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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

## AASU, SSU Students Going to Ghana

A collaborative effort between AASU's and SSU's international education programs resulted in a study abroad trip to Ghana led by Kalenda Eaton (languages, literature & philosophy). Half a dozen students (five from AASU and one from SSU) are participating. This is the first trip to Ghana led by an Armstrong faculty member.



Sonya Brown (left), Jeanette Lovett, Tonya Wright (SSU), TaNika Roberts, Megan Ganser and Kalenda Eaton. Not pictured: Patrina Lingard.

Savannah State has organized study abroad trips to Ghana since 2002. The trip takes place from July 6-27.

“One of our goals is to encourage students at both Armstrong and Savannah State to take advantage of programs that result from collaborative projects being developed by our institutions,” said James Anderson, special assistant to the vice president and director of international education.

## City Council Recognizes AASU's 75th Anniversary

Savannah City Council recognized Armstrong Atlantic State University's 75th anniversary with the reading of a proclamation in the Mercer House on May 27. Dorothy Kingery, a former AASU faculty member, opened up her historic Savannah home for the event. Guests included AASU President Linda Bleicken, Clayton State University President Tim Haynes, Georgia College and State University President Dorothy Leland, North Georgia College and State University President David Potter, and Felita Williams and Melinda Spencer with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Also attending were Armstrong alumni G. Herbert Griffin, Class of 1942; Irving Victor, member of Armstrong's inaugural Class of 1937 and a member of the AASU Foundation Board; and Cliff McCurry, vice chairman of SeaCrest Partners and trustee of AASU's Educational Properties Foundation, Inc. Also joining was James Sanders of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. Savannah Alderman Larry Stuber read the proclamation on behalf of Mayor Otis Johnson.

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## Outstanding Alumni Honored

The AASU Alumni Association recognized two alumni during its 2010 Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards reception held June 7 on the AASU campus. Harriet Konter received the 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award, which recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to the growth and development of the university through dedication and support of the institution and the alumni association.



Harriet Konter



Steve Smith

Konter, who graduated from Armstrong Junior College in 1944, is a former president of the AASU Alumni Association. A past president of the Savannah Board of Realtors and former realtor of the year, she was the first woman in Georgia to serve as president of the Georgia Association of Realtors. She is a former director of the National Association of Realtors.

Steve Smith received the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes Armstrong alumni who have achieved distinction through community involvement and professional expertise and who have provided leadership to the community. Recently appointed as the U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, Smith is a 28-year veteran of the Savannah Police Department and a decorated Vietnam War veteran. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from Armstrong State College in 1975 and 1986, respectively. He joined the Savannah Police Department in 1973 and rose to the rank of captain during his tenure. He served as commander for the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team from 1996 to 2002. His law enforcement career also included his service as police chief in Thunderbolt, GA from 2002 to 2005.



## Scott Joyner named VP for Advancement

J. Scott Joyner begins his duties as vice president for advancement on July 1. Joyner comes to AASU after serving as associate vice president of university advancement and director of development since April 2007 at Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. At Coastal, Joyner directed all university advancement activities, served on the Foundation Board's Strategic Planning Committee on Financial Viability and Managed Growth and oversaw all fundraising for the university. He holds a master's degree in athletic administration from Georgia Southern University and a bachelor's degree in communications from North Carolina State University.



## Wynn Sullivan Named Deputy Chief

Wynn Sullivan has been named deputy chief for the Armstrong Atlantic State University Police Department effective July 1. Sullivan joined Armstrong in 1989 and has served as director of the Center for Justice Administration since 2002. In 2007, she took on additional responsibilities when she was named director of the Armstrong Center for Professional and Continuing Education. She has nearly 20 years of experience in law enforcement training, having started her career as a training coordinator for the Law Enforcement Training Center in 1993. She holds a master's degree in public administration from Columbus State University and a bachelor's in criminal justice from Armstrong Atlantic State University.

## Fall Enrollment Deadlines

All faculty and staff members are asked to please encourage students to enroll for fall semester prior to the August 1 deadline. Fee payment deadline is August 3. Students who fail to register or pay by the deadline may not be able to attend fall classes. For more information, students should visit [www.armstrong.edu](http://www.armstrong.edu) or call 912.344.2503.

## Save the Dates!

**AUGUST 12, 2010**

**Fall Convocation** — 10:30 a.m. in the Student Union

**Faculty and Staff First Day Campaign** — All funds raised will support student scholarships and academic programs. Elwin Tilson, (radiologic sciences) will serve as chair. Chris Nowicki (student affairs) is chair-elect. For more information, please contact Suzanne Ansley at 344.2870.

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2010**

**President Linda M. Bleicken Inauguration**

Visit [www.armstrong.edu/Departments/inauguration](http://www.armstrong.edu/Departments/inauguration)

## Calendar

**July 5**

**Independence Day observed** (university closed)

**July 8-11 & 15-18**

The AMT Masquers Summer Theatre presents Agatha Christie's classic "whodunit" *The Mousetrap*. Stumping audiences since 1952 in London's West End, the world's longest running play has entertained millions. Now, Masquers Summer Theatre brings Christie's twisting melodrama across the pond to Jenkins Hall for eight performances only. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on July 11 and 18) in AASU Jenkins Hall Theater. General admission is \$10. Discounts available to military, seniors, alumni association members, students/children, and AASU faculty/staff. AASU students presenting valid AASU PirateCard will be admitted free of charge. Call 344.2801 from noon to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.

**July 19-23, July 26-30**

Armstrong to offer Creative Computer Summer Camps, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Sarah Zimmerman at 344.2911 or visit <http://aasuetcsummer.pbworks.com>.

**July 14**

Midterm (Session C)

**July 16**

Navigate Orientation for Freshmen, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

**July 23**

Navigate Orientation for Adult, & Transfer Students, 8 a.m.-noon, Ballroom A in Student Union

**July 29**

Last day of class (Sessions A & C)

**July 30-August 2**

Final Examinations (Sessions A & C)

## **Kudos**

**Hassan Aziz** (medical technology) published an article, “Biological Response Modifiers: A Closer Look at Our Immune System.” The article appeared in the 2010 May issue of *Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals*.

**Mark Finlay** (history) has published “Far Beyond Tractors: Envirotech and the Intersections of Technology, Agriculture, and the Environment” in the April issue of *Technology and Culture*.

Psychology student **Lisa Pierce** presented a paper, “Historical Research on Intellectual Lineages of Contemporary Psychology Faculty,” at the annual Carolinas Psychology Conference in Raleigh, NC in April. John Kraft was the faculty advisor.

**Mirari Elcoro** (psychology) and a colleague presented a poster, “Delayed disruption of fixed-interval responding,” at the 36th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis in San Antonio, TX in May.

Elcoro also participated in a panel discussion, “Professional development series: Advice from the recently hired,” at the 36th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis.

**Jessica Frieder** (psychology) and colleagues presented a poster, “Concurrent Schedules of Reinforcement and Adjusting Demand Requirements: Year Four Summary Results,” at the 36th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis in San Antonio, TX in May.

Frieder also participated in a panel discussion, “Providing BCBA Supervision Within the University Setting,” and a symposium, “Variables Affecting Response Allocation in Concurrent Schedules of Reinforcement Arrangements,” at the 36th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis.

**Brad Sturz** (psychology) has won the American Psychological Association’s (APA) Division 6 (Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology) Brenda A. Milner Award. This award recognizes the author of an outstanding paper in the field of Behavioral Neuroscience or Comparative Psychology, published or in press, who is a member of Division 6 and who received his/her Ph.D. within five years of the date of the deadline for submission of the award nomination. Sturz won this award for being first author of the paper, “Learning of absolute and relative distance and direction from discrete visual landmarks by pigeons (*Columba livia*),” which was published in the *Journal of Comparative Psychology*. Sturz will travel to the annual APA convention this August to accept the award.

**Paula Tillman** (nursing) was named 2010 Nurse of the Year by the American Red Cross, Savannah Chapter. She began her work with the American Red Cross Disaster Health Services in 2001 and has served in the roles of instructor, associate and supervisor on various local and national disaster assignments. National deployments have included New York City for 9/11, Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina and Texas following Hurricane Ike.

**Mike Mahan** (middle and secondary education) participated in the “Rivers to Reef” Teacher Quality grant awarded to AASU in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary, the Georgia Aquarium and the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. Mahan is the evaluator of the grant which supports two workshops that help teachers introduce into their lessons the importance of Georgia’s watersheds and coastal areas.

The **Department of Mathematics** was a Gold Sponsor for the 12th Annual Tybee Island Sea Kayak Races held on June 12. The three races are a fundraising event for the Tybee Island Marine Science Center, which has been providing interactive marine education to children and adults for more than 20 years. After competing in one of the two races open to the public, **Sean Eastman**, assistant professor, went back in the water for the Gold Sponsor's race and won, narrowly beating the mayor of Tybee.

Carol Andrews (llp) published "Hyphenated Identity in 'Good Country People' and 'Everyday Use'" in the spring/fall issue of *Shenandoah*. It is the magazine's 60th anniversary double issue and is a tribute to the work of Flannery O'Connor.

The AASU **Department of Athletics** placed a school-record 77 student-athletes on the Peach Belt Conference's Presidential Honor Roll for 2009-10. Student-athletes must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher for the entire 2009-10 academic year to be honored. The number eclipses the previous high of 74 honor roll honorees during the 2006-07 year, and four seniors - women's soccer player Kristin Burton, volleyball player Nicole Yates and women's tennis players Martina Beckmann and Alisa Kagukina - finished their AASU careers by being named to the Honor Roll four times.

AASU's rising senior women's basketball player **Arpine Amirkhanyan** is suiting up for Armenian national basketball starting June 28 at the FIBA European Championships. Amirkhanyan was announced to the national team roster on June 21 by the national squad. Armenia is hosting the Division C of the Championships and will welcome in six other nations - Andorra, Gibraltar, Moldova, Malta, Scotland and Wales. A native of Van Nuys, CA, Amirkhanyan joined AASU from Arizona Western Community College in 2009 and averaged 10 points and a team-high 7.9 rebounds per game, starting all 26 games for the Lady Pirates last season and ranking seventh in the Peach Belt Conference in rebounding. The tournament is taking place in Yerevan, Armenia, nine hours ahead of Savannah, and runs through July 3.

## **AASU in the News**

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in June 2010. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

Michael Mink (health sciences) generated national and international media interest with a June study he co-authored in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. The study analyzed the nutritional value of foods advertised during a 28-day period on television in 2004. As a result of the study, Mink was quoted in *Time*, *New York Times*, *Discovery News*, WebMD, MSN, Fox News, Yahoo.com, and many others. Stories about the study have appeared in newspapers and in radio and television stations across the country and in media outlets in Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Ireland, Spain, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and others. Approximately 195 media stories were tallied by end of June. Locally, Mink appeared on WTOC's *Mid-Morning Live* and was interviewed for news segments by WTOC-TV and WSAV-TV. The *Savannah Morning News* also ran a story.

- 6/2      Communication Sciences and Disorders students engage in service projects.  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/2      AASU honors faculty and staff members  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/3      AASU tennis players earned All-America honors in NCAA DII rankings.  
*Savannah Morning News*

- 6/4 Michael Mink (health science) interviewed about his study on TV food ads.  
*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, WTOC-TV 6/9
- 6/16 Savannah City Council issues proclamation in recognition of AASU's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/18 Wynn Sullivan appointed deputy chief for AASU Police Department.  
WJCL/Fox  
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 6/26 and *Business in Savannah* 6/30
- 6/18 Vann Scott (biology) quoted regarding the psychology of unemployment.  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/19 AASU Lady Pirates' tennis featured on national television.  
CBS (NCAA spring sports championship wrap-up)
- 6/19 Zaphon Wilson (political science) interviewed about Savannah's tourism industry's lobby.  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/21 Becky da Cruz (arts & sciences) interviewed about Troy Davis case.  
WJCL/Fox
- 6/21 AASU basketball player Arpine Amirkhanyan to play for Armenian national team.  
WTOC-TV
- 6/22 AASU recognizes outstanding alumni.  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/25 Cooperative study abroad program between AASU and SSU will take students to Ghana.  
WSAV-TV  
Also, HBCUDigest.com 6/25
- 6/27 AASU Pirates' basketball signs 10 players.  
*Savannah Morning News*
- 6/29 Mark Finlay (history) interviewed about historical perspective of air conditioning in the south (story will air at a later time).  
WSAV-TV
- 6/30 Helen Taggart (nursing) quoted in story about demand for nurses.  
*Business in Savannah*
- 6/30 Scott Joyner appointed vice president of advancement at AASU.  
*Savannah Morning News*

**The submission deadline for the August issue of**

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**is July 15.**

**Please send submissions to [AASU.news@armstrong.edu](mailto:AASU.news@armstrong.edu).**

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