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News and information for the Georgia Health Sciences University community

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## Name change ceremony: 'The future of GHSU begins today'

By Christine Hurley Deriso

Citing the fulfillment of the dream of Georgia Health Sciences University's founders, President Ricardo Azziz oversaw a Feb. 1 ceremony on campus marking the university's name change.

"I am very humbled. This has been the work of many, many people," Azziz told an audience of hundreds at the Health Sciences Building.

Medical Historian in Residence Lois T. Ellison noted that changing the name from the Medical College of Georgia to Georgia Health Sciences University represents an evolution in name changes over the years to reflect the institution's growing role and stature.

The university has had six names since its inception in 1828, she said, citing variations including the Medical Academy of Georgia, the Medical Institute of Georgia and the University of Georgia Department of Medicine.

The institution became an autonomous health sciences university in 1950, but the longest-lasting and much-revered name, the Medical College of Georgia, was retained until the University System of Georgia approved the GHSU name change last fall.

Now that the new name is official, the institution's role is clear to

all GHSU constituents, including the public at large, Azziz said.

Added Rachel Mathis, President of the Student Government Association, "Today, we are finally being recognized as a university of the health sciences, conveying to the public the breadth and scope of our mission."

Azziz said the name change pivotally positions the university to advance its goal of becoming a leading academic health center and top-50 research university while transforming the institution and the region into a health care and biomedical research destination.

Dayna Seymore, Chairwoman of the Employee Advisory Council, added that the recent re-integration of GHSU with its clinical facilities opens even more doors. "We are all very passionate about what GHSU has meant to us over the years. Together, we can be even stronger."

Dr. Jack Yu, Vice Chairman of the University Faculty Senate, concurred: "Our future is more bright than ever. We are confident that, together, we will have a rendezvous with destiny that GHSU will become synonymous with excellence in clinical care, biomedical research and education."

Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver noted, "I can assure you that GHSU



Phil Jones photo

**GHSU President Ricardo Azziz said that the university's new name will help to tell the school's story.**

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## Trivia winners understand interdisciplinary nature of QEP

By Christine Hurley Deriso

Congratulations to the winners of the ninth QEP trivia contest.

The contests are designed to increase awareness of GHSU's Quality Enhancement Plan, an accreditation requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The plan is intended to enhance education

campuswide far into the future. GHSU's plan, *Healthy Perspectives*, emphasizes cultural competency.

Contests will be held periodically leading up to the SACS-COC On-Site Review March 29-31. Prizes are awarded to the first 20 people who reply to the trivia email with a correct response. Winners receive a

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## News, events and more

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### Open Forum

GHSU President Ricardo Azziz will host an open forum Feb. 10 at 7:30 a.m. and Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Lee Auditorium. He will provide updates and answer questions. Refreshments will be served. Visit [georgiahealth.edu/openforum](http://georgiahealth.edu/openforum) for more information.

### Professionalism conference

The Department of Professional Nursing Practice and the Center for Nursing Education's conference "Building Professionalism in the Workplace" will be Feb. 9 and 12 in Lee Auditorium. The conference will facilitate professional growth and development. Employee registration is \$20; nursing students, \$5. To register, contact Diana Barnes at 706-721-8150.

### Sporty

The GHSU Wellness Center will accept intramural registration for volleyball, softball and soccer. Register for volleyball by Feb. 9, softball by Feb. 23 and soccer by March 16. Call 706-721-6800 or visit [imleagues.com](http://imleagues.com).

### Care conference

Submit abstracts, posters and presentations for the 5th Annual Patient Family Centered Care Conference scheduled for March 9-10 in the Lee Auditorium. The conference theme is "Building Bridges in Patient Family Centered Care: Transitions." Contact Diana Barnes at 706-721-6838 or [dbarnes@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:dbarnes@georgiahealth.edu) to receive an abstract form. Submissions are due Feb. 11.

### Chili cook-off

MCGHealth Cancer Center will host the 2011 Chili Cook-off Feb. 11 to raise money for Relay for Life. For more information, contact Alicia Escobar at 706-721-0734.

### Valentine dance

The GHSU Sertoma Club and CSRA Shag Club will host a Valentine dance Feb. 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Julian Smith Casino. The Fantastic Shakers will perform. The event is BYOB, setups provided. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$5 for students with a college ID. Reserved tables are available in limited numbers. Call 803-640-1130. All proceeds benefit local community needs.

### Pathology award

Nominations for the Walter L. Sheppard Achievement Award for achievements in pathology or clinical pathology are being accepted through Feb. 11. The recipient will be honored at the Medical College of Georgia Honors Day program. Contact Dr. Lester G. Pretlow, Chairman of the Award Committee, for forms and information at 706-721-3046 or [lpretlow@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:lpretlow@georgiahealth.edu).

### Finance fair

Health Central Credit Union will offer a series of 30-minute personal finance education workshops Feb. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Allgood Hall at Augusta State University. Topics include car buying, identity theft, money matters for teens, knowing your credit report, retirement planning, finances and budgeting, home buying and the value of credit unions. Reservations are not required. For information, call 706-434-1638.

### Retirement help

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### Measurement workshop

The Education Discovery Institute's Measurement in Educational Research workshop will be Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 2109 of the Interdisciplinary Research Building. The workshop will cover reliability and validity in research questionnaires. Submit a completed interest form by Feb. 14 to Janelle Davis, [rdavis@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:rdavis@georgiahealth.edu) or Chris White, [cwhite@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:cwhite@georgiahealth.edu). For more information, visit [georgiahealth.edu/som/discovery/edi/](http://georgiahealth.edu/som/discovery/edi/).

### River retreat

The Vision Discovery Institute will hold its 3rd Annual Scientific Retreat on Feb. 15 in the River Room of St. Paul's Church. Keynote speaker will be Dr. John Dowling, Professor of Ophthalmology, Molecular and Cellular Biology at Harvard University.

Presentations and posters from GHSU VDI physicians, scientists and trainees will follow. For more information, contact Denise Zamora at 706-721-2727.

### Artrageous!

The Noon Arts Concert series will continue Feb. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. Performances showcase the diverse artistic talents of students, staff and faculty. The first 150 attendees enjoy free Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Interested performers e-mail [kmckie@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:kmckie@georgiahealth.edu). Visit [georgiahealth.edu/artscouncil/performing/noonconcert.html](http://georgiahealth.edu/artscouncil/performing/noonconcert.html).

### Retirement counseling

Teachers Retirement System of Georgia will offer one-on-one retirement counseling in rooms 1103 and 1109A of the Annex Feb. 15 from 1-4 p.m., Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon, March 29 from 1-4 p.m., March 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit [trsga.com](http://trsga.com) and click on Workshops and Counseling to register.

### Nephrology update

The 2011 James B. Hudson Nephrology Update and Georgia-South Carolina Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be Feb. 19-20 at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga. Registration is \$125. Call Judy Sanders for registration at 706-721-2861. Visit [georgiahealth.edu/som/medicine/nephrology/](http://georgiahealth.edu/som/medicine/nephrology/).

### Lunch and Learn

The Departmental Administrative Support Staff Training Team will present lunch and learn sessions for business managers and administrative staff. All sessions will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch provided. The team will cover topics in human resources March 1 in room 1222 of the Health Sciences Building; finance April 26 in room 1222 of the Health Sciences Building and May 10 in a location to be determined; budget and purchasing July 26 and Sept. 13 in locations to be determined and research administration Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 in locations to be determined. Call 706-721-0343 for more information.

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# Howell named Chairman of Surgery at GHSU

By Toni Baker

Dr. Charles G. Howell, Chief of the Section of Pediatric Surgery and Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Georgia Health Sciences University's Medical College of Georgia, has been named surgery department Chairman.

Howell, a 1973 graduate of GHSU and faculty member for more than 30 years, has served as Interim Chairman since November when a national search for a permanent chairman was initiated.

"As we began to search across the nation for a strong, successful leader it became even more apparent that we already had one in Charlie Howell," said Dr. Peter Buckley, Interim Dean of MCG. "He is respected across the university – and the nation. He knows this institution and always has its best interest at heart. We are very pleased."

In concert with the university's priorities and the needs of an aging population, he plans to build clinical and educational programs in areas including cardiovascular surgery, gastrointestinal surgery, trauma, urology and surgical oncology, then expand related research initiatives. "I humbly accept this

opportunity to work with my colleagues to grow this fine department," Howell said. "It's an exciting and challenging time but we have a strong surgical faculty on which to build."

Howell has led the pediatric surgery program since 1993. He is Co-director and Surgeon-in-Chief of the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center and Medical Director of its operating room. Howell helped plan and develop the children's hospital, which opened in 1998, and designed the facility's operating rooms. He co-directs the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, or ECMO, program for children in respiratory failure at the hospital and helped found the program as one of the first in the nation. Howell also is Past President and CEO of Physicians Practice Group, MCG's faculty practice plan.

His clinical interests include surgery of the newborn, thoracic surgery, trauma and laparoscopic surgery. Research interests include gastroesophageal reflux, diaphragmatic hernias and ECMO. Howell completed surgery training at GHSU before completing fellowships in research and pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania.



Phil Jones photo

**Dr. Charles G. Howell has been named surgery department Chairman.**

# Spake named to new position

By Deborah Humphrey

Michael Spake has been appointed Chief Compliance and Risk Officer of the Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management Office. This newly integrated office will provide enterprise-wide compliance, privacy and risk management support for Georgia Health Sciences University and MCG Health System, Inc.

Spake joined MCG Health, Inc. in 2007 as its Compliance and Privacy Officer and has served as General Counsel since 2008. Prior to that, he was Compliance Director and HIPAA Privacy Officer at Bon Secours Richmond Health System in Richmond, Va., and Policy and Planning Manager at the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services.

Spake earned a Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Richmond School of Law, a Master of Health Administration at the Medical College of Virginia campus of Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Bachelor of Arts in English at The Citadel.

He is a member of the Georgia Bar Association and the Health Care Compliance Association.



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Clinical Nurse Leaders play a significant role in coordinating patient care with other staff members.

# Nursing education partnerships extended

By Sharron Walls

The Georgia Health Sciences University College of Nursing has extended partnerships with Macon State University in Macon and Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus to offer its Clinical Nurse Leader Program at those institutions for a second year.

The intensive 16-month program aims to reduce the nursing shortage by offering advanced degrees to those with non-nursing backgrounds, enabling students with a baccalaureate or higher degree in other fields to obtain a master's degree in nursing at an accelerated pace.

The program began in 2006 with 13 students at GHSU's Augusta campus. The college's Athens campus began accepting students in 2007.

"In our third year, we saw an opportunity for further growth in Georgia with our distance-learning capacity," said Dr. Janie Heath, College of Nursing Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The expansion to Macon State and Georgia Southwestern was funded by part of a three-year, \$1.27 million gift from the Helene Fuld Health Trust.

This year, GHSU has 98 students in the program, 23 of whom attend distance-learning classes in Macon and Americus. Students complete clinical rotations at area hospitals under GHSU faculty oversight.

"We're preparing quality practice- and outcome-based nurses who will make a significant impact in the real world," said Dr. Rebecca Corvey, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Macon State University.

"Georgia Southwestern State

University is at the center of one of the country's most persistently poor regions, where residents carry a greater burden of health disparities," said Dr. Sandra Daniel, Dean of Georgia Southwestern's School of Nursing. "The Clinical Nurse Leader Program prepares a highly educated nursing workforce who will lead in improving health in our region."

The partnership is laying the groundwork for Macon State and Georgia Southwestern to eventually offer clinical nurse leader programs of their own. Currently, GHSU is the only Georgia school with a pre-licensure clinical nurse leader program.

"We're fortunate that GHSU senior leadership supports our distance learning initiatives to help address the health care needs of Georgians through graduate nursing education," Heath said.

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small prize and will be eligible for a grand-prize iPad drawing in March. Watch the Beeper and the Web site ([www.georgiahealth.edu/sacs](http://www.georgiahealth.edu/sacs)) for more information.

The ninth set of prize winners, noting that the plan will involve interdisciplinary learning, are:

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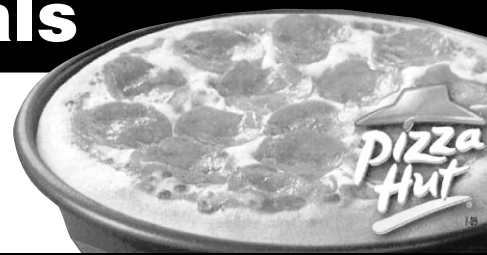
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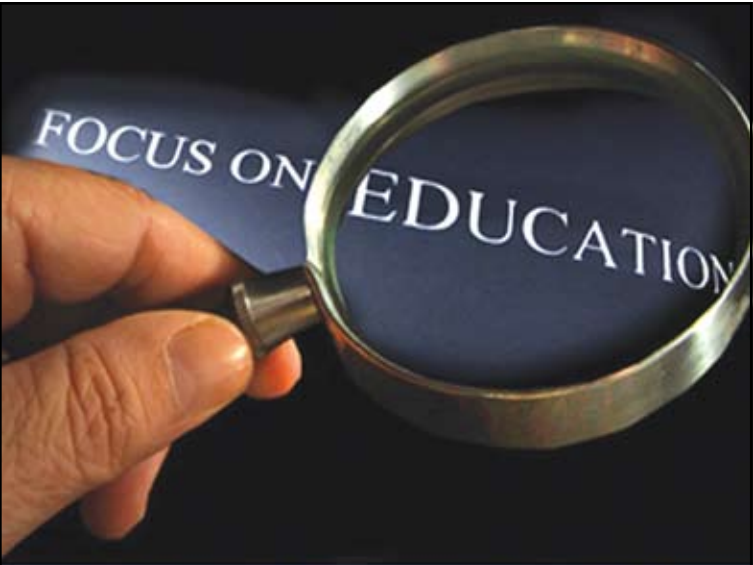


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**Clinical Nurse Leader students Jimmy George (from left), Martha McAdams and Katie O'Keefe have been named DCV Scholars at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center.**

## College of Nursing names VA scholars

By Sharron Walls

An ongoing partnership between the Georgia Health Sciences University College of Nursing and Augusta's Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center is better preparing nursing students to treat veterans.

Now in its third year, the Dedicated CNL-Students for Veterans Program allows students in the college's Clinical Nurse Leader Program to complete all their acute-care clinical experience at the VA. DCV Scholars are immersed in the VA system, gaining a better understanding of its mission, policies and procedures.

"The VA is a perfect clinical learning environment for our students and an ideal academic partnership within footsteps of our clinical health enterprise," said Dr. Janie Heath, College of Nursing Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. "Not only does the DCV program promote quality of nursing care for our veterans, it helps to increase student enrollment and recruitment of new graduate nurses."

This year's DCV Scholars – Jimmy George, Martha McAdams and Katie O'Keefe – cite a wide range of experience and continuity of care as advantages of the program.

McAdams considers it a plus that the VA already has clinical

nurse leaders in place. "That's a big draw," she said. "No other hospital in Augusta has nurses in a CNL role."

Added George, "The VA is considered one of the best hospital systems in the world. It's a privilege to work here. Serving the people who serve the nation is really special."

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Participants from last year's chili cook-off show off their medals.

# Chili chefs heat up Cancer Center

By Stacey Hudson

No other food inspires a cook's vanity as much as chili, the spicy, soul-warming stew favored during winter weather. Connoisseur of the crockpot, David Bourbo, proved his pride was well-deserved at the 2010 Relay for Life Chili Cook-off. This year, he's back for seconds.

A year of bragging rights will be up for grabs again at the second annual Relay for Life Chili Cook-off Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MCGHealth Cancer Center.

Last year, 24 chefs campuswide congregated with their crockpots full of beef, chicken, venison and vegetarian versions of the cowboy staple.

"It was a friendly competition to get everybody together," said organizer Alicia Escobar, a Research Technician in the center. "Then we realized we could raise money for a good cause."

The event raised about \$500 for the MCGHealth Cancer Center's Relay for Life team, and Bourbo – husband of MCGHealth Cancer Clinical Research Unit Manager Pam Bourbo – was named the chili champ. Escobar said that they hope to raise that amount this year.

The entry fee, which includes an all-you-can-eat buffet, is \$5, all of which benefits Relay for Life. Take-away bowls are available for those on the go. Contact Alicia Escobar at 706-721-5134.

Alicia Escobar photo



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is a huge part of Augusta's future as a world-class city." Ellison quoted a founding faculty member, Dr. Paul Fitzsimons Eve, who as President of the American Medical Association in 1857 hailed health sciences educa-

tion as "the best means to relieve suffering humanity," adding that all who aspire to that goal share "one hope, one heart, one mind and one vision." Mathis noted, "The future of GHSU begins today."

Going to college

Changing MCG's name to Georgia Health Sciences University enabled name changes of key university components, as well, including:

- College of Allied Health Sciences (formerly School of Allied Health Sciences)
- College of Dental Medicine (formerly School of Dentistry)
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Ceremony attendees left their signatures on a banner in support of the university.



Medical Historian in Residence Lois T. Ellison told the crowd that the name change is one of several as the university has grown and changed during its history.



Mayor Deke Copenhaver shakes GHSU President Ricardo Azziz's hand at the culmination of the ceremony.



Softball, soccer and volleyball season begins soon for intramural teams.

# Fit to be tried

By Stacey Hudson

When stress overwhelms you, get moving.

Andre Love, Associate Director of Fitness and Recreation, said that intramural sports is a fun way to decompress and stay in shape. And registration is in full swing for softball, soccer and volleyball.

"Intramural sports are definitely an outlet for a lot of our students. It provides them an away time from the classroom and helps them to manage the stresses of their academic loads," Love said.

But for faculty, staff and spouses who are members of the GHSU Wellness Center, it's also a chance to engage students and each other.

"For many of them, it's an opportunity to stay in shape, stay involved and to connect with students in a very different way," Love said.

The program offers men's, women's and co-ed divisions for each sport when there is enough interest. The seven-week season

includes single-elimination playoffs for teams to earn a prize T-shirt and cool points.

"At undergraduate institutions, you find people who build a bond and form lifelong friendships through athletics. Here, again, they can do that," Love said.

The program is student-run, student managed and students make up the bulk of the participants. As a result, Love said, friendly opposition forms.

"Rivalries develop between the classes; the first years versus the second years," Love said. And between specialties, Love said the majority of players come from the dental and physical therapy programs. "They get pretty competitive."

The GHSU Wellness Center will accept intramural registration for volleyball, softball and soccer. Register for volleyball today, softball by Feb. 23 and soccer by March 16. Call 706-721-6800 or visit [imleagues.com](http://imleagues.com).

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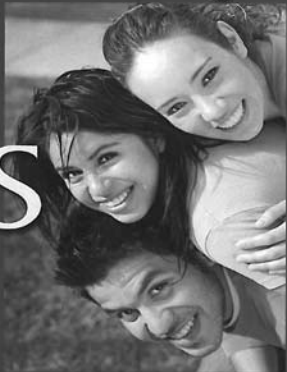
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# *I AM FIT kicks off year of walking wellness*



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Students at A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School hold a map to show the crowd the countries that they'll "walk" through. This year, six teams will walk the same distance as they would if they traveled from Lhasa, China through India, Afghanistan, Armenia, Turkey and then from Barcelona to St. Petersburg, Russia - a distance of 5,260 miles. GHSU created and is spearheading the I AM FIT program.



Phil Jones photo

Participating students check in for their adventure. Over the last four years, teams have walked a total of 101,806 miles. Last year, as a result of the program, students that participated at AR Johnson lost a total of 197 lbs.



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Members of the participating teams display flags from the countries represented on their virtual walk. The idea is that this program will encourage them to get serious about fitness and their health. Interestingly, the group of walkers at AR Johnson have an average BMI of 25 with about 25 percent body fat. That's bad. Hopefully, this program will help.

# Miracle on Broad Street



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**MCGHealth's Miracle Marathon held a kid-friendly fundraiser for the Children's Medical Center Jan. 28 at Julian Smith Casino. Kids enjoyed crafts and board games at some stations.**



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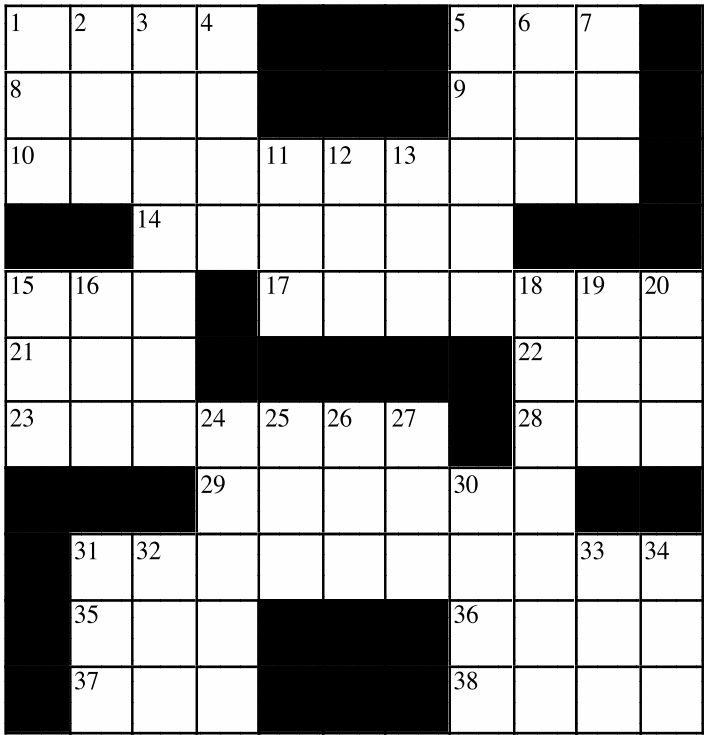
**Fun fitness demonstrations provided a healthy perspective for kids to learn that exercise is key to good health.**



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**All proceeds from the family event – even those raised through goofy dancing – supported the care and comfort of children undergoing treatment at the area's only pediatric medical center.**

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- 10. Flap at the entrance of the larynx
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- 15. Subject for Freud
- 17. Antibiotic often prescribed for acne
- 21. Bilbao article
- 22. Cube root of one million
- 23. Lousy place to stay
- 28. Cause of heat stroke
- 29. \_\_\_ disease; gluten intolerance
- 31. Common fracture site for golfers
- 35. Recommendation for a sprain
- 36. Uprising
- 37. Foot: Lat.
- 38. Puts two and two together

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- 16. Approx. 3.79 liters
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- 19. Second person
- 20. Prefix for fat or functional
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- 26. Liver enzyme letters
- 27. Give, in Scotland
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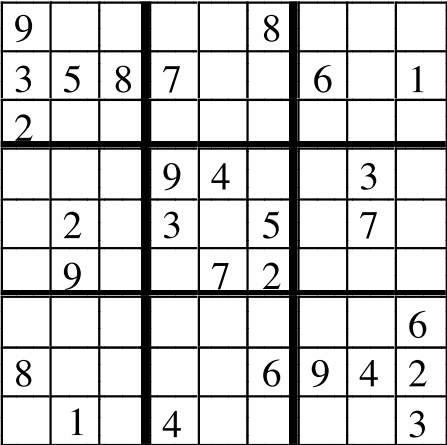


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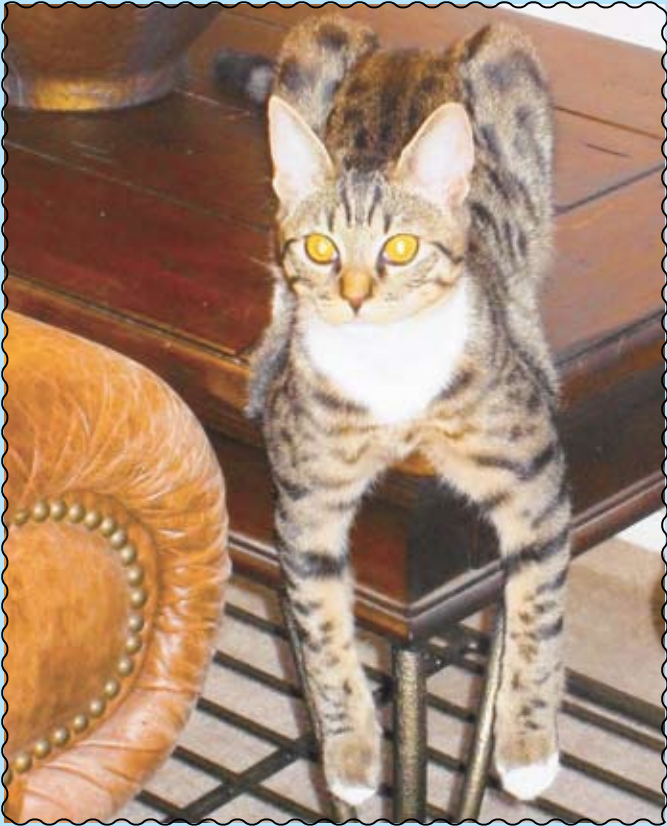
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# Pet Gazette



Patient Accounting Supervisor Lori Best was heartbroken when she lost her cat, Garfield, in 2009, due to kidney failure. But in 2010, she rescued Samson, a tenacious Ocicat. "He has been the light of our lives ever since," Best said.

The breed is named for its resemblance to the ocelot, and is known for its spotted markings, which resemble a wild cat. But Samson is no man-eater. Samson has the personality of a dog, she says. He follows Best around the house and plays fetch. "He is very in tune when we may be sad or hurting, and he is always so sweet and attentive," she said.

**Send photos and stories about your pets to Stacey Hudson at [beeper@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:beeper@georgiahealth.edu).**

# Conference success



Phil Jones photo

More than 300 nurses and students attended the Georgia Health Sciences University College of Nursing's second annual evidence-based practice conference, "Connecting the Pieces: Bringing Evidence to the Bedside," Jan. 22 in the Health Sciences Building. A partnership between the college, MCGHealth, Inc., the CSRA Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association, the Academy of Nurse Scholars in Education and the Beta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the conference featured GHSU alumnus Dr. June Larrabee speaking on her experiences guiding direct-care nurses in making evidence-based practice changes.

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# Newsmakers



Annie Hunt Burris



Dr. Janie Heath



Clifton Dennis

**Annie Hunt Burris**, Special Assistant to the President, has received a Georgia Bio Industry Growth Award. The award, the highest bestowed by Georgia Bio, honors extraordinary contributions to the life sciences industry.

**Dr. Janie Heath**, College of Nursing Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has been selected to attend the American Council on Educational Office of Women in Higher Education Regional Leadership Forum in Charleston, S.C., March 16-17. The event enables emerging leaders in higher education to network.

**Clifton Dennis**, Respiratory Therapist and Asthma Educator, has been appointed to the Na-

tional Asthma Educator Certification Board, a not-for-profit board promoting asthma management and quality of life.

## Obituaries

The GHSU Community extends condolences to the friends and family of:

**Karl Smith**, retired Grounds Foreman, died Sept. 15.

**William Brewer**, spouse of Zenith Brewer, retired Staff Nurse, died Jan. 13.

**Joyce Broome**, Staff Nurse, died Jan. 19.

**Jessie M. Wright**, retired Environmental Services Technician, died Jan. 22.

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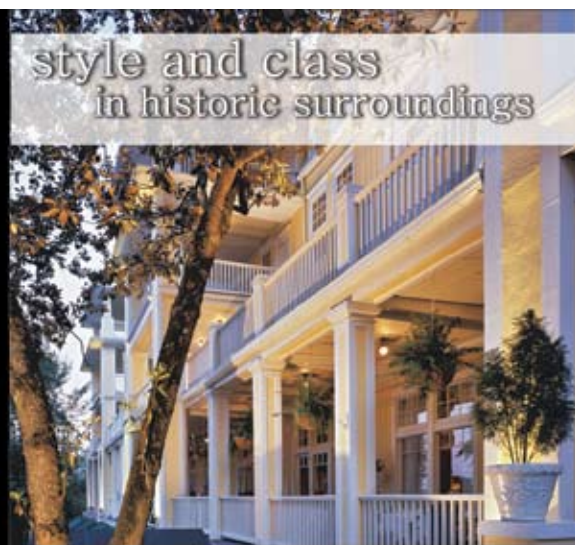


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Call for posters

The Education Discovery Institute will host Education Day March 25 in the Health Sciences Building. Sessions run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Faculty may submit a poster of work in progress or work previously accepted. Submit posters by March 1 to Janelle Davis, [rdavis@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:rdavis@georgiahealth.edu) or Chris White, [cwhite@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:cwhite@georgiahealth.edu). For more information, visit [georgiahealth.edu/som/discovery/edi/educationday/](http://georgiahealth.edu/som/discovery/edi/educationday/).

Ride for kids

The Ninth Annual Kelsi Long Memorial Ride will be March 19 at 10 a.m. at Augusta Harley-Davidson, 4200 Belair Frontage Road from 8-9:45 a.m. The ride will benefit the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. Registration is \$25 per bike and \$5 per spare rider. Visit [kelfoundation.org](http://kelfoundation.org).

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Visit [georgiahealth.edu/hr/training/](http://georgiahealth.edu/hr/training/) to view Human Resources' February training and education opportunities. Call 706-721-0343 for more information.

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Medical educators

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Join EDI

The Medical College of Georgia Education Discovery Institute meets at noon on the second Wednesday of each month in the Terrace Dining Dogwood Room to discuss health professions education and educational research. The institute provides refreshments, and participants may bring their lunch. Contact EDI@georgiahealth.edu.

News to us

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So swell

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Submit your pets' photos and stories for the Pet Gazette. Contact Beeper editor Stacey Hudson at [smcgowen@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:smcgowen@georgiahealth.edu) or 706-721-4410.

Health study

Adults age 21-40 are needed for a GHSU study. Participants will have body scans, non-invasive measurements and fluids collected and will perform an exercise test. Participants will be compensated. Contact Candice Yates at 706-721-1195 or Gloria Sloan at 706-721-1103.

Knee pain study

Adults age 18-40 who have had anterior knee pain for at least four weeks are needed for a GHSU study. Participants will take part in free, supervised 30-minute rehabilitation sessions up to three times a week for six weeks. Contact Dr. Lori Bolgla at 706-721-1517 or [lbolgla@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:lbolgla@georgiahealth.edu).

HPV study

Females age 12 to 26 who have received a three-dose regimen of a specific HPV vaccine are needed for a study that may develop vaccines

that protect against additional types of HPV. Call 706-721-8944.

Vein study

The Georgia Prevention Institute's Laboratory of Integrated Vascular and Exercise Physiology seeks volunteers for a study about arterial health following a high-fat meal in postmenopausal women. Participants must be adult men or women who have been postmenopausal either less than three years or more than 10 years. Contact Dr. Ryan Harris at 706-721-5998.

Lung study

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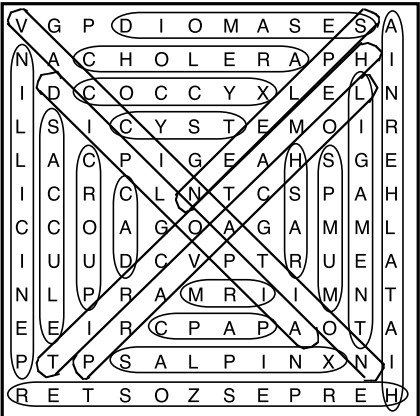
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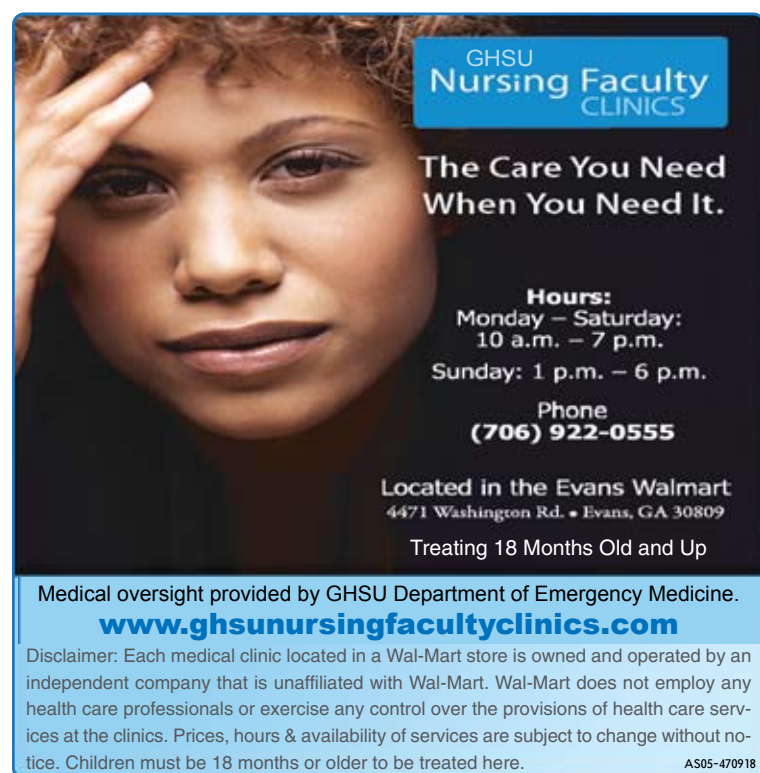
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