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Mariners Scoreboard



Go Mariners!

**Author Janisse Ray Appears in Southern Storytellers Series on Campus March 22**

Author, poet, naturalist and environmental activist Janisse Ray will take the stage of the Southeast Georgia Conference Center on Thursday evening, March 22, to talk about seed-saving, the Altamaha River, and growing up in rural southeastern Georgia as one of the featured Southern Storytellers in the second year of the College of Coastal Georgia Foundation's cultural program.

Ray will mix poetry from her published collection, *A House of Branches*, with excerpts from her award-winning memoir, *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, and her latest book, *Drifting into Darien: A Personal and Natural History of the Altamaha River*. *A House of Branches* was winner of the Southern Independent Booksellers Award for Poetry in 2011. *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* was a *New York Times* Notable Book, a *Bloomsbury Review* Editors' Favorite Book, and won awards for nonfiction in 2000 from the Southern Book Critics Circle, the Southern Booksellers, and the Environmental Law Center.

A native of Baxley, GA, Ray lives on Red Earth Farm in Reidsville. She earned her MFA from the University of Montana and received an honorary doctorate from Unity College (Maine) in 2007. A Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, Ray is currently on the faculty of Chatham University's MFA program.

The Southern Storytellers series is open to the general public. General admission tickets to the 5:30 p.m. presentation are \$20/person and can be purchased in advance from Pat's Hallmark on St. Simons Island or by calling the College Advancement Office, 912.279.5925. Students, staff and faculty are admitted for free with their College ID. A reception will follow in the lobby of the Southeast Georgia Conference Center on the College campus.

To learn more about Ray, click [here](#).

**College to Pilot Professional Learning Initiative Sponsored by Honeywell Hometown Solutions**

Coastal Georgia is partnering with Honeywell Hometown Solutions to create a summer teaching academy for middle grade science, math, and social studies teachers. The objective of the program is to provide area teachers content and experiences in the fields of coastal ecology, sustainable development and environmental education, using the education for sustainability (EfS) approach that stresses a balance between economic prosperity and environmental integrity.

The men's golf team travels to Okatie, SC, for the USCB Men's Invitational March 12-13. The women's team will play the Jekyll Island Collegiate Invitational March 16-18.

[Men's Season Schedule](#)  
[Women's Season Schedule](#)

Men's Tennis  
Season Record: 4-8  
[Mariners lose twice](#)

[Season Schedule](#)

Women's Tennis  
Season Record: 2-8  
[Mariner women drop matches in Orlando](#)

[Season Schedule](#)

Mariners Softball  
Season Record: 2-8  
Women's softball was rained out Saturday, March 3. The team will travel to play in the USC-Beaufort tournament May 11.

[Season Schedule](#)

Lady Mariners Basketball  
Season: 19-10  
[Mariners close with a bang](#)

Men's Basketball  
Season: 6-23  
[Mariners lose season finale](#)

Read more about our student athletes:

[Coastal Georgia women first in Florida](#)

[Running uphill as one](#)

[Coastal Georgia student takes 1st place in Southeast Georgia Health System Bridge Run](#)

[Visit our new athletics website.](#)

Campus Calendar



Be sure to pencil these dates in your calendar:

March 13 - Coastal Scholars:  
Dr. Ntungwa Maasha  
"ISM: *Interstellar Medium*"  
12:15 p.m.  
Health & Science Room 102

"The Coastal College of Georgia is advancing the standards in teaching education and environmental sciences. Honeywell is excited about the opportunity to partner with the College to combine these strengths toward the important goal of helping Georgia teachers enhance their knowledge of coastal ecology, energy efficiency and sustainability," said John Morris, a Honeywell official. "The goal is to increase teachers' options for enriching their students' awareness of these important topics."

"For the College and the community, this is the beginning of an important new and positive relationship with Honeywell," said Dr. Valerie A. Hepburn, College President. "Our shared focus on 'green science' represents 21st century knowledge and skills. This initiative further expands our collaboration with the local school system, using a multidisciplinary approach to add exciting and relevant new components to middle grade science classes. And, what a great classroom the marsh, tidal rivers and beach represent!"

Dr. Timothy Goodale, Assistant Professor of Education, will be the project leader, working with faculty members of various disciplines to design and implement the workshop, tentatively planned for one week, June 11-15, 2012. Local field experiences will be included with each session, according to Dr. Goodale. He is also anticipating collaboration with environmental education groups, government agencies, non-profit organizations along with local businesses.

Honeywell Hometown Solutions is the corporate citizenship division of Honeywell, a Fortune 100 company that invents and manufactures technologies linked to global macro-trends such as globalization, safety and security, energy generation, and energy efficiency. The corporation is committed to delivering programs in science and math that improve hometowns "one student, one teacher, one classroom at a time." One aspect of that commitment is to provide educators with new teaching tools to promote green science in the classroom.

To read more, click [here](#).

## Campus New Construction Receives Environmental and Design Awards

When the Health and Science Building opened its doors for classes in January 2011, it was the first new instructional facility opened on the Brunswick campus in nearly 30 years. The 47,500-square-foot building set the design and functional standards for future campus facilities. Throughout the design process, the architectural firm of Perkins+Will pursued Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. At the end of January 2012, official notification was received from the U.S. Green Building Council that the Health and Science Building had been certified at the silver level.

As an internationally-recognized mark of excellence, LEED provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical, quantifiable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance, according to Greg Carver, Assistant Vice President for Design and Construction

March 22 - Southern Storytellers:  
Janisse Ray

March 27 - Coastal Scholars:  
Dr. Faysel Mohammad  
12:15 p.m.  
Health & Science Room 102

March 29 - Chamber of Commerce  
Business After Hours  
Comes to Campus

April 20 - Honors Day & Alumni  
Reception

### Brunswick-Golden Isles "Business After Hours" Comes to College of Coastal Georgia

The College will host Chamber of Commerce members and friends atop the Roof Terrace of the Campus Center on Thursday, March 29, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

During Business After Hours, the College Foundation will launch the "Paving the Way to the Future" brick campaign.

Tasty treats and munchies from King & Prince Seafood and Rich Products will be prepared by Chartwells, the College's dining services provider. Shaken Not Stirred Mobile Bartenders will offer a cash bar. Local jazz band Defunk will play throughout the evening.

Additional hosts for the event include Nalley Auto and Overhead Door Company of Brunswick.

The cost is \$5 for Chamber members and \$7 for non-members.

### March Birthdays



4 - Heather Kennedy  
4 - Vicki McLain  
10 - Lee Eades  
11 - Rebecca Sharpe  
12 - Kimberly Wimpey  
15 - Aerial Merritt  
29 - Noris Torres  
30 - Tom Saunders

### Film Series at the Stembler Theatre

Coastal Georgia is sponsoring a film

Management of the College. LEED certified buildings are intended to use resources more efficiently when compared to conventional buildings simply built to code.

"The Health and Science Building is at least 25% more energy efficient than a typical academic building," Carver noted. "It provides a healthier work and study environment. And it makes an iconic statement about the College campus on the developing Altama corridor."

Additionally, Carver noted, the building received a First Place Award in the low-rise building category from the Georgia Chapter of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) in January. ACI is a non-profit technical and educational society and one of the world's leading authorities on concrete technology.

### College Presents Civil War Sesquicentennial Series

The Gould Library at the College of Coastal Georgia invites alumni and friends to a series of presentations by Georgia historians Stephen Berry, John Inscoe and Hermina Glass-Avery: *The American Civil War at 150: Still Relevant/Still Decisive*.

"The Sesquicentennial comes at a very interesting time, both politically and economically," says Gould librarian Cary Knapp. "As we take stock of this country's greatest domestic conflict, many of the war's issues still resonate today - states' rights and federal rights; civil rights and racial tensions; war casualties and military expenditures are just as complex and hotly debated now as they were in the 1860s. This scholar-led series is meant to be a public dialogue on history, memory, and race."

**Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Stembler Theatre,** Campus Center, Brunswick: *"House of Abraham: Lincoln and the Todds, A Family Divided by War"* with Dr. Stephen Berry, a professor at the University of Georgia, a Lincoln expert, and award-winning author, whose teaching and writing focus on the Civil War as a lived experience.

**Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Health & Science Building Auditorium,** Brunswick: *"Writing the South through the Self"* with Dr. John Inscoe, a professor at the University of Georgia, whose research and writing has focused on nineteenth-century southern Appalachia, specifically on the issues of slavery, race, and the Civil War.

**Thursday April 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Stembler Theatre:** *"The War of Jubilee: Tell Our Story and We Will Come"* with Dr. Hermina Glass-Avery, public historian and the CEO and principal researcher for Heritage Row Partners in Atlanta.

These programs are free and open to the public.

### Author and Nurse Mary Lightfine Featured Women's History Month Program on March 19

Mary Lightfine is a "nurse without boundaries." After working

series on Friday evenings at the Stembler Theatre in celebration of Women's History Month during March. These films are free and open to the public.

*Serving in Silence* - starring Glenn Close, Judy Davis and Jan Rubes  
Friday, March 16, 7 p.m. (This film is a TV movie and not rated.)

*For Colored Girls* - starring Janet Jackson, Anika Noni Rose and Whoopi Goldberg  
Friday, March 23, 7 p.m. (Rated R.)

*Iron Jawed Angels* - starring Hillary Swank, Margo Martindale and Angelica Houston  
Friday, March 30, 7 p.m. (This film is a TV movie and not rated.)

During the first week of April, the focus will shift to a week of international films, made possible by the Stembler Theatre Fund.

*Pan's Labyrinth* - Mexico and Spain; winner of three Academy Awards  
Monday, April 2, 7 p.m.

*The Closet* - France  
Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m.

*Kinky Boots* - Great Britain  
Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m.

*Rabbit Proof Fence* - Australia  
Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m.

*Beyond Silence* - Germany  
Friday, April 6, 7 p.m.

sixteen years as an emergency room nurse, she joined the Nobel Prize-winning organization, Doctors Without Borders, in Mogadishu, Somalia. For the next twelve years, she lived and worked all over the world - wherever there was war, starvation, devastation and a desperate need for humanitarian and medical aid.

The author of *Nurses, Nomads and Warlords*, Lightfine is also the founder and president of Volunteers Without Boundaries. She will share her adventures and explain how individuals can make a difference in the world on Monday, March 19, at 4 p.m. in the Southeast Georgia Conference Center, Terrill Thomas Auditorium.

The program is free and open to the public as part of the College celebration of Women's History Month.

## College Hosting Spring Career Fairs

College of Coastal Georgia Career Services is sponsoring a Business, Government and Nonprofit Career Fair on Friday, March 23, and a Nursing and Health Care Career Fair on Monday, April 2, from 1-4 p.m. in the campus Student Activity Center. These career fairs are open to all College students and alumni.

## Professor Judy Gift Selected as Joyce Jackson Adviser of the Year

The College of Coastal Georgia Joyce Jackson Adviser of the Year for 2011-12 is Judith A. Gift, Nursing Advisement Specialist and Associate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Professor Gift was selected from 10 semi-finalists nominated by students. Semi-finalists were then reviewed by the College of Coastal Georgia Advisement Committee based on criteria established by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). As the winner, Professor Gift will apply for the national competition and will represent the College at the NACADA national conference in Nashville, Tennessee, October 4-7, 2012.

"As the Nursing Advisement Specialist, Professor Gift is an expert at guiding the students through the complex process of pre-nursing advisement," said Dr. Patricia Kraft, Southeast Georgia Health System Distinguished Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences. "She possesses a unique skill set that combines her years of experience in teaching nursing into her role as an academic advisor."

The College of Coastal Georgia will formally recognize Professor Gift during the Honors Day Program on April 20.

For more about Professor Gift and the award, click [here](#).

## Coastal Georgia Student Receives State Recognition and Scholarship

College of Coastal Georgia senior Laura Griggs of Woodbine has been named one of the recipients of the GA HIMSS David Z. Cowan Scholarship. Griggs is a Health Informatics major in the School of Business and Public Affairs

GA HIMSS is the Georgia Chapter of the Health Information Management Systems Society, one of the largest professional organizations in health information technology, according to Dr. Mohammad A. Faysel, Assistant Professor of Health Informatics and Program Coordinator.

Health Informatics is gathering data generated from all touch points of patient interaction and processing the data to assist health practitioners in making better decisions about patient care and service. The field is relatively new and Coastal Georgia was one of the first schools in the state to offer a baccalaureate degree in Health Informatics.

To learn more about Griggs and the scholarship, click [here](#).

### **Inaugural Alumni Career Networking Luncheon Set for Friday, March 16**

Alumni Association members and the Alumni Leadership Group will meet students who have joined the Association for lunch on Friday, March 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the President's Private Dining Room, Campus Center. The buffet-style lunch will provide an informal opportunity for alumni to share experiences, best practices, career advice, and tips for transitioning from College to the business world, according to Jessica Dickson, Coordinator of Alumni Services and Events. The Alumni Leadership Group will meet immediately following the luncheon. The luncheon is the first of three career networking opportunities scheduled for 2012.

Alumni have also been invited to volunteer as mock interviewers for the spring career fairs March 23 and April 2, according to Dickson.