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“Creating a More Educated Georgia”

Economic Impact of USG Reached \$11B in FY2007

An updated report offers confirmation that Georgia’s public university system continues to be one of the state’s key economic engines. Together, the 35 institutions of the University System of Georgia (USG) packed an economic impact totaling \$11 billion on the state’s economy during Fiscal Year 2007.

The *Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP)*, an initiative of the Board of Regents’ Office of Economic Development, commissioned the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the *University of Georgia’s* Terry College of Business to analyze data collected between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007, to calculate the University System’s FY2007 economic impact. This work updates a similar study conducted on FY2004 data that placed the University System’s economic impact at \$9.7 billion. The first such study calculated the USG’s impact at \$7.7 billion in FY1999.

In addition to the \$11 billion in total impact generated by the University System in FY2007, the study determined that Georgia’s public higher education system is

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Richard Tucker Elected to Chair Board of Regents; Robert Hatcher will be Vice Chair in FY2009

The Board of Regents elected new officers for Fiscal Year 2009 at its June meeting.

The regents chose Regent **Richard L. Tucker** to serve as chair and Regent **Robert F. Hatcher** as vice chair of the 18-member governing board of the University System of Georgia. The new officers will begin their one-year terms on July 1, 2008, and serve through June 30, 2009.

Richard L. Tucker

Tucker was appointed to the Board of Regents by Gov. **Sonny Perdue** to represent the Seventh Congressional District in January 2005. He is the principal and managing partner of Arlington Capital LLC, a lending fund. He is also a principal in other business ventures involving investments, real estate development and retail.

Tucker currently serves as chairman of the Gwinnett Convention & Visitors Bureau, chairman of the University System of Georgia Foundation and president of the 1818 Club. He also is a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation.

In addition, Tucker serves on the board of directors of the Brand Banking Company, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. He served as president and CEO of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce from 1996-2003 and as its chairman in 2005.

Tucker has been recognized four times by *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of Georgia’s 100 Most Influential Leaders and was selected as one of Gwinnett’s most influential leaders by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. In 2003, he was honored by the

Council for Quality Growth with its “Button Gwinnett Award,” Gwinnett’s most prestigious award.

Tucker is a former member of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and the Governor’s Development Council. He received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the *University of Georgia* (UGA).



Tucker

Robert F. Hatcher

Hatcher was appointed to an at-large position on the Board of Regents by Perdue in January 2006. He is president and CEO of MidCountry Financial Corporation in Macon. He was the president and CEO of First Liberty Bank from 1988 until its merger with BB&T in 2000. Prior to First Liberty, he was with Trust Company Bank (SunTrust) for 27 years.

Hatcher is co-chairman of the Commission for a New Georgia. He serves on the boards of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and NewTown Macon. In 2007, Hatcher was appointed to the board of trustees of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Foundation.

Hatcher is an honorary lifetime member of the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, which named him its 2005 Citizen of the Year.

He received the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award from UGA’s Terry College of Business, where he earned a degree in finance. ■



Hatcher

Dr. Lynne Weisenbach Named Vice Chancellor, P-16 Initiatives



Weisenbach

Dr. E. Lynne Weisenbach, currently the dean of education and founding executive director of the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis, has been appointed vice chancellor for P-16 Initiatives for the University System of Georgia (USG), effective Aug. 1. Making the announcement on May 29 was **Dr. Susan Herbst**, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer.

Weisenbach will succeed **Dr. Jan Kettlewell**, who will retire on Sept. 30 after 13 years of leadership of the University System's P-16 initiatives. With Kettlewell's guidance, the USG began working in 1995 with a variety of other partners in education on statewide P-16 (pre-school through college) initiatives. The goal of the effort is to improve the ability of students to move from pre-school through post-secondary education and into the workforce. Key to the P-16 effort

are improvements in teacher preparation and in K-12 classrooms.

Weisenbach has been dean of the College of Education and a professor at the University of Indianapolis since 1993. She has been affiliated with the university since 1988 and founded the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) in 2001. Over the past 10 years, she has served in leadership roles at the national, regional, state and local levels for a variety of professional organizations across the P-16 spectrum, including the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, on whose board of directors she served from 2002 to 2005; the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration, where she has been a board member since 2002; and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, where she served as a member of the State Partnership Board (1998-2003).

Weisenbach has been directly responsible for securing more than \$30 million in grants and contracts from major funding partners over the past 15 years, including \$15 million from The Lilly Endowment in 2001 to create the center she founded and \$11.3 million from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2003 to fund high-school reform efforts in Indianapolis.

Weisenbach earned her undergraduate degree and later a specialist in education degree from Butler University (1976 and 1982). She obtained a master's degree and her doctor of education degree from Ball State University (1978 and 1988). She completed Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management in 2005. ■

Regents Approve Name, Degrees for the College of Coastal Georgia



The University System of Georgia's (USG) newest state college now has a new name and a new mission statement, and proposed bachelor degree programs to support that mission, thanks to action taken at the June meeting of the Board of Regents.

Coastal Georgia Community College will now be known as the *College of Coastal Georgia*, to reflect its status as one of the System's eight state colleges, which offer a limited number of baccalaureate degrees. The new mission reflects the college's plans to offer both associate and select bachelor's degrees. Both the name and mission change will be effective on July 1, 2008.

"This is an important step in the evolution of Coastal Georgia into an institution equipped to better serve the growing needs of southeast Georgia," said USG Chief Operating Officer **Rob Watts**.

"Our coastal community has worked diligently to support expanded higher education opportunities in this part of the state, and today's action by the Board of Regents truly signals the beginning of a new day for this region," said Regent **James A. Bishop**, who represents the U.S. First Congressional District on the board. "This is indeed a legacy moment for Coastal Georgia."

The first phase of baccalaureate programs approved by the regents at the College of Coastal Georgia will focus on education, nursing and business – careers in demand in the college's service area. The board's approval gives college officials the green light to develop new or offer existing bachelor's programs for the following:

- ◆ A bachelor of science in nursing program that would complement the college's existing two-year RN nursing program.
- ◆ A bachelor of business administration program in general business. Over time, this degree program could expand to include specialized tracks in management, marketing,

accounting, logistics, public administration, hospitality, information technology and other areas needed by the local economy.

- ◆ The college ultimately will assume responsibility for two bachelor programs currently offered by *Armstrong Atlantic State University* through the Brunswick Center: a bachelor of education in early childhood education and a bachelor of education in middle grades education.

The board also addressed Coastal Georgia's extensive technical education program, which is offered in conjunction with the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The college will review all technical college programs with the objective of retaining those programs consistent with the College's new mission and academic programs, and working with TCSG to transfer those programs to the technical college system that are less consistent with that new mission. The board noted that the college

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New Presidents Named for Columbus State, Valdosta State; CCG has Interim President

Four University System of Georgia (USG) presidents will retire at the end of June, keeping the Board of Regents busy as a result with tasks related to the presidential search process for these campuses.

At its June meeting, the board announced the appointments of new presidents for **Columbus State University** (CSU) and **Valdosta State University** (VSU).

Columbus State University

Dr. Timothy S. Mescon, dean of the Michael J. Coles College of Business at **Kennesaw State University** since 1990, and the college's Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar, was named as the fourth president of CSU. Mescon, who is expected to assume his new post in August, replaces **Dr. Frank Brown** who retires on June 30 after 20 years as president of Columbus State.



Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. (second from left) recognized the four USG presidents retiring on June 30 at the June meeting of the Board of Regents. Pictured left to right are presidents Ronald Zaccari (leaving Valdosta State University after six years), Dorothy Lord (leaving the College of Coastal Georgia after 17 years) and Carl Patton (leaving Georgia State University after 16 years). Not present for this photo: President Frank Brown (leaving Columbus State University after 20 years).

Under Mescon's guidance, the Coles College of Business, with the support of the Board of Regents, created Kennesaw State's first three Eminent Scholar Chairs. The Coles College enrolls close to 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students and operates Georgia's largest executive MBA program. The 2008 edition of *Princeton Review* named the Coles College one of the best

business schools in the nation. The executive MBA program, among the largest in the United States, was ranked third in the nation in *eBusiness* and 10th in teamwork by *Business Week*. The Cox Family Enterprise Program was named among the Top 5 in the nation by *Fortune Small Business*.

Mescon was the inaugural dean of the Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University, in Salisbury, Md., and has served on the faculties of Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, and the University of Miami.

Valdosta State University

Dr. Patrick J. Schloss, president of Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, was named as the eighth president of VSU. Schloss is expected to assume his new post in July. He replaces **Dr. Ronald Zaccari**, who retires on June 30 after six years as president.

During his tenure as president of Northern State University, Schloss initiated a strategic planning process titled the "Margin of Excellence." The plan focused on three institutional priorities including recruitment, retention, and faculty scholarship. Over the first four years of the program, headcount enrollment increased 12 percent.

Other "Margin of Excellence" accomplishments included a four percent increase in student retention, substantial growth in support for faculty scholarship, and creation of a budget process linking institutional objectives to campus resources. The latter achievement was cited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) as being "worthy of emulation" by similar institutions. *U.S.*



Mescon



Schloss



Hepburn

News & World Report recently ranked Northern State as second among public undergraduate institutions in the Midwest.

Prior to arriving at Northern, Schloss served Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in several capacities, including acting president, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and assistant vice president and dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

Other Searches Under Way

Meanwhile, USG Chief Operating Officer **Robert Watts** recently announced the appointment of **Dr. Valerie A. Hepburn**, currently assistant dean of the **University of Georgia's** College of Public Health, as interim president of the **College of Coastal Georgia** (CCG), effective July 1. The announcement came as CCG President **Dorothy L. Lord** prepares to retire on June 30 after 17 years of service.

Searches have yet to conclude for the presidencies of **Georgia State University** (GSU), where President **Carl V. Patton**, will retire on June 30 after 16 years of service to the institution, and **Middle Georgia College**, where **Dr. Richard J. Federinko** resigned from the presidency effective Dec. 31, 2007.

In addition, a search soon will be launched for the presidency of **Georgia Tech**, where **Dr. G. Wayne Clough** steps down on June 30 to become the 12th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, D.C. **Dr. Gary Schuster**, who currently serves as Tech's provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, will serve as the institution's interim president, effective July 1. 🏠

Pilot Admissions Policy for USG's Two-Year Colleges Extended

State Colleges May Resume Requiring SAT/ACT for Baccalaureate Students

The Board of Regents voted in June to extend by three years a pilot admissions policy that, when first implemented in fall 2005, removed standardized tests as a criteria for admission to the University System of Georgia's (USG's) two-year and state colleges. With this board action, however, the USG's state colleges now have the option to resume requiring SAT/ACT scores for applicants seeking four-year baccalaureate degrees.

"We need more time to evaluate the true effects of relying solely on students' high-school grade point averages as a predictor of their performance in college," said USG Chief Operating Officer **Rob Watts**, to whom the affected institutions report. "The intent of this pilot was to make the two-year and state colleges more accessible to students, but we have to balance that desire with the need to ensure that entering

students are academically well prepared to succeed in college."

According to Watts, the regents' decision to reinstate the SAT/ACT requirement for baccalaureate-degree-seeking students at the state colleges is aimed at encouraging applicants to choose more academically rigorous courses in high school in order to prepare to meet the admissions standards. He added that an evaluation of the effects of the pilot policy to date indicated that more students have been enrolling in learning support courses in the last few years, which may be attributable to the pilot admissions policy. "So far, the pilot policy does not appear to have significantly improved either the numbers or percentage of high-school students going on to college," Watts said.

The pilot policy initially approved by the regents in 2005 requires a high-school diploma or General Education Diploma

(GED) of all students; a minimum 2.0 grade-point average for students who graduate from a high school college-prep curriculum; and a minimum 2.2 grade-point average for those who graduate from a technical curriculum. Completion of the 16-unit college-preparatory curriculum or the 13-unit technical-preparatory curriculum is required for students in programs leading to a baccalaureate degree.

With this board action extending the pilot over the next three years, the USG's state colleges – *Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, College of Coastal Georgia, Dalton State College, Gainesville State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gordon College, Macon State College* and *Middle Georgia College* – have the discretion to consider SAT/ACT scores in the admissions process for baccalaureate-seeking applicants, beginning in fall 2009. 🏡

USG Reports \$840.6 Million in Extramural Income from Grants and Contracts in FY07

The University System of Georgia's (USG) income from extramural funding continued to increase during Fiscal Year 2007. University System institutions reported a total of \$840,620,228 in funds received through grants and contracts for research, instruction and public service for FY2007.

The numbers, released in a recent report to the Board of Regents, represent a 1.1 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2006. The total represents a dollar increase of \$9,576,768 over the amount reported for the previous fiscal year.

"The University System of Georgia's colleges and universities continue to attract significant support in the form of extramural dollars from both federal agencies and the private sector," said **Dr. Susan Herbst**, the USG's chief academic officer and executive vice chancellor. "Our research programs in particular have received national attention and financial support, as this report on extramural funding demonstrates."

Of the \$840.6 million, \$656,894,788 was for research, \$96,221,228 was for public service and \$87,503,478 was for instruction. Federal funds made up

the greatest portion of the funding for System research income, with 59 percent coming from the federal sector. The state of Georgia was the source of 11 percent of the System's extramural funding and the non-profit sector accounted for 6 percent of the total. Business and industry provided 12 percent of the funds and other sources combined for the remaining 12 percent.

"Increasing the University System's competitiveness for federal research funds is part of our State-

gic Plan, but federal funding for research has not grown significantly over the last few years, so this is a major challenge," said **Dr. Cathie Hudson**, the USG's vice chancellor for research and policy analysis. "It is a coup to be able to report an increase of any kind in the current economic climate."

The report also details extramural income from sales of intellectual property at the five senior institutions in the University System. The FY2007 total income from entrepreneurial activities such as inventions, software, copyrights and trademarks was \$14,476,630. 🏡

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should make a priority in the evaluation of its technical programs the need to continue to offer technical programs important to regional economic development and to retain valuable faculty and staff members who provide these programs.

The timeline for implementation of these changes is for adoption during fiscal year 2009 of the mission and name change, along with completion of needed academic and facility planning. The first bachelor degree programs will be offered in fiscal year 2010.

In April the regents accepted the recommendations put forward in a needs assessment conducted for the Board that confirmed similar studies going back to 1982 indicating that southeast coastal Georgia is under-served with respect to access to baccalaureate degree programs. That acceptance paved the way for the board's approval today of more specific recommendations. 🏡

Economic Impact

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responsible for 106,267 full- and part-time jobs – 2.6 percent of all the jobs in the state or about one job in 39. Approximately 42 percent of these positions are on-campus jobs and 58 percent are positions in the private or public sectors that exist because of the presence in the community of USG institutions.

“All 35 of the University System’s institutions are economic engines in their communities and the state,” said study author **Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys**, director of economic forecasting for the Selig Center. “The benefits they provide permeate both the private and public sectors of the communities that host the campuses. For each job created on a campus, there are 1.4 jobs that exist off-campus because of spending related to the college or university. These economic impacts demonstrate that continued emphasis on colleges and universities as a pillar of the state’s economy translates into jobs, higher incomes and greater production of goods and services for local households and businesses.”

Humphreys’ report quantifies the economic benefits that the University System of Georgia’s institutions convey to the communities in which they are located. He determined that \$7.3 billion (66 percent) of the \$11 billion in total economic impact was due to initial spending by USG institutions for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expenditures, as well as spending by the students who attended the institutions in FY2007. Re-spending – the multiplier effect of those dollars as they are spent again in the region – accounted for another \$3.8 billion (34 percent). Researchers found that, on average, for every dollar of initial spending in a community by a University System institution, an additional 52 cents was generated for the local economy hosting a college or university.

The Selig Center’s research has its limitations – it neither quantifies the many long-term

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benefits that a higher-education institution imparts to its host community’s economic development nor does it measure intangible benefits, such as cultural opportunities, intellectual stimulation and volunteer work, to local residents. Spending by USG retirees who still live in the host communities and by visitors to USG institutions (such as those attending conferences or athletic events) is not measured, nor are additional sources of income for USG employees, such as consulting work, personal business activities and inheritances.

“Another important aspect of this study is that we have very detailed data across institutions that can be used for a wide range of planning purposes by the Board of Regents and other state and local agencies, as well as the private sector,” said Humphreys.

For example the study shows that the System’s two regional universities are significant economic players in their host communities. **Georgia Southern University** had a \$470 million impact on the local economy and an employment impact of 5,238 jobs, while **Valdosta State University’s** economic impact was \$302 million with 3,100 jobs.

In north Georgia, the combined economic impact of **North Georgia College & State University** and **Gainesville State College** was \$298 million with an employment impact of 3,000 jobs.

Seven institutions in the metro Atlanta area – **Georgia Institute of Technology**, **Georgia State University**, **Clayton State University**, **Kennesaw State University**, **Southern Polytechnic State University**, **Atlanta Metropolitan College** and **Georgia Perimeter College** – accounted for almost \$4.5 billion of the University System’s \$11 billion total, and 40,700 jobs.

The University System’s largest institution – the **University of Georgia** (UGA) with 33,405 students – has the single greatest economic impact: close to \$2.1 billion on the Athens-area economy, or 19 percent of the System’s total statewide economic impact. Humphreys noted that, due to changes in the way the University of Georgia accounts for and reports HOPE Scholarship funds and Stafford loan funds, the expenditures and impact of this institution are not comparable to previously published estimates.

The Augusta area receives a significant economic benefit from the presence of the **Medical College of Georgia** (MCG) and **Augusta State University**. Together, these two institutions have a \$1.1 billion economic impact on the Augusta economy and produce 11,000 jobs. However, MCG’s economic impact does not include spending by the hospital and clinics operated by MCG Health, Inc., which became a non-profit corporation in 2000. The expenditures and impact of this institution are not comparable to impact data gathered before FY2004.

The economic impact of two USG institutions in the Savannah area is significant. Together, **Armstrong Atlantic State University** and **Savannah State University** pumped \$317 million into the Savannah economy and the two institutions produce more than 3,100 jobs.

“This Economic Impact Report continues to be an invaluable study,” said **Terry Durden**, interim assistant vice chancellor of the University System’s Office of Economic Development. “It conclusively demonstrates that – beyond all the benefits colleges and universities offer communities through a more educated society, cultural opportunities and other activities – our campuses have an ongoing and powerful economic impact on communities large and small. 🏡

To download the Selig Center’s FY2007 report, go to http://www.icapp.org/pubs/usg_impact_fy2007.pdf

USG wins Multiple Awards in State Charitable Contributions Campaign

The University System of Georgia (USG) led the field at a recent awards ceremony honoring the state agencies that made the most notable contributions to the success of the 2007-2008 State Charitable Contributions Program (SCCP). The USG contributed \$1.3 million of the \$2.7 million contributed by all state employees to designated charities during the campaign.

"I am very proud of the impact that we are having on the communities in which we are privileged to live and work – not only through economic development, technology spin-off and community service, but also through our generous giving," said Chancellor **Erroll B. Davis Jr.**

Offices, institutes and institutions within the University System collected four of five Governor's Cup awards given out by state officials. The Governor's Cup honor is awarded based on a performance formula that calculates the highest contribution per employee.

Agencies with 9001 or more employees – the **University of Georgia**, which collected \$430,600 from 24 percent of its employees;

Agencies with 1001-9000 employees – **Georgia Tech**, which collected nearly \$300,000 from 28 percent of its employees;

Agencies with 101-500 Employees – **Board of Regents** (the University System Office), which collected \$77,800 from 77 percent of its employees;

Agencies with 1-100 Employees – the **Skidaway Institute of Oceanography**, which collected \$11,500 from 68.5 percent of its employees;

In addition, **Georgia State University** took home a Commissioner's Award as a runner-up in the Governor's Cup competition for agencies with 1001-9000 employees (\$137,400).

Two University System institutions also won Governor's Awards. The award for the "Largest Increase in Contributions" to the SCCP among USG campuses went to **Georgia Tech**, which saw an increase of more than \$88,000, or

42 percent, in its contributions since the 2006-2007 SCCP campaign. And, for the second time in recent years, the award for the "Highest level of Employee Participation" in the campaign among the USG's campuses went to **Atlanta Metropolitan College** – 69 percent of approximately 175 employees donated to the charities of their choice through the SCCP.

Each of these institutions has been honored in the past for their performance in the SCCP, some several times.

The State Charitable Contributions Program provides state employees with a conve-

nient way to annually help thousands of Georgia families and non-profit organizations. Employees may select from more than 1,200 charitable organizations to make contributions by payroll deductions or lump-sum payments. ■



Shown with the Governor's Cup Award won by the Board of Regents are (left to right): University System of Georgia Chief Operating Officer Rob Watts; Steve Stevenson, commissioner of the State Personnel Administration, which administers the SCCP Awards; Nancy Reeves, Pat Wright and Rosalind Barnes Fowler, who served on the University System Office SCCP Committee; Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, who gave the awards ceremony's keynote address; Tonya Kilpatrick (holding trophy), who led the participation of the University System Office in the SCCP; and University System Office SCCP Committee members Demetra Morgan and Juanita Earvin.

Regents Approve Plan for Payroll Consolidation

The governing body of the University System of Georgia (USG) in June approved a new "shared services" strategy that will provide administrators throughout the System's 35 public colleges and universities with a new model to handle key business operations.

The shared-services concept is a result of the Board of Regents strategic plan and is designed to unify and consolidate the System's separate and unconnected business functions throughout its colleges and universities. The concept supports the regents' strategic goal of having the USG operate more efficiently while providing greater risk management of the state's assets and dollars.

"The board's approval creates a framework that will maximize efficiency and effectiveness in a large and complex organization with more than 38,000 employ-

ees and an annual budget of \$6.1 billion," said interim vice chancellor for Fiscal Affairs **Usha Ramachandran**. "Our current model has us providing service to our customers through hundreds of separate and unconnected databases. That is not the model used by other large enterprises, nor is it the model our funding partners in the governor's office and the General Assembly expect us to continue to utilize in the 21st century."

The first phase of the shared services strategy is to consolidate payrolls across the institutions. System officials will accomplish this through a partnership with ADP, a national provider of transaction processing and information-based business solutions for payroll. ADP will provide the USG with a consolidated HR/Payroll system that will facilitate paperless processing of time sheets,

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USG Digest

■ Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) is one of the metro area's best places to work, according to *Atlanta* magazine's July 2008 survey of local employees. The list of metro's top 40 exceptional employers includes Georgia Perimeter — the only institution of higher learning — at number 18. According to Rebecca Burns, editor-in-chief of *Atlanta* magazine, each employer on the list is successful because they place a premium on employee well-being. "What is common across all these companies is attention to employee welfare and creating an environment where people feel invested in their jobs," Burns said. GPC President Anthony S. Tricoli said, "It is good to know our faculty and staff, who give their best to students every day, feel the college is also giving its best to them in return and have named GPC one of the best places to work."

■ On June 12, before a crowd of 300 interested Georgia State University (GSU) fans, ESPN football analyst and Georgia Sports Hall of Famer Bill Curry was introduced as the man who will start the school's football program. The former Georgia Tech player and coach agreed to a five-year contract with the Panthers, who will begin playing football in 2010. "From the moment we first spoke with Bill about Georgia State, you could see and feel how genuinely excited he was about the challenge," GSU Athletics Director Mary McElroy said. "And make no mistake, it is quite a challenge to start a program from scratch. But we know we have the person who will do everything the right way while building a rock-solid foundation for Georgia State football." Curry, 65, played in the NFL from 1965-74 with the Green Bay Packers, Houston Oilers, Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams. He spent 17 years as a head coach in college, starting with Georgia Tech from 1980-86, where his record was 31-43-4. Curry was 26-10 during his three-year stint at Alabama (1987-89). He shared the SEC championship in 1989 and was named National Coach of the Year. He moved to Kentucky from 1990-96, where his teams went 26-52. He has spent the past 11 years as an analyst for ESPN.

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USG Students Secure Prestigious Numerous National Scholarships

The end of the academic year always brings news of the awardal of prestigious student scholarships, fellowships and other honors, and 2008 is no exception — University System of Georgia students have landed a number of awards exclusive to the nation's top student scholars.

University of Georgia Recipients

The *University of Georgia* (UGA) had two students named 2008 Rhodes Scholars, one student a Truman Scholar and another student a Goldwater Scholar. Only five other schools — all private institutions, including Columbia University, Stanford and Yale — have at least one Rhodes, Truman and Goldwater recipient this year.

As Rhodes Scholars, UGA Foundation Fellows **Deep Shah** and **Kate Vyborny** will attend Oxford University, England's oldest and world-renowned institution of higher education.

The Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest and best known award for international study. Only 32 American men and women are chosen each year to receive this honor. Prior to this year, UGA has had a total of 19 Rhodes Scholars—with four of those named since 1996.

UGA's fifth recipient of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship in the past six years and the 15th UGA recipient since 1982 is Honors student **Christina Faust**. This scholarship recognizes the nation's most outstanding juniors who are preparing for public service careers.

Faust also was named a 2008 Morris K. Udall Scholar. This national award honors outstanding sophomores and juniors planning careers related to environmental or Native American policy. Faust was one of 80 Udall Scholars chosen from among 510 applicants this year and the third UGA student to receive the scholarship in recent years.

UGA's 2008 Barry M. Goldwater Scholar, **Vanessa del Valle**, brings the total of UGA recipients for this prestigious national award for sophomores and juniors who excel in mathematics, engineering and the natural sciences to 33 since 1995. UGA students have been named Goldwater Scholars every year since 2001. In addition, this year, two other UGA Honors students, **Tyler Kelly** and **Tulsi Patel**, were among the country's 157 recipients of Goldwater Honorable Mentions.

Another UGA Honors student, **Edmond Fomunung**, was selected to receive a Merage Foundation American Dream Fellowship, a two-year \$20,000 scholarship for academically outstanding undergradu-

ates who are immigrants to the United States. Fomunung was one of 12 students nationwide and the third from UGA to have been chosen for this honor.

JoAnn Anderson, who is majoring in newspaper journalism and psychology at UGA, was awarded a prestigious Robert L. Bartley Fellowship to become a paid intern at the *Wall Street Journal* this summer, along with six other students from Yale, University of Notre Dame, Dartmouth, Columbia, Harvard and the University of Chicago. She is the only female intern.

UGA doctoral student **Todd R. Kelley** received the Maley Technology Teacher Scholarship, the only graduate scholarship presented by the International Technology Education Association. Kelley is a graduate fellow in the National Center for Engineering and Technology Education (NCETE), one of 17 centers funded by the National Science Foundation that focuses on teaching and learning.

Another UGA graduate student, **Laura Tilghman**, was awarded the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship, given annually to graduate students in science and engineering who demonstrate the potential to make significant contributions and innovations in research and teaching. Tilghman's fellowship is one of only 16 nationwide granted in the field of cultural anthropology.

Caree Jackson was one of 16 scholars nationwide chosen to participate in the Kellogg Health Scholars Program, an enhanced post-doctoral program that seeks to develop new leadership in the effort to reduce and eliminate health disparities. Jackson, a Ph.D. candidate in foods and nutrition at UGA, will receive about \$60,000 to pursue her nutrition research targeting lower-income African-American elementary school students over the next two years.

Georgia Tech Recipients

A *Georgia Tech* student, **Adam Tart**, was one of more than 300 applicants to be awarded the George J. Mitchell Scholarship, given annually to 12 Americans under the age of 30 to pursue a year of post-graduate study at any university in Ireland.

In addition, Georgia Tech biomedical engineering major **Inn Inn Chen** was named a Marshall Scholar. The Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom.

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and benefits enrollment for employees. Planning and development of the new system gets underway in July 2008, and ADP officials project the new system will be in operation by July 2009.

Shortly after the inception of the shared-services concept, a shared-services implementation team was created that includes chief business officers from several institutions: **David Heflin** (*Clayton State University*), **Natalie Higley** (*Bainbridge College*), **Randy Hinds** (*Kennesaw State University*), **Edward Jolley** (*Savannah State University*), **Cody King** (*Georgia Southwestern State University*), **Frank McConnell**

(*North Georgia College & State University*), **Jerry Rackliffe** (*Georgia State University*), and **Levy Youmans** (*Macon State College*). As shared services is implemented, the team will be supported by staff from the institutions.

The key advantages of a Shared Services Center include: the achievement of economies of scale; the identification and elimination of redundant activities; the ability to incorporate best practices quickly; superior customer service; and an improved work environment and career ladder for administrative support employees.

Visit the Shared Services website: <http://www.usg.edu/sharedservices/> 

National Scholarships

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Also, Georgia Tech's **Andrew Marin**, a chemical engineering student, was named a Gates Cambridge Scholar. These scholars are selected on the basis of intellectual abilities, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others. Georgia Tech also had Gates Cambridge Scholarship recipients in 2007, 2005 and 2002.

And finally, Georgia Tech's **Jessica Heier**, an industrial and systems engineering student, was one of 14 young engineers featured in USA Today. Each year, the National Engineers Week Foundation, a coalition of engineering societies, major corporations and government agencies, asks its members to nominate colleagues 30 years old and younger who have shown outstanding abilities and leadership. Heier was nominated for her work in humanitari-

an relief logistics to be part of a feature in USA Today on "the New Faces of Engineering."

Medical College of Georgia Recipient

Medical College of Georgia student **Nihal Eisa** received the Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship from the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research, a non-profit organization that promotes research and education in perioperative, critical care and pain medicine.

The fellowship, given to only 50 medical students nationwide, will allow Ms. Eisa to work in MCG's anesthesiology lab with **Dr. Steffen E. Meiler**, vice chair of research for the MCG Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, for eight to 12 weeks this summer and to make a presentation at the American Society of Anesthesiologists annual meeting in October. 

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