



## NOVEMBER EDITION OF TEA WITH DR. T



### Notes from the Desk

As I sit in a room with [various stakeholders from Augusta University](#) and listen to what people are looking for in the next AU President, I am comforted in knowing that we all want the same qualities in a leader: innovative, humble, forward-thinking, understanding of finance, builder of relationships, creative, etc. I stated that we need someone who not only understands but demonstrates shared governance, and one who understands that faculty often spend more time at AU than in their own homes. This institution is in many ways faculty's second home, so from the eateries, parking, and facilities maintenance to salaries, we are looking for a leader to foster and grow our AU family. All of this contributes to faculty retention.

We were told by Chancellor Perdue that while we are saddened by the upcoming retirement of President Keel, his replacement would have to be a Unicorn President because AU is a Unicorn University. Over 130 programs including liberal arts, cyber and computer sciences, medical, dentistry, allied health sciences, and many others is what make our unique institution a Unicorn, a place like no other.

With that being said the work begins to have a new AU President by July 1, 2024. This search is closed and confidential. Top-tier applicants will apply and almost all will be currently employed; therefore, to value and respect our candidates, the utmost confidentiality is adhered to. These measures ensure the reputation of the USG and AU across the nation and the world as a desired place of employment.

#### Invitation to Participate in Presidential Search

There are ways in which faculty can participate in the presidential search, however. The search firm Buffkin/Baker will hold a [two-day listening session](#) on December 6, 2023 in the community and throughout the day on December 7, 2023 with various AU campus stakeholders. You can also utilize the forthcoming presidential search listing website to nominate candidates and voice your opinions. Please join AU Faculty Senate members to voice your desires and concerns for our next AU President!

## Hot Topics



### USG Annual Meeting

In October I traveled to Dalton State College to represent the faculty of AU at the annual USG meeting. Chancellor Perdue was particularly motivated to make a [statement to all USG institutions](#) about tolerance, inclusion, and respect in light of tensions resulting from ongoing international conflicts. Updates about IMPACTS and the quality of education, as well as budgeting were also topics of importance.

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### Pamplin Speaker Series

Congratulations to Pamplin College of the Arts for their continual literary series of speakers including [Latria Graham](#), [Daphine Maysone](#), [Paul Sladky](#), and [J.A. Adande](#). Consider yourself fortunate to receive a snail mail invitation from this group because the wax seal adds a personal touch that did not die in the 1800's!

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### Know your Title IX

Laura Chapman-Meyer, MA, RBP, Director of [Research Ethics and Compliance](#) initiated an informational lecture series with Julie Kneuker, AU Title IX Coordinator, called *Title IX What You Need to Know*. This informative lecture encouraged faculty and students to refresh or learn information about [Title IX](#) and how to report on AU campus.

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## Teaching Models of Student Success

Many of us have wondered how to separate teaching, research, and service from student success. Thankfully, examples of such are outlined for us on the [Office of Faculty Affairs website](#). This month, Assistant Professor [Tomeka Few, RDH, MBA](#) in the College of Allied Health Sciences Department of Undergraduate Health Professions has demonstrated student success and shared her thoughts below:

"This semester I decided to implement poster presentations and count it as my Capstone students' final project grade. The students were nervous and a little apprehensive, but when I gave them the rationale, they ran with it. I told them that poster presentations: (1) enhances their understanding and synthesis of information; (2) helps with the development of their communication skills; (3) strengthens their critical thinking and analysis; (4) gives them exposure to research methodology and practice; (5) enhances motivation and engagement; (6) provides an opportunity for feedback and networking; and last but certainly not least, (7) improves their confidence and self-presentation. What a proud professor moment!"



## 2023 Authors Reception

This year's AU Authors Reception hosted by University Libraries, Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURS), and The Graduate School was held on November 2, 2023. I had the pleasure of introducing the two dynamic faculty speakers:

- [Gokila Dorai, PhD](#) (School of Cyber and Computer Sciences): *Forensic Analysis of the Snapchat iOS App with Spectacles-Synced Artifacts*
- [Dylan Wilson, MFA](#) (Pamplin College - Department of Communication): *Alex Murdaugh's Bullets, hunting gear...go under the hammer at auction [photographs]*



*Photos by Michael Holahan*

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## 2023 Research Awards Winners

Augusta University Research Institute had their 2023 Research Awards Ceremony on November 16. Congratulations to the award recipients:



- [Gang Zhaou, PhD](#): Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and/or Creative Activity Award
- [Mark Hamrick, PhD](#): Lifetime Achievement Award
- [Gabor Csanyi, PhD](#): Distinguished Researcher Award
- [Jessica Faulkner, PhD](#): Emerging Scientist Award

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## 2023-2024 Teaching Excellence Award Winners

Sincere congratulations to faculty recipients of the AU Teaching Excellence Awards:

- [A.B. Osborne](#), MFA, Department of Art and Design: AU Individual Teaching Excellence Award
- [Giada Biasetti](#), PhD: Department of English and World Languages: AU Online Teaching Excellence Award
- [Department of Communication](#): AU Program Teaching Excellence Award
- [Cynthia Epps](#), MFA: Department of Art and Design: AU Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award

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## Taking a Break for Lunch and Dinner



- The AU Faculty Senate Executive Board took time for a bonding lunch break, sharing governance through a shared meal.
- Leadership was also spotted serving the students Thanksgiving dinner with a surprise guest: Augustus, who tried to serve dinner, but, alas, it is hard to grip a spoon with no opposable thumbs!

## A Thank You to the Faculty

Thank you for your time and attention during the Junior Achievement (JA) of Georgia presentation at November's Faculty Senate meeting. JA of Georgia college engagement is turnkey and will further enhance your student's learning experience. JA of Georgia is excited to partner with any faculty member who is interested in learning more about:

- Syllabi Integration
- Service-learning hour fulfillment
- Extra credit assignment options
- Any other type of engagement that works for you

When students volunteer with JA of Georgia, they walk away with skills that are valuable to students in any area of study like:

- Networking Skills and Opportunities
- Leadership Skills
- Oral Communication & Public Speaking Skills
- Teamwork & Collaboration Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Professionalism

If you are considering this type of engagement for your students, [click here](#) to fill out a short questionnaire. Once completed, Shanee White, Director of Volunteer Partnerships & Experience for the JA Discovery Center of the CSRA will reach out to you.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Augusta University storefront inside the future JA Discovery Center of the CSRA.

You can find the JA Discovery Center of the CSRA website [here](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. White at [swhite@georgia.ja.org](mailto:swhite@georgia.ja.org) or 762-328-0486.

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**Where in the World is Dr. Curry-McCoy?**



Faculty Senate represents the faculty of all of Augusta University's colleges, schools, and units. In November, Dr. Curry-McCoy was seen with her [Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences swag](#) at the Pop Warner Southeast Regional Cheer Competition in Orlando, FL. She met a group of Lady Sharks from Florida who were excited about opportunities in Pamplin College. One expression of their creativity was this photo where Dr. Curry-McCoy is swimming with the Sharks. All of the girls were so excited about the college and the swag that was handed out (water bottle, notebooks, highlighters, pins, bag, and more from Pamplin). *Jaws* has nothing on these girls; it was literally a feeding frenzy for the swag! AU will definitely be remembered by the participants and their coaches. Watch out for the shark attack Dean Davies!



**Facts about the [Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences](#):**

- We have seven departments, a museum, over 40 degree programs, more than 1,300 students, including over 100 in our three graduate programs, 127 full-time and 69 adjunct faculty, and over 20 staff members.
- We are teaching nearly 30,000 hours this fall 2023 (29,709 hours). That is second only to the Medical College of Georgia!
- We are home to the [Mary S. Byrd Gallery of Art](#), the [Center for Writing Excellence](#), the [Guard House Museum](#), a World Language Hub, a Student Publication Center and a State of the Art Television, Video, and Podcast Lab, as well as the [Center for Social Science Research](#) and the University's [Qualitative Research Core](#).
- We are home to the [Southeastern Review of Journalism History](#), a peer-reviewed research journal connected to the American Journalism Historians Association; [Politics and the Life Sciences](#), a peer-reviewed research journal; and, in partnership with N.C. State University, the [Journal of Public Affairs of Education](#).
- We also house many student publications, including [The Bell Ringer](#), [Phoenix](#), [Yell!](#), and [Sand Hills Literary Magazine](#).
- We have renowned experts in various areas, including the world's finest jazz trombonist, [Wycliffe Gordon](#) (our Director of Jazz Studies), internationally acclaimed artist [Anila Agha](#) (our Morris Eminent Scholar), and numerous other internationally-recognized scholars, artists, and musicians.
- We are the most active college contributor to [Study Abroad/Away programs](#), including the university's longest-running SA program in Salamanca, Spain.

Where will your Senate Chair be seen next and what school, institute, college, department, or program will she be supporting?! Let us know what events you have scheduled!

## Senate and University Updates

- [Minutes from the October AUFS Meeting](#) were approved.
- [Wallace Award](#) and [Bell Award](#) Nominations are due December 1, 2023.

## Upcoming Events

- Don't miss the [AU Annual Tree Lighting event November 30 at 6pm](#)
- AU Faculty Club Holiday Potluck December 2, 2023, 11am-2pm at Camp Tanglewood
- It's not too late to join the [Senate Jaguar Paceline Team](#) and donate to the [cause](#). The collection ends in December.
- Mark your calendars for AUFS December Meeting: Monday, December 14, 3:00-5:00p.m. Agenda and TEAMS link will be sent out prior to the meeting.
- [Fall Commencement Ceremonies at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center](#)
  - Graduate Hooding and Ceremony: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
  - Undergraduate Ceremony: Thursday, December 14, 2023, 10:00a.m.

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