

# Lady Antebellum adds daytime Augusta show

Concert will benefit Children's Medical Center

When Lady Antebellum rolls into Augusta next month, the Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association Group of the Year will be adding a second performance to benefit the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center.

Already scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m. to a sold-out crowd at the James Brown Arena on November 15, the trio whose meteoric rise to fame has included four No. 1 singles

will also perform acoustically the same day during a lunchtime mini concert at the William B. Bell Auditorium to help raise funds for the region's only children's hospital.

"We are absolutely thrilled that a group of this caliber would amend its schedule to do a show to raise money for the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. It demon-

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## MCG Health, Inc. transfers \$9.25 million to Medical College of Georgia



Medical College of Georgia President Dr. Ricardo Azziz (fifth from left) accepts a check totaling \$9,254,615 from MCG Health, Inc. board members (left to right) Dr. William H. Cleveland, Dr. Michael A. Herbert, Robert E. Knox Jr., Nick W. Evans Jr., Sandra I. McVicker, Rhonda Graybeal and Cobbs Nixon during the October meeting of the MCG Health, Inc., Board of Directors. Since 2001, MCG Health, Inc. has transferred \$94.3 million to MCG to support the university's education and research missions.

## Cultural competency pays off for QEP trivia winners

By Christine Deriso

Congratulations to the winners of the fourth QEP trivia contest.

The contests are designed to increase awareness of MCG'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. MCG's plan, *Healthy Perspectives*, emphasizes cultural competency.

Contests will be held periodically leading up to the SACS-COC

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### Sign up

The Open Enrollment season for plan year 2011 will run through Nov. 19. Visit mcg.edu/hr/benefits.

## Individual counseling

TIAA-CREF will offer individual, confidential counseling sessions to discuss personal finance with Dean Yarbrough, a TIAA-CREF senior consultant. Topics include mutual funds, brokerage, life insurance, annuities and more. Sessions are available Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in HS 1105. To schedule a session, call 800-732-8353.

#### Remember them

A memorial service honor individuals who have donated their body to health sciences education will be Nov. 5 in Lee Auditorium in the Natalie and Lansing B. Lee Jr. Auditoria Center.

#### **Breakfast fundraiser**

Fatz Café will host a breakfast at its Belair Road location in Evans to benefit the Dental Hygiene program and the new School of Dentistry building on Nov. 6 from 7-10 a.m. Tickets, \$7 for adults, children under age 6 are free, will be sold at the door and prior to the date of the event. Contact Brittney Wilkes, bwilkes@mcg. edu, or Rachele Rainaldo at rrainaldo@mcg.edu.

#### NAHP Week

Help kick-off National Allied Health Professions Week Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverside Park in Columbia County. The event will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, softball, volleyball, tennis, boating, fishing, kids' crafts, lawn games and prizes. RSVP to Ramona Aune at raune@ mcg.edu.

## Career opportunity day

Come meet with area employers, register for door prizes, and enjoy a free lunch for the first 250 students to attend Career Opportunity Day in the Health Sciences Building lobby on Nov. 8 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. All students from the schools of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate Studies and Nursing are invited.

## Veterans Day

The Georgia War Veterans Home will host a Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. in the Courtyard. Regimental Command Sergeant Major Thomas J. Clark, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, will be the guest speaker. Fort Gordon's United States Army Signal Corp Band, the Post Ceremonial Detachment Color Guard and the Butler High School Drill Team

will participate. The public is invited. Call 706-721-2531.

## Market update

Fidelity Investments will host their Quarterly Market Update seminar Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m. in room 1218 of the Health Sciences Building. The seminar will cover the driving forces behind developments influencing domestic and international markets. Visit fidelity.com/atwork/reservations or call 800-642-7131 to reserve a seat. Light lunch provided.

## Good golf

MCG Miracle will host the Fore the Kids Golf Tournament Nov. 13 at Forest Hills Golf Course, to benefit the patients and families at MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. The cost if registered by Nov. 6 is \$80 per person or \$300 per foursome; after Nov. 6, the cost is \$90 per person or \$340 per foursome. Price includes greens fees, golf cart, range balls, T-shirt, dinner and five drink tickets. Prizes for first, second and third place teams, and for longest drive and closest to the pin. Visit golfdigestplanner.com/16466-MCG/index.html.

## **Charity walk**

The 2010 CSRA Parkinson Walk will be held at the Family Y Track on Saturday, Nov.13. Call 706-364-1662, e-mail parkinsoncsra@comcast.net or visit mcg.edu/neurology/specialties/md/2010ParkinsonWalk.html.

## **Artrageous!**

The Noon Arts Conference series will continue Nov. 23 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. Performances showcase the diverse artistic talents of our students, staff and faculty. The first 150 attendees enjoy free Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Future performances to be Feb. 15 and April 12. Interested performers email kmckie@mcg.edu. Visit mcg.edu/artscouncil/performing/noonconcert.html.

#### **Green Team**

MCG and MCGHI and are seeking committed individuals to form a "Green Team" that will develop, promote and implement a responsible Sustainability (Green) Program. Individuals from various departments sought to represent the interest of the entire enterprise. If interested, please send your name to Sharon Quick at squick@mcg.edu or 1-2619 or Melissa Neskorik at mneskorik@mcg.edu or 1-9211, by Oct. 26.

## Sing along

MCG Chorus is seeking new members. No prior experience necessary. Meetings are Monday at 5:30 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. Musical events include noon arts concerts, CMC performances and more. E-mail Tricia Perea at tperea@mcg.edu.

### Morning meal

Fat Man's coffee/breakfast kiosk is now open in the School of Dentistry lobby from 7:30-10:30 a.m. weekdays.

## Wellness special

The MCG Wellness Center is offering new group exercise classes, including a Monday Zumba class at 5:30 p.m., and a Tuesday kickboxing class at 6 p.m.

Lunchtime classes every weekday at 12:10 include Studio Cycle, Spinning Bootcamp and Abs Over Lunch. Visit mcg.edu/wellness or call 721-5043.

### Members only

The MCG School of Medicine Academy of Medical Educators is now accepting new member applications. The Academy is a school-wide organization of distinguished educators that promotes educational excellence, innovation, and scholarship; serves as an "Academic Home" for faculty with career interests in medical education; and works to improve the quality of medical education through service to the School of Medicine in faculty development, mentoring and educational leadership. For information visit mcg.edu/som/ames/index.html.

## Moving up

The Office of Legal Affairs has moved to Pavilion I (AE Building). All contracts and correspondence should be sent to AE 1059. Andrew Newton, General Counsel, will remain in the Kelly Administration Building, room AA 2003.

## Saving savvy

The Graduate Student Organization is selling peel-off coupon booklets for \$10 each. These books contain more than 70 buy-one-get-one-free coupons to local area restaurants and attractions. Coupons good through December 2011. Contact gso@mcg. edu and arrangements will be made to get booklets to you.

#### Access to excel

Human Resources will offer Access 2007 Level 1 and Level 2 and Excel 2007 Level 1 and Level 2 classes in November. The BLE Group will facilitate. A fee of \$75 covers the daylong session, instruction and course materials. Complete and submit your IDR to Training and Education at HS-1144. Payment is due within a week of the date you register. Call 706-721-0343 or visit mcg. edu/hr/training.





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Dr. Connie Drisko, dean of the School of Nursing, gives the annual state of the school address.

## **MCG School of Dentistry** continues to surpass goals

by Stacey Hudson

Private funding for the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry has more than doubled over the last year, Dean Connie Drisko said Oct. 21 during her annual State of the School Address.

"We have an all-time high of our research funds right now," Drisko

While the number of research proposals submitted for funding decreased by 6.7 percent, the number selected for funding increased by 13.3 percent. Total extramural and grant funding increased 17 percent to approximately \$3.9 million, and National Institutes of Health funding increased 130 percent to almost

"We've been very successful in increasing our fundraising, even over last year. Some of that has been from our own freshman classes as they've come in. The freshmen understand that giving back is part of their professionalism," Drisko said. The class of 2014, for example, has already pledged \$30,000.

In addition, clinical revenue has

grown year over year.

"That was the goal we set five years ago, and I'm happy to report that we've not only met that goal, we've exceeded it, thanks to the hard work of everyone in this school - many of whom are in this room," Drisko said.

Overall clinical revenue has grown an average 10.4 percent a year since 2006, exceeding the school's goal of 10 percent.

Drisko also touted educational initiatives in the school, including the development of six applications for iPhones and iPads, along with 35 videos available for download.

Other advances in education include the school's participation in MCG's Quality Enhancement Plan, an accreditation requirement intended to enhance education campuswide far into the future, and the development of mobile curricula.

Such progress, she said, demonstrates the school's statewide reach - a reach that is broadened by ongoing outreach initiatives. "I think our engagement with the community through our service at 23 sites all over the state and the fact that

we are truly the state's dental school is important for people to know," she said.

She also presented artist's renderings of the new School of Dentistry building and education commons, noting that the new facilities should eventually increase clinical visits to over 100,000 a year.

"You all make this happen," Drisko said. "I just get to present it. Without all of your leadership and dedication, we wouldn't be able to do what we're doing. We're still looking ahead at some difficult budget cuts, and I don't know what those are going to be yet. But I think the future is good."

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## ESP final plan is now available

By Paula Hinely

The Enterprise-Wide Strategic Planning initiative has reached its 90-day mark and is sharing its final plan ahead of schedule.

On behalf of the MCG community, the steering team recently presented the plan to MCG President Ricardo Azziz, who gave the team helpful feedback and direction about the ESP communication plan, its integration into the enterprise's long-range strategic plan, monitoring the completion and impact of its strategic opportunities and evaluation of the ESP process itself.

"This has been an extraordinary effort that has far exceeded my expectations, and I want to close the loop and make sure that we have a clear next step strategy from this plan," Azziz said during the meeting. "I want to close the loop and make sure that we have a clear next step strategy from this plan."

"We're obviously thrilled with his response, and couldn't have made it this far without the effort and support of our steering and pillar teams and the feedback from the enterprise," said Joe Thornton, MCGHealth assistant vice president of ambulatory care finance and ESP co-chairman along with Dr. Peter Buckley, interim dean of the School of Medicine.

Buckley added, "Dr. Azziz told us people drive solutions, and we've had great people involved on all fronts. We are most grateful to each and every one of you for embracing this novel and inclusive strategic process."

The next step will be to refine the plan and incorporate Azziz's feedback.

The final plan is available online and will be presented Friday, Nov. 12 at an Enterprise-Wide Family

Colleagues throughout the

enterprise, along with their immediate families, are invited to Fort Discovery Nov. 12 from 5:30-8 p.m. for barbecue, live music, play time for kids and a brief celebratory

Free tickets can be picked up at the following locations: Dean's Offices for the Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Medicine and Nursing; MCG Human Resources; MCGHealth Human Resources; MCGHealth Medical Staff Office; MCGHealth Medical Office Building Administration Office; MCGHealth Children's Medical Center Administration Office; and MCGHealth Strategic Support/Philanthropy Office.

For more information, visit esp. mcg.edu.

To review the ESP plan, visit esp. mcg.edu/wp-content/blogs.dir/15/ documents/esp-final-summary.pdf

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## GHSU name change task force moves forward

By Stacey Hudson

The GHSU Implementation Task Force met as a group for the first time Oct. 20 to discuss the implementation of the institution's name change from Medical College of Georgia to Georgia Health Sciences University.

'There 's a lot of work to be done in the next 130 days," said Deb Barshafsky, vice-president of Strategic Support. The name change takes effect on Feb. 1.

That work involves changing the university's identity from top to bottom, including everything from patches on police uniforms to highway and street signs. But the purpose of the name change is to streamline the shared vision to accurately describe the institution to the community.

"There is a misconception in the community and even among our own community that we've always been the Medical College of Georgia, but we have actually been through a number of name changes," Barshafsky said.

Director of University Communications Jack Evans unveiled the new logo, which incorporates elements of the current MCG Health System logo. Registrar Heather Metress

revealed that currently enrolled students will have a choice between a Latin MCG diploma and an English GHSU diploma. Beth Brigdon, associate senior vice president for finance and administration, reported that signage will not be completed by Feb. 1, but that transitional elements such as lightpole flags will be used to assist with the change.

Andrew Newton, vice president for legal affairs, reassured staff that all university contracts would not have to be rewritten with the institution's new name, because it does not change the nature of the entity. And Director of Institutional Information Holly Goodson announced a new homepage design will launch on Feb. 1, in conjunction with the name change.

Barshafsky reminded task force members to consult with and inform people of the decisions made and process changes as they happen.

"This change can be lead by you, but it's going to have to be implemented by the whole army employed by the enterprise," she said. "Good ideas come from everybody."

The group will meet monthly and provide updates on the progress. Visit name.mcg.edu for more information on the name change.



Deb Barshofsky, vice president of Strategic Support, moderates the meeting of the GHSU Implementation Task Force.

## **Open Enrollment Information Sessions**

The annual benefits Open Enrollment will end on Nov. 19. During open enrollment employees are able to make changes they are not able to make at any other time during the year.

The Benefits & Data Management will host information sessions for both active employees and retirees to discuss the changes for this upcoming plan year. The information sessions are scheduled as follows:

#### Active Employees:

- Nov. 4 at 8:30 a.m. in EC 1204 (Health Sciences Bldg)
- Nov. 16 at 11:30 a.m. in EC 1204 (Health Sciences Bldg)
- Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. in EC 1204 (Health Sciences Bldg)
- Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. in EC 1218 (Health Sciences Bldg)
- Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in EC 1218 (Health Sciences Bldg)



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# Faculty Satisfaction Action Team positions MCG as 'the place to go'

By Toni Baker

Citing the need to cultivate the Medical College of Georgia's reputation as "the place to go" and "an employer of choice," President Ricardo Azziz lauded the Oct. 19 unveiling of a plan to enhance faculty satisfaction.

The plan includes immediate action in the areas of faculty development, streamlined bureaucracy and improved communications, along with priorities for longer-term goals. "It took a new president to come in and say, 'We're going to do something about this,' and that's what we're doing," said Dr. Jack Yu, who co-led the team with School of Nursing Dean Lucy Marion.

They presented the plan after MCG's University Faculty Senate Fall Assembly. "As we move forward, we will continue to need your active engagement," Yu told the faculty. "This is *your* university."

Marion echoed the sentiment, noting, "We want action. We already have years and years of recommendations."

The team, charged by President Azziz soon after his tenure began in July, spent 100 days reviewing the University Faculty Senate Faculty Satisfaction Survey Report, conducting focus groups, interacting with individuals and responding to concerns. The work was expedited

by 12 workgroups that oversaw actions, recommendations and a continuity plan in areas including infrastructure, research and human resources. Actions thus far include:

- Creating a University Budget Advisory Committee
- Overseeing the appointment of an associate provost responsible for faculty development
- Implementing a Faculty Support Services Action Team
- Initiating searches for enrollment managers and information technology specialists to assist faculty in each of MCG's five schools
- Implementing an enterprisewide customer service initiative
- Laying the groundwork for ongoing faculty satisfaction surveys

"If ever there was a team effort, this was it," said Marion, noting that the team worked closely with MCG's University Faculty Senate, as well as faculty and administrators throughout the enterprise.

Azziz identified faculty satisfaction as one of his highest priorities from the onset of his presidency. "We need to attract younger faculty and revitalize our ranks," he said. "That requires a system that fosters the development of young people. It requires that our faculty *feel* heard and *are* heard. This is fundamental to the development and survival of our institution. The only defense against irrelevance is to become

larger, broader, more relevant, more significant and more powerful."

As the faculty satisfaction plan unfolds, he urged each faculty member to become an enthusiastic ambassador for the university. "Make noise," he said. "Tell people who we are. Be more visible. This is what will garner you the respect you deserve."

## Members of the Presidential Faculty Satisfaction Action Team:

- Dr. Lucy Marion, Co-Leader, Dean of the School of Nursing
- Dr. Jack Yu, Co-Leader, Čhief of the Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Vice Chairman of the University Faculty Senate
- Drs. Pam Cook, Dave Hill and Lynn Jaffe, Past Vice Chairmen of the University Faculty Senate
- Dr. Karl Wenger, Chairman of the University Faculty Senate Scholarship and Standards Committee
- Deb Barshafsky, Vice President for Strategic Support
- Bill Bowes, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration
- Beth Brigdon, Associate Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration
- Shelley Mishoe, Associate
- Susan Norton, Associate Vice President for Human Resources

# McVicker named to state community hospital alliance

By Denise Parrish

Sandra I. McVicker, RN, MSN, Interim President and CEO of MCG Health, Inc., has been named to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals (GACH). She will help guide the activities of the GACH, one of the state's largest hospital associations, as well as advocate for public policy positions that protect the state's academic medical centers, patients and community not-for-profit hospitals.

"As the Interim President and CEO of MCGHealth, Sandra McVicker adds to the Alliance board a vital voice and representative for the state's teaching hospitals. All of us at the Alliance congratulate Sandra on being elected to the board and look forward to benefitting from her leadership," said Alliance President Monty Veazey.

McVicker, who joined MCG Health in 1997, also serves as Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at McGHealth. Previous leadership positions included roles at Kennedy Memorial Hospital and University Medical Center, Stratford, N.J.; Jeannes Hospital, Philadelphia; and Adena Regional Medical Center,



Chillicothe, Ohio.

She is a member of the University HealthSystem Consortium Board of Directors; the United Way of the CSRA Board of Directors; the Symphony Orchestra Augusta Board of Directors; the American Organization of Nurse Executives; the American Nurses Association; Georgia Nurses Association; and Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Xi chapter, a nursing honor society.

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## Employees honored for years of service

By Stacey Hudson

The MCG community honored 566 employees, enterprise-wide, for their years and quality of service Oct. 26 in the Lee Auditorium. MCG President Ricardo Azziz thanked employees for their loyalty, dedication and service.

Two employees – Mary Jonah and Christine Price – were awarded pins for their 35 years of service to the enterprise. The MCG community also recognized 230 employees who have served for five years, 115 who have served for 10 years, 48 who have served for 15 years, 85 who have served for 20 years, 66 who have served for 25 years and 18 who have served for 30 years.

Also among the honorees were the nominees and winners of the Erie P. Blissit and the Clay Adamson awards, which honor active, full-time classified employees who demonstrate outstanding job performance in administrative support services and in the Facilities Management Division, respectively. Helen Smith was named the 2010 Blissit Award winner, and Stanley Temple was chosen as the 2010 Adamson Award winner.

#### **Five Year Honorees**

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## Memorial service for body donors set for Nov. 5

Medical College of Georgia students will honor individuals who have donated their body to health sciences education at a 1 p.m. service Friday, Nov. 5.

The ceremony in the Natalie and Lansing B. Lee Jr. Auditorium of the MCG Auditoria Center will include student and faculty perspectives on donors' impact on education and musical selections performed by students. Attendees will then visit the cinerarium where donor ashes can be buried.

"We want to reaffirm the respect that we have for our donors and what they really do for our students," said David Adams, coordinator of anatomical donation services. "Body donors are their best professors, because each of them teaches students the full scope of anatomy that they will need the rest of their working careers."

Body donors are essential to anatomy class, which in medical school, for example, spans about nine months of the 11-month freshman year. Donors are needed for medical, dental and allied health sciences education. Students begin their experience with a blessing of thanksgiving by MCG Chaplain Erwin Veale and complete the course with another prayer and by cleaning the cadavers, often placing thank you notes in the body bags, Adams

"Every year the need (for body donors) goes up," said Adams, noting that donation rates tend to fluc-

tuate. For example, the expansion of the MCG School of Medicine class this fall from 190 to 230 students, with 40 students at the MCG/UGA Medical Partnership campus in Athens, required five extra cadavers.

The people who donate usually are very giving people who have contributed to churches, foundations and things of that nature," he said. Disease also is a motivator; many future donors fighting disease have told him that they want to help others avoid the same struggle, said Adams, who came to MCG in 2002 after more than 20 years as a licensed embalmer and funeral director in Georgia and South Carolina.

The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act requires donors to be at least 18 but there is no upper age limit, said Adams, who remembers a 103-year-old woman as the oldest donor during his MCG tenure. Infectious disease can preclude donation, as can serious trauma with multiple organ damage. However, donors who've had common surgeries such as hysterectomies or hip replacements are welcomed.

"Students get excited when they find a pacemaker or artificial hip," Adams said. "We marvel at some of the things we see.

MCG's Anatomical Donation Program provides transportation to MCG, embalming and cremation. Ashes can be returned to the family or buried in the cinerarium. For more information about body donation contact Adams at 706-721-3731 or dadams@mcg.edu or visit mcg. edu/som/cba/bodydonation/.



Students at last year's memorial service participated in a prayer of gratitude for body donors.

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## Vulnerable adult study committee meets at MCG



The Georgia Vulnerable Adult Study Committee met in the Medical College of Georgia Alumni Center Oct. 26. MCG President Ricardo Azziz welcomed to campus the committee formed last year to study the needs of Georgians considered vulnerable because of age, serious and persistent mental illness, degenerative brain disorders and developmental or physical disabilities as well as those in need of emergency placement because of abuse or neglect. Sens. Ron Ramsey of Lithonia, Ga., and Renee Unterman of Buford, Ga., co-chair the committee.

## Dental Derby bites into SCCP campaign



Drisko,
dean of
the School
of Nursing,
bites into
a hot dog
while
dressed in
a colorful
costume.
She later
took a
turn in the
dunking
booth.

Dr. Connie



Third-year dental students Zach Bentley (I) and Will Boyd cooked up a mountain of turkey and beef dogs. More than 350 hot dogs were sold, raising \$1,469 for Operation Smile, enough to fund six surgeries. The organization works all over the world to provide cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries to children.



Hammond, assistant professor in the department of general dentistry, got lucky when a brutal crosswind drove whipped cream pies slightly off target for a while.

Dr. Barry



Dr. Solon Kao, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, disappears into the dunking booth after taunting a student, who previously missed the bull's-eye. "Is that how you plan on doing oral surgery?" he called, just before going under.

## Hundreds turn out for employee benefits fair



Bolstered by freebies like chair massages from Virginia College's massage therapy students, more than 600 employees visited the benefits fair to learn about employee discounts, benefits and charitable giving opportunities.



MCG Chief of Police Bill McBride educated employees about the Sertoma Club, a philanthropic organization of which he is a member.

## Students raise funds for injured classmate



Students from the School of Allied Health Sciences held their inaugural Fall Ball at the Marbury Center Sept. 30. The event raised \$3,000 to benefit Courtney Claxton, an MCG student who sustained a spinal cord injury.

## MCG honors 556 employees for service



After nominations, the members of the Employee Advisory Committee chose Office Associate Helen Smith (r) as the winner of this year's Erie P. Blissit Award by the members of the Employee Advisory Committee. MCG President Ricardo Azziz (I) presented the award.



After nominations, the members of the Employee **Advisory Committee** chose Maintenance Technician Stanley Temple (r) as the winner of this year's Clay Adamson Award. MCG President Ricardo Azziz (I) presented the award.

## **EMPLOYEES** HONORED...from page 8

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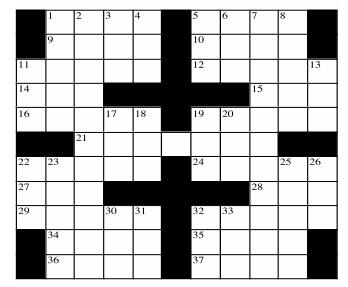
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See Employees honored, page 18



#### CROSSWORD 213

#### **ACROSS**

- Reason to prescribe Accutane
- Thrombus
- Location of the navicular bone
- South American monkey
- Reed or Fargo
- Where lordosis strikes 12.
- Calendar abbr. 14.
- One, two, three and four
- Took \_\_ for the worse; went downhill
- Chord of three tones
- Surgical instruments
- Sense affected by head & neck radiation
- Longest bone
- Cystitis or pyelonephritis, for short
- 1997 U. S. Open winner
- Preferred site for incisions to put a catheter into the vascular system
- \_\_ a clue; remained ignorant
- Two \_\_ four is two
- Pelvic bones
- Helper: abbr. Latin roads

#### DOWN

- Under way
- Epileptic symptoms
- Prefix with pathogenic or dialyzable
- Letter from Greece
- Basie and Dracula: abbr.
- Labium
- Most common bacterial infection in children
- Skin mycoses
- Genetic code material, for short 11.
- Wrap up 13.
- Plague carrier
- WNW plus 90°
- Monogram for singer Tennessee
- Mailman's beat: abbr. 20.
- 22. Yank
- 23. Heart chambers
- Arm bones 26. File drawer, perhaps
- a tough job, but...' 30
- Word used sarcastically to negate a previous statement 31.
- 32. Common lentivirus, for short
- Clay, today

#### **MEDICAL** WORD **SEARCH**

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Can you find and circle in the grid above the terms listed below?

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Femur Microcephaly Zocor Ague

Pertussis Omentum Mobic Artery Baker cyst Gums Paraphilia **Bursitis** Spleen Tibia **Botulism** Lymphedema

## SUDOKU

The object of the game is to fill all the plank squares with the correct numbers

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 supra must include all digits 1 through 9

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## MCG School of Nursing awarded at conference

By Sharron Walls

The Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing at Athens chapter of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students received the association's 2010 Chapter of the Year Award at its yearly convention in October. The award honors community and political involvement, promotion of nursing's image and influence on Georgia's nursing students.

The chapter also received the Political Involvement Award, the Best Scrapbook Award and the Image of

Three Athens campus students were elected to the Georgia Association of Nursing Students board: Natalie Henry, legislative director; Rachel Burch, North District director; and Bryce Zimmerman, alternate. They will serve one-year

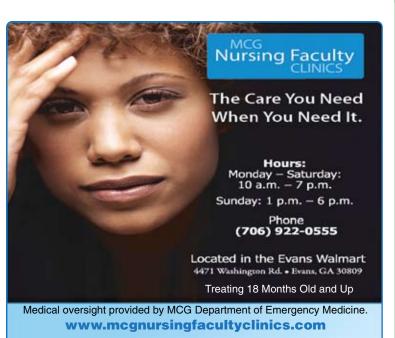
"We are so proud of these accomplishments," said Dr. Kathy Shaw, chapter advisor. "Our members worked very hard during and prior to the convention, and I feel they represented MCG's School of Nursing in the best possible way.

## **Campus Beat**

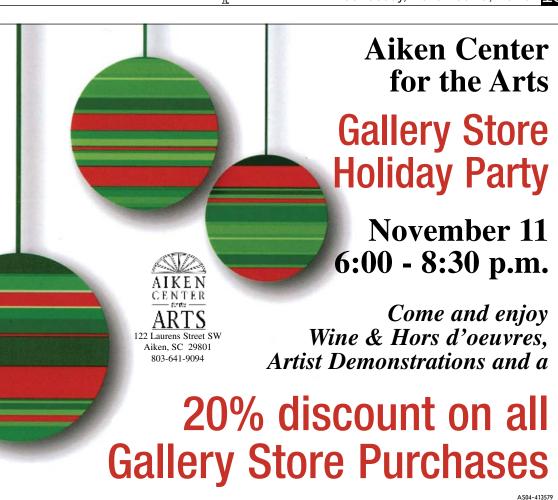
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## Drug Violation (Off-Campus)

On Oct. 16 at 6:23 p.m., Richmond County Sheriff Deputy stopped a man at the Circle K at the corner of 15th Street and Laney Walker Boulevard. The man was wanted on an outstanding warrant. After a brief struggle, deputies detained him. A search discovered a small plastic bag of marijuana and a bottle containing 24 Oxycontin and eight Roxicodone tablets. He was booked into the Richmond County Jail for possession of Oxycontin with intent to distribute, possession of Roxicodone with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana.



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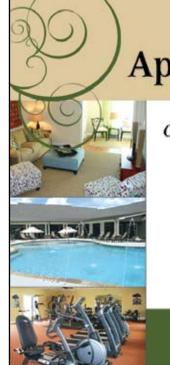
#### MCG Cancer Center

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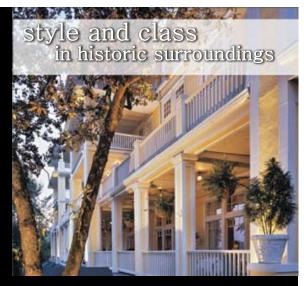
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## Newsmakers



Heather Allen

Heather Allen, technical assistance coordinator for the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, was recently awarded Technical Assistant Specialist of the Year by the Georgia Association on Young Children. Allen holds a number of additional certifications: Certified in Modules 1-4 for the West Ed Program for Infant & Toddlers, Training for Trainer Part I, Nurturing Parenting Program Facilitator Training, ABC's of Effective Childcare Leadership-40 Hour Director's Course, CDAAdvisor Training Institute and The Art of Technical Assistance.

Mike and Mary Benko attended the second World Parkinson Congress in Glasgow, Scotland. The Benkos are also involved locally by hosting the annual Par for Parkinson's Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Movement Disorder Clinic at MCG and they are members of the CSRA Parkinson Support Group. Mr. Benko, who has Parkinson's, is a Parkinson's Advocate for UCB Pharmaceutical Company. The purpose of the WPC is to unite the global Parkinson community with high-level, inspirational sessions, workshops, and discussions on the most recent and cutting edge scientific and clinical research as well as advances in care and quality of life for people living with Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Jatinder Bhatia, chief of the Section of Neonatology in the Medical College of Georgia School of

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Mike and Mary Benko

Medicine, was the keynote speaker

and 20th Anniversary Celebration

of the Perinatal Association of the

Philippines, Inc., with the theme

"Towards realization of MDG's 4 &5:

Where are we now?" on Sept. 26-27.

The millenium development goals

were issued in 2005 by the WHO

to improve global health in many

different aspects. Bhatia's topic

was Perinatal Health: The Global

Perspectives." Further, the status of

Honorary Member of the Perinatal

Association of the Philippines, Inc,

at Metro Manila in the Philippines.

pett were named the best and first

runner-up, respectively, by more

was conferred upon him on Sept. 26

Drs. Bo Cheves and James Tip-

at the 19th Annual Convention



Dr. Jatinder Bhatia

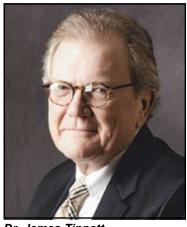


Tippett, a native of Savannah and a 1976 MCG graduate, is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a diplomate of the American College of Physicians. His clinical interests focus on hypertensive cardiovascular disease. Both physicians are on MCG's clinical faculty and practice at MCG Medical

MCG School of Medicine in 1985.



Dr. Bo Cheves



Dr. James Tippett

Associates in Lake Oconee Village.

Dr. Daniel Cobb, assistant clinical professor of neurology, has been named medical director of sleep medicine for the Sleep Disorders Center of Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC). Cobb is Board certified in neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Cobb is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, American Medical Association, Medical Association of Georgia and the Hall County Medical Society.

#### **Obituaries**

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

James G. Fuller, spouse of Mary Fuller, retired administrative specialist, died Sept. 29.

Tina Stephens, nursing assistant, died Oct. 14.





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#### LADY ANTEBELLUM...from page 1

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Tickets will cost \$9.95 each, and all proceeds will go to the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. The not-for-profit MCGHealth Children's Medical Center has the only dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department and Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center with air and ground transportation. Additional exclusive services at the children's hospital include the provision of Child Life Specialists who make inpatient stays more kid-friendly and on-site teachers who help hospitalized children keep up with their schoolwork.

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Lady Antebellum is touring in support of their second album, Need You Now, which has been certified triple platinum. Three singles from the album, *Need You Now, American Honey* and *Our Kind of Love* topped the Billboard magazine country singles chart. The band's 2008 self-titled debut album certified platinum and spawned the No. 1 hit *I Run To You*.

The Augusta shows are particularly significant because two of the trio's members, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, are from Columbia County.

#### **QEP**...from page 1

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 small prize and will be eligible for grand-prize iPad drawings in December and March. Watch the Beeper and the website (www.mcg. edu/sacs) for more information.

The fourth set of prize winners, filling in the blank with the words "cultural competency," are:

- Kim Carter
- Tricia Carter
- Vickie Dickerson
- Debbie Ellison

- Steven Galles
- Kathy Graham
- Brenda Hall
- Brittany Hammock
- Annie Hannah
- Amber Hickson
- Diana Morris
- Lauren Morris
- Sue Simpers
- Robbie Smith
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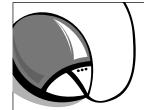
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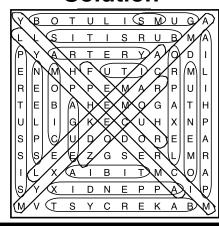
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### **EMPLOYEES** HONORED...from page 12

Robert Yu Ming Zhang

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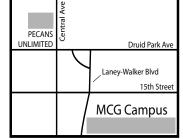
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Mary Anne Park, clinical associate professor of surgery and director of the surgical research service, received a very special Christmas present last year. Belle, a one-year-old Frenchton, is a cross between a French Bulldog and a Boston Terrier. She joins a family of five cats and a Cocker Spaniel. "Belle had figured out how to get into the cat tree, so now she can terrorize the cats no matter where they are," says Mary Ann. "She is definitely in charge in our house."

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