U.S. Centcom Commander gives words of wisdom to graduates

President David H. Petraeus, Commander of the U.S. Central Command, reminded the graduating students from Georgia Gwinnett College in May that, as students at the college, they walked on untrodden ground and future generations of graduates will stand on their shoulders as they write history.

“In the military we celebrate the legacies, the traditions and the histories of our units … We follow in the footsteps of those who came before us and build on the history that they helped us write,” Petraeus told the graduates.

“For Georgia Gwinnett College, history lies ahead, not behind. Indeed, for those of you graduating today, yours are the shoulders on which future generations of GGC graduates will stand. “As those of you graduating today move on from Georgia Gwinnett College, you have the opportunity to help define its character, its culture, its hallmarks. And as you go about doing that, I would urge you to keep in mind the wisdom in Teddy Roosevelt’s assertion that ‘far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.’”

The commencement ceremony was the college’s third since it opened in 2006, and the largest class in the institution’s history. The graduates received degrees in business administration, psychology and biology.

“What a great experience,” graduate Brian Rainey of Gainesville said. “Having General Petraeus here at our graduation ceremony is such an honor and privilege – one that will not soon be forgotten. It is my experience that anything can happen...”

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Georgia Gwinnett achieves accreditation

Achieving accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is a daunting task for any institution of higher learning – reams of paperwork and visits from the Commission where every program is scrutinized. So when Georgia’s newest four-year public institution received notification on June 25 from SACS that it was granted its initial accreditation in record time, jubilation spread across the campus like wildfire.

The decision, which came only a year after the college was granted candidacy toward accreditation, affirms Georgia Gwinnett’s continuing commitment to academic excellence, public accountability and its capacity to provide effective programs and services based on accreditation standards established by SACS. Continued on page 2

And the college mascot’s name is...
College now offers Joint Enrollment

High school students may now take college courses at Georgia Gwinnett College while earning their high school diploma – through the college’s new Joint Enrollment program. “As a high school student, you can get an early start on college,” GGC President Daniel J. Kaufman says. “It’s a way to experience college life while you’re still in high school.” Joint Enrollment allows students to take University System of Georgia General Education Curriculum courses such as mathematics, English, history and biology. Students may qualify for the Joint Enrollment program with:

• a minimum 480 verbal and 460 math score on the SAT-I;
• a combined SAT score of 970; or
• a minimum of 21 English and 19 mathematics grades, so that they can graduate and continue to be the productive citizens they are today.

“Cost should never be a factor when it comes to getting an education,” he maintained. “Money should never keep a student from getting a degree.”

Students continue to be eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship to assist them in paying for college tuition and fees, but these additional grants and loans will aid them in paying for living expenses in addition to tuition. The U.S. Department of Education’s federal student aid programs are the largest source of student aid programs are the largest source of aid in the United States. The programs provide more than $80 billion to students each year in grants, loans and work-study assistance.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form used by all two- and four-year colleges, universities and career schools. The federal financial aid potentially could assist every student at GGC, even those who qualify for the HOPE Scholarship.

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GGC students qualify for federal financial aid

Just months after Georgia Gwinnett College was granted candidacy status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, President Daniel J. Kaufman announced that its students qualified to receive federal financial aid, including the Pell Grant and the Stafford Loan, among others.

“This is making a huge difference to many students and their families,” Dr. Kaufman said. “In this economy, many of our students are struggling financially – working, going to school and caring for families – and these grants and loans enable them to concentrate on the tasks at hand, their studies and their work. This is making a huge difference to many students and their families.”

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For more information on Joint Enrollment contact Donald Singer in the Office of Joint Enrollment at 678.407.5220 or jointenrollment@ggc.edu.
The passing of my friend

The first time I met Wayne Shackelford he had just been appointed commissioner of Transportation and I was in private business in the early 90s. I visited him in his office near the state capitol to discuss something or other that needed his signature; but I had to get past whether or not he supported the issues I was bringing to him. He listened intently to my proposition and was silent for a few moments. His response—“You’ve got most of it right Harrison; but you got one thing wrong.” I tensed for whatever bombshell was to follow. “You spelled my name wrong.”

We were instant friends. I remember so many instances over the years when our paths crossed and countless times I was able to experience the great man’s personality and heart. I remember a meeting at GGC early on with some state leaders who came out to campus, as Dan Kaufman often says, ‘to kick the tires.’ We fed them chicken and peach pie and as the presentations were coming to a close, Wayne stood up and looked at these state leaders, many with whom he had worked for years, pointed his finger in their direction and said in his familiar booming voice, “Don’t mess this up … don’t mess this up,” and he sat down.

The room was as quiet as new fallen snow. I saw nods from everyone in the room, including our guests. They got the message.

Not once in the years I knew Wayne, did he ever waiver about doing the right thing. He and a lot of other people put their hearts and souls into the creation of this new college and he wanted to see it grow and thrive. Wayne and his colleagues were visionaries, and we are the result of their forethought. We see his vision and his work in our work every day of the year.

I had the fortune to know him; and in his later years work with him often as chair of our finance committee. I miss him and his resolve, intellect and common sense. Mostly I miss just having my friend, the commissioner, to lean on.

Generations from now, Georgia Gwinnett College will benefit from the legacy of Wayne Shackelford. To new and old students, faculty, staff and Trustees; when you look around on our campus and you see the impact of the college on the community, you are looking in part to the vision and work of this great Georgian. We were fortunate to have had him in our midst, and we will be enriched from his presence.

Editor’s Note: Wayne Shackelford died September 1, 2009 following a bout with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Gifts in memory of Wayne Shackelford may be made to the GGC Foundation at www.ggc.foundation.org.

at Georgia Gwinnett and I think we proved it today by getting one of the most influential men in the world onto our campus.”

During his address to the graduates and some 1,500 relatives, friends and special guests, Gen. Petraeus encouraged them to serve their communities in the commercial sector, local political arenas, on the health care front or in the educational arena.

“In fact, I would submit now, more than ever, our nation needs leaders and ‘world changers’ in its civilian ranks. The many pressing challenges we face – from reviving the economy to overcoming poverty, from achieving renewable energy to improving American education – demand young leaders who will provide energy, commitment and example.

“Take the knowledge and experience you’ve acquired here at GGC back to your communities with an eye toward serving the greater good. Invest in those around you, wherever you work and whatever your career. In so doing, you will help this be the hallmark of GGC graduates – that they invest in work worth doing.”

Gen. Petraeus was invited to speak to the graduates earlier this year by his longtime friend GGC President Daniel J. Kaufman, a retired Army brigadier general. Gen. Petraeus and Dr. Kaufman taught together at West Point, and Gen. Petraeus frequently refers to Kaufman as his mentor.

No confetti was thrown and balloons did not drop from the ceiling when Nick Falkenhagen, 27, walked through the door of Georgia Gwinnett College in August to register for classes – but maybe it should have. Nick, a motorcycle police officer with the Gwinnett County Police Department, became the 3,000th student to enroll at the college this semester, nearly doubling the students on campus from last fall.

“We planned for 2,500 students this fall, hoping to grow to 3,000 by the end of the academic year,” President Daniel J. Kaufman said the week classes started. “We have far exceeded our expectations, so we are thrilled with the result.”

Dr. Kaufman credits the fact that the college was awarded accreditation in June by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the addition of new majors – including early childhood education, political science, English, history, mathematics, special education, exercise science and criminal justice/criminology – that recently have been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Nick expects he will major in one of the newly-added majors – specifically working toward a degree in either early childhood education or criminal justice.

“When I heard they were adding majors in early childhood education and criminal justice, I knew that it was the place for me,” Falkenhagen, who previously served in the U.S. Air Force, said. “I am among the thousands of students today who are going to school and working full-time, so the convenience of the college and its stellar reputation helped me make my decision.”

Falkenhagen, who is married to a school teacher and has a young daughter at home, hopes to graduate in 2013 so that he can either continue his law enforcement career or begin teaching.
GGC campus expanding to accommodate influx of students

With more than 200 acres, Georgia Gwinnett College has space to grow, and the dramatic surge in students has created a demand to add facilities at the same exponential pace. GGC’s new expansion will not only double the existing facility space, but transform the campus into a 24/7 living community.

Currently, two new buildings – the Library and Learning Center, and the Student Center – are taking shape, as are five student housing buildings that will allow more than 1,000 students to live on campus in 2010.

An Allied Health and Science building, two or more parking decks, a recreation center, a new academic building and housing accommodations for 1,500 additional students will be added to the campus by 2015.

Library set to open in 2010

Georgia Gwinnett College’s new 90,000 square-foot Library and Learning Center, which will be the cornerstone of the institution’s “quad,” is slated to open in 2010. The state-of-the-art facility, which has the capacity to hold more than 300,000 volumes, is centrally located on the campus and will house an atrium and grand staircase, providing an attractive setting and excellent facilities for meetings, receptions, readings, lectures and other gatherings.

“Our campus continues to grow,” stated GGC President Dr. Daniel J. Kaufman as ground was broken on the library site in November 2008, “and we are delighted that the construction of our library has finally begun. This library, which embodies the principles of learning and information, will be here for generations and influence the lives of tens of thousands of students. Our efforts signify a bold and innovative college that embraces enhanced study habits and futuristic learning methodology.

“Once again, we pay tribute to the forward-thinking leaders who envisioned this college and who have paved the way for our success. We are indebted to those individuals who helped fund the library, including Governor Sonny Perdue, members of the legislature in both the Senate and House and our members of the Gwinnett legislative delegation.”

The centerpiece of the new facility is the Heritage Room – a high-tech area for presentations of all types. Located on the third floor of the building, it commands a grand view from its balcony of the academic quadrangle and the college’s signature building which was designed by the renowned John Portman & Associates architectural firm. The room will accommodate approximately 300 people and will be the academic heart of Georgia Gwinnett College.

The Grand Reading Room will be a high-quality study area for members of the Georgia Gwinnett College community, connecting the modern library of today with the grand intellectual heritage that has been a part of learning centers throughout the centuries. This room, housing finely-crafted appointments and furnishings, overlooks the three-story atrium of the library.

One of the key elements of the $28.3 million library is the integration of space into the learning process. Students have a variety of collaborative learning areas to choose from including study rooms for team projects, and smart study rooms for projects that require digital audio and visual components. One new area will include a presentation rehearsal room to be used by students rehearsing presentations for courses.

The Research Commons area provides technology that students need to produce scholarship. These types of spaces are conducive with collaborative learning and offer computer stations, laptop computer outlets, shared study areas with tables and assistance with both research and technical questions. While collaborative study is becoming more important, the need for quiet zones is essential in libraries, so the new building will incorporate study alcoves and carrels to meet this need.

The library will have silver-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The LEED system encourages global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through implementation of universally-understood and adopted tools and performance criteria. A third-party certification program and the nationally-accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings; LEED promotes the whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in six key areas of human and environmental health.

“This new library will be a testament to the intellectual heritage we are building here at GGC,” Gene Ruffin, director of the college library said. “As the intellectual heart and soul of the campus, it endorses our students with a state-of-the-art center for collaborative study as well as an oasis for personal study, affording them both areas of great activity and quiet contemplation.”

The new structure also will have something no modern library can be without – a modern coffee shop.

Student housing to open in Fall 2010

When classes start next fall, more than 1,000 Georgia Gwinnett College students will be referring to the campus as “home,” as students from across the north-east Georgia region move into the institution’s first student housing facilities. Construction on both student housing and the new Student Center, which will include a bookstore and dining hall, is underway.

The first of five planned residence halls that will eventually house 2,500 students in apartment-like suites will be completed next summer, and a new structured parking deck that will allow for 985 vehicles also is part of GGC’s overall plans and should be completed in the near future.

“This is yet another significant milestone in the college’s short history,” Dr. Kaufman says. “The students who attend GGC now and our future students deserve to have affordable on-campus housing, and we are anticipating a positive reaction to the new student center.”

University System of Georgia Regent Richard Tucker said that the residence halls will contribute to the overall interest in the college and will be an important factor as...
And the Grizzly’s name is … General!

GGC students named the college’s mascot (drum roll, please) and his name is General, in honor of the institution’s first president, Daniel J. Kaufman, a retired Army brigadier general. The mascot, General, continues to be an important presence on campus and in the community. He’s been spotted at the Mall of Georgia, a Gwinnett Braves Baseball game and at the annual Rock ’N Rib Fest in downtown Lawrenceville.

GGC Alumni (l-r) Kristen Shaw, Annie Choi and Ashley Whidden reconnect during a reception hosted by the GGC Foundation. The December 3 event provided an opportunity for alumni to visit the campus and meet old friends.

GGC students gave cups, posters and recruiting brochures to patrons at the Gwinnett Braves game on GGC Day.

GGC held its second annual Convocation welcoming new students in September. Keynote speakers were GGC Alumna and recent Harvard graduate Andrea Ide and GGC Biology Professor Dr. Candace Timpte.

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Army Black Hawk helicopter lands at GGC for Military Appreciation Day

A U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, piloted by GGC math professor Terry “Tee” Barron, landed on the campus of Georgia Gwinnett College in front of the college’s signature building as part of Military Appreciation Day which included military recruiters from the United States Marines, the Army National Guard and UGA ROTC. Georgia Adjutant General William “Terry” Nesbitt was the guest of honor. In addition to the Black Hawk, an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter, a Howitzer and an HMMWV were on campus for observation. More than 1,000 yellow ribbons were distributed to students and faculty at the college. GGC opened its ROTC program in August.

GGC students crowd into an Army Blackhawk helicopter for a group shot during Military Appreciation Day.

GGC Alumna Christiana DiPiett paints a wall at Creative Enterprises in Lawrenceville as part of an alumni service project for Gwinnett Great Days of Service.

Great Days of Service

General spent the day at the State Capitol in February, posing for pictures and greeting legislators, lobbyists and school children from across the state. Here, he poses with House Majority Caucus Chair Donna Sheldon (R-Dacula) and Senate Rules Committee Chairman Don Balfour (R-Snellville).

Members of the University of Georgia ROTC rappelled off the GGC signature building during Military Appreciation Day in October 2008.

Georgia Gwinnett College
the University System meets the demands of the growing student population in Georgia. “This student housing will contribute to the achievement of GGC’s goal of providing a comprehensive educational experience for its students,” Tucker said.

These are not your mom and dad’s dorms either – with community showers and pay phones down the hall – this is 21st Century living at its finest. In fact, they are not dorms at all. Each of the residence suites will house anywhere from four to 12 students and include living areas, fully-equipped kitchenettes and one bathroom for every two students, Maurice Blount, director of facilities said.

Resident directors and advisors will live in designated quarters throughout the residential areas. The housing also will include seminar rooms where students can hold activities – fully-integrating residence life into academic life. To find out more about residence life at Georgia Gwinnett, visit the Web site: www.ggc.edu/reslife.

“The resident housing is a critical piece in our retention, progression and graduation goals,” said Dr. Stas Preczewski, vice president for academic and student affairs. “We want students to be educated here, make friends here and achieve the across-the-board college experience. We believe that the resident halls we’ve envisioned and designed will contribute greatly to what our students are looking for in the 21st Century.”

College administrators also are planning to implement additions to the initial 1,000 beds in subsequent years. Blount said that the college will add space for another 1,500 students and an additional parking deck following the completion of Phase I.

“Georgia Gwinnett College already has proven to be a boon to Gwinnett County,” Wayne Mason, chairman of the GGC Foundation’s real estate committee said. “Adding the housing to the property is going to bring more interest to GGC and to the area. The enthusiasm for the college is overwhelming in our community and as the college grows I believe the fervor surrounding the home of the Grizzlies will grow as well.”

Student Housing: continued from page 4

A 77,000 square-foot Student Center will open in conjunction with the new student housing next fall. The structure, which will house a new expanded Barnes & Noble bookstore and a dining hall, is LEED Silver Certified and will boast state-of-the-art audio and visual equipment. In addition to textbooks and books for pleasure, the bookstore will sell GGC novelty items including sweatshirts, coffee mugs, key chains, baseball caps and t-shirts.

The four-story unit will house the student affairs offices and be home to the college’s first dining hall, designed to seat 700-800 students at one time. The $24 million brick and metal facility will complement the new library.
GGC offers new majors and concentrations

Now that Georgia Gwinnett College has been awarded accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Georgia Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has approved several new majors and new concentrations.

Current Programs

Bachelor of Arts in English
- English Interdisciplinary Studies
- English Language and Literature
- English Writing and Rhetoric
- Teacher Certification

Bachelor of Arts in History
- American History
- History: Interdisciplinary Studies
- Western Civilization
- World History
- Teacher Certification

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
- Exercise Science Preventative
- Exercise Science Rehabilitative
- Sports & Exercise Management

Bachelor of Business Administration
- Accounting
- Finance
- General Business
- International Business
- Marketing

Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Biochemistry
- Cell Biology & Biotechnology
- General Biology
- Teacher Certification

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/ Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Science in Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Special Education

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Business IT
- IT Systems and Security
- Software Development

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics
- Pure Mathematics
- Teacher Certification

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- American Government
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Legal Studies
- Teacher Certification

Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Clinical/Personality Psychology
- Cognitive/Neuroscience Psychology
- Developmental/Educational Psychology
- Social/Applied Psychology

GGC graduates 31 students in mid-year commencement

In January 2009, 31 students dressed in cap and gown received their diplomas from Georgia’s newest four-year institution of higher learning. The graduates included some of the 118 students who attended Georgia Gwinnett when the college first opened its doors more than three years ago.

“As you enter the classroom today,” University System of Georgia Regent Ehrldge McMillan said during the keynote address to the students. “For many generations, Georgia Gwinnett College and this region will benefit from lessons learned during your matriculation at this fine institution.

“Your decision to come to Georgia Gwinnett says a great deal about each of you – and it’s all positive. It tells me that you possess a special quality – you are unafraid to explore, to be the pioneer. In short – you have what it takes to be effective leaders. It’s a quality that will serve you well as you move forward with your life, your work and your other endeavors.”

The graduates all received bachelor’s degrees with majors in either biology, business administration or psychology.

“In August 2006, I came to Georgia Gwinnett College and enrolled in the Sport Management program. I am now pursuing an associate’s degree in Sport Management and plan to continue my education at a four-year institution after graduation,” said Aschenbrenner.

Regent Ehrldge McMillan served as the keynote speaker at the college’s second commencement ceremony earlier this year.

“My mom has multiple sclerosis and I would like to learn more about the disease, and possibly search for a cure,” Kirkpatrick said. “GGC has helped me meet my goals to continue my education and has prepared me well for graduate school. The professors gave me a lot of great advice and have always been there for me.”

The small classes and personal attention she received helped her thrive. “The most fantastic thing about my time at GGC would have to be the fact that professors really care about you and want you to do well and to succeed in life,” she continued. “At GGC, you’re not just a number, everyone knows you by name. The time I spent here was wonderful.”

“The professors brought real-world experience and expectations into the classroom,” says Aschenbrenner. “They encouraged creative thinking and group work. They taught us what we are going to need to be successful in the workforce. The expectations placed on me by my professors enabled me to be a dedicated student and empowered me to complete whatever task is assigned to me and whatever challenges come my way.”

Aschenbrenner learned a new work ethic at the college and says the dedication required of her as a student will pay dividends as she attends graduate school and seeks a career in education. “I’ve become a better all-around individual,” she says. “My time at GGC was rewarding and educational.”

Student Government Association President Stephen Haney, who is pursuing a career in medicine, told his fellow graduates: “As you leave the halls of Georgia Gwinnett College, you are walking out into a big, beautiful world that will be better because you are a part of it. You also are walking out into a cold, cruel world that will be a little less cold and a little less cruel because you are a part of it. Everything you do, every decision you make will affect your life and the lives of those around you. “We are the future. Each of you in this room will make a difference … Every action you take from this moment forward will change you and those around you … Above all, focus on your purpose.”
Senior giving campaign continues at 100 percent

Georgia Gwinnett may have the most successful senior giving campaign in the nation – as 100 percent of its graduates have pledged or donated to the college’s Foundation. As the institution prepares for its fourth commencement ceremony, Foundation President Gordon Harrison is looking for the tradition to continue.

“Our graduating seniors recognize how important their financial contributions are to the Foundation as the college grows,” Dr. Harrison said. “Their gifts, whatever the size, are significant to GGC and the students who will follow them. The Foundation raises private money to fund those things the state cannot pay for such as scholarships and privately-funded buildings such as student housing and our new student center.”

For the past three commencement ceremonies at GGC, every graduating senior has participated in the Senior Gift Campaign. Their dedication and generous spirit – particularly in these lean economic times – left an impression on world leader Gen. David Petraeus, who emphasized the significance of the 100 percent giving rate during his May 2009 Commencement speech.

Chad Miller, a recent marketing graduate from Dublin, Ga., says he is not at all surprised that every graduate in his class gave back. “The Senior Gift is a representation of the graduates who truly believe in their alma mater, its goals and its accomplishments,” he said. “This gift shows the outside world that the school must be doing a good thing. Every graduating student has given their vote of confidence.”

Sen. Isakson to speak at winter commencement ceremony

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA) will speak at Georgia Gwinnett College’s winter commencement ceremony on December 19. Sen. Isakson has been involved in Georgia politics for 35 years – serving 17 years as a member of the Georgia General Assembly in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. While in the House, he served as House Minority Leader prior to running for Governor in 1990. Sen. Isakson was defeated by Gov. Zell Miller, but was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1992. Gov. Miller appointed Sen. Isakson to chair the State Board of Education in 1996 and he served at the helm for three years prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1999 after Speaker Newt Gingrich resigned his seat.

In 2004, Sen. Isakson ran for the U.S. Senate, and was elected after then-Sen. Miller, who had been named to the seat following U.S. Sen. Paul Coverdell’s untimely death in 2000, retired.

Sen. Isakson serves on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions as well as the Committees on: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Foreign Relations; Veterans’ Affairs; Small Business and Entrepreneurship and Ethics.

GGC Foundation debuts online giving

Now gifts can be made online to the GGC Foundation, saving time and ensuring gifts are put to use immediately to help meet students’ needs. Anyone can make a one-time gift, or schedule recurring gifts throughout the years. Visit www.ggcfoundation.org to put a gift to work today.

Faculty/Staff Campaign

More than 80 percent contribute to the GGC Foundation

The faculty and staff at Georgia Gwinnett College have exceeded expectations since day one, and their achievements in the past year have been truly remarkable. While their commitment to both the students and the college is apparent, their participation in this year’s Faculty/Staff Campaign demonstrated an unprecedented level of support.

When this year’s campaign concluded on March 31, 2009, 82 percent had contributed.

The School of Liberal Arts decided to continue their commitment to GGC students even after the campaign ended. In an effort led by Dean Lois Richardson, the Liberal Arts team generously transferred $1,000 to the GGC Scholarship Fund.

In late April, GGC faculty and staff gathered at a special cookout to celebrate the campaign’s success. To show their appreciation, GGC’s President Daniel J. Kaufman and Vice President for Advancement Gordon Harrison grilled the hot dogs and burgers themselves.

“We are very grateful to all our supporters for their generosity, their trust, and most importantly, their commitment to our mission here at GGC,” says Dr. Harrison. The 2010 Faculty/Staff Campaign will kick off on January 12.
Mary Galloway (left) and Connie Ellis make final preparations before the start of the commencement ceremony.

General Petraeus holds a press conference on the GGC campus, answering questions from local and national media about his role as U.S. Central Command Commander.

President and CEO of Gwinnett Medical Center and GGC Foundation Trustee Phil Wolfe greets Gen. Petraeus prior to the commencement ceremony.

President Kaufman and Gen. Petraeus greet GGC Foundation Trustee John D. Stephens following the ceremony. Standing by is GGC Foundation Trustee Judy Waters (l).

GGC graduate Blake Woodbury celebrates commencement with a kiss.

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