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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

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## First Day successful

This year's First Day Campaign, organized by the Office of External Affairs, was the most successful in the university's history. Departmental participation averaged 81.8%. The trophy cup for the area with the highest participation went to the College of Health Professions and the School of Computing. Both had a 100% participation rate.

## Academic opportunities for faculty and staff

Faculty and staff can enroll in PEBC 1010 (Lifetime Fitness Training) and PEBC 1401 (Elementary Tennis) during AASU's flex term. Classes start on October 12.

PEBC 1010 is an independent study and will be taught by health and physical education staff. PEBC 1401 will meet on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:20 p.m. and will be taught by Zsofia Golopenza, former member of the AASU tennis team. The cost for one course is \$303 or both for \$400. Qualifying applicants can receive tuition remission. Human Resources must receive applications for tuition remission by October 4. For admission requirements and registration information, contact Angela Everett at 921.5428. For questions about tuition remission, call Sissy Zirpolo at 921.5412.

## PRISM Learning Community launch a huge success

PRISM is a four-year program designed to give the teaching community the tools it needs to discover, test, and replicate successful teaching strategies for the sciences and mathematics over the next four years. PRISM received a strong send-off on August 27 and 28. Participants

of the two-day event included high school principals, teachers, higher education faculty, district administrators, AASU's college deans, and the vice-president of academic affairs and dean of faculty.

Attendees heard an introduction to PRISM strategies by Jan Kettlewell, PRISM's principle investigator. Jose Mestre, professor of physics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, initiated the activities with a session titled "How People Learn, Brain, Mind, Experience and School."

Saturday, Mary Jo McGee-Brown, PRISM's qualitative evaluator, presented "Educator Action Research: Systematic Planning and Focused Reflection for Improvement in Science and Mathematics Learning."

Maryellen Cosgrove and Michelle Sisson gave two workshops: "Performance Based Assessment" and "Creating P-16 Learning Communities."

The conference also marked the launch of PRISM's website, [www.prism.armstrong.edu](http://www.prism.armstrong.edu), a source for current and potential PRISM participants to obtain up-to-date information about PRISM.

## AASU to host Board of Regents April 2005 meeting

AASU will host the Board of Regents meeting on April 19 and 20. This will be a unique opportunity to showcase the campus, students, faculty, staff, and programs as well as show some of AASU's needs. The logistics and coordination requirements associated with the meeting are extensive. Those planning events for the spring semester are asked to avoid these two days.

## Changes in the Regents' Test registration

AASU retains a high rate of students who fail to take the Regents' Test on time. As a result, the university will implement a change in policy to ensure that the test is taken on time.

Beginning with the November 2004 pre-registration, students who need to take the Regents' Test and have the appropriate number of credit hours, will automatically be routed into a Regents' Test registration window to sign up for the next test session.

The test session will appear on the student's printed schedule, and notices will be sent out reminding the student of the test date and time.

Students who do not attend the test will be dropped from their pre-registered courses and will not be allowed to re-register until the normal registration dates—two days prior to the beginning of classes.

Any students who avoid the test a second time will be required to take RGTE 0199 and/or RGTR 0198 the subsequent term. For more information call either Beth Childress at 921.5923 or Beth Howells at 921.5218.

## Welcome Aboard

FACULTY:

**Catherine Johnson Adams**, history  
**Myka Bussey-Campbell**, radiologic sciences

**Michelle Montgomery Butina**, medical technology

**Uzzie Teresa Cannon**, English  
**George J. Davies**, physical therapy  
**Christopher A. Freeman**, Lane Library

**Lorrie L. Hoffman**, mathematics

**Gregory T. Knofczynski**, mathematics  
**Rochelle Lee**, radiologic sciences  
**Jane H. McHaney**, College of Education  
**Edward Meister**, health sciences  
**Melissa F. Schulz Read**, psychology  
**Vannie Walker**, middle, secondary, and adult education  
**Andrew P. Weinbach**, economics  
**Learotha Williams, Jr.**, history  
**Zaphon R. Wilson**, criminal justice, social & political science

#### STAFF:

**Leona Avey**, LL&P  
**Rosario Carney**, nursing  
**Amy Carter**, student affairs  
**Latanya Daisy**, university relations  
**John "Ted" Evans**, women's softball  
**George Andrew Fidler**, plant operations  
**Kerri Reid**, sponsored programs

#### Events

##### October 4-8

Bookstore Fall Sale. 25% off logo items.

##### October 4

Georgia TECH TALK II. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in room 156 of University Hall. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

##### October 6

Celebrate AASU Day from 11:50 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Academic Quad.

##### October 7-9

AASU Masquers present *Little Shop of Horrors*. For ticket information, call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Special AASU pricing for advance tickets: only \$5. Normal pricing at the door is \$14. A special plant sale by Plant Operations will be held during intermission and immediately after each performance.

##### October 13

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Georgia Universities Career Fair. The event will be held in the Alumni Arena from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call career services at 927.5372.

##### October 13-17

2004 Georgia Theatre Conference. Keynote speaker, Timothy Shew, who currently appears in the Broadway production *Wonderful Town*.

##### October 21

Adults Back to College Information Session will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Home. For more information, call Deanna Cross at 961.3163.

##### October 21

Troops to Teachers/ GTAPP III open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Fort Stewart at the Army Education Center. For more information, call Chris Schuberth at 921.7332.

##### October 22

Middle Grades Conference is scheduled at Johnson High School from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For more information, call Brenda Logan at 921.5539.

##### October 22

Faculty lecture by Jim Brawner, mathematics: "Is There a Mathematician in the House? The Apportionment Problem in the U.S. House of Representatives." 12:15 p.m., University Hall 156.

##### October 23

Troops to Teachers/ GTAPP III open house will begin at 10 a.m. on Fort Stewart at the Army Education Center.

##### October 30

Campus Open House will be held in University Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Melanie Mirande at 927.5232.

##### November 5

A Faculty Forum will be held in Solms 110 at 12:15 p.m. Amelia Castilian, director of disability services, and Tori Kearns of the Regents' Center for Learning Disorders at Georgia Southern University will speak on what faculty need to know about disability services for students.

##### April 2005

A citywide reading of Ernest Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying* is planned the first week of April. Faculty are encouraged to include this book in their spring reading requirements. For more information, contact Beth Howells at 927.5218 or e-mail howellbe@mail.armstrong.edu

#### Kudos

The following professors in the College of Education published books or co-authored a chapter:

**Bettye Ann Batiste**—*Cycles of Unfinished Business*

**Brenda Logan**—*Diary of a Suburban Middle School Teacher*

**Bob Loyd**—*Career Development and Transition Services: A Functional Life Skills Approach*

**Michelle Sisson**—"Black and White Girls, Race and the Mediated Feminine Ideal," in *Ethic Media in America: Images, Audiences and Transforming*

**Tom Worley**—*Social Studies Instruction: a Practitioner's Guide* (second edition)

College of Education Awards/  
Elections/Honors:

**George Bedwell**—Vice president for recreation of the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

**Patrick Brennan**—President-elect of the Georgia Federation Council for Exceptional Children

**Maryellen Cosgrove**—President of the Southeastern Region of the Association of Teacher Education

**Bob Loyd**—Researcher of the Year, the Georgia Federation Council for Exceptional Children

The College of Education recently added two new online/web-enhanced courses. The college now offers 25 online graduate and undergraduate courses.

The College of Education continues to serve as AASU ambassadors. Faculty and staff have recently visited the following countries: Belize, Kazakhstan, South Africa, China, Cuba, and Germany.

During the summer semester, the students in ADED 7120: Adult Education: Strategies and Resources partnered with St. Mary's Community Center, an outreach program of St. Joseph's/Candler that helps local residents with a variety of issues. They put class theory into practice by planning an evening program to educate residents on what the center has to offer. The 33 students were told to expect about 30 residents. Instead, they hosted 212 guests. Over the course of the evening, the program awarded six bicycles and numerous other door prizes, served over 750 hotdogs and located three residents with stroke level blood pressure. Still other residents registered to vote and all were introduced to the many services offered by the community center.

**Delana Nivens, Judy Awong-Taylor, Will Lynch, and Jennifer Zetter** have received a grant from the LICOR Genomics Education Matching Fund to purchase a DNA Analysis System. The system facilitates DNA sequencing and fingerprinting. It will be used in a variety of biology and chemistry courses and the Forensic Science Certificate Program. More than 100 advanced high school students taking AASU courses will also use the system.

**Richard J. Cebula**, economics, and economics undergraduate **Sherri Todd** recently published "Determinants of Geographic Living-Cost Differentials for Counties in the State of Florida, 2003" in *Review of Regional Studies*, Summer 2004, pp. 98-106.

**José da Cruz** and **Becky da Cruz**, criminal justice, social and political science, will publish "The 'UnRule' of Law, Violence, and Society in Brazil: Challenges to Brazil's Fragile Democratic Consolidation" in the 2005 edition of *National Social Science Journal*, volume 23 #2.

On September 9, **Chris Baker**, LL&P, gave a talk, "Desperately Seeking Shakespeare," at the Wayne County Library in Jesup. The talk

focused on the other authors who claimed credit for Shakespeare's works. Part of a national traveling exhibition, "Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend," the talk is sponsored by the Newberry Library's Center for Renaissance Studies, the American Library Association, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Georgia Humanities Council.

**Mark Finlay**, history, presented his paper, "The Living Soil: Soil Bacteria, Ecology, and Social Cooperation," at the American Psychopathological Society's 2004 meeting in Anaheim, California, July 31-August 4.

On September 14, the Liberty Center had its third annual Library Day. Librarian **Beth Mowbry** taught approximately 35 students over three sessions on effective use of the Lane Library's online and printed resources, as well as how to perform basic searches.

The 48<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the National Association of Teachers of Singing's (NATS) board of directors appointed **Lucinda D. Schultz**, AM&T, to a two-year term on the NATS Art Song Competition Award Committee. Schultz joins five other NATS members from across the United States in serving on this committee.

**Hassan Aziz**, medical technology, and his wife, **Joanna**, welcomed their new son, Ahmad Jacob Aziz, to this world at 3:15 p.m. on August 21. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Congratulations!

The second cohort of the *Leaders Among Us* program is in full swing. The goal of the program is to introduce the AASU community to information, perspectives, and skills helpful to assuming formal and informal leadership roles. The program is facilitated by Bill Kelso (student affairs) and Bernie Polite (community training consultant). The fall semester participants include:

**Diana Baker-Cummings**, accounting assistant, bookstore  
**Patrick Brennan**, assistant professor, special education  
**Amelia Castilian**, director, disability services, student affairs  
**Becky da Cruz**, instructor, criminal justice, social & political science  
**Bruce Habersham**, coordinator of video productions, computer and information services  
**Beth Howells**, assistant professor, languages, literature, and philosophy  
**Patrick Lapollo**, recruiter, university relations  
**Micki Lee**, associate registrar, enrollment services  
**Jackie Lewis**, senior financial aid counselor, financial aid  
**Wendy Marshall**, director, ETTTC  
**Joy Reed**, department head, information technology  
**Michelle Sisson**, associate professor, middle, secondary, and adult education  
**Helen Taggart**, associate professor, nursing  
**Irene Welch-Mooney**, assistant professor, early childhood education  
**Peggy Williams**, degree program assistant, general studies  
**Keith Williams**, director, sponsored programs  
**Linda Wright**, professor, physical therapy  
**Sissy Zirpolo**, human resources specialist, human resources

For information about the program, contact Dick Nordquist (921.5991) nordqudi@mail.armstrong.edu or Rebecca Carroll (927.5267) carrolre@mail.armstrong.edu.

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for the November issue of  
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