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Global warming message comes to Georgia Southern April 9

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Lance Simmens, a Georgia Southern University alumnus, will bring the facts about global warming to campus Monday, April 9, at 7 p.m. in the College of Information Technology, Room 1004. He will present a multi-media slideshow that demonstrates the reality and impact of global warming. His presentation is free and open to the public.

‘As a father of two teenage sons and someone who has been deeply involved in public policy issues at the national, state, and local level for over 30 years, I believe this is the single most important issue of our generation,’ said Simmens. “When my children and grandchildren ask me if I knew about the climate crisis and what I did to fight it, I want to honestly tell them I played a role in helping communities and individuals understand the seriousness of the issue and be made aware of potential solutions. We all need to understand the significance of this issue and learn how to be part of the solution.”

Simmens is part of the Climate Project, a non-profit group that aims to educate and engage citizens on the issue of global warming. Climate Project’s first initiative is training 1,000 lecturers who will deliver this compelling multimedia presentation.

For more information go to www.theclimateproject.org.

Georgia Southern landscape architect wins statewide awards

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Chuck Taylor, landscape architect at Georgia Southern University for 10 years, was honored recently by the Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) for projects in two separate categories.

He received an award of merit in the Parks and Public Works category for ‘Creating a Pedestrian-friendly Campus,’ a project that was implemented at Georgia Southern. He also received an award in the Pro Bono category for design work he donated to Ogeechee Area Hospice.

‘Chuck’s pedestrian-friendly campus project has really improved the look and flow of Georgia Southern,” said Ron Dennis, head of Physical Plant, ‘We’re proud of his contributions to the improvement of the University, and I commend him on this honor.’”

‘Creating a pedestrian-friendly campus at Georgia Southern was important for the safety of the students, faculty and staff,” said Taylor, ‘but it carried the added benefit of encouraging walking and bicycling, two activities that are instrumental in improving health and well-being.’”

Taylor took the lead in developing a master plan that eliminated dangerous cross traffic and moved parking and vehicular traffic to the perimeter of the campus. As the master plan was implemented, it was necessary to

- Start a bus system (Southern Express) to shuttle students from off-campus sites and perimeter parking lots;
- identify bus stops
- maintain emergency and service access;
- preserve and protect the live oak and cedar trees along the routes; and
- add lamp posts, standard site furnishings, and border gardens to achieve a unified look for the campus.

These are Taylor’s third and fourth GA ASLA awards. In 2002 he won a tri-state award for the design of the Center for Wildlife Education, and another award for Triangle Park in downtown Statesboro in 2004.

The Coca-Cola Foundation supports Georgia Southern exchange program with China

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Students from Georgia Southern University now have an opportunity to trade places with students at Huazhong Normal University in Wuhan, China, for a semester. The same goes for students at Huazhong Normal, who will be able to study at Georgia Southern. With support from the Coca-Cola Foundation, the two universities have created a faculty and student exchange program designed to prepare students from both nations to work successfully together in the global marketplace.

‘We are enormously grateful to the Coca-Cola Foundation for their \$200,000 grant to implement this exchange,” said Nancy Shumaker, director of Georgia Southern’s Center for International Studies.

‘Coca-Cola is recognized in both China and the U.S. as a leader in corporate social responsibility, and this gift demonstrates that leadership in the area of higher education.’”

‘The Coca-Cola Foundation is proud to continue our support of Georgia Southern University by fostering cultural understanding between students at Georgia Southern and Huazhong Normal,’ said Ingrid Saunders Jones, chair, The Coca-Cola Foundation. ‘It is through programs like Georgia Southern University’s International Student Exchange that students develop a global perspective.’

The grant funds ten \$4,500 scholarships a year from 2007 to 2010. Each year, five students from Georgia Southern will spend a semester at Huazhong Normal and five students from Huazhong Normal will spend a semester at Georgia Southern. The grant also includes \$5,000 a year for faculty members from each university to participate in the program.

‘Coca-Cola’s gift will allow Georgia Southern students to study in China and learn more about the concerns we share, particularly the political, economic, social and ecological concerns,’ said Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube. ‘Our goal is to build increasingly effective bridges for international communication and intercultural cooperation.’

Georgia Southern is currently hosting Meng Deng, a Fulbright Scholar and professor of education at Huazhong University; Liu Yan, a Chinese language instructor; Gaohua Gui, a graduate student in the College of Education; and several Chinese undergraduates in a variety of academic programs.

About The Coca-Cola Foundation

The mission of The Coca-Cola Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the community and enhance individual opportunity through education. The Foundation supports educational programs primarily within three main areas: higher education, classroom teaching and learning, and international education. Their programs support scholarships for aspiring students; encourage and motivate young people to stay in school; and foster cultural understanding. Over the last ten years, The Coca-Cola Foundation has contributed more than \$155 million in support of education.

About Georgia Southern University

We are a Carnegie Doctoral-Research university providing the classic residential campus experience. Georgia’s largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta, every state and 86 nations are represented in the student body. The University’s hallmark is student-centered education for undergraduate and graduate students alike.