**Pierre Howard to join School of Law**

Former Georgia Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard is joining the School of Law faculty as the Carl E. Sanders Political Leadership Scholar, an appointment funded by the University of Georgia Foundation. He will teach a course on law and politics. Howard served as lieutenant governor from 1991 to 1999. He is an emeritus trustee of the foundation and currently president of the Georgia Conservancy.

**Foundation Fellow Tracy Yang named 2011 Rhodes Scholar**

Foundation Fellow Tracy Yang of Macon has been awarded a 2011 Rhodes Scholarship to attend England’s Oxford University. She plans to pursue a Master of Science degree in global health science.

Yang is one of 32 Rhodes recipients in the United States and the only one from the state of Georgia; she is the third UGA female student to be selected since 1976, the first year women were eligible to apply.

“Tracy is an amazing person,” said David S. Williams, director of UGA’s Honors Program and the UGA faculty representative for the Rhodes Scholarship. “She displays an uncommon intellect, a deep sense of dedication, profound empathy and extraordinary energy. Yet, she remains completely down to earth and is a delight to be around. Rhodes Scholars are not just impressive intellects. They are supposed to make the world a better place. I have no doubt that Tracy will do just that.”

Yang, who also was a 2010 Truman Scholar, will graduate from UGA in May with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology. She plans to pursue a career as a physician-policy analyst addressing health disparities and improving access to care.

**Katz awarded Mitchell Scholarship**

Former Ramsey Honors Scholar Betsy Katz, a 2009 graduate of the University of Georgia, is one of 12 national recipients of a 2011-2012 George J. Mitchell Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance. The Thomasville native plans to pursue a master’s degree in intercultural studies at Dublin City University in Ireland.
Environment & Design students spend productive semester at UGA Costa Rica

The College of Environment & Design sponsored a new fall semester program in Costa Rica in 2010. Led by faculty Ron Sawhill, Shelley Cannady and Jose Buitrago, 15 undergraduate and graduate students took a full semester of coursework that involved addressing multiple local design challenges, including a new stormwater management plan and a new “sensory trail” for the UGA Costa Rica Campus in San Luis de Monteverde. In addition, a new sustainable farm master plan was developed for EARTH University’s La Flor campus. Three students received UGA Foundation Incentive Scholarship grants for their semester in Costa Rica.

The students all spent part of their semester living with local families. Comments in journal assignments noted that these homestays were the most personally influential experiences students had during the program. Students also noted the visual richness of the environment offered something new every day – vegetation, wildlife, cultural interaction, watching mists pour over the mountains and enjoying the “symphony of bird calls.” Trips to the Arenal Volcano and the San Luis waterfall also were reported highlights.

Brown, Parks named as first chairs of animal studies

Two University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine faculty members have been appointed to new professorships funded by the University of Georgia Foundation. Dr. Scott Brown, who heads the college’s department of small animal medicine and surgery, has been appointed the first James and Marjorie Waggoner Professor of Small Animal Studies. Dr. Andrew Parks, head of the department of large animal medicine, has been appointed the first Olive K. Britt-Paul E. Hoffman Professor of Large Animal Studies.

“We are grateful to Dr. Britt and the Waggoners for their generosity and vision in creating these professorships that will provide support to the large animal medicine and small animal medicine and surgery departments in perpetuity,” said Dr. Sheila W. Allen, dean of the college. Both professors have been with the University of Georgia for more than 20 years.

Wyck Knox named to list of 100 most influential Georgians

Georgia Trend magazine has named University of Georgia Foundation Emeritus Trustee Wyck Knox to its 13th annual list of 100 most influential Georgians. Knox, director of AGL Resources and president of Knox Charity Fund, was recognized for handling complex litigation and arguing numerous cases in front of state and federal court, including the Georgia Supreme Court. Knox served 10 years as a managing trustee for the foundation -- serving on the executive, finance and investment committees -- and was accorded emeritus status in 2008.

UGA Foundation 2009 annual report recognized for excellence

The University of Georgia Foundation 2009 Annual Report was recently recognized with a Phoenix Award from the Georgia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The awards recognize excellence in public relations work in a variety of categories. The foundation’s report won in the category of “Nonprofit Organizations,” and beat out annual reports from The Georgia Tech Research Institute and United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. The annual report is produced by the foundation’s communications firm under the direction of the Development and Public Affairs Committee.