

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

August 2019

## GC Gives Service Day

The *2nd Annual GC Gives Service Day* will take place on Saturday, August 17th from 9:00am - 1:00pm at various service sites across the Milledgeville/Baldwin County Area. The aim of *GC Gives* is to provide incoming Georgia College students an introduction to the community through area service projects and to learn about local organizations and other non-profits. The hope is that the experience will make their stay in Milledgeville have a more lasting impact while developing local connections. This event is also an excellent way to show these students that community engagement & service is an expectation of being part of the Bobcat Nation.

Georgia College faculty, staff and returning students are invited to give back to our community alongside our new incoming students. This is a great opportunity to be part of one of the newest traditions at Georgia College. The organizers are currently looking for more GC Leads, which is an adult who will accompany a group of 25-30 new incoming students to a specific service site for the event. If you are interested in that role please sign up to volunteer on the website below.

For more information and to volunteer or donate, visit [www.gcgives.net](http://www.gcgives.net) or contact Kendall Stiles at x5936.

## Congratulations!

**Sallie Coke, PhD, School of Nursing** was awarded a nearly \$2.7 million, four-year Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) grant from the Health Resources Service Agency (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services. The new grant will help educate and train nurse practitioners to work in rural areas of Georgia. Georgia College was the only school in the State of Georgia to receive funding for all 7 possible years of this HRSA ANEW grant program. As author and principal investigator of this highly impactful rural health program, Dr. Coke's leadership in the federally funded program has brought GC external awards totaling \$4,246,865.

## Making Excellence Inclusive Day

The Office of Inclusive Excellence will host its third annual *Making Excellence Inclusive Day*, August 12, 2019. It will be held in the A&S auditorium and classrooms from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**9 a.m. to 10 a.m.:** *21st Century Workplace and the Significance of the GC Brand: A For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Perspective*, Arts and Sciences Auditorium

- Lydia Thacker, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, YMCA of Metro Atlanta
- Sarah Rettker, Vice President of Investor Engagement, Georgia Chamber of Commerce

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:** *Demographic Shifts and the Impact on Higher Education in Georgia*, Arts and Sciences Auditorium

- Dr. Angela Bell, Vice Chancellor of Research and Policy Analysis, University System of Georgia

**2 p.m. to 3 p.m.:** Choose your session:

- *Varying Abilities & Classroom Pedagogy: How to Create Inclusive Classrooms* presented by Erin Williams Benson, Director of Disability Resource Center, University of Georgia; Arts & Sciences 364
- *Managing Triggers* presented by Shandisha Bennett-Brodde, Counseling Services, Georgia College, Arts & Sciences 275
- *Varying Abilities: Awareness in the Workplace* presented by Kelly Beall and Nirva Pierre-Louis, Office of Human Resources, Georgia College, Arts & Sciences 270
- *LGBTQ+ Allyship Training* presented by Melissa Gerrior, Georgia College LGBTQ+ Program Coordinator, Arts & Sciences 370

Please [register](#) for the event. Registration ends Friday, August 9 at 3 p.m. To learn more, contact OIE at 445-4233.

## College Student Mental Health Today: Enhancing our Response

**Wednesday, August 7, 2019** in the **University Banquet Room** from **10:00-12:00pm** or **2:00-4:00pm**

This presentation will include an overview of the psychological wellbeing of students in all their diversity, including material on the developmental and societal factors fueling the clinical picture. Attention will be given to these determinants as they relate to the most recent generations of students and their parents (GenZ), as well as what the recent past may tell us about the future. Last, all of this material will be synthesized into suggested directions we may take in our awareness and response, both in and out of the classroom. **All faculty are encouraged to attend.**

Please **RSVP** at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-pZSv3GO5kKavJU6bW8H1iXM0yv75bZIsREXmzh3PffFUMFBTTUg3OVRsUVBDTVE1NUpGTFYzTUNCMi4u>

Once you click on the link, you will be prompted to log in. Use the same information you use to log in to your computer.

### Important Dates August 2019

- Monday, August 12     **Making Excellence Inclusive Faculty & Staff Day**, 9:00 – 4:00pm; *Arts and Sciences Auditorium*
- Tuesday, August 13     **University Senate Governance Retreat**, 9:00– 4:00pm
- Wednesday, August 14     **College Assessment Planning**, 9:00–12:00pm  
**College wide meetings**, 1:00–5:00pm
- Thursday, August 15     **President’s Welcome Back Breakfast**, 9:00–11:00pm – *Magnolia*  
**Department Meetings**, 12:00 – 5:00pm
- Friday, August 16     **First Year Convocation**, 9:00 – 10:30am, *Centennial Center*
- Friday, August 16     **GC Reads discussions**, 12:45-2:15pm, *various locations*
- Monday, August 19     **Fall Semester Classes Begin**

### Constitution Week 2019

- Monday, September 16:     **Lunch Discussion:** *The Heartbeat Bill, Roe v. Wade & Georgia’s Booming Film Industry*, noon, Atkinson 202  
**Week Lecture:** *Jaunty Tunes and Delightful Ditties from American Presidential Campaigns, 1840-1964*; 5:00pm, Magnolia Ballroom
- Tuesday, September 17:     **Lunch Discussion;** *Whose DNA Is It? From Genealogy Research to Catching a Killer: the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Law Enforcement Obtaining DNA Information Online*; noon, TBA  
*Inspire! With Lou Deckmar, La Grange Chief of Police*; 5:00pm, Magnolia Ballroom
- Wednesday, September 18:     **Times Talk:** *Marijuana & The Supremacy Clause*; noon; Ina Dillard Russell Library  
**Supreme Court Review Panel**; 6:00pm, A&S Auditorium
- Thursday, September 19:     **Lunch Discussion:** *Confederate Memorials & the First Amendment*; noon, Governor’s Mansion