



Newsletter

August 2021 • Working Hard to Serve You

Thanks for joining us at the Alumni Lunch & Learn!

On Friday, July 23, the East Georgia State College (EGSC) Alumni Association hosted a Lunch & Learn event to showcase a new addition to the EGSC campus. The Jean Anderson Morgan Student Center (JAM Center) Expansion project began in 2018, and the ribbon cutting was held in October of 2020. Due to COVID-19, only a limited number of people were invited to the event.

The expansion project added

approximately 15,000 square feet to the existing facility. The new addition has provided much-needed student activity space, including a large multi-purpose room, digital gaming, larger game room, offices and a meeting room for the Student Government Association, Student Publication offices, and Student Life administrative space. The existing portion of the JAM Center was repurposed for a larger College Bookstore, as well as



open computing space and student group study nodes.

The lunch on Friday gave alumni and friends the opportunity to tour the expansion project, visit with other alumni, and enjoy lunch in the dining hall on campus. The EGSC Alumni Association would

like to thank Durden Banking Company for providing the meals to everyone in attendance.

To stay up to date on alumni events and news, email Karen Guthrie, Alumni and Development Coordinator, at kguthrie@ega.edu.



EGSC welcomes our Fall 2021 semester with COVID-19 guidelines

EGSC welcomes our students back to campus with in person classes. Guidelines are in place to help everyone stay safe from Covid-19. The guidelines are as follows:

- a) Everyone is encouraged to wear a face covering in indoor spaces.
- b) Social distancing in classrooms will no longer be required, but strongly encouraged for unvaccinated individuals when possible. EGSC may not be able to guarantee social distancing in all interior spaces.

c) Students and employees may conduct and participate in face to-face meetings and activities using the social distancing, face covering, and mitigation guidelines contained herein.

d) Everyone is encouraged to use frequent hand hygiene and to clean personal spaces as needed.

e) Clean workspaces and /or equipment throughout the day (for staff /employees, also at the end of the day)

f) Vaccines are strongly encouraged

EGSC records \$70 million economic impact in FY 2020

In fiscal year 2020, the University System of Georgia (USG) served as a significant source of stability and played a critical role in the state's recovery with an \$18.6 billion state-wide economic impact. USG's impact grew 0.6 percent over fiscal year 2019. The system directly and indirectly generated 155,010 jobs.

The annual study of the USG's economic impact shows that East Georgia State College (EGSC) had an \$70,056,633 impact on the communities in its region during fiscal year 2020. For the purpose of this study,

EGSC's service region includes Emanuel, Bulloch, Candler, Jefferson, Johnson, Burke, and Toombs Counties. The institution serves a far larger region, however.

The economic impact study found every dollar spent directly by USG institutions and their students generated an additional 47 cents for the surrounding region's economy. While \$12.7 billion of the \$18.6 billion was a result of that direct spending, the remaining \$5.9 billion was additional spending within local communities sparked by the presence of a USG institution.

In terms of jobs generated, 34 percent were on-campus positions (52,904 full-time equivalent University System employees), while 66 percent (102,106 jobs) were off-campus in either the private or public sectors. That means for every person employed at a USG institution or the system itself, two people have jobs that support the presence of the institution in the local community. EGSC had a regional employment impact of 774 jobs. This employment impact includes on-campus positions and off-campus jobs that exist due to the in-

stitution.

The economic benefits are estimated for several important categories of college/university-related expenditures: spending by the institutions themselves for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expenditures; spending by the students who attend the institutions; and spending by the institutions for capital projects (construction). The economic impact estimates are based on regional input-output models of each institution's regional economy, certain necessary assumptions,

and available data on annual spending in the specified categories. Moreover, the emphasis is on funds received by residents in the region that hosts each college or university. The study reports expenditures and impacts for the 2020 fiscal year—July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

The annual study is conducted on behalf of the Board of Regents by Jeffrey M. Humphreys, Ph.D., director of the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business.

EGSC-Statesboro launches B2E Program with GS

In November 2018, East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University announced that EGSC would move its campus into the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building. Similarly, the functions of Continuing Education at Georgia Southern University will move to the EGSC campus on Highway 301 South. EGSC's move to the Georgia Southern campus is scheduled to be complete by January 2022.

East Georgia State College's main campus is in Swainsboro but having the EGSC-Statesboro campus provides an easy transfer pathway to Georgia Southern. The two institutions recently launched the B2E program to help the partnership continue to grow. This program increases access and simplifies the process for progression to Georgia Southern University for those students who start out at East Georgia State College-Statesboro.

"This is not a new concept as we have always had a partnership, but this recent collab-



oration, the Bobcat to Eagle Program (B2E), signifies our commitment to the students of this region. We are continuously looking for ways to better assist students in reaching their educational goals. This program helps accomplish this by enhancing the existing partnership in various ways. Students will be eligible to enroll in the B2E program beginning fall 2021," said Jessica Williamson, Director of EGSC-Statesboro.

"Georgia Southern is excited to continue and expand a long-standing partnership with East Georgia State College," said Amy Smith, Georgia Southern associate vice president of en-

rollment management. "Both of our institutions have the same goal of serving the students in this region. The new B2E program puts a clear framework in place for students to easily transition from East Georgia to Georgia Southern. It's a win for everyone involved - especially our students."

EGSC continues to grow, and it has become the college of choice for many students for many reasons. Students who attend EGSC can either transfer to a larger institution, earn an associate or bachelor's degree. It is ranked among the top 50 institutions of higher education in the U.S. with the lowest tui-

tion and lowest net price as reported by the U.S. Department of Education's most recent College Affordability and Transparency List.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers approximately 140 different degree programs serving almost 27,000 students through 10 colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities. Visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](https://georgiasouthern.edu).

For more information about the B2E Program, visit <https://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/requirements/transfer/b2e/>.

Our students are back for the Fall 2021 semester!

Classes began at EGSC for fall 2021 on Wednesday, August 11. Students are busy going to classes, getting settled into their dorms, enjoying Welcome Week activities, and meeting new and old friends. Welcome, future EGSC alumni!



Georgia House of Representatives honors political science professor

The Georgia House Representatives recently passed a resolution honoring Dr. Lee Cheek's career of teaching and mentoring excellence. The resolution honoring Dr. Cheek was introduced by Representative Matthew Gambill (District 15). In nominating Cheek, Gambill noted that "We strongly believe Dr. Cheek's profound commitment to student mentoring and preparing political science students for careers in public service and the law demonstrate deserves recognition. During his thirty-five years of teaching in and leading political science programs, Dr. Cheek has amassed an amazing record of success in mentorship that continues even today."

In terms of Dr. Cheek's personal and professional "narrative," he began teaching and mentoring students at Western Carolina University in 1986, where many of his students were encouraged to assume positions in state government and in the diplomatic ranks. He created a model experiential program called the Washington Practicum, and took students to Washington, D.C., every semester for an extensive public policy experience. He continues to lead this groundbreaking program, which now has a strong alumni base of support as well.



The remainder of Cheek's career has been spent at several institutions: Brewton-Parker College, Lee University, Athens State University, University of North Georgia, and East Georgia State College. At Brewton-Parker College, Dr. Cheek created a political science program and served as division chair from 1997-2000. Over thirty students majored in the program Cheek developed and the majority of these students remain in public service or education pursuits. According to Gambill, "Cheek implemented a process of student mentoring, civic awareness and engagement that has continued from his first day of teaching in 1986 until today. His "pattern" or "model" is wonderfully wise and productive: at every institution where he has taught, Dr. Cheek has created student research forums for political science student research; taken students to political science

professional meetings on at least a yearly basis; created internships of both a policy and law orientation available to all students; and, he has created honor society chapters to celebrate student accomplishments."

For Gambill, "While Cheek has always been aware of the need to explore, counsel, and promote the professional possibilities of political science students, his efforts began to prosper at an even higher level." Gambill continued: "In his last year at Lee, for example, ten of his Lee University political science students were accepted into law school, a record for law school admissions during an academic year within the Appalachian College Association. It is not hyperbolic to suggest that his pattern of career mentorship has been remarkable, especially given his commitment to institutions without large support networks or endowments."

"For all these years, Cheek has also involved many of his students in student-faculty research opportunities. When one encounters one of Dr. Cheek's books, each introduction, for example, is filled with notes of gratitude to the students who helped him in his research and the preparation of the manuscripts," suggests Representative Gambill.

Dr. Cheek continues to

direct East Georgia State College's Correll Scholars Program. He received his bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University, his M.Div. from Duke University, his M.P.A. from Western Carolina University, and his Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America. As a senior minister in the United Methodist Church (Western North Carolina Conference) for thirty years, Cheek has served as a parish minister, visiting cleric, and U.S. Army chaplain.

He has been a congressional aide and a political consultant. Dr. Cheek's books include *Political Philosophy and Cultural Renewal* (Transaction/Rutgers, 2001; reprinted, Routledge, 2018 [with Kathy B. Cheek]); *Calhoun and Popular Rule*, published by the University of Missouri Press (2001; paper edition, 2004); *Calhoun: Selected Speeches and Writings* (Regnery, 2003); *Order and Legitimacy* (Transaction/Rutgers, 2004; reprinted, Routledge, 2017); an edition of Calhoun's *A Disquisition on Government* (St. Augustine's, 2007; reprinted, 2016); a critical edition of W. H. Mallock's *The Limits of Pure Democracy* (Transaction/Rutgers, 2007; reprinted, Routledge, 2017); *Confronting Modernity: Towards a Theology of Ministry in the Wesleyan Tradition* (Wesley

Studies Society, 2010); an edition of the classic study, *A Theory of Public Opinion* (Transaction/Rutgers, 2013; reprinted, Routledge, 2017); *Patrick-Henry Onslow Debate: Liberty and Republicanism in American Political Thought* (Lexington, 2013); and, *The Founding of the American Republic* (Notre Dame University Press, 2022 [forthcoming]). He has also published dozens of scholarly articles in academic publications, and is a regular commentator on American politics and religion. Dr. Cheek's current research includes completing an intellectual biography of Francis Graham Wilson (I.S.I. Books), and a book on Patrick Henry's constitutionalism and political theory. He currently serves on the editorial boards of *Studies in Burke, Humanitas, The Political Science Reviewer, Anamnesis, VoegelinView, and The University Bookman*, as a Senior Fellow of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, and as a Fellow of the Academy of Philosophy and Letters (elected). Cheek has been a Fellow of the Wilbur Foundation, the Earhart Foundation, the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, the Center for Judicial Studies, and the Center for International Media Studies. Dr. Cheek lives on Tybee Island, Georgia, with his wife, Kathy B. Cheek.

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

Your monthly newsletter could look like THIS!

June 2021 | Working Hard to Serve You



Welcome to the new Alumni Association Newsletter!

We are excited to debut our new newsletter format, now easy to view on your mobile device! This month will kick off our revised Newsletter schedule—we will now publish an Alumni Newsletter monthly! Don't miss any of the great things happening at EGSC, and please contact us below with any of your news!

Share Your Alumni News!



Welcoming our Spring 2021 graduating class!

East Georgia State College recently held a virtual graduation ceremony for the Spring 2021 class. We welcome 142 brand new graduates! We are so proud of them all! Since 1973 when EGSC was first founded and known as Emanuel County Junior College, 47,114 people have attended our wonderful school. You can find our graduates in small towns, big cities, and doing great work wherever they are. We wish this newest class happiness and success in whatever they do! Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Watch the Video

EGSC to resume pre-COVID-19 operations



The college will resume normal operations beginning Fall semester. Over the Summer college staff will work to move furniture, computers, and other equipment back to their original position before social distancing measures were put into place. The Fulford Center will remove social distancing spacing beginning June 1, 2021. Anyone who has been vaccinated is not required to wear a face mask. If you have not been vaccinated, face masks are encouraged.

Brantley awarded Rachel Jane Frederick

Ready to read our Alumni Newsletter on your mobile device without having to download a PDF or visit our website? Sign up for our Alumni Mailing List today and get all the latest news and updates in a new, easy to read and visually stunning email!

Sign up for our new eNewsletter here!

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/zDYYqES/alumni>

We can't wait until October when our most interesting and accomplished alumni can be nominated for our new Alumni Awards!

Alumni Bobcat Cards available!

Anyone who attended East Georgia State College, East Georgia College, or Emanuel County Junior College is eligible for a free EGSC Alumni Bobcat Card. This card is good for discounts at area businesses. If you would like to receive your card, please email Karen Guthrie at kguthrie@ega.edu. Send her your request, and a headshot picture of yourself to go onto the card, as well as a complete address you would like the card to be mailed to. The card will look like a student ID card, but it will say alumni.

Participating area businesses are listed below.

Swainsboro Locations

1. Southern Traditions Floral and Gifts - 20% off in store purchase
2. CPR Fitness and Tan Club - \$5 off Tanning, \$5 off a month for membership
3. Lane Storage - 10% off monthly charge for storage unit
4. Swainsboro Ford - \$500 off any car purchase and 10% off an oil change
5. Medical Center Pharmacy - 10% off, excluding medication
6. Wendy's - 10% off
7. Ashley and Company Salon - Free eyebrow wax with color service and \$10 men's haircuts
8. Berni's - 10% off lunch entrees
9. Merle Norman Cosmetics - Buy 2 or more products, get 10% off on Tuesday
10. Sonic - 10% off
11. Dairy Queen - 10% off, excluding \$6 meals and any specials
12. Plaza Pharmacy - 10% off, excluding medication
13. Huddle House - 10% off
14. Shop Rite Pharmacy - 10% off, excluding medication
15. Exhale Salon - 20% off haircutting services, 10% off spa services, and 15% off chemical services (Stylist Becky only for chemical services).
16. Taco Bell - Free cinnamon twist with any order.
17. Zaxby's - 10% off order on Mondays (No more than two discounts at a time given in drive thru. Groups larger than two must come inside to receive the discount)

Statesboro Locations

1. Superglass Windshield Repair - \$10 off windshield repair. Call 912-764-2294
2. Pins and Needles Alterations - Half price pants hemmed on Wednesday