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Jack Miller Presents Faculty Awards, Announces Increased Endowment

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Dr. Jack Miller, President of Central Connecticut State University and former Georgia Southern Education Dean announced that he will be doubling the endowment for the Jack Miller Faculty Awards, which he helped endow in 1994. Miller was on hand at the 2012 Fall Faculty and Staff meeting, August 15, to present the annual Jack Miller Faculty Awards for teaching, scholarship and creativity, and service.

This year's winner for teaching is Dr. Scott Beck, associate professor in Teaching and Learning. Beck's interests are in diversity in children's and young adult literature, migrant immigration and ESOL education in the rural South. Beck was noted for his enthusiasm in engaging students.

Dr. Julie Maudlin, also an associate professor in Teaching and Learning, received the award for service. Maudlin's research interests include early childhood education, cultural curriculum studies, creativity, and consumption and public pedagogy. Her service work includes, among other things, the creation of the only elementary school math tournament for Bulloch County students.

The award for scholarship and creative activity went to Dr. Robert Lake, associate professor in Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, whose research centers on multicultural education, imaginative education and educational biography. Lake was noted for his work on international, national, regional and state conferences, grants he has worked on and the numerous journal articles, chapters, and books he has authored.

"When I was dean we were just a school then, not a college," Dr. Miller said, "and there weren't any awards for education faculty. I wanted to make sure that education faculty is recognized for their important work," he said. During his tenure at Georgia Southern, the school went from a college to a university, education went from a school to a college, and the education faculty grew from 37 to 104. Dr. Miller had not returned to Georgia Southern since 1995. "It's very nostalgic for me and I'm proud to be back and still a part of this community," he said.

Pictured, L-R, Dr. Robert Lake, Dr. Julie Maudlin, Dr. Jack Miller and Dr. Scott Beck