

Letter from the Interim Chancellor

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Greetings:

As always, University System of Georgia faculty, staff, administration and students continue to shine in the national spotlight. Here are a few examples:



➤ **Hank Huckaby**, senior vice president for finance and administration at the *University of Georgia*, has received a major national award for his contributions to the field of public budgeting and finance. Huckaby was recognized by the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management with the 2005 S. Kenneth Howard Career Achievement Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., last week.

- **Dr. Rajeev Dhawan**, director of Georgia State University's Economic Forecasting Center, tops the list for most accurate forecasting of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the December issue of *Bloomberg Markets* magazine. Dhawan received an accuracy rating of 94.1% and was commended by the publication for being "among the few economists within the Bloomberg survey who correctly forecast a slowdown in the final three months of 2004."
- **Dr. Mohamed Sharawy**, a professor of oral biology and maxillofacial pathology at the *Medical College of Georgia* School of Dentistry, has received the 2005 Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award from the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Research Foundation. The award honors his significant contributions to research in implant dentistry and "singular leadership and responsibility in research that advances the science of implant dentistry." In addition to Sharawy's teaching and research responsibilities, he serves as a grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation and as the scientific chair for the International Dental Congress in Cairo, Egypt
- **William Wallace**, the University System's associate vice chancellor for human resources, was commended by **Gov. Sonny Perdue** for his "invaluable" service as co-chair of the Commission for A New Georgia's State Health Benefits Plan Task Force during 2005. "The amount of work and expertise invested by Bill was evident in the quality of the task force presentation" to the full Commission for a New Georgia on Oct. 11, Gov. Perdue said in a recent letter to me. "The recommendations were well received, and I will work diligently with Lonice Barrett, director of implementation, to develop appropriate implementation plans."
- A polished presentation made by a team of students from *UGA's* Terry College of Business full-time MBA program won first place in the National Black MBA Association–DaimlerChrysler Case Competition last month in Las Vegas. **Redick Brown, Tracy Dunbar** and **Demetria Hannah**, all second-year students, spent three weeks studying a case and outlining strategies that would help DaimlerChrysler penetrate the consumer automotive market in China. The UGA team beat defending champion Michigan State University and 27 other MBA teams from business schools across the country, including Vanderbilt, Penn State, Brandeis and Johns Hopkins. The team has been invited to make its presentation to DaimlerChrysler's Board of Directors in Detroit.
- Two students from *Georgia College & State University* received national honors from American Humanics National, an organization that gives students the opportunity to earn certificates in non-profit management. **Jennifer Lindenberger**, a senior psychology major, received a \$1,000 academic award and was selected as a research assistant for the American Humanics and American Assembly Partnership. **Katy Bernhardt**, a junior psychology major, was one of 25 American Humanics students nationwide selected by Arizona State University's Center for Nonprofit Management and Leadership as a Stardust Fellow. The Stardust Fellowship Program is an intense leadership and capacity-building experience.
- Miss *Albany State University*, **Kendria Bailey**, was named Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame 2005-2006 during the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation's Annual Competition of Black College Queens, held last month in Atlanta. The senior music-performance major and budding singer/entertainer received a \$2,500 scholarship. This is the second time an Albany State student has won the Hall of Fame title. The first time was in 1989, when Semora Johns won the crown.

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

Sincerely,

Corlis P. Cummings
Interim Chancellor