We just concluded our annual fall board meeting in Athens and were blessed to have been there when the weather was just spectacular and the colors of fall were beginning to highlight our gorgeous campus.

It was great to see our students back for the fall semester and the university so alive with activity. As more than one trustee remarked, “Athens, Georgia is one of the greatest places on Earth” – and anyone who has experienced the University of Georgia in the fall would have a hard time arguing the point!

We had a great series of committee meetings and a full board session, all of which were very productive and set the stage for the foundation to further its work in 2011.

On that note, I hope you enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our students and faculty in this newsletter, because your generosity has helped make such success possible. Please accept my personal thanks for your continued support of the University of Georgia Foundation!

Sam Holmes, Chairman

Class of 2010 Fellows pursue a variety of opportunities

It is well known that Foundation Fellows go on to become leaders in their professions. The class of 2010 fellows are no exception and are pursuing a variety of postgraduate opportunities.

Those entering graduate studies have been accepted into some of the most respected institutions in the nation including Yale Law School, Emory University School of Medicine, Stanford Law School and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Three fellows received Fulbright Scholarships and study abroad opportunities in Europe and Asia.

Class of 2010 fellows also are involved with a variety of service organizations including Teach for America, the Georgia Innocence Project, and the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

Fellows choosing to enter the workforce also fared well, with one going to work with Barclay’s Capital in New York City and another hosting the Georgia Gym Dogs show on Comcast Sports South.

Brittany Lee appointed director of Mercer University’s Athletic Foundation

Brittany Morgan Lee, Foundation Fellows class of 2009, has been appointed as the first full-time executive director of the Mercer Athletic Foundation. Lee currently works for the Atlanta Braves organization, and worked with the UGA Athletic Association from 2005 to May 2010. She earned a B.B.A. in finance and A.B.J. in broadcast news in 2009, as well as an M.B.A. in marketing and sports management in May 2010.
Academic appointments funded by UGA Foundation

Poole named Distinguished Chair in political science

Keith T. Poole has been named the Philip H. Alston, Jr. Distinguished Chair in the department of political science in the UGA School of Public and International Affairs. Poole has conducted extensive research of congressional voting and political and economic development, and is well known for co-developing the statistical software NOMINATE, which is now the standard for analyzing congressional roll call voting.

"Keith is a scholar whose research has transformed the field of political science and revolutionized the way people study Congress" said Political Science Department head John A. Maltese.

Inscoe named Albert Saye Professor of History

John Inscoe has been named Albert B. Saye Professor of History. Inscoe teaches courses on the antebellum South, Southern race relations, multicultural Georgia, and the South on film. He was last year’s recipient of the UGA Lothar Tresp Award for excellence in teaching Honors courses.


UGA Honors Program Celebrates 50 years

The University of Georgia Honors Program hosted a special lecture October 15, in celebration of its 50th anniversary. Honors alumnus and UGA history professor James C. Cobb, Spalding Distinguished Research Professor of History, discussed his experience as an honors student and professor in a talk entitled, “It seems like only 50 years ago: A half century of honors at UGA.” Cobb earned three degrees in history, all from the University of Georgia.

“The backbone of the Honors Program is the interaction of great students and great faculty,” said Director David S. Williams. “We seek to inspire students not only to meet but exceed their academic dreams, and to provide them the means to do so.”

There are currently 2,500 students in the nationally recognized Honors Program, which offers a full, four-year array of academic, cultural, research and internship programs, as well as study-abroad opportunities on all seven continents. The Honors Program also encompasses the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO), for which the UGA Foundation has provided financial support, as well as the Foundation Fellowship and the Ramsey Honors Scholarship, both of which are funded by the foundation.

University Foundation trustees were treated to a tour of the new Medical College of Georgia/University of Georgia Interim Medical Partnership building during their fall meeting in October. In addition, the board members enjoyed lunch with the Medical Partnership’s administration and Campus Dean Dr. Barbara Schuster.

The Interim Medical Partnership building is a beautiful new addition and is already in use preparing a class of 40 students who enrolled this fall; a class which will include the first individuals to earn medical degrees on the Athens campus.

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