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Dalton State Blessed by Philanthropy

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There are many things that set Dalton apart from other small Southern towns, but one of the most obvious is the spirit of philanthropy that exists here.

The pioneers of our industry were not content to merely build their business empires. They lavished the same energy, vision, and creativity on nearly every aspect of our community. Their fingerprints can be found on our health care system, our school systems, our public utilities, our arts community, our recreational facilities, and our houses of worship.

They showed us by their example what it means to give back and to serve. They shared their resources in addition to their acumen, and they taught those who followed them to be involved as well.

Dalton State College has likewise been blessed by philanthropy. The fact that we have a college here at all is testament to the vision and passion of local businessmen who half a century ago recognized the need for a junior college to serve Northwest Georgia. Look at the names on our buildings: Westcott, Lorberbaum, Brown, Bandy – business leaders who knew the value of higher education and invested their resources in making it happen here.

Read the names of donors in our Dalton State magazine and you can appreciate the collective impact of gifts large and small that benefit our institution and make educational opportunities accessible to our students. Our donors include current students and alumni, faculty, and staff, and also community folks who never have and never will take a class here but who recognize how important it is for us to have a college in our region to educate our sons and daughters and prepare them for an increasingly complex global society. *(Continued on page 3)*



On April 26 the Dalton State Foundation recognized excellence among faculty and staff by announcing the winners of Foundation awards for 2013. Pictured, from left, are: **Mr. Jerry Drye**, Assistant Professor of Communication, Award for Excellence in Teaching; **Ms. Jamie Connors**, Assistant Professor of Accounting, The Barbara Shiffler '76 Award for Business Teaching; **Dr. Kris Barton**, Associate Professor of Communication, Award for Faculty Excellence in Scholarship and Professional Development; **Dr. Marina Smitherman**, Associate Professor of Biology, Award for Faculty Excellence in Service, and **Ms. Janet Vetter**, Administrative Assistant for the School of Science, Technology, and Mathematics, The Beth Burdick Service Excellence Award.

Transforming lives... with great teaching!



Congratulations to **Ms. Cheryl Owens**, Assistant Professor of Medical Assisting, our first faculty member to be CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF GREAT TEACHING!

Surprised in front of her Allied Health Terminology class on April 29 by **Ms. Katie Pridemore** and **Dr. Andy Meyer**, Ms. Owens was presented with the evidence supporting her nomination, a \$25 Amazon gift card (provided by Dalton State Athletics), a mug, and a "Caught in the Act of Great Teaching" plaque created by **Dr. April Kay**.

Just a few comments provided by Ms. Owens' students:

"...an amazing, caring, dependable, wonderful teacher."
"...a teacher that students get only once in a lifetime."
"...an amazing teacher and wonderful human being."
"...I am a better person for having not only been taught by her but for having known her."

Summer Schedule

Monday, May 13
through
Friday, August 2
4 day/10 hour work weeks;
campus closed
Fridays through Sundays

Summer Holidays

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27
Independence Day
Thursday, July 4

CAMPUS WATCH

Associate Professor of Communication **Dr. Kris Barton** had an article published in the current issue of *Communication Quarterly* titled “Why We Watch Them Sing and Dance: The Uses and Gratifications of Talent-Based Reality Television.”

Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research, served as lead reader, evaluator, and writer for standards on institutional effectiveness, institutional mission, and student achievement in Atlanta May 9-10 for the SACS-Commission on Colleges Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee for three Florida colleges (Seminole State College, St. Johns River State College, and Florida State College at Jacksonville) preparing for on-site visits in September.

Director of Residential Life **Jonathan Lee Johnson** recently defended his dissertation and graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling and Personnel Services with an emphasis in College Student Personnel at the University of Louisville on May 10. His dissertation is titled: “The Social Construction of Ethnicity and Masculinity of African American College Men” and is a qualitative analysis examining the identity development of African American collegiate males at the intersection of masculinity and ethnicity. In addition, **Dr. Johnson** received the Erica J. Holloman Achievement Award from UL’s College of Education and Human Development.

Dr. Thomas W. Mullen, Associate Professor of Political Science, attended the 2013 Popular Culture Conference in Washington, D.C., where he delivered a paper, “Turkish Germans or German Turks: Fatih Akin’s *Head-On (Gegen Die Wand)*!” on March 28.

Congratulations to **Mr. Max Pierce**, Director of Respiratory Therapy, and **Ms. Christy Walker**, Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Clinical education, who received the “Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award” from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care in April. This award is presented to only a select group of programs, and selection includes criteria such as documented RRT credentialing success of 90% or higher.

Professor of Psychology **Dr. Christy Price** presented “Averting Death by Academic PowerPoint! From Killer Professors to Killer Presenters” at the Southeastern Teaching of Psychology Conference in Atlanta on March 1, and on March 5 she presented “Student Engagement: Making the Experience Sticky” at the South by Southwest Education Conference in Austin, Texas. On March 10, she presented “Extreme Influence! Creating the Change Experience” as the keynote address at the Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, and presented “Orchestrating a Campus-Wide Learning-Centered Course Redesign Project” with **Dr. Sandra Stone**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at the same conference that same day.

Mr. Ryan Provost, Coordinator for Orientation and Student Involvement, and Dalton State student **Russell Smith** presented “Mentor Madness! Building Connections with Mentor Leadership” at the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop at the University of Memphis on March 16. The presentation was based on *The Mentor Leader* by Tony Dungy and provided overview of the importance of effective mentorship for new college students.

Ms. Marge Shirilla, Associate Professor of Social Work, has been selected to be a part of the 2013-14 cohort of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Geriatric Education Center’s Faculty Scholars Program. This interprofessional training program provides participants with tools designed to enhance the training that they provide in relation to chronic and advanced illness in older adults. This year’s cohort will include faculty members from six states and 24 universities representing dentistry, kinesiology, medicine, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, psychology, speech-language pathology, and social work.

Associate Director of Student Life **Ms. Donna Lee Sullins** and **Dr. Marilyn M. Helms**, Sesquicentennial Chair and Professor of Management, coauthored the article, “Emerging Campus Issues: The Case of Dalton State College,” which was published in the Spring 2013 issue of *The Journal of College Orientation and Transition*, the scholarly journal of the National Orientation Directors Association. ■

APRIL/MAY/JUNE TRANSITIONS

Welcome to:

Charity Lusk
Admissions

Justin Goforth
Public Safety

Javier Villalobos-Olmedo
Public Safety

Farewell to:

Dr. Traci Bramlett
School of Health Professions

Cecil Clements
Public Safety

Kim Crews
Student Life

Stephen Davenport
School of Business

Shannon Evans
Academic Resources

Daniel Headrick
Public Safety

Kathy Hoff
Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Charles Johnson
School of Health Professions

Whitney Jones
Dalton State Foundation

Rebecca Lowery
Drafting & Design Technology

Dr. Cal Meyer
School of Education

Dr. Lynn Murphy
School of Education

Glenda Pileggi
Purchasing

Sherry Richardson
Adult Education

Kendall Storey
Admissions

Ann Taylor
Office & Business Technology

Dr. Spencer Zeiger
Department of Social Work

Dalton State confers first BSN degrees



Dalton State graduated its first class of students to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at spring commencement on May 10. The BSN program was designed for working registered nurses and is a hybrid model consisting of both live lectures and online course content. Among the first candidates for graduation were, from left, first row: Kyle Parton, Jacqueline Barrios, Amber McMahan, Amber Forster, Mitzi Reed, and Amin Sohani; second row: Rachel Wibanks, Traci Turner, Jaime Pesl, Jennier Pass, Heather Guthrie, Valerie Brooks, and Jessica Sparks; third row, Shae Hammond, Traci Kelley, Julie Crabtree, and Grace Pierce. Not pictured are Maria Plaza and Rhonda Townsend. Faculty members for the program included: **Dr. Jeanette Bernhardt**, **Dr. Lynda Ridley**, **Dr. Traci Bramlett**, and **Ms. Sylvia King**, and Interim Chair/Associate Professor of Nursing **Lisa Peden**.

On April 3, **Dr. Christy Price**, Professor of Psychology, joined the three other 2012 Carnegie Foundation U.S. Professors of the Year to address faculty at the University of South Florida. Pictured are, from left: Lois Roma-Deeley, Phoenix, Arizona; Todd Pagano, Rochester, New York; Dr. Price; and Autar Kaw, Tampa, Florida.



New Club for Faculty and Staff

The **Center for International Education** is sponsoring a new international club for faculty and staff. The club, which held its first meeting and a luncheon on April 26, is open to any faculty or staff member who has an international interest or an international background.

The club will organize social events and other activities aimed at promoting internationalization of the campus.

For additional information or to be added to the club's mailing list, please contact **Dr. B.G. Guo** at baogang.guo@gmail.com

Blessed by Philanthropy

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Our newest philanthropic benefactor is a man whose personal experience with Dalton State was minimal. John Willis Mashburn and his wife, Catherine, did not have children so they were not Roadrunner parents. He may have taken a continuing education class here in accounting. They lived quiet lives in the Brookwood community. From what I understand, he was a frugal man.

In his will, Mr. Mashburn made clear that he wanted to leverage the assets of his estate for the benefit of this community, which was good to him. Trustees of the Mashburn Charitable Trust have pledged more than \$5 million to Dalton State in hopes of elevating its stature within the region and the state. The money will be awarded in the form of scholarships for student athletes and for athletic facilities. This will have an economic impact on our community.

Because Dalton State's tuition and fees are so low, a small amount of scholarship money can go a long way, and projections are that hundreds of student athletes will have the opportunity to receive a Dalton State education over the next 10 years. They will enter our school as athletes, but they will leave as graduates with degrees and knowledge that will help them be productive and contributing citizens of our community, country, state, and world.

We have all benefited from philanthropy in our community. We have used healthcare, education, utilities, the arts, and recreation facilities. But there is still much to be done. At Dalton State, we will always have students who need support in completing their education. Facilities will need to be upgraded. Our burgeoning arts program needs to be expanded. We need to provide global experiences for more students. Opportunity abounds.

There is so much goodness in people in our community. Philanthropy is a powerful legacy and in that regard, this community is richly blessed and will continue to be so. ■



The play's the thing...

Faculty members who have been named to the 2013-14 Play Selection Committee for the Department of Humanities include, from left: **Ms. Cheryl Larsen**, Assistant Professor of Communication; **Ms. Regina Ray**, Associate Professor of Reading; **Ms. Jackie Daniels**, Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre; **Dr. Jonathan Lampley**, Assistant Professor of English; and **Dr. Lorena Sins**, Associate Professor of English.



As senior most faculty member present, **Dr. Jack Waskey**, Professor of Social Sciences, served as Marshal for the College's spring 2013 commencement.



Adult Education Eagle Award Winner Named

For her achievement as an Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education, **Ana Victoria Ramirez**, center, was named this year's EAGLE Award Winner for Adult Education. Pictured left is **Barbara Baldwin**, the Adult Education instructor who named Ramirez for the award, and right is **Carla Debose**, Director of Professional Development and Transitions for the Georgia Office of Adult Education.

Enjoy your summer!

The Bulletin Board and the *eQuill* will return in August.

To have College-sponsored events posted to the online Campus Calendar or included in the *Bulletin Board* or *eQuill*, email lmassey.

2013 Promotions and Tenure

Promotion to Assistant Professor –

Ms. Lisa Hunt
Department of Allied Health

Promotion to Associate Professor –

Dr. Sharon Beavers
School of Education
Dr. Robert Ford
Department of Mathematics
Ms. Orenda Gregory
School of Education
Dr. Doyle Loughren
Department of Social Sciences
Dr. Sarah Mergel
Department of Social Sciences

Promotion to Full Professor –

Dr. Tom Gonzalez
Department of Mathematics
Dr. Larry Johnson
School of Business

Tenure –

Dr. Kris Barton
Department of Humanities
Ms. Cathy Hunsicker
Department of Humanities
Ms. Sylvia King
School of Health Professions
Ms. Marge Shirilla
Department of Social Work

Promotion to Associate Professor and Tenure

Dr. Matthew Chenoweth
Department of Natural Sciences
Dr. Emma Cooley
Department of Natural Sciences
Dr. Marina Smitherman
Department of Natural Sciences

Other changes –

By unanimous consent of School of Business faculty, **Dr. Larry Johnson** will become the Dean and **Dr. Mike D'Itri** the Associate Dean.

Dr. Sharon Hixon will serve as Interim Dean for the School of Education.

Dr. Gina Kertulis-Tartar will serve as Interim Dean for the School of Health Professions.

Dr. Kerry Dunbar will serve as the Interim Chair for the Department of Natural Sciences.

The Department of Humanities will be split and **Dr. Kris Barton** will serve as Interim Chair of the new Department of Communication.

Breaking news...May 14

Board of Regents Approves Two New Degrees for Dalton State

The University System Board of Regents has approved the College's application to offer bachelor's degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies and to participate in an online Organizational Leadership program, bringing to 16 the number of four-year degrees offered by the local college.

Both new degree programs are specifically geared to working learners who want to earn a bachelor's degree, according to Dr. Sandra Stone, Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies "should be particularly attractive to returning adult students who want to maximize previously earned credits or to earn credits through the use of Prior Learning Assessments," said Stone. "It will provide graduates with the communication, analytical, critical thinking, research, and writing skills so important to today's changing job market."

The online degree program in Organizational Leadership represents the University System's first collaborative effort to provide a USG bachelor's degree program delivered completely in a virtual environment. Participating students will take core curriculum classes through the System's eCore system and then concentrate in one of several areas.

Valdosta State University contributes concentrations in public service administration, office administration and technology, legal office administration, and law enforcement leadership; Dalton State will contribute a health care administration track and will expand the options for all students in the eMajor.

"This Organizational Leadership eMajor will help meet growing occupational demands in Northwest Georgia that require advanced leadership skills," Stone said. "Department of Labor projections call for 45 percent growth in ambulatory health care services, 29 percent growth in hospitals, and a 27 percent increase in nursing and residential care facilities by 2018," she said.

"Both of these new degree programs offer flexibility for adult students anxious to begin or resume a college education," said Dalton State President Dr. John O. Schwenn. "We are proud to add them to our lineup, and we have several more degree program applications in various stages of completion."

Enrollment in both new programs begins immediately,
For information, call 706.272.4436. ■

**The next issue of the eQuill will be distributed in August.
Please submit professional news (after the fact) for the
August issue by July 31.**

A Few Highlights from Spring Semester

In between the teaching and learning, over 50 events—conferences, guest lectures, concerts, inductions, theatrical performances, lunch and learns, open houses, service projects, last lectures, a fashion show, and graduation—took place on campus this spring. *Just a few highlights:*

- Members of the Department of Humanities presented "**What Can You Do with an English Major?**" to share information and discuss possible career choices with students on March 12.
- The **4th Annual Dalton State Teaching and Learning Conference: Innovation in the Classroom** was held on March 15 and featured as keynote speaker **Dr. Saundra McGuire** of Louisiana State University who presented "Teach Students How to Learn."
- The **School of Business** welcomed two speakers to Dalton: Belgium professor **Johann Vanhaverbeke** who spoke on change management on March 28 and **Gardener Carrick**, VP of Strategic Initiatives and Research for the Manufacturing Institute in Washington, DC, who spoke at two events in Dalton on April 10.
- Dalton State's International Club presented an **International Fashion Show** on April 8 which was attended by over 200 students, faculty, staff, and community members. The event featured international foods, and music, and student models wearing clothing from many nations.
- Students, faculty, and staff presented Shakespeare's timeless comedy, **Twelfth Night**, under the direction of Jackie Daniels, Assistant Professor of Communication/Theater from April 18 to 21.
- With the support of their faculty mentors, over 100 students representing all Schools participated in a **Student Showcase** of original scholarship between April 22 and 30.
- Greek life began on April 24 when 15 Dalton State students were welcomed as pledges into **Alpha Kappa Lambda**, a 99 year old national fraternity, with a new member pinning ceremony.
- **Beta Gamma Sigma**, the national honor society for Schools of Business accredited by AACSB, held its spring induction ceremony on April 23.
- **Dr. Carolyn Hopper**, author and Learning Strategies Coordinator at Middle Tennessee State University gave presentations on May 3 on brain-based learning. The event was sponsored by The Center for Academic Excellence and the Quality Enhancement Plan.
- On May 7, **Beta Chi Nu**, Dalton State's chapter of the national biology honor society Beta Beta Beta, held its induction ceremony for new members for 2013-14.
- During spring commencement on May 10, the Department of Social Work conferred its **100th Bachelor of Social Work degree**.