicopter structural dynamics and aerodynamics. The Guggenheim Medal is jointly sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, the American Helicopter Society and the Society of Automotive Engineers.
- ▶ The 2005 edition of *Eclectic*, the *University of West Georgia's* literary and fine arts journal, received the National Program Director's Prize for Undergraduate Literary Magazines from the Association of Writers and Writer's Programs (AWP), which awards two prizes each year for best content and best design. *Eclectic's* award was for the journal's mixed-media content. This is the second award the 2005 edition of the journal has won. It also took home first place in the art and literary magazine category at the annual Southern Literacy Festival last winter.
- ▶ *Gainesville State College* (GSC) was one of four colleges nation-wide to have been honored this summer as a 2005-2006 MetLife Foundation Best-Practice College for its exemplary efforts in promoting student success and achievement goals. GSC was rated among the top performers within its size category for student-faculty interaction on the Community College Survey of Student Engagement conducted during the spring of 2005. As a result, the college qualified to submit a proposal for the MetLife program, based on various initiatives designed to help all students succeed. These efforts have resulted in a steady improvement in GSC's student-retention rates and student-satisfaction rates that are higher than University System or national averages.
- ▶ *Darton College* is one of 10 campuses in the United States to have been selected to receive a 2006 HP Technology for Teaching Higher Education Leadership grant. HP, formerly known as Hewlett-Packard, is awarding a total of \$1.2 million in cash and equipment to 10 two-year and four-year colleges and universities who have demonstrated success in integrating HP technology into their classroom curricula via previous grants. Darton College will receive two wireless HP Tablet PCs, two HP digital projectors, two HP printers and two HP digital cameras for

faculty use, 40 additional HP Tablet PCs for student use, and a cash stipend of \$10,500. The grant also includes travel expenses allowing one person to attend the Worldwide HP Technology for Teaching Higher Education Conference in February 2007.

- ▶ **Albany State University** (ASU) Assistant Professor of Business **Kathaleena Edward Monds** was named the Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society in Business Administration's Faculty Advisor of the Year. The award is a tribute to Monds' efforts of the past five years in raising ASU's Eta Pi chapter of Delta Mu Delta from anonymity to the No. 1 chapter in the nation. Among other things, the 2002-2003 ASU Teacher of the Year has engaged undergraduate business-information-systems students in conducting research for publication in *The Source* journal.

Please join me in congratulating these USG leaders on the national and international recognition they have received.

Sincerely,



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