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REGENTS APPROVE NEW TUITION RATES

Despite statewide budget cuts, students in the University System of Georgia will see a nominal tuition increase at the state's 13 two-year colleges of just \$33 per semester, about 73 cents per school day.

The 4.95% increase at two-year colleges, such as Bainbridge College, is lower than the 10% tuition increase at regional and state universities and four-year colleges, and the 15% tuition increase at the USG's four research universities.

"The tuition rates approved by the board will help us maintain quality educational programs in the face of high demand for our services," said University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith. "But despite these necessary increases, in-state undergraduate tuition in Georgia's public colleges and universities still remains low when compared against our regional and national peers."

BC President Dr. Clifford Brock concurs with Dr. Meredith.

"An education at Bainbridge College remains one of the best buys in the country. We are one of two comprehensive colleges in Georgia that offers System guaranteed transfer programs and technical programs of study through the Department of Technical and Adult Education."

"The situation facing Georgia is not unlike that facing public higher education across the country," Meredith said. "As state budgets have been squeezed, public colleges and universities have seen their state appropriations reduced as other needs compete for limited dollars. For example, for FY04, the University System of Georgia is operating on \$56 million fewer state dollars than we had in FY03 – yet we had a record high enrollment in both the fall 2002 and spring 2003 semesters."

Projected percentage tuition increases for many states have reached double digits. "Next door, in Florida, the legislature has approved a 7.5% minimum tuition increase at the two-year level." Brock said.

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BC CLIMBING IN STATE RANKINGS

According to a recent state report, Bainbridge College ranks at or near the top in measurable performance factors against Georgia colleges and universities.

In the area of six-year graduation rates for first-time full-time freshmen, BC's performance factor tied for first with Abraham Baldwin College and Coastal Georgia Community College among University System of Georgia institutions. BC's three-year average graduation rate also surpassed the averages of the regional universities, state universities, state colleges, and two-year colleges.

BC's performance factor also tied for first with seven other USG institutions in the area of first-year retention rates for first-time full-time freshmen and surpassed the three-year average for two-year colleges overall.

These total performance factors showed that BC also tied with the Univer-

sity of Georgia overall.

"The college has consistently improved over the years," said BC president Clifford Brock. "We work hard to get students here and they do well once they are here."

BC officials have found that students graduate from the college at high rates, and, frequently, their grades improve when they transfer to several large state universities.

Nationally, the grades of community college students tend to drop when they transfer to a university.

NEWS FLASH

The BC website now lists upcoming events and activities for the entire year. Go to www.bainbridge.edu and click on the Upcoming Events section on the homepage.

BC SGA OFFICERS ELECTED



Recent winners of the spring elections for the BC Student Government Association included (from l. to r.) First Vice-President Kevin Ingram of Donalsonville, Sophomore Representative Jessica Robinson of Bainbridge and Secretary Melissa Anderson of Bainbridge. Not pictured is President Sonya Maldonado of Donalsonville. The fall election will feature candidates for the offices of Freshman Representative and Second Vice-President.

BC HONORS NIGHT WINNERS

LaTrista Adams, Cairo, GA – 4.0 Award, Students Ambassadors Award, GOAL Finalist, Ernest C. Jones Scholarship

Justin M. Alday – College Bowl Award

Melissa Anderson – Learning Center Award

Gary Baker – 4.0 Award

John Bedwell – 4.0

Jessee Black – Who’s Who

Daniel Brackins – MAP Award

Cornelius Butler – President’s Award, GOAL Winner

Wilbert Butler – Student Activities Faculty Award

Michael Bynum - Who’s Who

Jacquelyn Calloway – Who’s Who

Doris Carmichael – Rick Perkins Faculty Award

Farhad Chowdhury – 4.0 Award

Meletha Clark – Learning Center Award

Earnestyne Collier – PLATO Award, Ambassadors Award

Julie Cottles - Who’s Who

Tonya Cox – LPN Award

Kristy Croom - Who’s Who

Shannon Cullifer – GOAL Finalist

Pierson Cunnington – Who’s Who

John Adam Daniels – PLATO Award

Jennifer Dick – Humanities Award

Janice Dobbins – Science Club Award

Beverly Donalson – Who’s Who

Carol Easom - 4.0 Award

Vickie Edwards – Who’s Who

Trina Escobar – Who’s Who

Miguel Farias – Who’s Who

Michelle Feaster – PLATO Award

Cheryl Ford – Who’s Who

Cathy Gardner – Who’s Who

Tracy Gosier – Who’s Who

Tracey Griffin - 4.0 Award

Wendy Grimes - 4.0

Gretchen Griner – Who’s Who

Brooke Hall – Who’s Who

Valerie Handsford – LPN Club

Jessica Harrell – Who’s Who

Richard Harter - 4.0 Award

Jayne Hathcoat – Who’s Who

Cynthia Henderson – Phi Theta Kappa USA Academic Team Award, Who’s Who, Environmental Science Award

Sylvia Henderson – Ambassadors Award

Josh Higginbotham – College Bowl Award

Kimberly Huggins – Who’s Who

Ebony Hutchins – College Bowl Award

Kevin Ingram – Ambassadors Award

Judith Jacobson – Learning Center Award

Lea Ann Jones – LPN Award

John Jones – Who’s Who

Katrice Kimble – Who’s Who

Carolyn Knight – Who’s Who

Julian Kwilecki - 4.0 Award

Megan Lane – Who’s Who

Blair Livingston – Who’s Who

Abby Gail Lord – President’s Award

Sonya Maldonado – MAP Award

Shannon McCook – Who’s Who

LaShawn McEntyre – Ambassadors Award.

Sonya McEntyre – Ambassadors Award

Brandon McLaren – Ambassadors Award

Jerry McNease – Meritorious Award

Laura McNease – Who’s Who

Craig Merrifield – Microbiology Award

Amelia Sue Merritt – Biology 1108 Award

Adam Mills - 4.0 Award, Biology 1107 Award

Tina Mills – Who’s Who

Candace Moore – Science Club Award

Johnny Morrison – Who’s Who

Brandy Mullen – LPN Award

Monica Murphy – Anatomy and Physiology II Award

Sebrina Murphy – LPN Award

William Musgrove – Who’s Who

Patrina Newton – Ambassadors Award, Work Study Award

Shelonda Nixon – GOAL Finalist

Jamesica Perry – Science Club Award

Jessica Poehler – Who’s Who

Samuel Pollock - 4.0 Award

Wynn Powell – Who’s Who

Nicholaus Pumphrey – Who’s Who, College Bowl Award

Laura Reynolds – Who’s Who, 4.0 Award

Jessica Robinson – Learning Center Award

Heather Roebuck – Sigma Kappa Delta Award

Tori Salter – Who’s Who

Lakeisha Shilo – Science Club Award

Pamela Shuler – Ambassadors Award

Connie Snyder – Meritorious Award

Michael Spooner– Ambassadors Award

Shannon Spooner – President’s Award

Jason Suggs – Environmental Science Award

Patricia Taunton– Dorothy Randall Scholarship

Horace Taylor – Meritorious Award

Matthew Thompson – Ambassadors Award

Norris Thompson – Meritorious Award

Annie Walker – Who’s Who

Christy Whitaker – Who’s Who

Andrew Wilson – Who’s Who, 4.0 Award

Katrina Wright – Learning Center Award, President’s Award, 4.0 Award, Anatomy and Physiology Award, Walter Cox Scholarship

Did you know that BC offers classes on the Web, during lunch-time and the weekend, and in Blakely, Cairo, Colquitt and Donalsonville?

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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

July 1	Midterm - Regular
July 2	First Day of Class - B
July 4-5	College Closed
July 17	New Freshman Orientation
July 18	Midterm - B
July 29	Last Day of Class - B/Regular
August 13	Fall Open Registration 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
August 14	Late Registration 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
August 18	First Day of Classes
August 18-22	Course Drop/Add 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
September 1	College Closed
Nov. 26-30	College Closed
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	College Offices Closed

Fall Loan Workshops July 15 - Noon and 5 p.m. Student Center

TUITION continued

Tuition increases nationally range from 8-10 percent in Oklahoma, almost 40 percent in Arizona, 9.5-18 percent in Kentucky, 15 percent in Minnesota and 18-25 percent in Nebraska.

Effective for the Fall 2003 semester, tuition for Georgia residents enrolled full-time at two-year colleges will increase by only \$33 per semester (or \$66 per year) over the previous year, from \$666 to \$699.

“Just because budgets are tight, we are not going to let our drive to enhance quality in the University System diminish,” Meredith said. “Today, as never before, Georgia needs a high-quality system of public higher education that can help the state and its citizens prepare for the future and prosper economically.”