

Welcome Back!

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**“Success is never final,
failure is never fatal –
It is courage that counts.”
— Rob Gilbert**

Sustainable Restructuring



- 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

Colleges: from 6 to 4

- **Provost/VPAA**
 - **Honors Program**
 - **International Studies Center**
 - **Servant Leadership Program**
 - **Military Science Department**
 - **Office of Sponsored Research**
 - **Office of Institutional Research**
 - **Academic Center for Excellence**
 - **University College**

College of the Arts

Gary Wortley, Interim Dean

- Art Department
- **Communications Department**
- Schwob School of Music
- Theatre Department



D. Abbott Turner College of Business and Computer Science

Linda Hadley, Dean

- **Accounting and Finance
Department**
- **Management & Marketing
Department**
- **TSYS School of Computing**
- **Outreach**
 - **Center for Regional Economic
Development**



College of Letters and Sciences

Glenn Stokes, Interim Dean

Pat McHenry, Interim Associate Dean

Cindy Henning, Interim Associate Dean

- **Basic Studies**
- **Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Criminal Justice and Sociology**
- **Earth & Space Science**
- **English**
- **History and Geography**
- **Mathematics and Philosophy**



College of Letters and Sciences (continued)

- Modern & Classical Languages
- Political Science & MPA Program
- **Psychology**
- Outreach:
 - Command College
 - McCullers Center for Writers & Musicians
 - S.T.E.M. Initiative

College of Education and Health Professions

David Rock, Dean

Dr. Ellen Roberts – Associate Dean

Sallie Miller, Assistant Dean

- Counseling, Foundations & Leadership
- Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science (HPEX)
- School of Nursing
- Teacher Education



College of Education and Health

Professions: Centers

- Center for Quality Teaching & Learning
- Center for Assessment & Reading Education
- Child Care Resource & Referral of West GA
- Coca-Cola Space Science Center
- Columbus Regional Math Collaborative
- CSU Internet Mathematics Contests
- **Oxbow Meadows**
- Partner School Network

New Department Chairs

- **Political Science**

Dr. Gregory Domin, Mercer University

- **Modern and Classical Languages**

Dr. Pedro Maligo, Coastal Carolina University

- **Art**

Dr. Joseph Sanders, Florida State University

New Programs: graduate education, online degrees

- **Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Leadership (at the BOR)**
- **M. Ed. in Educational Leadership**
- **M. Ed. in Accomplished Teaching**
- **MAT in Secondary Math and Science**
 - **three major online degree programs through GeorgiaOnMyLine in collaboration with Valdosta State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University and the University of West Georgia. Georgia Southern University**

CSU & Muscogee County School District: DoD grant \$335,000

- **Pod Casting: Podcasts will enhance student learning opportunities, achievement and educator professional development. Students attending our schools due to their parents being stationed at Fort Benning will use podcasts to learn new material and to reinforce prior learning. CSU participants include:**
 - **Coca-Cola Space Science Center,**
 - **Carson McCullers Center,**
 - **Math Collaborative,**
 - **History,**
 - **Center for Quality Teaching and Learning**

Academic Excellence

- Shining Stars:
- **“The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia** would like to congratulate Columbus State University Assistant Professor, **Kevin Burgess**, on his participation in an international effort that has standardized a “plant DNA barcode”. The research will provide the foundation for the widespread use of DNA technologies to identify plant species. Burgess is among 52 scientists working in 10 countries on the four-year barcoding study recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.”

Academic Excellence

- Dr. Joseph Rugutt, Chemistry, \$200K NSF - equipment
- Dr. Zo Webster is a co-PI on a DoD grant to introduce astronomy into the high school curriculum; the grant is funded at \$1.2 million; in cooperation with other USG institutions
- Dr. Madhu Bhandary, a statistician, grant from DoDEA – work with the Muscogee County School System

Academic Excellence

- Schwob School of Music -2008-09 University System of Georgia Board of Regents Departmental Teaching Excellence Award; the School had student winners in local, state, regional, national and international competitions.
- The D. Abbott Turner College of Business achieved international reaccreditation through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

Focus on Students: Career Center

- **First Alternative Spring Break - 15 CSU students and staff build a house with the Habitat for Humanity**
- **Received the Presidential Higher Education Community Service Award – 2 years in a row**
- **Over 51% of CSU students participate in internships, the Career Center has a strong connection with faculty to achieve these goals.**
 - **Working with Senators Harbison and Smyre to provide internships in Atlanta for the legislative session**
 - **30 students participated in Callaway Gardens Internship program**

Focus on Students: Student Life and Development

- **Club Sports initiated Tennis, Bass Fishing, Football, Women's Soccer and Wrestling**
- **Faculty, Staff and Students participated in Election 2008 Event**
- **Facilitated successful events at RiverPark Campus**
- **Jeff Johnson, host of BET and CNN, spoke for Black History month**
- **Greek Variety Show – Talent Show between the Greeks – over 500 students, faculty and staff attended the event**

Academic Excellence

through teaching, research, creative inquiry, and student engagement

Focus on students: retention, retention, graduation

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

**“He who stops striving
to be better
stops being good.”
Paraphrasing Oliver Cromwell**

**Have a great year!
Thank you very much!**