

Transforming Lives Every Day at Dalton State

President John O. Schwenn

Since I first came to Dalton State five years ago, I have heard over and over and over again from current students and from alumni how this College changed their lives. It never ceases to be music to my ears.

Our earliest alumni remember fondly the unique educational opportunity the young College offered in this part of the state that had previously been underserved by higher education. Our current students and recent graduates—many of whom are the first in their families to go to college—speak lovingly about how the College expanded their horizons both in the classroom and through campus leadership opportunities.

Knowledge is transformational and so is the experience of realizing one's potential. We see students bloom in the classroom, in our labs, within our student organizations, and in civic engagement opportunities. We watch students evolve into better versions of their former selves, ready to take on the world. They leave here confident and competent, ready to step up in the workplace, in graduate school, in the community.

Dalton State is in the business of transforming lives. Whether through the scholarly achievements of our outstanding faculty and staff, or due to the impact of excellent professors in our classrooms, or resulting from involvement in a campus organization, students' lives are changed at Dalton State every day.

Some are the first in their families to attend college. Others are working full-time and managing family responsibilities while attending classes. And then there are those who are living away from home for the first time and taking a full course load. Their backgrounds really make no difference. Students at Dalton State will be transformed by the power of education, and lives will be changed because of that transformative experience. Our institutional mission is that simple and that big.



Dr. John O. Schwenn

Plan now to attend

Dalton State College 4th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference

Friday, Mar. 15

8 am to 6 pm

The James E. Brown Center

Keynote Address:

“Teach Students HOW to Learn:
Metacognition is the Key!”

by: **Dr. Sandra McGuire**

Assistant Vice Chancellor
and Professor of Chemistry
Louisiana State University
Registration: \$25, includes all
sessions, workshops, breakfast,
and lunch

Info:

Katie Pridemore at kpridemore

Sponsor:

Center for Academic Excellence

*See page 4 for
additional campus
events scheduled
for March*

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Belgian business students arrive...

Dalton State welcomes three business students from Hogeschool Universiteit Brussel in Brussels, Belgium, who are learning American business practices in the classroom and from local industry partners. Pictured seated, from left, are students **Dennis Defrancq**, **Amaury Al Zaatitl**, and **Thomas Vanhoutte**; and their College and industry partners, standing from left: **Tommy Barge**, **Kim Harper**, and **Mike McAllister** from Beaulieu; **Dalton State President John O. Schwenn**; **Bridget Van Meter** of Balta Group; **Richard Wong** from Dalton Utilities; and **Dr. Larry Johnson**, Interim Dean, Dalton State School of Business.

CAMPUS WATCH

Please submit professional news (after the fact) for the April issue by March 22.
Items received after that date will be held for the next issue. Thank you.

Professor of Psychology **Dr. Christy Price** presented “Thinking Outside the Classroom Box: Having the Utmost Impact through Advising, Mentoring, and Supervising the Learners of Today” on January 18 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, and on “Engaging Modern Learners” for the Union County School District Teachers’ Inservice at North Georgia Technical College in Blairsville on February 11.

During the University System’s “Redesigning Learning Support for SUCCESS” drive-in conference held in Macon on January 31, **Ms. Cathy Hunsicker** and **Ms. Regina Ray**, Associate Professors of Reading, presented “Problem Solving is Not Just for Math Anymore!” and **Dr. Lydia Postell**, Associate Professor of English and Reading, and **Dr. Mary Nielsen**, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, presented “Using YouTube in Learning Support English and Reading Classes.”

Dr. Javad Zadeh, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has published a paper with the title “Pyramidization” in the *European International Journal of Science and Technology* (EIJST), Vol. 2 No. 1, February 2013.

Director of Student Life, **Ms. Jami Hall**, co-presented with Dr. Brenda Marina from Georgia Southern University and Dr. Darryl Holloman from Georgia State University on “Written Emotional Expression: Overcoming the Obstacles of Writing for Publication” at the Georgia College Personnel Association’s (GCPA) annual conference at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia, on February 7. The presentation discussed how to transform ideas into publication while balancing professional and personal worlds.

Director of Student Life, **Ms. Jami Hall**, and Coordinator for Leadership and Civic Engagement, **Ms. Amber Lesicko**, presented “Creating a Healthy Life Balance: Providing Appropriate Supervision for Student Leaders” at the Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA) annual conference at Columbus State University in Columbus on February 7. Their presentation was based off of the Gallup Strengths Finder and Rebecca Ryan’s book “Live First, Work Second.”

Mr. Ryan Provost, Coordinator for Orientation and Student Involvement, and Kasey Robinson, Oxford College of Emory Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, presented “Be Well-Excel! Holistically Supporting the Wellness of Involved Student Leaders” at the Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA) annual conference at Columbus State University in Columbus on February 7. The presentation utilized student development theory to focus on how professionals working with student leaders can support their students’ academic, personal, and career goals beyond their leadership positions. The program was recognized with GCPA’s “Peach of a Program” honor and will be submitted for consideration for the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) national conference in Indianapolis in 2014.

Representing Dalton State at the Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching at Kennesaw State February 15-16 were **Dr. Leslie Collins**, Assistant Professor of English and Writing Lab Instructor; **Dr. Jenny Crisp**, Assistant Professor of English; **Mr. Matthew Hips**, Assistant Professor of Political Science; and **Dr. Jennifer Randall**, Assistant Professor of English, who presented “Helping Students Become Self-Directed Learners: Dalton State College’s QEP.” In addition, **Ms. Cathy Hunsicker** and **Ms. Regina Ray**, Associate Professors of Reading, presented “Under Construction: Building Student Success.” And **Dr. Christy Price**, Professor of Psychology, presented “Averting Death by Academic PowerPoint! From Killer Professors to Killer Presenters.”

Three School of Business faculty members, **Dr. Raina M. Rutti**, Assistant Professor of Management; **Dr. Sung-Hee “Sunny” Park**, Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems; and **Dr. Marilyn Helms**, Sesquicentennial Chair and Professor of Management, made a presentation titled “Information Congruency Model: The role of information congruency in job seekers’ decision making process” at the Southeast Decision Sciences Institute Forty-Third Annual Meeting held February 20-22 in Charleston, South Carolina. ■



Spring Break
April 4 through 8
No classes.
College open.
Whether you’re
here, home, or
away, take a
moment to enjoy
the little things!

TRANSITIONS

Welcome to:

Kelly Von De Bur
Administrative Assistant
School of Education

Travis McKie-Voerste
Coordinator of Counseling
Academic Resources

Robert Wingfield
Registrar
Office of Enrollment Services

Chad Grant
Plant Operations

Farewell to:

David Carlton, Retired
Plant Operations

Heather Shores
Assistant Professor of History
Bandy Center

Gary Walker
Plant Operations

The classroom and beyond...



Between February 14 –17, **Dr. Kris Barton**, Associate Professor of Communication, right, and students **Greg Ellis**, **Scott Reese**, and **Chris Morrow** attended the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association annual conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Dr. Barton's students submitting papers written for his Mass Media and Society class during fall semester 2012. "The students submitted original research alongside academics from a variety of backgrounds," noted Dr. Barton, "and it was really impressive to see them holding their own and answering all of the questions thrown their way." Papers presented by our Dalton State students included the impact of the cartoon series *Tron: Legacy* on childhood development, an exploration of the band Nickelback's popularity through the lens of cognitive dissonance theory, and the cultural impact of the Pokémon franchise.



Students from the Dalton State chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, the post-secondary division of Future Business Leaders of America, competed in 10 and won in five categories at the organization's District Conference in Thomaston, Georgia, on February 15. Pictured, from left, are competitors **Eddie Waller**, who placed first in Business Law and first in Retail Management; **Lekesha Miller**, who competed in Job Interview; **Luis Herrera** (back), who placed first in both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics; **Brooklyn Cole**, who placed second in Public Speaking and third in Impromptu Speaking; and **Jorge Paez**, who placed first in Cyber Security. These and others from their chapter will compete in April at the 2013 Georgia PBL State Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Faculty advisor for Phi Beta Lambda is **Mr. Richard Hennier**, Associate Professor of Management/Marketing, and Eddie Waller is president of the Dalton State chapter.

Transforming Lives

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It is a privilege to have a front row seat to such transformation. There is the student who came for our LPN program, continued on to get an associate degree as a Registered Nurse, and now has come back to get her bachelor's degree in nursing. I remember another student who came for the associate degree in communication, but after taking a couple of criminal justice courses, felt called to get her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Or another who came to Dalton State with every intention of transferring to the University of Georgia. After immersing himself in student government leadership, he was all Roadrunner. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in education last spring and is now a teacher in Dalton. That's transformation.

More than half of our students are the first in their family to go to college, and there is no one for whom a college education is more transformational than that first generation student. It can change the path of a family forever.

For our first generation students especially, Dalton State's proximity to home and our affordability are particularly key considerations. They are also critical to our access mission to make the transformational power of education an opportunity that is within the grasp of most Georgians.

Our small classes are also attractive to students and families who have little or no experience with college. Our professors can have a direct impact on the lives of our students and that makes a difference.

In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing more about how Dalton State transforms the lives of our students and about our outstanding faculty and staff who help transform lives in the classroom and in life. It is inspiring to be around such agents of change. ■



CALENDAR for MARCH 2013

Email [Imassey](mailto:massey@daltonstate.edu) to post an event

Friday, Mar. 1, 7 pm, James E. Brown Center, Room 105
You're invited! **Dalton State cheerleaders sign Letters of Intent**
Sponsor: Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

Monday–Friday, Mar. 4–8, **Spring Break!** No classes/offices open.

Thursday, Mar. 14, 7:30 pm, Goodroe Auditorium
Last Lecture: Jerry Drye: “Talking Funny: The Power of Being Amazingly Amusing in Life and Work”
Free/open to the public, info: 2985
Sponsor: Fine Arts and Lecture Series



Friday, Mar. 15, 12 noon, James E. Brown Center
Lunch & Learn: “Birds of Georgia” by Dr. David DesRochers
Cost: \$10, includes lunch
Reservations required by March 13
To reserve your seat: www.alumni.daltonstate.edu/events
Sponsor: Dalton State Foundation

Saturday, Mar. 16, 7:30 pm, Goodroe Auditorium
Concerts on Campus: Deborah Popham, soprano
Free/open to the public, info: 2528
Sponsor: Department of Humanities

Monday, Mar. 18, 12:30 pm, Roberts Library
Workshop: “ePublishing” by Barbara Tucker
Advantages, disadvantages, and processes of ePublishing
Email [btucker](mailto:btucker@daltonstate.edu) to register

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 7:30 pm, Goodroe Auditorium
Concerts on Campus: Brosseau-Tacchia Duo, cello and piano
Free/open to the public, info: 2528
Sponsor: Department of Humanities

Thursday, Mar. 28, 3:45 pm, Memorial Hall, Room 130
“Change Management” by Dr. Johan Vanhaverbeke,
Visiting Professor from Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel
Free/open to the public, info: 2985
Sponsor: School of Business

And looking ahead

The Notables, Jazz Combo with Soprano (originally scheduled to perform in January) has been rescheduled for Monday, Apr. 1, 7:30 pm, Goodroe
Free/open to the public
Info: 2528
Sponsors: Fine Arts and Lecture Series and Department of Humanities



Georgia
Communication
Association
82nd Annual
Convention held
at Dalton State

Dr. Kris Barton, Associate Professor of Communication, presents the Keynote Address “My Last Lecture” for the GCA 82nd Annual Convention at Dalton State on February 22

“On behalf of the Georgia Communication Association, I would like to thank the campus community for all its help in hosting the conference February 22 and 23. Seventy-three official participants came, with many unofficial visitors. Representative communication professors from across the state presented papers on everything from student incivility in a speech class to Henry Grady’s speeches at the International Cotton Exposition in the 19th century. Over and over again we heard compliments about our campus appearance and facilities and the food prepared by the Campus Café. Special thanks to Auxiliary Services, Public Safety, Plant Operations, Office of Marketing and Communications, and the Humanities Department.”

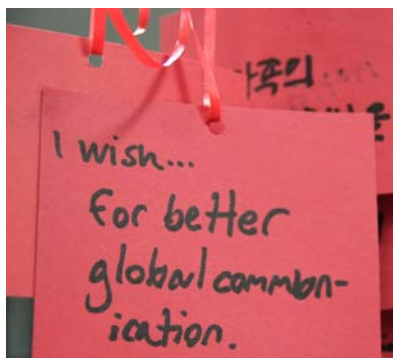
Barbara Tucker

Associate Professor of Communication
and Vice President, GCA

And a few scenes from the Convention



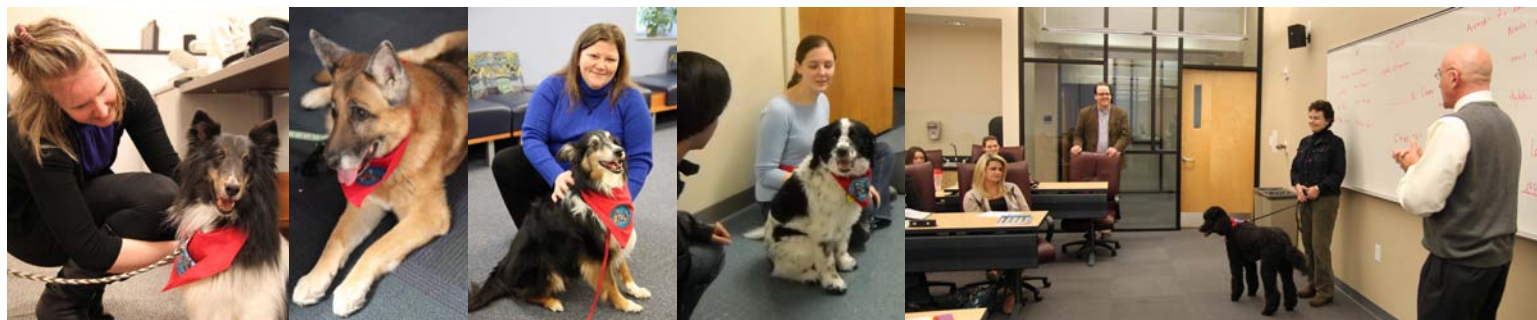
February rewind...



Students, faculty, staff, and guests celebrated Asian New Year with food, music, and New Year's wishes. The event, Feb. 5, was sponsored by the Center for International Education.



Very special guests from Therapy Dogs International were welcomed by faculty, staff, and students during Stress Free Week (sponsored by AR) February 25-28.



Obi with Dr. Randall. Ika takes a break. Toby visits Enrollment Services. Maggie greets students. And Clair leads French class!

The J. Willis Mashburn Trust has donated three Ford 12-passenger vans to the intercollegiate athletics program at Dalton State College. They will be used to transport sports teams to practices and games, according to Athletic Director Derek Waugh. "The gift of these vans not only lets us travel in style but will greatly reduce our travel costs because we won't have to rent," Waugh said. "This is a huge plus for our program, and we could not be more appreciative." Dalton State will launch teams in cross country, tennis, golf, basketball, volleyball, and cheer during the 2013-2014 academic year. Shown with the vans are, from left, **Dalton State President Dr. John O. Schwenn** and **AD Derek Waugh** with **Mr. Roger Lawson** of Chatsworth Ford which provided the vans.

