

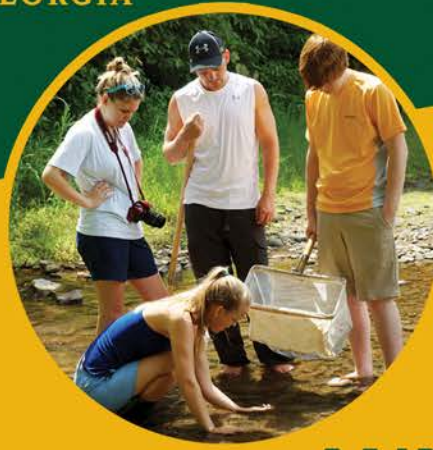
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STATE COLLEGE™

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA



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SWAINSBORO

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AUGUSTA



Historical Milestones

1971

Emanuel County citizens approve a \$2.1 million bond to underwrite the cost of a new college

207 acres of land is donated, 190 acres provided by Luck Flanders Gambrell, followed by Board of Regents approval for the campus site

1973

Emanuel County Junior College (ECJC) opens

1987

The College's name changes to East Georgia College (EGC)

1997

EGC Statesboro opens

2012

EGC becomes a state college



The name changes to East Georgia State College (EGSC)

The first baccalaureate degree program is offered Fall semester, the Bachelor of Science in Biology

2013

EGSC Augusta opens and classes begin Fall semester

EGSC Statesboro begins offering the Associate in Arts degree





Introduction

East Georgia
STATE COLLEGE™

Bold. Attuned. Ambitious.

Within these pages, we offer a glimpse of East Georgia State College, a dynamically evolving access institution focused on improving lives.

The level of success demonstrated throughout this report is a convergence of some of the best students, faculty, and staff in higher education. Collectively, it represents the fulfillment of working together to accomplish goals that are bold, attuned and ambitious.

They are bold in that they recognize human potential and the desire to thrive, regardless of age, ethnicity, disability, or life circumstances.

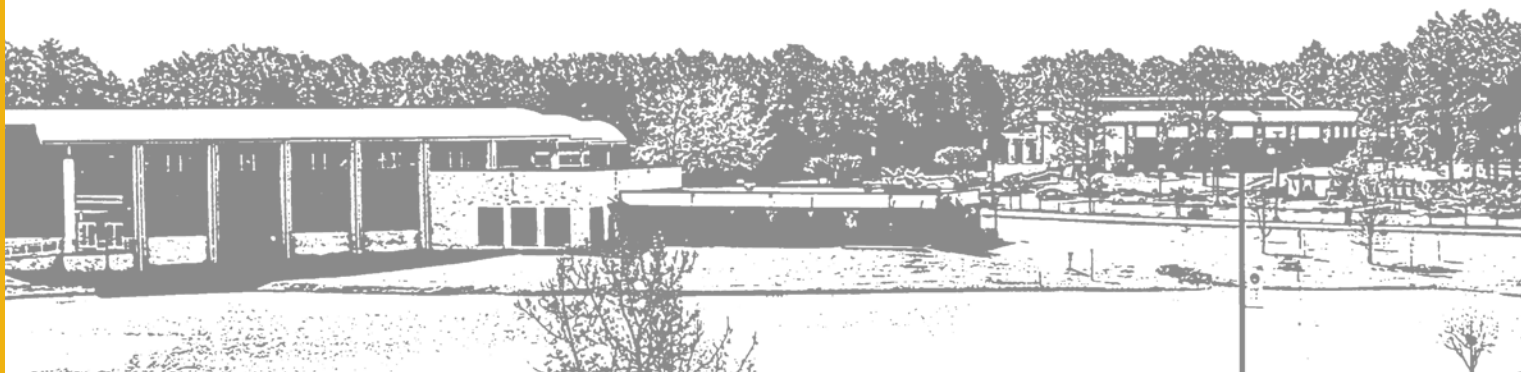
They are attuned in that they recognize our heritage and the diverse individual needs of those we educate — as an access institution deeply entrenched in community, as a place where students are central, and as a place that inspires leadership and service.

They are ambitious in that they suggest unlimited growth and promise for everyone involved. We now have three campuses providing access to a college degree and are graduating leaders who are contributing to Georgia's economy.

These are extraordinary times at East Georgia State College, and we are changing lives, one student at a time. As we continue to extend access to a college degree and the many opportunities it beholds, your support is more critical than ever. It is an investment for our future.

Thank you for believing in the transformational power of education. At East Georgia State College, it's a *Path to Possibilities*.





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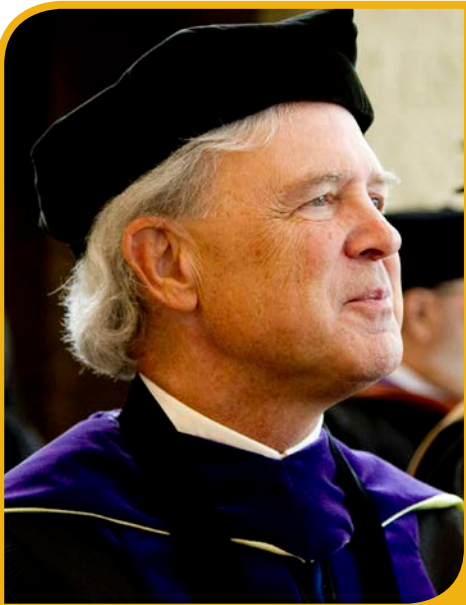
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Robert G. Boehmer, J.D.
President
East Georgia State College

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve as president and steward of the treasure that is known as East Georgia State College. Our students continually inspire me, as well as the devoted faculty and staff who are committed to our strategic goals of college completion, service, and economic growth.

This special place exists to provide access to a high-quality, affordable college education so that our graduates will commit to a life of learning and, in turn, live fulfilling lives and contribute to the economic and social vitality of the region.

Students earning a degree from East Georgia State College have the advantage of studying at a strong institution now in its 40th year of producing graduates to serve this region. A sound foundation has been built to make this educational experience possible, the cornerstone of which is the supportive relationship between the College and community.

Through a new partnership with Georgia Regents University in Augusta, the College has an enormous opportunity to use its expertise and experience to meet the access needs of the Augusta area. We are fully committed to assuring that we meet that need and greatly appreciate the foresight and collegiality of Georgia Regents University.

Experience gained from 1997 through the present from our partnership with Georgia Southern University in Statesboro has proven valuable to the implementation of this program. We also deeply appreciate our special relationship with Georgia Southern University.

Both of these collaborations will move the College forward in meeting our goals of retaining and graduating more students. We believe these collaborations will also move our partner institutions towards that same end.

As we work toward those goals, we will never forget the importance of the individual student. The history and culture of the College demonstrate the high value placed on the relationship between professor and student and upon the education of each student as an individual. We cannot and will not lose that focus.

On behalf of all those empowered by your support, thank you. I encourage you to visit any of our three campuses soon and witness first-hand the wonderful growth we are experiencing as a state college.

Sincerely,

HELPING MORE GEORGIANS EARN DEGREES

Mission

East Georgia

STATE COLLEGE™ is an associate degree-granting, liberal arts institution of the University System of Georgia, providing its students access to both academically transferable programs of study and collaborative programs in occupation-related fields.

The College also offers targeted baccalaureate level degrees that support the University System's initiative to expand educational opportunities.

The College prepares traditional and nontraditional students for success in the global 21st century through a technologically advanced teaching and learning environment that fosters personal growth by utilizing an expanding range of resources and amenities, including an on-campus student residential option.

The College also continuously engages the communities it serves through public service and cultural enrichment.



CAMPUS PLAN FOR **COMPLETE COLLEGE GEORGIA** INITIATIVE STRIVES TO INCREASE COLLEGE GRADUATION RATES IN GEORGIA

Our Goals...

- Expand school partnership programs
- Increase Jump Start Academy participation
- Restructure learning support delivery to facilitate early exit
- Provide supplemental instruction and support for key gateway courses
- Expand residence hall learning/living communities
- Incorporate emerging technology to enhance delivery of face-to-face and online courses
- Facilitate improved student decision-making through critical thinking (Quality Enhancement) plan
- Deepen student engagement through expanded service opportunities and a Service Seal of Distinction
- Provide Associate of Arts degree to EGSC Statesboro students
- Expand educational opportunities for military and reverse-transfer students
- Develop and implement a refined early warning system that provides tutoring and advisement assistance to students at the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)
- Add additional programs of study to inspire student interest and meet workforce needs
- Enhance collaborative relationships with other higher education institutions, particularly sister institutions in the University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia

BOARD OF REGENTS RECOGNITION

PAUL CERPOVICZ RECEIVES REGENTS' TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Paul Cerpovicz, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry at EGSC, is the recipient of the 2013 Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for faculty in two-year and state colleges.

The Regents' Teaching Excellence Award is the highest honor for faculty at Georgia's public colleges and universities. The program was established in 1996 by the Board of Regents to recognize the excellence of Georgia's public college and university faculties and solicits nominations from 31 University System of Georgia institutions for 12 faculty/department awards annually.

Cerpovicz received his BS in Biology in 1986 from Westfield State College in Massachusetts, and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Kansas State University in 1991. He has been teaching since 1995, and in 2002 joined the faculty at East Georgia State College.

He has primarily taught general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, integrated science, and science in society, and mentored students in undergraduate research related to applied chemistry. In addition, he has been actively involved in community science outreach activities with elementary, middle, and high school students.

Tim Goodman, vice president for academic affairs at EGSC, commented, "Dr. Cerpovicz has an enthusiasm for chemistry, education, and quality instruction that is contagious. We see it in his students and in the faculty with whom he interacts.



It is apparent on his student evaluations and in his reputation with faculty. Students in his classes talk about how he cares about them and their issues and how he takes time with them. They talk about the experiences they gain from his classes and how those experiences will be valuable later on in their academic career."

RICHARD MCNEELY HONORED WITH REGENTS' DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Richard M. McNeely, Emanuel County attorney and State Court Judge, is the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award presented by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Mr. McNeely was honored at the Regents "Salute To Education" dinner in Atlanta on March 23, 2013. The distinction is designated to an alumnus who has gone above and beyond in their collegiate support. McNeely was nominated by his alma mater, East Georgia State College.

McNeely is a 1981 graduate of EGSC, known then as Emanuel County Junior College, a 1983 cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia and a 1986 graduate of the Lumpkin School of Law at UGA.

Since returning to Emanuel County in 1986, McNeely has been an active supporter of EGSC and an active member of the Swainsboro/Emanuel County community. Richard's life has centered on service to his faith, his family, his profession, and his community. The following is an excerpt from the nomination letter sent by EGSC to the Board of Regents—"Richard is as proud of his community and association with EGSC as we are proud to call him a graduate. He says that his story would have been very different if he had not had the strong foundational start he received at Emanuel County Junior



College. At EGSC, we know our story would be very different without Richard McNeely and it is an honor to nominate him for the Regents' Distinguished Alumni Award." Richard and his wife, Renae, have two children, Rachel (Beau) Gunn, a teacher at Swainsboro High School, and Rick, a student at the University of Georgia.



New Opportunities with EGSC's First Four Year Degree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Fall 2013 brought another first for East Georgia State College (EGSC) with the start of its inaugural four-year degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Biology. The College selected its first baccalaureate degree program in response to the growing need for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) trained workforce.

Students in the program are becoming well-grounded in mathematics, science, technology, and a common core of biology topics. A broad spectrum of study is emphasized, from the molecular level to the whole organism, including an understanding of genetics, development, evolution, and interaction within a dynamic environment.

The Department of Biology, led by Jim Wedincamp (pictured above), associate professor of biology, has an outstanding and highly credentialed faculty. Wedincamp received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in Medical Entomology. He has authored numerous scientific articles, served as a Master Consultant and Captain at the United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and previously served as Chairman of the Mathematics/Science Division at EGSC.



EGSC's biology program is a smart choice. In addition to the much lower tuition and fees, students have a greater opportunity to excel in EGSC's smaller, personalized setting. Additionally, research projects and internships are preparing students for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, medically-related research, graduate and professional studies, or the business and industry workforce.

ROBERT G. BOEHMER BECOMES FIFTH PRESIDENT



EGSC welcomed its fifth president on November 13, 2012 with the appointment of Robert G. Boehmer by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Boehmer has served as interim president since November 2011.

"I am delighted that Bob has made such a tremendous impression at East Georgia State College," said Huckaby. "The Board of Regents' decision to change his title from interim to permanent president is the right course and reflects on his solid performance over the past months. The College is ready to move forward under his leadership as the permanent president."

"I am honored by the trust placed in me by the Chancellor, the Board of Regents and the East Georgia State College community. I look forward to our continued growth and advancement, particularly as we expand our access mission and attain our goal of creating a more educated Georgia," said President Boehmer.

Prior to being named interim president at East Georgia State College, Boehmer served as associate provost for academic planning at University of Georgia (UGA), beginning in 2010. He also served as UGA's liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and as a trustee and member of the executive committee of SACSCOC.

Boehmer joined the faculty of UGA's Terry College of Business in 1989 and was promoted to full professor of legal studies in 2004. He was appointed as UGA's associate provost for institutional effectiveness in 2001. His role was expanded to include oversight of UGA's extended campuses in 2007.

Boehmer holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from the University of Oregon School of Law, earned in 1977. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) degree from the University of Oregon School of Business Administration in 1974. Before becoming a faculty member at UGA, he practiced law in Oregon for more than ten years and was a partner in an Oregon law firm.

Boehmer has served as chair of the Regents Advisory Committee on Effectiveness and Accreditation, which advises the regents on institutional effectiveness and regional accreditation, including quality enhancement, student learning outcomes, comprehensive program review, assessment practices, continuous improvement, accreditation compliance, and public accountability.

Boehmer has received numerous awards for teaching excellence including the Richard Russell Teaching Award from UGA, the Teacher of the Year and the MBA Teacher of the Year awards from the Terry College of Business, the Hatten Howard Award from the University's Honors Program and selection as a Lilly Teaching Fellow.

Boehmer and his wife, Joyce, have two adult daughters, Megan and Beth, who live in Oregon.



STATE LEGISLATORS MAINTAIN VITAL SUPPORT FOR EGSC

State officials have shown their utmost support since the College's founding in 1973, and members of the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives remain an integral part of EGSC's success today.

During a visit to the Swainsboro campus, state legislators witnessed EGSC's efforts to increase student success. They also talked to students about recent changes that have strengthened EGSC's learning environment. Students affirmed the importance of support services, especially tutoring and advisement, to aid in their quest to complete a college degree.

Legislators toured the Learning Commons, classrooms, labs, and Bobcat Villas, EGSC's on-campus student apartments. Before departing, the group enjoyed lunch in the Heritage Center catered by the Campus Café.



Pictured left to right: EGSC President Bob Boehmer; Representative Butch Parrish; EGSC students, Michael Henry and Taylor Johnson; Library Assistant Tia Morris; Representative Jan Tankersley; EGSC student Ashley Matherne (seated); Senator Jesse Stone; and Senator Jack Hill.

Top photo left to right: President Boehmer, Representative Parrish, Senator Stone, and Biology Department Chair Jim Wedincamp

EXPANDING ACCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH GEORGIA REGENTS UNIVERSITY

East Georgia State College (EGSC) has extended its mission to Augusta and students can now take classes at Georgia Regents University (GRU) following approval of a cooperative academic program by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The program enrolled its first students in Fall 2013.

EGSC students take classes on GRU's Summerville campus, and following the completion of 30 credit hours in the program, those with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher can opt to transfer into a bachelor's degree program at GRU.

"We're excited to partner with Georgia Regents University in Augusta to further East Georgia State College's mission of access," said EGSC President Robert G. Boehmer. "Furthermore, we're working together to promote the statewide Complete College Georgia goals, including providing students with a convenient and affordable access point and an opportunity to earn an associate's degree while simultaneously preparing for transfer into a bachelor's degree program."

According to the agreement, GRU will offer academic and administrative space to accommodate an average of 30 classes per semester for students enrolled in the program. Students will pay EGSC tuition and fees, which include GRU's mandatory and elective fees for amenities such as the University Wellness Center on campus, computer labs, campus meal plans, intramural sports, and more.

"Our mission at GRU is to provide leadership and excellence as a student-centered comprehensive research university with a wide range of programs from learning assistance through postdoctoral studies. The East Georgia



Georgia Regents University President Ricardo Azziz and East Georgia State College President Bob Boehmer sign agreement for partnership.

partnership reflects that mission, and it's a win for both schools," said GRU President Ricardo Azziz.

Advantages include affordability, increase access to student services, smaller class sizes, a student-focused learning environment, experienced faculty and staff, and individualized tutoring and advisement in EGSC's Academic Center for Excellence.

"Our hope is for EGSC to eventually offer an associate's degree in Augusta," added Boehmer. "We want to build on the success of the EGSC model in Statesboro with Georgia Southern University and offer expanded opportunities for our students, and for the GRU community." East Georgia State College has forty years of experience providing access to post-secondary education.

EDGENS NAMED DIRECTOR OF EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE AUGUSTA

Jeff Edgens, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science at East Georgia State College Statesboro, has been named director of East Georgia State College Augusta.

"Edgens brings a considerable background of educational service and leadership to the role," said President Bob Boehmer. "He has served in administrative and community outreach roles at extension campuses in Michigan, Kentucky, and Georgia."

"I am confident that Edgens will serve our student population in Augusta well," said Georgia Regents University (GRU) Provost Gretchen Caughman. "As we work to promote the statewide Complete College Georgia goals through a continued commitment to access for Augusta areas students, Edgen's administrative experience with East Georgia State College will be a valuable asset for our university and for our community."

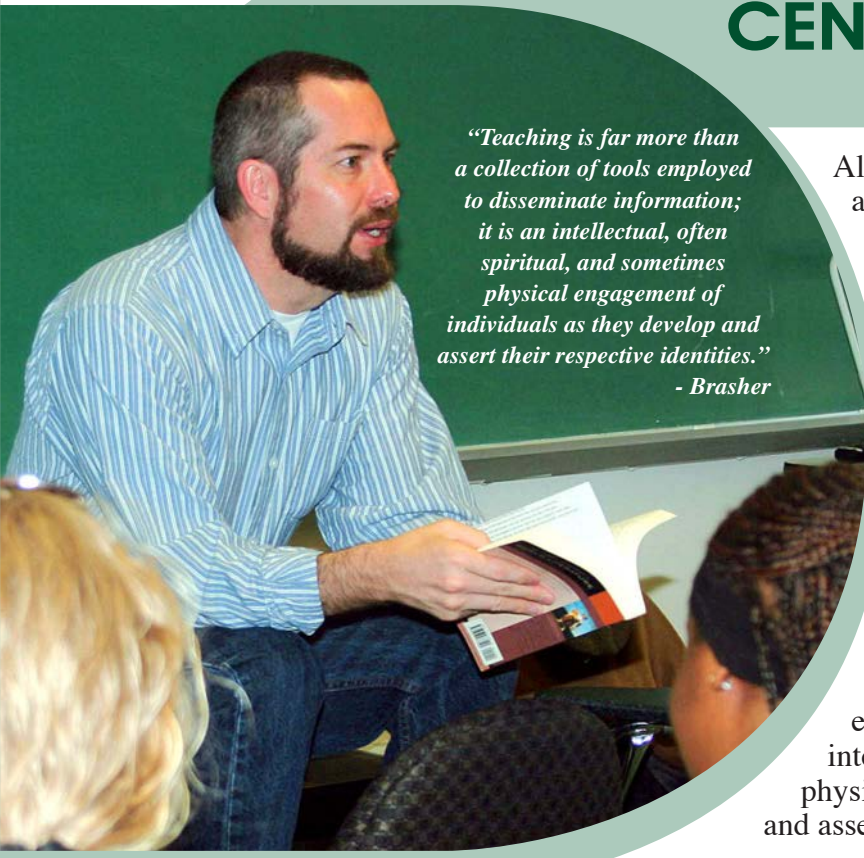
"We expect rapid future growth at East Georgia State College Augusta, with more degree and certificate options, as well as flexible scheduling and course delivery," said Edgens. "Community outreach is very important to us and soon we will implement an advisory board composed of business and political leaders, alumni, students, and representatives from GRU to provide input on new academic programs in Augusta, fostering economic development."

"East Georgia State College is excited for the opportunity to play a role in the continued growth and vitality of the Augusta region," said Boehmer. "The experience gained from the many years of providing access to higher education in Swainsboro and Statesboro make this collaboration with Georgia Regents University an excellent way to meet a critical regional need."

A native Georgian and former elected city councilman, Edgens earned a doctorate degree from Michigan State University, a master's degree from the University of West Florida, Pensacola, and a bachelor's degree from Presbyterian College.



Supporting Faculty Excellence in the CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING



“Teaching is far more than a collection of tools employed to disseminate information; it is an intellectual, often spiritual, and sometimes physical engagement of individuals as they develop and assert their respective identities.”
- Brasher

Alan Brasher, Ph.D., associate professor of English at East Georgia State College, has been named director of the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). The CTL opened Fall 2012 as a by-the-faculty, for-the-faculty resource center.

According to Brasher, “The focus of the CTL will not be solely on instructional techniques and technologies, forces that drive many CTLs. Presentations and resources (books/articles/postings) will address trends in technique and technology, but our center will also pay close attention to the principles of mentoring and renewal.”

“Teaching is far more than a collection of tools employed to disseminate information; it is an intellectual, often spiritual, and sometimes physical engagement of individuals as they develop and assert their respective identities.”

In an effort to develop strong new teachers and renew mid-/late-career ones, Brasher will facilitate exploration of key issues facing faculty: the nature and efficacy of liberal education, the changing academy, the nature and value of educational initiatives, and the unique nature and culture of our institution. CTL programs will emphasize the development and expertise of EGSC faculty.

During its first semester, the CTL established guidelines for faculty mentoring, a yearly fellowship to support the scholarship of teaching and learning, instructional innovation presentations by East Georgia State College faculty, and faculty discussion groups.

student

SPOTLIGHT

HARINA KESETE



I chose to attend East Georgia State College because I was looking for a nurturing environment in which to pursue my higher education. So far EGSC has far exceeded my expectations. Although I grew up in Atlanta, my family is from the country of Eritrea in Africa. As a first generation American, my education is vitally important to me and to my family. So far at EGSC, I have developed better communication skills, expanded my knowledge base, and have been exposed to a whole new world of learning. The faculty and staff at East Georgia State are a dedicated and supportive group who are truly committed to helping students have successful futures. The students who attend EGSC are almost like a big family, which helps give the campus a “home away from home” feeling. I feel so grateful to have found such a positive atmosphere. I can’t wait to see what is in store for me here at East Georgia, and I know that this is the college experience I was meant to have.

2013 GCAA CHAMPIONS... EGSC BOBCATS



In just the fourth year as a program, the East Georgia State College Bobcats won the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) conference title, made their first trip to Kansas for the NJCAA national tournament, and got their first national tournament win over Coffeeyville Community College by a score of 79-47.

The Bobcats fell a little short of their dreams of a national title, but the team played well until the final buzzer sounded on their magical season. The 75-68 loss to Spartanburg Methodist College ended the Bobcats' season with a 31-3 overall record.

What is for certain is that GCAA Coach of the Year Neil Bailey and his EGSC Bobcats secured the first league championship and national tournament appearance in school history.



Neil Bailey



Tre' Hagood



D.J. Felder



Jordan Johnson

EGSC Bobcats receive GCAA honors



The 2012-2013 season was definitely one for the record books in several ways for the Bobcats. Jordan Johnson was named GCAA Player of the Year by averaging 19.2 points, three rebounds, 2.6 assists, and 1.7 steals per game while shooting over 50 percent behind the three point line for much of the season. He finishes his career as the team's most prolific player ever.

Tre' HaGood was named GCAA Defensive Player of the Year with his overall great play, giving him per game averages of 13.9 points, 6.6 rebounds, 7.4 assists, and 4.5 steals. He constantly brought intensity as the focal point of the Bobcats' pressure defense and ran the offense as well as can be expected.

D.J. Felder was named to the GCAA All-Conference Team by dominating down low throughout the season, averaging 14 points, 8.8 rebounds, 1.6 assists, one steal, and 1.5 blocks per game. He was the focal point down low for the Bobcats, giving them a scoring option in the post to free up the outside shooters.

Coach Neil Bailey was named GCAA Coach of the Year with his excellent work putting the Bobcats in the right position to win so often this year.

EGSC President Bob Boehmer, stated, "We are extremely proud of the honored players and Coach Bailey, along with the entire team and coaching staff. Their dedication and commitment both on and off the court have been outstanding and truly worthy of being called champions."

EGSC'S JOURNEY TO KANSAS...A STORY ALL IT'S OWN



Reprinted from The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson Kansas 3-23-13

Not everyone is meant to cut down the nets. Most times, a team's one shining moment is the journey itself. Maybe that's what made East Georgia State College journey to Hutchinson this week so special. The Bobcats, a program formed three years ago with no budget, no recruiting dollars and just a pair of scholarships to be shared among them, came here with no intention of wilting under the glare of the national spotlight. And they didn't. East Georgia showed pizzazz the moment it took to the Hutchinson Sports Arena court with a 79-47 victory over Coffeyville that opened some eyes. Sure, its quest ended a night later - well short of a championship, but when you considered the circumstances, it might have been the most unexpected story of the tournament. This was a team that didn't have a player recruited by any other college out of high school. "We don't get kids that other schools are recruiting," said Neil Bailey, the school administrator, who inherited the coaching duties when the program was formed. "We take what's left over. Every one of these kids has been passed over. They have been unloved and disrespected." And somehow, Bailey made it work on the court. And off the hardwood, he had a lot of help - namely the entire community of Swainsboro, Ga.

When the Bobcats won a District 13 championship two weeks ago, there was the very real possibility that they would have to pass up the invitation to Hutchinson. Their threadbare budget didn't allow for them to make the journey to junior college basketball's Mecca. "We didn't have the money," Bailey said. Instead, the community stepped up and raised the \$20,000 necessary for the trip here. The city of Swainsboro chipped in. So did its chamber of commerce, as well as a few businesses - and a whole lot of private citizens. "That means everything," said sophomore center DJ Felder, a native of Topeka who moved with his family to Georgia years ago and became the leader of this team. "This came from a community that really doesn't owe us anything. They did this out of the kindness of their hearts. "That means everything." Teams like East Georgia are what make the junior college national tournament an enduring tradition here in Hutchinson. Teams come from all over. Their arrival is a reward for a successful regular season. Success is relative.

With some schools, anything short of a deep run is considered a failure, while other schools arrive with cautious optimism and tempered expectations. In the new one-and-done format, we won't get the chance to know those teams as well as we once did, but someday, one of them is going to find its way to a championship game. We anxiously wait for that day. The junior college basketball world is a dichotomy of circumstances. The haves and the have-nots compete on the same courts and for the same recruits each year. Some have NCAA-Division I talent up and down their roster and are incredibly fun to watch. Northwest Florida State might have the best point guard in the country in Chris Jones, while forward Elgin Cook, the ultra-talented son of former Arkansas and NBA star Alvin Robertson, will be playing at Oregon in the fall. East Georgia has nothing of the sort. Felder was an unknown when he arrived on campus two years ago. He was still anonymous in November, but as the Bobcats began to win, the college scouts began to take notice. He'll be playing college basketball at the next level. More important, he's going to use his basketball skills to get an education. That's far more important. Bailey wants to win basketball games, but he's far more interested in molding his players into educated contributing members of society. There's something noble in that. It's something you don't always see at this level of collegiate sports. That's what prompted the community outpouring of the money necessary to take this trip. "These are good kids," Bailey said. "People see them in class. They watch them study. They hear them say 'yes, ma'am' and 'no ma'am.' They see them holding doors open for people. "They wanted them to have this experience." They came. They won. Then they lost and went home.

Still, a 32-3 season is special. Who knows, we may be on the ground floor of something special. This might be the launching point to another great junior college program. It might, but it doesn't change the circumstances, Bailey says. "It doesn't change the fact that we have zero money," he said. "The kids we get want to come. We are not a typical junior college. We value education. We stress that. When I talk to recruits, I tell them to invest in themselves. They're going to get every opportunity to get a good education and get qualified to play basketball in a family atmosphere. "They're going to be better off than when they started."

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENTS HONOR



Swainsboro campus, left to right: Vicki Sherrod, Ashley Woods, Elizabeth Gilmer, Amanda Williams, Michelle Goff, Janet Stracher, Becky Warren, Tracy Woods, Marcie Salter, Sonya Kirkland, Bob Boehmer, and Carmine Palumbo

In April 2013, faculty and staff were honored at EGSC’s employee appreciation program in conjunction with the College’s customer service initiative. “This time of camaraderie is a meaningful way for us to formally recognize employees for their service and contributions that support a culture of excellence,” said Norma Kennedy, EGSC’s customer service ambassador. Attracting and retaining a highly qualified and engaged workforce allows EGSC to excel as a premier access institution in the University System of Georgia.

Service Milestones

5 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Judson Arledge
 Carolyn Broucek
 Randy Canady
 LaCrystal Fulgeon
 Elizabeth Gilmer
 Patricia Homer
 Courtney Joiner
 Catina Jordan
 Karen S. Jones
 Sonya Kirkland
 John Neighbors
 Carmine Palumbo

Tabithia Ross
 Carolyn Thomas
 Jessica Todd
 Marcie Salter
 Vicki Sherrod
 Sebastian Verdis
 Mina Vora
 Kathy Whitaker
 Amanda Williams
 Ashley Woods
 Tracy Woods
 Christine Xie

10 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Larry Braddy
 Paul Cerpovicz
 Michelle Goff

15 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Alan Brasher
 Sandra Sharman
 Janet Stracher
 Becky Warren

20 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Glenn Stracher



Statesboro campus, left to right: Bob Boehmer, Pat Homer, Mina Vora, and Judson Arledge

FACULTY AND STAFF...*You are the key to our success!*



Swainsboro campus, left to right: Ron Ellison, Courtney Joiner, Janet Stracher, Becky Foskey, Christi Hutchings, Teenie Leader, Norma Kennedy, and Bob Boehmer

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY were recognized from each academic division:

Tom Caiazzo
Social Science Division - Statesboro

Ronald Ellison
Humanities Division - Swainsboro

Courtney Joiner
Social Science Division - Swainsboro

Dana Nevil
Humanities Division - Statesboro

Glenn Stracher
Math/Science Division - Swainsboro

Mina Vora
Math/Science Division - Statesboro

STAR STAFF were recognized from each major department for exemplary **S**ervice, **T**eamwork, **A**ttitude and **R**eliability:

Joe Canady
Information Technology

Becky Foskey
Business Affairs

Christi Hutchings
Facilities

Norma Kennedy
External Affairs

Teenie Leader
Academic Affairs

Angie Russell
Administrative Coordinator

Janet Stracher
Student Affairs

Donnie Wilkerson
Public Safety



Statesboro campus, left to right: Angie Russell, Bob Boehmer, Mina Vora, Dana Nevil, and Tom Caiazzo

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE CONTRIBUTES \$70 MILLION TO REGIONAL ECONOMY

Even during tough economic conditions, East Georgia State College boosted the regional economy \$70 million according to a report by the University System of Georgia. The counties of Emanuel, Candler, Bulloch, Johnson, Jefferson, Toombs, Treutlen, Tattnall, and Jenkins were included in the impact study.

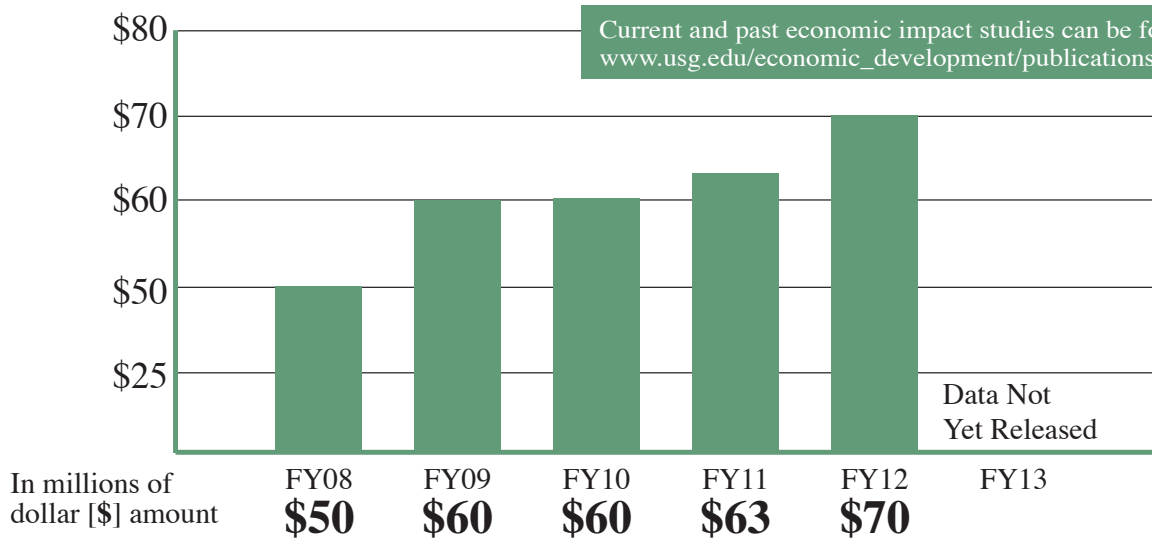
The Seilig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business analyzed financial and enrollment data to estimate the economic impact that each of Georgia's 31 public colleges and universities makes to the economy of the area where it is located. Georgia's public university system collectively made a \$14 billion dollar economic impact on the state's economy during July 2011 through June 2012.

"This report is clear evidence that education is a good investment. At East Georgia State College, we provide the best possible educational environment to help more students earn a college degree, find employment, and contribute to the economic well-being of Georgia," said East Georgia State College President Bob Boehmer.

"A college or university improves the skills of its graduates, which increases their lifetime earnings. Local businesses benefit from easy access to a large pool of part-time and full-time workers," said study author Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys, director of economic forecasting for the Selig Center. For every job created on campus, there are 1.6 off-campus jobs that exist because of spending related to the institution.

"You can't underestimate the value of education and the value East Georgia State College brings to Swainsboro and the region. With over 3000 students, the College is a powerful economic engine that helps drive our communities forward. From realtors to convenience store operators, everyone benefits," said Swainsboro Mayor and EGSC Foundation Trustee Charles Schwabe.

Economic impact benefits are based on three important categories of college/university related expenses; 1) spending by the institutions themselves for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expense, 2) spending by the students who attend the college and 3) spending by the institutions for capital projects (construction). Each of these categories creates spending which is then multiplied by further spending.



STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS



Faculty, staff, and students gathered for the opening of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) at East Georgia State College Statesboro. This addition strengthens EGSC's learning environment by focusing on support services that will assist students in completing a college degree. The ACE includes an advisement center, tutoring center, computer lab, and areas for individual research, group discussion and classrooms. A new coffee shop, Common Grounds II, also opened.

By creating a highly functioning academic environment for students, EGSC is preparing a new generation of leaders who are civically engaged, globally aware, and proactive in their approach to problem-solving and community-building. Increasing graduation rates is an institutional goal that also complements Governor Nathan Deal's Complete College Georgia initiative, which seeks to increase college graduation rates in Georgia by 2020. As stated by Gov. Deal, 42 percent of Georgia's population holds some form of a college degree. By 2020, that percentage should be 60 percent for the state to remain economically competitive.

FACULTY AND STAFF PARTICIPATE IN



THE WORLD BECOMES A CLASSROOM!

East Georgia State College students and professors participated in a unique educational experience when they joined UGA's Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica. In addition to digital photography, world literature, Spanish, critical thinking and service learning courses, students experienced bird watching, hiking, visiting the Botanical Garden, attending a lecture on Costa Rican history and culture, received an introduction to cloud forest ecology, and attended a workshop on bio-diversity and ecology.

Participating faculty included EGSC Humanities Division Chair Carmine D. Palumbo, Assistant Professor of Art and Photography Desmal Purcell, and Assistant Professor of English and Spanish Jessica Todd. Student travelers included Alyssa Alsobrook, Amber McNure, James (Allan) Beck, Katelyn Bell, Richard Gilmer, Tyler Wilson, Vanessa Morris, and Walker Gilmer.

www.ega.edu/studyabroad

Change A Life!

The EGSC Foundation accepts donations for student Study Abroad Scholarships



WHO IS EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE?

ENROLLMENT

FALL 2013: 2,944

	Swainsboro	Statesboro
Enrollment	1,258	1,686
% Decreases over Fall 2011	(10.1%)	(17.2%)
Full-Time Equivalent	1,132	1,584
% Full-Time Equivalent / Enrollment	90.0%	94.0%

FACULTY / STAFF

Full-Time Faculty	72
Full-Time Faculty with Terminal Degrees	29
Full-Time Faculty Teaching Online.....	25
Part-Time Faculty	50
Full-Time Staff.....	108
Part-Time Staff.....	38
Part-Time Student Workers	71



PERSONALIZED ATTENTION AND SMALL CLASSES

Student/Faculty Ratio

32:1



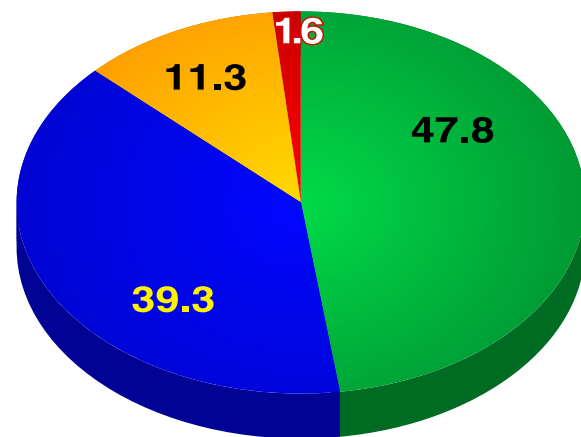
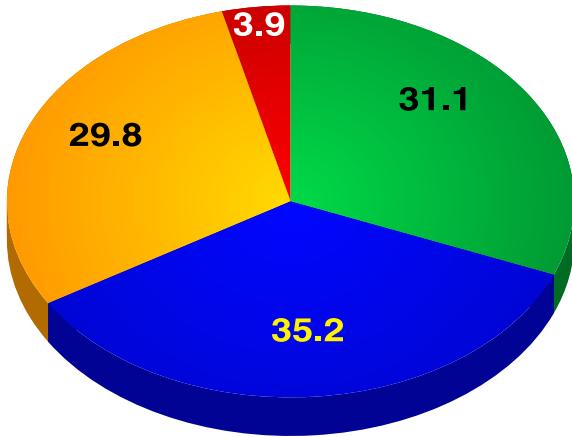
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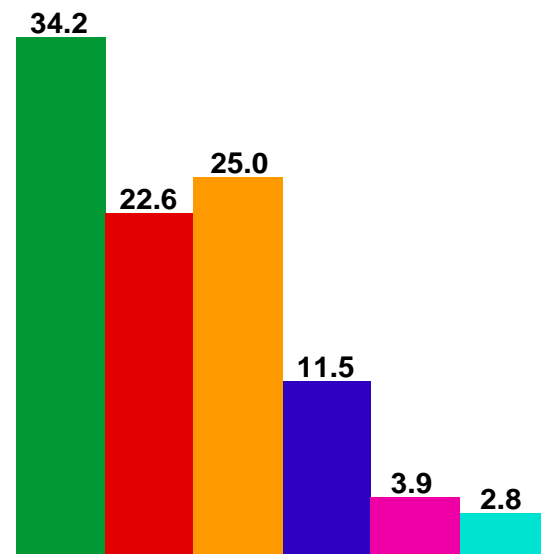
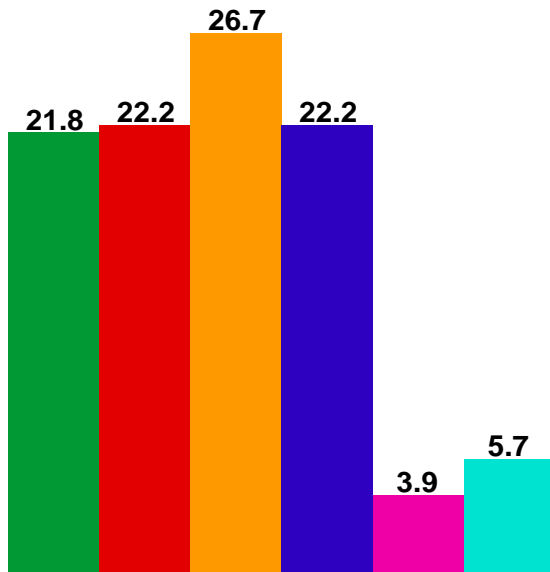
STUDENT PROFILE

■ New Freshmen
 ■ Continuing/Returning Freshmen
 (BY PERCENTAGE)
■ Continuing/Returning Sophomores
 ■ Other- Transient, Joint Enrollment, etc.



ETHNICITY

■ White Female
 ■ Black Female
 ■ Other Female
 (BY PERCENTAGE)
■ White Male
 ■ Black Male
 ■ Other Male



AGE

Category	Swainsboro	Statesboro
Non-Traditional	11.0%	4.1%
Married	5.8%	1.3%
Average Age (years)	23.0	20.5

STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS EARN GRADUATION AND SERVE COMMUNITY



On May 2, 2013, President Bob Boehmer presented the State of the College address to an audience of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. President Boehmer called upon students to “Earn Graduation and Serve Community.” He was joined by Sandra Sharman, Ph.D., associate professor of reading, and Tommy Greene, Student Government Association president.

During the address, President Boehmer shared an analysis of the College’s achievements, its challenges and opportunities, and the strategies being used to meet those challenges.

The three strategic goals driving East Georgia State College’s direction include:

- (1) College Completion – Dramatically improve the number of students earning college degrees or successfully transferring to other institutions of higher education.
- (2) Service – Assure that every EGSC graduate leaves with a clear understanding of the need to serve their community and the skills to do that. Graduates who demonstrate these skills during their time at EGSC will earn a “Service Seal of Distinction” on their degree at the time of graduation.
- (3) Economic Growth of the Region – The College will be a catalyst for economic development in the region. As more and more students earn degrees, the economic impact of the College on the region will continue to grow.

*A transcript of the State of the College Address can be accessed on the College’s website at:
http://www.ega.edu/policy/State_of_the_College_2013_05022013.pdf*

student

SPOTLIGHT



TYLER WILSON

East Georgia State College has changed my life in many ways. Not only have I gained an un-equaled education, I have made countless connections throughout the college community. My service skills have developed through involvement with Student Government and the EGSC Ambassadors program. This small-scale, big-feel institution has proved more valuable than gold to a student like me.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS ASSIST WITH STUDENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

East Georgia State College's Scholarship program recognizes and rewards deserving students on the basis of academic achievement, character, service to the community, special talents, and purpose.

An array of scholarships generously supported by civic clubs, organizations, individual donors and the East Georgia State College Foundation are awarded to EGSC students annually. Scholarships may be need-based, merit-based, or merit-based with consideration given to financial need. During the academic year, additional scholarships may become available.

Beta Sigma Phi Xi Delta Psi Scholarship for non-traditional students

Beta Sigma Phi Kappa Omega Scholarship for traditional students

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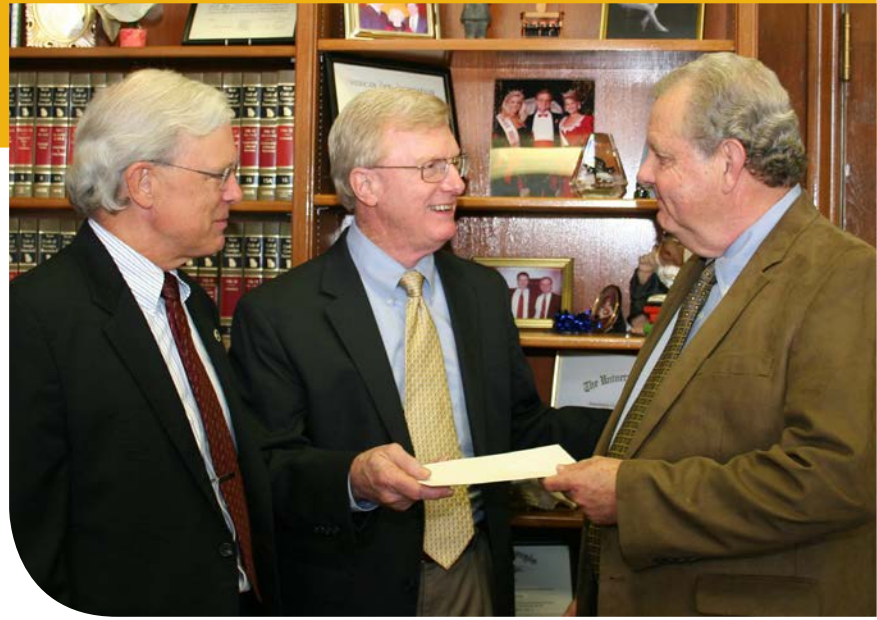
The Hubert and Nell Reeves Scholarship

A LEGACY SUSTAINED THROUGH EDUCATION

With the establishment of the Hubert and Nell Reeves Scholarship, more funding opportunities are available for East Georgia State College students.

Superior Court Judge Bobby Reeves, along with his wife Daisy; children Scott, Chris, and Macy; daughter-in-law Lisa; and grandchildren Ansley, Allie, and Avery, have created and funded the scholarship to honor Reeves' parents perpetually.

The scholarship is available to all students, with preference given to students from Jenkin's County who are required to work and pay for their education, or who, without the scholarship, would be required to work.



President Bob Boehmer, Judge Bobby Reeves, and EGSC Foundation Chair Denny Key

“Creating a scholarship to help young students achieve their dreams is the most appropriate way I know to honor my parents, who were lifelong residents of Jenkin’s County,” stated Reeves. Although his dad, R. Hubert Reeves, Jr., never attended college, Reeves stated, “He always stressed the importance of an education.” Not only did Mr. Reeves provide for all three of his children to obtain a college degree, he helped many other young students by providing them work to help pay for their education, working around their class schedules and often contributing additional financial assistance as necessary. Many young men who worked at Reeves Oil Company attribute their successful ability to earn a college degree to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves.

Reeves' mother, Nell Stokes Reeves, who attended Georgia State College for Women for two years and obtained her teaching certificate, taught at the Red Hill School in Jenkins County prior to her marriage and substituted as a teacher in the Jenkins County School system over the years. She stressed education to her children, and there was never any doubt that all of her children, and others in the community who desired a college degree, would be able to obtain one.

student

SPOTLIGHT

KENNETH MCCLENDON

East Georgia has impacted me a lot. It has become the place that has given me my start and has graciously carried me along-from the different amazing faculty, to the bonds I have made that will last a life time. It is a place with a home-like feeling and almost everyone knows everybody. East Georgia has opened many doors of opportunity for me, and I try every chance I can to give back for all that they give me.



student

SPOTLIGHT

MARCO MONTES

Coming to East Georgia State College has benefitted my life in many different ways. By becoming involved with different organizations such as SGA and Ambassadors, I have become a more outgoing person, meeting and becoming friends with people I would have never even talked to otherwise. I have learned how to manage my time wisely between studying, classes, and a part-time job. I have a deeper respect for professors, I understand more of the principles of learning, and I am excited about my future. Coming to East Georgia was one of the best decisions I have ever made and I look forward to having that East Georgia State College degree on my wall.



HALEY CHESTER IS FIRST RECIPIENT OF JOHN B. BLACK SCHOLARSHIP



John B. Black, Haley Chester, and Dorothy Black

EGSC's Student Government Association named Haley Chester the first recipient of the John B. Black Scholarship in honor of the former president who led the College from 2004 to 2011.

Haley, a resident of Treutlen County, was chosen from an impressive group of applicants. In addition to many other activities, she has been an EGSC Ambassador, Vice President of Circle K, and Vice President of the student organization, Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE). Haley will continue her degree in psychology with a minor in business at Georgia Southern University. She aspires to open her own business in the future.

Selection criteria for the annually awarded John B. Black scholarship includes having a GPA of 3.0 or higher, completion of at least 15 credit hours, active involvement in campus student life, a recommendation letter from a college official, and a required essay on "How College Involvement has Affected Me."



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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The EGSCF encourages continued professional development by providing modest stipends to selected faculty members for additional study, completion of scholarly works and research projects. In this way, the EGSCF aids in the College's commitment to quality education by keeping its faculty abreast of the latest developments in their fields.

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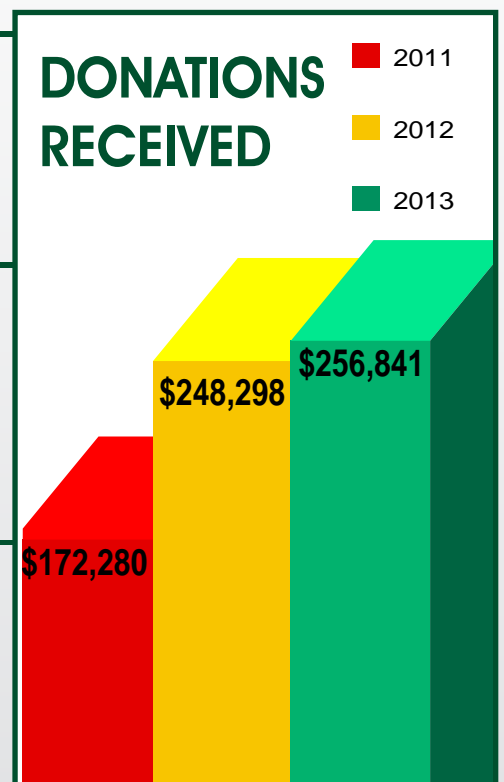
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In the current economic environment, it is imperative for us to raise private dollars so that we can continue to offer life-changing opportunities for our students. Our state, nation and the world need great leaders who can make a difference in their communities and beyond. EGSC provides a proven path of success for our future leaders, and with your generous donations, we will maintain the tradition of access for students at East Georgia State College. Please contact the External Affairs Office at 478-289-2037 to learn more about giving opportunities at the College.

Pictured left to right in the front row are: Bill Rogers, President Bob Boehmer, Paula Karrh, Jean Morgan, Jean Bridges, Tammy Wilkes, Carol Yeomans, and L.C. "Shot" Strange

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Taking that first step Close to Home

One Degree Leads to Five More

Wayne Badie began his college life at Emanuel County Junior College (ECJC) in 1974 as a jointly enrolled student from Jenkins County. He was a very young high school senior – starting the year at 15 years old. He was 16 as he began his freshman year at ECJC.

Badie said that he probably would have never gone to college if ECJC had not been where it is – very close to home. He has fond memories of taking a trip over to Emanuel County during his senior year to see the campus. Astonishingly, the roads had just been paved.

John Derden was his first professor and helped him make the decision to enroll full time, even though he considered himself to be a working “farm boy” without the resources he would need to succeed. He persevered, even working full time, with help from President Willie Gunn, Annie Russell, Bennie Brinson and George Heaps Nelson, just to name a few of the people that put the “pressure” on to pass – even when it seemed a daunting challenge. Again, he said without that personal attention, he probably would have never stuck it out.

He did keep plugging along – carpooling to class with his hometown friends, the Burton brothers, and meeting people along the way that he considers lifelong friends today. He graduated from ECJC with his AA degree, then went on to Georgia Southern University, earning his BA in history. He began teaching and coaching while earning his Masters of Education and Education Specialist Degrees - all from Georgia Southern. He obtained another Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum, as well as his Ph.D. from the University of Sarasota in Sarasota, Florida. Six degrees – for someone who wondered if he had what it took.



OUR FEATURED ALUMNUS **Wayne Badie**

Badie recently retired as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Ware County after an impressive and fulfilling career in education.

He gives all the credit to his start at Emanuel County Junior College, now East Georgia State College.

Badie says, “It was my Genesis. I would have never had the career I have had without the opportunity I had at ECJC. Being young, without an automobile, with limited financial resources would have made it easy to give up but the people at ECJC did not give me that option.”

And by the way – Badie loves to fish!



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