

# eARMSTRONG

A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

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## **MCG Doctoral Program Offered at AASU**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved a consortium of Armstrong Atlantic and North Georgia College and State University joining with the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) in offering a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) on their respective campuses. Graduates of the new three-year post baccalaureate degree will receive their diplomas from MCG with the option of graduating in Savannah or Augusta.

While the first doctoral candidates will enter the program in June 2006, AASU will “teach out” its remaining master’s degree candidates over the next two years.

## **Leaders Among Us**

The 24 participants for the fourth cohort of Leaders Among Us beginning spring 2006 are: Catherine Adams, history; Lisa Anderson, medical technology; Leona Avey, languages, literature & philosophy; Patricia Brignati, middle & secondary education; Michelle Butina, medical technology; Uzzie Cannon, languages, literature & philosophy; Charlotte Coleman, information technology; Ronald Collins, AASU Liberty Center; Elizabeth Eckert, external affairs; Corie Hammers, criminal justice, social & political science; Anne Hanne, respiratory therapy; Ruby Lipscomb, middle & secondary education; Yuxin Ma, history; Pamela Mahan, nursing; Craig Morrison, registrar/admissions; Jason Richardson, videoconferencing services; Vicky Robles, adult academic services; Gail Rountree, external affairs; Gregory Surrette, computer & information services; Margaret Walworth, early childhood education; Learotha Williams, history; Harriet Winiger, Lane Library; Peggy Witherow, president’s office; and Jane Wong, psychology.

## **Master of Health Services Administration Granted Accreditation**

The Health Sciences Department announced that the Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) has been granted full program accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) for the period 2005-2008.

CAHME is an interdisciplinary group of educational, professional, clinical, and commercial organizations devoted to accountability and quality improvement in the education of healthcare management and administration professionals and is the only organization formally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit master’s and doctoral-level programs in health administration in the U.S. and Canada.

The MHSA program becomes the only accredited graduate program in health services administration outside of the Atlanta area in the state of Georgia.

## **NSF Awards \$147,000 Grant to Develop Information Retrieval Curriculum**

The National Science Foundation has awarded Armstrong Atlantic \$147,000 over two years in support of a grant proposal, "Curriculum Development: Integrating Information Retrieval (IR) into Undergraduate Curricula for Small and Medium Sized Universities—A Module-Based Approach."

AASU professors Lei Zhu (information technology), Joy Reed (head of information technology), and Dick Nordquist (director of liberal studies and faculty development) co-authored the grant proposal.

## **Radiologic Science Graduates Earn 100% Pass Rate on National Exam**

The radiologic science students (in the radiography and radiation therapy tracks) who recently sat for National Board Examinations given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, achieved a 100% pass rate. These students took the examinations last spring and summer and either graduated in May 2005 or will graduate in December 2005. The average test score for both groups was well above the national average.

## **AASU Wins Three Awards**

Armstrong Atlantic and the Office of University Relations have received three awards from the Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA). Primarily made up of public relations offices for the public school systems in the state, GSPRA's awards program is open to all Georgia schools, school districts, colleges, and universities.

The team that produces the university newsletter, *Compass*, was honored with a Gold Award for the issues released during 2004-2005. Barry Ostrow is the editor and principal writer, Joan Lehon is the designer, and Anna de la Paz was the primary photographer for the issues produced that year. Elizabeth Sams in the Office of External Affairs wrote the quarterly's donor profiles.

Ostrow's article, *Hola Ecuador: A Study Abroad Odyssey*, appeared in the Fall 2004 issue of *Compass* and was singled out for a Gold Award for excellence in writing. The article followed an AASU study abroad group as it traveled throughout Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

The 2004-2005 Robert Ingram Strozier Faculty Lecture Series brochure that de la Paz designed received a Silver Award. The publication earlier won a Gold Addy Award from the Savannah chapter of the Advertising Federation of America and a Silver Addy Award from the southeastern district of the federation.

## **Celebrate AASU Events Raise Funds for Gulf Relief**

A variety of events during Celebrate AASU Day raised over \$2,000 for the university's Give for the Gulf drive. Beneficiaries included various Gulf relief organizations such as the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, and the national ASPCA.

The lion's share—\$1,785—came from a variety of sales staged by the Department of Art, Music & Theatre. The Department of History raised \$63, the student dental hygiene organization earned \$350, and the Department of Mathematics' dunking booth garnered \$228.

## **Middle School Math Bowl**

The Department of Mathematics held its twenty-second annual Middle School Math Bowl for Chatham County schools in October. Seventy students from ten schools competed. DeRenne Middle School defeated Savannah Country Day (SCD) for first place in the team competition. SCD took second place. Savannah Christian took third place. The individual winners were: Rebecca Chester of DeRenne, first place; Noah Luskey and Seokmin Kim of Savannah Country Day, second and third places.

## **Moot Court**

The Southeast Undergraduate Moot Court Tournament was held on campus in late October. Teams from Patrick Henry University, Lyon College, and Armstrong Atlantic were represented. Becky da Cruz and John Kearnes, criminal justice, social & political science, coordinated the competition with the assistance of graduate student Claudia Wyatt. The top two AASU teams will represent the university at the national competition in January at the University of Texas at Arlington.

## **Welcome Aboard**

Hafisa Craft, Financial Aid

Donna Kaplan, Human Resources

## **Events**

### **December 1**

“Child Internet Safety” class, 2-3 p.m. in University Hall, room 157

The Masquers will present *Sylvia* at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. (Mature language)

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The Winterfest Invitational High School Honor Band Concert will be held at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The Masquers will present *Sylvia* at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. (Mature language)

### **December 4**

The AASU/Community Christmas Sing will be held at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

### **December 7-8**

AASU Christmas Pottery Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the ceramics room (room 102), Fine Arts Hall. For more information contact John Jensen at 921.7417.

### **December 8**

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### **December 9**

Graduation rehearsal, 9:30-11 a.m. in the Alumni Arena

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**December 10**

Graduation, 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

The Masquers will present Sylvia at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. (Mature language)

**December 13**

AASU Women's Basketball vs. Fayetteville State, 7-9 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**December 16-17**

Women's Basketball hosts Chatham Orthopedics Classic, 6-8 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball hosts Chatham Orthopedics Classic, 8-10 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**December 20**

Women's Basketball vs. Florida Tech, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Florida Tech, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**December 26-January 2**

University closed

**January 4**

Women's Basketball vs. Francis Marion, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Francis Marion, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**January 5**

First Day of Classes

**January 9-26**

Katherine Taylor Art Exhibition, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery

**January 11**

Women's Basketball vs. Lander, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Lander, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**January 16**

MLK holiday

**January 18**

Women's Basketball vs. USC Upstate, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. USC Upstate, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**January 19**

Guest Artist Recital: Brenda Rucker, 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

**January 20**

Faculty Lecture Series: Patrick Thomas, middle and secondary education, will present "Kazakhstan: Land in the Middle." The lecture will be held at 12:15 p.m. in University Hall, room 156.

**January 23**

Women's Basketball vs. Augusta, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Augusta, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

**January 24**

Robert Lewis Trio featuring David Berkman guest jazz recital, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

## January 26

Gallery reception for Katherine Taylor Exhibition, noon in the Fine Arts Gallery

## January 26-29

Masquers present *Women's Voices*, 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater

## January 28

Women's Basketball vs. Columbus State, 2-4 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Columbus State, 4-6 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

## Kudos

**Dean Raymond Greenlaw**, School of Computing, has won a Senior Fulbright Fellowship to lecture at Chiang Mai University in Thailand during the 2005-06 academic year. Greenlaw will be conducting research on grid computing and lecturing on parallel computing, graph theory, and algorithms. Over the past six years, on average, only 18 Fulbrights have been awarded to Georgians. Previously, Greenlaw was awarded Fulbrights to Spain (1995-96) and Iceland (1999-2000). He is one of a very select group to have received three Fulbrights.

**Ray R. Hashemi**, computer science, has co-authored a paper, "Decoupling of Clustering and Classification Steps in a Cluster-Based Classification," for publication in December in Los Angeles at the 2005 International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications. In October, he co-authored a paper, "An Extended Self-Organizing Map for Hierarchical Clustering," that was published in Hawaii at the 2005 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics. Hashemi serves as an editorial board member of Elsevier's *International Journal of Computers in Electrical Engineering*.

The Georgia Mathematics Conference was held at Rock Eagle in October. **Jane Barnard** (who is on leave from mathematics finishing her doctorate at St. Louis University) gave the keynote speech. **Dean Ed Wheeler**, College of Arts & Sciences, **Jim Brawner**, **Dale Kilhefner**, and **Dan Harden** (part-time), all mathematics, attended the conference.

**Julia Dubus**, **Christopher Freeman**, **Caroline Hopkinson**, and **Jennifer Rinalducci**, reference librarians, made a presentation at the 2005 Georgia Conference on Information Literacy on the Georgia Southern University campus in Statesboro on "Library Assignments and Faculty Collaboration."

The **Middle Grades Collaborative Conference**, co-hosted by the middle grades department and Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, broke all previous attendance records with a total of 435 teachers, administrators, faculty, and AASU students in attendance.

**Tom Cato**, art, music & theatre, was named the 2006 Art Educator of the Year for the Georgia Art Education Association (GAEA). The award was presented to him at the annual GAEA Fall Professional Development Conference.

**Milne Cato**, part-time instructor for early childhood education, was named the Dance Educator of the Year by the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance at its annual conference.

**Melody Ortiz**, HOLA, is serving on the board of the Southside YMCA.

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