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Student Retention Aid

A recent study by the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE) confirms that Georgia reflects national trends when comparing education levels with employment and income. The study demonstrates that higher education translates into higher earning power and lower unemployment.

Median Annual Earnings by Education Level:

Non-High School Graduate	\$11,517
High School Diploma	\$20,747
Associate's Degree	\$28,192
Bachelor's Degree	\$36,074

Percent Rate of Unemployment by Education Level:

Non-High School Graduate	8.9%
High School Graduate	4.3%
Associate's Degree	2.6%
Bachelor's Degree	1.6%

The study shows that as Georgia's economy continues to develop and grow there is an increasing demand for educated employees.

Delayed-Start Schedule Added

Floyd College will offer a series of *delayed-start* classes beginning September 21. The program is for students who were unable to complete their admissions or financial aid paperwork by the early start of classes—a result of the University System of Georgia changing to a Semester calendar.

"We had a number of students who have expressed interest in taking classes this fall, but didn't realize that we started August 24," said Joan Elifson, vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Another group of students received a letter from Governor Zell Miller just this month saying that they were eligible to receive the HOPE scholarship," Dr. Elifson added. "They didn't realize that they needed to fill out some federal financial aid forms for processing before we can use the HOPE voucher."

The college will offer a number of courses including several physical education classes, algebra, sciences, English composition, American Government, literature, business, and legal assistance. The classes will meet for a slightly longer period of time at each session to account for the class time lost due to the delayed start.

Cundiff Goes to Oxford

President Lynn Cundiff recently took part in the *Oxford Round Table on Education Policy* at Pembroke College, University of Oxford, England. Attendance at the conference, held from Sunday, August 2, to Friday, August 7, was by invitation only.

"What we did was discuss two-year college education," said Dr. Cundiff. "We looked at the past of community colleges and talked about their future. What would we need to do to be ready for the year 2005 or 2010? What are emerging issues?"

More than thirty representatives of two-year colleges from six countries attended the conference. These attendees came for a chance to share information with other community college leaders. The conference took the form of presentations by the representatives and round-table discussions.

"Many of the other countries were emulating the United States' system of two-year colleges," said Dr. Cundiff. "These countries have only recently established such institutions and wanted to know what was going on here."

At the conference, Dr. Cundiff presented his paper, "Technology As Change Agent in the Teaching Learning Process." In it, he discussed the Information Technology Project.

Folks

Harvey Moody, assistant professor of Chemistry, presented two day-long workshops this summer, one at the University of Georgia Chemistry Department, and one at Okaloosa-Walton College in Florida. The workshop was titled "LabWorks II and Integrating Computers In Chemistry Laboratory Instruction."

Leslie Henderson, instructor in Nursing, has had a manuscript titled "Interstitial Cystitis" accepted for publication by the Association of Operating Room Nurses in the AORN Journal.

Welcome the following new employees: **Barbara Poole**, custodian; **Juanita Green**, part-time Bookstore clerk; **Bill Wood**, system support specialist at NMTI; **Dee Johnston**, lab assistant/instructor in Disability Support; **Robert Fairel**, mandate coordinator, NW GA Law Enforcement Center; **Thomas Lawrie**, part-time instructor in Interpreter Training; **Kelly Gilbert**, Recruiting Coordinator; **Leslie Henderson**, instructor in Nursing; **Laura Bridges**, assistant professor of Psychology; **Pamela Kincheloe**, assistant professor of English; **Rebecca Maddox**, assistant professor of Nursing; **Laura Ralston**, instructor in Mathematics; **Sean Gilbert**, Technical Director in Extended Learning, and **Joanne Weir**, instructor in Dental Hygiene.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Shirley Roberson, purchasing clerk, upon the death of her father, Robert Robinson, August 6; **J. L. Todd**, Foundation Board Member, who is recuperating from heart bypass surgery; **Sara Williams**, custodian, who is still recuperating from a stroke; **Suzette Beeler**, wife of **Bill Beeler**, mechanic, who is recuperating from surgery. **Felicia Claxton**, daughter of **Susan Claxton**, director of Floyd College in Haralson Co., who is recuperating at home following a heart transplant.

Announcements

The **Floyd College Foundation** will hold a meeting Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m., in the Library. The event will include a kick-off reception for the Monte Carlo Gala, in honor of **Jo and Lyons Heyman**, honorary chairs of the event. The reception will be followed by a board meeting featuring presentations on the college's wetlands and observatory.

It's not too late to get your tickets for Centre Stage's Dinner Theatre production of **Bright Lights and Ravioli**, scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Call 706.295.6324.

There will be a **staff meeting** Tuesday, September 22, at 3 p.m. in Walraven 218. 333 218

Continuing Education classes scheduled for September are:

Floristry
Cake Decorating I
Gymnastics

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For more information or to register for a class, call 706.295.6324.

The **Small Business Development Center** will offer workshops in September on *Beginning Your Own Business*, *Marketing*, *How to Turn Your Company's Profits Into Cash*, *Training Your Staff To Serve & Sell*, and *Alternative Financing for Women & Minority-Owned Businesses*. For information, or to register for a workshop, call 706.295.6326.