2010-2011 Parents & Families Grant Recipients

**Need Based Scholarships - $50,000**
The University of Georgia is fortunate that for most Georgia residents, the low cost of tuition is offset by the HOPE scholarship. But for students who have substantial need, other than the HOPE Scholarship and Federal Pell Grant, there are few institutional resources available to assist them with the cost of attending school. Providing additional funds for the neediest of students will help the University to provide access to the educational opportunities available at UGA.

**CAPS UGA Parents & Families Assoc. Financial Assistance Program - $25,000**
The University Health Center’s Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) is applying for funds to help defray the costs of individual and group psychotherapy, psychiatric services, psychological testing, and nutritional counseling for UGA students in financial need. The funds will also be used to enhance the program’s services through the development of online mental health education and interventions. By providing more services in-person and online, the Health Center can increase the likelihood that students will remain in school and succeed at UGA.

**Designated Dawgs, Inc. - $20,000**
The mission of Designated Dawgs is to make the city of Athens a safer place by providing UGA students and others in need with a safe, free ride home Thursday-Saturday nights, 10 pm-3 am. Since the spring of 2001, Designated Dawgs (formerly Watchdawgs) has provided UGA students with over 59,000 rides. The Parents & Families Association is the group’s largest donor. Our contribution
pays for nearly 12 weekends of rides, approximately half of the weekends the group operates. Designated Dawgs takes home an average of 300 people weekly which means Parents & Families saves at least 3,300 lives annually.

**Undergraduate Counseling Courses - $10,000**
The Department of Counseling & Human Development Services in the College of Education offers 2, two-hour courses for undergrad students in collaboration with The Division of Student Affairs & the UGA Career Center. ECHD 2050: Academic & Career Planning helps student review decision-making models for selecting academic majors & exploring career options. The primary focus is on self-exploration, assessment of career & academic interests, & understanding of the world of work compatible with students’ personality styles, skills, abilities, & values. The second course, ECHD 3050: Career and Life Planning assists students in developing the skills necessary for effective career decision making. Both courses are high demand courses.

**Providing the Motivational Atmosphere and Tools Necessary to Engage Tutoring Effectiveness for UGA Students - $10,000**
The Division of Academic Enhancement (DAE) provides UGA students with a wide range of services to support their academic efforts. The DAE Tutorial Program serves a wide range of UGA undergraduate student and offers free tutoring for over 25 academic subjects (and 80 UGA courses). Thirty-nine peer tutors, UGA undergraduate and graduate students, are currently working in the program, which is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA), an international organization that certifies collegiate tutorial programs. The Parents and Families grant will provide complementary funding to continue an annual best tutor recognition program, fund a tutor appreciation event for three semesters, replace old equipment, and purchase new program equipment. This will help to ensure that top-notch free academic support is available to all UGA undergraduate students.

**UGA Students Perform with internationally renowned DIAVOLO DANCE THEATRE - $5,000**
The Department of Dance, the Department of Theatre, the UGA Performing Arts Center, UGA Gymnastics and the internationally renowned DIAVOLO DANCE THEATRE have collaborated to bring a large scale performance to the University of Georgia. Artistic Director and Choreographer, Jacques Heim (also a choreographer for Cirque de Soleil) will set a DIAVOLO repertory work *Tete en l’air*, on UGA dance, theatre and gymnastics students, and the students will join the professional DIAVOLO company members as part of the company’s 5 day residency. The students will perform with the company of professional artists at the UGA Fine Arts Theatre. The Parents and Families grant will support the performance with needed assistance for the costumes, rental and installation of the set piece and the student technical crew. These performances will be part of the inaugural performances of the newly renovated
Next Generation Email Project Training and Awareness - $5,000
Enterprise Information Technology Services and the University of Georgia are collaborating with Microsoft Corporation to bring a new, next-generation e-mail system to the University of Georgia. This system, known as LIVE@EDU, was selected by the University of Georgia student governance groups and central administration in part because the features and capabilities closely match a list of requirements identified by UGA students via comprehensive surveys and focus groups held in the fall of 2008. By providing the proper resources to conduct a comprehensive campaign of advertising and user education, the student experience during the migration to the new system can be greatly improved. The Parent and Families grant will help support the awareness and training activities and materials which will help reduce confusion and disruption of the migration effort. The training classes are also aimed at insuring the students realize the full capabilities of this powerful communication and collaboration tool.

UGA Music Business Program Promotional DVD - $5,000
The UGA Music Business Program will use the Parents and Families grant to create a promotional DVD with the assistance of a commercial production company. The DVD will promote the UGA Music Business Program, recruit students, faculty and staff, promote the state of Georgia as an entertainment industry, and promote Athens as a music and entertainment center. The DVD will promote awareness about the program and gain enough publicity and funds to become a major, graduate program, PhD program, and finally known as one of the nation’s top Entertainment Programs.

Roosevelt @ UGA - $2,500
Founded in 2005, the Roosevelt Institute at UGA is the University’s first student-run think tank. Students from every academic discipline are accepted. The group is a non-partisan organization and encourages collective action to solve communal problems. Roosevelt @ UGA seeks to empower students interested in specific fields with the resources and skills necessary to write and advocate effective policy proposals. Monies from the grant will be used to host speakers and host several policy debates for the university community.

Do You Know the Code? – Office of Judicial Programs - $2,500
The Office of Judicial Programs wants to implement a marketing awareness campaign so students and their families are familiar with the services of the Office of Judicial Programs and understand the student Code of Conduct. The campaign will be targeted towards
UGA’s undergraduate student population. Monies from the grant will fund parent and student brochures and parent and student displays.

**Study Abroad Pre-Departure and Post-Return Workshops - $2,000**
The Study Abroad unit within the Office of International Education is using the Parents and Families grant to fund a series of student development workshops, to be co-hosted by professional advising staff with the office and a trained peer advisor (returned study abroad alumni) corps. Pre-departure orientation sessions will be greatly expanded and other sessions (post-study abroad re-entry workshops) would be new additions. The student and family bon voyage reception will allow parents of UGA study abroad participants to meet specific individuals within the Office of International Education who may have played key roles in advising and assisting their student while their student is abroad or upon return.

**Preparing Students for Emergencies on Campus - $1,500**
The Preparing Students for Emergencies on Campus project is a new program organized by the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) designed to reach a significant percentage of the University of Georgia’s student population. The project’s goal is to provide students with practical information, resources and training materials to better prepare them to prepare and respond appropriately to campus emergencies and pandemics. Funding from the Parents and Families grant will provide valuable preparedness training materials and resources to help students be more prepared on campus and out in the community.

**UGA Greencup - $1,500**
The Green Cup is a competition between residence halls to reduce their energy and water consumption over a one month period. The larger goal is to equip students with an understanding of energy and water resources and practical ways to conserve both. The competition is an annual fall event. It will include a kickoff party, eco-trivia night, environmental film, environmental speaker/comedian, and final celebration/award ceremony. The larger goal is to equip students with an understanding of energy and water resources and practical ways to conserve both.

**50 Things to Do in Athens - $1,600**
The Judiciary Outreach Team is a group composed of University Judiciary members who present educational programs related to the University Code of Conduct and the procedures of judicial affairs at UGA. Judiciary Outreach Team members have worked hard to create engaging new outreach programs for the campus community. Their most recent effort includes the creation of a creative and appealing brochure highlighting non-alcohol related activities for students with the UGA and Athens community. The Parents and
Families grant will support and expand these efforts by supporting the publication of a brochure on non alcohol related activities within UGA and the Athens community. “Things to do in Athens” provides students tangible activities and places to spend their weekend nights that do not involve alcohol.

**Peer Financial Counseling – Office of Student Financial Aid - $825**
According to statistics, the average student graduates with about $21,000 in debt. Although UGA students graduate with less debt than the national average, the amount of loan debt seems to be increasing for UGA students. The Peer Financial Counseling Program (PFC) was developed to help address this problem. Volunteer student counselors go out into the University community to give presentations on making a college budget, staying on good credit terms, understanding student loans, saving and investing, and identity theft. Monies from the grant will be used to conduct PFC’s “How Not to Go Broke this Holiday Season” promotion and to conduct the fall semester training session and end of semester meetings.

**College Goal Sunday - $595**
As the economic crisis deepens, more and more University of Georgia students are seeking federal assistance to help them pay for college. To apply for federal aid, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Student Financial Aid will help students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by hosting its first annual College Goal Sunday event. A targeted e-mail and postcard invitation to this event will be sent to UGA’s neediest students. By encouraging UGA’s neediest students to attend this event, the Office of Student Financial Aid hopes to help them procure additional federal financial aid to help pay for college.

**Improving the Financial Literacy of UGA Students – College of Family & Consumer Sciences - $400**
The College strives to improve the quality of campus financial literacy programs through engaging activities that challenge students’ money habits and attitudes and reward learning. The grant money will be used to purchase The Money Habitudes cards. They are a teaching tool used to help student understand their own attitudes and habits towards money. The cards will be used in several courses offered through the College and used to train the UGA Peer Financial Aid Counselors.

**Total Grant Funding -$163,420**

(2) gifts made to benefit Student Affairs and the UGA Career Center:
Vice President of Student Affairs - $10,000
UGA Career Center - $10,000