Welcome Back! The College gets the Fall 2011 semester off with exciting events at the Convocation general meeting and Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) kick-off.

Convocation will be held Friday, August 19, in the Myers Center Auditorium from 10 to 10:30am and the program will continue with activities to celebrate the College’s QEP. Facts about SAIL, Strengthening Academic Internet Learning will be shared and the written QEP document distributed. Following the presentation, the QEP Implementation Team and Marketing Committee are sponsoring a cookout with games, activities, and great prizes.

There will not be a breakfast this year, but a lunch instead. All faculty and staff are invited to attend the festivities in preparation for the September 20-22 SACS visit.

The College welcomes students back Monday, August 22, for the First Day of Fall Classes just in time for its radio station WSGE 91.7 FM’s Beach, Rhythm & Blues Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 27 from 2 to 8pm.

The festival, presented by CaroMont Health and Sun Drop, will feature Band of Oz, widely known for its hit single Shama Lama Ding Dong, Jim Quick and Coastline, known for its southern rock, soul and blues, Cajun and coastline beach and shag music along with several of the station’s Beach DJ’s who will play music in between band performances.

Tickets are on sale now and available on the Dallas Campus in CAS 102, the Lincoln Campus (see Gail Ford), the Kimbrell Campus (see Sandy Hamilton) and online at www.wsge.org. Volunteers are needed. Contact Daughtry Hopper if you are interested.
Congratulations To:

Beverly Davis, Chair/Instructor, Health Education is the recipient of the “Extra Mile Award.” Dr. Skinner and Dr. Ammons presented her with a plaque at a recent meeting where she rotated off the Persistence and Retention Committee (PARC) and Conrad Martin assumed leadership. Dr. Ammons stated, “The members of the Persistence and Retention Team (PART) and PARC have done extraordinary work to expand the College’s primary focus from ‘student access’ to include additional focus on ‘persistence and completion,’ and we would like to recognize Beverly for her tireless efforts and leadership and for going the Extra Mile.”

Monica Phillips, Dr. Lenny Martineau and part time instructors in the Therapeutic Massage program whose 2011 class had a 100% pass rate on the Massage and Bodywork Licensing examination (MBlex).

Dr. Patricia Skinner, President, who received the Paul Harris Fellows Award from the Gaston County Rotary Club.

The Practical Nursing Program which graduated forty-two new students who will be entering the nursing profession.

Did You Know?

Karen Williams, Webmaster/Training Specialist/Help Desk, Technology Services, presented a lecture at the 2011 EduComm Conference on her topic “Equipping Students for the 21st Century Workplace” developed throughout her classes less than a year after graduating from the Education Media Design & Technology master’s degree program.

Don R. Killian, Professor Emeritus and Dr. Joseph P. Hester, former Professor, are completing work on a Philosophy for Young Thinkers (PYT) curriculum scheduled for release this Fall.

The Health Education division will offer a new Health and Fitness Science Program this fall for anyone interested in working in the fitness industry such as the YMCA, parks and recreation, and commercial fitness centers.

The Office of Admissions will conduct an information session on campus tours August 11 at 10am, Second Floor Myers Center, Office of Admissions. Weekly campus tours

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Upcoming Events!

**August 10-11** - Teaching & Learning Conference, Dallas Campus

**August 11** - Office of Admissions information session on Campus Tours, 10am, 2nd Floor, Myers Center

**August 12** - Summer Flex Schedule Ends (last Friday off)

**August 18-19** - Student Break

**August 18** - Late Fall Registration, 8am-6:30pm

**August 19** - Convocation/QEP Kickoff Event Lunch, 10am, Myers Center Auditorium

**August 22** - First Day of Fall Classes

**August 22** - Finance & Facilities Meeting, 3pm, MC Board Room

**August 27** - WSGE Beach Rhythm & Blues Festival, 2-8pm, Dallas Campus

**August 29** - Board of Trustees Meeting, 4pm, MC Board Room

**August 30** - Foundation Board of Directors’ Meeting, Noon, Kimbrell Campus

**September 20-22** - SACS Campus Visit

**September 26** - Finance & Facilities Meeting, 3pm, MC Board Room

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Human Resources Update

June 1, 2011 - August 1, 2011

**New Staff Member:**

- **Rita Bauknight,** Public Services Specialist-Library, Lincoln Campus - Permanent Part-time, 28 Hours/Week (7/12/11)
- **Jayna Dempsey,** Evening Public Services Assistant-Library, Kimbrell Campus - Permanent Part-time, 16 Hours/Week (8/1/11)
- **Jennifer Nichols,** Director-Counseling (8/1/11)
- **Jeff Penfield,** Assistant Program/Music Director-WSGE Radio (6/20/11)

**Position Changes:**

- **Shelly Alman,** Assistant Controller (6/1/11)
- **Jamye Exton,** Administrative Assistant-Human Resources (8/1/11)

**Announcement:**

- **Monday, August 15** - End of summer flex schedule; return to regular 5-day work week

Submission deadline for the next Inside Gaston publication is Friday, September 23, 2011. Please submit all information to: **Emily Dalton,** Box 3, extension 6513, dalton.emily@gaston.edu.

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will resume on Fridays at 10am beginning August 18. To learn more about the enrollment process students can go online to www.gaston.edu and click on Future Students/Admissions Information. Questions can be emailed to the Office of Admissions at admissions@gaston.edu and students can also follow the College on Facebook or Twitter.

The **Learning Centers** on Dallas, Lincoln, and Kimbrell campuses will be closed to students during the semester break, August 5 through August 19. They will open on the first day of classes, Monday, August 22.

WSGE 91.7 FM will hold its Fall Membership Drive beginning October 26 through November 6. Volunteers will be needed. Contact **Ben Dungan** if you are interested.

The **Study Tours** program traveled to Campania and Sicily on their Spring Tour in May and will travel to Germany November 20-27 on their Fall Tour. This year will mark the 33rd year of the Study Tours Program directed by **Bob Blanton.** Hundreds of the College’s students, staff, faculty, and community participants have traveled to some 70 countries and principalities on 6 continents. To view the daily itinerary for the upcoming Germany tour or for more information visit the Study Tours webpage under Quicklinks/Study Tours.

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