New Dean of AASU College of Health Professions

Shelley F. Conroy, an experienced educator with more than two decades of knowledge in allied health and medical education, assumed her position as dean of the College of Health Professions on February 1.

Conroy comes to Armstrong Atlantic from Ogden, UT where she has been dean of the Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions (DCHP) at Weber State University. During her four-year tenure, she expanded student enrollment at DCHP by 1,000, established two new graduate degrees, a certificate program, and a new associate’s degree. Conroy also forged ties with China, where DCHP now has a presence in several universities.

Prior to joining Weber State University, Conroy served at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA where she rose from clinical instructor to dean for Professional and Technical Studies. She served as assistant professor of nursing at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. She also held teaching positions at Florida Southern College and Valencia Community College in Orlando. She held a clinical faculty teaching appointment at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing for six years.

Conroy holds a doctorate in education from the University of Central Florida with a concentration in curriculum and instruction. She earned a master of science in nursing and a bachelor of science in nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University.

New in eArmstrong

Beginning with this issue of eArmstrong, the Office of External Affairs will publish a monthly report of the expenditure of unrestricted AASU Foundation funds. See this report immediately following the calendar of events.

AASU Hosts Clinical Laboratory Educators’ Conference

The Department of Medical Technology in the College of Health Professions hosted the 24th Annual Clinical Laboratory Educators’ Conference (CLEC) at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront in February. CLEC is the most important annual event for faculty, administrators, and others in clinical laboratory science education. The conference attracted more than 500 national and international clinical laboratory education faculty and other professionals. Hassan Aziz, medical technology, who also served as the general conference chair, gave the welcoming remarks. Assistant professors Lisa Anderson and Michelle Butina co-chaired the program committee.
Regional Science Fair

AASU hosted the Savannah-Ogeechee Regional Science and Engineering Fair in February in the Armstrong Center. Children in grades six through 12 from 35 private and public schools from around the state competed in junior and senior divisions and several project categories. Those in the top 10 percent scorers will go on to compete in the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair in Athens in April. The top winner in the senior division will compete at the International Fair in Atlanta in May. The judges included faculty members in science and engineering from AASU, Georgia Tech, Savannah State University, and South University, as well as representatives from Arizona Chemicals, Gulfstream Aerospace, and Tronox.

The Poetry Society of Georgia Reading in AASU

AASU Department of Languages, Literature & Philosophy sponsored a reading by Poet Barbara Hamby as part of the Poetry Society of Georgia 2007-2008 reading series. Hamby's most recent collection of poems, Babel, won the 2003 Associated Writing Programs Donald Hall Prize for poetry. She was the winner of the 1994 Vassar Miller Prize, the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, and the Poetry Society of America's Norma Farber First Book Award. Her poems have been chosen for inclusion in the Best American Poetry 2000, and the Pushcart Prize Anthology 2001. Hamby is writer-in-residence at the creative writing program at Florida State University.

Seminar on Combating Human Trafficking in Savannah

Hispanic Outreach and Leadership at AASU, in collaboration with the Zonta Club of Savannah, will host a free, interactive seminar, “Combating Human Trafficking in Savannah, Georgia,” on Tuesday, April 1, from 1:30-4 p.m. in the Armstrong Center. The program is of special interest to members of the media, law enforcement, social and healthcare services, education, religious and civic organizations. For more information or to register, call 232.1817 or 921.7337 or visit www.zontasavannah.org.

You Made Someone Smile

Human resources reports that the following employees were nominated for “You Made Someone Smile:” For more information about this program, contact human resources at 927.5267.

Justin Barlow, Registrar/Admissions
Jacqueline Briggs-Jackson, Registrar/Admissions
Lyndsey Bullock, Registrar/Admissions
Brian Dawsey, Registrar/Admissions
Charlotte Fletcher, Registrar/Admissions
Raven Harris, (part time) Registrar/Admissions
Christopher Jeancake, Registrar/Admissions
Geri Kilmer, Financial Services
Jackie Lewis, Financial Aid
Latrelle Rogers, Financial Services
Kudos

Donna Mullenax, chemistry & physics, has been named the 2008 College Science Teacher of the Year for the state of Georgia by the Georgia Science Teachers Association. The award recognizes outstanding achievements and excellence in the teaching of science.

The 2008 Academy of Economics and Finance conference was held in February in Nashville. Twenty non-Ph.D. students presented papers, 10 of whom were AASU economics majors. Two were recent graduates.

All 10 of the AASU students presented papers they had developed in their senior thesis class, under the direction and mentorship of Richard J. Cebula, the Shirley & Philip Solomons Eminent Scholar. Michael Toma served as student paper coordinator. Toma and Richard McGrath also conferred with some of the students on the final drafts of their papers.

In addition, Cebula, Toma, and Jay Carmichael, AASU economics major, presented “Determinants of Attendance at Minor League Baseball Games: The Case of the Carolina League.”

McGrath was elected to serve as the academy’s president-elect for 2008-2009 and as president for 2009-2010. Toma was elected to serve on the academy’s board of directors. Cebula was appointed chair of a committee to investigate the start-up of a new refereed scholarly journal, The Journal of the Academy of Economics and Finance.

Ashraf Saad, computer science, and Patrick Hannigan, middle and secondary education, made a poster presentation about the Ossabest project: “Ossabaw e-Experiences for Students and Teachers,” at the 5th Annual National Science Foundation Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers Summit for principal investigators held in Arlington, VA.

Raymond Greenlaw, school of computing, presented “On the Parallel Complexity of Hierarchical Clustering and CC-Complete Problems,” “Parallel Models of Computation,” and “Introduction to P-Completeness” at Chiang Mai University, Thailand; “Parallel Algorithms for Tree Problems” at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; and “Rankings and Codings of Trees” at the University of St. Louis in January.

In December, Greenlaw conducted a site visit to a major university for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Felix Hamza-Lup, computer science, and Michele Adams, graduate student, will present a paper, “Feel the Pressure: e-Learning System with Haptic Feedback,” at the 16th International Symposium on Haptic Interfaces for Virtual Environments and Teleoperator Systems, March 13-14 in Reno.

Hamza-Lup also served as reviewer for the Journal of Display Technology.

Brad Sturz, psychology, and co-authors Kent Bodily, Michelle Hernandez, Kelly Schmidtke, and Jeffrey Katz, department of psychology, Auburn University, published the chapter “Animal Cognition” in 21st Century Psychology: A Reference Handbook.
Helen Taggart, nursing, presented “Innovative Partnerships: Meeting the Needs of Three Diverse Groups” at an international conference held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The conference, New Frontiers in Primary Health Care: Role of Nursing and Other Professions, was hosted by the faculty of nursing, Chiang Mai University, and the China Medical Board.

Taggart also presented “Comparison of Nursing Education in the U.S. and Thailand” to the nursing faculty at Kuakarun College of Nursing in Bangkok, Thailand. In addition, Taggart met with the deans at Chiang Mai University School for Nursing and the Kuakarun College of Nursing to discuss research collaboration and exchange of faculty and students. While in Bangkok, she met with a representative of the Ministry of Public Health to discuss possible exchange and discussion of traditional Thai medicine.

Elwin Tilson, radiologic sciences, in conjunction with several faculty from Thomas Jefferson Medical University, published “Does transcranial doppler surveillance and early treatment improve neurological outcome following aneurismal subarachnoid hemorrhage? A pilot study,” in the neuroscience journal, JHN Journal, in December 2007.


Calendar

February 25-March 13
The AASU juried student art exhibition, sponsored by the AASU Campus Union Board Visual and Performing Arts Committee, will run through March 13 in the Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. For gallery reception information, call 927.5325.

March 1
Men’s and Women’s tennis vs. Lander University, 11 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex

March 1-2
The Masquers theatre troupe presents The Imaginary Invalid by Jean-Baptiste Molière, a satirical comedy about the medical profession of the late 1600s in France, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on March 2) in the Masquers’ new temporary home, Masquers Chinese Theater located in the Armstrong Center. General admission: $10. Advance ticketing is recommended. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 2
The Gospel Choir Spring Concert will be at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For further information, contact Lottie Scott at 921.2394.

March 4
The Savannah Winds, a community wind symphony in residence at AASU, performs in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission: $14. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for ticketing information.

March 5
AASU Softball vs. Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1 p.m., AASU Softball Field

March 6
The French Club will present “Days of Glory,” a film in French with English subtitles, at 7 p.m. in University Hall 157. Call Dorothee Mertz-Weigel at 927.5386 for additional information.
March 7
Art, music & theatre presents Heather Fall, piano, and Tyler Moore, trumpet, in graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 13
Men's and Women's tennis vs. Kutztown College, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Men's tennis vs. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (exhibition), 6 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

March 14
AASU Men's and Women's tennis vs. North Georgia, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

March 17
AASU softball vs. North Georgia, 1 p.m., AASU Softball Field

March 20
AASU Soccer Team Benefit Concert, noon in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For information, call Eric Faulconer, 927.5336

March 21
Art, music & theatre presents Demita Hodges and Brandon Nesmith, saxophone, in graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 28
The Week of the Young Child Conference, sponsored by the Department of Early Childhood Education, will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Armstrong Center. The keynote speaker, Meg Ormiston, is a web site author, former elementary teacher, and author of two books, including “Conquering Infoclutter: Timesaving Technology Solutions for Teachers.” Seating is limited and registration is required. For additional information or to register, call 927.5281.

ArmstrongFest 2008, March 24-30

Major events are listed below. Please visit www.armstrongfest.armstrong.edu for a comprehensive listing.

March 24
Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute and College of Health Professions Community Lecture. Jeff Boyd, director of the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute and vice president of Oncology and Research at Memorial Health University Medical Center, will present “The Genetic Predisposition of Ovarian and Breast Cancer,” in University Hall 156 at noon. This event is co-sponsored by the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center and the AASU College of Health Professions.
March 24-April 4
Annual Invitational Alumni Art Exhibition, presented by art, music & theatre, Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 25
Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Come out and enjoy an all-American barbecue on the Quad behind Burnett Hall. The hours are:
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (last names beginning with A-M) and 12:30-1:30 p.m. (last names beginning with N-Z)
For more information, call 921.2369 or e-mail Shelley.Merrick@armstrong.edu.

Inaugural Women in the Arts Symposium, presented by art, music & theatre, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 26
Jazz clinic, presented by art, music & theatre at 1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 27
Annual Alumni Board Meeting. The annual meeting to elect members to the board of directors will be held in the Armstrong Center Atrium from 5:30-7 p.m. For further information call, 921.2343 or e-mail Beth.Crovatt@armstrong.edu.

March 27-30
“For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf.”
Ntozake Shange’s award winning play will be presented by the AASU Masquers theatre troupe at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on March 30) in the Masquers Chinese Theater located in the Armstrong Center. Shange’s powerful choreopoem urges both self-realization and independence for African American women through compelling revelations of emotional moments impacting all women. General admission: $10. Advance ticketing is recommended. Audience discretion is advised; not recommended for children. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

March 28
High School One-Act Play Tournament. This tenth annual tournament will be presented by art, music & theatre on March 28-29 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free. Regional high school theatre troupes compete for top honors. Performances are scheduled throughout the day. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays for information and schedule of plays.

Robert I. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series. Jane T. Barnard presents “Georgia on My Mathematical Mind” in University Hall 156 at 12:10 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

International Night in the Garden. Join us for an evening featuring the Afropolitan Fusion band Soulfège in the International Garden located between Hawes and Solms halls. Soulfège blends hip-hop, reggae, and funk, in music that has been played in more than 50 countries across Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean. The music begins at 7 p.m. Call 921.5671 for additional information.
March 29

ArmstrongFest 5K Run presented by the Department of Recreation & Wellness and Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Student Recreation Center on Library Drive. The race starts at 9 a.m. Race to win the 5K run or take it easy with a one-mile Fun Run/Walk (great for kids and dogs). Registration information available at the Student Recreation Center, 921.2339.

Pre-Registration fee: $10
On-site Registration fee: $15
T-shirts and prizes awarded to top finalists in the men’s and women’s divisions.

Outdoor Art Show and Children’s Festival presented by art, music & theatre. This widely popular event returns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall courtyard. The festival offers arts activities for the entire family, including kids’ art, music, theatre, and dance activities. The artwork of faculty, alumni and students will be available for purchase. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

High School One-Act Play Tournament continues throughout the day. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information and schedule of plays.

Invitational Alumni Art Exhibition Gallery Reception presented by art, music & theatre at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.

March 30

Buccaneer Region Sports Car Club of America Autocross
Autocross events measure driver ability as well as automobile handling and agility. Drive as quickly as you can through a timed course defined by pylons. The competition is against time, not other cars. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The course will be open for walking at 10 a.m. with a guided walk at 11:30 a.m. and a safety meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Timed runs begin at noon in the Science Center parking lot. Registration is $25. For more information contact Don Johnson at savannahsolochair@buccaneerregion.org. Drivers can register at the site or in advance at www.myautoevents.com.

Unrestricted AASU Foundation Funds Monthly Report

The Office of External Affairs reports the expenditure of unrestricted AASU Foundation funds requested by administration, faculty, staff, and community partners for various programs and projects which qualify for such support. Unrestricted funds are those given to the foundation to enable the university to support worthy academic, student and community programs and projects for which state funds cannot be used. They are also used to supplement existing state funding to the university and to assist the university in raising additional money. Unrestricted funds are raised chiefly from the annual campaign, in particular the 3 Days for AASU fund drive in April, faculty/staff campaign in August, and the alumni phonathon in October and November.

Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce $300
Economic Outlook Luncheon, January 16, 2008 at the request of Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce (attended by Yassi Saadatmand and representatives of the economics department)

American Institute for Public Service $12,500
Jefferson Award Champion, 2008 sponsorship, at the request of President Thomas Z. Jones (campus leader: Anne Thompson, chair, Leadership Advisory Committee)
Savannah Book Festival $1,000
Sponsorship, February 2, 2008 at the request of Tony Morris, LLP (for poet Kathryn Stripling Byer)

Savannah Morning News $2,500
Teacher of the Year Gala, February 8, 2008 at the request of the Savannah Morning News (attended by Leah Fiorentino and representatives of the College of Education)

University System of Georgia Foundation $10,000

Savannah Black Nurses Association (SBNA) $300
SBNA provides scholarships for students who are currently enrolled in a nursing program. SBNA is a partner of Project SUCCESS.

100 Black Men of Savannah $285
The Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science hosted a mentoring workshop for the 100 Black Men of Savannah. Mentors are students from sixth to twelfth grades.

Additional support provided to:
MLK Observance Day Association, Inc. $300

Black Heritage Festival $500

Savannah Chatham Day in Atlanta $300

Model U.N. of AASU $3,000
Support for Model U.N. Team
(Faculty advisor - Mark Finlay)

Early English Books OnLine $1,000
Support for Lane Library Project
(University librarian - Doug Frazier)

AASU Men's Golf $2,500
AASU Athletics - Mike Butler

**AASU In the News**
The following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in February. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in University Relations at 961.3173, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu

2/1  HOLA-Goizueta Foundation scholarship application now available.
   -La Voz Latina
   Also, Savannah Morning News-1/27, 2/3

2/1  AASU to host College Goal Sunday February 10.
   -La Voz Latina
   Also, Savannah Morning News-2/9, 2/10

2/1  Fine Art hosts Andean weavings from Argentina.
   -La Voz Latina

2/1  Biodynamic Center opens.
   -Coastal Family
2/3 Rago presents faculty lecture February 8.
   -The Business Report and Journal
 Also, The Business Report and Journal-2/4, 2/10; Savannah Morning News-2/8;
 Savannah Tribune-1/30

2/8 AASU Lady Pirate Kaneetha Gordon became AASU’s new rebounding leader.
   -Coastal Courier

2/12 Shelly F. Conroy is named dean of the College of Health Professions.
   -Savannah Morning News
 Also, Savannah Tribune-2/13; Business Report & Journal-2/21

2/13 Poet Barbara Hamby at AASU February 19.
   -The Savannah Tribune
 Also, Savannah Morning News-2/10, 2/14

2/15 President Jones speaks about Northern Illinois University tragedy.
   -WTOC

2/21 AASU Police Department officers are honored.
   -Savannah Morning News

2/22 AASU hosts Regional Science Fair.
   -WTOC

University System Electronic News Sources
Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG).

• During the legislative session, the USG keeps state university employees abreast of issues that affect them through the weekly Legislative Update: www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/.

• For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the monthly System Supplement: www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.

• Value Added–USG Serves Georgia focuses on how the university system and its campuses are serving Georgia and local communities. To read this monthly publication, go to: www.usg.edu/pubs/value/.

• Linkages reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: www.usg.edu/linkages/.

The submission deadline for the April issue of *eARMSTRONG* is March 14.

Please send submissions to AASU.news@armstrong.edu.

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