

# On The GHO

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## Greetings from the GHO President

Hello GHO,

I know that many of you are getting ready for the Annual GHO Conference on October 7<sup>th</sup> in Kennesaw. I would encourage all of you to take time out during the conference to share ideas and programs with others in the state. The conference is also an opportunity time to reflect on some of the issues that you may be having on campus, and brainstorm with others to find solutions. However the most important thing to remember is..... HAVE FUN

Todd Myrick  
GHO President

Going to GHO? Keep your eyes open for an info session about ACUHO-I. Coming to Atlanta in June of 2006. Questions? Email Kayla Hamilton at [kayla.hamilton@emory.edu](mailto:kayla.hamilton@emory.edu)



**New GHO Shirts! Available**  
**Order yours today for the GHO conference.**  
**Shirts will be sold for only \$15**

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# Reaching New Heights



**It's not too late!! GHO 2005 is right around the corner-make your plans now to be sure you can participate in this excellent professional development opportunity!**

Theme: **“Reaching New Heights”**  
Host Institution: **Kennesaw State University**  
Dates: **Thursday, October 6 – Friday, October 7, 2005**  
Location: Carmichael Student Center (building 5)  
University Rooms A-E, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, <http://www.kennesaw.edu>  
Registration: Late - \$35, On-Site - \$45  
Hotel Information: **Marriott Residence Inn Atlanta Kennesaw/Town Center**  
3443 George Busbee Drive, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144  
770-218-1018

Rate: **\$84.00 per night** (ask for GHO rate – available 10/5-10/7)

Hotel offers all suites with kitchens, free hot breakfast buffet, free high speed internet in every room, free nightly happy hour, local shuttle, workout facilities, swimming pool, and laundry facilities. Hotel is located just off Chastain Rd. east of I-75.

Visit [www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife](http://www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife) for more details!

### **Proposed Program Tracks:**

*(we would like to offer CEU credits for those interested)*

- Reaching New Heights through Collaborative Partnerships
- Reaching New Heights through Programming
- Reaching New Heights through Professional Development & Networking
- Reaching New Heights through Facility Planning & Management
- Reaching New Heights through Excellence in Housing (wild card)

## News from around Georgia...

### News from Kennesaw

KSU is please to announce that T.J. Greggs is joining us from the University of Central Florida as our new Assistant Director of Residence Life. T.J. brings with him a wealth of experience in apartment management and privatized housing that will benefit both KSU and other colleagues around the state of Georgia. Please join me in welcoming TJ to Georgia!

### Valdosta State University News

Valdosta State University is excited to have two new staff members on board. After months of deliberation, a new Director of Housing, Dr. Tom Hardy, and an Associate Director of Housing, Leighia Hammond, have been hired. Tom joins us from the University of Alabama where he was serving as the Associate Director of Housing. He has a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from University of Alabama, a M.S. in Student Affairs from Florida State University, and a B.S. in History from St. Mary's College in Maryland. Leighia worked with the Ambling company as a property manager in North Georgia College and State University and most recently as the Director of Customer Support in Valdosta. She has her M.S. in Counselor Education-Student Development from Mississippi State University and BS in Mathematics from University of Southern Mississippi.

### News from ABAC

Nicholas Rachowicz, Coordinator of Residence Life, comes to ABAC from Western Illinois University. Nick served as a ACUHO I Intern for Vadosta State University this past summer.

### Georgia Tech News

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our team:

Konteint Redmon– Community Director for Traditionals and Suites  
Runi Afsharpour– Residence Life Coordinator for Undergraduate Apartments  
Sheree Williams– Hall Director for the Freshman Experience Program  
Pamela Lo– Administrative Coordinator for the Freshman Experience  
Jennifer Kuninsky– Coordinator for Academic Support Services

Welcome to GT!!!! We're so glad you are here!!!

## SEAHO 2006

Hello GHO,

I'm pleased to share that the 2006 SEAHO Conference Website is up and running at <http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/seaho2006/>. Please check out the website for all the information about the conference.

Just for a quick reference:

SEAHO 2006 will be in Asheville, North Carolina on February 21-24, 2006 at the Grove Park Inn. Hotel reservations can be made at (800) 438-5800. Early Registration deadline is December 16th. Registration is online at the website.

Program Proposals are due by October 19th. You must submit the proposal online at the SEAHO website. Georgia had the most programs submitted at SEAHO last year. Let's keep up that tradition. Cost is \$175 for professionals and \$100 for graduate students.

SEAHO Nominations:

It is the time of year when we need to begin generating names of individuals to run for the three SEAHO positions to be elected at the upcoming annual conference: President-Elect, Secretary, and Member At Large. Please think about colleagues in the state or around the region that you would like to nominate. If you have questions, are interested yourself, or have a potential candidate in mind, please contact Vera Jackson, SEAHO Past President, by October 15th at [vera.j.jackson@jsums.edu](mailto:vera.j.jackson@jsums.edu). Your message should include the name of the person being nominated, the nominee's institution and email address, and the position for which the individual is being nominated.

Thank you,

Dana Larkin

SEAHO State Representative for Georgia

## Get Involved in GHO!

Have you always wanted to get more involved on the professional level, but just aren't sure where to start? Well, here is a list of different ways you can get involved in the state of Georgia through GHO. There are a variety of options you can choose from based on the time commitment, your talents or the areas where you would like to grow.

- Share the GHO newsletter with your colleagues

- Encourage colleagues to get involved

- Attend the GHO conference and/or the various workshops offered throughout the year

- Submit award nominations on the state level for colleagues

- Write an article for the GHO newsletter

- Present a program at the GHO conference

- Host a GHO drive-in workshop

- Host the GHO conference

- Run for an GHO exec board position

There is something that each of you can do to contribute to the GHO organization. Don't delay, start today, and get on-the-go with GHO!

## ABAC MAKES HOUSE CALLS!

Has the thought ever crossed your mind about having the chance to get to know your students outside of the classroom? If it has, or even if it has not, here is your chance to learn more about an opportunity that was originated at the University of Oklahoma that will give you that chance.

In its second year at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, ABAC, House Calls is a developmental approach that engaged the ABAC Place community, our on-campus student apartments, with ABAC administration, faculty, and staff members for the purpose of bridging the gap between the students and college departments. This approach to introducing students in campus life has been proven highly effective in allowing students to feel welcome, providing them with additional resources on campus, engaging students through developing living learning experiences, and much, much more. Through House Calls, a team consisting of a staff member, faculty member, and student was assigned a certain floor of ABAC Place to knock on doors and see if they needed assistance with anything. Even if the student did not have the need for assistance, House Calls gave faculty and staff a chance to talk to the students in a friendly and inviting atmosphere away from the classroom or offices. One staff member commented on how House Calls was “an excellent way to involve the faculty and staff and to network as well as motivate students.”

As many campuses are noticing as student on-campus living becomes more and more privatized, the ability to get students to come out of their apartments becomes a harder and harder task each year. Through this program, we did not have to try to get the students out of their rooms, we are able to come to them and visit them in their own environments. As a faculty member quotes, “it is a great program that develops a sense of community early in the year.”

The day after House Calls was conducted; students were busy exchanging stories about how the President of the college or one of their teachers had visited their room the night before. “It showed us that the faculty and staff care and that they are real people outside of the classroom and/or office,” was the feeling of one student that was visited by House Calls.

For more information on how to conduct House Calls at your school, please contact the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Student Life and Housing Office, 229-391-5140, or via email at [bskwira@abac.edu](mailto:bskwira@abac.edu).

## State Editor Report

Another opening has passed! I hope it went well for all of you and that your students are getting back into the swing of things. Our region has had many challenges so far this semester with all of the Katrina survivors coming our way, but I think the State of Georgia has shown our willingness to open our campuses to those who need assistance and we've been able to help many, many people. We continue to keep our thoughts with the people in the Gulf Coast region as they begin to rebuild.

Only one more edition of On the GHO for me as your friendly GHO State Editor... I hope some of you readers out there are considering running for the position when it becomes available in February at SEAHO. It really has been lots of fun and it's a great opportunity to meet many people throughout the State.

Be on the lookout for my final request for newsletter submissions in January...

See you next week at KSU for GHO 2005!!!

Thanks,  
Ann Pitini

### You have to be "On the GHO" to be in the know!

The "ontheho" listserv is your source for up to the minute information and discussion from around the state of Georgia. It's fast, informative, and free!

Just follow these simple instructions:

1. Send a message to [listserv@westga.edu](mailto:listserv@westga.edu).
2. The subject line in the header should be left blank.
3. The body of the message should contain only one line:  
subscribe ontheho your name
4. Do not use any signature line in your message.

**So, sign up for "ontheho" now!!!!**

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