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Alina Fernandez (top left), Fidel Castro’s daughter, provided the keynote address on November 7 as the kick-off to International Week. Hosted by the Office of International Education, the week also included live performances, lectures, international food samples and film screenings.

In November, the Masquers Theatre Troupe staged *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a 2005 Tony Award-winning musical that involves audience participation. Students, faculty and staff, including President Linda M. Bleicken, had a chance to hone their spelling skills during the performances in the Jenkins Theater.

The Armstrong community came together on Veterans Day in a solemn ceremony that included the Armstrong ROTC Color Guard and Bill Cathcart, vice president and general manager for WTOC-TV, who provided remarks. Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, Armstrong assistant professor of communication and coordinator of the African American Studies program, served as emcee.
College of Education Earns NCATE Continued Accreditation

In November, the College of Education was granted continued accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The accreditation, granted under performance-oriented standards, is effective through spring 2017. The NCATE, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accrediting body, currently accredits 623 institutions, which produce two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates each year. Ninety-nine additional institutions are candidates or pre-candidates for accreditation.

“If there is one thing that we know from years of research, it is that in terms of student learning, what teachers know and do is the single most important variable over which educators have control,” said Patricia Wachholz, Armstrong dean of the College of Education. “It is extremely satisfying that Armstrong's professional education unit has met very high national standards. We are very proud of our faculty and our school district partners whose collaboration in preparing teachers for Georgia's schools have made this achievement possible.”

Regional Database Result of Community Partnership

A partnership between Armstrong Atlantic State University, the City of Savannah, Chatham County and the United Way of the Coastal Empire has led to the establishment of the Savannah Chatham Community Indicators database, a tool to help local government and community leaders measure progress and assess needs in four key areas—education and youth development, health and wellness, economic independence and regionalism.

Michael Toma, professor of economics and director of the Armstrong Center for Regional Analysis, is the lead researcher of the project (www.savannah-chatham-indicators.org). The project also had research and technical support from several Armstrong faculty and staff and 20 students who conducted telephone surveys of thousands of community residents.

“The Savannah Chatham Community Indicators database includes twenty key indicators describing the wellbeing of the community,” said Toma. “These indicators may be used to establish a baseline for identifying priorities, developing solutions and monitoring progress toward an improved quality of life in our community.”

The database was unveiled during a press conference in the Armstrong Center on November 16.
Fall Enrollment Reaches 7,682
Armstrong Atlantic State University’s fall enrollment has reached yet another record high—a total of 7,682 students—an increase of nearly 2 percent from the fall 2009 count of 7,538. Undergraduate enrollment saw an increase of 4.6 percent, from 6,612 to 6,918, for the same period of time.

“Enrollment at Armstrong continues to grow and that reflects a growing trend across the University System of Georgia as individuals continue to seek the opportunities that higher education offers,” said Andy Clark, Armstrong director of institutional research, and interim assistant vice president of enrollment management.

More detail on these stories at www.armstrong.edu.

Supporting Breast Cancer Victims
The Armstrong community was well represented during the second annual St. Joseph’s/Candler Breast Cancer Charity Golf Classic on October 26 at the Savannah Harbor Golf Club. Junior Mathew Motes (golf team) joined Andy Carter and Michael Butler (athletics) on the golf course. Anne Thompson (academic affairs), Kathy Schaefer (physical therapy), and a dedicated team of physical therapy students worked behind the scene to help make the event a success. Also participating was John Helmken, Armstrong Foundation Board chairman. The event raises funds to pay for cancer treatment procedures for women who are under or uninsured.

Calendar
*For all art, music & theatre events call 344.2801 from noon to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.

Through December 5
The Masquers theatre troupe presents Dramarama in Jenkins Hall Theater at 7:30 p.m. Audience discretion is advised. Not recommended for children.

Through December 6 and December 14-January 9
Registration for spring 2011

Through December 9
“9+1” — 2010 Armstrong Senior Art Exhibition
Monday-Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; Savannah Mall, lower level across from 24 Hour Fitness
Gallery reception: December 3 at 5:30 p.m.

December 4
Car Wash Fundraiser — Armstrong Physical Therapy Club
Hurricane Bay (2001 East Victory Drive and 10002 Abercorn Street), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

December 6
Last day of classes
December 7
Reading day

December 8-14
Final examinations

December 10
The Department of Military Science Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the Armstrong Center Ballroom A. Call 344.2573.

December 11
Commencement — Alumni Arena, Armstrong Sports Center, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

December 24-January 3
Winter break

Kudos

Scott Randolph (history) presented a paper, “Cold, Coal, Cars, and North Dakota: Railroads and the Winter of 1906-1907,” at the annual meeting of the Northern Great Plains History Conference in Grand Forks, N.D.

Randolph will serve as a moderator and commentator for the panel, “Working from the Periphery: Women on the Outside,” at the annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, in Denver, Colo.

Richard Horah (media services) will graduate on December 17 from the University of North Texas with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science degree and be inducted into Beta Phi Mu, the national library and information honor society.

Bruce Mallard (criminal justice, social & political science) served as a consultant for The Associated Press on election night, November 2. He was responsible for tabulating votes for the AP in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. He has been doing this since 1980, when he originally worked on election nights tabulating Tennessee voting patterns for the News Election Service. Mallard is seen at right working in the AP Western Election Center in Spokane, Wash.

The Department of Mathematics hosted the 27th Annual Armstrong Middle School Math Bowl on November 6. James Brawner (mathematics) served as the director of the event and created most of the problem sets for the rounds. Twelve mathematics faculty were readers, timers, graders and refreshment organizers for nearly 80 students and their coaches from 11 schools participating in the competition. Many parents were in attendance to cheer on their favorite team in the final two rounds. Math and education majors provided assistance. Testing included a written exam to determine individual winners and a team competition based on buzzer round question sessions similar to the Academic Quiz Bowl. In the final round, Savannah Christian edged out Savannah Country Day to win the team competition. Trinity Christian took third place. Individual winners were Nivan Lakshman (Savannah Country Day), Harrison Ham (Savannah Country Day) and Michael Conners (Trinity Christian).
Brad Sturz (psychology) and colleagues C. Clements, T. Gurley and K. Bodily presented a poster, “Human Spatial Orientation is Controlled by the Principal Axis of an Enclosure,” at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis, Asheville, N.C. on November 6.


Christopher Baker (languages, literature & philosophy) presented a paper, “What wisdom stirs amongst you?: Queen Hermione as Lady Wisdom in Shakespeare’s The Winter’s Tale,” at the annual October meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference in Montreal.

Hongjie Wang (history) presented a paper, “Behind the Name: An Etymological History of Wudai shiguo,” at the 14th Annual Southeast Early China Roundtable, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., November 12-14.

Chris Nowicki (student union and activities) was invited to be the keynote speaker at the California 4-H State Leader’s Forum in Pacific Grove, Calif., November 5-7.

Lynn Hunt Long (health and physical education) presented “1 University Majors Club + 1 Elementary School = 2 Days of Fun and Fitness” at the state convention of the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Randy Grubb (cyber security) was the keynote speaker at the Technology Association of Georgia’s Technology C-Level Executive Retreat at Sea Island, Ga. on November 3. Grubb spoke on corporate privacy and security issues.

Richard Wallace (chemistry) presented “Papayas and Bananas In Non-tropical Climates” to the Coastal Master Garden’s Association at Hospice Savannah on November 9.

Stephen Jodis (science and technology) was an invited speaker at the Associate Deans and Innovative Programs Conference (November 1-3) and presented “The Georgia WebBSIT, Online Bachelor of Science in Information Technology.”

Jodis has been nominated and appointed to serve as a Commissioner of the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET. He is one of approximately 50 CAC Commissioners.

June Hopkins (history) was invited by the University of Georgia’s School of Social Work to present a paper, “Harry Hopkins: Public Servant in Depression and War,” for their Annual Policy Day, October 26. She held a Q&A session for undergraduates, master's students and Ph.D. candidates.

Hopkins was invited by the Greater Milwaukee Human Rights Network to participate in the 4th Annual Symposium on Poverty, held November 10 and sponsored by the Social Development Commission. Hopkins delivered a paper, “The Road Not Taken: Harry Hopkins and New Deal Work Relief,” for the panel on Job Creation and Workforce Development and later in the day participated in roundtable discussions.
Melanie Mirande (enrollment services) has been elected secretary of the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (GACRAO). At the state conference held in October in Savannah, she served as Member at Large I, in charge of coordinating vendors for the conference.

Michael Mahan (middle and secondary education) was invited to participate in a poster presentation at the National Association of Biology Teachers in Minneapolis, Minn. The conference poster session was on November 4 and involved “Peruvian International Studies for Education: Developmental Delegation Northern Peru.”

Mahan was an invited participant in a Panel Discussion at the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) in Minneapolis, Minn. on November 6. The panel discussion was “Perspectives in Global Literacy: Cross Curricular Delegation on NAAEE, NABT, and NCGE in Northern Peru.”

Mahan presented “A University and School District Collaboration on Science” with Horace Magwood of the Savannah Chatham Public School District at the National Science Teachers Association in Baltimore, Md. on November 11.

Hassan Aziz (medical technology) was the guest editor for the November 15 issue of Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals.

Armstrong in the News
Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in November 2010. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

11/4 President Bleicken interviewed regarding new marketing campaign. WJCL/Fox Also, Savannah Morning News 11/5

11/4 President Bleicken to serve on search committee for new USG chancellor. Atlanta Journal Constitution Also, Savannah Morning News, Rome Tribune, Augusta Chronicle 11/4

11/7 Alina Fernandez, daughter of Fidel Castro, is keynote speaker for International Week. WTOC-TV Also, WJCL/Fox, Connect Savannah 11/3

11/9 Musical ‘Spelling Bee’ on stage at Armstrong. Connect Savannah

11/10 Andy Clark interviewed for story on Armstrong’s record fall enrollment. WTOC-TV

11/11 Armstrong enrollment grows. Coastal Courier

11/11 Armstrong observes Veterans Day on campus. WTOC-TV and WJCL/Fox

11/15 Armstrong SGA censures senators. WJCL/Fox.

11/16 Armstrong and community partners unveil community indicators database. WTOC-TV and WSAV-TV Also, Savannah Morning News 11/17
11/24 Tom Cato (art music & theater) serves as judge in Arts on the Coast fall exhibit at the Richmond Hill City Center.
*Bryan County News*

11/24 Bob LeFavi (health sciences) writes guest column.
*Effingham Now*

11/25 In honor of Armstrong’s 75th anniversary, Savannah Winds presents the world premiere of Philip Sparke’s “A Savannah Symphony.”
*Savannah Morning News*
Also, WTOC-TV 11/29

11/28 Michael Toma (economics) interviewed in a front-page story regarding the release of the Economic Monitor for the third quarter of 2010.
*Savannah Morning News*

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There will be no issue of *eArmstrong* in January 2011.

The submission deadline for the February issue is January 15.

Please send submissions to AASU.news@armstrong.edu.

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*Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a Fun and Colorful New Year.*