



# GAPPA 2010 “Leading In Lean Times”

## *Are we having GAPPA annual meeting in 2010 ?*

The answer is “yes”. In 2009, the economy was suffering and many institutions in Georgia had cut backs, but the annual meeting was held and it was a success. All 90 booths were occupied, and the attendance was lower, but the trade show had enough traffic for the vendors to attend. Most of the vendors were sur-

veyed and they all expressed their satisfaction with the number of attendees. Even though the number was lower, “it was good enough for us”, they said. So again in 2010, GAPPA is holding the annual meeting and the vendors and members are coming. So mark your calendar and send in your paper work. We plan to have another productive meeting full of educational session, interesting tradeshow and some fun.

**To help you get there, GAPPA is offering travel stipends for up to \$800 per institution to support travel and/or lodging for members. Check our Web site:**

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LEADING IN LEAN TIMES

# GAPPA News

## University Of West Georgia Opens Its Greek Village

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In an effort to help students develop lifelong ties with each other and the institution, the University of West Georgia (UWG) recently opened its Greek Village project. Designed across 25 acres of land, the Greek Village consists of 18 different sized houses that are occupied by 262 students.

At the beginning of the 2009 fall semester, six sororities and eight fraternities occupied fourteen of the houses, while the remaining four buildings house some of the university’s transfer students. These houses will be made available for Greek occupancy as the campus continues to expand.



## President's Message

(Jodie Sweat)

### New Horizons

It's time to make plans to attend the annual meeting and tradeshow. Our recent survey indicated that our members plan to attend the meeting in May. While there is understandable concern about the state economy and institutional budgets, we anticipate that member attendance will be similar to last years. The vendor show is nearly booked and there is an exciting program planned

for the educational sessions.

The board is putting together a great program for May. The theme of the conference is "New Horizons" with the expectation that we need to prepare for the unknown, while anticipating new opportunities. There will be technical, management and special interest workshops to spark new ideas. We will be joined by our vendor members for the golf tour-

namment, Tradeshow and the Vendor Appreciation Dinner/Casino night. The annual meeting is a full slate of learning, relaxing, researching and networking.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and hope you will meet us at Jekyll Island for GAPPA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Tradeshow.

Jodie Sweat  
GAPPA

For previous copies of "GAPPA News" newsletter, check on line. We also have photos of previous annual meetings.

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## Gainesville State College opened its first Parking Deck in Fall 2009

Most days the new deck is full. Gainesville State is now in the planning stages of the next deck to meet the increase demands on parking as student enrollment continues to increase.



## University of West Georgia Receives APPA Award for Excellence



On July 8, 2009, the office of Campus Planning & Facilities of The University of West Georgia (UWG) received the APPA Award for Excellence. UWG joined two other institutions (i.e. Philadelphia University, University of North Florida) in achieving this prestigious award and it becomes only the third school within the University System of Georgia to receive the award since its inception in 1988.

The APPA Award of Excellence, an international award sponsored by The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers, is the highest institutional honor presented to qualifying institutions whose facilities management organizations demonstrate quality in overall operations and effectiveness. The award criteria is based on: Leadership, Strategic and Operational Planning, Customer Focus, Information and Analysis Development and Management of Human Resources, Process Management, and Performance results.

The evaluation for the award consist of two parts: a self-evaluation addressing specific, stringent criteria and a site visit by a team from the Professional Affairs Committee. The application process takes teamwork from the entire facilities organization and requires motivation from the top levels of leadership.

UWG's department of Campus Planning and Facilities (CP&F) consists of the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Campus Planning and Facilities, AEC Project Services, Risk Management/Environmental Health and Safety, and Facilities and Grounds. CP&F has a staff of 140 employees whose mission is to professionally operate, maintain, and support the development of quality facilities, grounds, and services, and to support the campus community, students, faculty and staff.

Assistant Vice President, Mike Renfrow, who has won this award with two separate institutions, believes that the Malcolm Baldrige criteria that was adapted by APPA for the Award for Excellence (AFE) was one of the key factors that helped to provide change and clarity for CP&F leadership. "We had adopted the Baldrige criteria in 2003 while performing a self assessment with another state agency. When APPA later revised the AFE to assess similar criteria, we felt confident in applying for this award as we already had 3 years worth of trends developed in several performance measures."

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The houses range in size from six bed townhouses to twenty bed houses. Each includes a living room, residential kitchen, laundry facilities and a combination of sleeping rooms; the restroom facilities are semi-private shared by 2 or 3 students.

Also within the village is a community building with meeting and study rooms. There is a large amount of green space; plenty of parking and it will soon have its own basketball and volleyball courts and outdoor grills.

According to Dr. Melanie McClellan, vice president for student services, "National research continues to show that students who are involved in campus life are more academically successful than those who aren't. Greek students at UWG have high graduation rates, are very involved in community service and are active alumni. This Greek Village will allow us to make that system even stronger".

*The architect for the Greek Village was Niles Bolton Associates. The construction manager was R. K Redding Construction, Inc. The program manager was Hendessi & Associates, LLC.*

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## Spelman's New Residence Hall Is LEED Silver Certified

The Suites, Spelman's new residence hall that opened last August is Now LEED Silver Certified. The Suites has become the first residence hall at a historically Black college or university to attain the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification through the U.S. Green Building Council. Designed with a priority on conservation, The Suites uses energy, water and other resources more efficiently to help reduce impact on the environment. Featuring two, three, and four-bedroom suites, the residence hall also boasts a 175-seat dining hall and a 100-car parking deck.



# Athletic Complex at University Of West Georgia

The time has come. The home of the “Wolves” is here! With the start of the fall semester, the University of West Georgia proudly opened its long awaited football stadium.

The UWG Wolves held the first home football game in their new stadium on September 5<sup>th</sup> in front of 6,277 fans. This “bowl” design stadium seats 9,000 people and includes skybox suites and a special area for alumni and boosters.

The stadium is located within the Athletic Complex, a 244-acre tract of land that was recently granted to the university by the City of Carrollton. In addition to the stadium, the complex will also feature an athletic office building, football practice fields, soccer fields, soccer stadium, ladies field house, softball stadium, intramural fields and a future baseball stadium. The athletics office building, to be completed later in 2010, will contain the locker rooms, weight training rooms, academic support labs

and assembly areas.

Located north-west of the campus, the athletic complex will soon have a road and bridge connecting it back to the heart of the university thanks to the help of the City of Carrollton. This will

also allow space to be opened up within the campus for additional academic buildings. It will also provide additional parking that will be utilized by commuter students throughout the week.

The project could not have been possible without the generous support of the students, alumni, community, and state government. Many people gave their time and support to make this a reality. To them the UWG is truly grateful.



As the complex continues to develop the students, faculty and alumni of UWG remain excited about the future. At last the “Wolves” are home.

*The architect for the Athletic Complex was Southern A & E. The construction manager was RA-Lin and Associates, Inc. The program manager was Carter.*

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## Lee Richey Awarded Emeritus Status in APPA

Lee Richey, past President of GAPPA, was recently awarded emeritus status in APPA – along with lifetime membership in APPA.

**The award reads in part: “Your many years of dedicated service to higher education and to the Association are greatly appreciated... You are hereby designated an emeritus member entitled to all rights, privileges and benefits set forth in the Association’s by-laws.”**

