

Welcome Back Faculty!

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Inessa Levi, Provost and Academic VP

“Don’t build beautiful walls around your heart. Carve out doors and throw open windows. Let the sun and the wind and the rain and the truth come in. You can’t be protected from life’s peril without being deprived of its bliss. Eat the world. Gobble it up. Have a ball. Don’t stand in shadows and don’t cast them on others.”

— John Scott Shepherd
The Dead Father’s Guide to Sex and Marriage

Our Vision

Provide world-class education and assure student success through creative inquiry and community, regional, and global engagement

Focus on students

We make a difference!

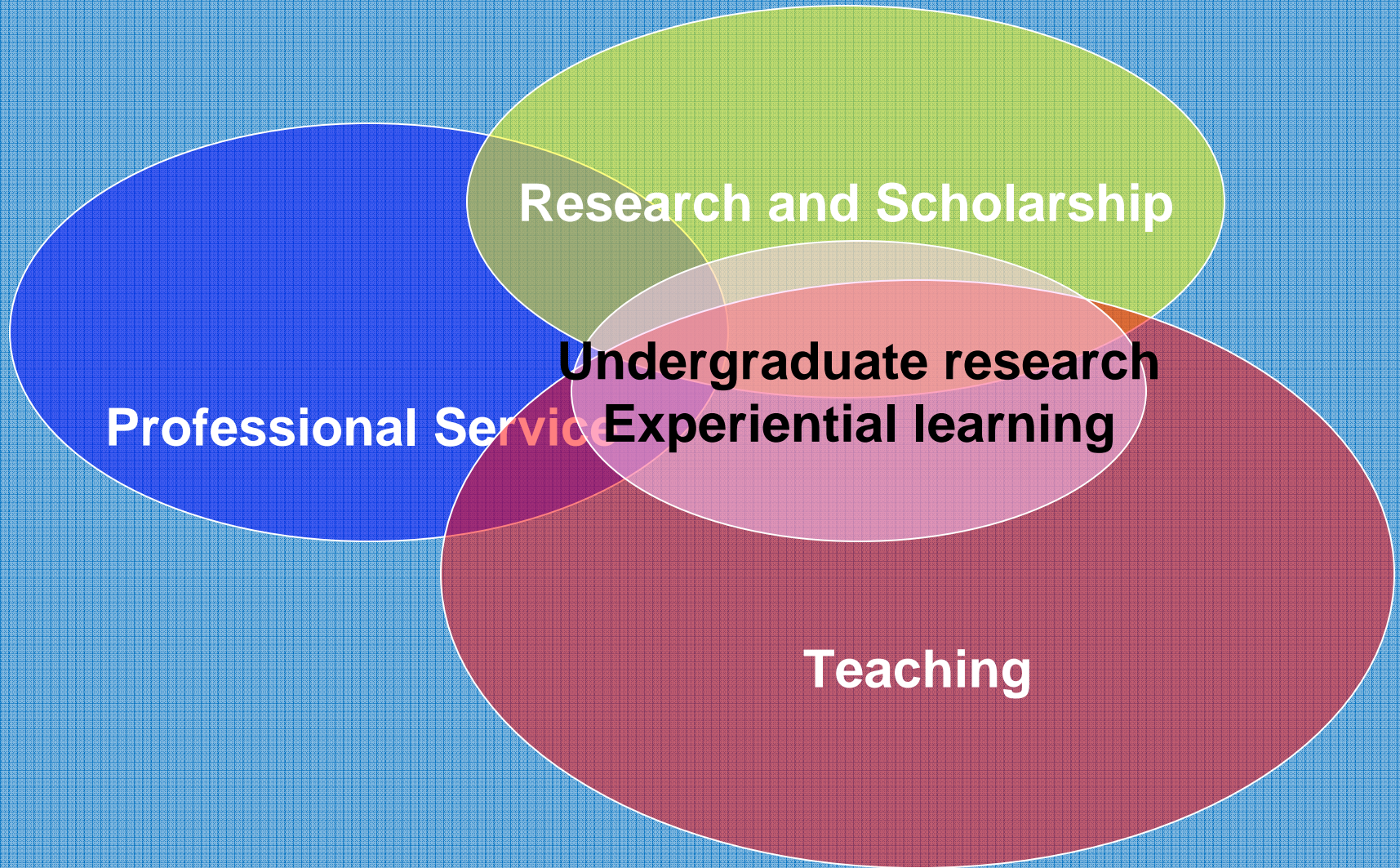


Focus on students – success, achievement, citizenship, quality experiences

Our students will have an opportunity to:

- Get a wide and deep education in the chosen field to help become successful and productive members of our society
 - Develop close mentor relationships with our faculty:
 - **FYE , undergraduate research, experiential learning**
 - Attain knowledge about our society, other societies, and social and political interactions to help in creating a sound foundation for becoming engaged and aware citizens
 - **eCitizenship, American Democracy**
 - Learn compassion, humanity

Creative Inquiry: Student Research & Experiential Learning



Professional Service

Research and Scholarship

**Undergraduate research
Experiential learning**

Teaching

Undergraduate Research - Life-Long Learning

Helps the students to experience the intellectual excitement of discovery that is hard to duplicate by other means

Establishes an environment that facilitates long term mentoring relationship between students and faculty to increase student success and retention

Guides students to understand the inherently interdisciplinary nature of research in relation to the breadth of their liberal arts education

Provides unique experience to undergraduates in taking a problem, analyzing it, collecting necessary information, solving the problem: these are exactly the skills employers want

Academic Excellence – Scholarship and Professional Activity

- To provide an intellectually stimulating environment to help our students become life long learners, it is crucial that we stay professionally current and active. Those who follow us tend to do what we do, not we say
- Publications, presentations, grants, undergraduate and graduate research

2009 University Awards

- Dr. Nikita Harris, Communication Department, the CSU Educator of the Year
- Dr. Kirk Heriot, Management and Marketing, received the CSU Research Award
- Dr. Tom Loughman, Management and Marketing, received the CSU Service award

Academic Excellence

- A \$100,000 grant is helping CSU develop more computer science courses to provide local defense contractors with employees skilled in computer models, simulation and gaming
- The grant is CSU's second from the University System of Georgia's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program

Academic Excellence

- 19 Theatre students were recognized by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for their work in CSU theatre productions.
- Four Department of Theatre faculty members were recognized by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for Meritorious Achievement in the areas of lighting and sound designs, costume design and direction.

Academic Excellence

- The CSU literary magazine, *Arden*, won first place at the Southeastern Literary Festival.
- The D. Abbott Turner College of Business launched the *Southern Journal of Entrepreneurship* to increase knowledge of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs in the many ways they manifest themselves in the global economy.

Academic Excellence

- The Schwob School of Music was awarded a Presser Award (\$4800) from the Presser Foundation; and a grant from the Mildred Miller Fort Foundation (\$100,000 toward the Rex Whiddon Faculty Chair in Piano)

Academic Excellence

- The College of Science developed a new Math and Science Learning Center and CSU received a grant to recruit, retain and graduate students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education fields.
- Received \$400,000 from USG to support the initiative

Academic Excellence

- The second annual CSU Celebration of Student Writing was attended by more than 1,000 faculty and students.
- There were approximately 55 student exhibits, with seventy-five students serving as presenters.

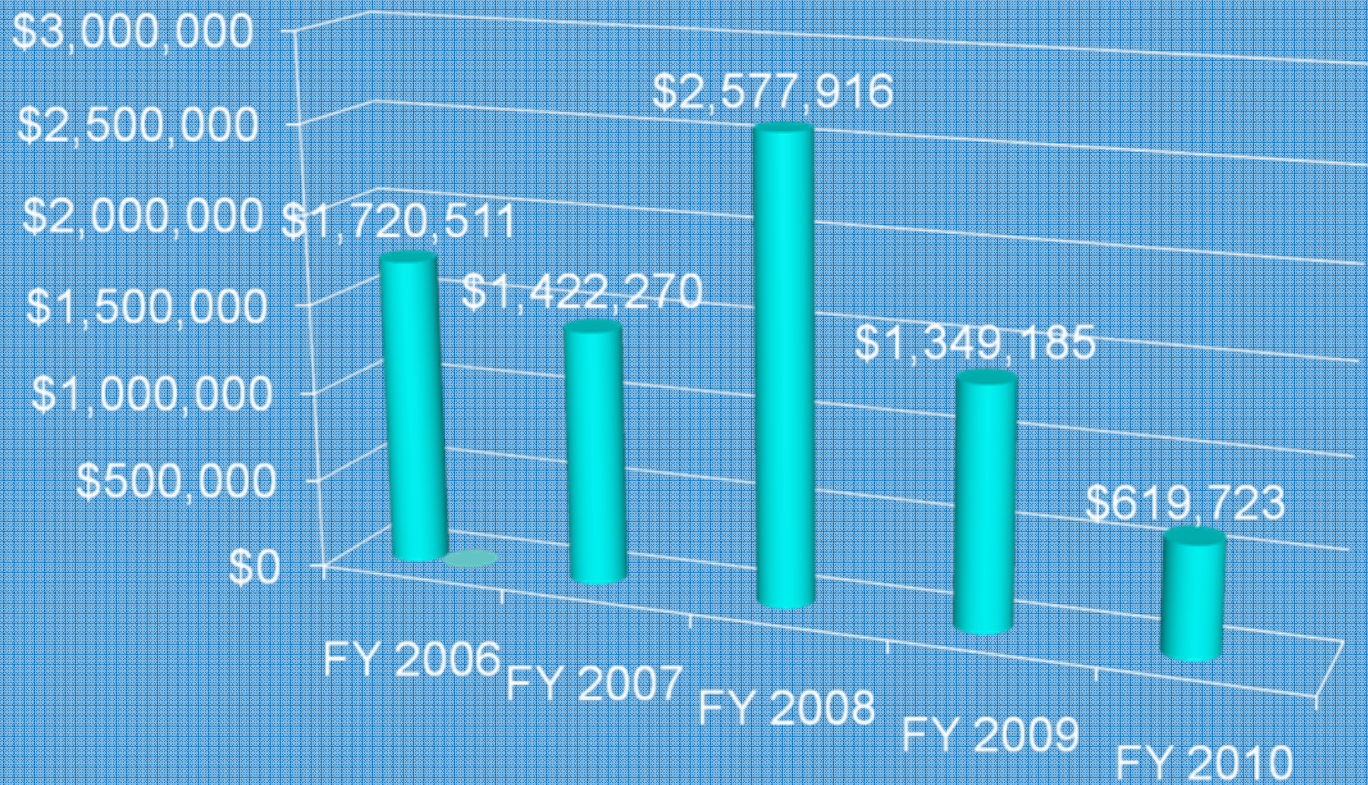
Academic Excellence: CSU and Community

- **Over 3500 sixth-graders from the Muscogee County School District visited the Coca Cola Space Science Center this year.**
- **The Center's Mead Observatory hosted over 30 astronomy nights in the community featuring public viewing of the heavens with the observatory's fleet of portable telescopes.**

Academic Excellence: Faculty Publications Just Last Year

- **26 Books**
- **178 national publications**
- **566 total publications**
- **CONGRATUALTIONS!!!!**

Academic Excellence: External Grants



Center for International Education

- Received an Internationalizing the Campus Planning Grant of \$10,000 this year and will receive a \$20,000 grant for 2009-2010 from USG
- The grant signifies CSU as “best prepared” among its university system peers for “taking major steps forward in building international perspectives and global competencies into the fabric of undergraduate education.”

CSU and the Community

- **Students in the Servant Leadership program gave 9,085 hours of service back to the community in 2008-2009.**
- **CSU earned a national honor for community service and was recognized by the Corporation for National and Community Service.**

Sustainable Restructuring: completed



- Academic excellence through teaching, research, creative inquiry, and student engagement
- New opportunities for programs and growth
- Interdisciplinary Collaborations
- Budgetary considerations

Sustainable Restructuring: completed



My heartfelt

THANK YOU

goes to all the academic deans,
chairs, program directors and
faculty who worked tirelessly
and selflessly during this past
summer to bring about this new
structure

Future Directions: Think Strategically!

- If we do not know where are we going...
- Align institutional, unit, and individual goals for continuous improvement of all matters affecting the University
- Link resource allocation to strategic goals:
 - Strategic Plan
 - Implementation Plans

Future Directions

Academic Excellence - STUDENTS

- education
- undergraduate and graduate research and mentorship
- experiential learning
- First Year Experience
- Honors Program
- Servant Leadership Program
- International experiences
- **Retention**
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Future Directions

- Academic Excellence - FACULTY
faculty research and scholarship
- Joint research and community
involvement ventures
- Think strategically
- Link resource allocation to the Strategic
Goals
- Strategic Plan, Implementation Plans
- Progress and Progression:

The Future Is Looking Bright!

Direction – Excellence

- *Excellence can be obtained if you:*
 - ...care more than others think is wise;
 - ...risk more than others think is safe;
 - ...dream more than others think is practical;
 - ...expect more than others think is possible.

• **Unknown**

Have a great academic year!!!!