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NAEYC continues Child Development Center accreditation

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Georgia Southern University's Child Development Center recently received word from the National Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NAEYC) that its program accreditation has been continued and will be valid until Dec. 31, 2012.

"This is one of the best Christmas presents I ever received," said Alice Hall, director of the center and associate professor of child and family development. "The CDC staff worked diligently during the self-study and the yearlong program improvement process, and I am very proud of their hard work."

This NAEYC accreditation comes under a new and improved accreditation system implemented in 2006. Under the new system, the accreditation team reviewed 417 criteria, compared to 102 criteria in the former system. Also, this was the first time the preschool and infant-toddler program were accredited as one unit and under one name, the Georgia Southern University Child Development Center.

The Child Development Center opened in 1972 has been accredited by NAEYC since 1993. It continues to maintain compliance with all programs and accreditation criteria, including filing an annual report, reporting all changes, and remaining prepared for an unannounced site visit. The program serves 68 children ranging in age from 6 week to 5 years from university and community families. The Center provides an enriching environment for young children and their parents and focuses on the physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and creative development of the child.

The classrooms are staffed with experienced teachers educated in the field of Child Development and/or Early Childhood Education. The University's lab students also spend time in the classrooms, performing a variety of functions depending upon their level of expertise.

The Child Development Center is a unit within the Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly Family and Consumer Sciences) which is a component of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern University.

For more information about the center, go

to http://www.georgiasouthernhealthscience.com/departments/htfcs/resources/centers_cdc_overview.html

"Campus Computing: From Free Speech to Facebook" at Georgia Southern Feb. 5

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Attorney C.L. Lindsay, founder and executive director of the Coalition for Student and Academic Rights (CO-STAR) will present "Campus Computing: From Free Speech to Facebook" at Georgia

Southern University on Tuesday, Feb. 5. He will present his talk twice, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m., and both presentations will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building.

Lindsay is a nationally recognized expert and leader in the field of student rights and academic freedom. His syndicated column, "Ask CO-STAR" is distributed nationwide on Knight Ridder/Tribune's College Wire Service. The column, published weekly, has become one of Knight Ridder/Tribune's most popular features. CO-STAR is a national student rights organization that helps thousands of college students with their legal problems, free of charge, each year.

He is also the author of *The College Student's Guide to the Law: Get a Grade Changed, Keep Your Stuff Private, Throw a Police-Free Party, and More!* published by Taylor Trade Publishing.

Lindsay has appeared on national television, radio and has been featured in many regional and national publications, including "US News & World Report" and "The Chronicle of Higher Education." He graduated magna cum laude from Denison University, and received his J.D. from the University of Michigan. In his spare time, he teaches courses in Law and Literature at the University of Pennsylvania.

Lindsay's presentation is sponsored by First-Year Experience, CLEC, Athletics, Student Activities, and Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. For more information contact First-Year Experience at (912) 681-5401.

Business leadership course in Savannah will begin on March 4

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Georgia Southern University is offering a non-credit business leadership course at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

"Leadership Skills for the Front-Line Manager" will be held on every Tuesday from March 4 through April 29, except for March 18. Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The 32-hour course will train managers, supervisors and other administrative personnel with leadership responsibilities. Each class will focus on a particular topic, such as communication among employees, legal concerns for supervisors, handling conflict and criticism, and effective methods of coaching employees.

Co-sponsored by Georgia Southern's College of Business Administration and the University's Continuing Education Center, the course has previously trained managers and supervisors from such varying fields as manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, transportation, health care and government.

The registration fee is \$600 per participant, with a corporate discount rate of \$550 per person for four or more people from the same organization. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 29. To sign up, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/supervisor.html> or call (912) 681-5551.

For more information on any of the business and career development programs offered by Georgia Southern, contact program specialist J. Marie Lutz at seminars@georgiasouthern.edu or (912) 871-1763.