Jordan Shropshire joined the IT faculty in the Fall 2008, when the IT curriculum was undergoing significant change in response to the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, ABET. He was responsible for redesigning content for network architecture and network security fundamentals, both upper-level courses required for networking specialization. At the same time, he helped ramp up the curriculum in introductory IT courses to include virtualization technologies.

Dr. Shropshire’s teaching engages students with interesting technologies in the lab, hands-on application and experience, and recent appearances in the Southeastern Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition. His students’ ratings include such comments as “good teacher, exciting and challenging”; “lectures that keep you wanting to learn”; and, “would recommend!”

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John O’Malley’s service is extensive. He has served on the IT department’s Tenure and Promotion Committee, Assessment Committee, and as a Conversations with Professors leader; as well as CIT’s Academic Standards Committee, Library Committee, Governance Committee, Faculty Grievance Committee, Faculty Development Committee, Faculty Senate, General Education Council, and IT Advisory Council. On the university level, Dr. O’Malley has been Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Conference session chair and graduation reader. His external service includes 3E DIS VP web services, 2010 SE INFORMS session chair, and website development and deployment for area organizations as part of IT class projects.

Dr. Ron MacKinnon received the Sonny Butler Award of Excellence for his significant contribution to CIT’s progress. For many years, he has provided unfailing support to the SAP program. Without him, CIT would have no SAP program.

Dr. MacKinnon was instrumental in developing the IT College’s shared governance, chairing the college governance committee, and serving as a longtime member of the senate executive committee. He also serves as the chair of the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and typically teaches 250 to 350 students per term, keeping the college’s class sizes much larger than they would be without his significant teaching talents.

John Kohn has taught for the College of Business for more than 10 years. A business owner in Statesboro since 1983, he acquired the Popeye’s Chicken and Biscuits franchise on Fair Road in 1988 and received his MBA from Georgia Southern in 1993.

Mr. Kohn has taught introduction to business, principles of management, and principles of marketing. He is currently teaching principles of marketing, and loves the course, often bringing in product and packaging samples to illustrate points in his lectures. He is adept at integrating his own personal business experience into classroom discussion—and his students love it. His knowledge, teaching style, and concern for student success make him a popular instructor.

Heather joined COBA’s Student Services Center as an academic advisor in 2008 bringing a wealth of experience as a former housing director. Her knowledge of Georgia Southern and experience with a diverse group of students enhance her capabilities as an academic advisor.

Ms. Valentine has volunteered to teach the First Year Experience course and does a great job. She is requested every year to teach the course again because she truly has students’ welfare at heart. She is regularly available to step in and ensure the office is running smoothly when others are absent—always with a great sense of humor.

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In Memory
Eugene M. Bishop

In March, COBA and Georgia Southern lost a long time friend, dedicated supporter, role model, and leader. Eugene M. Bishop, who died of heart failure, was a key leader in the University’s growth over the past two decades.

Gene served on the COBA Business Advisory Council from 1992–2006 and was a frequent campus visitor and speaker. His service to COBA includes Day for Southern and Eagle Executive Society support along with the Eugene M. Bishop Faculty Award for Sustained Excellence, an endowment annually honoring the COBA professor who excels in sustained teaching, research, and service performance.

Gene’s leadership at Georgia Southern is evidenced in his two-term service as chair of Southern Boosters, predecessor of the Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation, and presence at almost every home football game. He was presented an Honorary Doctorate of Letters degree at the University’s 2000 graduation ceremonies and was the Southern Conference’s 2003 Distinguished Service awardee for Georgia Southern. Former University President Bruce Grube recognized Gene’s extraordinary support with the President’s Medal in 2006 and the Alumni Association presented him the Friend of President’s Medal in 2006 and the Alumni Association presented him the Friend of University Award in 1997. He was inducted into the Georgia Southern Athletic Hall of Fame in Fall 2006.

While it has been reported his numerous donations to Eagle Athletics make him the single largest contributor to the Georgia Southern Athletics, these pale in comparison to the character, heart, energy, and love of life contributions he made to the people he came in contact with each day. Gene always had time to share a story, joke, or laugh with friends. He had many friends in COBA and at Georgia Southern.

Gene’s contributions to the greater University are visible in two large campus buildings. The Bishop Field House, constructed in 2006, is the pre-game gathering facility for Georgia Southern boosters, on the upper level, and, on the lower level, team and referee locker rooms. In 2009, he provided the lead gift in construction of the 12,000 square foot Eugene M. Bishop Alumni Center on Akron Boulevard, which houses the Offices of Alumni Relations and Development, along with Annual Giving, Advance- ment, and Governmental Relations.

On September 10, the Bishop family will join Eagle Nation in recognizing Gene’s legacy at the first home football game against Tusculum. The genuine contributions of this longtime benefactor, like the Erk Russell memories, are history to be cherished by all who shared in making them. Thank you, Gene, for being our friend!

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The Dean’s Citations spotlight faculty who engage students in exceptional activities, events, and projects beyond what is expected in a class.

Costya Ogloblin, Online Graduate Courses
Costya Ogloblin mastered online teaching, the most difficult delivery method, from the start. He understood the need to communicate efficiently and clearly to students who are not regularly in the classroom to ask questions and get issues clarified. He also understood the need for regular and effective feedback. While students admit that his classes are tough, they also tell you he is simply the best. He has worked tirelessly to deliver his graduate courses nearly without flaw. The School of Economic Development owes him a great debt for the success of the Master of Science in Applied Economics program.

Luke A. Pittaway, Entrepreneur
Since arriving on our campus from the University of Sheffield in Fall 2008, Luke Pittaway has been successful in engaging just about everyone he comes into contact with! His passion for entrepreneurship and for teaching is evident to all who know him. In the classroom, his energy and teaching style resonate with his students. As William A. Freeman chair of free enterprise and director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Learning and Leadership, he spends a great deal of his time outside the classroom interacting with members of the business community. All would agree that his energy and enthusiasm are infectious.

Edward H. Sibbald, Team Projects, Internships, and Career Counseling
Ed Sibbald brings practical experience to the classroom and has become one of COBA’s most popular instructors. He interacts with students through team projects, internships, and career counseling. He uses his contacts to assist students in landing key positions in financial services firms. He has become an invaluable resource to the community through his annual Community Bank Symposium.

J. Arthur Gowran, Organizing Internships and Interviews for IT Majors
Art Gowran is probably the only faculty member who knows all 300 majors in his department by name. Why does he know them all? Because he is responsible for coordinating their internships semester after semester. Last year he coordinated and signed off on more than 100 IT internships.

Robert J. Saymanikis, AIS, SAP@GSU, and APICS
Robert been instrumental in forming two new student organizations, the student chapter of Association for Information Systems (AIS) and SAP@GSU Student Advantage, and is a driving force for the resurrection of a third student group, Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success (APICS). He has created and implemented a TERP10 review course that has helped increase certification rates and the number of SAP Certified graduates.

Honors Day

The COBA and CIT awards presented at Honors Day and the names of the recipients are listed below.

Accountancy
Paul LaGrone Scholarship: Ryan A. Lewis
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The Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs Academic Excellence Award: Ryan A. Lewis

Computer Science
Computer Science Student of the Year Award: Daniel Murphy Davis

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Jonathan Bowyer
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Information Systems
Ulysses S. Knotts, Jr., Information Systems Award, Outstanding IS Graduate: April N. McKay

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Finance & Quantitative Analysis
ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation: Brittany McCallum

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Paul Kidd: Candace Fullmore

Compliance

Information Technology Excellence in Service Award: Jared R. Jones

Management, Marketing, & Logistics
Logistics Student of the Year: John Joseph Cavanaugh
Top Management Student Award: Jesse Tyler Floyd
Top Marketing Student Award: Ashley Jazennette Warren
Outstanding Marketing Student Award: Ali Beth Beavers
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Sack Company Marketing Service Award: Katelyn Ann Dearing

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Mu Kappa Tau Marketing National Honor Society:
Ali B. Beavers
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Marissa R. Johnson
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Information Technology Teaching Excellence Award for Excellence, Outstanding IS Student: William Tyler Beeson
Information Technology Teaching Excellence Award for Excellence, Academic Achievement Award: Alexander J. Daher

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Accounting

Kaye C. Powell (1981), Savannah, is now the principal business banker for Wells Fargo Bank. Her husband is married to William.

Laura Ann James (1982), Summerville, is the SVP/CFO of Lincoln Financial Media Co., Atlanta. Email: laj12296@aol.com.

Kim Collins Stewart (1984), Greenville, SC, is the senior portfolio manager for Carolina First Bank. Email: kim.stewart@carolinafirst.com.

John E. Lavender (1986, 1991 MBA), Statesboro, president of Lavender and Associates, has been named to the local board of directors for Sea Island Bank, a division of Synovus Bank.

Thomas M. Shepard (1986), Vidalia, is a CPA with McLain, Col產ou, McCullough & Clark, Vidalia. Email: tshepard@mccmcaulou.com.

Elizabeth Zimmerman Paulk (1989), Norcross, is a teacher in Norcross. She is married to John H. Barnes (2008), Statesboro, an accountant with Habif, Arogeti and Wynne, LLP Atlanta, is engaged to Crystal Lynn Sowell, Rocky Ford, current student in Georgia Southern’s College of Education.

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has officially retired as a colonel in the army and civilian employee of the U.S. government. Email: stephen.e.karstensen@us.army.mil.

Kirby T. Waters (1974), Statesboro, has retired from DFCS after many years of dedicated service. He is married to Becky Helmuth.

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Darrell Reid Hendrix (1990), formerly in Anderson, SC, is in Greenville, SC, where he is the senior vice president for sales for Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation. Darrell was an outstanding defensive player on the football team. His wife is Sandra Aki, a UGA graduate. Email: darrell.hendrix@milwaukeeetoool.com.

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Information Systems

Randall Lee Paulk (1986), Norcross, is the director of sales engineering at Mobilebrite. He is married to Elizabeth Zimmerman, a 1989 Georgia Southern accounting graduat.
Colquitt and Moultrie Y MCA. Leigh, her Leadership Colquitt graduate, an associate consultant with Randstad. He is married to Portsmouth, VA; passed away on February 29, 2000. Email: meitzuga@yahoo.com.

Lori Durden

Lori Durden (1996), Moultrie, is a leasing consultant for First Realty Management, Des Moines, IA. He is married to Heidi Evenson, a 2002 Georgia Southern civil engineering graduate. Email: heidi@marordova.com.

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Matthew L. Lightsey (2004), Houston, TX, is the territory manager for Boston Scientific. He is married to Ashlee Addison. Email: mlightsey@gmail.com.

Charlotte Brunetteaux (2005), Seville, France, is a junior product manager for Colgate-Palmolive, Boise, Idaho. She was on the Lady Eagles tennis team while at Southern. Charlotte is engaged to Uli Ebensperger, a 2002 Georgia Southern economics graduate and member for the men’s tennis team. Email: charlottebrunetteaux@hotmail.com.

Evan Lassiter (2006), formerly in Covington, GA, is now in Atlanta, where he is a property specialist with Promove. Email: evanlassiter@hotmail.com.

Christin J. Buckner (2007; 2008 MBA), Savannah, is a staff accountant with Gulfstream Aerospace, Savannah. Email: christin.buckner@gulfstream.com.

Sydney Dean (2007), Greensboro, is the director of sales for The Lodge on Lake Oconee.

Alicia Lewis (2007), Atlanta, is an event lead coordinator with Wells Fargo Bank. Email: alicia.leonalewis@gmail.com.

Colin W. Cormack (2008), formerly in Roseville, is now in Medford, MA, where he is a leasing consultant for First Realty Management. Email: cormack.colin@yahoo.com.

Brittany L. Tooile (2008; 2010 MEd Higher Ed), formerly in Belleville, is now in Register, where she is the assistant compliance director and director of high school relations for the Georgia Southern University football program. She is engaged to Spencer Brannen, a 2008 Georgia Southern construction management graduate. Email: tooileb2@georgiasouthern.edu.

Bruce A. Rosser, Jr. (2009), Sharsburg, is the territory sales manager for Continental Tire Co. Email: brosser@continental.com.

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Kyle Lee Kimmel (2003), Nichols, is now the CFO for Bacon County Hospital and Health Systems, Alma. Email: kkimmel@bchs.org.

Candace P. Whittle (2006), formerly in Tifton, is now in TyTy, where she is the director of reimbursement for the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany. She is married to Adam Guarnieri, and they have a 16-month-old son. Candace received her CPA license in July 2009. Email: cguarnieri@pphm.org.

MBA

Michele Verna (2005), Wilmington, DE, is a derivatives trade support person for J. P Morgan, Newark, DE. She is married to August “AJ” Zickgraf, III, a 2005 Georgia Southern civil engineering graduate.

NYG

Bobby Hall (1973), Savannah, is now a sales consultant with Grainger Honda.

In Memoriam

Joseph D. Olson (1976, ACCT), Waco, TX, passed away in February 2011.


Dennis Leon Hudson (1984, MGT), Buford, GA, passed away on January 1, 2011.


Eagle Executive Society Alumni Questionnaire

I would like to become a member of the Eagle Executive Society. Enclosed is my check for $50.00.

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Please complete this form and return it to Lewis Stewart, COBA Alumni Editor, P. O. Box 8002E, Statesboro, GA 30460-8002.
Special Providence: Marcia Jones

Marcia Noreen White Jones passed away on March 20. Courageous, God-fearing, loving, and strong—an educator away on March 20. Courageous, God-fearing, loving, and strong—an educator away on March 20. Marcia received her master's and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where she met and married her husband, Luther Jones.

In her professional career, she rose through the ranks to professor in the School of Economic Development and associate vice president for compliance at Georgia Southern, where she mentored many during her journey. Later in her career, Marcia moved to Watkinsville joining The University of Georgia as an associate in the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, and Cooperative Extension division in the university’s College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Blessed with the gift of hospitality and a special love for children, Marcia accepted Christ in her life at an early age and served her Lord as a member of the Statesboro New Covenant Church and the Church of Nations, Athens. She served on a number of local and regional advisory boards including Sexual Assault, New Hope Ministries, and Brothers Behind Bars outreach programs.

Marcia is survived by her husband of 25 years, Luther; two sons, Jeremy and Ian; three sisters, Adriana White, Sandra John, and Carol Marshall, of St. Lucia and Barbados, West Indies; and two brothers, Earl and Ulric White, of Brooklyn, NY, and St. Lucia, West Indies, respectively.

Marcia wrote shortly before her death from cancer that she was content her earthly life was worthwhile, “knowing I made someone smile, lent a helping hand, or lifted someone’s spirit.” For years, that was exactly what she did at Georgia Southern, creating a debt of gratitude that many of us may never repay. Thank you Marcia, for passing our way!

Dust, Spiders, and Thieves, Oh My!

Laurie G. Dyke, CPA, CFF, CFE, CFC, received her accounting degree from the University of California at Berkeley and followed a career with Ernst & Young for almost ten years, became a financial executive, and, in 2002, started her own business, the Investigative Accounting Group.

In the 8th annual Forensic Accounting Lecture Series, her presentation, “Dust, Spiders, and Thieves, Oh My,” outlined forensic accounting benefits, including variety of assignment, “order out of chaos,” and “A-ha!” moments in her work. She identified hectic schedules, staffing, lying and misrepresentation by investigative sub-jects, and unending attention to detail as challenges.

In case review, Dyke cited purposely commingled divorce funds, a common-thief HR manager, a civic leader scam artist, self-dealing in corporate boardrooms, and false bank statements.

Forensic accounting, currently one of the hottest career paths in business, integrates accounting, auditing, and investigation. An undergraduat

New BBRED Director

The William A. Freeman Memorial Lecture Series featured J. T. Marburger (MGT, 1984), president of Insignia Promotions, a member of the Proforma Network. In his career, he has owned several businesses in the promotional products industry including Incentive Marketing, which he took from start-up to sales of $7.8 million, then, in a merger with CorpLogoWare, to $45 million in sales.

Insignia Promotions is a privately held company that ranks in the top 50 within the promotional products industry. Insignia’s primary focus is upon Fortune 500 companies and has clients such as The Coca-Cola Company, Hershey’s, Lenovo, Atlanta Braves, and Anheuser-Busch. Additionally, the company focuses upon sports license agreements with these companies and provides merchandise to promote NCAA BCS Bowl Series, NCAA Final Four, Super Bowl, Olympics, FIFA World Cup, Super Bowl, NBA All Star and Finals and other key sporting events around the world.

J. T., wife, Gerilyn, and children, Madeline and Joey, live in Roswell. The late Mr. Freeman, lecture series benefactor, was a 1957 alumnus.

The Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development (BBRED) at Georgia Southern is pleased to announce Dominique Halaby has been appointed BBRED director. Halaby comes to Georgia Southern from the Center for Community and Business Research at the University of Texas–San Antonio’s Institute for Economic Development, where he supervised a team of skilled economists, researchers, faculty, and graduate students. The center conducted projects ranging from assisting local organizations in strategic planning to multi-state regional analyses. Specific projects include demonstrating how small businesses economically impacted the state of Texas economy; conducting assessments for a number of Texas’s nonprofit entities; and preparing a market value analysis and cluster study for the City Planning Department of San Antonio.

In the Rio Grande Regional Center’s workforce and economic development project, Halaby secured more than $28 million in funding, one of the largest federal training grants in South Texas; was named one of the national finalists for U.S. Economic Development Administration’s Best Practices in 2003 and 2006; and, received the Texas Workforce Commission’s 2004 Transitional Workforce Award. Dominique obtained a DPA from Nova Southeastern University, MBA from University of Texas-Pan-American, and a BA in sociology from the University of Texas. He is a member of the Southwestern Economics Association, the Association for Research on Non-profit Organizations, and Voluntary Action. He, his wife, and four children are looking forward to their move to Statesboro and to being nearer family in Florida.

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