From the Recruiter’s Desk

Happy Spring Semester! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break and snow day. As we are gearing up for our busiest time of the year, I wanted to take the time and send out a few reminders, updates, and general information about Georgia Highlands College. In addition, I wanted to share some positive things that are happening at GHC. I hope that everyone has a wonderful spring semester. We are happy to serve you and your students. Let us know how we can help!

All the best,

Crystal Edenfield

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**Important DATE!**

Georgia Highlands College’s deadline for admissions is always thirty days before the semester begins.

**First Days of Class:**
- Maymester- May 12
- June Session- June 7
- Summer Full Session- June 7
- July Session- July 6
- Fall Semester- August 18

**GHC gives tours by appointment only. Our hours are Monday – Thursday from 8 am until 5:30 pm and Fridays from 8 am until noon.**

**DON’T FORGET!**

Students can check the status of their application and admissions process by going to [www.highlands.edu](http://www.highlands.edu) and clicking on Check Admissions Status in the lower right-hand corner. After acceptance, students can register for COMPASS testing and New Student Orientation through this link as well. Password = SSN # and DOB
Counselor Breakfasts a Success!

GHC hosted four breakfasts honoring area counselors and graduation coaches. Representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid and Georgia Student Finance Commission were on hand to share updates and answer questions. It was the first time that a breakfast was held at the Paulding Instructional Site. Both the Douglasville Site Director, Ken Reeves, and the Paulding Site Director, Kathy Ledbetter were present at the Paulding Area Breakfast to answer questions and share information about our new locations. Counselors from 31 different high schools were in attendance. Thank you for attending and for all that you do for your students.

Housing now available at Marietta for all GHC students

Beginning in the fall, GHC students will be able to live on campus at the Marietta location. In years past, once a student was accepted, they could contact Southern Polytechnic’s housing and place their name on a waiting list. SPSU has built more housing facilities so the waiting list is no longer necessary. Students can choose to live in either Norton or Howell residence halls. These dorms will have GHC floors grouping all GHC students together. For more information contact Nancy Kelly at 678-915-5013.

The federal deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is July 1. Some colleges and universities choose to enforce earlier deadlines. Make sure your students do not miss the opportunity to receive financial aid. The staff of GHC is happy to assist with a financial aid night for students and parents. Let us know if we can help simplify the process in any way.

The ACCEL deadline for fall is April 1. The updated course equivalencies can be found at www.gacollege411.org by clicking on the ACCEL quick link. The DOE will recognize a 3-credit-hour college class as 1-Carnegie Unit effective 7/1/2010.
Targeting the classroom, not just the cafeteria!

In the fall issue of the Counselor Connection, I expressed my goal to be in the classroom more often this year. Although lunch visits are a great way to recruit students, I had a desire to talk about life after high school with students on a more personal level.

At Pepperell HS, I conduct interest sessions for the seniors each semester. Each August at Armuchee HS, I speak to their senior class at an assembly.

More recently, I spent the week at Rome High School rotating through all levels of English classes, ultimately speaking with over 300 seniors ranging from tech prep to college prep advanced students. My presentation is generic at first, covering every question that I can think of that a student may ask about the college process. Then at the end, I tailor it towards GHC. Whether your student begins with us as a freshman, attends summer classes as a transient, ends up transferring to GHC, or never attending at all, this presentation is packed with information that is beneficial for any type of student.

To request a classroom visit, call 706-204-2281 or email me at cedenfield@highlands.edu.

GHC welcomes Chris Lundy as the Student Services Specialist for the Paulding County Instructional Site. Chris is a former student of GHC and a graduate of Jacksonville State University. He began working in the Admissions Office in the summer of 2009. Chris is the go-to person for information about the Paulding location. He conducts regular tours and assists Crystal in some of the West Georgia area recruiting.

GHC welcomes Katrina Vernor as the Student Services Specialist for the Douglasville Instructional Site. Katrina began her career with GHC in 2006 but moved to Admissions last summer. Katrina has a BS in Psychology from Georgia Southern and a MA in Counseling.

Katrina will be visiting the areas surrounding Douglas County to promote our new location. She will also be assisting with some of the West Georgia recruiting efforts.

GHC will host a Financial Aid Night for Douglasville area high schools Thurs., Feb. 25 at 6:30 pm. A program will be presented by GHC and representatives GSFC will be available to answer questions. Location TBA.