

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs

Office of Academic Advisement

The Office of Academic Advisement is continuing to grow in offering a series of Academic Advising Seminars to students. The Offices of Academic Advisement and Career Services will hold the 2nd Academic Majors and Minors College Fair on Thursday, September 20, 2012. Students are continuing to pre-register for the summer/fall2012 academic term.

Department of Academic Enhancement & Tutoring Services

In February, 2012, a new department, the Department of Academic Enhancement & Tutoring Services, was formed bringing tutoring services and academic support services through the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) under one director. Janet Moore, formerly the Coordinator of Academic Support for Student-Athletes, has been named the director of this new department. Carrie Drake, an adjunct professor in the geography department as well as Acting Coordinator of Tutoring Services, has accepted the full time position as Coordinator of Tutoring Services. The Academic Center for Excellence continues to provide free peer tutoring for core courses, as well as, academic support for student-athletes. In January and February of this year alone, 38 tutors have already provided over 6,000 hours of direct tutoring. Because college students continue to come to college with larger gaps in academic readiness, the demand for tutoring continues to increase; however, budget constraints are limiting the courses we can tutor. Several faculty members have expressed a growing concern with limiting tutorial services, and Mrs. Moore is working with Dr. Joe Delap to address these concerns.

In January, 2012 the first of three tutor training sessions for tutors was conducted which included the administration of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator provided through Career Services. Mrs. Moore met with all tutors to review the results of the MBTI and discussed the application of this assessment to learning and teaching styles. In February, 2012 tutors attended a training session in which all tutors took a learning styles inventory and those results were used in the session that gave tutors specific strategies for tutoring students with specific learning styles. In March, the tutors held Tutor Trivia Mexican Fiesta Night that included a review of ACE policies and procedures and a fun night of competition. ACE tutors and staff would like to thank Richard Watkins, adjunct faculty in

the Biology department, for being a valued member of the 2nd place team. Mr. Watkins has also been volunteering over 5 hours/week tutoring Anatomy and Physiology at ACE in addition to his teaching load. Currently, all tutors are undergoing an extensive evaluation process that including a direct observation by Mrs. Moore or Mrs. Drake, a self-evaluation of effective tutoring behaviors and practices, and an exit interview which includes the results of tutee evaluations of tutors.

The new department hopes to expand the academic support services provided through the Academic Center for Excellence by providing academic workshops on topics such as How to Manage an Online Class, Effective Reading Comprehension Strategies, and Study Smarter, Not Harder in addition to tutoring and structured study hall. Several professors and other university staff members have agreed to provide workshops in collaboration with the Department of Academic Enhancement beginning Fall 2012.

Department of Military Science

Commissioned 4 quality officers in the first Quarter of Fiscal Year of 2012, and will commission 5 in May 2012, and 2 in August 2012.

JSU ROTC participated in the Hero's Welcome Home Parade on 18 JAN 2012 for Marine SGT Ben Tomlinson by providing a color guard that led the parade down the town square.

JSU ROTC participated in the Jacksonville Black History Month Celebration by providing a color guard and the Master of Ceremonies, MSG Lonnie Corley.

Seven ROTC Cadre members received training and certification as Combat Lifesavers on 8 February 2012.

JSU ROTC conducted its Annual Military Ball on 10 February 2012 at the Classic on Noble, in which over 100 guests, to include 2 returning heroes: LTC Richard White and LTC Gregory Pass, participated in the evenings activities.

JSU ROTC Cadets assisted the 20th Special Forces Group with a training exercise geared towards preparing the 20th SF for a real-world contingency operation.

JSU ROTC has opened communication channels with Talladega College, negotiated for class room space and time, and has entered into an agreement with the college to teach Military Science Classes (100 and 200 level) beginning in the Fall 2012. This process has generated 14 solid leads. We continue to send an ROTC representative every Wednesday to Talladega College to maintain our relationship.

JSU ROTC Cadets and Cadre participated in the JSU Preview Day on February 4th, speaking to several interested high school students and generated 13 leads from this event.

JSU ROTC Department continues to teach JSU 160 students through First Aid, Basic Rifle Marksmanship, and Survival.

JSU ROTC participated in numerous High School visits in Jacksonville, Oxford, Pleasant Valley, Columbia, Alexander, Douglas County, and Jacksonville Christian Academy. These visits resulted in over 600 contacts and over 100 leads.

JSU ROTC will be recognizing the achievements of many outstanding cadets during the Spring Awards Ceremony, currently scheduled for 12 April 2012.

JSU ROTC Cadre are finalizing the plans for the 2nd Annual Gamecock Challenge to be held on 12 MAY 2012. There are 5 High Schools that will be participating in this competition. The JROTC cadets will compete in five events that are designed to challenge them physically, militarily and intellectually. Awards will be presented to individuals and teams, and all participants will be exposed to the JSU campus and facilities.

JSU Gadsden

The **FUSION!** program continues into the Spring semester 2012. We are pleased with the number of participating students and now we look forward to these students becoming fulltime JSU students in the future. The goal of the partnership is to make matriculation from GSCC to JSU as seamless and smooth as possible thereby potentially increasing the number of transfer students from Gadsden State. The partnership seeks to identify GSCC students early in their college experience who are likely to transfer to Jacksonville State. Students who complete the **FUSION!** application are offered the opportunity to obtain a JSU Student ID Card allowing them use of the Houston Cole Library, access to athletic events, and other privileges. They are also afforded the opportunity for enhanced academic advisement.

In an effort to expand program offerings in Gadsden, JSU-Gadsden Director Ralph Burke and Technology and Engineering Department Head Terry Marbut, recently met with Gadsden State Technology Division Dean Tim Greene. The topic of discussion was developing a partnership to offer at least two baccalaureate degrees in Gadsden from the Department of Engineering and Technology.

Long-time JSU-Gadsden Assistant to the Director Trula Addison, retired from service on April 1, 2012. Ms. Addison served Jacksonville State for 40 years. She began her employment April 1, 1972. We offer our congratulations and best wishes as she prepares for this new phase in life.

Office of the Registrar

The current counts for Spring 2012 Commencement are as follows:

772 Applications

196 Graduate

576 Undergraduate

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Art

The 2012 Juried Student Exhibition was recently held in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. Led by Dr. Cynthia Connor, Assistant Professor of Special Education, the Transition U. group, including JSU Education students and high school students, visited the student exhibition.

Ms. Jauneth Skinner, Professor and Head of the Art Department, is the new Director of the MFA in Visual Communication and Design program and graduate student advisor. The MFA Committee is currently recruiting and reviewing MFA candidates' portfolios for the next academic year.

The Department of Art is pleased to announce the opening of a new student exhibition space in Hammond Hall, called Gallery 112A. The new space is dedicated to student exhibitions, installations, and experimental work. It opened with an exhibition titled *Silence is Loud*.

Mr. Ron Baker, Instructor, had a mixed media pastel painting titled *The Swooning Medici*, published in *Images from the 2011 53rd Annual Gadsden Art Association Juried Show* eighteen-month calendar for 2012. His painting was also featured on the front cover of the 2012 Gadsden Museum of Arts exhibition flyer and prospectus. Mr. Baker's work is featured in an exhibition at the Wichita Contemporary Art Gallery in Wichita, KS.

Mr. Doug Clark, Associate Professor of Photography, moderated the panel *Classroom Project Design in a Digital Environment* at the Society for Photographic Education South Central Regional Conference at the University of Texas in San Antonio. Mr. Clark exhibited work at the *Alabama's Finest* exhibition at the Gadsden Museum of Art in Gadsden, AL. Mr. Clark and Sarah Cusimano Miles had a two-person exhibition *In Stasis* at the Arnold Gallery on the Shorter University campus in Rome, GA. Mr. Clark and Sarah Cusimano Miles took a group of 40 students to The Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga, TN to see the exhibition *Dorthea Lange's America*.

Dr. Jinsook Kim, Associate Professor of Graphic Design, completed a research paper

presentation for "The 6th International Conference on Design Principles and Practices", University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), CA. Her presentation was titled: "What analytical or logical attributes cause a shift in the meaning of perceived motion on the screen? Separating Motion Good-continuation and Motion Closure." Dr. Kim submitted a proposal for Poster Sessions for "The 8th annual National UCDA Design Education Summit", Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, co-authored with Ms. Jauneth Skinner. The poster presentation is titled: "University–Community Partnership, Creative Design and Technology: Developing Innovative Tourism Map for Civil Rights and Heritage Trail in Anniston, Alabama." Dr. Kim did a presentation for "the Lifetime of Learning Conference: Poverty, Natural Disasters, and Community-University Partnership", held at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. The paper was titled: "Community-University Live Design Project." Dr. Kim received a JSU Travel and Self-Improvement Grant for the research "What analytical or logical attributes cause a shift in the meaning of perceived motion on the screen? This paper was presented in UCLA. *Alabama Possible 2011* is the annual report of the Alabama Poverty Project: Higher Education Alliance on college access, student retention and service learning. A report titled: "JSU Graphic Design Students Partner with Community Groups to Produce an Anti-Tobacco Campaign" was included in this publication. Dr. Kim's Graphic Design Workshop class did this project. Dr. Kim was selected as one of the Associate Editors for "Design Principles and Practices: An International Journal" for the March 2012 issue. Dr. Kim designed postcard for the *33rd Annual Mini-works Exhibition* for the Hammond Hall Gallery. She attended the 10th College Art Association (CAA) Conference, Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Kim had motion graphics work titled "Bach Harpsichord Concerto in F Minor" on exhibit in the Alabama's Finest Exhibition at the Gadsden Museum of Art, in Gadsden.

Mr. Bryce Lafferty, Assistant Professor of Painting, has been invited to guest curate "Elmer Quist", a posthumous retrospective of artwork by the regional artist Elmer Quist, at the Gunn Museum in Washington Depot, CT. He has located many of Quist's collectors and is in the process of cataloging his life's work. The exhibition is scheduled for December 2012. Mr. Lafferty had a solo exhibit of a series of three-dimensional watercolor paintings at Brookhaven College in Dallas, TX. The exhibition was titled *Bryce Lafferty*. Mr. Lafferty's artwork was included in two group exhibitions. An exhibition titled *Catherine Lan, Bryce Lafferty, and Derek Leka* was displayed at the Washing Art Association in Washington Depot, CT. Ms. Allison McElroy and Mr. Bryce Lafferty exhibited at the Walnut Gallery in Gadsden, AL. Their show was titled *Common Things*.

Mr. Lafferty will exhibit three paintings in *Southworks* a National Juried Competition at the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation in Watkinsville, GA. The exhibition was juried by Kristen Miller Zohn, Curator of collections and Exhibitions at The Columbus Museum. The exhibition opens this April.

Ms. Laverne Lombardi, Adjunct Instructor, and member of the Visual Arts Society accompanied a group of Visual Arts Society members and students on a bus trip to Atlanta to see the High Museum of Art's exhibition *Picasso to Warhol*. Lombardi began showing her fiber arts, fabric cards, and pine-needle baskets at the Noble Gallery located in Nunnally's Custom Framing in Anniston. Along with three other Art Department faculty, she attended the Southeast College Art Conference (SECAC) *Text and Texture* symposium that took place in Savannah, Georgia.

Ms. Allison McElroy, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, had a two-person exhibition with Mr. Bryce Lafferty at the Walnut Gallery in Gadsden, AL. Their show was titled *Common Things*.

Ms. Sarah Cusimano Miles, Adjunct Instructor, was one of 65 photographers to participate in PhotoNOLA's Portfolio Review program, which is a part of an annual festival of photography in New Orleans. Coordinated by the New Orleans Photo Alliance, each photographer had twenty-minute face-to-face meetings with gallery owners, editors, publishers and museum curators from throughout the U.S., providing photographers with networking opportunities, critical advice, and guidance. At the end of the weekend, reviewers rank their favorite portfolios, and Miles was awarded the 2nd place prize in the Portfolio Review category. Miles also presented her work in an Image Maker presentation at the Society for Photographic Education South Central Regional Conference in San Antonio, Texas, and she was a featured artist in the Los Angeles based on-line gallery, imageT90. She participated in the invitational exhibition, *Alabama's Finest* at the Gadsden Museum of Art, and exhibited her work in a two-person show with Doug Clark titled *In Stasis*, at Shorter University in Rome, Georgia. Miles and Clark gave an artist talk to students in conjunction with the show. Her work was cited in a paper by Dr. Stephanie Turner, *Locating, Relocating, and Dislocating Stuffed Animals: Photographic Remediation of Natural History Taxidermy*, which was presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Conference in Montreal. She continues to serve as Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the Walnut Gallery, a gallery dedicated to fine art and education in Gadsden.

Ms. Jauneth Skinner, Professor and Head of the Art Department, had work in the national *Prints USA 2011* exhibition at the Springfield Art Museum, in Springfield, MO. The exhibition took five of her prints, and was juried by the curator of prints from the St. Louis Museum of Art. Skinner had a solo exhibit *Somebody's Daydream*, at the Heritage Hall Museum in Talladega, AL. She participated in the invitational exhibition, *Alabama's Finest* at the Gadsden Museum of Art. Ms. Skinner was selected to be in *Who's Who in America, 2013*. Skinner attended a bookmaking workshop with Timothy C. Ely at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where she learned a new multiple signature journal form with interior decoration. Her work is currently on exhibit at the Noble Gallery

located in Nunnally's Custom Framing in Anniston, AL. Ms. Skinner attended the National Association of Schools of Art and Design conference in Seattle, the National Council of Arts Administrators Conference in Savannah, and the College Art Association conference in Los Angeles. She recently participated in a workshop held by the Society of American Graphic Artists at the Southern Graphics Print Council International Conference in New Orleans.

Department of Biology

Dr. LaJoyce H. Debro is the recipient of the 2012 William A. Hinton Award for Research Mentoring to be awarded by the American Society for Microbiology at the National Meeting in San Francisco, CA, on June 17, 2012. Details of the award are printed in Microbe Magazine (Volume 7, No.2).

Dr. James Rayburn presented Louisiana Sweet Crude oil and dispersant (with delivery system) interaction effects on embryos of *Palaemonetes pugio*. Southeastern region of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 16-17 March 2012, in Pensacola, FL.

Mr. Shawn Sparks and Dr. Roger Sauterer presented Optimizing 2 – Dimensional Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis. Southeastern Region of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 16-17 March 2012, in Pensacola, FL.

The following are student presentations from the JSU Arts and Sciences Student Research Symposium hosted February 15-16, 2012. Faculty mentors are listed at the end.

Nathan Gowens - Discovering Barking Spider within the Depths of Cherokee County –
Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Clay McCoy - Isolation and Purification of Mycobacteriophage Jennebrodock - Drs.
C. Murdock & L. Debro

Kara McConnon - Finding Mycobacteriophage Lacus Stella - Drs. C. Murdock & L.
Debro

Toinette Lenori - Finding Jacket Pride - Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Donicia Lenori - Seeking Hillabee - Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Holly Allen - Benthic Invertebrate Assemblages of Choccolocco Creek, Alabama – Dr.
L. Tolley-Jordan

Charles Highfield - Phage Genomics Research – Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Brett Johnson - Tackling TB - Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Andrew Seth Griffin - Abstract: Analysis of Mycobacteriophage Morbus - Drs. C.
Murdock & L. Debro

Robert Tyler Harvell - Uncovering CrymsonTyde - Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Brianna Salverda - Comparison of Direct Plating and Enrichment Methods for Recovery
of Viruses - Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Kristen Carlisle - Induction and Characterization of *Aeromonas hydrophila*
Bacteriophage – Dr. L. Debro

Stephanie Cook - Analyzing Mycobacteriophage SCook24 – Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Madison Beckman - The Viral Life – Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Logan Smith - Discovering Mycobacteriophage La7X – Drs. C. Murdock & L. Debro

Shawn Sparks - Factors for optimizing 2-Dimensional Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis – Dr. R. Sauterer

Department of Criminal Justice

The Department successfully held its annual career fair in conjunction with the Office of Career Services on March 7th.

Dr. Ronald Mellen made presentations before both the Calhoun County and Etowah County Substance Abuse Programs.

Dr. Richard Kania co-authored the article “Translating ‘Crime’ and ‘Criminal’ in Collocations. The article was published in Translation Studies: Retrospective and Prospective Studies.

Dr. Kania presented two training modules for the Calhoun County Sheriff’s office reserve training program: “The Sources of the Criminal Code of Alabama,” on January, 16th and “Basics of Alabama Criminal Law,” on February 6th.

Department of Emergency Management

The Doctor of Science Emergency Management program applications for the 2012-2013 class are currently being accepted.

During the course of the prior reporting timeframe, the Department completed 1 contract totaling \$329,485. Southeast Regional Research Initiative, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Community and Regional Resilience Initiative (CARRI) Project. In an extension to the original CARRI contract, JSU was awarded additional funds to continue to study community resilience in Alabama and support nationwide program development efforts. Dr. Jane Kushma is the principal investigator.

Department of English

Ms. Jennifer Foster, in conjunction with the Computer Science department, and twenty English faculty members are collaboratively building an electronic anthology of early American literature. Inspired by the GLO Bible and the influx of e-books and iBooks, this newly named E-thology will include a variety of components to enhance student engagement with and comprehension of American literature: 1. primary works from at least 30 American authors up to the Civil War period, 2. biographical information on those authors, 3. multi-media components, such as images, audio and video that correlate to authors and texts, 4. explication, commentary and annotations on primary

texts composed by JSU's English faculty. The E-thology will be available for student use by Fall 2012 and will expand with continued faculty and student contributions.

Ms. Gena Christopher, Ms. Jennifer Foster and Mr. Rodney Bailey presented the E-thology project at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Winter Meeting.

Dr. Steve Whitton is coordinating the Imagining the Holocaust writing competition for middle and high school students. The winning entries will be read at the 30th annual JSU Holocaust Remembrance on April 19 at 7:30 Stone Center. Holocaust survivor Max Herzog of Birmingham is featured speaker. Also, Southern Playwrights Competition for 2012 ended January 15. Winning play will be chosen by April 15 for production In Drama Department's 2012-13 Season.

Dr. Andrea Porter has been chosen as a Gamecock Orientation Advisor for 2012 and won the Faculty Advisor of the Year 2011 Award at the Greek Awards held March 11, 2012.

Department of Learning Skills

For spring 2012, Mr. Scott Beckett has partnered with Dr. Jan Case in MCIS to conduct a research project based on the National Repository for Online Courses (NROC). They are piloting sections of MS 100 and LS 098 using NROC online lectures outside of class, while completing "homework" in class. This "flipped" classroom technique is the latest in efforts by Learning Skills to improve the skills of students in its courses, and thus, in turn, increase the pass rates of our students in MS 100 intermediate algebra. Results from this pilot study will be shared at the NROC conference in March.

As part of his 2011-2012 faculty research grant, Mr. Scott Beckett is developing a workbook of practice sheets for basic algebra skills. This workbook will be completed for the fall 2012 semester and will be available for student purchase as the course textbook requirement.

Mr. John Brown is completing a new edition his basic writing skills textbook, *Write Away /V*. In an effort to improve basic writing skills, fluency practice, and student achievement, Mr. Brown has significantly edited, and added new material to his book. This edition should be available for the summer 2012 ExSEL program.

Department of Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences

Dr. Jan Case presented "An Integrated Media Approach to Developmental Mathematics Instruction" at the Mathematical Association of America meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. (January 2012)

Dr. Case presented a research paper at the National Repository of Online Courses meeting (NROC) in Monterey, California. (January 2012)

Dr. Case presented "Using the National Repository of Online Courses to Increase the Effectiveness of Developmental Mathematics Instruction" at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities meeting in San Antonio, Texas. (February 2012)

Mr. Mark DaParma presented a paper at the Course Technology Events meeting in San Antonio, Texas. (March 2012)

Mr. DaParma presented at the ACADEME meeting on Monday, March 19, 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library at Jacksonville State University.

February 16, Dr. David Dempsey had 6 students give presentations at the College of Arts and Sciences Student Symposium. These students' talks were about mathematical biographies assigned in MS 475, Senior Seminar in Mathematics. One student, Thomas Buzan, won a \$50 award for best presentation by an undergraduate in mathematics.

March 1, Dr. Dempsey was notified of his promotion to Full Professor, effective October 1, 2012.

March 3, Dr. Dempsey attended the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) at Athens State University

March 9–10, Dr. Dempsey attended the 91st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of the MAA at Clayton State University in Morrow, GA. Dr. Dempsey serves as an ex officio member of the Executive committee through his role as Alabama State Director.

Dr. Amy Franklin presented a paper at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) at Athens State University. (March 2012)

Dr. Thomas Leatherum attended the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) at Athens State University. (March 2012)

Dr. Leatherum attended the 24th Annual Meeting of the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics (ICTCM) in Orlando, Florida. (March 2012)

Dr. Linda Plotnick is first author on a paper Media Choices Over Time in Partially Distributed Teams, presented by her co-author, Dr. Starr Roxanne Hiltz (of the New Jersey Institute of Technology) at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) in January 2012. The third author is Dr. Rosalie J. Ocker of the

Pennsylvania State University. This paper was nominated for (but did not win) a best paper award.

Dr. Plotnick is also first author on a paper, For Whom the Siren Sounds: Public Perceptions of Outdoor Warning Sirens in Northeast Alabama, which has been accepted for inclusion in the proceedings of the ISCRAM conference in April 2012. Her co-authors are Dr. Starr Roxanne Hiltz (New Jersey Institute of Technology) and Matthew Burns (JSU). Dr. Plotnick will present the paper.

Dr. David Thornton, along with Dr. Aaron Garrett, gave a presentation on Game-inspired pedagogy, to ACADEME on Monday, March 19, 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library at Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Monica Trifas had the following publications:

1. Trifas, Monica and Straub, Jeremy "A comparison of techniques for superresolution evaluation", Proceedings of the Conference on Image Quality and System Performance IX, in the context of 24th Annual IS&T/SPIE Symposium on Electronic Imaging, Burlingame, California USA, January 22-26, 2012.
2. Trifas, Monica, and Straub, Jeremy "Super Resolution: A Database Driven Inference Approach", Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (SCI), 2012. (To appear).

Dr. Trifas gave the following presentations:

1. Trifas, Monica, Garrett, Aaron, Murdock, Chris, Triplett, J. and Kennedy, Sherry "The Impact of the MAA PREP 2011 Workshops "Mathematical Biology Beyond Calculus" and "Improving College Mathematics Teaching Through Faculty Development" on Bioinformatics Research and Teaching Activities at Jacksonville State University", Joint Math Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, January 4-7, 2012.
2. Aaronson, Larry, Treves, David and Trifas, Monica "Learning Evolution and Phylogeny Through Tree Building", ASM/JGI Bioinformatics Institute, Washington DC, March 7-10, 2012.
3. Mayo, Quentin, Trifas, Monica, Andrei, Stefan and Makki, Kami "Implementation and Variations of an Efficient Scheduling Algorithm for Non-Preemptive Independent Multiprocessor Tasks", College of Arts and Sciences Symposium, Jacksonville State University, February 15-16, 2012.
4. Trifas, Monica, Mayo, Quentin and Wiggins, Ashley "DNA Sequence Visualization and Feature Extraction", College of Arts and Sciences Symposium, Jacksonville State University, February 15-16, 2012.
5. Trifas, Monica and Brooks, Jonathan "Accessibility Products That Could Change Your Life", College of Arts and Sciences Symposium, Jacksonville State University, February 15-16, 2012.

Dr. Trifas attended the following Professional workshops:

Participated in the ASM/JGI Bioinformatics Institute, Washington DC, March 7-10, 2012.

Funded projects

Trifas, Monica: "SEE Math in Action", Alabama Alliance for Students with Disabilities in STEM (AASD-STEM) Minigrant, January 2012-April 2013, \$4,000.

David L. Walters Department of Music

During the reporting period of January, February and March 2012, the David L. Walters Department of Music, its students, faculty and guest performers participated in the following activities:

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

The Department continued to present regular concerts for the campus and for community citizens featuring guest artists, JSU students and activities sponsored by Department ensembles. The following programs were presented during this quarter:

The Marching Southerners led the Lord Mayor's New Year's Day parade In London, England on 1 January 2012. This was the initial event In the celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.	
Faculty Recital as part of Foothills Piano Festival Dr. Andrew Nevala, Piano, assisted by Dr. Thomas McCutchen, Percussion Mason Hall Performance Center	13 January 2012
Jazz Piano Master Class Dr. Andrew Nevala Mason Hall Performance Center	14 January 2012
Guest Artist Recital as part of Foothills Piano Festival Keith Kirchoff, Piano Mason Hall Performance Center	3 February 2012
Masterclass for pianists and composers Keith Kirchoff Mason Hall Performance Center	4 February 2012
Tuba Masterclass Dr. David Zurkel Mason Hall Performance Center	10 February 2012
Guest Artist Recital (Kaleidoscope event) Dr. David Zurkel, Tuba	10 February 2012

Mason Hall Performance Center

- Chamber Winds Concert 12 February 2012
Conducted by Kenneth Bodiford, Director
St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, Anniston
- The Department provided band instrumentalists for Drama
Production of "Rent". Assorted dates between 16-26 February 2012.
Mr. Jeremy Stovall, Conductor
Stone Center Theater
- Concert by Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band 21 February 2012
Conducted by Clint Gillespie and Jeremy Stovall, Directors
Mason Hall Performance Center
- Faculty Recital 26 February 2012
Dr. James Roberts, Trombone
Mason Hall Performance Center
- Trumpet Ensemble Concert 29 February 2012
Coached by David Bailey
Mason Hall Performance Center
- JSU Pep Band "Hardcore" appeared at Basketball playoffs in
Nashville 1-2 March 2012.
Mr. Jeremy Stovall, Director
- Featured Performance by JSU Percussion Ensemble and 3 March 2012
JSU Steel Band
Alabama Percussive Arts Society (PAS)
At UAB Birmingham
- Concert by JSU Flute Ensemble and The Pelham Brass 4 March 2012
Coached by Dr. Jeremy Benson and Dr. Doug Gordon
Jacksonville Historic Train Depot
- Sigma Alpha Iota Member-in-training Recital 6 March 2012
Mason Hall Performance Center
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Probationary Member Recital 8 March 2012
First Baptist Church, Jacksonville
- Masterclass for Flutes 8 March 2012
Dr. Jill Felber
Mason Hall Performance Center

Guest Artist Recital (Kaleidoscope event) Dr. Jill Felber, Flute and Diane Frazer, Piano Mason Hall Performance Center	8 March 2012
Concert by "Q" New Music Ensemble New compositions by JSU student and faculty Composers organized by Dr. James Woodward Mason Hall Performance Center	9 March 2012
Kappa Kappa Psi Membership Candidate Recital Mason Hall Performance Center	13 March 2012
Jazz Showcase Concert featuring Jazz I, Jazz II and numerous Combos. Also featuring the JSU Community Jazz Band Directed by Dr. Andrew Nevala Mason Hall Performance Center	15 March 2012
Sigma Alpha Iota Spring Musicale Mason Hall Performance Center	17 March 2012
Concert by Chamber Singers and A Cappella Choir Directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin First Presbyterian Church, Anniston	18 March 2012
Concert by Symphonic Band Directed by Mr. Jeremy Stovall Mason Hall Performance Center	21 March 2012
Steel Band Concert Directed by Dr. Thomas McCutchen and Featuring Trion (GA) High School Steel Band Mason Hall Performance Center	22 March 2012
Jacksonville Opera Theatre production of "Romeo and Julliette" by Charles Gounod Directed by Dr. Nathan Wight Wallace Hall, GSCC, Gadsden	23, 24 March 2012

The JSU Steel Band directed by Dr. Thomas McCutchen appeared at several public schools in the Atlanta area during 26-27 January 2012 as part of their educational outreach.

Student Performance Hour recitals were presented on the following dates:
27 January 2012

17 February 2012
16 March 2012

Scholarship Auditions were conducted on the following dates:

24 February 2012
25 February 2012
2 March 2012
3 March 2012

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Dr. Nathan Wight attended the annual conference of the National Opera Association in Memphis on 5-8 January 2012 to accept the second place award made to Jacksonville Opera Theater for last season's production of one act operas.

Faculty attending the Alabama Music Educators (AMEA) annual In-Service Convention in Montgomery 19-21 January 2012 included Dr. Renee Baptiste, Dr. Myrtice Collins, Mr. Clint Gillespie, Dr. Legare McIntosh, and Mr. Jeremy Stovall.

Dr. Jeremy Benson appeared at the Florida Flute Convention in Orlando on 26-29 January 2012 to perform a guest artist recital and to present a lecture for convention delegates.

Mr. Clint Gillespie conducted a percussion clinic and appeared as guest artist recitalist at Boise State University on 15-19 March 2012.

Dr. James Roberts served as adjudicator for the National Solo Trombone Competition at the Eastern Trombone Workshop sponsored by the US Army Band "Pershing's Own" at Fort Meyer, Virginia on 20-23 March 2012

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The following students presented solo degree recitals during the period:

Daniel Marshall, French Horn	11 March 2012
Corey Hyman, French Horn	11 March 2012
Tabitha Robinson, Clarinet	16 March 2012
Christen Bentley, Clarinet	17 March 2012
Patricia Moore, Clarinet	18 March 2012
Lauren Nowak, Clarinet	18 March 2012

The following students presented other solo recitals or appeared as soloists:

Jordan Williams, Trombone	10 March 2012
John Bratton, Trombone	10 March 2012

Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia attended the Provincial Workshop held at University of North Alabama in February.

Department of Physical and Earth Sciences

Workshops, Conference, Invited Presentations, and Meetings:

Dr. Nixon Mwebi, Associate Professor of Chemistry, was a chemistry session chair at the Alabama Academy of Science meeting at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL on 22-24 February 2012.

Dr. Mwebi, with Mr. Calvin Joshua Scott, an undergraduate student, gave the oral presentation "The efficiency of extraction and separation of petroleum compounds from crude mixture," at the Alabama Academy of Science meeting at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL on 22-24 February 2012. This paper won second place for oral presentations in chemistry by a student.

Dr. Mwebi, with Mr. Keyton Fike, an undergraduate student, gave the poster presentation "Heavy metal mobilization in sludge amended soils of North East Alabama," at the Alabama Academy of Science meeting at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL on 22-24 February 2012. This paper won first place for poster presentations in chemistry by a student.

Dr. Mwebi, with Mr. Keyton Fike, an undergraduate student, gave the poster presentation "Mobilization of Heavy Metals in Composted Sludge Applied to Soils in Northeast Alabama," to PITTCO Conference in Orlando, FL on 11-15 March 2012.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili, Professor of Physics, presented "Improving Physics Teaching Through Technology," as a contributed paper at the American Association of Physics Teachers in Ontario, CA, 4-8 February 2012.

Dr. Zettili and A. Boukahil presented "Exponential tails near the band edges of a one-dimensional disordered exciton system in the Coherent Potential Approximation," as a contributed paper at the American Physics Society, in Boston, MA, 27 February – 2 March 2012.

Dr. James Sewastynowicz, Professor of Anthropology, presented "Dual Leadership Among the Talamancan Peoples of Central America and its Relevance in Understanding Complex Society Elsewhere in the Americas," at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, Tuskegee, AL, 24 February 2012.

Dr. Jan Gryko, Professor of Chemistry, presented "NMR and TGA/DSC analysis of BP oil spill residue," at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, Tuskegee, AL, 24 February 2012.

Dr. L. Joe Morgan, Assistant Professor of Geography, together with Ms. Donna Holly Park, a student, presented "Micro-Stratification: An analysis of urban residential structure using a social stress index derived from U.S. Census block level data – Gadsden Alabama, a case study," at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, Tuskegee, AL, 24 February 2012. This paper won first place for oral presentations by a student in the social sciences.

Dr. Morgan presented "Spatial Science: Crossing the Disciplines," at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, Tuskegee, AL, 24 February 2012.

Dr. Morgan and Mr. Billy Bonner, a student, presented "Gulf Oil Spill: Spatial Analysis of Trace Metals," at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 25 February 2012.

Dr. Morgan and Ms. Donna Holly Park, a student, presented "An Index of Social Stress (ISS) to determine spatial distribution of social stratification in the urban environment," at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 25 February 2012.

Dr. Morgan presented "Research Advances in Environmental Sciences: The Indian Perspective," at the Advisory Committee for National Symposium, 16-17 March 2012.

Dr. Harry O. Holstein, Professor of Archaeology, presented "Preliminary observations and comparisons from an initial visit to the West Bolton stone structure site, Vermont with several Alabama stone structure site counterparts," at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, Tuskegee, AL, 24 February 2012.

Publications:

Dr. Lou Reinisch, Professor of Physics, "The Value of International Experience for Academic Administrators" The Department Chair, 22:24-25 (2012).

Dr. Reinisch, together with Dr. G.T. Betzel, Dr. S.P. Lansley and Dr. J. Meyer, Clinical investigations of a CVD diamond detector for radiotherapy dosimetry. *Physica Med*, 28:144-152 (2012).

Other:

Dr. Reinisch was awarded the Vice Presidential Citation for laser research in otolaryngology by the Triological Society in Miami Beach, FL, 26 January 2012.

Dr. Morgan, with Mr. B.J Bonner, Ms. Holly Park, Mr. Taylor McGinnis, Mr. Nicholas Haney, Ms. Barbara Edwards, Ms. Irish Fergeson, Ms. Soukaina Lamrani, Mr. Ahmed Maazouzi, Mr. Adam Smart, Ms. Amira Oudah, and Mr. Ruben Kennedy, all JSU students, participated in the Model Arab League Competition at Spartanburg South

Carolina, on 18 March 2012. They won the Chair's Award and an Honorable Mention Award at the competition.

Dr. Zettili presented "*Applications of Electricity and Magnetism,*" to students of Etowah Middle School, Gadsden High School, Oxford High School, Oxford Middle School, and Piedmont Middle School.

Department of Psychology

Dr. Steven Stout started a beginning reading tutoring program in the Psychology Department Clinic. The project meets after school. Students are instructed in reading decoding and comprehension skills using best practices in reading instruction. Participating groups include Jacksonville Christian Academy and Boys and Girls Club of Jacksonville. Adult volunteers of Anniston, AL's Women Empowered will be trained to replicate the program in Anniston this summer.

Department of Sociology and Social Work

The BSW Program sponsored The 31st Annual JSU Social Work Conference on March 9, 2012, at JSU from 8:00 am to 4:15 pm on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. This year's theme was "Social Worker Matters." The first Plenary Session featured Dr. Mark Fagan and Dr. Rebecca Turner of Jacksonville State University as well as Ms. Patricia Randich-Dumas, President of the Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Dr. Fagan made a presentation on "The Chronology of The BSW at Jacksonville State University Since Program Inception." The second Plenary Session featured Ms. Zelia Baugh, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health where she discussed the current state of mental health services in Alabama and the impact of the proposed budget cut by the Alabama Legislature. Conference Breakout Sessions included such topics as: Community Conversation: Barriers and Opportunities by Ms. Kristina Scott, Executive Director of the Alabama Poverty Project; Tobacco Prevention Program by Ms. Jessica Breazeale of Family Links and Ms. Corretta Grant of the Alabama Department of Public Health; Medical Marijuana by Mr. Koven Brown, Alabama House of Representatives, District 40; Sexual Assault Prevention and Response by Ms. Trace Fleming-Smith of Second Chance; Serial Killers: An Update by Dr. Eddie Blackwelder of Criminology Research; Sexual Assault Prevention Training Program Evaluation by Dr. Tina Deshotels of the JSU Sociology Program; Mental Illness and Response to Disasters by Ms. Leighann Murdock of CED Mental Health Center; and Identification and Treatment of PTSD within a Residential Treatment Setting by Ms. Sally R. Lawes of Bradford Health Services. There was an exhibit hall with information about social service agencies within the region and CEUs for Social Workers. Dr. Mark Fagan, Dr. Maureen Newton, Ms. Robyn Snider, Dr. Nancy

Francisco Stewart, Ms. Dee Barcliff, Ms. Kim Womack, Mr. Jonathan Adams, Ms. Gail Childs, and Ms. Lisa Pugliese helped to plan and administer this conference.

Dr. Maureen Newton had the following presentations: "Poster Presentation on the Hands of Time," The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Conference, Arlington, VA, February 23-26, 2012 and "Grief Support Resources for Survivors of Loved Ones Who Have Been Murdered," to the Families of Murdered Loved Ones Support Group, sponsored by the Office of the District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Anniston, February 23, 2012. She attended the following conference: The Institute for Sustainable Communities, The Smaller Places Summit, Knoxville, TN, March 5-7, 2012.

Dr. Erin Rider had the following publication with Brackenridge, S., Zottarelli and Carlsen-Landy, B. : "Dimension of the Human-Animal Bond and Evacuation Decisions among Pet Owners during Hurricane Ike," *Antrozoos*, 25.2:229-38. She had the following presentation: "Held Back by Uncertainty and Insecurity," in session entitled, "Cross-Border Migration, Law, and New Destination" at Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, March 29, 2012.

Dr. Nancy Francisco Stewart was given the following Regional Award: American Cancer Society MidSouth Division, 2011, for Best Practices in Resource Development (for her work in developing resources for the American Cancer Society. She coordinated and facilitated JSU faculty and social work attendance (with Mr. Jonathan Adams) at Social Work Student Advocacy Day on March 21, 2012 in Montgomery, AL.

College of Commerce and Business Administration

Dr. Ernest Moser, AACSB Reaffirmation Chair, was on campus Friday, February 17, 2012 to review materials and make recommendations on the CCBA's report.

February 22, 2012, Dr. Patricia Borstorff received a University Travel and Self-Improvement Grant in the Amount of \$300. Dr. Kenneth Day also received a University Travel and Self in the amount of \$400.

Dr. William Fielding traveled to Charlotte, NC and served as AACSB Reaffirmation Chair of the McColl School of Business at Queens University, February 26-28, 2012.

On March 1, 2012, Dr. Brent Cunningham, Dr. Chris Westley, and Dr. Jeffrey Zanzig were notified that effective October 1, 2012 they will be promoted to Full Professors.

Dr. William Fielding along with President William Meehan and Mr. Pat Shaddix attended the BCA Reception Saluting Leaders of State Government on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 in Montgomery.

Approximately 35 students from the FBLA club at Pleasant Valley High School toured the College of Business. A representative of each discipline told the students about each major that the CCBA has to offer. Also, Ms. Becca Turner told the students about Career Placement Services.

Finance, Economics, and Accounting Department

The Legal Representatives of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. have retained Dr. Ronnie Clayton in their 2008 bankruptcy filing. Dr. Clayton is continuing to consult on the valuation and disposition of approximately \$400 million face value of securities related to mortgage-backed securities. The Lehman Brothers filing represents the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

The planning for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Finance Association to be held in November 2012 at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, SC is well underway. Dr. Clayton serves as the Executive Director of the Association and is involved in all aspects of the planning and implementation of the meeting. More than 275 papers have been received to consider for presentation and approximately 250 finance academicians and professionals from the United States and various international locations will attend the three-day conference to present and discuss their latest research.

Dr. Clayton serves in a continuing role as Editor of the online finance journal, *Financial Decisions*. The most recent issue of the journal (the Winter 2011 issue) has been published. The manuscripts for the Summer 2012 issue have been selected, as have the manuscripts for the Winter 2012 issue. Preparation for the Summer 2012 issue is progressing to the preparation of proof pages for the authors to provide their final comments and corrections. Continuing activities for the journal include soliciting manuscripts, evaluating manuscripts, assigning manuscripts to the appropriate reviewers, evaluating reviews and working with authors to finalize manuscripts. Approximately 40 manuscripts are received each year for evaluation and 8-10 of those manuscripts will ultimately be published in *Financial Decisions*. Work is progressing toward manuscript evaluation for the Summer 2013 issue.

Dr. Clayton is completing work on a project entitled "An Analytical Comparison of Traditional and Roth IRAs" with Dr. Bill Fielding and Mr. Lem Davis. The manuscript is in draft stage and will be revised soon with the results to be submitted for publication as soon as possible.

Preliminary research is being completed for Dr. Clayton's research paper entitled "The Financial Implications of Draft Position in Major League Baseball." The paper will be completed and submitted for presentation/publication in early summer 2012.

Dr. Ben Boozer submitted his research, "Using NPV Methodology in Analyzing Benefits and Costs of Rural Highway Corridor Improvements" to the *Regional Business Review*. The manuscript is currently under review.

The Financial Management Association (FMA) presented a personal financial planning lecture series during the Spring 2012 semester. The effort was to introduce students to real world examples concerning the importance of personal credit, and banking and insurance issues. Presenters included the following: Joe Grimes, JSU SBDC; and Steve Collins, Liberty Mutual Insurance. The FMA is also organizing an upcoming field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on April 5, 2012. Dr. Ben Boozer serves as the student advisor for the FMA.

Dr. Keith Lowe presented a research paper entitled "Reform of Consumer Credit Protection: An Examination of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009" at the Federation of Business Disciplines Annual Conference on February 29, 2012, in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Rob Landry and Dr. Ben Hardy's manuscript, "Bankrupts Need Not Apply: Sound Hiring Policy or Dangerous Proposition?" will be published in the *Virginia Law and Business Review* in the Spring of 2012.

Dr. Landry's manuscript, "Ethical Considerations in Filing Personal Bankruptcy: A Hypothetical Case Study," was published in the 29(1) *Journal of Legal Studies Education* in the Winter/Spring of 2012 edition.

Department of Management & Marketing

Dr. Richard Cobb

Richard Cobb, Mark Hearn, and Jim Thomas with the Department of Management/Marketing College of Commerce and Business Administration presented a Economic Update on Calhoun County and the State of Alabama to the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's economic forum, [January 26, 2012](#). The information for the presentation was compiled by JSU's Center for Economic Development under the direction of Pat Shaddix.

Dr. Brent Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham had two articles published in refereed journals:

Thomas, James L., Brent J. Cunningham and Michael B. Marker (2011), "The Impact of Ethics Integration Across the Business Curriculum upon Business Majors' Ethical Reasoning," *Ethics & Critical Thinking Journal*, 2011(3), 66-79.

Cunningham, Brent J., Patricia C. Borstorff and Louise J. Clark (2011), "A Snapshot of the Current State of Religious Accommodation in the US Workforce," *Culture & Religion Review Journal*, 2011(3), 1-17.

Dr. Cunningham had an article accepted for publication in a refereed journal: Borstorff, Patricia C., Brent J. Cunningham and Louise J. Clark (2012), "The Communication and Practice of Religious Accommodation: Employee Perceptions," *Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship*, 17(4).

Dr. Cunningham had the following article published in a conference proceedings:

Borstorff, Patricia C. and Brent J. Cunningham, "Communicating Religious Accommodation Policies to the Internal Customer: How Important to Retention and Litigation?" *The Association of Marketing Theory & Practice 2012 Annual Meeting*.

Dr. Cunningham gave the following presentation:

Borstorff, Patricia C. and Brent J. Cunningham, "Communicating Religious Accommodation Policies to the Internal Customer: How Important to Retention and Litigation?" *The Association of Marketing Theory & Practice 2012 Annual Meeting*.

Dr. Cunningham reviewed the following textbook chapters:

Grewal, Dhruv and Michael Levy, Marketing, 3rd edition, (NY, NY: McGraw-Hill Irwin, 2012).

Kerin, Roger A., Steven W. Harley and William Rudelius, Marketing, 10th edition, (NY, NY: McGraw-Hill Irwin, 2011).

Dr. Mark Hearn

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Mr. Hill Mayfield

Mr. Mayfield facilitated eight (8) interns during the Spring Semester 2012 representing a 100% increase over the Fall Semester 2011.

Mr. Mayfield advised 34 Management Majors during the 1st Quarter 2012 and is the advisor for the Student Chapter of The Society for Human Resource Management. (SHRM).

Mr. Mayfield participated in Calhoun County SHRM monthly meetings representing JSU recruiting Internship opportunities, meeting with other HR Managers, and networking and serves on the University Research Committee.

Mr. Mayfield served as Proctor Coordinator for the CCBA Business Test.

Dr. James Thomas

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Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CED)

The January/February issue of the *Economic Update* was published and distributed to more than 8,700 subscribers. The *Economic Update* is also available online on the CED website: www.jsu.edu/ced.

The JSU CED is in the process of conducting the following projects:

- City of Anniston – Organizational Analysis
- City of Anniston – Economic Impact & Revenue Study of Anniston's Regional Airport
- Alabama School for Deaf & Blind – Economic Impact Study
- McClellan Development Authority – Marketing Plan
- Calhoun County Community Development Corp. – Impact Analysis for the North East Alabama Bicycle Club
- Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce – Tourism Industry Recruitment Report
- Anniston Water Works – Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Civilian Marksmanship Program – Economic Impact Study
- Jacksonville State University – Feasibility Study for a Blount County JSU Extension location

All CED staff attended the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce's 33rd Annual Meeting and 2012 Economic Forum on January 26, 2012. Jennifer Swafford made a brief presentation on the capabilities of the ESRI Business Analyst software recently obtained by the CED/SBDC.

Jennifer Swafford and Jeff Hooie represented the CED by attending the Gadsden Chamber's Annual Meeting on January 27, 2012.

Jennifer Swafford attended Business After Hours on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, sponsored by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

The JSU SBDC provided counseling to over 124 small businesses, and conducted 3 training events providing training to 52 individuals.

Joe Grimes and Jennifer Swafford attended Pell City Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting on January 10, 2012

Pat Shaddix attended the 2012 United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) Annual Conference, January 12 – 15, 2012, in New Orleans, LA.

Robbie Medders attended a SBDC Director's Meeting in Birmingham on January 26, 2012.

On February 24, 2012, the JSU SBDC received notification of the results of an on-site audit which took place on December 16, 2011. The audit team consisted of Tammy Hudson, Associate Director of Contract and Grant Accounting (UA), Cindi Landers, financial analyst (UA), and Amber Summers, Lead Center Accountant (ASBDC). The audit team delivered a positive financial review and found the Center to be in compliance with all areas reviewed.

The JSU SBDC partnered with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and SCORE to present a seminar, ***Finding Money for Your Business***, on February 16, 2012, at the Chamber. Presenters included: Grover Brown, Community Enterprise Investments; Melanie Bouyer, Seedco Financial Services; Donna Fathke, East Alabama Regional Planning Commission; Kerry Holt, NobleBank & Trust; David Ramp, SBA District Office; and Andrew Wacklerle, USDA Rural Development. The attendees received information on what a lender is looking for from borrowers and a review of many types of loans available for small business owners.

Robbie Medders, JSU SBDC Associate Director, serves on the Small Business Committee at the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and attended monthly meetings.

Joe Grimes attended Business After Hours on January 17 and February 21, 2012, sponsored by the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce.

JSU CED/SBDC staff members met with The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Reaffirmation Committee chair, Dr. Ernest Moser, on Friday, February 17, 2012, Dr. Moser was conducting a pre-visit in preparation for an AACSB review of the JSU CCBA in 2013. AACSB accreditation is known, worldwide, as the longest standing, most recognized form of specialized/professional accreditation an institution and its business programs can earn. The JSU CCBA received AACSB accreditation in 1998.

Pat Shaddix, JSU CED Director, and Robbie Medders, are serving on a task force to initiate a partnership between JSU and the Calhoun County Chamber to help in the further development of Calhoun County communities and the University. They attended an organization meeting on January 20, and a task force report meeting on March 2, 2012. Dr. Charles Lewis (JSU) and Ms. Julia Segars (Southern Company) are serving as committee co-chairs.

Joe Grimes represented the SBDC by attending the Gadsden Chamber's 2012 Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting on February 29, 2012.

Pat Shaddix and Robbie Medders serve on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Alabama Entrepreneurial Center and attended a Board Meeting on March 8, 2012.

Robbie Medders and Joe Grimes attended the annual meeting of the Association Procurement Technical Assistance Centers March 19-23, 2012, in Seattle, WA. The JSU SBDC is a Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) designated Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) that works with small businesses who are starting or active in selling to government entities. Congress created the PTAC program to assist businesses seeking to compete successfully in federal, state, and local government contracting.

The JSU CED/SBDC provides outreach and service across Alabama. Staff members are involved with a variety of area organizations through serving on board of directors, professional memberships, participation in conferences, annual or regular meetings, providing presentations, and affiliations as requested.

College of Education & Professional Studies

Dean's Office

Dr. John Hammett met with the University Of Alabama Board Of Visitors in Tuscaloosa Alabama on January 20th.

Dr. John Hammett attended the Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting at the Victoria in Anniston on January 20th.

Dr. John Hammett attended the Counselor Education Advisory Meeting Gold Room on February 24th.

Dr. John Hammett participated in the Jacksonville State University Technology Fair on March 2nd and 16th. This event was sponsored by the Technology and Engineering Department.

Dr. John Hammett attended the Calhoun County Chamber -JSU Partnership Meeting/Luncheon on March 5th

Dr. John Hammett served as guest speaker at the Public Education Foundation of Anniston Charter Schools Chamber Building meeting on March 5th.

Dr. John Hammett attended the North East Alabama Entertainment Initiative meeting at the Houston Cole Library on March 5th.

Dr. John Hammett hosted a 92J Board of Advisory meeting on March 16th.

Dr. John Hammett attended the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce-JSU Partnership meeting on Education on March 22nd.

Dr. John Hammett served as guest speaker at the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce monthly board meeting on March 26th.

Department Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Roben Taylor presented at the Educational Research Conference Presentation in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on February 14-18, 2012. The title of her presentation was If You Get Them Will You Keep Them?

Dr. Larry Beard presented at the National Youth at Risk in Savannah, Ga., on March 3-7, 2012. The title of his presentation was Assistive Technology Under \$5.00.

Dr. Celia Hilber and Dr. Nina King presented at the National Youth at Risk Conference in Savannah, GA., on March 3-7, 2012. The title of their presentation was Promoting Family Activities for Developing Social Skills: The Bubble Bag Project.

Mrs. Lynetta Owens attended the Youth and Young Adults in Transition Conference in Auburn, Al., on March 3-4, 2012.

Dr. Roben Taylor presented at the National Youth at Risk in Savannah, GA., on March 3-7, 2012. The title of her presentation was I Don't Want To Go To School: Understanding Emotional Reactions of Learning Problems.

Department of Communication

The Department of Communication continues its student learning outcomes assessment for the second semester now using both direct and indirect measures. The assessment exercise is in preparation for both SACS's (Southern Association of Schools and Colleges) and ACEJMC's (Accrediting Council on Journalism and Mass Communications) visits in 2013-2014 academic year.

The department held its 2012 Ayers Lecture Series with Connie Shultz as its guest of honor and speaker. The event attracted a hall full of attendees—students, faculty, staff, and community members. Shultz, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and author with two books in her name held our audience spell-bound with her power of oratory and humor for the entire hour and half that the event lasted. Many regard her lecture as among the more memorable ones in recent times.

The department will hold its 11th annual Communication Week during the week of April 2 to 6, 2012. Beginning Monday, April 2, 2012, the department will feature a speaker each day through Thursday, April 5. Thursday will be the Grande Finale when the department will present awards to its outstanding students in different categories—academic, professional skills, leadership, and character.

The first meeting of the newly formed 92J Board of Advisors was convened on Friday, March 16, 2012 in Self Hall at Jacksonville State University. All members—about nine people—were in attendance. The Board agreed on a mission, which is to assist the radio station in fund raising and on advisory capacity as necessary. Members expressed great enthusiasm, hope, and optimism regarding the potential contribution of the Board toward the progress of JSU's campus radio station.

Department of Educational Resources

The Counselor Education Advisory Council met at JSU on February 24, 2012.

Dr. Jerry Kiser presented, "C.S. Lewis: His Life, His Work, His Writings, His Theology, and His Theory of Counseling", at the Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County, Anniston, AL February 9, 2012.

Drs. Donna Herring and Jimmy Barnes presented at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education in Austin, TX, March 5-9, 2012. The title of the presentations: iPads and Smartphones: Teaching in a Technology Rich Environment and Who Done It? Using Forensic Science to Implement STEM Studies.

Drs. Linda Allen, Mary Montgomery-Owens, and William Kiser presented at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education in Austin, TX, March 5-9, 2012. The

title of the presentation: A Format for Digital Learning and Continuous Growth within Jacksonville State University and the K-12 School Environment.

The Educational Resources department sponsored a professional development workshop on Blackboard/Collaborate, February 22, 2012. Ms. Carey Smouse of Distance Learning led the workshop.

Dr. William Kiser served as chair of a SACS, QAR Team at Collinsville High School, Collinsville, AL March 13-14, 2012.

Drs. William Kiser, Linda Allen and Mary Montgomery-Owens presented at the Alabama Association of Professors of Educational Leadership (AAPEL) Spring Conference in Montgomery, AL, February 23-24, 2012. The title of the presentation: Combating Unethical Behavior Among Educators: Jacksonville State University's Proactive Approach.

Drs. Jerry Kiser, Tommy Turner, Priscilla Wilson and Melanie Wallace facilitated a preparatory course through the office of Continuing Education. The course was a six-week long preparation offering testing strategies and information to successfully pass the National Counselor Exam (NCE). JSU is now a testing site for the NCE.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

There are 909 students enrolled in FCS courses for the Spring 2012 semester.

On January 19, 2012, Ms. Paula Napoli attended the Alabama Partnership for Children Board of Directors meeting held in Montgomery.

On February 1, 2012, Dr. Debra Goodwin met with Dr. Fran Andrews to discuss revision of the accreditation self-study. The department completed these revisions and distributed copies of the document to Dr. Hammett and Dr. Turner. Upon receiving approval from them, the document was mailed to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences office on February 10, 2012.

Ms. Boggs and students enrolled in Merchandising courses attended AmericasMart in Atlanta on February 3, 2012. Students were able to see vendors, buyers and fashion shows. Students also viewed seasonal lines and collections.

The first Wellness Wednesday of the Spring 2012 semester was held on February 8th. The theme was "Heart Health". This is a collaboration between FCS Culinary students and HPER Wellness students to prepare and serve a healthy meal and give an educational presentation on the chosen topic.

On February 9, 2012 the FCS Department hosted annual Advisory Board meetings. Experts in the fields of each concentration were invited to attend and give input on the

strengths and/or weaknesses of the programs, ways in which we can strengthen our programs and how we might partner for student recruitment. This event was held at the Victoria, with students enrolled in FCS 132, Culinary Science and FCS 438, Principles of Culinary Management involved in planning and service of the meal.

Several Dietetics students participated in the College of Arts and Sciences Student Symposium held at the Houston Cole Library on February 16th. The first research project was "Effectiveness of Puppetry in Teaching Children the Importance of Healthy Eating". The students involved in this project were Chante Myles, Kassia Lang and Cassie Glidewell. The second research project was "The Relationship Between Self-Reported Health Status and the Level of Health-Contributing Lifestyle of Former College Football Players". The students presenting this project were Cindy Moon and Morgan Cox.

The Family and Consumer Sciences department collaborated with the Drama department to host a reception in honor of Black History Month on February 25th. This was held in the FCS department prior to the showing of "The' Burning", a production dedicated to the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, presented by the Drama department in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Students enrolled in FCS 132, Culinary Science and FCS 438, Principles of Culinary Management planned and prepared the menu for the event.

Ms. Boggs traveled to Huntsville, AL on March 1 & 2, 2012 to attend the annual ALAFCS (Alabama Family and Consumer Sciences) conference. She accompanied student members of the FCS club and was inducted as an officer of the ALAFCS.

Dr. Tim Roberts attended the Alabama Dietetic Association scholarship committee meeting held in Cullman, AL on March 5, 2012.

The "Golden Chain", a group of alumni from the Family and Consumer Sciences department, met on March 10th at the Victoria for lunch. This group plays a big part in funding the scholarships that were created in honor or memory of their former teachers.

The second Wellness Wednesday lunch of the semester was held on March 14. The event featured Irish Beef Stew and was well attended by faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Debra Goodwin, Dr. Tim Roberts and several students in the Dietetics program plan to attend the state meeting of the Alabama Dietetic Association to be held in Birmingham from March 28-30.

Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the NSCA Coaches Conference in San Antonio in January, 2012, and made presentations to the Board of Directors for Strength and Conditioning Journal, Performance Training Journal, and the Tactical Strength and Conditioning Report.

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the USTA Sport Science Committee Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA in January 2012.

Ms. Abby Fleetwood the Southeastern American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL in February 2012.

Mr. Allen Gilbert attended the American Camp Association National Conference in Atlanta, GA in February 2012.

Dr. Jimmy Griffin attended the American Camp Association National Conference in Atlanta, GA in February 2012.

Ms. Gina Mabrey attended the Southeastern American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL in February 2012.

Dr. Glaucio Scremin's proposal for presentation at the NASSM Teaching and Learning Fair in Seattle in Summer 2012 was accepted. The topic is Building a Learning Community Using Critical Thinking and Collaborative Strategies in Legal Aspects of Sport.

Wellness Wednesday co-sponsored by FCS and HPER was held February 8th and March 14th. Future date is April 11th. Enjoy a healthy lunch for under 600 calories in Room 118 East Mason Hall, 12:00-1:00. Call Lynn Steward for reservations or TAKE-OUT (256) 782-5054.

The second edition of Conditioning for Strength and Human Performance published in February, 2012, T. Jeff Chandler and Lee E. Brown, Editors. Wolters Kluwer/LWW Publishers.

JSU Wellness Center is participating in Scale Back Alabama which began January 19 for 10 weeks. Participants were offered the following activities: Your own personal trainer. Have someone develop a personal program for you and guide you through it; Learn and Burn 12:15-12:45 every Wednesday through April 4th in the Pete Mathews Coliseum we will have a session that provides tips on losing weight and a workout session to burn calories; Zumba Tuesday February 7th at 4:45 p.m. in Pete Mathews Coliseum – a fun dance class to burn extra calories.

In-Service Education Center

Sponsored 68 professional development opportunities for 530 participants.

Conducted NBPT mentoring program.

Ms. Vicky Brown participated in the Calhoun County Schools Quarterly Roundtable.

Sponsored the regional elementary and secondary school textbook review in Gardendale.

Ms. Vicky Brown served on the Executive Council of Learning Forward Alabama.

Dr. Kelly Ryan and Ms. Vicky Brown coordinated the regional meeting for Governor Bentley' s Teacher Cabinet. Governor Bentley and Emily Shultz were in attendance.

Provided professional development around Implementing the 2010 Math Course of Study to approximately 200 teachers.

Ms. Amber Trantham joined us as a K-5 math specialist.

Professional Learning Groups of school administrators and teachers are meeting throughout the school year.

AMSTI specialists are working spending extensive time coaching teachers in school.

We received a Math, Science, Partnership (MSP) grant in August and it will provide training for those teachers who began their training in 2010, coaching to current AMSTI schools and math and science content development for teachers in AMSTI Schools.

Summer Professional Development sessions will be held at Saks Middle School

- 200 teachers will participate
- 20 presenters
- 50 administrators
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AMSTI JSU is partnering with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to provide Professional Learning Team training to AMSTI schools. The grant will provide professional learning team training for 20 schools and provide math professional development developed by On Going Assessment Project from Vermont to approximately forty five math teachers. Mr. Tommy Morgan and Ms. Kelley McDowell, Specialists with JSU Alabama Science In Motion will provide the science professional development for approximately forty five science teachers.

Alabama Science in Motion served over 9500 6-12 public education students in the areas of biology, chemistry, and physics.

Department of Instructional Services

The Teaching/Learning Center has involved 12,839 JSU students who serve as tutors. The tutors have provided 132,081 hours of free tutoring for over 7,957 community children. The T/LC is in its 30th year of service to the College of Education and Professional Studies and the children in the surrounding community.

The Learning Resource Center has replaced a laminator and the table that supports the laminators. The two laminators seal almost four miles of paper per year. This service is very important to the patrons served.

Mr. Mike Zenanko will be presenting at the Association of the Tutoring Profession national conference. He will be presenting with Mr. Mac McLeod of Clemson University on the tutoring cycle.

Department of Secondary Education

Ms. Emily Sims presented "Content Literacy" to faculty at an in-service workshop at Glencoe High School on January 3.

Ms. Emily Sims presented "Selecting a Dissertation Topic" at the University of Alabama-Gadsden Campus, January 28.

Ms. Sharon Padgett presented "Using Children's Literature in Mathematics: A study of its effect on retention of a mathematical concept" at the JSU Arts & Sciences Student Symposium on February 16.

Dr. Charles Notar co-published "Show What You Know: ePortfolios for 21st Century Learners" in The College Student Journal, December 2011; Notar, C.E.; Herring, D.F.

Dr. Joseph Akpan, Dr. Charles Notar, and Ms. Sharon Padgett co-published "Formative Assessment: A Basic Foundation for Teaching and Learning" in the National Teacher Education Journal, Winter 2012; Akpan, J.P.; Notar, C.E.; Padgett, S.A.

Dr. Linda Mitchell attended an advisory meeting/conference planning session for the Social Studies Council of Alabama, in Montevallo, on January 23.

Ms. Emily Sims successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Alabama and was awarded her Ph.D. on February 21.

Dr. Charlie Notar was promoted to full professor, effective October 2012.

Dr. Linda Mitchell was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure, effective October 2012.

Department of the Teacher Service Center

Completed 133 Graduate Applications and checkout interviews for students

Completed 99 Undergraduate Applications and checkout interviews for students.

Dr. Kelly Ryan was selected to serve on the Alabama Teacher of the Year selection committee.

Teacher Hall of Fame interviews were conducted and three inductees were selected.

Department of Technology & Engineering

The Central East Regional Technology Fair was held on March 2nd in Leone Cole Auditorium. 429 students in grades 3-12 competed in 8 different categories. Severe weather forecast for that afternoon caused problems as school systems were closing early. All judging was completed by 1:00 pm. Winner's list and medals were mailed to the sponsor instead of having a medal ceremony.

The North East Regional Technology Fair was held on March 16th in Leone Cole Auditorium. 585 students in grades 3-12 competed in 8 different categories. We received several emails from teachers saying that this was the best fair ever.

ATMAE self-study is being mailed on March 22, 2012. The accreditation team visit to JSU is scheduled for April 22-24, 2012.

Dr. Nouredine Bekhouche and Dr. Ed Bellman are presenting at the International Conference on Industry, Engineering, and Management Systems (IEMS) in late March.

Department of TV Services

Produced the "Thursday Night Nets" high school basketball game, "Brew baker at Hoover" for WABM Channel 68 in Birmingham.

Produced "Inside Gamecock Athletics" #88 featuring Mr. James Green and Ms. Annette Watts.

Taped b-roll of the JSU/Morehead State Women's basketball game.

Produced "JSU Today," #169. Our person of the week featured Nathan Wight. Sports featured Mr. James Green.

Produced the "Thursday Night Nets" high school basketball game, "Sylacauga at Talladega" for WABM Channel 68 in Birmingham.

Produced "Inside Gamecock Athletics" #89 featuring Coaches Steve Bailey, Steve Ray, and Scott Austin.

Produced "JSU Today," #170. Our person of the week featured Dr. George Lauderbaugh. Sports featured Mr. Scott Austin.

Produced the “Thursday Night Nets” high school basketball game, “Mountain Brook at Spain Park” for WABM Channel 68 in Birmingham.

Produced “JSU Today,” #171. Our person of the week featured Dr. Harvey Jackson talking about his upcoming book. The Special Event of the week was a package about the Southerners in London. Parade and sight-seeing footage was edited together into a package that was shot by Communication student and Southerners’ videographer Logan Huggins.

Produced the “Thursday Night Nets” high school basketball game, “Thompson at Pelham” for WABM Channel 68 in Birmingham.

Videotaped the Jacksonville State University Football Team Awards Banquet. Not only did JSU TV videotape the banquet but we also supplied the audience with live video broadcast on the numerous televisions placed on the 5th floor of the stadium. This added to the event in that it allowed the audience to better experience the awards ceremony as it would otherwise be difficult to see well due to placement of tables and the large number of attendees. Footage from the event will also be seen on “Inside Gamecock Athletics” and “JSU Today.”

Taped “Inside Gamecock Athletics” #90 featuring Coaches Green, Watts, and McGinnis.

Produced the “Thursday Night Nets” high school basketball game, “Vestavia at Shades Valley” for WABM Channel 68 in Birmingham.

Videotaped the annual Softball Fan Day and the Jana McGinnis Lane Dedication. Highlights from Fan Day and the Dedication will be seen on “JSU Today.”

Produced the “Thursday Night Nets” high school basketball game, “Hoover at Gadsden” for WABM Channel 68 in Birmingham.

Produced “Inside Gamecock Athletics” #91 featuring Coach Green and Coach Case.

Videotaped the “First Pitch Luncheon.” Segments of the luncheon will be seen on “JSU Today.”

Produced “JSU Today,” #172. Our Person of the Week was Miss JSU, Beth Milam. Sports featured the Football Awards Banquet and Softball Fan Day.

Television Services recently hosted visitors from National Geographic. Story Editor/Associate Producer Claire McNabb, Cameraman/Director of Photography Mark Caswell and Sound Recordist Adrian Tucker traveled to Jacksonville State University all the way from Canada to interview Assistant Professor of Communication, Jerry Chandler.

Mr. Jerry Chandler was chosen to be interviewed by National Geographic because of his vast experience and expertise concerning air travel safety. The program is called "Air Crash Investigation." Mr. Chandler was questioned concerning the ValuJet story.

The interview was taped in the Self Hall studio. Ms. Claire McNabb said that the program would most likely air this fall.

Produced "Inside Gamecock Athletics" #92 featuring Coach Green and Coach Ron Frost.

Produced "JSU Today," #173. Our Person of the Week was Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Dr. Tim Barnett. Dr. Barnett discussed his new book, "America's False Recovery: The Coming Sovereign Debt Crisis and Rise of Democratic Plutocracy." Sports featured the "First Pitch Luncheon."

TV Services completed thirteen new videos for Distance Education. These videos will be used to enhance the capability of the JSU Mobile app for iOS, Android, and Blackberry mobile devices. The current Maps module provides a graphical representation of campus, but the addition of the video clips will lead app users on a "Virtual Tour" of the campus, where they both see and hear about the main campus buildings and become acquainted with campus services. TV Services will be including additional campus buildings in the near future.

Produced "Inside Gamecock Athletics" #93 featuring Coach Hicks, Sparks and Ray.

Produced "JSU Today," #174. Our Person of the Week was Assistant Professor of Communication, Jerry Chandler." Mr. Chandler talked about his award winning article he wrote for "Veterans of Foreign Wars" magazine. The article is called, "A New Frontier of Life" Facial Prosthetics Provide Hope. Sports featured Coaches Hicks and Ray.

Shot b-roll of the Samford/JSU baseball game. This footage will be used in "Inside Gamecock Athletics" and "JSU Today."

Taped the Arbor Day Event held outside the TMB. Events included a tree planting and ceremony. Also, JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan received JSU's Tree Campus USA Award. The Arbor Day celebration is a partnership of JSU and the City of Jacksonville. The event was organized by the JSU Earth Club, the Student Government Association, and Jacksonville Boy Scout Troop 19. Highlights from the ceremony were aired on "JSU Today."

Produced "Inside Gamecock Athletics" #94 featuring Coaches Green and Watts.

Produced "JSU Today," #175. Our Person of the Week was Ms. Annette Stahl from Continuing Education. Sports featured Coach Green.

Produced "Gospel Music Southern Style" #154 featuring Mr. Mosie Lister.

Produced “Inside Gamecock Athletics” #95 featuring Coaches Sharp and McGinnis.

Produced “JSU Today,” #176. Our Person of the Week was Ms. Rosalynn Martin. News featured a tribute to Dr. Harold McGhee and Sports featured Jana McGinnis.

Videotaped Ms. Connie Schultz delivering the annual Ayers Lecture. Ms. Schultz is a nationally-syndicated columnist, essayist, Pulitzer prize winner, and Author. The event was sponsored by the Department of Communication. The Department of Communication requested the videotaping and DVD copies. A segment of the lecture will also be seen on “JSU Today.”

Produced “Inside Gamecock Athletics” #96 featuring Coach McGinnis and Coach Ogle.

Met with Mr. Emmanuel Harbor and Mr. Lagarious Reeder of the JSU branch of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) group. SIFE is a global non-profit organization that specializes in empowering kids to utilize business practices to create more sustainable communities, respectively. The organization is active in at least thirty-nine countries, with sixteen hundred teams, and fifty-seven thousand student members. Visit www.sife.org and www.sifeusa.org for more information.

On Monday, April 2, the SIFE team will compete in regionals in Atlanta for the right to go the national exposition. At the competition, they will have to present their SIFE projects. JSU SIFE wanted to produce a multimedia presentation so they asked TV Services for advice. A YouTube video of last year’s winner was reviewed and options were discussed. SIFE will have a follow-up meeting with their team and may continue to seek advice as needed.

Produced “JSU Today,” #177. Our Person of the Week was Assistant Professor of Communication, Jerry Chandler. Mr. Chandler talked about his award winning article he wrote for “Veterans of Foreign Wars” magazine. The article is called, “A New Frontier of Life” Facial Prosthetics Provide Hope. Sports featured Jimmy Ogle.

Produced “Gospel Music Southern Style” #155 featuring The Freedom Singers.

Television Services’ personnel served as judges during the annual Technology Fair.

Produced “Inside Gamecock Athletics” #97 featuring Coach Case and Coach Green.

Produced “JSU Today,” #178. Our Person of the Week was Admissions Counselor Ms. Kayla McKay. Sports featured Mr. Jimmy Ogle.

Graduate Studies

College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Bill Carr, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, designed the format for the "Orientation for New Graduate Deans" as a session of the Annual Meeting of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools held **February 22-26** in Jacksonville, Florida.

A new fold-out JSU Graduate Studies brochure has been designed by graphic designer Morgan Christopher in JSU Marketing Services. This brochure is distributed throughout the campus and at Professional and Career Fairs.

Graduate Studies has its own Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JSUGradStudies> with plans to keep the page updated with vital information for new and current graduate students.

A new subcommittee called the Graduate Studies Enrollment Subcommittee will focus on graduate enrollment and had its first meeting in April 2012.

Office of Continuing Education

As of March 30, 2012, the Office of Continuing Education conducted 48 classes beginning October 1, 2011. Service was provided to 801 students and 7,542 contact hours were generated.

The Office of Continuing Education offered two "American Heart Association Basic Life Support" classes for the healthcare provider scheduled January 5, 2012 with fifteen participants and the other class scheduled on March 8, 2012 with three participants. This class is beneficial to our participants as nursing students are required to have basic life support for the healthcare provider as part of their nursing curriculum.

Beginning January 2012, the Office of Continuing Education is offering a "Crime Scene Investigator" Certificate program for law enforcement only. The certificate program consists of nine modules and is being taught by Mark Hopwood. To date, three classes have been conducted, Physical Evidence, Crime Scene Assessment and Processing Methodology with a total of twenty-seven law enforcement personnel attending.

The Office of Continuing Education provided a total of 5.4 CEUs with a total of 54 hours of Continuing Education credit for nine participants for the 2012 RSVP Volunteer Coordinators' Forum entitled "Volunteer Recruitment and Retention" scheduled January 19, 2012.

Beginning in January 2012, medical programs, including Medical Billing and Coding, Dental Assisting, and EKG Technician Certification program are being held through March. A total of thirteen students are participating in these programs which will prepare them to take their certification exams in the Medical Billing and Coding class and also the EKG Technician class.

On January 31, 2012 through February 1, 2012, the Office of Continuing Education assisted once again with the Alabama Association of Police Chief's Conference in providing training for the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program. The program was on "Critical Employee Emergency Planning." Part of the program was presented by

three Chiefs from cities that were most damaged by the tornadoes that devastated parts of the state in April 2011. The program was held at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama with 259 chiefs from across the state in attendance.

On February 3, 2012, the Office of Continuing Education hosted a seminar entitled, "How to Supervise People and Lead a Team" presented by Glenn Shepard. This one-day seminar was presented to fifty-six participants who wanted to improve their management skills in learning how to give constructive criticism, inspire, motivate and develop employees to live up to their potential and also how to resolve conflict.

Easy as A-C-T...A Prep Course for the College Bound was held on February 4, 2012 with fifteen students participating. This continues to be a popular class for area students who want to improve their ACT scores.

Continuing Education just completed our first National Counseling Examination (NCE) Preparation Course, February 6 – March 12, 2012, for five students in cooperation with Dr. Tommy Turner and faculty of the Educational Resources Department. Registrations are expected to grow with the offering of this 12-hour course twice a year to counselors at large preparing for the NCE and will particularly target JSU's students who will sit for the exam.

The Office of Continuing Education provided a workshop on "Grant Writing for Beginners" scheduled February 7, 2012 for six participants and also an "Intermediate Grant Writing" workshop was provided on March 6, 2012 for four participants. These workshops were presented by Laura McCullars with information provided on how to discover and locate resources to meet the needs of our community.

On Saturday, February 11, 2012, Continuing Education hosted another class in the Human Resource Management Certificate program entitled "Business Management and Strategy." This class is one of six courses required for the JSU Certificate in Human Resource Management. The course materials are approved as exam preparation for the certification exam for human resource professionals. There were seven people participating in this program.

The Office of Continuing Education continues to partner with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission in offering courses to area business men and women. "Best Practices in Progressive Disciplinary Action" was offered on February 22, 2012 with twenty-nine participants. The training was conducted at the Anniston City Meeting Center.

The Office of Continuing Education continues to play a vital role in the executive training of police chiefs across our state. UPACE, the two university partnership which includes Jacksonville State University and The University of North Alabama hosts training for Alabama Police Chiefs. On February 23 & 24, 2012, UNA hosted thirty-three police chiefs on the topic of "Beyond Survival Toward Officer Wellness". This two-day training was offered to police chiefs and other law enforcement personnel in an attempt to make the chief/officer aware of the importance of taking care of their mental and physical well

being. These courses are part of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program (CLEEP).

The H.O.P.E. WORKSHOP SERIES (Helping Our Professionals Excel) is designed to meet the continuing education needs of area nurses, counselors, social workers and law enforcement. The February 24th workshop - *Chemicals of Abuse in 2012* - furnished 7.2 nursing contact hours and 6.0 contact hours to the 75 professionals who attended our largest group yet. Many are regular followers of this program and personally expressed their appreciation for our high quality continuing education offerings.

Continuing Education offered several computer classes including Microsoft Excel 2010 Basic, Intermediate and Advanced, and two QuickBooks classes. We had a total of thirty-three participants to take advantage of our computer classes.

Continuing Education offered classes such as Beginning Drawing, Ballroom Dancing II, Harmonica, and Italian Fare with Prudence Hilburn. We had a total of thirty-nine students to take advantage of our Personal Enrichment classes.

Social Media Revolution: Facebook for Beginners was offered March 9, 2012 with five students eager to learn how to set up their Facebook pages and to learn how to use the different tools involved in reaching out to their family and friends on one of the most popular social networking sites.

The Office of Continuing Education provided administrative support for the CLA Performance Task Academy hosted March 15 and 16 by Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. CLA in the Classroom focuses on issues of teaching and learning, and draws on principles from the literature on authentic assessment, performance tasks and rubrics. The initiative includes a set of curricular and pedagogical programs that focus on key higher order skills (including critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem solving and written communication).

Continuing Education is beginning to see an increase in online classes that are offered through our office. We had a total of twenty-one students to enroll in online courses such as Marketing Using Social Media, Facebook for Business, Twitter, YouTube for Business, Mobile Marketing, 60-hour Alabama Salesperson Prelicense and 30-Hour Alabama Sales Post Licenses to name a few.

Continuing Education hosted their "Coping With Aging" seminar on March 23, 2012, at JSU McClellan. There were thirty-two people in attendance at this seminar which included topics on Elder Law presented by Aundra Snyder from East Alabama Regional Planning and Development, Estate Planning presented by Anniston attorney, Gary Stanko, Caregiver Stress by Melanie Hill from Gentiva Health Services, Medicare Part D by Sebrena Foster from East Alabama Regional Planning and Development, and also Dementia/Alzheimer's by Kathleen Miller from RMC Critical Care Unit. This seminar was approved for six contact hours for the Alabama State Board of Social Work, Alabama State Board of Administrators for Assisted Living, and the Alabama State Board for Nursing Homes.

Since January 2012, Continuing Education has provided administrative support for four Athletic Camps. A total of 184 students came to campus to participate in camps for baseball, women's soccer and volleyball.

Office of Distance Education

Accomplishments, Recognition, Conferences Attended and Presentations

DE staff members continue to participate in the Blackboard Advanced System Reporting user group to collaborate with other universities in making best use of this data access service.

DE staff members continue to participate in Blackboard administrative and instructor product development partnership programs, as well as Service Pack upgrade cohort programs. Participation is not only providing a channel for learning of new and upcoming features, but also allows the opportunity for participants to influence what features are included in a future release of Blackboard.

The Office of Distance Education continues to participate in the Blackboard Service Pack 8 Beta and Virtual Text Box Editor Field Trial programs. These programs have enabled us to better prepare faculty and students for Blackboard upgrades.

Educational Technology Initiatives

Blackboard will be upgraded to the latest version, version 9.1 Service Pack 8, in May 2012. The new Virtual Text Box Editor, reviewed and tested as part of the Limited Field Trial, will roll out with this upgrade.

Our office is working with Blackboard Student Services to prepare the update to our 24/7 support portal to reflect updated Service Pack 8 information as well as updated customized articles specific to JSU.

Summer and Fall 2012 course shells were released in March 2012. A customized course template for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences was included as part of this process.

The Internships.com building block was made available in the Blackboard learning management system. This free building block allows students to create/upload a resume, search for opportunities, take the Career Predictor assessment from within Blackboard, and apply for employment - internships, part-time, or full-time positions. There is also an external website that students can log into (once they've created their account within Blackboard) that allows them to sign up for email and SMS (text message) alerts about new jobs that match their skills or education.

DE staff members continue to participate in an administrator pilot of the new Behind The Blackboard administrative support portal. Feedback offered by participants helped shape the structure, content, and overall quality of the updated support portal.

DE staff is collaborating with IT, OIRA, and select faculty to implement and evaluate an advanced technology classroom pilot for the summer and fall 2012 terms.

Faculty Professional Development Opportunities

In preparation for the May 2012 upgrade to Blackboard 9.1 Service Pack 8, revision of the fully online faculty training courses is being conducted and a series of "What's New in Service Pack 8?" DE in Focus blog posts is being prepared.

Two "Faculty Open Lab" sessions were held on February 2-3, providing faculty with an informal opportunity to drop by the Distance Education lab and speak with DE staff face to face about their course(s).

Blackboard Collaborate (web conferencing solution that will eventually replace Wimba Classroom) training was held on February 22, 2012 for the College of Education and Professional Studies with approximately 20 faculty members in attendance.

Podcasting

Since the opening of JSU's public iTunes U site in August of 2011, the site seems to be experiencing a tremendous surge in popularity. While JSU delivered over 28,000 files through iTunes U in 2011, we have already exceeded 16,000 downloads from January through March of 2012.

Enrollment

Spring 2012 Distance Education Course and Enrollment Data with Blackboard Supplements

Format	Course Sections	Enrollments
All Online (Bb, Other, STEP)*	346 (254 courses) 403 sections offered	6,862 (3,675 unique students)
Bb Supplements**	707 (626 Bb courses)	15,017 (6130 unique students)
Videoconferencing*	0 (0 courses) 0 sections offered	0 (0 unique students)
Video-Based*	0 (0 course)	0 (0 unique students)

All distance formats*	346 (254 courses) 403 sections offered	6,862 (3675 unique students)
All formats and supplements**	1,053 sections	21,879 enrollments

**Data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.*

Source: BANINST1_AS_STUDENT_REGISTRATION_DETAIL and BANINST1_AS_CATALOG_SCHEDULE from 01/26/2012

***Data provided by the Office of Distance Education.*

Source: SQL Queries run against Blackboard Advanced System Reporting (ASR) Database – 01/26/2012;

Data entered based on information provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Support

Students and faculty continue to make great use of the 24/7 Blackboard support services. Usage data is as follows:

	January	February	March (MTD)
Total Number of Phone Calls Received	154	88	20
Average Speed of Answer (min:sec)	2:25	1:08	1:13
Total Number of Tickets Submitted	160	68	18
Total Number of Chats Escalated to a Ticket	2	0	0
Total Number of Chats where Issue was Resolved in the Chat	79	20	2
Total Number of Portal Page Views	28,410	24,857	12,838
Total Number of Knowledge Base Articles Viewed	10,472	11,338	6,058

Total Number of Knowledge Base Searches Performed	37	14	17
Total Number of Portal Visits	25,258	23,688	12,310
Average percentage of phone calls received and chats and tickets submitted outside of Office of Distance Education Business hours	41%	45%	56%

Miscellaneous

The Office of Distance Education is currently conducting a national search for two new Instructional Designers to assist with course design and development and faculty training and support. One of these positions will primarily serve the College of Education and Professional Studies and one the College of Arts and Sciences. The posting will close on April 5, 2012 with interviews beginning shortly thereafter.

After IT migrated the JSU web site over to the new Cascade system (the replacement for SiteStudio, the previous content management system for maintaining our web site), DE staff successfully helped to complete final adaptation of our Distance Education web site to ensure a smooth transition when the new structure went live on March 16th.

The Office of Distance Education, with support from the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, hosted a webinar entitled “State Authorization: Strategies for Online Providers, Part One” on February 1, 2012. Following this webinar, DE staff assisted with evaluating state authorization status for offering courses to students in other states.

The Office of Distance Education prepared for the SACS Substantive Change on-site visit by providing documentation and aggregating data and evaluation results relating to the online doctoral degree. In addition, the Office provided virtual meeting space for distance student interviews.

To accommodate faculty training, the Office of Distance Education prepared and submitted a proposal for an updated wireless lab equipped to be flexible for a variety of teaching scenarios. This lab would update room 208 Self Hall to serve as the primary lab location, though mobility is also an option.

In collaboration with faculty members from across the University, DE staff members submitted in March 2012 a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) proposal for a professional development center.

Houston Cole Library

Publications

Ms. Jodi Poe - "From the Editor." (Column) Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.4, October – December 2011), p.127-28.

Ms. Jodi Poe - "Reviews." (Column) Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.4, October – December 2011), p.193.

Ms. Jodi Poe - "News (Introduction)." (Column) Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.4, October – December 2011), p.194.

Ms. Jodi Poe - "From the Editor." (Column) Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.3, July – September 2011), p81-82.

Ms. Jodi Poe - "Reviews." (Column) Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.3, July – September 2011), p114.

Ms. Jodi Poe - "News (Introduction)." (Column) Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.3, July – September 2011), p125.

Ms. Jodi Poe -Rev. of "NSA: National Society of Accountants." Choice (v.49 no.7, March 2012), p.1313. <<http://www.nsacct.org/>>

Ms. Jodi Poe - "The Fifteenth Distance Library Services Conference Update." Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. (v.5 no.3, July – September 2011), p126.

Ms. Carley Knight – Wrote two (2) Weekly Newspaper article published in The Chanticleer.

Ms. Charlcie Pettway Vann – Submitted two articles for publication to the Mississippi Libraries "Library Lunchtime Lectures" and "multicultural Children's books in Academic Libraries"

Presentation

Dean John-Bauer Graham spoke at the Alabama Library Legislative Day in Montgomery, AL. April 3, 2012. He met with Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey as Chair of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries task force for the Alabama Virtual Library

Ms. Laurie Charnigo. Acquired the Great Speckled Bird (Atlanta's Underground Counterculture Newspaper from 1967-1975) for the Houston Cole Library.

Prepared activities in celebration of the Great Speckled Bird Exhibit, including the creation of a special visual display of underground newspapers with guides, a presentation to the JSU Ethics Club, and an invitation for a presentation and reception on April 6th, "Occupy the Occupast: Echoes of Dissidence in the Underground Press. See: <http://charnigo.wordpress.com/2012/03/01/occupy-the-occupast-celebrating-the-1960s-counterculture-newspapers-in-the-houston-cole-library/>

Ms. Charlcie Pettway Vann - Displayed "African American Women Aviation History" in honor of Black History Month at Houston Cole Library

Other

Construction has been completed for our Group Study Room on the 4th floor. A policy committee has been formed and as soon as the remaining furniture arrives the space will be open and ready for students.

The University Library will be open until 1:00 am during finals week. Library personnel will staff building on a voluntary basis until one in the morning during finals to provide the students with a secure and safe late night study environment.

Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Honors Ceremony for April graduates will be held at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences on April 12, 2012. Sigma Theta Tau inductees, scholarship recipients, and special award recipients will be announced.

Dr. Rebecca Peinhardt, Associate Professor, has been invited to speak at the 4th International Nurse Educator Conference "NETNEP 2012" in Baltimore, MD on June 17-20, 2012. Dr. Peinhardt received a \$750.00 university travel grant to assist with travel expenses.

Associate Professors, Dr. Phyllis Waits and Dr. Kay Prickett, and Instructor Ms. Kim Craven will present their poster "Ready or Not" at the 2012 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit on May 21-25 in Nashville, TN. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS), the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), the Medical Reserve Corps

(MRC), the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP), the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and the Chesapeake Health Education Program (CHEP). Ms. Craven received a MRC Unit Leader/Designee travel scholarship to assist with expenses to the summit.

Associate Professor, Dr. Phyllis Waits, Instructor Ms. Kim Craven and Clinical Associates, Ms. Karen Scroggin and Ms. Cindy Tubbs will give a presentation on “First Aid in the Office” at JSU’s Administrative Professional Conference on May 9th. Ms. Craven will coordinate the first aid training presentation.

Dr. Betsy Gullede has been invited to judge research abstracts for the Translational Science 2012 meeting, April 18-20th in Washington, DC. This national conference is sponsored by the Association for Clinical Research Training.

Annually, the Alabama State Nurses Association sponsors the largest and most prestigious nursing conference in the state, FACES. The following faculty members have been invited to present at FACES 2012 on April 17 in Montgomery, AL: Dr. Phyllis Waits, Dr. Kay Prickett and Ms. Kim Craven will present “Ready or Not”; Dr. Betsy Gullede, Dr. Laura Walker and Dr. Kim Helms will present “Personality Disorders...”; and Dr. Laura Walker will give a poster presentation on “Bridge to Success Research”.

Associate Dean, Dr. Christie Shelton was a co-author on the paper “Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Exposure and Diabetes: Results from the Anniston Community Health Survey”. This paper has been accepted for publication in the top tier journal, Environmental Health Perspectives.

Dr. Rebecca Peinhardt has been re-certified as a Clinical Nurse Educator for the National League for Nursing (NLN). She is certified until December 31, 2017.

Assistant Professor, Dr. Betsy Gullede has been nominated to participate in the UAB Geriatric Education Center’s Faculty Scholars Program. The Faculty Scholars Program is an interdisciplinary experience that focuses on the training and retaining of faculty and preceptors in geriatric syndromes focusing on the Care of the Complex Older Adult. This 160-hour experience is a blended curriculum of five in-person sessions, self-study modules, scholarly projects, mentoring opportunities and attendance at the Interprofessional Geriatric Education Conference.

The following faculty members presented at the Alabama League for Nursing’s annual meeting in Opelika on March 30, 2012: Dr. Peinhardt’s topic was on integrating QSEN competencies in a graduate nursing program. She presented this topic as part of a panel discussion with other experts from Samford University. Drs. Kimberly Helms, Christie Shelton, and Laura Walker presented a poster, “Anarchy in Ambulatory Care” which was reflective of simulation research initiated by Dr. Helms. Dr. Laura Walker

presented a poster, “Bridge to Success: A Nursing Student Success Strategies Improvement Course” and reflects her applied research on student success. Dr. Rebecca Peinhardt also presented a poster, “Guiding Change to Facilitate Faculty Orientation: The One program”.

Annually, the Alabama League for Nursing honors individuals across the state for exemplary contributions to the nursing profession. Health care agencies and schools of nursing are invited to nominate outstanding individuals who have demonstrated high professional standards, leadership qualities, caring attitude, support nursing education, and impact quality of life. Associate Dean/Assistant Professor Dr. Christie Shelton will be recognized with the 2012 Lamplighter Award in a ceremony in Opelika, March 29, 2012.

Dr. Sarah Latham participated in the SAACN and the ACAPNEP Deans/Directors meetings in Montgomery, on March 1st and 2nd.

Instructor Mr. Kevin Callaway received the Dr. James Sherry Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award at Circle K International’s Alabama District Convention, March 1-4 in Birmingham. Mr. Callaway is faculty advisor for JSU’s chapter of Circle K International, a Kiwanis affiliate.

Instructors Mr. Kevin Callaway and Ms. Honey Holman consulted with Assessment Technologies Institute as content developers for “Becoming a Professional Nurse” part of an online nurse-development product line designed to help students sharpen their social and personal skills needed to face the emotional and physical demands that come with being a nurse.

Ms. Peggy Benson, Instructor, has been placed on the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Content Expert Registry. The ANCC Content Expert Registry is a registry of AACN Certified Nurses that have been qualified as experts to participate in various ANCC volunteer activities.

In March, 68 nursing students interacted with the Munford Elementary School children to help them become aware of how to take responsibility for their own safety in a number of different situations – around water, fire, pets, strangers and more. This type health fair program topic was the first time for this type teaching session.

On February 14th and 15th, Dr. Kay Prickett, Dr. Leigh Ann Keith, and Ms. Jennifer Frank along with 32 nursing students provided physical assessments on K-6 children at Pleasant Valley Elementary. The event was part of the KidCheck Program. Health screen assessments checked vision, hearing, blood pressure, heart and lung sounds, eyes, ears, nose and throat, vital sign, as well as, height and weight on 252 school-aged children.

Ms. Linda Prickett, Secretary to the Dean, was selected as JSU Employee of the Month for February 2012. She has been with the university for 18 years.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Office of Admissions

From the beginning of the current academic year, the Admissions Team has visited more than 300 college fairs organized through local, regional, or national education institutions as well as community outreach centers. Furthermore, they have made more than 200 private visits to high schools and community colleges throughout the region. As a result of their efforts, more than 11,000 prospective students have been added to our communication plan's mailing list.

Prospective students and their families are visiting campus at an increasing rate Monday through Friday. The Office of Admissions continues to offer more opportunities for campus tours on Fridays during the spring months of March, April, and May. To date, during this academic year, more than 1,000 prospective students have utilized our campus tour services. On the tour, prospective students are guided by one of our student tour guides across campus. In addition to viewing the physical facilities, information on the application processes for Admissions, Financial Aid/Scholarships, University Housing, and other enrollment services are detailed with the student and family members.

The overwhelming response to Preview Day persisted in the spring of 2012 with more than 500 students attending Spring Preview Day on February 4. The second Spring Preview Day is slated for Saturday, April 14 and with close to 300 registrations we expect to have another large group of students.

As the academic year comes to a close for prospective students in high schools and enrolled in community colleges, the Admissions Counselors are looking ahead to the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic year by establishing relationships with current high school sophomores and juniors. However, they will be keeping in touch with the fall 2012 prospective students and begin presenting scholarship awards in the month of May to many students who will be major contributors to this learning centered institution.

Our team of administrative assistants completed the initial course on MS Office – Excel 2010 in January offered through JSU Continuing Education. This has allowed them to continue providing outstanding service and quality in their work.

Career Services

Career Services posted 156 unique job opportunities from January to March 2012.

The annual Spring Career Fair was held on March 7th. This recruiting event was attended by 240 students and 24 organizations, companies, local, federal and state agencies.

167 new users registered for JLink (a NACELink Network), where jobs are posted and availability to apply is provided.

Career Services partnered with the SGA to offer two resume workshops.

Counseling Services

Staff from Counseling Services along with the JSU Peer Educators collaborated with Student Life and Greek Life to host Erica Upshaw. Ms. Upshaw presented a dynamic program about the dangers of alcohol and drugs and bystander behavior. The JSU Peer Educators also partnered with the SGA to host a Spice Awareness Program with speaker Lt. Mike Reese. The JSU Peer Educators and the Alabama Department of Public Health also hosted Tobacco Awareness Day in Jack Hopper Dining Hall on January 31. In February, the JSU Peer Educators assisted the Office of Research and Institutional Assessment to promote participation in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

On March 3, 2012, Counseling Services and the JSU Peer Educators hosted the Area 8 Conference for the Bacchus Network in the Houston Cole Library. Area 8 consists of colleges and universities from Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. There were 60 Peer Educators and Advisors in attendance this year and represented JSU, UAB, UA, UAH, Rhodes College and MTSU. JSU Peer Educator, Lakesa Ford, received Area 8 Outstanding Peer Educator of the Year Award. JSU Peer Educator, Ninma Sheshi received the Area 8 Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award. The JSU Peer Educators co-sponsored Safe Spring Break programming with University Housing and Residence Life, the University Police and Sodexo. The Safe Spring Break events began with speaker, Dave Hellstrom, who also provided a private training session for Resident Assistants and Peer Educators on their role on campus. Activities were also held in the TMB including an informational table and a fatal vision golf cart driving course to highlight the dangers of impaired driving. The Peer Educators also collaborated with the University Police to promote seat belt safety. A Seat Belt Safety Checkpoint was set up on Trustee Circle to remind students, faculty and staff to “buckle up.” Sodexo and the JSU Peer Educators sponsored a “mocktail” party in Jack Hopper Dining Hall to demonstrate to students that you can have fun without the use of alcohol and that there are many drinks to try that do not contain alcohol. The Peer Educators served non-alcoholic mixed drinks and flavored coffees to students, faculty and staff. Prevention and safety handouts and give-a-ways were also available.

Mr. Adam Green serves as co-chair of the ALCA Current Issues in Counseling Committee and attended the ALCA Executive Board meeting in Leeds. Ms. Linda Shelton and Ms. Mary Clark attended a training in Point Clear, Alabama on trauma based disorders and behavioral addictions. Active Minds, under the advisement of Ms. Linda Shelton hosted several workshops including A Wellness Model, Healthy Relationships, Body Image and Dealing with Bipolar Disorder. Ms. Mary Clark attended training on Mental Health Ethics and the Law in Birmingham, Alabama, Work-Family Conflict and Career Development Theories: A Search for Helping Strategies and a workshop on The Infertility Experience.

Disability Support Services (DSS)

Julie Nix, along with other Directors' from Student Affairs attended the NASPA Alabama Conference held at Samford University as well as the NASPA National Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Nix also attended training on Trauma-Based Disorders and Behavioral Addictions held in Point Clear, Alabama. During February, Ms. Nix collaborated with faculty members from Emergency Management, Nursing, Physical and Earth Sciences and MCIS to submit a research proposal to the National Council on Disability (NCD) on communication needs of persons with disabilities before, during, and after disasters. Ms. Nix also represented Disability Support Services along with representatives from Admissions and Student Financial Services at a Parent Night Program at Hokes Bluff High School.

Disability Specialist, Katy Goodgame, participated as a member of the Executive Advisory Board and Planning Committee for the Southeast Regional Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Conference and Symposium. She attended the conference in January and presided over five conference sessions.

University Housing and Residence Life

Occupancy Report:

The on-line reapplication process for the upcoming 2012-2013 academic year took place February 20th - March 2nd. Listed below are the numbers of residents that reapplied for on-campus housing over the past five years:

2007-2008	662
2008-2009	764
2009-2010	762
2011-2012	650
2012-2013	982

Staff Report:

Mrs. Rochelle Smith, Assistant Director of Staff Development and Community Standards, reported that we have a Residence Life Coordinator position available at Fitzpatrick and Curtiss Halls and an open Assistant Residence Life Coordinator position for Sparkman and Daugette Halls.

Facilities Report:

In conjunction with the Physical Plant, the Department of University Housing and Residence Life scheduled several projects for the department. These projects are carefully organized in order to continue enhancing the quality of living within our facilities. Please note the following projects that are currently in process or being planned:

Campus Inn – 1 Bedroom: Interior renovation is completed.

Pannell Apartments: Roof replacement project will begin this summer.

Crow Hall: Chiller replacement project is scheduled to begin May 1st.

All biometric door access systems will be upgraded to a card swipe system this summer.

Program Report:

Ms. Brooke Bell, Assistant Director of Student Development and Educational Programming, reported our one campus-wide program each month is near completion with Resident Appreciation Week taking place April 2nd to April 6th. The other seven programs consisted of: September – Busted (Safety/Security); October – Duane Huff (motivational speaker); November – Brian Imbus (hypnotist); December: Chicken-n-Waffles (Stress Relief/Finals Preparation); January: Back to School Mixer (Self-Awareness); February – Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (Diversity); and March – The Real Buzz (Alcohol Awareness).

Student Health Center

The Student Health Center assisted 1027 clients from January 11 – March 23, 2012. The number of prescriptions dispensed by the Student Health Center was 740 for the same time period.

The Student Health Center encounters from January 11 – March 23, 2012, indicated 72% (735/1027) of clients served had some type of health insurance.

Mrs. Amanda Bonds, RN, MSN, attended the Alabama NASPA Conference at Samford University on January 27, 2012.

Mrs. Amanda Bonds, RN, MSN, lectured to special education majors on January 31, 2012, on the importance of universal precautions.

Mr. Robert Mills, RN, BSN, attended the Southern College Health Association Conference in Gainesville, Florida from February 29 – March 3, 2012.

Mrs. Amanda Bonds, RN, MSN, presented “Which Itch is Which?” on March 3, 2012, at the Region 8 Peer Educator Conference.

Mrs. Amanda Bonds, RN, MSN, attended the NASPA Conference from March 11 - March 14, 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Amanda Bonds, RN, MSN, lectured to special education majors on March 19, 2012, on the importance of universal precautions.

Student Life

Freshman Forum

The JSU Freshman Forum has worked very hard this semester. The forum completed a total of eight weekly meetings. They not only grew as friends, but also as leaders on campus. Four members were appointed to Senate during their time as Forum members along with many receiving accolades through their organizations and departments. They played “Senators for a day” with the JSU Senate and also hosted a very successful campus-wide Mardi Gras themed get together. The Forum also traveled to Montgomery to participate in Higher Education Day. That day they also met with House Minority Leader, Craig Ford and Representative Randy Wood.

Two of the JSU Freshman Forum Members were named JSU Freshman Forum “Elite One” of the month for the spring semester. To receive the “Elite One of the Month” a member must have superior attendance and participation in meetings and outside community service activities. Those members that received this honor were:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Ariel Tolson	February	Anniston
Lauren McClendon	March	Rainbow City

SGA/Multicultural Programming

In celebration of the life of Dr. Martin L. King and his legacy a program entitled “Remembering a Leader” was held on January 19, 2012. The guest speaker, Sandra

Sudduth, Mayor Pro Tempore of Jacksonville, Alabama addressed all the social injustices Dr. King worked to overcome. Mrs. Sudduth discussed her role as a young foot soldier working under the direction of Dr. King to bring about racial equality. A diverse group of students representing an array of student organizations came out to the event.

On January 25, 2012, "Spice: The Real Truth" was presented at Leone Cole Auditorium. Lt. Reese presented videos, provided samples and discussed real life cases involving local Calhoun County youths that got involved with using the synthetic form of marijuana. Some of the consequences of using this drug have led to death. Campus organizations as well as the Fraternity and Sorority community attended this event.

Students preparing for the world of employment and seeking professional resume help joined the SGA on January 26, 2012 for a resume workshop conducted by Becca Turner in the TMB auditorium.

Black History Month began with a Blood Drive held on February 8-9, 2012.

In celebration of Black History Month, Sodexo partnered with the SGA and Multicultural Programming to sponsor Soul Food Night in the Café. A delicious menu of southern cuisine was enjoyed by JSU students, faculty and staff during the dinner hour on February 15.

On February 16, 2012, Multicultural Programming brought to the campus of JSU The Sankofa African American Traveling Museum. The museum curator Angela Jennings has over 20 years of experience in collecting African American authentic artifacts. This exhibit is a testament of the vast contributions that African American have made to this country and to the world. The exhibit spans the period of 1860 to the present day.

On February 22, 2012, the movie "The Great Debaters" was shown in the TMB auditorium.

Higher Education Day Rally was held on March 1, 2012 in Montgomery, Alabama. Jacksonville State University was represented with a delegation of 275 students in attendance.

Alabama YMCA Collegiate Legislature Conference was held on March 1-3, 2012, in Montgomery, Alabama. The following JSU students were elected and will serve in the following positions for 2012-2013: Alexandria Rainwater, President Pro Tempore, Brett Johnson, Senate Floor Leader, Delisha Ledford, Senate Clerk and Alexandria Carnes, School Representative. The conference selected five bills for debate from the JSU delegation and three of the bills passed.

SGA On Ice was held on Friday, March 16, 2012 in the TMB auditorium. The event drew a large crowd of over 250 students excited about the prospect of ice skating.

SGA Spring General Election Candidate Speeches were held on March 19, 2012. The following individual gave a speech:

Jason Sumner, SGA President,

T. Bryant Whaley, SGA President

Justin Johnson, SGA Vice President of Student Senate

Jade Wage SGA Vice President of Student Senate

Delisha Ledford, Vice President of Student Senate

Jeremy Potts, SGA Vice President of Organizational Affairs

Chris Stokes, SGA Vice President of Organizational Affairs

Alexandria Rainwater, SGA Vice President of Student Activities

Multicultural Programming celebration of Women's History Month was held on March 21, 2012, 6:00 p.m., TMB auditorium. Mrs. Patricia Pettyway, was the guest speaker on "Good Mental Health."

Fraternity and Sorority Life

Sixteen (16) out of nineteen (19) recognized chapters had an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher for the Fall 2011 semester. Those chapters, in rank order, are Zeta Tau Alpha – 3.24; Delta Zeta – 3.10; Alpha Xi Delta – 2.93; Sigma Gamma Rho – 2.83; Alpha Kappa Alpha – 2.75; Sigma Phi Epsilon – 2.74; Zeta Phi Beta – 2.72; Phi Mu – 2.69; Iota Phi Theta – 2.68; Alpha Omicron Pi – 2.66; Delta Chi – 2.64; Phi Beta Sigma – 2.57; Pi Kappa Phi – 2.53, Kappa Alpha Order – 2.53; Sigma Nu – 2.53; and Kappa Sigma – 2.51.

Other averages, in rank order, exceeding the All Undergraduate Average (G.P.A) of 2.54 include Panhellenic New Member – 2.97; Panhellenic – 2.95; All Sorority – 2.90; All Greek – 2.77; All Greek New Member – 2.67; National Pan- Hellenic Council (NPHC) – 2.63; Interfraternity Council (IFC) – 2.58; National Pan-Hellenic Council New Member – 2.56 and All Fraternity – 2.54.

University Police

February 2, 2012

Sgt. Mann and Schaffer attended the Gadsden Job Corp Career/Recruiting Presentation representing JSU.

March 1, 2012

Cpl. Singleton and Officer Lowe attended Street Survival Training Carlton Cultural Arts Center.

March 19-22, 2012

Chief Giddy attended the NASPA Conference with the Division of Student Affairs in Phoenix, Arizona.

March 19-22, 2012

Officer Lowe completed the Pressure Point Control Tactics Instructors Course at the North East Alabama Police Academy.

March 20-22, 2012

Officer Morrow completed the FBI interview, interrogation, statement and analysis course at the University of North Alabama Public Safety Institute.