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BC'S BUTLER HELPS LAUNCH FEDERAL WEBSITE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Bainbridge College student Cornelius Butler recently assisted U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao in launching a new federal government Internet web site, DisabilityInfo.gov, for people with disabilities. The web site provides one-stop access to government disability information and resources, as well as updates on the President's New Freedom Initiative.

The event, held in Washington, D.C., coincided with National Disability Awareness Month in October.

"You are a shining example of what young people with disabilities have to offer our nation's employers in the future," Secretary Chao said of Butler, who is legally blind, during the National Disability

Mentoring Day banquet.

Butler, 20, also serves as a member of the Presidential Task Force for the Employment of Youth With Disabilities Youth Advisory Council. In that capacity, he helps make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor on ways to improve employment of youth with disabilities.

Butler is a computer information systems major and honors student at Bainbridge College, where he is a member of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a campus organization that conducts free enterprise outreach programs to the community.



Photo by DOL photographer Neshan Nallathayyan

Disability Mentoring Day Mentee Cornelius Butler demonstrated DisabilityInfo.gov to U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao at the New Freedom Initiative Celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

SIFE members help people in the community better understand how

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BC STUDENTS VISIT MEXICO



BC Professor of History Dr. Bob Dubay led a study abroad trip to Mexico. With BC students Kim Huggins and Carol Knight of Whigham, Blaine Touchton and Nicole Thompson of Donalsonville, and Amber Sheffield of Colquitt, the trip emphasized the ancient Mayan culture.

The Mayan civilization flourished in the Yucatan Peninsula and elsewhere in Central America in the centuries before the arrival of Europeans in that part of the world. Among the archaeological sites visited were El Rey on Cancun Island and the unique walled city of Tulum located about forty miles south on the Caribbean coast. The popular ruins of Chichen-Itza including a seventy-five foot pyramid, ball court, observatory, and temple of the warriors show only traces of the once majestic Mayan past.

Located thirty-five miles from the coast, students were impressed with the site of Coba which boasts

the tallest pyramid in the Yucatan.

Along with archaeological sites, the group also attended a musical performance at the Theater of Cancun featuring historical charts, dances, and costumes, a bilingual church service, reef diving, and local shops.

Prior to participating in the trip, students were given several assign-



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to handle their credit and pay their taxes, learn more about the environment of the business community, and do volunteer work with local businesses that need employees.

He participated in the Georgia Department of Labor's summer intern program in 2001, working at the department's Bainbridge Career Center, and has participated in the Youth Leadership Forum, held at the department's Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation. State Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond says Butler is "an inspiring young man who is an example of

the best of our nation's youth."

Four years ago, Butler, then a student at Bainbridge High School, was one of the first students in the southwest Georgia area to participate in the High School/High Tech Program. The program helps young people with disabilities gain employment in the fields of science and technology.

Butler is the son of Mrs. Winfrent Butler of Bainbridge and the late James Butler. He has one brother, Spencer, who lives in Atlanta. And, his aunt, Tynesee Butler, accompanied him to Washington.

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students to prepare them for their visit including film reviews, map study, research papers, oral reports, and web work.

The BC Foundation assisted the

students financially with travel expenses.

For more information on the BC Study Abroad Program, please call 229-248-2560.



STUDY ABROAD TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR SPRING

Bainbridge College will sponsor three Study Abroad trips this spring.

BC Instructor of Automated Technology Tatyana Pashnyak will lead a class to Canada. The seven-day tour will cover sites in Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa. For more information, please contact Ms. Pashnyak in the Technical Studies Division at 229-248-2530.

BC Instructor of Computer Science Jenna Miley will lead a class to Egypt. The ten-day tour will cover sites along a cruise on the Nile, Sakkara and Giza. For more information, please contact Mrs. Miley in the Arts and Sciences Division at 229-248-2560.

BC Instructor of English Dr.

Patrick Smith will lead a class to London, England. The seven-day tour includes visits to the Strand, Trafalgar Square, Kew Gardens, Oxford University, the British Museum, Big Ben, Parliament, Downing Street, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and St. Paul's Cathedral. For more information, please contact Dr. Patrick Smith in the Arts and Sciences Division at 229-248-2560.

Those interested may register for these classes through the Continuing Education Division or as credit classes through the Admissions Office.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

1/2	College Offices Reopen
1/3	Registration, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
1/6	Late Registration
1/7	First Day of Classes
1/7 – 10	Drop/Add
1/20	M. L. King Jr. Holiday: College Offices Closed – No Saturday Classes on 1/18.
2/3	Midterm-A; Last day to drop "A" Term classes with no penalty
2/25	Last Day of Class-A Term
2/26	Final exam-A Term
2/27	Last day to register-B Term classes.
2/28	First Day of Class-B Term
3/3	Midterm-Regular Term; Last day to drop Regular Term classes with no penalty.
3/10 – 15	Spring Break for Students (No Saturday classes on March 15).
3/14	College Offices Closed

BC BOWLING SIGN-UP

The BC Bowling League sign-up sheets are located in the Student Center. League play begins January 15. BC students receive a discount, paying only \$3 a week for ten weeks.

For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 229-248-2506.

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