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PRESIDENT BLAKE'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR

2022 rests on four "Pillars" (see: <https://strategic.gsu.edu/pillars/>), with two of them being "Student Success" and "College to Careers" or "focusing on 'college to career' experiential learning." These goals began to be met in May, 2022, when the University announced the collaboration between our College of Nursing and Health Professions and Grady Memorial Hospital.

This is particularly appropriate since Grady's own School of Nursing program was merged into our School of Nursing in 1982, when Grady's school was closed by the Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority after graduating its last class. Since 1898, Grady had trained and graduated over 4,000 nurses. Now, their legacy will be continued with our new collaboration.

This joint nursing education program was made possible by a grant of \$23.6 million from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. "The Woodruff gift is a game changer for [our] undergraduate nursing education," said Huanbiao Mo, dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions. John Hauptert, president and CEO, Grady Health System, added: "We are thrilled to partner with Georgia State to prepare nurses who will thrive in today's healthcare workforce. Grady will draw on our expertise as the state's top teaching hospital to create a leading-edge clinical training experience for student nurses, helping us better attract dedicated professionals."

Grady Hospital will be the primary clinical training site for Georgia State's nursing students during their final two years in the Nursing program for the Bachelor of Science degree. Student nurses at Grady Hospital

will receive immediate instruction in their specialized programs and mentoring from experienced staff nurses. In addition, Georgia State will support nursing internships for undergraduate students.

For its part, Grady Hospital will hire more faculty and create a scholarship program for students who commit to working at the hospital after graduation. It plans to set up a program for any nurse to build skills and get leadership

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training; and will launch a nurse residency program to support new graduates transitioning to a clinical setting. All of this will help the hospital to address its critical nursing shortage.

"This partnership with Grady strongly supports two of the most impactful aspects of our university – student success and college to careers," said President Blake. "This partnership ensures the success of Georgia State nursing students and guarantees a place to begin their careers."

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I RECENTLY HELPED JUDGE THE GSU

Undergraduate Research Conference, sponsored by the Honors College. Students presented research in mathematics and science, the social sciences, humanities and fine arts. The quality of the presentations was excellent, from conception and protocol to analysis and conclusions. These were students at an urban, public institution, who clearly have had excellent instruction and encouragement. It's fantastic how GSU prepares them for graduate school and professional careers.

Many of these students can't afford to travel or even take time off from work. Our Emeriti Association Honors College Just-In-Time Fund makes small grants to honors students to present their research at professional conferences, to accept internships, and to study abroad. Our engagement with the Honors College is just one of the ways the Emeriti Association supports GSU.

This year, the GSU Emeriti Association marks its 20th

anniversary. It's amazing how much has happened in that time, and the progress GSU has made. Our service and accomplishments remain worthwhile. We are a respected part of the university, and our association promotes our interests and keeps us in contact with one another. We are planning a celebration at our annual holiday reception that will again take place next December, after a hiatus last year due to the pandemic.

In the meantime, we plan to make a short 20th anniversary video, similar to the one in 2012 for our 10th anniversary. If you haven't seen it, please take eight minutes to look on our website, <https://emeriti.gsu.edu/about-us-2/> (*Scroll down to Emeriti Association History*). We will highlight the accomplishments of our colleagues, our departments, our colleges, our students, and the university. Your ideas are welcome. If you're willing to appear in the video, we have professional help for writing and production.

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EDITOR'S NOTE!

EmeriTies: By Emeriti and For Emeriti

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A significant aspect of Georgia State's identity is that it is "part of the neighborhood" of downtown Atlanta. President Emeritus Carl Patton, as a former urban planner, first expanded Georgia State's core at the heart of downtown into the nearby stadium area with the beginning construction of the Convocation Center in what had been Turner Field. Former President Mark Becker continued to open

up the downtown campus with further renovations that connected it with the city around it through "greenways," and further expansion into the stadium area. And with the announced collaboration between the University's School of Nursing and nearby Grady Memorial Hospital, our new President Brian Blake has expanded Georgia State, quite literally, into downtown Atlanta's very life.

EMERITIES

Events & Activities



Chattahoochee Hike on April 13.

From bottom left to bottom right: Anne Page Mosby, Jay Haney, Deborah Butler, John DeCastro, Carolyn Cash, Peggy Gallagher, Reiner Smolinski, David C. Ewert, Don Ratajczak, Beryle Baker, Ted Wadley.

Emeriti Association sponsored two hikes along the Chattahoochee at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, led by Professor Emeritus John DeCastro and Carolyn Cash. The first, on April 13 with 11 emeriti, was followed by lunch at the Mojave restaurant. The second, on May 11 with 5 emeriti, was followed by lunch at The Orient restaurant. No further hikes are scheduled for the summer. We plan to resume them in the fall.



Retirees are invited to ALL of the walks scheduled through the HR Well-being Office, in addition to most other wellness events. These can be found on the GSU campus calendar or the GSU Human Resources Events calendar. Note that these may change due to weather or other conditions. Events for the different Colleges can be accessed through the GSU Emeriti website: <https://emeriti.gsu.edu> under the “Events” tab.



And I received this note from Professor Emeritus Yezdi Bhada. “The Late LORENE PILCHER deserves special recognition for the substantive role she played in the founding of the GSU Emeriti Association. She was not merely a member of the initial faculty group that formed the Association and the succeeding Chair of the Steering Committee. Her enthusiastic support for creating this Association and her unselfish volunteering to get the work done were inspirational and productive. We express our sincere gratitude to her for her dedication on behalf of all GSU Emeriti.”

— Editor, Professor Emerita **Christine Gallant**

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



We’d like to hear from you.

Travel stories? Hobbies or volunteer activities you’ve discovered that other emeriti might like to try?

SEND ARTICLES

100-300 words long
to the editor at

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- **Nicolle Parsons-Pollard** became Interim Provost effective January 1. Prior to this, she served as Georgia State's Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs since 2020. She also is Professor of Criminal Justice in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Before coming to Georgia State, Dr. Parsons-Pollard was Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs at Monmouth University (*New Jersey*), and Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Operations at Virginia State University. She completed the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellows Program in 2014-2015.
- **Nancy Kropf**, formerly dean of Perimeter College since 2019, has been appointed Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. In this role, she will work closely with Interim Provost Nicolle Parsons-Pollard and President Blake in the University's strategic planning for 2022-2030. She first joined Georgia State in 2006 as a Director and Professor in the School of Social Work, then became an Associate Dean in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in 2013. In 2015 while serving as its Associate Dean for Research and Strategic Initiatives, she was appointed Dean of the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Work and Social Policy from Virginia Commonwealth University.
- **Cynthia Lester** succeeds Dr. Kropf as Interim Dean of Perimeter College. She was Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs there. A Professor of Computer Science in Perimeter College, she previously served as Associate Dean of its Division of Math, Computer Science and Engineering as well as Associate Dean of the Clarkston campus.
- **Sarah Cook**, former Interim Dean of the Honors College, has been named Dean effective June 1. She was Associate Dean from 2012 to 2020, working with Dean Berman to implement two college-level strategic plans. She joined the Department of Psychology (CAS) in 1997, and was its director for undergraduate studies. Dr. Cook received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Virginia.
- **Anthony K. Davis**, Dean of Students at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., became Associate Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students on July 1. He has served at Winthrop since 2014. A former student-athlete who played football in the NFL and in the Canadian Football League, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin and is completing his doctorate at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

USG Retiree Council Meeting April 1, 2022

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The AON Retiree Health Exchange was acquired by ALIGHT in October 2021. For several years AON contracted out our HRA management to ALIGHT. This new business model will better integrate services. All USG retirees received an announcement of this change in March, 2021. By May 14, 2022, all University websites will need to replace current AON URL links and labels with those of ALIGHT.

AON Open Enrollment and Customer Service for 2022: eleven (11) medical plans were eliminated affecting 4,899 retirees, of whom only twenty-six percent (26%) chose a new plan. Sixty-six percent (66%) of USG retirees worked with an AON agent while thirty-four percent (34%) used computer based self-service enrollment.

AON advisors encouraged USG retirees to research differences among traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Supplemental Plans. This information can be found on the Medicare.gov website. AON will produce a video, specific to HRA, that informs a retiree's family of the process for informing the Health exchange of the retiree's death. *(AON requires that they be informed no more than six months after the death.)*

Retirees wanting to move from Medicare Plan F to Plan G need to contact their specific carrier.

Dr. Stuart Rayfield, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor, also addressed the Council, informing them that the Georgia legislature has reinstated "special instructional fees" in the state budget, thus eliminating the need for students' instructional fees. He also discussed the Regents' changes in the process for post-tenure review that led to the AAUP censure of the state's university system. He noted that USG schools are currently revising their policies on tenure and post tenure review to accord with the newly amended Regents Policy, with completion expected by 2023.

The USG Retiree Council replied to Dr. Rayfield with this prepared statement: *"We support the AAUP's censure of the USG. Within each USG school policy and plan for tenure and post-tenure review, peer review must be an integral part of the review process."*

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UPDATES: USG AND UNIVERSITY

USG

On May 10, 2022, the Board of Regents (*BOR*) revised its policy on the process for selecting the presidents of USG colleges and universities. The BOR chair will now serve as chair of the institutional search committee, with the ability to appoint any number of other regents to the committee. A member is now allowed to be the chancellor or designee. Previously, the BOR chair only served as chair on the presidential search committee for openings at Georgia's research universities—Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and the University of Georgia—and was only able to appoint six other regents to the committee.

The rationale for the revision was that the policy was made consistent for presidential searches at all USG schools with one form of search committee for all. Another change which should be noted, however, has little to do with consistency. *No longer are the majority of the committee members required to be faculty.*

UNIVERSITY

Georgia State has joined another collaboration to improve public health, thanks to \$52 million in federal funding, with research professors at Emory University and Georgia State creating a drug development center to prevent the next pandemic. **The Antiviral Countermeasures Development Center (AC/DC)** is one of nine such centers nationally that are funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (*NIAID*).

Our new center is co-founded by two professors who have long worked together to develop successful antiviral drugs: **Dr. George Painter**, professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Chemical Biology at Emory University School of Medicine, CEO of the Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory (*DRIVE*), and executive director of the Emory Institute for Drug Development, and **Dr. Richard Plemper**, Distinguished University Professor and director of the Center for Translational Antiviral Research at Georgia State.



The Rialto Center for the Arts will merge with the College of the Arts, to provide cross-disciplinary collaborations between the Rialto and the college's schools. The Rialto Series features national and international jazz artists, world music and dance, and the college's performances.



President Blake presented rapper, actor, and entrepreneur **Chris “Ludacris” Bridges** an honorary Bachelor of Science degree in Music Management at this year's commencement. Ludacris attended Georgia State in the 1990s before signing a record deal that launched his multiplatinum-selling career in hip-hop. In 2019, he joined Georgia State's Creative Media Industries Institute as an artist-in-residence and partnered with the College of Law as part of their “Legal Life of . . .” series.



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REQUEST FOR JIF FUND DONORS . . .

Donations to the Just-In-Time Fund for Honors College students are requested as in-person conferences once again take place. Gifts can be made online at <https://netcommunity.gsu.edu/make-a-gift> or by check. For checks, make payable to Georgia State University Foundation; add to the memo line Emeriti Just-In-Time Fund; and mail your donation to: Georgia State University Foundation • P.O. Box 2668 • Atlanta, GA 30312-2668.

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