International Education

Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) is committed to providing cross-cultural education and includes diversity of many kinds. International experience is also an equally important part of developing students’ understanding of social, educational, and cultural structures of other countries. Under an educational agreement signed with SEMCOM, Vidyananagrt, India, The School of Computer and Information Sciences and the School of Business Administration hosted the first group of students from SEMCOM, India from May 16-31, 2003. Sixteen students and two faculty members came for a period of three (3) weeks and underwent a series of educational and cultural experiences. Several industrial and educational visits were organized including Textron, Miller Brewing, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, AFLAC, and Columbus State University. Lodging for the students was provided by local host families.

SPRING 2003 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

Bachelor of Science Degree:
Jason Faber
Randall Duane Flick
Mashari Keunda Harris
Charles Dennis Ledford
Joshua Neal Linker
Lori Nicole McGlamory
Nicholous Garrett Owens
Octavia Alvita Rittenberry
Kathryn Ann Scott
Shannon Joe Whiting

Master of Science Degree:
Joao Paulo Cabral Clementi
Chellu Pradeep
Maria Gabriela Garces
Saji P. Honey
Tejas Mehta
Visalakshi G. Sarma

The School of Computer & Information Sciences was proud to present awards to the following graduates at the graduation breakfast, May 9, 2003.
Outstanding Graduates:
Joao Paulo Cabral Clementi
Octavia Alvita Rittenberry

Outstanding Service to the School of Computer & Information Sciences:
Chellu Pradeep
Georgia Southwestern State University rededicated Crawford Wheatley Hall in a special ceremony on Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, on the front lawn of the 90-year-old building. The event marked the completion of a $3.2 million rehabilitation of the historic structure, now home to the School of Computer and Information Sciences. Tours of the building were given and special guests included State Senator George Hooks, State Rep. Jimmy Skipper and Linda M. Daniels, University System of Georgia, Vice Chancellor for Facilities.

To make a tax deductible contribution to the School of Computer & Information Sciences and an “Investment in the Future”, go to the Alumni section of our newsletter on the web: http://www.gsw.edu/~cais/
Amitabh Singh earned a Master of Science degree in Computer Science in the Fall of 1999. Amitabh is currently employed at Albany State University as an Instructor. Amitabh teaches computer courses such as Introduction to Computers, Introduction to Technology, Computer Networks, Computer Graphics, Computer Science I, Computer Science II, and Introduction to Computer Engineering. In addition to teaching, his other responsibilities include advising students, serving on various committees, and community service. He has been employed with Albany State for 2 years.

Elizabeth Penzien Faust earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in the Spring of 2001. Elizabeth is currently employed at Sumter Regional Hospital in Americus as a Charge Description Master (CDM) Coordinator / Analyst. Elizabeth’s responsibilities include interpreting and implementing the Federal (Medicare/Medicaid) charging rules and regulations throughout the hospital. She has been employed with Sumter Regional Hospital for 2 ½ years.

Robert Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in the Fall of 2002. Robert is currently employed at Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation in Atlanta, GA. Robert’s responsibilities include training internal employees as well as customers on usage of internal systems for processing of mortgages. Other responsibilities include maintaining system documentation, periodic web site updates, and assisting in various special projects including systems analysis and some coding. Robert is also enrolled part-time in the graduate information technology program at Southern Polytechnic State University.

Bill Jackson graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Computer Science in the Spring of 1991. He is currently the President of Jackson Consulting, Tifton, GA, specializing in computer networks. Bill currently sits on the following boards and committees: Georgia Southwestern Department of Computer Science – Advisory Board; Tiftarea Technical School, Department of Computer Science – Advisory Board; City of Tifton, Fiber Optic Network – Advisory Board; Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence – Board of Directors. In addition, Bill is also a member of the Tifton Rotary Club and the Tifton / Tift County Chamber of Commerce. Bill is married to Donna Jackson and they have twin boys, Conner and Carter.

GSW-i-TECH has been thriving since it began operation in Fall 2000. The Center has developed more than 15 applications this year such as a GSW Faculty Evaluation System, Musician Friendly Web Site, and a Money Management System for Sumter Bank & Trust. GSW-i-TECH is currently working with members of the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance (GAHPERD) on re-designing and enhancing its web page. GAHPERD is a nonprofit organization for professionals and students in related fields of health, physical education, recreation and dance. GAHPERD is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Georgians by supporting and promoting effective educational practices, quality curriculum, instruction and assessment in the described areas. To see our work, check out the new website listed below that will go live in mid December.

www.gahperd.org

For more information on GSW-i-TECH, if you need work done, or would like to apply to work on a project, contact Monique Daniels at mdaniels@canes.gsw.edu.
Spring 2003 Award Recipients

Chellu Pradeep graduated with a Master of Science degree in Computer Science. Chellu received an award for Outstanding Service to the School of Computer & Information Sciences during the graduation breakfast on May 9, 2003. Chellu did a great job while working for the School. He is currently working as a part-time instructor at Savannah State University.

Octavia Rittenberry graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems. Octavia received an award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student during the graduation breakfast on May 9, 2003. Octavia received this award because of her exceptional grades.

Joao Paulo Cabral Clementi graduated with a Master of Science degree in Computer Science. Joao received an award for Outstanding Graduate Student during the graduation breakfast on May 9, 2003. Joao received this award because of his exceptional grades. He is currently working as a software developer for the NCR Project at Georgia Southwestern State University.

HOMECOMING 2004

Mark Your Calendars because Homecoming will be February 20 & 21, 2004!
The Schedule of Events are as follows:

Friday, February 20, 2004
- Registration
- (Baseball) GSW vs. North Georgia
- President's Donor Recognition Reception
- Pep Rally

Saturday, February 21, 2004
- Registration
- Alumni Board Meeting
- Silent Auction
- Homecoming Luncheon
- (Baseball) GSW vs. North Georgia
- Tailgate Party & Basketball games

We hope you’ll make plans to attend Homecoming 2004 to visit old friends, make new ones, and find out the latest news from your alma mater! Watch for your registration form in the mail! Call (229) 931-2028 for more information.

Alumni Survey

In an effort to better understand how our programs prepare our graduates for entering the work force, we are asking that all of our alumni fill out the enclosed Alumni Survey. This information will allow us to assess our programs and make changes if needed to our current standards, policies, and procedures. We would greatly appreciate your input and comments.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED SURVEY AND RETURN IT TO:
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