

Banner Browser

Banner Project Team Update



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The time is September 19-21, 2007, the place the Marriott in Augusta, the event the

Tenth Annual Georgia Summit

This is an opportunity to network with your counterparts from USG institutions and learn about Banner and the other OIIT supported technology products.



More Sessions, More Information

You've been attending Georgia Summit for years. What will make this one memorable? To meet the growing demand for more information about USG's instructional and administrative enterprise applications, we have expanded the number of sessions from five to six tracks to accommodate everyone who wanted to present. After reviewing the evaluation results from last year's conference, the Program Planning Committee realized the need for more information and increased the number of sessions to 70!

Want to Know More About the Sessions?

A full list of Banner Sessions starts on the next page. In addition to these highly informative classes, we will be hosting Birds of a Feather for Financial Aid, Records & Admissions, and Student System Consolidation. Each Birds of a Feather forum provides institutions with an opportunity to submit questions about various topics and learn how other institutions handle similar issues. Also on tap are SunGard HE Banner Sessions, GAcollege411, and Georgia ONmyLINE. Details about these sessions will be announced at a later time.

It's Not Just About Banner

So you've seen the large number of Banner sessions that will occur. What about other components? Follow the link below to see the plethora of sessions that will be available over the three days of Georgia Summit:

<http://www.ciclt.net/bor/Events/Reports/Agenda.asp?Ev=1325>

It's not too late

Regular registration runs through August 19, 2007.
Late registration begins August 20, 2007.

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Pre-conference TouchNet Workshop

TouchNet is hosting a workshop on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, one day before Georgia Summit, at the Marriott Hotel & Suites in Augusta, Georgia. Class is from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This seminar is designed to clarify the impact of the rapid-fire changes occurring in the payment industry, by discussing PCI compliance, investigating Payment Application Best Practices, and discovering prudent ways to avoid the headlines that come with campus information security breaches.

The way you do business will change in 2007. Higher Education faces a new level of scrutiny, expectations, and responsibility for the security and privacy of campus information.

The biggest threat is at the point where the payment information is being collected. This level is thought to be so significant that PCI has created an equivalent standard specifically for payment applications, PABP (payment application best practices).

Best of all, the workshop is free!

To register for the workshop please visit the website: <http://www.usg.edu/oit/summit/2007/registration/>



Banner Agenda

Tracking HOPE with the GTP	This session presents the following three ways campuses can track HOPE students with a GTP: 1. Different packaging groups, 2. Different budget groups, and 3. Existing budget and packaging groups.
Banner Roadmap	This presentation is a high-level overview and update of the Banner product calendar deliverables on the Unified Product Calendar for 2007-2008. It will focus on the V8 upgrade.
Auditing Toolkit	This presentation will explain the background and intended use for this Office of Internal Audit and OIIT initiative, and poll institutions about challenges using the queries we designed.
Veterans' Benefits	This session will help explain the importance of having a Veterans' Benefits communication plan to avoid audit findings. You will receive a copy of our current action plan to use as an example and tips to help with your process.
GTVSDAX	The Crosswalk Validation (GTVSDAX) identifies Banner fields that require data translation or hierarchical retrieval to return accurate reporting results.
Banner Financial Aid Regulatory Update	This presentation will discuss upcoming financial aid federal regulation changes and deliverables from SunGard Higher Education Banner to keep campuses in compliance.
Banner/GeorgiaVIEW Vista Integration	This session provides an overview of recent additions and changes to the Banner extract process (ICGORLDI/ZSRDLIS) as well as other relevant topics.
Satisfactory Academic Progress: Changing with the Current	This session will inform the financial aid community of the enhancements made to the Satisfactory Academic Progress. In this presentation, we will explain the differences between the previous Satisfactory Academic Progress logic and changes within the new logic.
Banner to PeopleSoft: Student Direct Deposit	In this session, we will provide an overview of how Medical College of Georgia set up Banner, the banking information, and the PeopleSoft tables for the direct deposit functionality in Banner.
DegreeWorks	This session provides an overview of SGHE DegreeWorks degree audit product.
Banner RORRULES	This session will discuss how to build some basic, intermediate, and advanced RORRULES.
Uses of Batch Posting within Banner Financial Aid	Augusta State University will provide a brief overview of the batch posting process and present the various ways they use Banner's batch posting process for financial aid.
Working Smarter - Not Harder	Through collaborative efforts with our Information and Instructional Technology office, the Registrar's office at NGCSU has been able to increase student and faculty services, reduce paperwork, and improve productivity.
PLUS Refunding Enhancements	This presentation will provide a high-level overview of the Banner-delivered PLUS Loan Refunding enhancements.

Transfer Students 101	This session will show common problems faced by students transferring to a new school and possible solutions. The session will conclude with a roundtable discussion about transfer practices.
Population Selection: Beyond the Basics	This presentation will include using dates, comparisons beyond "=", nesting rules with and/or, combining selections, sub-queries, dynamic parameters, and extracts. The last topic will include a little SQL. Pop Sels join will be shown as well as how to produce a comma-delimited file.
Student eBilling, Parent Payments and ACH Refunds	This session will demonstrate a one-stop student billing approach that reduces operating costs by eliminating the paper bill, increases communication by email, decreases mailed-in payments, and offers parents a payment portal to receive student deposits.
Transcript Exchange and the HOPE GPA Calculation	The presentation will focus on the new calculation process and its results in the first year and the prospects for year two following the HOPE eligibility changes of May 2007. We will discuss the availability of electronic transcript transfer from Georgia high schools to Georgia colleges.
Tabbed Security	This presentation addresses new baseline Banner security features. The primary focus will be the technical outlining of the features, outlining how to apply the new features, and related topics.
GSFAPPS and Paid Hours	This presentation will provide an update to the GSFAPPS/PAID hours processing.
Money Saving Tips for Apartment-style Housing Charges	This presentation will demonstrate how to use the Banner Student System to set up and charge housing without having to use an outside agency. The presentation includes how to charge student accounts for housing deposits, housing charges, late fees, and balance the cashier drawer.
GSFAPPS/HOPE Updates	This presentation will focus on GSFAPPS statistics for the year, including updates for aid-year-specific processing, hours-only processing, online student lookup, an 18-month non-activity rule, etc.
Banner Documentation: Harness The Power!	Topics will include the different types of documentation available, how to access it, and how to find the specific information you need.
TouchNet Cashiering: Lessons Learned	This session will provide a detailed and informative insider view about TouchNet Cashiering, its implementation, the history of changes, how we use it now, and plans for future enhancements.
Importing Xap PDF Files into Xtender	This presentation demonstrates how Clayton State University automates manually intensive tasks dealing with PDFs and Xtender and reduces hours if not days of work into just a few seconds.
Georgia ONmyLINE	This new searchable database receives its course information from a Banner export run at each institution. Not only is this intended to help market offerings of USG institutions to the general public, but it will become an easy way for institution administrators to know what is being offered and what is not.
Learn How to Implement a Convenience Fee Strategy and Begin Realizing Huge Savings Today!	Reward yourself and not your credit card payers. Shift the cost of credit card acceptance to the cardholder using a "convenience fee" strategy and reward your department with an extra million dollars for next year's budget. This session will examine the sometimes controversial issues of convenience fees including a review of the statistical data from several schools--enabling you to determine if this strategy is right for your campus.
Address Verification in Banner with CLEAN_Address	This presentation will include the following topics: 1. Functional overview of address verification and the benefits, 2. Technical discussion of architecture and implementation, 3. Financial return on investment by having address verification, and 4. Discussion of batch and real-time address verification and telephone checking within Banner.
Data Deeds Done Dirt Cheap!	Whether you are talking time, people, or money-reporting isn't cheap. Want to reduce those costs but still maintain that fashionable "Report about Town" feel? Well, join this session to learn about some interesting tools and tips currently in use at Bainbridge College. Feel free to bring your own to share with the group.

Banner Product Calendar Updates

Several items have been added to the Banner Production Support website (<https://www.usg.edu/banner/>) recently.

Month or Quarter	Release Title	Description	OIIT Projected Release Date*
August	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Mid-August 2007
September	Financial Aid 7.9	Regulatory - Summer Regs 2007-2008	Mid-September 2007
	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Mid-September 2007
October	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Mid- October 2007
	Faculty and Advisor Self-Service 7.4	External Data Load Update and Maintenance Bundle	Mid-October 2007
	Student Self-Service 7.4	Maintenance Bundle	Mid-October 2007
	Student 7.4	Maintenance Bundle	Mid-October 2007
November	Financial Aid 7.9.1	Fall Regs/Early Decision 2008-2009	Mid-November 2007
	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Mid-November 2007
	General 7.5	Tab Level Security in IDEN Forms and ID Management Provisioning	Mid-November 2007
December	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Mid-December 2007
	Accounts Receivable	1098T	Mid-December 2007
January	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late January 2008
February	Financial Aid 7.10	Regulatory - Winter Regs 2008-2009	Mid-February 2008
	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late February 2008
March	Financial Aid 7.10.1	Official Winter Regs 2008-2009	Mid-March 2008
	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late March 2008
April	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late April 2008
May	Financial Aid 7.11	Regulatory - Spring Regs 2008-2009	Mid-May 2008
	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late May 2008
June	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late June 2008
July	Banner Baseline 7.x	Banner Baseline 7.x Patches and Maintenance Bundle	Late July 2008
	Financial Aid 7.11.1	Regulatory - Fiscal Year 2007-2008 FISAP	Late July 2008

* The OIIT Project Release Date is dependent upon the actual release date from SGHE.

The Baseline Banner Product Release Calendar (left) and the Georgia Enhancements Product Release Calendar (below) at <https://www.usg.edu/banner/calendar.phtml> have been updated.

Access to this site is restricted to University System of Georgia personnel due to the proprietary information included. To obtain a user name and password, contact your institution's Banner Project Leader (<http://www.usg.edu/gabest/>).

OIIT Projected Release Date	Release Title	Description
Quarter 3 of 2007	GaMods 7.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Service Transfer Articulation (Joint Development) Uola LDIS Extract Process (ZSRLDIS) OSIC Updates Program Improvements for 7.x
Quarter 4 of 2007	GaMods 7.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Service Graduation Request (Joint Development) Self-Service Reporting Request (Joint Development) Self-Service Fund Eligibility Look up/GPA Calculator (Joint Development) Program Improvements for 7.x
Quarter 1 of 2008	GaMods 7.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decommission of EHOPE Program Improvements for 7.x
Quarter 2 of 2008	GaMods 7.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Improvements for 7.x

Wimba GaMods Review

OIIT offers sessions to review functionality included in Georgia Enhancement releases. Delivered using Wimba's Live Classroom, the sessions contain information on any new functionality, enhancements, and defect corrections included in the release. The sessions will be offered on a regular basis at <https://www.usg.edu/banner/training/wimbalive.phtml>. We encourage functional and technical staff to participate in these free sessions. Was your schedule too full to make a previous session? That's alright; the sessions are archived and available on the site as well.

Highlighted Functionality for August – Electronic Campus

The Electronic Campus Data Extraction process (ZORELCA) and it's newly designed form, the Distance Education Flat Fee form (ZSAFFEE), allow users to select all distance education courses for a single semester and prepare them for electronic transmission to Electronic Campus.

If you visit the Banner Release webpage (https://www.usg.edu/banner/7x/gamods/gamods_docs.phtml) you will find helpful documentation for implementing the Electronic Campus Extract process (ZORELCA) release in Georgia Enhancements 7.8.0.1. Or if you would like to review either of the Wimba sessions, they have been archived for your convenience. Visit http://208.185.32.175/launcher.cgi?room=IDD_2007_0723_1330_58 to view the archived July 23, 2007 training session. The question and answer session hosted on August 3, 2007 is archived on http://208.185.32.175/launcher.cgi?room=IDD_2007_0803_1310_40. The room id for both sessions is IDD.

Rock Eagle 2007 - 36th Annual Computing Conference



Register for Rock Eagle 2007 today and help us celebrate 36 years of University System computing! The conference will be held on October 24-26, 2007 at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. Don't procrastinate; regular registration will only last until September 1, 2007. For more details, visit <http://www.usg.edu/oiit/re/re07/>.

Other Conferences

'Tis the season for conferences, and there are plenty of fantastic ones to help you with your every day work.

Annual SETA Conferences

When: September 23-25, 2007

Where: Indianapolis, IN

Web site: <http://www.setasource.org/>

When: October 7-9, 2007

Where: Dallas, TX

Web site: <http://www.setasource.org/>

When: October 28 - .0, 2007

Where: Salt Lake City, UT

Web site: <http://www.setasource.org/>



PESC

When: October 15 - 16, 2007

Where: Ritz-Carlton, Montreal, Canada

Web site: <http://www.pesc.org/>

40th GASFAA Fall Conference 2007

Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

When: October 18-19, 2007

Where: Atlanta Gwinnett Place Marriott in Duluth, Georgia

Web site:

http://www.gasfaa.org/docs/toc_conferences.html

GACRAO 2007

When: October 21-23, 2007

Where: Savannah, GA

Web site: <http://www.gacrao.org/>

Student System Consolidation – Group 2

On June 19, 20, and 21, representatives of the Student System Consolidation (SSC) Group 2 schools gathered in Athens for a fit gap workshop. The campus representatives shared information about the current functionality and local modifications of their institution's Banner system. The OIIT SSC project team is analyzing that information to find out what the functional fits and gaps will be when the institutions convert to the SSC environment.

Another goal of the fit gap session was to identify modifications that can be adapted to the hosted environment and incorporated into the GaBEST Model. This fit gap workshop resulted in seven new proposed modifications. White papers for two of the modifications were distributed to the campuses who responded positively and made excellent suggestions. Additional white papers will be released soon and all institutions are encouraged to participate.

Albany State University will complete their initial SSC conversion testing this month. OIIT SSC project team members will visit the campus on August 23 – 24. Albany State is currently scheduled to go live in the SSC environment over Thanksgiving 2007.

Documentation

Document Name	Purpose
Scope Documentation	Includes dependencies, goals/objectives, background information, boundaries, and deliverables.
What Does Hosting Mean for Your Campus?	The document details services provided with hosting, campus responsibilities, and handling of upgrades and patches (updated 05/11/07).
FAQ	Consolidated environment (updated 05/11/07) - includes information about the hosted environment, database access, account management, scheduling, maintenance, and more.
Change Management	Details the process for upgrades and patches.
SSC Toolkit	Details products and services provided in the hosted environment.
Quick Reference Guides	Secure FTP User Client Basic Functionality User Client Installation and Account Request
SSC Campus Checklist	A check list of things to do before going live.
DIMM chips	OIIT will provide two SecureDIMM/CF modules for the encrypted printing. If your institution requires additional modules, please contact Capella Technologies: http://www.capellatech.com/pages/0_0_contact_us.html For more information about the product please visit http://www.capellatech.com/pages/2_1_2_securedim.html .
Security Plan	The document includes the established IT security procedures and guidelines for the hosted environment.
Backup/Recovery Document	Explains the backup and recovery process.
Service Level Guideline	The document provides information on service availability, including maintenance schedules and emergency communication.
Citrix for Avium Instructions	Explanation of how to configure the Citrix Service and complete the initial login session.
Local Print Solution (Modifications to Banner Baseline General 7.4.1.x)	These modifications provide users the ability to view and print process .jis and .log files in Banner rather than users directly accessing the Unix Operating System. This enhancement also creates a pull of the .jis file and permits the saved documents to be opened directly from QJIREVO. The following documentation is available for implementing the modifications. Test Plan - This test plan for Banner Baseline General Modifications is to be used for testing Process Submission Controls Form (GJAPCTL) and Saved Output Review Form (GJIREVO). Technical Release Notes - The Banner Baseline General Modifications include modifications to Process Submission Controls Form (GJAPCTL) and Saved Output Review Form (GJIREVO). User Documentation - This document explains how to implement the Local Print Solution.
SQL through Job Submission	Procedures - This document provides instructions for hosted institutions to prepare scripts to load into Banner and the process that will be followed once OIIT receives requests to load the scripts into the institution's test database. Job Submission Scripts Workflow - This document shows the workflow for the Job Submission scripts. Template - In order to run a SQL process through GJAPCTL, the SQL must be set up similar to any process that is set up to run through GJAPCTL. While some of this information can be entered directly into Banner forms, OIIT is supplying the following template which will allow tables to be updated after the scripts are modified to meet the institution's needs. Examples - The following are examples of each of the three types of script files. report sql script - faci_load.sql j script - faci_load.jis dbi script - faci_load.dbi Examples - The following provides the table layouts for tables used in the j script j script - table layouts

<https://www.usg.edu/banner/consolidation/>

SunGard Higher Education Virtual Classroom

The SunGard HE Education Center is offering valuable instructor-led Banner courses via the virtual classroom. Go to <http://education.sungardhe.com/edcenter> for more details and pricing information. Select the link to "Schedule" to access the current schedule of Internet courses or contact the Education Center at edcenter@sungardhe.com.

Date	Title	Course Code
September 25, 2007	FISAP Report	FA113VC
September 26, 2007	Direct Loan Processing	FA106VC
September 26, 2007	Common Matching for Banner Financial Aid	FA117VC
September 27, 2007	Banner Financial Aid Pell Processing	FA116VC
September 28, 2007	Financial Aid System Overview	FA101VC
October 4, 2007	Self Service Prospects	SS106bVC
October 5, 2007	Banner Student 7- New Features and Differences	ST121VC
October 18, 2007	Banner General Fundamentals	GE103VC
October 19, 2007	Banner General Features and Differences	GE107VC

Resources

GABEST Mailing List

To subscribe to the GABEST mailing list, go to <http://listserv.uga.edu/>. Select "Browse, Subscribe, Post, Search" In the List Name box, type "GABEST-L." Click "Join or leave the list (or change settings)." Type in your name, e-mail address, and click, "Join the list." In a couple of minutes, check your e-mail for a message. You'll have to click the link in the message to verify your status. NOTE: These instructions may be used for other USG mailing lists.

SunGard Higher Education Customer Support Center

We encourage you to use the many resources that SunGard HE provides through the Customer Support Center.

- Go to <https://connect.sungardhe.com> and log in to the Customer Support Center. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one.
- You will have access to Defects, Solutions/FAQs, release guides, and user documentation.

For additional OIIT resources and support, contact the OIIT Helpdesk:
Web support request self-service: http://www.usg.edu/customer_services
E-mail: Helpdesk@usg.edu

For emergency, business interruptions, or production down situations, call the OIIT Helpdesk immediately
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