

Comm Arts

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PERFECTING THE LINES OF
COMMUNICATION

Seventh Annual Communication Arts Banquet

The seventh annual

Communication Arts Banquet is coming up in full force. "Back to Basics" is this year's theme for the banquet being held at First Baptist Church on the evening of April 14, 2009.

Department Chair Dr. Pamela Bourland-Davis first proposed the idea of the banquet six years ago to provide a forum to recognize students.

Student recognitions include outstanding awards in their department majors, scholarship recipients, Peer Advisors, and high GPA.

Professors, faculty, parents and, of course, students are all invited to this special occasion.

"Back to Basics" was developed as the theme to emphasize basic



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communication principles that transcend time.

The banquet is also a celebration of all 2009 graduating seniors.

A silent auction will be held in hopes of raising money for school equipment for use in multimedia courses.

Each spring semester, the public relations events class plans and coordinates the banquet trying to reach all communication programs. The events class is expecting around 150 people to attend and support these students when they receive these awards.

Save the date to support your classmates in celebration of Communication!

Upcoming Events

Career Fair

April 8 @ 12-3 p.m.
CAT

Comm Arts Banquet

April 14 @ 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
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Film Festival

April 16 @ 6:00 p.m.
Averitt Center
*Entry form
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Relay for Life

April 17



A Man for All Seasons

April 17-25
*Tickets call 912-478-5379



Puppetry

May 1-2, 2009
"Song of Roland"

Four Students Accepted to SSCA

Congratulations to the Communication Arts Department students *Claire Gallam, Mike Palambo, Jamie Randolph* and recent fall graduate *Corney Anderton* for their papers being accepted to the Southern States Communication Association.

SSCA is an organization that, according to its website, "promotes the study, criticism, research, teaching and

application of the artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of communication."

This year's convention is taking place April 1-5 in Norfolk, Virginia. All students will present their papers.

"I am totally blown away and honored to be accepted to the Conference and to be one that gets to represent Georgia Southern; I can't wait for Norfolk," said Jamie Randolph,

Communication Studies senior.

Students interested in submitting a paper must do so before the fall deadline. One paper per student, written within the last year, is allowed. Typically about 60 percent of the submissions are accepted.

All papers accepted this year were ones written for classes the students took with Dr. Chris Geyerman.



Dr. Wheaton (above on left) with 4-H student (right) working on developing her speech. SOCS students helped in the workshop, led by Dr. Bourland-Davis, to prepare 5th graders for the contest.

Professors on Top!

Recently we have been recognizing many of our achieved students, but what about our professors?

Dr. Patrick Wheaton has been recognized for his forthcoming publication: *Abolition, Martyrdom, and Freedom of Expression* that is going to be published in the Free Speech Yearbook.

Dr. Abby Brooks is teaching a new leadership class (COMS 3030) in the fall and has been

asked to attend LeaderShape with the University Office and Leadership and Civic Engagement. Dr. Brooks also had a paper accepted in an upcoming publication of *Communication Monographs*.

Dr. Becky Kennerly was elected Performance Studies division representative to NCA's national assembly. She was also invited respondent for the Patti Pace Performance Festival, which will be held in Statesboro, January 2010.

At GCA, Dr. Kennerly and Professor Tyson Davis presented, with student Lyndell Johnson, a video production document of intercultural field research with migrant workers in Lyons, Ga.

Dr. Bourland-Davis is serving as Co-Chair of the Research Paper Competition for the PR Division of AEJMC. She also serves on AEJMC's Finance Committee.

"The art of communication is the language of leadership."

~James Humes

PRSSA Leads the Way

Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is having an amazing year.

Recently members have participated in events involving conferences and fundraisers. Their first big event of the year was the PRSSA National Conference held in Detroit, Michigan, in October.

At the conference, PRSSA students were developing their professional skills, and networking with public relations

practitioners from across the country. Students met and discussed the public relations field, trends in the industry and skill-building tactics. Students discovered new ways to improve their chapters, define leadership styles and prepare for the future.

Just recently a handful of students ventured to PR Real World, a one-day conference in Atlanta with PR professionals from Georgia, on February 20.

Megan Piper and Megan Smith

were just some of the students who attended PR Real World. Students stayed with an alumnus who was part of PRSA, Public Relations Society of America.

Currently PRSSA is taking part in the American Cancer Society Dinner, led by Meghan Smith. After the dinner, PRSSA will be walking on a team for Relay for Life that will be taking place on April 17.

Interested in joining? Contact President Megan Piper, mpiper1@email.georgiasouthern.edu

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