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Meet our Student Ambassadors

Ezekiel Lucas is a Freshman at Georgia Military College. He is the Secretary of the Student Government Association, a member of the Community Involvement Club, and a member of the Honor Council. Ezekiel is currently concentrating on General Studies. He is planning to transfer to UGA and earn his Graduate degree in Advertising.

Benjamin Hancock is a Freshman at Georgia Military College. He is the Treasurer of student Government Association, a member of the Community Involvement Club and a member of the Honor Council. Benjamin is currently pursuing an Associate’s degree in Biology and plans to transfer to GRU to earn a Doctorate in Medicine.

Nachisha is a Sophomore at GMC pursuing a degree in General Studies.
Mrs. Battles: When did you graduate? What is your degree in?

Ms. Bakr: I completed prerequisite courses for a nursing program in August of this year. So I was enrolled as a non-degree seeking student from January 2013 to August 2014.

Mrs. Battles: What degree are you pursuing now?

Ms. Bakr: I am in GRU’s Clinical Nurse Leader Program. It is a 16-month program after which I qualify to sit for the RN exam, as well as earn an MSN (Masters of Science in Nursing). It is especially tailored to help alleviate the nursing shortage by granting students an undergraduate degree in something other than nursing a fast track to an RN degree.

Mrs. Battles: Why another degree?

Ms. Bakr: For the past several years, I had helped take care of my mom who suffered from dementia and was bedridden and unable to speak for the last 5 years of her life. She passed almost one year ago, in December 2013. I realized that I had something special to offer and a way of helping others compassionately when they need it most and when they were most vulnerable.

Mrs. Battles: What makes you tick?

Ms. Bakr: I’m not sure what that really means, but some things that stir deep negative emotion in me are witnessing/awareness of injustice to a fellow human, disrespectful people, and wastefulness.

Some things that bring out the best in me are: Being out in nature, watching my children growing into pretty cool people, and living with an attitude of gratitude instead of one of expectations.

Mrs. Battles: How do you balance your family life, work and school?

Ms. Bakr: Truthfully, I’m not sure I do! Lol. I’m supported tremendously by my dad and younger brother who take care of so many kids & home logistics everyday. When I first started the program, I studied seven days a week for at least ten hours a day. I was not balanced. But lately I’m starting to see for myself that I’m happier and more successful on all fronts if I give myself one full day off to be with my family and friends. Saturday, I do no school work nor do I even think about school. And that refreshes me for another challenging week of work ahead. The kids enjoy a fully present mom, too.

Mrs. Battles: Did your father’s presence at school influence you?

Ms. Bakr: It was a gift to study at a school where someone you love so deeply was nearby, always ready with a smile and an uplifting word of encouragement... and a yummy snack! My dad made me feel like a VIP while at GMC. Also, his former and current students as well as many faculty and staff always praised him with high accolades of me. It was a very special experience and he is a very, very special person. (I love you dad!)

Mrs. Battles: What is your favorite movie?

Ms. Bakr: Oh, so many. But some that come immediately to mind are: Dead Poet’s Society, Braveheart, Sleepless in Seattle and Awakenings. And that, my friends, is how one dates himself/herself :-)

Mrs. Battles: What is your dream?

Ms. Bakr: To be surrounded by loving family and friends, living a comfortable, not opulent, life while contributing to my community. So, I’m living it! This is a great reminder to be grateful for the present. The only things I would want that I don’t have would be to wave a magic wand, have the house be always pristine and have awesome food magically awaiting us in the kitchen!

Mrs. Battles: Thank you again for your success story!

Ms. Bakr: Thank you! Always remember that nothing worth having is ever easy. So, work hard, know you’ll get there, and that it will be worth it.

Interviewer: Monica Battles, Editor, The Voice
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Student Honor Council: statistics for Fall 1 Term

3 cheating cases and 7 plagiarism cases

THEME OF THE MONTH

DUTY

“Duty is the most sublime word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.”
— Robert E. Lee

“Ever notice that the whisper of temptation can be heard farther than the loudest call to duty?”
— Earl Wilson
“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

--Mark Twain ....

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Director Reid... Dean Bowman ... Dean Stone...
What is the "Key" to life that most people pursue so passionately? For Mrs. Lynette Rodriguez, the answer is her faith in God intertwined with the love of her family and friends. She is a seven-year breast cancer survivor and walks with much confidence. Humbly, she faced her own mortality and considered the future of her husband and children without her. She focused on getting healthy and reprioritized her life: never looking back or asking why me . . . why me . . . Instead, she continues to work and share her experience with others. She talked through the pain to help alleviate the fears that came with the prognosis. These days, breast cancer is a challenge that can be handled. Listening to your body and monthly breast exams are vital to early detection. Mrs. Rodriguez's message today is to live life, stay active and surround yourself with like minded people. She is an inspiration to many people and especially our students.

By: Monica Battles
I have worked for Georgia Military College at the end of this year for 34 ½ years. My retirement date will be 1 January 2015. I have served under 4 Presidents of GMC and also 5 Directors of the GMC-Augusta / Ft. Gordon Campus. I started my career with GMC in July 1980 at Ft. Gordon. I worked there approximately 18 ½ years before they moved our main staff operation to the Martinez location where I have been since then. We have moved locations five times, Martinez being the last. I was honored to be Employee of the Year and also Employee of the Quarter for GMC.

My job as the Registrar for the Augusta Campus has enabled me to meet so many wonderful people and be able to provide a quality service at GMC. I have seen many success stories with our students at the Augusta campus and that makes me proud to be a part of that team. I will truly miss those that I have worked with on a daily basis and also the many students that I have met along the way. I am very proud to say I have worked at Georgia Military College!

I have been married for 30 years and have 2 wonderful daughters and 4 gorgeous and loveable grandchildren. My retirement means spending time with family and traveling while exploring new things now that I will have plenty of time on my hands.
As we enter one of America’s most awaited holiday seasons of the year, the spirit of giving flourishes in the air. We look for gifts for our love ones, things that will bring smiles and laughter to their faces. Shoppers rushing from one place to another: in an attempt to find the best deals of the season. The spirit of giving and its meaning is almost forgotten in all the commotion. There are still some people out there that give the truest gift, keeping the spirit alive, and never forgetting what it truly means to give. These are the ones that the charitable spirit continually resides with, regardless of the season.

We scour looking for that perfect gift that will fulfil the gift of giving. That perfect gift may be the gift that comes from the heart and is received by the heart of a stranger. There are gifts that will outlast any material item and will impart goodwill on both ends. For the ones that the spirit of giving lingers with all through the year, they realize this. This gift never runs out and only increases when it is distributed. Although, the action is not automatic the reaction is. As priceless as it may be; yet, everyone can afford it. A gift so easily overlooked, even though it is a part of our humanity.

The gift of kindness, this is a virtue that many forget they possess, but as we near the holiday season, it strangely resurfaces and waits for us to take full advantage of its practices: lending a helping hand to a stranger; donating to an unknown entity; helping serve dinners to the poor and even brightening someone’s day with a simple greeting. This is the truest gift not only given to our love ones, but to strangers also. And once you have experienced this gift then you will have received the true spirit of alms.
Student Activities! Get involved!

Veterans’ Club
Support our military members
Advisor: Mr. Marvin Farmer

History Club
Explores the history of our world
Advisor: Mrs. Linda Lamarre

Honor Council
Supports improvements to campus ethics
Advisor: Ms. Lauren Kenney

The Voice
Students’ newspaper
Advisor: Dr. Aman Kay

International Club
Exploring international cultures
Advisor: Ms. Flo Walker

Gardening Club
Share your gardening ideas and creativity
Advisor: Ms. Jessica Brown

Computer Club
Discussing trends and computer technology
Advisor: Mr. Kip Hamilton

LGBTQ
“Supports a way of life and secures a friendly environment”
Advisors: Ms. Cathy Fishman & Dr. Duane Halbur

Student Gov’t Assoc.
Representing the interest of the students
Advisor: Ms. Sharon Greene

Community Involvement Club
Leading community volunteerism
Advisor: Ms. Missie Usry

National Honor Society (Phi Theta Kappa)
Advisor: Ms. April Shoemaker
Georgia Military College enforces the nondiscrimination provisions of Title IX which states; “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity.

GMC’s Gender-based Misconduct Policy, including definitions, sanctions, and procedures, the Sexual Assault Victim’s Bill of Rights, and the Title IX Confidentiality, Privacy, and Reporting Policy are found in the GMC Student Handbook, which can be accessed at the following link Gender Misconduct Policy.

If you have questions about GMC’s policy or wish to file a complaint, please contact your Title IX Coordinator.

Distant Learning Center employees and students should contact the Assistant Director at their center who has been designated to serve as center Title IX Coordinator.

Col Patrick J. Beer

Dean of Students and GMC Title IX Coordinator
Dr. Duane Halbur, GA Gives Day 2nd raffle prize winner.

Jonathon Chambers, GA Gives Day raffle winner.

Salamawit Twequar, Ga Gives Day 3rd raffle winner.

Cindy Dickson, Assistant Registrar nominated with Character award for Fall Quarter.

Cherie Glacklin, Ga Gives Day raffle winner

Johanna Chambers, GA Gives Day raffle winner.

The honoree in the quarterly Character Recognition Program for Winter 2014 is Ana K. Levy. She was nominated by Ms. Ana Schultz in recognition of the example she sets in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations to Stephanie Merrit who won the PTK Parking Place Raffle.

Randy Elvidge, Professor Award

GMC Meet and Greet
Golden Harvest Food Bank

“It’s Spooky to be Hungry”

Sponsored by: The Community Involvement Club

GMC’s Halloween spirit made October a creative month
The mission of Japanfest is to improve the understanding and appreciation of linkages between Japanese and Americans residing in the Southeastern United States through an annual salute to Japanese culture and friendship entitled JapanFest.

Japanfest began in 1981 as "Japan Week", a biannual series of Japan-related cultural events organized by the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta.

Japanfest was selected as a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society in 2003, 2010, and 2011. Japanfest was a 2004 recipient of the Certificate of Commendation on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of US - Japan relations from former Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi. This award was given on the basis of his contributions to the friendship and goodwill between Japan and the United States.

For more information about Japanfest: www.japanfest.org
Without words
there would be no life,
no faith,
no expression,
no foundation.
The blueprint of our existence,
The cause of my addiction.
Letters of the alphabet are powerful symbols
combined together to create the strokes of life.
Giving me a sense of history,
Past, present and future.
Most importantly: identity.
Writing is the ultimate challenge of thought,
like a philosopher to psychology.
A pen is more than just a writing utensil,
Releasing a powerful stimulant,
With the ability to extract the heart,
The mind,
The body,
The soul,
Preserving it upon paper,
Even after the high is gone.
Without words
I am - sober -
A poet no longer.
Only a few possess its true powers,
and understand its unlimited capabilities.
Give me a pen!
My scars shall bleed,
and heal upon paper.

Give me a pen,
I shall proceed to open minds,
to a realm of a never ending world
of possibilities.
I can paint imagery so vividly,
Clearly like a sudden epiphany to a philosopher,
Unfolding mirror images of society.
It has the power to blend culture,
Erase the physical dividends we know in life
To make us different.
It is the one time
we all hear the same sound,
It places us on common ground.
Give me a pen!
and I shall give you words
With meaning and diction like no other.
Give me a pen,
and let me strike your brain,
Like a stroke to the heart,
Leaving an indent,
You will never forget.
Then I will have done my part,
In educating and stimulating your mind with art.
Given by my soul and heart,
Created with a pen.
Jessica Tang, new admissions counselor, recently graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language and Literature and Women’s Studies. She also just came home from Harbin, China where she studied abroad for two months to improve her Chinese reading and writing skills. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and speaks some Taiwanese as well. In the future, she hopes to continue her education with a Master’s degree in either International Humanitarian Affairs or Peace Studies. She is primarily interested in women’s rights and hopes to one day work for the United Nations Women. In her free time, she loves eating good food and trying new types of food! Other than that, she loves crafting, sewing, baking, cosplaying, and watching superhero movies such as Sherlock, and Game of Thrones!

Laura Paulus, new advisor, and new to Augusta– she moved here from Virginia and grew up in Delaware. She holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Communication from the University of Delaware and a M. Ed. in School Counseling from Wilmington University. She has also studied Spanish at La Universidad Catolica del Uruguay. She has worked as a high school and middle school guidance counselor for the past two years in Virginia, and is now excited to work in higher education. She looks forward to working with the students and staff at GMC.
Adkins, Amanda
Bacheller, Austin
Baker, Thomas
Beatty, Kelsey
Bennett, Jaimeka
Bledsoe, Camrey
Boyles, Carl
Burgess, Acquantina
Cartledge, David
Clark, Allison
Cooper, Courtney
Dollahan, Austin
Dungy, Karissa
Edmunds, Joy
Florence, Pamela
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Graves, Marcia
Groothand, Morgan
Harrison, Ashley
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Hodges, Justin
Hubert, Sarah
Huntington, Mallory
Jackson, Rachel
Jones, McKenzie
Kennedy, Brandon
Lane, Victor
Lovett, Ebony
Mayfield, Kayla
McCaffrey, Lindsay
McCray, Elvin
Moore-Brewer, Stephanie
Nelson, Kiara
Norris, Jessica
Ortiz Schulz, Ana
Pabon, Alexis
Peterson, Michael
Pinkard, Kayla
Rich, Julie
Richards, Jennifer
Rinck, Christopher
Sanchez, Jerard
Shah, Tameem
Steves, Melissa
Taylor, Teddy
Tolbert, Kristen
Walker, Casey
Yau, Ying
Dean's List Fall 1

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Arrington, Sarah
Asmann, Taylor
Beckham, Matthew
Beckum, Kassie
Beggs, Hadley
Benson, Abigail
Biggs, Whitney
Bolton, Christopher
Bourne, Tameca
Boyd, Rachel
Brinson, Mac
Brooks, Bradley
Brooks, Jesse
Buck, Emily
Carpenter, Chartreese
Cason, Anna
Chiu, Cho
Clark, Peyton
Clements, Leonna
Clinton, Melissa
Coxville, Amanda
Crawford, Gabriela
Dohn, Brittany
Dumas, Brandon
Easler, Rebekah
Edmunds, James
Elim, Matthew
Farina, Stephen
Fletcher, Charles
Francis, Stephanie
Gardner, Cole
Gibbons, Shemika
Glanton, Amy
Gonzalez, Kimberly
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Gulino, Michael
Hankal, Phillip
Hayes, Hannah
Heath, Caitlin
Henry, Anthony
Henthorn, Matthew
Highsmith, Kelly
Hillis-Bragdon, Jennifer
Hooks, Sarah
Howard, Jillian
Hudgeons, Nikki
Huntington, Malone
Hyatt, Jennifer
Jablonski, Paris
Jenkins, Charles
Jenkins, Christina
Jenkins, Zarina
Johnson, Arionna
Johnson, Royce
Jones, Tiffany
Joseph, Joel
Judd, Sabrina
Key, Brittany
Kinard, Zachary
Kotson, Jeffery
Lacy, Brimyia
Lucas, Ezekiel
Madigan, Tammy
Martin, Taylor
Martin, Taylor
McBride, Paulette
McClam, Sarah
McClelland, James
McCord, Chasiti
McCorkle, Brittany
McGahee, Brooke
McKenzie, Shabazz
McNair, Miranda
McRae, Bianca
Miller, Kathryn
Minnick, Lindsay
Mixon, Victoria
Moeb, Brandon
Moore, Craig
Morris, Holly
Nguyen, Trinh
Nuss, Walter
Oglesby, Heather
Olson, Sarah
Parham, Michael
Parker, Samantha
Paul, Andrew
Perry, Adam
Phillips, Britanny
Porter, Epiphany
Poss, Dexter
Powers, Shannon
Prather, Joshua
Rayfield, Richard
Reddick, Gregory
Renn, Casey
Rewis, Charles
Reynolds, Ashley
Robinson, Lakeshia
Roey, Keli
Rosabal, William
Rosier, Quinton
Rosser, Amanda
Rotger, Candace
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Smith, Jnae
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Snook, Zoe
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Walker, Tyisha
Waller, Casie
Whitaker, Sidney
Whitman, Shawn
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Willing, Hunter
Wilson, Aysia
Wright, Keisha
Zhou, Miya
Director Reid, Dean Stone & Dean Bowman: How can we further improve GMC?
GUESS WHO?

Answers on Sudoku pg.
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8 – Ben Cairns
7 – Christie Mays
6 – Bella Wenum
5 – Cindy Tafoya
4 – Laura Paulus
3 – Missie Usry
2 – Leia Bowman
1 – Samantha Shore

Guess Who?!
“Cowabunga Dude!” This is a famous quote from the famous super heroes: “The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.” The Ninja Turtles themselves do not have run of the mill super hero names like “Superman” or “Spiderman.” Their names are Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Leonardo. Random? Right? Well, actually no. Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello, and Michelangelo are names of exceptional artists from the Italian Renaissance. Every society is filled with disappointments from time to time. This is no different for Middle Eastern countries. A group of Middle Eastern scholars who were very disappointed with their own societies decided to move to Italy. These scholars collectively spawned the birth of the philosophy of humanism, which emphasized the importance of individual achievement in a wide range of fields. This spawn by scholars working with a number of Vatican and other Italian scholars initiated the Italian Renaissance that was the first step in freeing Europe from the Dark Ages. Under the influence of these primarily humanists, literature and the arts climbed to new levels of importance. Gradually, education became more available to the public and the walls of ignorance, bias, and superstition began to crumble. A new world was shaping. During the Renaissance, the most prominent feature was the furthering of the arts, and the advancement of new techniques and styles. Painter Giotto and sculptor Ghiberti experimented with new techniques which gave way for other sculptors to this very day to build upon and perfect their methods. The apex of artistic talent came at a time known as the High Renaissance. To this day, some of the most famous artists of all time are the products of that period. “All good things must come to an end.” This is such a true statement and applies to many situations, even the Italian Renaissance. The spirit of the Italian Renaissance was crushed under Charles V. With his economic restrictions and censorship placed on the people in response to the rising reformation movement, Italy ceased to be the cradle of artistic, intellectual, and economic prosperity. Nevertheless, the movement had started and soon the spirit of the Renaissance, like a flourishing spring, spread all over Europe. Western societies continue to benefit from the glory of the Renaissance thanks to the courageous and fearless men and women who had the vision and the bravery of fighting against some domineering and selfish powerhouses. These men and women guided the masses that desperately needed a new direction. Centuries later, the United States of America befitted from the fruits of The Renaissance. (For details see Sparknotes.com.)
Carolina Renaissance Festival: GMC Students Enjoy Living History

By Katherine Bridsong

Annually, tens of thousands of people gather in a hip, cosmopolitan, southern city, in an up and coming, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) state. Perhaps these thousands gather for an energy conference? Or perhaps it is for an economic meeting, hosted by Bank of America or another prominent financial institution? No. These thousands gather to take advantage of a left behind, but not totally forgotten, childhood pleasure: dressing up. They gather to enjoy a feast together. And, they gather to enjoy a unique community. Whatever the individual interest, whether it is literature, language, food, costumes, games, weapons or history, the collective group shares their enjoyment of the Renaissance Era.

Each year, Georgia Military College invites its students to the Renaissance Festival held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Charlotte is a fun, vibrant city, in the pleasant, not-too-far-a-drive, state of North Carolina. This year marked the 21st year of the Carolina Renaissance Festival. Thus far, 2014 is on track to have a great turnout. Over 150,000 people have traveled back in time to the age of knights and fair maidens. That’s a lot of chivalry, well on track to the normal 180,000 that attend over the eight-week run. The Festival takes place on a 22-acre, carefully constructed fairytale land, burrowed in autumn woodlands. Festival-goers visit for a few hours or all day, becoming immersed and entertained with the culture and ambience of renaissance life. Most students have never experienced the renaissance culture. Most would expect to see only a costumed princess or two, or a few men carrying large legs of some sort of meat, which would only narrowly capture a fragment of renaissance life. Fortunately, the Carolina Renaissance Festival brings a full experience. I spoke with students in my English 102 class who attended the festival on November 1st, 2014. Faces smiling, their comments glowed with the positive energy they brought back from the festival. They shared pictures and added interesting stories and details of their experience. Students mentioned live entertainment with circus stunts, juggling, and magic tricks. Others commented on the storytelling theater, comedy shows, and of course, amazing food. The food, described as spectacular, does not sound at all like the fried selections at local or state fairs. Students describe slow cooked, high quality meat served on sticks, stews, and crepes. They also enjoyed the games and rides, and noted that not a single one was powered by electricity.

GMC offers its students an excellent opportunity for a fun, educational, off-campus experience. Transported back in time., students saw elaborate costumes, jousting matches, and a shared a uniqueness in history.
Thanksgiving is an annual national holiday, marked by religious observance and traditional meal. However, the Samoans traditions of Thanksgiving are slightly different from the American traditions. Around five in the morning, everyone in the village is to meet in the temple for prayer meeting. After, every Samoan family is also to bring fruit baskets and traditional foods, where the event will be taking place. However, instead of the turkey being the main meal, the pig is most important to have at a Samoan feast; like every family would, we would gather around, feast, and sing traditional songs too. Once when everyone is through eating, the youth will mostly perform entertainment in front of the adults to show respect and how thankful they are to God and to their loved ones. The place would be full with greatness, positive vibes, and laughter.

By: Gloria Aotearoa Faaui
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