

Update on Dalton State Progress

Columns published last March and April rolled out details of Dalton State’s bold master plans for our campus and academic programs. These plans call for the development of a true residential campus community and the introduction of several new bachelor’s degree programs as we evolve into the more traditional four year college that our students, alumni, and community tell us they want us to be. It is time to update you on what’s happening with those plans.

Of primary importance to us is our critically-needed academic building. It has been approved by the Board of Regents and the building design is complete. All that remains is funding and we can break ground. The shovels are poised.

Our next most critical need is for residential housing. Wood Valley is filled to capacity and has been nearly every semester since it opened two and a half years ago. We are aggressively recruiting students from the metro Atlanta area and they will need places to live. Soon we will launch our athletic program and we will begin to recruit student athletes—again, we will need a place to house them.

We are awaiting results of a needs assessment before initiating a private-public venture (PPV) to fund construction of a residential community on the south end of our campus. Unfortunately for us, there has been some overbuilding of student housing across Georgia and capacity has exceeded demand, causing some PPVs to struggle. That is certainly not the case here; our need is pressing and we hope we will be given permission soon to proceed with our project.

Once we have more students living on campus we’ll require more services to support a robust student life, including expanded facilities for dining and recreation, study spaces, and areas for student organizations. This will require expansion of our existing Pope Student Center, Bandy Gymnasium, and eventually Roberts Library.

Operational efficiencies could be achieved by undertaking multiple construction projects at the same time. We could make use of a single contractor and project manager, for instance. It is entirely conceivable that we could have residence halls, expanded student center, and recreation center expansion underway at the same time, even before our academic building is complete.

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Roadrunner Nation welcomes new AD, Derek Waugh



Dalton State’s new Athletic Director **Derek Waugh** greets faculty, staff, students, community members, and reporters from Dalton and Chattanooga during his first press conference on February 1. To learn more about this Division I Academic All-American who will guide the College’s return to athletics, visit “News” on the College’s homepage.



Dr. John Schwenn

QEP

Countdown to September

QEP moves forward! With help from **Dr. Stephen LeMay’s** MARK 3570 students, we have many ideas for publicizing our QEP.

Right now, graphic and digital design students are involved in a logo design contest. Later in the semester, there will be a rap contest, with winners filmed on campus. Posters will soon show up on campus, and if you haven’t joined our Facebook group, find us and come on in!

We’ve received good input for strengthening the QEP from our SACS liaison, and the Committee is hard at work implementing those changes.

A group of 10 learning support English instructors, the Action TEAM (Teachers of English Aiming for Mastery), are redesigning their courses for next year’s beginning of the QEP. Faculty can expect to receive the QEP for their review sometime around Spring Break. *Barbara Tucker, Chair QEP Committee*

QEP:
“Getting on the ‘Write’ Path: Improving Academic Performance of High Risk Students through Learning Support English.”

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Barton



CAMPUS WATCH

Dr. Kris Barton, Assistant Professor of Communication, has written a chapter entitled "Superpowers and Super-Insight: How Back Story and Motivation Emerge through the *Heroes* Graphic Novels" published in the edited volume *Investigating Heroes: Essays on Truth, Justice and Quality TV*, which critically analyzes the former NBC television series *Heroes*.

Crisp



Dr. Jenny Crisp, Assistant Professor of English, received a grant in January. The funds, from the Mohawk Carpet Foundation, will go to support the work of the Chattooga County Literacy Council. Dr. Crisp serves as president of the Council's board of directors.

Mathews



Author Silas House has selected "More than a Mess of Greens" by Associate Professor of English **Dr. Marsha Mathews** "as one of the top three submissions for the 2012 Rash Awards in Fiction." The story, which will be published in *The Broad River Review* in April, is an excerpt from her novel-in-progress, *Blood Feather*, and is Mathews' first publication in fiction. In addition, her poem "Crossing the Dead" appears in the January issue of *Relief: A Christian Literary Expression*.

Moyer



Newly elected member of the Calhoun City Schools Board of Education **Ms. Debra Moyer**, M.Ed., was sworn into office by Calhoun Mayor Jimmy Palmer on January 9. Before joining Dalton State in October as a financial aid counselor, Moyer was employed at Calhoun High School as a teacher, graduation coach, and administrator.

Park



Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems **Dr. Sung-Hee "Sunny" Park** published an article entitled "A Framework for Safety Excellence: Lessons from UPS" in the January/February 2012 issue of the *Supply Chain Management Review* (www.scmr.com), published by EH Publishing, Inc.

Pfiester



The following publications reflect scholarship by School of Education faculty, **Mr. Josh Pfiester**, Assistant Professor of Education, and **Dr. Cal Meyer**, Dean of the School of Education:

Pfiester, J. (2011). Retaining rural principals. Good for schools and even better for their communities. *Perspectives*, 38 10-12,19. Idaho Association of School Administration

Patnaik, S., **Meyer, C.** (2011) A continuum for multicultural sensitivity. *National Social Science Association Proceedings*, 46 #1, 161-173. National Social Science Association

Meyer



Dr. Christy Price, Professor of Psychology, presented on Engaging Millennial Learners and Learning-Centered Teaching at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Illinois, on January 13; on Engaging Millennial Learners at Georgia Tech on January 18; and on Preventing Student Incivility and Learning-Centered Teaching at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, on January 20.

Price



Submit professional news (after the fact) for the March Campus Watch to Linda Massey at lmassy@daltonstate.edu by February 22.



An Artistic Discovery: The 2012 Congressional Art Competition

Student art representing high schools from Georgia's 9th Congressional District

Exhibit:

Derrell C. Roberts Library
February 13 to March 14
during regular library hours

**Winner to be announced:
Closing reception
March 14 • 7 to 8 pm**

Sponsors:

- The Honorable Tom Graves, U.S. Representative, 9th District
- Dalton State College
- Creative Arts Guild of Dalton

For information: 4575

TRANSITIONS

Welcome to
Jonathan Johnson
Director of Housing

Farewell to
Billie Precise, Retired
School of Nursing

The Office of Marketing and Communications has moved to the 3rd floor of the James E. Brown Center. Phone numbers for Pam Partain, Linda Massey, and Alex Swan remain the same.

February calendar:

February 4, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 pm, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center
Civil War in the Western Theater Colloquium (lectures free; admission fee for the Civil War Trade Show) (Sponsors: Bandy Heritage Center and Georgia Humanities Council)

February 4 and 17, 8:30 to 12 pm, George Rice Drive near south entrance, contact [jugthart](#)
Help build Dalton State Hiking trails! (Bring: sturdy shoes/boots, gloves, drinking water)

February 6, 11 am to 12 pm, Eddie Miller Rm., **Appreciation Event for Dalton State Veterans**
(Sponsors: Dr. John Schwenn, Dr. Charles Johnson, Katrina Autry, and Debra Moyer)

Tell students: February 7, **Make a Career Fair Work for You**, 12:15 pm, Eddie Miller Room

Tell students: February 8, **Drop-In Résumé Review**, 9 am - 4 pm, Counseling/Career Services

February 9, 6 pm, Goodroe, free/open to the public, contact 4562, **Documentary film:**
The Anatomy of Hate: A Dialogue to Hope (Sponsor: Office of Student Life)

February 12, 3 pm, Goodroe, free/open to the public, contact 2528
Guest Artist Recital: Eric Hanson, double bass, with Kris Carlisle, piano
(Sponsors: Office of Student Life and Department of Humanities)

February 13 through March 14
Exhibition: 2012 Congressional Art Contest (art submitted by 9th District high schools)
Roberts Library – exhibit open for viewing during regular Library hours – contact: 4575
(Sponsors: Rep Tom Graves, Dalton State College, Creative Arts Guild)

February 14, 9 am to 3 pm, Eddie Miller Room, **Platelet Drive** (Sponsor: Student Life)

February 14, 12 pm, LIA 114, contact 4502 (Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning)
Brown Bag Lunch: “Romantic Love: Waves and Tunnels”
Readings of original works by Dr. Nancy Mason and Dr. Marsha Mathews

February 15, 12:15 pm, Brown 202, contact 4562, bring lunch
Food for Thought: Brown Bag for Faculty/Staff: “Civility and Incivility in Academic Life”
(Sponsor: Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)

February 15, 12 to 1 pm, Brown 105, \$10 (includes lunch) (contact 4473)
Foundation Lunch and Learn (reservation/advance payment due no later than two days prior)
“The Oscars: Winners, Losers, and Weird Moments” by Dr. Jonathan Lampley
(Sponsor: Dalton State Foundation)

For students/alumni only: February 16, **Career Fair**, 12 to 2:30 pm, Pope Student Center

February 22, 12:15, Brown 105, **Red Balloon Workshop: Motivating Students** by Raina Rutti
(Sponsor: Office of Academic Affairs)

February 23, 11 am, Goodroe, free/open to the public, contact 4562
“When Freedom of Speech Becomes the Freedom to Hate” by Mr. Matthew Hipps
(Sponsor: Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)



Spotlight on...

Jonathan “J.J.” Johnson
Director of Residential Life

Education:

B.S., Technology and Industrial Arts
Berea College, Berea, Kentucky
M.S., Higher Education
Administration
University of Kentucky

Most recent experience:

Associate Director for Facilities
and Operations for Housing
and Residence Life at the
University of Louisville

Grew up:

Birmingham, Alabama

Family:

Wife, Suhail
Daughter, Mia Katerina

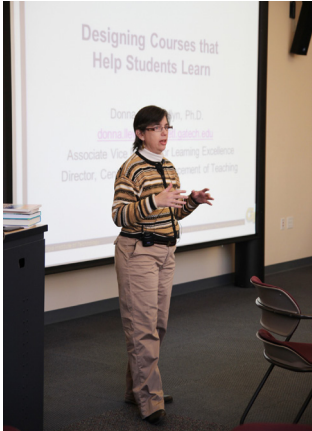
When asked about Dalton State, new Director of Residential Life **Jonathan Johnson** is quick to say it reminds him of his undergraduate experience at Berea College.

“It’s beautiful here. I love the feel of the mountains and foothills and the sense of Appalachian culture,” he explains. “And people have been very welcoming—from the President on down to people who never even met me during my interview process.”

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“Will this teaching action optimize my students’ opportunity to learn?”

Red Balloon project takes flight



On January 6, AACSU Red Balloon workshops on course redesign kicked off with a presentation titled “Creating Significant Experiences through Course Redesign” by **Dr. Donna Llewellyn**, Associate Provost for Learning Excellence at Georgia Tech, pictured left. Over 80 faculty, staff, and administrators attended the Friday event, with over 60 faculty now working on “learning-centered course redesign” in order to better assist students in achieving learning outcomes.

To enhance learning, technology in the form of handheld responders, or clickers, may be used to determine student comprehension, and classes may incorporate more discussion, with seating arranged to facilitate interaction between faculty members and students. But whatever actions are undertaken, Professor of Psychology **Dr. Christy Price** advises “Learning-centered teaching means subjecting every teaching activity, method, assignment, or assessment to the test of a single question: given the context of my students, course, and classroom, will this teaching action optimize my students’ opportunity to learn?”

Pictured right, the second workshop in the series, “Utilizing Rubrics to Enhance Student Achievement of Learning Outcomes,” was led by **Dr. Lynne Cabe**, Assistant Professor of Social Work; **Ms. Orenda Gregory** and **Dr. Sharon Beavers**, Assistant Professors of Education, and **Ms. Susan Kennedy**, Instructor in Education, on Thursday, January 26.

In addition to workshop attendance, project participants are in the process of working through an online tutorial on course redesign in discipline-specific groups directed by the following team leaders: English 1101, 1102: **Dr. Barbara Murray**, Chair, Department of Humanities; English 0098 and QEP: **Ms. Barbara Tucker**, Associate Professor of Communication; Math 1111: **Dr. Mike Hilgemann**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and **Ms. Katie Pridemore**, Instructor in Mathematics; Biology 1107 and Anatomy and Physiology: **Dr. Marina Smitherman**, Assistant Professor of Biology, and **Ms. Annabelle McKie-Vorste**, Assistant Professor of Biology; Communication 1110: **Mr. Jerry Drye**, Assistant Professor of Communication; and for Social Science and the Schools of Business, Education, Social Work, and Technology: **Dr. Raina Rutti**, Assistant Professor of Management, and **Dr. Christy Price**, Professor of Psychology.

Update on... Progress

Dr. John Schwenn

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When it comes to space–square footage per full time equivalent student–Dalton State comes up far short of ideal, ranking second from the bottom of the University System of Georgia’s 35 colleges and universities. This is an area which must be remedied if we are to grow the College.

Concurrent with these physical modifications to our campus, we will also be seeking programmatic expansions as we seek to add more bachelor degree programs. We have just been approved to offer the bachelor’s degree program in nursing and hope to have one soon for respiratory therapy. These are two health care professions with a high demand for workers. Several others are in the pipeline for approval, including bachelor degree programs in psychology and communications, and also an associate degree program in fine arts.

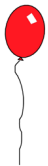
The University System has a new Chancellor who has implemented an integrated review process for proposed physical facilities and academic programs. This process ensures there is demonstrated need and that there will be sufficient resources to support new construction and new programs, ultimately to ensure the best allocation of limited state resources. We believe Dalton State will stand up to the increased scrutiny, and we are anxious to proceed. ■

All faculty are invited to attend the 3rd course redesign

workshop of the spring series:
“Motivating Students”

with Assistant Professor of Management Dr. Raina Rutti

Wednesday, February 22, 12:15 pm, James E. Brown Center, Room 105



January rewind...



As the result of substantive changes in math education that resulted from implementation of Georgia Performance Standards, a local mathematics community, Project 6-16, was formed to provide support and resources for local educators implementing the new curriculum. Dalton State faculty participating in the group include **Dean Randall Griffus; Chair Tom Gonzalez; Instructors: Ms. Julie Tharpe, Mr. Paul Fonstad; Assistant Professors: Mr. Tim Hawkins, Dr. Robert Ford, Dr. Sharon Beavers, Dr. Javad Zadeh; and Professors: Dr. Mary Edwards, Dr. Lee Ann Nimmons, and Dr. Vince Postell.**



The Sequoia Gang dressed in black to surprise Janet Vetter, center, on her January 26 birthday!



On January 18, **Dr. Tom Veve**, Associate Professor of History, traveled to Northwest Whitfield High School to give a presentation on Doolittle's Raiders and share memorabilia with the Military History class.

2012 –Year of the Water Dragon



The Center for International Education and the Office of Student Life hosted its second celebration of the Asian Lunar New Year on January 25. Over 200 people, including some in costume, sampled Asian food and listened to music, with students participating in contests for prizes. Among those in attendance were, from left: **Dr. Baogang Guo**, Director of the Center for International Education; **President John Schwenn**; **Ms. Sarah Min**, Instructor in Communication; and **Dr. D. K. Kim**, Assistant Professor of Management.



Student **Ahyoung Han** and **Dr. Sung-Hee "Sunny" Park**, Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems, attended in traditional Korean dress.

Spotlight continued...

Jonathan Johnson

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Jonathan, who learned all he could about the College before he applied (including checking us out on YouTube), says he does not take his commitments lightly.

"I appreciate the fact that you are committed to offering students an affordable education, and I am impressed with the plans you have for growth in student services, housing, and athletics," he added. "I want to be a part of all that."

"I see helping students engage with the opportunities and resources available here as part of my job. I don't want anyone to take their educational experiences for granted." ■



Thank you

to everyone who participated in "A Novel Idea," the holiday luncheon sponsored by **Dr. and Mrs. Schwenn**. As a result of faculty and staff generosity, 320 new books were collected for distribution to facilities like **Friendship House**, a local childcare center that offers income-adjusted services, and **Oak Haven**, a second chance home for teen moms and their babies.