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# Bulloch Academy teacher Carico is winner of Golden Award

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A hunger for education for herself and for her students led high school English teacher Deborah Carico to win the Golden Award from Georgia Southern University.

Carico is a 12-year teaching veteran who is currently at Bulloch Academy, a private school in Statesboro that serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Golden Award honors the memory of Dorothy Smith Golden, Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern. It is awarded each February at the annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference on the Georgia Southern campus.

“Deborah was not happy with being solely a classroom teacher; she hungered for education for herself,” former Bulloch Academy teacher Julie Strickland wrote in her nomination of Carico for the award. “This desire led her to the Georgia Southern Writing Project Summer Institute, a place where she could collaborate with other teachers of writing, and a place where she could grow as a student of writing.”

Held on Feb. 2, this year’s composition conference attracted high school English teachers and college composition professors from five states. Carico’s presentation at the conference addressed methods of helping students understand literature better through dialogue analysis in writing classes.

To qualify for the Golden Award, a teacher or professor must have at least five years of experience in composition; demonstrate specific techniques, approaches and qualities that make their instruction outstanding; and make a significant contribution beyond the classroom to their school.

According to Strickland, who now works at Georgia Southern, she and Carico introduced online blogs for students throughout Bulloch Academy’s high school to discuss the books they were reading. Carico also recruited campus adults to participate.

“Everyone on campus, from the office staff to the counselor to the headmaster, was reading and blogging together,” Strickland wrote.

To learn more about the 10th annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference, which is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2008, or to nominate a teacher or professor for the 2008 Golden Award, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ssfyc.html> or contact program manager J. Marie Lutz at [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or (912) 871-1763.

# **U.S. Dept. of Commerce official to speak at Georgia Southern manufacturing awards dinner**

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Jamie Estrada, deputy assistant secretary for manufacturing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, will speak at the annual Manufacturing Industrial Management Program's Achievement and Awards Dinner at Georgia Southern University on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.

"The annual Achievement and Awards Dinner honors students who, each year, demonstrate academic and leadership abilities in the classroom," said Waldo Meeks, coordinator of the Manufacturing/Industrial Management Program. "We also honor our alumni whose abilities showcase the training they received in the program. It's exciting to be part of a program that has developed so many successful graduates."

Meeks noted that he is especially pleased to have Estrada as the evening's speaker. Estrada manages competitiveness issues for U.S. manufacturing companies in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. As manager of twelve industry teams, he works with U.S. and foreign government and industry leaders on international trade policy issues, including opening new overseas markets, expanding opportunities in existing markets and addressing tariff and non-tariff barriers. Previously Estrada worked for the Intel Corporation, including the company's Government Affairs office, where he consulted on several policy issues, including U.S. competitiveness in manufacturing, R&D funding and tort reform.

"The Achievement and Awards Dinner is an excellent opportunity for industry leaders to learn more about Georgia Southern's Manufacturing Industrial Management degree program," said Phillip Waldrop, professor of mechanical and electrical engineering technology. "It's the only program of its type in the state of Georgia, and it is uniquely capable of addressing industry's need for hands-on technical management graduates in manufacturing engineering, quality, production supervision, safety, and related leadership positions."

Tickets for the dinner, which will take place in the Nessmith-Lane Building, are \$25 for the general public and \$5 for students. They are available at [wem@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:wem@georgiasouthern.edu) or by calling 912-681-5828. To ensure availability, please purchase tickets by March 9.