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MEDIA ADVISORY

KENNESAW, Ga. (May 1, 2007) — Nearly 100 Hispanic students representing every Cherokee County public school will visit Kennesaw State University to explore college life on Thursday, May 3.

Ann Marie Fenton, associate director of the Center for Services, Outreach and Partnerships in the College of Education, said the purpose of the event is to encourage students to make college-bound curricular choices while in high school and to ultimately strive to attain a college degree.

Activities will be based on the theme, "Education Opens Doors." While on campus, students will take part in interactive sessions based on a variety of disciplines such as math, science and technology. They will also embark on campus tours as well as listen to presentations by KSU students and faculty.

What:

Hispanic middle school students visiting Kennesaw State University

When:

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Where:

Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw

Media wishing to attend the event are asked to contact the writer.

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Kennesaw State, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia establish center of excellence to improve the lives of abused children

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"Both of our organizations are committed to working together to ensure that when abuse is reported, every child in Georgia will have access to the best possible service we can provide as their advocates," said Cynthia D. Howell, executive director of Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. "We have been working on this project since April of last year, and we are so very happy that the partnership has fully come to fruition."

Georgia First Lady Mary Perdue, who has been an advocate for Georgia's children through her "Our Children" campaign, applauded the move to establish the center of excellence during her opening remarks at the conference, and emphasized the necessity of community involvement in fighting child abuse.

"We all have the same goal — the goal of making sure that all children are safe, healthy, protected, nurtured, loved, cared for and educated," Perdue said. "It's a big goal. No one person can do that, and no one entity can do that alone."

Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia is partnering with KSU's WellStar College of Health and Human Services' Global Center for Social Change in establishing the Children's Advocacy Center of Excellence.

The center will work to improve child advocacy by creating an education program to improve the skills of child advocates; train KSU faculty, students and staff in addition to personnel throughout Georgia; conduct applied research to enhance the understanding of best practices in investigation, intervention and advocacy for children; and promote the use of a multidisciplinary approach to investigation and services, among other goals.

The session's keynote speaker was Ted Hall, reporter and anchor for 11 Alive News (WXIA-TV), who spoke about the media's role in creating public awareness of child abuse, in addition to taking a team approach in facing the issue.

The Wednesday summit at Kennesaw State examined multidisciplinary approaches to combat child abuse and neglect – through awareness, legislation and law enforcement, as well as combating child sexual exploitation.

Specifically, workshops at the summit addressed investigative techniques as part of prosecuting perpetrators of child abuse, key legislation impacting prevention, as well as investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases.

Workshops also explored how universities can work with child advocates and social workers to improve the effectiveness of training, evaluation and research in the field of child advocacy.

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An itinerary for the conference is available at www.cacga.org/conference/schedule.php.

For maps and directions to the KSU Center and the Kennesaw State University campus, please visit www.kennesaw.edu/about/maps.shtml.

For a biography of First Lady Mary Perdue and her work in child advocacy and with foster children, please visit www.gov.state.ga.us/about_mary.shtml. For a publication-quality photo of Mrs. Perdue, visit www.gov.state.ga.us/images/fl_gallery/firstlady9_hi.jpg.

For more information about Children’s Advocacy Centers of Georgia Inc., visit www.cacga.org.

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Approve bond package that includes \$42.5 million for expanded labs, classrooms

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 2, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Health Sciences Building took a giant step forward today following approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia of its capital budget, which includes a bond package that will help fund the construction of the building.

The approval allows KSU to move forward with a facility that will help produce new nurses and health professionals for Georgia.

The regents approved the allocation of state appropriations for fiscal year 2008 Wednesday during its meeting in Atlanta. All allocations are pending the approval by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue of the FY 08 Appropriations Act.

The KSU Health Sciences Building is part of a \$271.5 million bond package in the university system's capital budget, which designates \$42.5 million for the design and construction of the building at Kennesaw State. The total cost of the building is expected to be about \$60 million, including construction, design and equipment costs, with the university raising at least \$13 million from private contributions and other sources. About \$4.5 million for equipment will be requested from the state in 2008.

"The inclusion of our new building in the Board of Regents bond package is crucial in moving forward with our new Health Sciences Building here at Kennesaw State," said President Daniel S. Papp. "We are pleased the regents have given their approval to this important funding, which will allow us to increase the number of nurses and other health professionals whom the people of our state so critically need."

Construction of KSU's Health Sciences Building will most likely begin later this year, and the 190,000-square-foot facility is expected to be completed and in use by the 2009-2010 academic year. Once completed, the new facility will allow Kennesaw State to graduate 80 additional nursing students per year, and an additional 250 students per year in other health and human services programs in the WellStar College of Health and Human Services.

The new facility will include state-of-the-art equipment, a 300-seat auditorium, 15 health, science and interdisciplinary laboratories, seven seminar rooms and 11 large classrooms, two of which can accommodate at least 150 students. Also included will be four computer labs, student study areas

and faculty offices.

The addition of the Health Sciences Building will fulfill a very critical need in Georgia, Papp said. A 2006 report by the Board of Regents Task Force on Health Professions Education indicated that the state's health-care sector — vital to Georgia's economy — is in jeopardy, due to the critical shortages of health professionals anticipated during the next decade. U.S. Census Bureau estimates now place Georgia as the ninth-largest state in the nation, but on a per-capita basis, the state ranks 42nd or lower among the states in the supply of physical therapists and registered nurses.

By 2020, Georgia will have 48,000 registered nurses, but the state will need 80,000 to meet the demand, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While Kennesaw State is a leading producer of nurses and allied health professionals in Georgia, tremendous enrollment growth has caused a critical shortage of lab and classroom capacity. The new facility will allow KSU to help meet the challenges of the future, Papp said.

In addition, the new building will allow campus officials to increase the number of graduates in other high-need health and wellness related programs, including physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, and applied health and exercise science.

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A brochure with further details about the Health Sciences Building, and a rendering of the facility are available online at

<https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jcraig19/MediaGraphics/HealthSciencesBuilding/index.html>.

For more about the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, visit www.usg.edu.

A full news release from the Board of Regents, detailing actions taken during today's meeting, is available online at www.usg.edu/news/2007/050207.phtml.

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University Joins Four Other USG Institutions in New Tuition Category

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 4, 2007) — Kennesaw State University will benefit from an increased budget and additional tuition and fee revenues in the new fiscal year, thanks to the approval earlier this week of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget.

The Board of Regents approved KSU's budgetary and funding enhancements during its special one-day meeting held Wednesday, in Atlanta. The university's new fiscal year begins on July 1, while the new KSU tuition rates and fees will become effective in the fall semester of 2007.

On the budget side, Kennesaw State will receive \$80.9 million from the Board of Regents for its FY '08 state allocation, an increase of 8 percent — or an additional \$6 million in new funding — over the \$74.9 million allocated in fiscal year 2007. The additional revenue will be targeted at increasing salaries, expanding the number of KSU faculty and staff, and supporting priorities identified in the university's 2007-2012 Strategic Plan.

In a major move, the regents also authorized a new "differential tuition rate" for KSU and three other growing USG regional and comprehensive state universities — Georgia Southern University, Valdosta State University and the University of West Georgia. This is part of the board's thrust to direct future University System growth to "comprehensive universities with resources to provide additional student programming and course offerings."

"The Board of Regents' inclusion of Kennesaw State among the four USG institutions that will have a differential tuition rate is a strong acknowledgement of both our stature and our fiscal reality," stated KSU President Daniel S. Papp. "This move by the board will provide much-needed revenue to address the impact of our growth as a comprehensive university, and help us address the financial implications of the high-demand degree programs we are offering — including our new doctorate."

KSU introduced its first doctoral degree — the Doctorate of Education in Leadership — in 2006.

The per-semester tuition rate for entering KSU freshmen for fall 2007 will be \$1,479 for Georgia residents and \$5,915 for out-of-state freshmen. These rates will be guaranteed through the University System of Georgia's Guaranteed Tuition Policy — also known as the "Fixed for Four" plan — which guarantees KSU freshmen a fixed tuition rate for four years. The guarantee program helps students and their families plan for college expenses, while also creating a financial incentive for

students to graduate within four years.

For freshmen who entered KSU during fiscal year 2007 (which includes the fall semester of 2006), per-semester tuition will remain \$1,280 for in-state residents, and \$5,121 for out-of-state undergraduates until fiscal year 2010. For continuing KSU students who entered or transferred into the university prior to fall 2006 — when the “Fixed for Four” plan originally was introduced — the new per-semester tuition rate will be \$1,357 for in-state residents, and \$5,428 for out-of-state residents.

“The ‘Fixed for Four’ tuition continues to make college more affordable and accessible for Georgia students, allowing them to plan effectively for this investment in their future,” Papp stated. “And, with our commitment to keeping increases as low as absolutely necessary for all of our students, Kennesaw State offers a great deal for a top-notch, high-quality education that is rapidly growing in prestige and reputation.”

In addition to establishing the new tuition structure, the Board of Regents also approved four student fee increases for KSU, including one that will provide funds to tackle parking concerns at the university with the addition of a new parking deck. Another fee increase will provide revenue to better support KSU’s intercollegiate student athletic programs, as the university meets the heightened expectations of recently joining the NCAA Division I ranks.

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For a detailed news release from the Board of Regents regarding this week’s special board meeting, visit www.usg.edu/news/2007/050207.phtml. A map of the 35 units of the university system, detailing each unit’s location and classification within the system, is available at www.usg.edu/inst/map.phtml.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 7, 2007) — The winners of the 23rd Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition were recently announced in a ceremony at Kennesaw State University. Sponsored by Visions, a student art organization, the exhibition recognizes excellence in several categories of art media and one overall “Best of Show” entry. Winners in each category receive cash prizes, ranging from \$15 to \$200.

Katherine Fernie of Kennesaw won “Best of Show.” She was recognized for her painting, “Leaving Chinatown.”

First place winners in the various categories included Acworth resident Emily Nettles (printmaking); Atlanta resident Baxter Crane (drawing); Kennesaw residents Roy Fleeman (mixed media/alternative processes), Vivian Lai (graphic design/digital media), Kelly McKernan (photography), and Kate Stentiford (painting); Marietta resident Sharlene Foster (sculpture); and Winston resident Lori Hamilton (ceramics).

Each year, the competitive show employs a different professional artist or gallery professional to judge the show. This year’s judge was Lisa Dewberry Thrower, manager of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia.

The exhibition will remain on view until May 17 in the university’s Sturgis Library Gallery. Exhibition hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

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Bagwell College of Education: 392
College of Science and Mathematics: 209
WellStar College of Health and Human Services: 176
College of the Arts: 61
University College: 3

When:

Thursday, May 10, 2 p.m.

Speaker: Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle

Graduates from the Coles College of Business and the WellStar College of Health and Human Services will be honored.

Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m.

Speaker: Attorney General Thurbert E. Baker

Graduates from the Bagwell College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics will be honored.

Friday, May 11, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Secretary of State Karen C. Handel

Graduates from the College of the Arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the University College will be honored.

Biographies of the speakers follow:

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle

On November 7, 2006, Casey Cagle made history by becoming the first Republican ever elected to the

state's second-highest office. As Georgia's 11th Lieutenant Governor, Cagle is working to make Georgia a state where every citizen, regardless of his or her current circumstances, can achieve the American dream. He is committed to creating an environment in which Georgia's citizens and businesses can prosper.

Cagle was first elected to the state Senate in 1994, where he served 12 successful and productive years representing the 49th District. During his time in the Senate, Cagle served as chair of the Finance Committee and on several other key committees, including the influential Appropriations, Banking and Financial Institutions, Higher Education, and Natural Resources committees. He has been a staunch supporter of lowering taxes and protecting private property rights, as well as a passionate advocate for protecting Georgia's families. In 1999, Cagle was instrumental in the passage of "Heidi's Law," which toughened penalties for repeat drunk drivers.

In recognition of his achievements and his commitment to Georgia, Georgia Trend Magazine listed Cagle as "One of the 100 Most Influential Georgians" of 2006. James Magazine also named him one of its "People of the Year" for 2007. He currently serves as vice chair of the One Georgia Authority, vice chair of the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission, and on the Executive Committee of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association.

Born in Hall County – a seventh-generation resident – Cagle graduated from Johnson High School and attended Gainesville College and Georgia Southern University.

Cagle will speak at the commencement honoring graduates from the Coles College of Business and the WellStar College of Health and Human Services.

Attorney General Thurbert E. Baker

Thurbert E. Baker has served as Georgia's Attorney General since 1997. He has won three statewide elections for Attorney General, and in his most recent election, he carried 122 of Georgia's 159 counties.

As Attorney General, Baker has focused on fighting crime, corruption and consumer fraud. He wrote both Georgia's groundbreaking mortgage fraud statute as well as Georgia's financial identity fraud statute, allowing law enforcement to break up and imprison fraud rings operating in Georgia. Baker has fought to protect Georgia's children by proposing and successfully passing legislation that increased penalties for child pornographers and closed loopholes in the state's child pornography laws. Baker has also been a strong advocate for Georgia's Open Government laws, creating a mediation program in the Office of Attorney General dedicated to working with citizens and local governments to ensure that records and meetings covered by Georgia's Open Government laws are open to the public. He has also successfully litigated against organizations that refused to turn over documents covered by the Open Records Act.

Prior to his service as Attorney General, Baker served five terms in the Georgia House of Representatives, including three terms as floor leader for then-Gov. Zell Miller. During his time in the legislature, he authored legislation that created the HOPE scholarship program and enacted Georgia's "Two Strikes and You're Out" law that puts the worst repeat violent offenders in prison for life without parole.

Baker received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his law degree from Emory University School of Law.

Baker will speak at the commencement for the Bagwell College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics.

Secretary of State Karen C. Handel

Karen C. Handel was elected in November 2006 and sworn into office on January 8, 2007, as Georgia's first Republican Secretary of State. This important constitutional office oversees elections, corporations, securities and professional licensing boards, and also controls the state archives and the Capitol

museum. Using her considerable experience in government, business and community involvement, Handel brings a straight-forward, “get-the-job-done” attitude to state government and is not afraid to challenge the status quo.

Handel has held positions in state and federal government as well. She served as deputy chief of staff to Marilyn Quayle in the Bush-Quayle White House, where, among other things, she directed Mrs. Quayle’s breast cancer awareness activities. In 2002, Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Handel as his deputy chief of staff.

Prior to joining the Perdue administration, Handel was president and CEO of the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, where she was directly responsible for working with state, local, national and international organizations to bring job growth to north Fulton County. She also served as an executive for several major companies, including global eye care company CIBA Vision and international accounting firm KPMG.

In 2003, Handel was elected chair of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, becoming the first woman chair for the state’s largest and most populous county. During her tenure, Handel cut taxes and spending. She is also credited with passing the strongest ethics laws of any local government, uncovering corruption in the sheriff’s department and reforming the tax assessors’ department.

Handel will speak at the commencement matriculating graduates from the College of the Arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the University College.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 7, 2007) — Capt. Brian Teske might not be Superman, but he's been able to work on a graduate degree while flying around the world.

The father of three and devoted husband was able to fly for Delta Air Lines while working on getting a Master of Business Administration degree in the Georgia WebMBA program through Kennesaw State University's Michael J. Coles College of Business. And he still made time for his family, as well as his country.

"I am a very fortunate and happy man," said Teske, 43. "Without the support of my family, wife and children, I couldn't have done this."

On May 10, Teske will walk across the stage at Kennesaw State's spring commencement exercises to receive the degree for which he took exams in cities across the world and the United States, carefully budgeting his downtime between flights and at home for school and family life.

"I'm very excited to get to this point," he said. "I think you need to embrace these successes when you have them, because you never know when you're going to have the next one."

The Georgia WebMBA program, a venture of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, uses online learning systems, discussion boards, video lectures, case study readings and other texts to facilitate education. Kennesaw State participates with four other state universities in the program, which is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — an important factor, Teske said, when he was choosing programs.

Teske was part of the initial 2001 cohort of WebMBA students, but after 9/11 he had to take a leave from the program because of the negative effects on the airline industry. He also spent much time performing disaster relief services for the Georgia State Defense Force. In 2005, he reentered the program.

Teske, who formerly lived in Woodstock, Ga., and now calls Minneapolis home, said the immense flexibility of the program was key in selecting the WebMBA.

“When I started, I was an international co-pilot,” he said. “I would fly into, say, Santiago, Chile, and I had 36 hours when I was there. In those 36 hours, I got as much work done as I could. When I was at home with the kids, I spent time with them and with my wife.”

Later, he became a captain on domestic routes, but still worked during his downtime, using Internet access at airport terminals and reading texts before going to the aircraft and piloting the next flight to Boston or Miami.

While the primary delivery route of the WebMBA is online, students work in groups, meeting for a few days at KSU in order to encourage team-building and cohesion.

“The team-building exercises help foster a better relationship with other students in the program,” Teske said. “You get past the initial smiles and handshakes, and you get a chance to see how your fellow students think and communicate.”

The program also gave Teske a chance to develop his international business skills, through an exchange program at Anhalt University in eastern Germany. The experience was challenging, but very valuable, as he and classmates worked with German students to develop a collaborative project — a feasibility study for a European company’s expansion plans into Eastern Europe.

From corporate governance to business plans, decision making and finances, Teske has gained much insight and knowledge that will be valuable to him as he advances in his career. But one of the biggest lessons he’s gained through his time in the WebMBA program is persistence.

“I liken it to a soldier in a battle: you just have to keep moving and not stop,” he said. “Even though you might get frustrated and have reached the saturation point, you just have to keep going.”

Additionally, KSU is seeking approval to begin offering its students an all-online degree option for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree during the 2007–2008 academic year.

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Spring commencement exercises at Kennesaw State University are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 10, and 10 a.m. on May 11. Teske will participate in the exercises at 2 p.m. on May 10. More information about the commencement exercises at KSU is available at <http://acsdev1.kennesaw.edu/access/story.asp?sto=369>.

For more about the WebMBA program, please visit www.webmbaonline.org.

A publication-ready photograph of Teske is available from University Relations at <https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jcraig19/MediaGraphics/Brian%20Teske.jpg>.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 8, 2007) — A young man full of the highest aspirations for his academic and professional future, Theodore M. Bullard, came close to leaving Kennesaw State University in 2006 - through no fault of his own - because of his financial situation.

Thanks to a scholarship formalized Tuesday by Kennesaw State University officials, Bullard — as well as other African–American men attending KSU — now may have a chance to stay in school and achieve their dreams.

Kennesaw State officials signed an agreement to establish the Dr. Judy Brown–Allen NAACP Student Retention Scholarship to improve the retention of African–American students at KSU, giving the chance for them to achieve their fullest potential.

President Daniel S. Papp noted the importance of the scholarship during remarks at the signing ceremony, citing statistics showing that of the University System of Georgia's African–American student population, only 32 percent of students are African–American males.

“We have a situation not only in Georgia, but in the United States, where African–American males, particularly, are disappearing from our universities,” Papp said. “We’re in danger of losing an entire generation, and we need to do whatever we can to rectify that trend. This scholarship is a significant and wonderful step in that direction.”

Judy Brown–Allen, a KSU sociology professor and advisor to the KSU chapter of the NAACP, helped to spearhead the scholarship, as she recognized the difficulty of retaining African–American male students due to the necessity of full–time work, or being unable to pay tuition.

She also was inspired by her own past, recounting when she went to college with little in the way of finances — but with a lot of love, support and hope from her family, including a mother who dug deeply into her pockets for whatever support she could provide.

“As she was leaving the day I started college, I ran behind the car just as fast as I could, yelling at the top of my lungs that I would not fail, and that I would not come home empty handed without a college degree,” Brown–Allen said.

Though she had discussed the issue of African–American male student retention with her colleagues, Brown–Allen said meeting and teaching Bullard helped to get the scholarship program moving.

“It wasn’t until the semester in which I taught Theodore Bullard that I decided to stop merely talking about retention of the African–American male student, and began to investigate the needs of minority students on campus,” she said.

Bullard was honored as the first recipient of the scholarship, receiving the scholarship during the 2006–07 academic year.

The past president of KSU’s NAACP chapter, which was honored for its outstanding community service through a voter registration drive last year, Bullard has excelled academically and said he hopes to attend law school.

“Without this scholarship, I would have had to drop out,” he said. “I received \$500 each semester, and worked full–time. It might not seem like much, but that \$500 saved my life.”

“I want to make sure I graduate from Kennesaw State so that I can go to law school,” Bullard added. “I want to start a non–profit organization to help inner–city youth go to college and take the first steps to get there.”

Besides the scholarship which was formalized Tuesday, Kennesaw State University is highly involved in the University System of Georgia’s effort to attract and retain African–American male students. Arlethia Perry–Johnson, special assistant to the president for external affairs at KSU, serves as project director for the University System’s African–American Male Initiative (AAMI).

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For more about Kennesaw State University’s efforts to attract and retain African–American male students, visit www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/msrs/ksuaami.shtml.

For perspective on the University System of Georgia’s nationally recognized AAMI program, visit www.usg.edu/aami/.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 8, 2007) – Seven leading academic experts on corporate governance issues have prepared “21st Century Governance and Audit Committee Principles for U.S. Public Companies.” Based on their research, observations, and years of experience in the governance field, the authors, based at four universities, offer the principles to advance the current governance dialog and to continue to promote the interests of investors, stakeholders and financial statement users.

The principles update the guidelines the academics published five years ago, in the wake of the Enron bankruptcy and widespread governance and financial reporting problems at U.S. public companies – “The 21st Century Governance and Financial Reporting Principles” (March 2002). The 2002 governance principles were endorsed by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). The IIA presented the principles to the New York Stock Exchange in April 2002, and distributed them to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, American Stock Exchange, National Association of Securities Directors, National Association of Corporate Directors, Financial Executives International, and Congress, as well as the White House staff assigned to address governance and financial reforms.

“The five-year anniversary seemed like a good time to review these principles – five years after Congress passed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ proposed and later adopted new listing requirements; the AICPA issued SAS No. 99; the accounting fraud at WorldCom led to the largest bankruptcy in history; and Arthur Andersen LLP, Enron’s long-time auditor and one of the nation’s Big Five accounting firms, collapsed,” said Paul Lapides, Director of the Corporate Governance Center in the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University.

The newly updated “Governance Principles” and new “Audit Committee Principles” (which can be found online at http://www.kennesaw.edu/cgc/21stcentury_2007.pdf) include these guidelines:

- [1]** Independent directors must be able and willing to be objective in their judgments.
- [1]** The compensation committee should evaluate the incentives and risks associated with a heavy emphasis on short-term performance-based incentive compensation for executives and directors.
- [1]** The board should have a process for shareholders to nominate director candidates, including access to the proxy statement for long-term shareholders with significant ownership stakes.
- [1]** All public companies should maintain an effective, full-time internal audit function that reports directly to the audit committee.
- [1]** Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act should apply to all public companies, and the primary focus of reporting on internal control should be effectiveness.
- [1]** The board should limit the number of other audit committees on which its audit committee members can sit.

[1] All directors should receive detailed orientation and continuing education to assure they achieve and maintain the necessary level of expertise.

Contributing to the principles are Paul Lapidés and Dana Hermanson, co-founders of the Corporate Governance Center in the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, and James Tompkins, Director of Board Advisory Services for the Center; Joseph Carcello, Director of Research at the Corporate Governance Center at the University of Tennessee, and Terry Neal, Research Fellow at the University of Tennessee Center; Mark Beasley, Director of the Enterprise Risk Management Initiative at North Carolina State University; and Todd DeZoort, Professor of Accounting and Accounting Advisory Board Fellow in the Culverhouse School of Accountancy at The University of Alabama.

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"Billion-Dollar Kiss: The Kiss that Saved 'Dawson's Creek', and Other Adventures in TV Writing" by assistant professor of film & TV writing Jeffrey Stepakoff hits bookstores today. The subject of considerable advance press, Stepakoff's book chronicles an important, unreported chapter in the Hollywood story: how the studios' wild, irrational pursuit of new shows in the '90s made kid-writers right out of college overnight millionaires, nearly bankrupted the entire television industry and ultimately, led to the dominance of reality TV.

"Let me be clear: I am not opposed to reality TV; I am opposed to bad TV," Stepakoff said. "I enjoy watching 'The Donald' fire wannabes just as much as most. I see the entertainment value in 'Survivor,' and I'm willing to confess, one of my great guilty pleasures is 'American Idol.' But when unscripted shows started to overwhelm quality programming, I felt it was time to say something, and that's one of the main reasons I wrote this book."

Stepakoff, whose 18-year career spans shows like "The Wonder Years," "Sisters" and "Dawson's Creek," where he was co-executive producer, joined KSU's English department last fall. He has written for 14 different television series and has "written by" or "story by" credits on 36 television episodes. Stepakoff also created pilots for 20th Century, Paramount, MTM, Fox and ABC, and developed and wrote major motion pictures, including Disney's "Tarzan" and "Brother Bear."

"TV is a writer's medium," Stepakoff said, "unlike film, which is a director's medium – meaning most screenwriters turn in their screenplay and a couple of years later they're invited to the premiere. In TV, the writer is in control and you can see the fruits of your labor almost immediately. We write, cast, produce, from story room to set, from concept to final cut. In TV, the writer has constant creative authority."

It was that creative authority that allowed a writer on "Dawson's Creek" to dream up a love triangle that created a story engine, which Stepakoff and the rest of the show's writing staff used to propel the struggling series to 128 episodes, six seasons and syndication, where it had the potential to be worth more than \$1 billion.

"During the '90s, during what I call the 'Hollywood Gold Rush,' syndication revenues rose to unprecedented levels – as did the cost of those of us who could create these products," Stepakoff said. "In the '90s, studio executives were essentially saloon hall gamblers – wheeling, dealing and backing prospectors – but by 1999, a game show took everyone by surprise: 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire,' and

created a new business model.”

The old business model for making TV shows required studios to go into great debt on the off-chance of producing a hit show. Reality TV with its cheaper production costs changed all of that. The average one-hour drama today costs about \$2.5 million an episode, according to Stepakoff, compared to the not even half a million dollar per episode price tag of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.”

“Many people have said over the last few years that reality TV was just another fad, a trend that would quickly fade away. They were wrong,” Stepakoff said. “Today, the sitcom as we knew it is dead, and reality is flourishing as evidenced by the unprecedented phenomenon of ‘American Idol.’”

For further information, or to schedule an interview with KSU’s Jeffrey Stepakoff, please contact the writer.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 10, 2007) — “Slide America,” a documentary produced by two KSU students and a former Formula D driver, glides into the Midtown Arts Cinema tonight, where it will make its world broadcast premiere, red carpet and all.

This straight-to-DVD release chronicles the travels of students Joey Redmond, Jason Small and former Formula D driver Andy Sapp, as they traveled to 19 cities in 30 days last summer documenting the competitive driving sport of drifting. KSU student Montye Edwards serves as the chief communications officer of the company that produced the movie, PM Lifestyle. In drifting, drivers compete in rear-wheel drive cars to keep their cars drifting sideways as long as possible.

“Nothing like ‘Slide America’ has been done before,” Redmond said. “Many of these drivers have great talents that needed to be showcased and even greater stories to tell.”

Trailers for “Slide America,” as well as more information on drifting can be found at the following links:

www.slideamerica.com

www.myspace.com/slideamerica

http://slideamerica.com/store/product_info.php?products_id=34

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KSU graduates ready for the world

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"Service to others is the ultimate measure of a person," Cagle said. "It's not what you did, but the manner in which you did it. Speak honestly, work hard and act justly."

Baker reflected upon his own life Thursday evening when he addressed graduates from the Bagwell College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics. He said he always knew that he wanted to become a lawyer although he didn't know one. He had to draw on the power within to overcome obstacles and achieve his goal.

"It isn't the power of money or name recognition, but the power within," Baker said. "Whatever it is you do, use your talent to make a difference in the world."

Handel told the group gathered at the May 11 ceremony for the College of the Arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the University College that she had no words of wisdom for them but came to offer a few simple words to live by.

"Remember where you came from ... get a life ... don't be stupid ... do the right thing," she offered along with complete explanations of each point. "Stay grounded and remember to make time for friends, family, laughter and fun."

To view copies of the speeches, click on the following links:

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle:

<https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/smoore66/Casey%20Cagle.Commencement%20Speech%20-%20KSU.doc>

Attorney General Thurbert Baker:

<https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/smoore66/Thurbert%20Baker.Commencement%20Speech-KSU.DOC>

Secretary of State Karen Handel:

<https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/smoore66/Karen%20Handel.Commencement%20Speech-KSU.doc>

Read more about the commencement in the Marietta Daily Journal:

<http://www.mdjonline.com/articles/2007/05/11/89/10258384.txt>

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 15, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Center for Student Leadership presented an award Tuesday honoring Beheruz N. Sethna, professor and president of the University of West Georgia, for his contributions to empowering students to become strong, ethical leaders.

"I am very honored and touched by the award," said Sethna, who also serves as the interim executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. "It also has significant meaning for me because it comes with the endorsement of the students."

The award was presented to Sethna at a luncheon at the KSU Convocation Center, with students from the Center for Student Leadership participating in a discussion with Sethna and KSU President Daniel S. Papp, along with Nancy King, vice president for student success and enrollment services, and Lendley C. Black, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

During the program, Sethna engaged students in a conversation about the definitions of leadership, as well as taking a greater role in helping to define the role models to which others aspire. Students also shared their goals and aspirations, including the international service projects which they are considering to embark upon.

"Student leadership is important because it will determine the future of this state, the country and the world," Sethna said. "It is incredibly important that students have the right resources and approaches to use in future leadership roles."

KSU's Center for Student Leadership, a unit of Academic Affairs and Student Success and Enrollment Services, works to prepare students to become ethical leaders who are engaged in their campus and larger communities.

Brian Wooten, director of the center, praised Sethna for being an active, vital participant in KSU's student leadership activities.

"His leadership style is very accommodating, and he meets the students where they are," Wooten said. "He is an incredible, inspiring leader, and all of our students rave about him."

On May 4, officials also presented a CSL Empowerment Award to Ralph J. Rascati, dean of the University College and associate vice president for academic affairs at Kennesaw State.

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For a biography of Sethna, visit the Web site of the University of West Georgia at www.westga.edu/~pres/sethna_bio.html. A publication-ready photograph of Sethna is available from the University System of Georgia at www.usg.edu/media/photos/download.php?filelink=bsethna.jpg&photoDir=uso.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 15, 2007) - Kennesaw State University's College of Science and Mathematics announced the appointment of Mark B. Mitchell as chair of the department of chemistry and biochemistry and professor of chemistry. Mitchell will take over responsibility on July 1 for the largest chemistry and biochemistry department in the state of Georgia with more than 535 majors enrolled in departmental degree programs.

Mitchell is currently serving as interim associate dean for natural sciences and mathematics, and professor and chair for the chemistry department at Clark Atlanta University.

"Mark has the expertise and vision to take the department of chemistry and biochemistry to the next level," said Laurence I. Peterson, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "Some of his strategic goals include continuing the growth of the department, improving our graduation rates, as well as helping the university become a national leader in science education."

Mitchell earned his B.S. degree in chemistry from Northwest Missouri State University and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Utah. He has an active research program in surface chemistry with applications in environmental chemistry and catalysis, which he will continue to run at KSU. Prior to joining Clark Atlanta University, Mitchell was manager of the Vibrational Spectroscopy Analytical Skills Center for Union Carbide Corporation's Central R&D Center in South Charleston, W.Va.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 17, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Bagwell College of Education recently honored its distinguished faculty at an awards ceremony and luncheon held on campus at the Jolley Lodge. Hosted by interim dean Frank Butler, the college's faculty and staff turned out to pay tribute to their colleagues.

Following is a list of the Distinguished Faculty Award winners:

- Undergraduate Teaching Award - Alice Snyder, assistant professor of early childhood education
- Graduate Teaching Award - Lynn Stallings, professor of middle grades education
- Undergraduate Service Award - Maurice Wilson, assistant professor of early childhood education
- Graduate Service Award - Anita VanBrackle, professor of early childhood education
- Undergraduate Advisement Award - Michael Ross, associate professor of middle grades education
- Undergraduate Scholarship Award - Kim Loomis, professor of middle grades education
- Graduate Scholarship Award - Nita Paris, associate professor of middle grades education

Following is a list of special acknowledgement of external awards:

- Reta Ugena Whitlock, assistant professor - 2007 American Education Research Association (AERA) Early Career Award
- Sarah Robbins, executive assistant to the president and director of the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project - 2006-07 Governor's Award for Leadership in Humanities; and 10 Outstanding Women Leaders in Cobb County Award
- Marvin Smith, assistant professor - October 2006 Distinguished Research in Teacher Education Award
- Beverly Mitchell, assistant dean - April 2006, inducted as a fellow for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance Professionals
- Sandra Thompson, instructor - 2006 and 2007 Certificate of Recognition from the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium representing the

State of Georgia.

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The following is a list of the retirees, the department they worked in at the time of their retirement as well as their years of service:

Jeffrey Anderson, Communications - 11 years

Sandra Bancroft, Career Services - 15 years

Peter Blanar, Building Services - 12 years

Wanda Blanar, Bookstore - 11 years

Norma Sue Caudill, Registrar - 16 years

Roberta Griffin, Visual Arts - 22 years

William Hamrick, Registrar - 19 years

Deborah Head, Institutional Research and Information Management - 22 years

Harriet Hill, Bookstore - 20 years

Harry Lasher, Graduate Business Programs - 23 years

Steven McCullagh, Biology and Physics - 19 years

Vanice Roberts, Health and Human Services - 30 years

Beverly Samuelson, Continuing Education - 10 years

S. Alan Schlact, Accounting - 26 years

Ann Smith, Educational Leadership - 18 years

Elizabeth Stover, Registrar - 15 years

Nancy Stroud, History and Philosophy - nine years

Suzanne Talbott, Visual Arts - 12 years

Barbara Karcher, Sociology and Criminal Justice - 32 years**

Robert W. Hill, English - 22 years

Lawrence Duck, Postal and Distribution Center - 10 years

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 22, 2007) -- The Department of Music at Kennesaw State University has appointed two new professors to its music faculty. Joy Ollen and John N. Culvahouse will begin teaching in the growing department in Fall Semester 2007.

Ollen, who will serve as assistant professor of music theory, comes to Kennesaw State from Douglas College in British Columbia, where she has served as head of the aural skills division. She holds three degrees in music theory: a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University and a master of arts and a bachelor of music from the University of British Columbia. She has published and presented on topics including music theory pedagogy, musical form and connections between speech and music. Her interest in aural skills pedagogy has led to a study of selected evaluative methods and experimentation with the movement-based teaching approaches of Jaques-Dalcroze. She is a member of the Society for Music Theory, the College Music Society and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. At KSU, she will guide the delivery of aural skills and will teach music theory.

Culvahouse, who will serve as professor of music education, comes to Kennesaw State from the University of Georgia, where he served most recently as interim director of bands. He also taught in public schools in South Carolina and Tennessee for 17 years. He holds bachelor and master of music education degrees from the University of Tennessee and a doctor of musical arts degree in conducting from the University of South Carolina. His professional affiliations include Georgia Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, College Band Directors National Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Phi Beta Mu. He serves on the board of directors of the National Band Association and the John Philip Sousa Foundation. He has been presented a citation of excellence by the National Band Association on five occasions.

For more information about the KSU Department of Music, visit the department's Web site at www.kennesaw.edu/music.

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The KSU College of the Arts is one of only four Georgia institutions to have achieved full national accreditation for all of its arts programs.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 22, 2007) — Two Kennesaw State University police officers were honored Tuesday for coming to the aid of a fellow law enforcement officer in dire medical need last autumn.

Officers Matthew Fisher and Mary Forman were honored at the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day luncheon of the Greater Atlanta Chapter of ASIS International, held at Cobb Galleria Center.

For their actions this past fall, Fisher was named as the recipient of the George Davis Memorial Award, honoring the organization's police officer of the year. Forman was given an honorable mention.

"I am really honored to receive this award, but this is something that any of us would have done on any given day," Fisher said.

On Sept. 27, 2006, an off-duty Cobb County sheriff's deputy who was driving in a parking lot on the eastern part of the KSU campus suffered a critical drop in his blood sugar level, causing him to become unresponsive.

His vehicle struck five other vehicles in the parking lot, and remained in gear. Forman ordered Fisher to break a passenger-side window of the deputy's vehicle, and Fisher entered — while the vehicle was still in motion — placing himself at risk of serious injury.

Fisher put the vehicle in park and turned off the ignition, after which Forman attempted to administer first aid. Cobb Fire and Rescue arrived shortly thereafter to respond to the emergency, and advised KSU officers that the deputy's blood sugar was at a dangerously low reading of 20.

If the KSU officers had not come to the aid of the Cobb County deputy when they did, the deputy might have died, said Kemper Anderson, assistant director of the KSU Department of Public Safety.

Only after the emergency had ended did the officers realize that they themselves were injured: Fisher suffered numerous cuts to his arms from broken glass, as did Forman's hands.

Fisher has served as a KSU public safety officer since August 2005. Forman joined the department in 2000 as a dispatcher, and became a public safety officer with KSU in 2002.

Kennesaw State University's police department fields a fully-certified, well-trained force of 26 sworn officers.

ASIS International is a preeminent international organization for professionals responsible for security, including managers and directors of security. In addition, corporate executives and other management personnel, as well as consultants, architects, attorneys, and federal, state, and local law enforcement, work with ASIS to better understand the constant changes in security issues and solutions.

For more about the Kennesaw State University police department, visit

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/police/>.

For more information about Tuesday's awards, please contact the writer of this news release.

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Publication-quality photos are available of Fisher and Forman receiving the award at

<https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jcraig19/MediaGraphics/Matt%20Fisher.jpg> and

<https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jcraig19/MediaGraphics/Mary%20Forman.jpg>.

Each officer is pictured with Anne Gibbons, chair of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with the Greater Atlanta Chapter of ASIS International. Please credit Steve Thackston, Kennesaw State University.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 24, 2007) – Kennesaw State University will host the 43rd annual Georgia Author of the Year Awards banquet on June 2 at Room 400 of the KSU Center.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m., and the awards program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Georgia Writers Association and KSU, the event will honor awardees for books published during 2006. The purpose of the Georgia Author of the Year Awards is to recognize and acknowledge Georgia's wealth of outstanding writers and to acquaint them with the public and one another, thus continuing the state's rich literary heritage.

The awards honor both independently-published authors and those whose books have been published by traditional publishing houses. All Georgia-resident authors who have been published during 2006 are eligible for the awards. There are 102 nominations this year.

Award categories include fiction, first novel, creative non-fiction, poetry, anthologies and children's/young adult literature, in addition to a special lifetime achievement award and the Taran Family Memorial Award.

The awards were created in 1964 by the founders of the Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists, later becoming the Council of Authors and Journalists. The organization turned over the responsibilities of the awards to the Georgia Writers Association in the 1990s.

Since then, the awards have continued to thrive, and remain the oldest literary awards in the Southeastern United States.

Last year's award winners included University of Georgia history professor James C. Cobb for "The Brown Decision, Jim Crow and Southern Identity," and former President Jimmy Carter for "Our Endangered Values." Other award winners from the 42nd annual GAYA awards can be viewed at <http://georgiawriters.org/42ndWinners.htm>.

For maps and directions to the KSU Center, please visit www.kennesaw.edu/about/maps.shtml.

More information about the Georgia Author of the Year Awards and the Georgia Writers Association is available online at <http://georgiawriters.org>. A list of nominees for the 43rd annual GAYA awards is available at <http://georgiawriters.org/43rdnominees.htm>.

Media coverage is welcome. Please contact Jeremy Craig at 770-499-3448 or jcraig19@kennesaw.edu, or Lisa Russell at 770-420-4736 or lrussel7@kennesaw.edu to confirm attendance.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (May 24, 2007) — A free public listening session for the south Rome portion of the radio documentary project, "Taking Place: A Community Examination of its Place," will be held May 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lovejoy Baptist Church Life Center in Rome, Ga. The church is located at 436 Branham Avenue.

Sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council and by Kennesaw State University's Department of History and Philosophy, American Studies Program, and its Keeping and Creating American Communities Project, the listening session will feature a series of short radio documentaries about community, place and change in south Rome, located in Floyd County. The documentaries were produced by LeeAnn Lands, associate professor of History at Kennesaw State University, to examine how place and community are made and experienced in northwest Georgia. Following the session, guests will be invited to share their own stories and recollections of south Rome.

For more information about the listening sessions or the "Taking Place" program, contact LeeAnn Lands at 770-499-3437 or llands@kennesaw.edu. Visit the project Web site at www.taking-place.org.

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The purpose of the Cobb Leadership Summit is to bring together business, government, education and nonprofit organizations throughout metro Atlanta to explore ways to move the community forward. Amazon.com Hall of Fame author John Maxwell will guide attendees through “The Leadership Effect,” discussing the importance of team building within organizations and how everyone in an organization can possess and express leadership qualities. During the afternoon panel discussion, the eight panelists will share their experiences, discuss current issues impacting Cobb County and answer questions about their leadership roles.

A variety of corporate sponsors and community partners are supporting the summit, including the Cobb County School District, the Cobb Schools Foundation, Kennesaw State University, Papa John’s Pizza, Dell Computers, AT&T, Georgia Power, OfficeMax-ImPress, WellStar Health System, AIG Valic, the Marietta Daily Journal, the Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Thrashers.

Nearly 3,000 tickets for the summit have already been sold, with fewer than 400 remaining for purchase online at www.unitingcobb.org. Single premium seats are \$50 and standard seats are \$35, with discounts available for group purchases. Lunch from Papa John’s Pizza is included with the cost of the ticket.

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Maxwell commended Cobb County School Superintendent Fred Sanderson and other leaders, including U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) for coordinating the unique event.

"I am so pleased to see this emphasis in education," Maxwell said. "Growth and learning – they never stop. I stand in honor of what this school district is trying to do."

During the panel discussion of the program, Isakson served as an honorary moderator with Sanderson. Panel members included Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens, Marietta Daily Journal publisher Otis Brumby Jr., Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp, Southern Polytechnic State University President Lisa Rossbacher, Don Johnson of State Farm Insurance and Jeri Barr, CEO of the Center for Family Resources.

Isakson reflected on how the "most feared" teacher at his high school became one of the most influential people in his life. He said he even used to visit her once a month.

"Teachers make a big difference," said Isakson.

A longtime national leader in education, Isakson is one of the original authors of the No Child Left Behind Act, and he currently serves on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. He has served Georgia and the nation in leadership roles for more than 25 years.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 5, 2007) — The head of Kennesaw State University's professional writing program and a managing editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution are just two of 16 authors who were honored during the 43rd annual Georgia Author of the Year Awards program.

A banquet announcing the winners was held Saturday at Kennesaw State.

Jim Elledge, head of KSU's Master of Arts in Professional Writing program, was honored in the poetry category for his work, "A History of My Tattoo," a non-linear, book-length poem following the life of a young man through the turbulence of the Vietnam War and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Hank Klibanoff, managing editor for news at the AJC, was honored for a Pulitzer Prize-winning work co-written with Gene Roberts, "The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation," examining journalism during the civil rights movement of the mid-20th century. Klibanoff was commended in the Georgia Author of the Year Award's history subcategory in creative non-fiction.

The awards honor both independently-published authors and those whose books have been published by traditional publishing houses. All Georgia-resident authors who have been published during 2006 are eligible for the awards. There were 102 nominations this year.

The following is a complete list of the winners of the awards for 2006. A full list of nominees is available online at <http://georgiawriters.org/43rdnominees.htm>:

- First Novel: Pamela Jackson, "On This Side of Heaven"
- Fiction: Joshilyn Jackson, "Between, Georgia"
- Poetry: Jim Elledge, "A History of My Tattoo"
- Anthology: William Walsh, editor, "Under the Rock Umbrella: Contemporary Poets from 1951-1977"
- Children's Picture Book: Erin Harris, "Elephant on My Roof"
- Children's Mid-Reader: Carole Marshé, "The Secret of the Skullcracker Swamp"
- Young Adult: Tom Deitz, "Windmaster's Bane"
- Winner of Children/Young Adult: Tom Deitz, "Windmaster's Bane"

The following is a list of winners of various subcategories under the Creative Non-Fiction classification:

- History: Hank Klibanoff, “The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation”
- Essay: Philip Lee Williams, “In the Morning”
- Memoir: Barbara Brown Taylor, “Leaving Church”
- Biography: Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, “In Amma’s Healing Room”
- Specialty Book: Perry Dilbeck, “The Last Harvest”
- Inspirational/Religious: Joey Hancock, “Success Afield”
- Self-Help: Peter Bowerman, “The Well-Fed Self-Publisher”
- Overall winner, Inspirational/Self-Help: Peter Bowerman, “The Well-Fed Self-Publisher”

Memye Curtis Tucker received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Saturday’s ceremonies, and Kodac Harrison and Collin Kelley were honored with the Taran Family Memorial Award for “Java Monkey Speaks: A Poetry Anthology, Vol. 2.”

For more information, please contact the writer of this news release.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 6, 2007) — Three outstanding educators were recently honored for their exemplary work in education during the 2007 Educational Leadership Awards. Sponsored by the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project (KMWP), the individuals were recognized in three categories: Teacher Leadership, Sponsor of Literacy and Teacher of Promise.

Betsy Bunte, a teacher at Campbell High School, received the 2007 Teacher Leadership Award. This award is presented to a KMWP teacher affiliate who is a leader for other teacher consultants at the local National Writing Project site and who encourages leadership in colleagues. Bunte attended the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project's Summer Institute in 1998. As English department chairperson at Campbell, she continues to excel in teacher leadership through innovative methods for instruction including an upcoming new program for freshman studies.

The 2007 Sponsor of Literacy Award was presented to Carolyn Waters, a veteran teacher and curriculum administrator at the Cobb County School District. This award is presented each year to an individual who has demonstrated continuous efforts to improve literacy, teacher leadership and the educational climate in today's schools. Waters has worked closely with the KMWP to develop rich professional learning opportunities for teachers in Cobb County. She also encourages teachers to move beyond the basic curriculum while motivating students to higher achievement.

Mary Stillerman of Smitha Middle School won the 2007 Teacher of Promise Award. This award is presented to a new teacher who shows exceptional ability and commitment within her or his first three years of a teaching career. Stillerman, who attended the KMWP summer invitational institute in 2006, has been actively involved in a National Geographic field trip project for social studies students.

In addition to the three annual awards, two new honors were established: Student Writers of Promise, the first of which will be presented to a student writing contest winner in 2008. The award was created in the name of Leslie Walker, a long-time teacher at Campbell High School and KMWP teacher leader who recently passed away. A first-time KMWP Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sarah Robbins, executive assistant to the president at Kennesaw State and executive director of the KMWP, for her dedication to the project.

The Kennesaw Mountain Project was implemented in 1994 at Kennesaw State University to serve teachers and students of Cobb County and surrounding areas. For more information, please contact Dawn Latta Kirby, director of the KMWP at 678-797-2243 or visit the KMWP Web site at <http://kmwp.kennesaw.edu>.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 6, 2007) — Ten K-12 and university teachers have been selected to participate as summer fellows in the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project (KMWP) Summer Institute, an annual institute for competitively chosen educators. Participants will be on Kennesaw State University's campus June 5-28. KMWP has sponsored the event since 1994 for educators who would like to become "teachers of teachers" through the National Writing Project's ongoing professional development program.

The summer fellows come from every subject area and grade level — suburban, rural and urban — from schools that serve an array of socioeconomic and ethnic populations. The primary purpose of the institute is to prepare talented educators to serve as teacher consultants who are able to lead professional development initiatives in their home schools and districts.

The following is a list of the 2007 KMWP fellows and their school/university affiliation:

Teacher - School Affiliation

Anne Alexander - Westminster School
Dave Allen - Roswell High School
Amy Blanchard - E.T. Booth Middle School
Fiona Brantley - Kennesaw State University
Cindy Crews - Bascomb Elementary
Jennifer Grazer - Hiram Middle School
Toni Michael - Cherokee High School
Jeannie Parker-Beard - Kennesaw State University
Jason Pritchett - Hiram High School
Krista Talley - Kennesaw State University

The National Writing Project is the premier effort to improve writing in America, serving more than 141,000 educators yearly. The project builds the leadership, programs and research needed for teachers to help their students become successful writers and learners. The Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project was implemented in 1994 at Kennesaw State University to serve teachers and students of Cobb County and surrounding areas.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 6, 2007) — The Kennesaw State University Department of Music will offer its second annual music clinic for high school students June 11-16 at Marietta First United Methodist Church in Marietta. The clinic offers a comprehensive music experience for student instrumentalist, pianists and singers.

Enrollment in the 2007 Clinic has grown by 20 percent since the inaugural year in 2006. Students will interact with 22 members of Kennesaw State's faculty, and six KSU music majors will serve as mentors to attendees. Faculty include Michael Alexander, music director of the Cobb Symphony Orchestra and director of orchestras at KSU, and musicians from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Cobb Symphony and Atlanta Opera Orchestra.

Students will perform in large and small ensembles, attend master classes, and study music theory, music history and conducting. Students also will receive daily individual lessons. The week culminates with student chamber music performances on Friday, June 15 and large ensemble performances on Saturday, June 16. Rising seniors who participate in the clinic will be considered for music scholarships at Kennesaw State.

"Michael Alexander and our applied music faculty are building the relationships necessary to make our music clinic thrive for area students," said Peter Witte, chair of the KSU Department of Music. "As a result of the KSU Summer Music Clinic, our faculty make music with talented students from our local schools. It's another way the KSU College of the Arts connects with our community."

For more information about the clinic, visit the department's website at www.kennesaw.edu/music.

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"This has really been, in some ways, the most fun I've had writing," Lewis told the assembled crowd. "As an historian and author, you're driven by questions."

One of the questions driving Lewis in her research was why Eisenhower was always photographed smiling and in golf attire, even as he faced some of the nation's toughest political and social issues of the 20th century, such as race relations and the use of hydrogen bombs.

"Ike was simultaneously credited with the sudden surge of the sport's popularity and criticized for running the presidency from a golf course," Lewis said. "He was known for playing at the most exclusive clubs in America, while tentatively supporting civil rights. By his second term, Ike and his golf game became symbols of the social, economic and political contradictions of the 1950s."

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 13, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's College of the Arts celebrates its tenth annual Starlight Concert Series with five major jazz and pops concerts under the stars at the university's Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater. The public is invited and the park-like atmosphere creates a family-friendly opportunity for a picnic. The events are held on Sunday nights and most begin at 7:30 p.m.

On July 1, the Cobb Symphony Orchestra will open the season with a traditional patriotic concert celebrating the fourth of July holiday. Fireworks will signal the finale. This concert is free to all members of the community. It begins at 8 p.m.

The season continues with KSU Jazz Ensemble on July 15, featuring big band favorites.

Grammy-winning bandleader Poncho Sanchez will bring his popular Latin jazz band to Kennesaw on July 29. His band combines congas, piano, timbales, bass, saxophone, flute, trumpet, flugelhorn and trombone to create a distinctive Afro-Cuban and be-bop rhythm. The KSU performance is part of an international tour following the band's May 2007 release of its latest CD, "Raise Your Hand."

Next, Regina Carter graces the stage with a range of original, classics and improvisational jazz violin compositions on Aug. 12. Although she is touring jazz festivals this summer, this appearance at KSU will be her only appearance in the South. Carter has recently been named a MacArthur Fellow and has received the prestigious "Genius Award" by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Wrapping up the summer will be jazz vocalist Connie Evingson on Aug. 26, with her interpretation of the great jazz standards. Evingson, who has recorded and performed across the country and in Europe and in Japan, is a jazz vocalist who combines a silky smooth voice with a sense of swing and adventure. She will be accompanied by pianist Mary Louise Knutson.

Guests of the Starlight Series are welcome to bring lawn chairs and picnic items to the Gazebo Amphitheater. Lawn seating is \$5 for most concerts; free for the July 1 patriotic event. The gates open at 6 p.m.

Table reservations are available for parties up to six. Tables are \$50. Table reservations must be made at least one week in advance.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 13, 2007) — Nearly 200 secondary teachers and administrators are expected to attend a summer summit, “The Adolescent Learner: Reading Across the Curriculum and Math Instruction” at Kennesaw State University June 14–15. The university, the Georgia Department of Education and the Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency, joined forces to create the teacher development program that will feature speakers who are leaders in math, education and reading while also providing the opportunity for teachers to earn PLU credit.

For more information, visit www.mresa.org.

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Language arts teachers learn about blogging and podcasts at Kennesaw State

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The lead instructor is Anne Davis, Georgia-based consultant and author of the technology-education blog "EduBlog Insights." Following the workshop, teachers will receive a year's worth of on-demand instruction to allow them to maximize their skills in the classroom.

This project was developed and will be overseen by Earl Holliday, assistant professor in the department of educational leadership in the Bagwell College of Education; Michael Keleher, English instructor in the department of university studies; and Leonard Witt, Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication in the communication department.

The project is made possible by an approximately \$47,000 grant funded by the Title II-Part A, Higher Education — Improving Teacher Quality section of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The grant funds about 75 percent of the total cost of the project. This the second year the Blog2Learn project has been funded.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 20, 2007) — The Department of Theatre and Performance Studies of Kennesaw State University opens its 2007–2008 season in September with an original adaptation of a classic children’s tale and closes in April with an original adaptation of one of the greatest books of all time. The university will offer a total of nine productions.

“The university theater provides the community with a high-quality performance experience combined with a range of experimentation and innovation unattainable in most other venues,” says assistant professor and resident dramaturg Jane Barnette.

The season opens on Sept. 9 with a rare faculty performance in a world-premiere play by Atlanta playwright and KSU instructor Margaret Baldwin. “Tom Thumb the Great” is a humorous take on what you get when you cross a wily wizard, a bored princess, an amorous giantess, and a hero the size of a thumb.

The season continues with “The Spoken Word! Poetry in Performance” on Sept. 14 and 15, featuring National Poetry Slam winner Taylor Mali and some of Atlanta’s best performance poets, including M. Ayodele Heath, Chezon the Mother Poet, Karen Wurl and Mr. Boom.

Next up, KSU presents works from “365 Days/365 Plays” by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Suzan-Lori Parks. Parks wrote one new play every day for one year. KSU is one of 700 theatre programs across the country participating in a grassroots effort to perform one week’s worth of her plays in the 365 days between November 2006 and November 2007. Parks’ plays will be presented along with original response plays written by KSU students Sept. 24–30.

Featured next is “Pajama Game,” an adaptation of the 1950s-era musical featuring Hylan Scott, an Atlanta-area professional director, as musical guest artist. In the production, a potential strike pits Union Grievance Committee leader Babe Williams against love-interest Sid Sorokin, the new factory superintendent. Their chances for happiness will be the battleground for this classic musical from Oct. 23 to 28.

Moving to something with a more modern feel, “Out of the Dark” is a real-world multimedia performance written and directed by KSU Assistant Professor Hannah Blevins Harvey. The performance evolved from ethnographic interviews with present-day Appalachian underground miners, both male and female. The stories about pride of home, work, love and loss are poignant, powerful and even humorous. The play will be performed Nov. 13–18.

Another highlight of the season is “Fuddy Meers” by David Lindsay-Abaire. In this dark comedy, an amnesiac with a sunny disposition wakes up each day to face a completely new life. “Fuddy Meers” will be presented Feb. 12–7, 2008.

Innovative contemporary dance will be performed by students, faculty and nationally known guest artists at the KSU dance company’s spring concert Feb. 27–29, 2008. The performance features ballet, modern and jazz dance, and includes eight new works.

From March 25–30, 2008, “New Works & Ideas” will be presented in a week of readings and performances by emerging artists. More information will be available at a later time regarding schedules.

The season concludes with a new adaptation of “Moby-Dick” by KSU Professor John Gentile. “The production of ‘Moby Dick’ will be a visibly rich spectacle,” noted assistant professor and resident dramaturg Jane Barnette. “The adaptation shows a unique perspective of what is at stake for the adventurers who go after this whale on the high seas. It is poetic and incredibly well-crafted theatre.” “Moby Dick” will be presented April 15–20, 2008.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 20, 2007) — This fall, the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra will take up residence in the new Performance Hall at Kennesaw State University, according to an agreement between GYSO and the university. Under the agreement, GYSO will rehearse and perform in the soon-to-be-opened hall and four KSU students will receive scholarships to assist the orchestra as sectional coaches and as production and administrative support.

Additionally, KSU faculty artists will be invited to perform as soloists with GYSO. The two organizations plan to share some instruments and to cross-promote each other's programs.

"We are pleased to welcome the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra to our campus," said Joseph Meeks, dean of the KSU College of the Arts. "It has long been part of our master plan to launch a youth orchestra at Kennesaw State. This association with GYSO meets that goal and guarantees the high musical standards and excellence we would wish to see in such a program."

The KSU Performance Hall which will house the youth symphony includes a 630-seat performance auditorium, a 3,600 square-foot rehearsal hall and a 1,800 square-foot art gallery. Funded through a combination of private and public money, the \$9 million facility began construction in February 2006. The KSU Department of Music will move into the building before the fall semester.

The new partnership between Kennesaw State and GYSO is not the first collaboration between KSU and GYSO. Last week, the youth symphony and the KSU Department of Music co-presented a weeklong music clinic for high school students that was attended by 70 young musicians.

On Monday, June 18, GYSO also became an affiliate group of the Cobb Symphony Orchestra, another arts organization with a long-standing relationship with Kennesaw State. KSU Director of Orchestras Michael Alexander is also the music director of both the Georgia Youth Symphony and the Cobb Symphony.

The 2007-8 season will be GYSO's second year in operation. More than 200 students participate in its ensembles, which include a brass band, woodwind quintets and four orchestras, among others.

For information about Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra auditions and performances, visit online at www.georgiayouthsymphony.org or call 770-429-7015.

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Students from all over the Southeast submitted plays and only 20 students were chosen to participate in the festival, a week-long intensive study program at the Horizon Theatre Company. Students were challenged to create short plays and engage in workshops, seminars and rehearsals with theater professionals. The festival culminated in a staged reading of student plays by professional actors on June 2

Last year, another KSU student, Tai Courtney of Kennesaw, also won the chance to participate in the New South Young Playwrights Festival.

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Nanchang University and Kennesaw State sign cooperative agreement to enhance international education for both institutions

Although separated by several continents and massive bodies of water, a delegation representing Nanchang University in China brought its institution closer to the United States via a cooperative agreement with Kennesaw State University. It is aimed at a systematic exchange of academic and professional staff and students in the coming months and will be coordinated through KSU's Coles College of Business, KSU's Institute for Global Initiatives and Nanchang's International Exchange College. "This agreement allows students and faculty from KSU to study, teach or work at Nanchang while receiving credit," said Sheb True, former director of the Coles College International Centre. "It sets up many opportunities for both institutions, especially in the areas of research."(For the complete story, please click on the headline above.)

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KSU officials also hope that the partnership's collaboration will eventually lead to the implementation of an Executive MBA program at Nanchang.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 20, 2007) — Kennesaw State University Visual Arts Professor Charlotte Collins is in Louisiana for the summer to create a range of media exploring the history and present day culture of Bayou Liberty, a major waterway in Slidell, La., about 30 minutes from New Orleans. The “Rooted to Liberte” project was sparked by a boat ride on the bayou that Collins took after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the area in 2005. At the time, she was there helping her own family rebuild. Her experience of the destruction and rebuilding inspired Collins to find a way to help the residents keep their culture alive amid the devastation of historic homes, wildlife population, trees and plant life, and the loss of so much of the area’s elder population.

“How do you keep going after your heart is broken?” asks Collins. “The elders here lost their homes, businesses and their life savings. Afterward, those who were left spent all their time going to funerals.” Collins is determined that their stories not be lost to history. She is interviewing artists, musicians, poets and everyday people to learn about their own and their families’ history in Bayou Liberty. Her historical research will go back to the 1700s to document the waves of settlement by Native American, French, Spanish, African and Caribbean settlers. Collins believes that the mixture of traditions and people creates a unique and rich cultural legacy.

Collins received an incentive grant from KSU’s Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning to start the project. “I’m living the history now, with the people and places. I have never been so engaged, and once people see my passion, they get excited, too. I get to talk with all kinds of people who I couldn’t ordinarily access. People here are very private, but they want their story told.” When Collins meets with residents, they usually point her toward other people. “It’s not just about history,” she explains, “it’s about today and how we developed because of the past.”

From her research, Collins will create an artists’ book, a one-of-a-kind work of art made with handmade paper and bindings. A published version will also be produced and a website will provide document the complete range of poetry, prose, photography, videography and music that Collins has gathered.

“This is a labor of love, says Collins. “It will definitely remind you of the bayou—and it will be unlike any other book you’ve ever seen.”

A number of other KSU faculty are collaborating on the project, including Assistant Professor of Art Natasha Lovelace, a book artist, and Associate Professor of Art Carole Mauge-Lewis, who, along with her graphic arts class, will do the design work.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 20, 2007) — World-renowned photographer Nick Del Calzo will share his unique experiences gained while photographing and interviewing some of America's iconic WWII Medal of Honor heroes during a presentation on June 26 at Kennesaw State University. The World War II Exhibit and the Clary Lecture Series at KSU are sponsoring the free event that is open to the public. It will be held in the KSU Center at 5:30 p.m.

Del Calzo's New York Times bestseller, "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty" captures his distinctive style of photography of more than 100 of America's living Medal of Honor recipients. Some of Del Calzo's photographs of those brave heroes hang in the halls of the Pentagon. The Medal of Honor award is the nation's highest tribute, the only one that commands a salute from the president and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Since its implementation in 1863, approximately 3,440 military members and civilians have received the medal.

What:

Nick Del Calzo presentation - the focus of this program will be on WWII Medal of Honor winners. The event is free, however registration is required. Call 770-423-6765 or visit www.kennesaw.edu/coned, click on OSHER and type in #074SOR10040C to register.

When:

Tuesday, June 26
5:30 p.m. Reception with hors d'oeuvres
6:15 p.m. Presentation

Where:

KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw

Media wishing to attend the event are asked to contact Stacey Moore at 770-423-6343.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 21, 2007) – Now that Kennesaw State University has moved into Division I NCAA athletics, a new athletics board will provide oversight and guidance as the program continues to expand.

The new KSU Athletics Board, approved by the Faculty Senate in April, will serve as an advisory group to President Daniel S. Papp regarding the intercollegiate athletics program, providing oversight on strategic planning, budgeting issues and related athletic initiatives.

The board – which includes faculty, administrators, staff, alumni and student representatives – will also assist the university in complying with NCAA regulations. The majority of the boards membership will consist of faculty and administrators holding an academic appointment.

The KSU Athletics Board will provide a robust means for the oversight and advancement of our intercollegiate athletics program, said Papp. The composition of the board will ensure that our entire learning community at Kennesaw State has input into our athletics program as we move forward. It will also ensure that we make the best decisions possible.

Papp has appointed Tom Keene, professor of history, as the chair of the KSU Athletics board. The board will meet at least quarterly, report to the president and provide an annual report to the University Council.

The boards executive committee – comprised of four faculty members and three administrators – will have the chief responsibility for oversight of the KSU Athletics Department budget, including salaries.

In addition, the KSU Athletics Board will feature a special admissions advisory committee to make decisions regarding admission applications of prospective student-athletes who do not meet all applicable NCAA initial eligibility standards and/or fall short of KSU admission standards in one or more areas.

Three faculty representatives, including the chair of the Athletics Board, the faculty executive assistant to the president and the faculty representative to the NCAA, will serve as voting members on the committee. The KSU director of admissions will serve as a non-voting member in most circumstances.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (June 28, 2007) — Whether you are fascinated by presidential history, dedicated to the game of golf or interested in how the post WWII era of American culture defined its values, Dr. Catherine Lewis' new book, "Don't Ask What I Shot," has something for everyone.

In "Don't Ask What I Shot: How Eisenhower's Love of Golf Helped Shape 1950s America," Lewis takes a close look at Eisenhower's passion for golf and the impact his dedication to the game had on our national culture. During Eisenhower's two terms in office the commander in chief played nearly 800 rounds.

"I started out with no strong opinion about Eisenhower, but I fell in love with him," Lewis exclaims. "As a historian, you have to find a way to connect with your subject, and it was easy to connect with Ike because of his sense of humor and humility."

In honor of Lewis' latest book, Kennesaw State University's athletics department, the College of Humanities and Social Science and the American studies program will host a book talk and breakfast Thursday, July 12, from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Convocation Center on the KSU campus.

The event is free and open to the public.

"Originally, I was thinking about writing a book on Bobby Jones and his relationship with Eisenhower," Lewis says. "They were friends, but it became clear Ike alone was the story, so what started out as a book about friendship became a book about how one man shaped the nation."

Among the historical tidbits included in Lewis' book:

- In addition to golf clubs, Eisenhower hit the links with a "doomsday" briefcase that held the codes to launch a nuclear attack;
- Secret Service agents carried golf bags outfitted with Thompson submachine guns;
- Eisenhower made 29 trips to Augusta National Golf Club as president, but he never attended the Masters, worried that his presence would distract the players.

"Ike considered Augusta National and other clubs, such as Burning Tree and Cherry Hills, extensions

of the Oval Office,” Lewis said. “He used the game as a practical way to build alliances, frequently inviting men from both sides of the aisle in Congress – especially those he was trying to influence – for a friendly game.”

Of the seven books she has authored or co-authored, Lewis said “Don’t Ask What I Shot” is by far her favorite.

“I feel like I’ve reintroduced the president to a new generation,” she says.

For further information, or to schedule an interview, please contact the writer.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 3, 2007) – The Kennesaw State University Holocaust Education Program is hosting a workshop on July 12 featuring The Butterfly Project.

Students from around metro Atlanta are invited to participate and will get a chance to tour the Kennesaw State University Holocaust Education Program Butterfly Project exhibit. At the close of the workshop, participants will create their own butterflies to be included with those to be sent to Houston where eventually they will be on public display.

The Butterfly Project, initiated by the Holocaust Museum Houston in 2001 to represent those children who perished in the Holocaust, is collecting 1.5 million hand-crafted butterflies, one for each victim. Many of the butterflies have been inspired by quotes from Anne Frank's diary and Pavel Friedman's butterfly poem. The butterfly's significance to the Jewish community stems back to the ghetto of Terezin, an unusual concentration camp located in the hills outside of Prague.

What:

Summer Butterfly Project - students, grade five through middle school, will be making handmade butterflies to contribute to the Holocaust Museum Houston's 1.5 million butterflies to represent the children who perish in the Holocaust. The event is free, however registration is required due to space restraints. Call 678-797-2083 or visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/paralleljournays/butterflyproject.shtml>.

When:

Thursday, July 12
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where:

KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw
For directions, please visit www.kennesaw.edu/maps.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 6, 2007) — The Kennesaw State University Holocaust Education Program (HEP) is looking for individuals to volunteer their time for the upcoming exhibit season.

In partnership with the Atlanta History Center, HEP is presenting three new signature exhibitions: The Butterfly Project, Parallel Journeys and V for Victory: Georgia Remembers World War II. Volunteers are needed to ensure that those visiting the exhibits have an enjoyable and educational experience, and will serve in a wide range of positions including front door greeters and docent tour guides.

Whether a high school senior or a senior citizen, everyone is encouraged to volunteer at the exhibition. Training will be provided. If interested, please call Debra Day at 678-797-2083 or send an e-mail to ksuhep@kennesaw.edu.

The HEP is funded by the Marcus Foundation and is housed in the history and philosophy department at Kennesaw State. Directed by Catherine Lewis, associate professor of history, the HEP's mission is to provide exhibitions and public programs that promote diversity, build character and encourage respect.

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Girls Inc. was selected as a community project by the staff members who are currently participating in the 18-month-long ELC program.

“A requirement for completion of this program is to create a group community project that will allow members of the class to apply the skills and knowledge we have learned throughout the program to support our local community,” said Nicole Phillips, assistant director for Minority Student Retention services. “We chose to partner with Girls Inc. this year to provide an opportunity to adolescent girls visit KSU’s campus, be exposed to and develop leadership skills, as well as stimulate their thoughts and interests in education beyond their high school experience.”

Girls Inc. is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. The organization has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, underserved areas.

In addition, the ELC team held a raffle fundraiser which netted \$800. The check was presented to Girls Inc. leaders at the end of the day-long program. However, the gift of giving didn’t stop there. The raffle prize, a 20-inch television, was also donated to Girls Inc.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 20, 2007) — Just like Braves baseball and trips to Stone Mountain, it's metro Atlanta's unfortunate rite of summer: as the sun swelters, smog builds, clogging lungs and major traffic arteries with commuters going nowhere in a hurry.

Kennesaw State is doing its part to help ease this problem with KSUride — combining vanpools, carpools, transit discounts and other incentives to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.

KSUride will host a vanpool meeting for KSU community members at noon on July 24 in the dining hall addition of the Carmichael Student Center for individuals interested in starting another vanpool route, according to Lashonda Scott, a transportation coordinator with the KSUride program.

KSUride works with CobbRides, a public-private partnership with the Town Center Area Community Improvement District (CID), designed to address traffic congestion and air quality problems in the area.

A second CobbRides vanpool was recently started at KSU, involving a group of employees from Plant Operations.

Vanpools cost only \$50 a month per passenger, including gas. With gas prices hovering around \$3 a gallon, vanpools can significantly lower commuting costs. A minimum of seven passengers are required to start a vanpool.

"Vanpools, along with other measures like carpooling and use of transit, such as Cobb Community Transit, can help save KSU commuters money and hassles," Scott said.

In 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency named KSU one of the Best Workplaces for Commuters among colleges and universities, recognizing employers who offer outstanding commuter benefits for their employees.

For more information about KSUride or commuting alternatives, visit www.ksuride.com or contact Lashonda Scott at 770-499-3321 or lscott24@kennesaw.edu.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 23, 2007) — Kennesaw State University Professor of Art Ayokunle Odeleye has opened his private studios to the public through July 29 to showcase his latest public art projects. Commissioned by Rockland County in New York, Odeleye is completing two 16-foot tall stainless steel abstract figures for Spring Valley Memorial Park in Spring Valley, New York. He is also working on a memorial sculpture project for the City of Wilmington, North Carolina. Visitors to his studio can view both projects before the sculptures are shipped to their respective destinations for installation. Odeleye's sculpture studios are located at 2542 Young Road in Stone Mountain. The studio is generally open in the afternoons and evenings, but guests are asked to call 404-210-0746 to schedule a visit.

Ayokunle Odeleye has worked as a professional sculptor for 31 years since receiving a master's degree from Howard University in 1975. His studio specializes in the creation of large-scale sculptures for public spaces primarily in the media of metals and wood. He has created public art for cities across the nation from Atlanta to Alaska.

Odeleye is also an arts educator. He has taught art at Howard University and The Duke Ellington School for the Arts in Washington D.C., and at Spelman College and Georgia State University in Atlanta. Currently, he is a professor of art at Kennesaw State University, where he has taught sculpture and a variety of art classes for the past 17 years.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 25, 2007) — Noted psychologist and consultant, Earl Suttle, will serve as keynote speaker to nearly 1,000 graduates from Kennesaw State University who are set to walk across the Convocation Center's stage during the school's 84th commencement ceremonies. There will be two separate ceremonies Monday, July 30. Suttle, founder of international training company, the Three E Corporation, is highly sought after by businesses and organizations for his unique employee production and profitability concepts.

This marks the university's largest class to commence during the summer with students receiving degrees from one of the school's seven colleges. The Coles College of Business will graduate the highest number of students with 322 graduates, followed by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences with 251 graduates.

Following is a breakdown of the number of degrees being awarded by each college:

Coles College of Business: 322
College of Humanities and Social Sciences: 251
Bagwell College of Education: 143
WellStar College of Health and Human Services: 138
College of Science and Mathematics: 126
College of the Arts: 17
University College: 3

When:

Monday, July 30, 2 p.m.

Graduates from the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Science and Mathematics will be honored.

Monday, July 30, 7 p.m.

Graduates from the College of the Arts, the Coles College of Business, the Bagwell College of Education and the University College will be honored.

Following is Earl Suttle's biography:

Earl Suttle is a noted psychologist and consultant. He is the CEO and founder of the Three E Corporation, an international training company based in Atlanta, Ga., that specializes in working with

businesses and organizations to increase their profitability and productivity through developing their employees.

As a business consultant and dynamic professional speaker, Suttle delivers nearly 100 presentations throughout the year in the United States and South Africa. He has conducted keynote addresses and seminars for prestigious corporations such as AFLAC Insurance, the new AT&T Corporation, Delta Air Lines, Coca-Cola Company, American Express, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, United States Postal Service, Kraft Foods, Hartford Insurance Group, Wachovia Bank, Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Georgia Department of Labor, Cobb EMC, Anheuser-Busch Companies, University of Miami, University of Georgia and the Bartow County (Ga.) Government. He also serves as a consultant to the National Basketball Association (NBA) and National Football League (NFL).

Suttle has coauthored two books with John Hubbard, “Earl’s Pearls on Enjoying Excellence” and “Preparing for and Managing High-Risk Situations in the Lives of College Athletes (An Athlete’s Guide).” Both books have received rave reviews. In addition, Suttle has produced CDs and DVDs about leadership, and professional and personal development. His company’s motto is “empowerment through education and enthusiasm.”

Suttle earned his doctorate in addiction studies from the International University for Graduate Studies.

He is married to Felicia Mabuza-Suttle, who started the first TV audience talk show in South Africa. She is currently the president of South Africa Tourism-USA. Suttle and his wife have been featured on CNN, InStyle magazine and Ebony magazine. Suttle is the proud father of one son, Darron, two daughters Lindi and Zani and two grandchildren. He also has a wonderful daughter-in-law, Alisa.

If you are interested in attending the ceremonies, please contact Stacey Moore at 770-423-6343 for special parking provisions.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 30, 2007) — While the number of college-aged women lighting up for the first time is down, new research suggests fewer are kicking the habit.

In a first of its kind study, Kennesaw State University assistant professor Dr. Sean Stickney and Purdue University's Dr. David Black found that young women who smoke were up to three times more likely to exhibit negative perceptions of their physical appearance and physical abilities. Similarly, the research revealed that kicking the habit may be made more complicated by the presence of body dysmorphic disorder, a type of body image disorder.

"The importance of this study is the realization that various body image issues, and eating disorders, can directly affect smoking behavior and self-perceptions," Stickney said.

In a nationwide sample of female college students between 18 and 25 years old, the researchers found women who smoked cigarettes exhibited symptoms associated with BDD, including an intense and unrealistic fear of weight gain, preoccupations with comparing themselves to their friends as well as others around them and avoiding social engagements completely for fear of negative evaluations of their physical appearance.

"Fewer women are quitting smoking due to the prevalence of disorders such as BDD," Stickney said. "We believe that these types of physical self-perceptions may not only hinder a woman's intentions to quit smoking, but may be associated with increased risk for depression as well as an increased risk for developing eating disorders."

According to the National Institutes of Health, between 22 and 25 percent of 15-to-24-year-olds, or one in four, smokes.

But, according to Stickney, traditional cessation programs may not be enough to help women in college quit.

"We need to be aware of the presence of these disorders when designing smoking cessation programs for college-aged women," he said.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (July 30, 2007) — Wilkens Eugene can't see to open a classroom door, but his recent graduation from CyberTech at Kennesaw State University has opened the program's doors for future disabled students.

With the help of a screen-reading program called JAWS, Eugene not only completed the required course work, he excelled in the program winning the annual "Dean's Choice Award" - the program's top honor for achievement - and a new Dell computer.

"Completing this program raised my level of confidence," the rising Campbell High School senior said. "If I can do this, anything is possible."

CyberTech is a strategic educational initiative based in the computer science and information systems department at Kennesaw State. Funded by the National Science Foundation, CyberTech is designed to attract under-represented high school students into careers in the sciences, particularly computer science.

"It's amazing what a person can do in technology without being sighted, and Wilkens is a prime example of what can be accomplished," CyberTech program director Dale Benham said. "Wilkens has laid the groundwork for other students with disabilities to become part of the program."

Dr. Pamila Dembla, assistant professor in the CSIS department, has been working to develop a pilot program within CyberTech aimed at attracting visually impaired students like Eugene to the field of computing. The pilot test will be used to apply for National Science Foundation funding to increase enrollment of visually impaired students.

"We believe that professions that depend significantly on technology, such as programming, would be ideal for students with visual impairments as they can work at their own pace in their environments," Dembla said.

Because of Eugene's success, next year there will be an emphasis on recruiting disabled students for future CyberTech programs. This outreach effort will build upon KSU's already strong commitment to attracting and retaining disabled students.

The university boasts a large selection of adaptive software and hardware for students to use including text readers, voice recognition programs, computer display enlargement, whiteboard capture devices, assistive listening devices and adaptive keyboards. There are currently 285 students actively enrolled with the office of disabled student support services.

“We work with the students to help them learn to apply technological supports to their academic pursuits in a way that enhances their endeavors and contributes to their success,” Carol Pope, assistant director of disabled student support services, said. “I believe that the tools provided by technology are key to a productive work life for many individuals with disabilities.”

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 6, 2007) — On Sunday evening, Aug. 12, Kennesaw State University welcomes The Regina Carter Quintet to the Starlight Summer Concert Series at the Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater. This will be Regina Carter's only appearance in the South this summer. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blanket, picnic items, friends and family to the park-like venue. The gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Lawn seating is \$5.

Carter is known for her interpretations of classics, original and improvisational jazz violin compositions. Trained as a classical violinist in the Suzuki Method starting at age four, she played in bands and orchestras, but developed her own fusion of jazz and violin, a rare path for her instrument. Carter is influenced by the rhythm and blues of her hometown, Detroit, and by musicians like Ella Fitzgerald, Les Brown and Bessie Smith. Carter broadened her horizons to jazz when she heard a recording of jazz violin by Jean Luc Ponty.

Two months ago, Carter released her sixth album, "I'll Be Seeing You," as a tribute to her late mother, Grace Carter, one of the most important influences in her life, career and music. The album is described by Verve, her music label, as her most stylistically focused work to date. The work consists of authentic, intimate acoustic arrangements of songs from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Regina Carter is a leading artist on her instrument and she was recently named a MacArthur Fellow and received the prestigious "Genius Award" by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Carter first graced the stage at KSU five years ago and was invited to return because of the audience's enjoyment of her earlier concert, their appreciation for fusion styles and that fact that hers is a very accessible and fun show. The group is the fourth featured artist of the five-event Starlight Concert Series. The final performance will feature Connie Evingson and Mary Louise Knutson on Aug. 26.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 8, 2007) — Kennesaw State University playwright-in-residence Aaron Levy and educators from Cobb County high schools will tackle an often unspoken, tragic issue this week — suicide — through the staged reading of an award-winning young adult play.

The staged reading of Levy's "Pizza with Shrimp on Top" will be held for more than 300 high school English teachers from all 17 Cobb County high schools on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 9 a.m. at an annual teacher in-service session. The session will take place at Sprayberry High School, 2525 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta.

"Aaron Levy establishes a powerful connection with young people through his production of 'Pizza with Shrimp on Top,' " said Allison Toller, executive assistant to the superintendent of Cobb County Schools. "The play is meaningful, and one which students will remember for a lifetime."

Every 17 minutes in America, someone commits suicide, and according to information released by the Georgia Department of Human Resources last week, an estimated 850 Georgians die by suicide each year. According to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Georgia, reducing stigma about suicide and its causes provides society with the best chance for saving lives.

Theatres in Atlanta are taking a serious look at this play. Published by Dramatic Publishing, "Pizza with Shrimp on Top" is a funny play, but one that makes teens think about their lives and the decisions they make. "Pizza with Shrimp on Top" has just been nominated for the 2007 Distinguished Play Award in the category of Middle School and Secondary School Audience plays presented by The American Alliance for Theater in Education (AATE).

For more information about the play and the staged reading, contact Levy at alevy2@kennesaw.edu, or by phone at 770-423-6132.

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- an online Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in management, offered through the Michael J. Coles College of Business;
- a BBA degree program with a major in international business through the Coles College of Business.

“Each of the new programs approved by the Board of Regents positions Kennesaw State to continue producing highly educated workers in the health and business sectors,” said KSU President Daniel S. Papp. “These new programs are in high demand in the state, and we are pleased to secure approval to offer them at Kennesaw State. The online BBA program, in particular, will help us reach a new market of students, who can access our programs at their convenience.”

The programs indeed meet critical needs for the state and the nation in each respective field.

The Master of Science in Applied Exercise and Health Science will prepare students to meet the demands of a growing population, an increased number of aging persons with longer life expectancies that will, collectively, drive an increasing demand for health care and social assistance through the next decade. Professionals graduating from this program will be prepared to engage in a variety of leadership positions in health and fitness fields, having gained skills to develop, implement, supervise and evaluate effective programs to promote health and wellness.

The online BBA with a major in management will allow KSU to educate current future business leaders in Georgia and the nation through an entire degree program offered online, bringing a new delivery method for a highly regarded existing degree. Students choosing this learning method will be subject to the same admission and progression requirements demanded of students who take classes on the physical KSU campus. The program will use new online courses, as well as many existing online courses offered

through the Coles College, allowing students to complete their educations from anywhere and at any time.

The new undergraduate international business major at KSU will prepare Georgia students for the reality of the global economy, meeting the increasing demand for employees who have the expertise to successfully address special issues of international business, including matters such as import/export issues, tariffs, judicial system differences, foreign exchange banking issues, property ownership and other matters. Graduates from the program will aid in keeping Georgia internationally competitive, as the state's role in the global economy continues to grow. According to the Georgia Economic Council, there are more than 1,000 international businesses operating in the state with at least 112,257 employees from 43 countries.

Officials expect the Master of Science in Applied Exercise and Health Science program to start by fall semester of 2008. The undergraduate business programs take effect this fall.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 10, 2007) — For the first time in the institution's history, Kennesaw State University is introducing a new bus shuttle system set to begin Monday, Aug. 13. Kennesaw State, the third-largest public university in Georgia, is the eighth-largest employer in Cobb County.

Kennesaw State employees experienced a trial run of the new shuttle system today, with full service starting at 4:45 a.m. Monday with an eight-bus fleet.

Major construction projects set to begin on the KSU campus in the coming weeks - including a 2,600-space central parking deck and a new student residence hall - have impacted existing parking lots, dictating the need for employees to park off site. More than 500 people already have signed up for the initial phase of off-campus parking.

"I am grateful for the large number of employees who have volunteered to use the shuttle service," President Daniel S. Papp said. "Their efforts will go a long way in helping the university address our transportation needs."

Kennesaw State secured two off-campus locations for employee parking. The shuttle buses will run in continuous loops from the temporary parking lots to designated stops on the institution's grounds. Service from the Bank of America deck, located off of Town Park Drive, will run from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and service from the Town Point lot, located south of Chastain Road, will occur from 4:45 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Shuttle buses will operate from both locations Monday through Friday. The service will be provided by First Transit, Inc.

For more information, including maps and shuttle schedules, visit the Auxiliary Services Parking Information Web site at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/parking/>.

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https://files.kennesaw.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-547791_1

For the parking and shuttle map, go to <http://www.kennesaw.edu/parking/map.pdf>

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 14, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's first Regents' Professor, Dr. Charles W. Hofer, is joining the faculty of the Michael J. Coles College of Business as a professor of management in the department of management and entrepreneurship, bringing expertise from more than 25 years of experience as a former professor at the University of Georgia.

Regents' Professorships are granted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to distinguished faculty members at research universities to honor their outstanding scholarship and long-term accomplishments. Only one candidate per university may be nominated to receive this honor each year. Dr. Hofer was named a Regents' Professor in 1992 while at UGA.

"As a clear leader in his field and a Regents' Professor, Hofer brings decades of dedicated study in management and entrepreneurship to our growing program," said Dr. Tim Mescon, dean of Coles College of Business. "Our students will benefit tremendously from the expertise that Dr. Hofer will bring to Coles."

Dr. Hofer earned a B.S. in Engineering Physics from Lehigh University and M.S., MBA, and DBA degrees from Harvard University. Prior to joining the University of Georgia he taught at Northwestern University, New York University, Columbia University, Stanford University, the Singapore Institute of Management, and Northeastern University. He is the author of "Strategy Formulation: Analytical Concepts" and "Strategic Management: A New View of Business Policy and Planning" as well as three other books and numerous journal articles, chapter and cases. He was the editor of Strategic Planning Management, the founding associate editor of the Journal of Business Strategy, and has served on the editorial boards of the Academy of Management Review, Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice, the Journal of Business Venturing, the Journal of Management Case Studies, and Small Business of Economics and The International Journal of Organizational Analysis.

Dr. Hofer has served as chair of the Business Policy and Planning Division of the Academy of Management and president of the United States Association for Small Business & Entrepreneurship (USASBE). He has been honored with several national awards in the field of entrepreneurship, including

the Sargent Americanism Award, the Coleman Entrepreneurship Mentor Award, the Inventor's Club of America Entrepreneur Award, the Leavey Award and the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship's Distinguished Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year Award.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 22, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Michael J. Coles College of Business has been selected by Fortune Small Business magazine as one of six best business schools in the United States in family business research and education through the Cox Family Enterprise Center.

The recognition appears in the magazine's September 2007 edition identifying "America's Best Colleges for Entrepreneurs," identifying the center on its "honor roll" of institutions which work with family-owned firms.

The magazine highlighted the excellent ties between the center and local family business owners with faculty experts and opportunities for owners and KSU students to participate in sessions to learn from business challenges, noting the high regard in the field for KSU's center executive director Joseph Astrachan.

The center's Family Business Review also was cited as "one of the few academic journals devoted to the topic," the magazine writes.

Additionally, the magazine recognized Coles College's Charles W. Hofer, professor of strategic management and entrepreneurship, among 18 top entrepreneurship-teaching professors in the country. KSU's first Regents Professor was mentioned for his dedication to students and his work with preparing students for business plan competitions.

Hofer joined the Coles College faculty this summer after more than 25 years as a leading professor at the University of Georgia. Regents' Professorships are granted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to distinguished faculty members at research universities to honor their outstanding scholarship and long-term accomplishments. Only one candidate per university may be nominated to receive this honor each year. Hofer was named a Regents' Professor in 1992 while at UGA.

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For more about the honors in the Fortune Small Business magazine, visit <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fsb/bestcolleges/2007/index.html>.

Visit the [Coles College of Business](#) and learn more about the [Cox Family Enterprise Center](#).

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For the fourth consecutive year, Kennesaw State ranks among the nation's best institutions for its First-Year Experience program in the U.S. News & World Report annual "America's Best Colleges" edition. Listed under the "Programs to Look For" section of the report, KSU is the only Georgia institution listed among 40 colleges and universities that include Penn State, University of Maryland, Dartmouth and Yale. When most freshmen arrive on a college campus, they know few, if any, fellow classmates, neither can they imagine the challenges that college life will present. Kennesaw State University recognized this fact six years ago and implemented what has become one of the most successful first-year experience programs in the nation. (For the complete story, please click on the headline above.)

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"I am extremely pleased that U.S. News & World Report has again identified our First-Year Experience as an 'outstanding example of academic programs,'" said Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp. "KSU is a learning-centered university that emphasizes student success, and this highly effective, well-recognized program plays a central role in achieving those goals. We appreciate the national recognition of our efforts, as the program has a direct impact on student retention and persistence."

The magazine invited college presidents, chief academic officers and deans of admissions to nominate up to 10 institutions with the best examples of academic programs they felt lead to successful students. Kennesaw State was one of the colleges and universities mentioned most often.

Kennesaw State links freshmen with each other and with faculty, staff and resources at the university through its First-Year Experience program, KSU 1101. It was created for first-time, first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 30 credit hours and is designed to acquaint students with the campus and its programs. The course fosters association between student needs and campus resources, emphasizing the development of college survival skills, such as study methods, time management and effective oral and written communication.

"We have built a strong caliber of faculty and staff who continue to promote and ensure the success of our students," said University College Dean Ralph Rascati. "Our goal is to help students ultimately earn their degree with Kennesaw State."

For the complete story on U.S. News & World Report, click the following link:

www.usnews.com/colleges. For additional background information about Kennesaw State's first-year program, visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/fyp/>.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 22, 2007) — In a culture barraged with ethical challenges, getting certified in Ethical Leadership practices gives you an unprecedented advantage over uncertified peers in your field.

WHO:

The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character at Kennesaw State University is an established leader in ethical leadership training that serves the university, Atlanta area professionals, and international communities. The Institute provides learning opportunities designed to improve our cultural environment by developing ethically competent women and men as leaders in business and entrepreneurship, government, health care, education, and all other sectors of society. The Siegel Institute offers a non-degree Ethical Leadership Certificate Program that is certified by IACET (International Association of Continuing Education Training) for 6 credit hours of CEU's (Continuing Education Units) for professionals. These non-degree courses are taught by the same world-class scholars that teach the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics, the only program of its kind at the master's degree level in Southeastern U.S.

WHAT:

What it is: A tangible solution to one of the top 10 security threats in business today: unethical business conduct. How to embrace the solution: Get certified by the Siegel Institute through the Ethical Leadership Certificate Program. Classes begin August 28.

What's the need for ethical leadership training? According to a recent survey of Fortune 1000 companies identifying the top 10 security threats, unethical business conduct ranked number 7 [following 1) workplace violence, 2) disaster recovery, 3) global and domestic terrorism, 4) Internet security, 5) employee selection concerns, 6) fraud/white-collar crime. Numbers 8, 9 and 10 were employee theft, property crime, and drugs in the workplace]. Companies are attempting to cope with unethical business conduct by adding Chief Compliance Officers, holding formal or mandatory ethics training programs, and adopting risk management programs.

Getting trained and certified in Ethical Leadership is new, significant, and powerful. Ethical Leadership certification is an unprecedented, invaluable asset to add to your skill sets and professional portfolio. This certification can catapult you to higher positions of leadership and responsibility compared to untrained, uncertified peers in your field or company. The Ethical Leadership Certificate Program is a 16-week course laid out in modules of character, leadership and ethics. Starting August 28, course times will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

What's in it for you and your employer?

A marketable advantage: customers and investors cite corporate practices and values as primary considerations in their decision making.

Superior employee performance: companies with sound business practices and established values report increased productivity, improved employee morale, and reduced employee turnover.

Improve communication with people from diverse cultures.

Differentiate yourself from your peers by enhancing your leadership/ethics skills.

Broaden your leadership skill set by receiving cross-functional training in ethics and leadership.

Increase your awareness, sensitivity and response to ethical issues in your workplace.

Taking the journey through this certification program will be an adventure that can improve your life and career and differentiate yourself from masses of people working toward the same goals as you.

"Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained."

– James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States

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Panelists included Robin Crawford, lecturer of sociology, May Hongmei Gao, assistant professor of communication, Katarina Gephardt, assistant professor of English, Darina Lepadatu, assistant professor of sociology and Federica Santini, assistant professor of Italian. They were from countries that include China, Slovakia, Italy, Romania and the United States.

During the program, attendees also heard from KSU President Daniel S. Papp, who emphasized the importance of diversity as well as the university’s commitment to this issue.

“Why is diversity so critical to Kennesaw State, the USG (University System of Georgia), and every institution in higher education?” he asked. “Because it is the right thing to do and we can all learn from each other. Diversity continues to be one of the core competencies at KSU.”

The luncheon was sponsored by the division of Legal Affairs and Diversity. For upcoming diversity events, visit www.kennesaw.edu/diversity.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Aug. 30, 2007) — The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recently announced that Mary Garner, associate professor of mathematics and mathematics education at Kennesaw State University, has been awarded the 2007 Award for Excellence in Teaching. Garner was noted for her unique teaching style and learning tools in the classroom.

The USG also awarded the Professional Sales Degree program in the Michael J. Coles College of Business with the 2007 Award for Excellence in Teaching.

This is the second year in a row that Kennesaw State has received these prestigious awards.

The Board of Regents awards program recognizes and rewards both individual faculty members and academic programs. Recipients are selected from nominations submitted annually by the presidents of University System institutions. The awards honor outstanding teaching that significantly improves student achievement, as well as commitment to student-focused research on effective teaching. Each of the award winners will receive \$5,000 and a certificate of achievement.

For the complete story on the Excellence Awards, click the following link:

www.usg.edu/news/2007/082907.phtml.

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A publication-quality photo of Mary Garner is available at

http://www.usg.edu/news/2007/includes/download.php?filelink=m_garner.jpg.

For more information about the Professional Sales Degree program, visit

<http://coles.kennesaw.edu/selling/chalsol.htm>.

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