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THE PLAINS’ FINEST
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Azeem Ahmed, a double-major in economics and finance, was selected as the 2014 President William Jefferson Clinton Hunger Leadership Award winner. Created to honor President Clinton for his commitment to humanitarian causes, the award criteria includes demonstrated leadership in the fight against hunger and a commitment to a life of service in the areas of hunger and poverty reduction. Only one award is given annually to a college or university student worldwide.

MOCK TRIAL WINS

The Auburn University Mock Trial Competition Team won first place in the third annual University of West Florida Argo Invitational hosted by the UWF Mock Trial Team and sponsored by Stetson University College of Law. Each team competing in the invitational tournament was required to compete in four trial rounds that were judged by local attorneys and judges. The Auburn University Team was formed in 2008 and is sponsored by the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts.

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ALYSSA WHITE

Elliott Lynn received the second annual Political Science Leadership Award. Lynn, a native of Phenix City, Ala., plans to pursue his law degree with a focus on human rights or public interest law.

AUDREY ROSS

Alyssa White, a senior double-majoring in anthropology and Spanish, is an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program nominee, a Fulbright Scholarship finalist, a Rhodes Scholarship nominee, and a Marshall Scholarship nominee.

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THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION Campus Compact designated Audrey Ross a Newman Civic Fellow, in part because of her work as a Living Democracy student in Valley and Hobson City.
FIVE ENGLISH MAJORS won the SOUTHEASTERN AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES’ (SEASECS) UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING PRIZE. BEN DILLON, SHELBY CHASE, ERICA JONES, DARCY CORBITT HALL, AND JESSICA BREWER RECEIVED $1,200 TO TRAVEL TO KNOXVILLE TO PRESENT THEIR PAPERS AT THE 2014 SEASECS MEETING.

SEAN SEYER, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History, received the William R. Castle, Jr. Memorial Fellowship to conduct research at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa, during the summer of 2013. Sean’s research focuses on intersections between technology, society, and the law with a specific emphasis on the development of international air transportation policy from 1919 to 1929 and seeks to understand the connections between technology and international politics.

Spanish and biological sciences major James Barnett was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Spain during 2013-2014. Samantha Lopez, an Honors College student and double major in French and biological sciences was awarded a Fulbright to Belgium. They are the second and third FLL students in the past year to be awarded a Fulbright.

NING HOU, a doctoral student in the Department of Psychology, was the overall winner and People’s Choice Award winner in Auburn University’s Three Minute Thesis competition in November. Three Minute Thesis, or 3MT®, is a research communication competition that challenges graduate students to effectively communicate their research and its significance to a non-specialist audience in only three minutes. As Auburn’s winner, Hou will represent the university in the Conference of Southern Graduate School’s inaugural 3MT® competition in the spring.

ELECTIONS
LOGAN POWELL, a JUNIOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, WAS ELECTED 2014 SGA PRESIDENT, AND CAROLINE STEPHENS, ALSO A JUNIOR MAJORING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, WAS ELECTED 2014 MISS AUBURN.
For academic year 2013–2014, the College awarded 352 scholarships to 280 students totaling $584,000. This includes 46 Dean’s Club Annual Scholarships, which totaled nearly $100,000.

Psychology faculty members have been principal or co-principal investigator on federally-funded grants and contracts totaling approximately $5.1 million since 2005. Over the past five years, state or other non-federal grants have totaled $5.6 million. Grants have come from sources such as the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, National Institute for Mental Health, the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory, the Alabama Department of Youth Services, and the National Child Advocacy Center.

The Psychology Department’s contract with the Alabama Department of Youth Services was recently renewed for the 14th year in a row. At $1.8 million annually, it is one of the largest outreach contracts at Auburn.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures has secured external grants to fund French and Spanish-language film licenses, allowing them to share the films with the community, as well as Auburn’s faculty and staff.

The Osprey Foundation recently donated $100,000 to the College of Liberal Arts in honor of Anne Rivers Siddons and her husband Heyward. Siddons is a 1958 Auburn graduate in art (illustration) and best-selling author. Her book, Heartbreak Hotel, was chosen as the common book for the College of Liberal Arts for fall 2013. Siddons also received the inaugural Women’s Leadership Institute Lifetime Achievement Award at a ceremony held on October 18 at the AU Hotel.

Pat and Lois Molony recently donated $100,000 for student scholarships in the Department of Economics. Pat Molony received his master’s degree in economics in 1976 and is vice president of Harbert Power Corporation in Birmingham, Ala.

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During the 2012–2013 academic year, the AU Speech and Hearing Clinic treated over 7,500 patients of all ages in both speech-language pathology and audiology. In addition to the clinic on campus, services are also offered at off-campus venues, including community screenings, health fairs, Head Start programs, retirement communities, and day care programs.

SENCR/NSF GRANT
ASSOCIATE DEAN AND ALABAMA FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, PAULA BOBROWSKI, AND MUSIC PROFESSOR ANN KNIPSCCHILD RECEIVED A SENCER/NSF GRANT TO DESIGN AN UNDERGRADUATE PROJECT THAT WILL INCREASE STUDENTS’ INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY, THE NEUROSCIENCE OF MUSIC AND HOW THE USE OF MUSIC CAN BE DESIGNED INTO HEALTHCARE SETTINGS TO CREATE POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. STUDENTS WILL STUDY THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSIC ON HUMAN SUBJECTS, AND THEY WILL WORK WITH PROFESSORS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS TO APPLY THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN DESIGNING HEALTHCARE SETTINGS.
THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM STARTED A PARTNERSHIP IN FALL 2013 WITH AUBURN ATHLETICS.

Students will help Auburn Athletics create content for the new SEC Network, which launches in August 2014. Students will have the opportunity for on-air reporting, production, and play-by-play announcing experiences. The journalism program will offer Introduction to Sports Video Production in Fall 2014, which will be taught by the Assistant Athletics Director for Video Services in AU Athletics’ new production facility.

Raycom Media and the School of Communication and Journalism also announced a pioneering partnership to train multimedia student journalists. The Auburn University news studio is adopting a teaching hospital model that is strongly advocated for by media executives and journalism foundations. The new studio is located on Gay Street next to Tiger Rags.

#SECNETWORK

ART GOES DIGITAL

The Department of Arts’ digital art initiative has added significant instructional capabilities this year. Students can now work with state-of-the-art video production tools, computer-based laser cutting, 3-D scanning, and computer numerical control (CNC) plasma metal cutting.

CYBER SECURITY

Associate Professor of Sociology Greg Weaver has been instrumental in designing Auburn’s cyber security initiative. Working with Professor Bob Norton and General (Ret.) Ron Burgess, Dr. Weaver is actively engaged in creating academic and research opportunities for Auburn faculty and students interested in national security.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

As the college seeks to expand its online education offerings, CLA is also exploring the use of a common platform for its students. The foreign languages course, East Meets West: Sicily, a Case Study at the Crossroads, received an award by the Office of International Programs for its connection with overseas faculty and students at the University of Catania, Italy. It is also the first class in the college using mini iPads that allow for a more interactive environment and student projects on Twitter, Wordpress, iBooks, Popplet, and Skype.
**#TOP10**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY WAS RANKED IN THE TOP 10 BY GRADUATEPROGRAMS.COM FOR BEST CAREER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION QUALITY.**

We were ranked among Harvard University, Notre Dame and Duke University in these two important areas. The department’s graduate programs offer advanced training in clinical, cognitive, and behavioral sciences and industrial/organizational psychology.

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

According to a recent study by Auburn psychology professors, the Department of Psychology’s Industrial/Organizational (I/O) PhD program ranks #4 in the nation in research productivity, adjusting for faculty size. The study measures productivity by total faculty publications and presentations at the national I/O SIOP conference. In addition, I/O psychology has been ranked as the fastest growing occupation over the next 10 years according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ newly released Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/ooh).

**ON THE RISE**

In a listing of the best jobs of 2013, audiologist was listed as number four by CareerCast.com, with a projected growth rate of 37% from 2010 to 2020. Employment of speech-language pathologists is projected to grow 15% from 2012 to 2022. The College of Liberal Arts offers a doctorate of audiology and a master’s in speech-language pathology.

**MUSIC HITS THE HIGH NOTE**

The Auburn University Chamber Choir directed by Dr. William Powell was selected to perform at the Southern Division Conference of the American Choral Directors Association in March 2014. The AU Symphonic Band conducted by Dr. Rick Good was selected to perform at the College Band Directors National Association Southern Division Conference in February 2014. Both of these appearances are the first ever competitively selected concert ensembles from Auburn to perform for regional and national colleagues.

The Psychological Services Center and the Student Counseling Services were recognized for having one of the largest National Depression Screening Days in the country this year (top 10) by Mental Health, Inc., the organization that coordinates mental health screening days. We conducted 275 free screenings.

**100% PLACEMENT**

**THE HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM PLACED 100% OF ITS GRADUATES IN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS OR GRADUATE SCHOOLS THIS YEAR. SEVERAL NEW PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE IN THE WORKS IN LOCATIONS SUCH AS DUBLIN, AUSTRALIA, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC.**

Guy Rohrbaugh published his article “Anscombe, Zygotes, and Coming-to-be” in *Nous*. *Nous* is among the top-four philosophy journals in the world with an acceptance rate of less than 5%.

Draughon Professor of History Kenneth Noe recently edited a compilation of essays from historians across the South on Alabama’s role in the Civil War and Reconstruction. The book titled *The Yellowhammer War: The Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama* has already received high praise from numerous scholars for its unique contributions to the field of Civil War history and includes chapters written by former Auburn graduates Jennifer Trevino ’09 and Bertis English ’06.

College of Liberal Arts Dean Joseph Aistrup is the winner of the Robert Lineberry Award from the Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SSSA) for his article “Structured Partisan Competition: A Vote Shares Model of Party Alignments and Realignments.” The article was published in *Social Sciences Quarterly*, a journal nationally recognized since its inception in 1919 for interdisciplinary research. The Lineberry Award will be given to Dean Aistrup at the annual meeting of the SSSA in April.

Dr. Matthew Hoch’s book *A Dictionary for the Modern Singer* was recently published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. It is the only one-volume general reference source for students of singing.

Professor and Alumni Writer-in-Residence Chantel Acevedo conducted the Department of English’s summer creative writing workshops for teenagers. She was deeply involved in the Auburn Writers Conference which was held October 18–19, 2013. Now in its 4th year, notable writers included Christina Garcia, Taylor Mali, and Kristin O'Donnell Tubb.

English faculty continue their impressively diverse work of teaching and research. Among others, some recent books include Robin Sabino’s *Language Contact in the Danish West Indies: Giving Jack His Jacket*, Craig Bertolet’s *Chaucer, Gower, Hoccleve and the Commercial Practices of Late Fourteenth-Century London*, and Sunny Stalter-Pace’s *Underground Movements: Modern Culture on the New York City Subway*.
In a recent CLA student survey, 90% of Fall 2013 students reported timely and accurate information conveyed by CLA advisors. The CLA Student Services Office has implemented an aggressive, targeted communication plan to keep students informed, positioning the college to effectively address academic advising challenges today and in the future. Mike Waldrop, director of student services, received the Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator Award, and academic advisor Melissa Adams received the Outstanding New Advisor Award.

Professor of Art Allyson Comstock was in Antarctica this past fall semester on an NSF-funded research trip where she created a body of artwork documenting her observations.

Since 2009, Auburn audiology doctoral students have traveled to Guatemala City to provide hearing tests and other audiological services to the street children of Guatemala.

Dr. Kelly Ann Krawczyk, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, was recently selected to assist the World Bank in designing and conducting an assessment of county-level public administration and local government capacity in Liberia. The study also addresses the decentralization of authority, responsibility, and resources to local government, specifically in the areas of local regulatory decisions, procurement and contracts, and human resource management. The project will culminate in policy recommendations to the government of Liberia on how to successfully implement administrative decentralization.
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The Philosophy Department will host its 6th annual Philosophy Conference this spring. This year’s conference, titled “Philosophy and Film,” brings to campus many of the best philosophers of film from around the world.

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The 2013 Academy for Civic Professionalism, the only established forum for the discussion of civic professionalism and the liberal arts, welcomed 15 international and national participants and hosted speakers like Rick Battistoni, Timothy Estmon, Julie Allison, KerryAnn O’Meara, and Adam Bush. Some new additions for the 2014 Academy include highlighting the work of academy alumni, initiating an alumni award, and hosting an open discussion with K-12 teachers and community leaders to address the concept of civic professionalism at various levels. Speakers for this upcoming academy will be Harry Boyle, Julie Hatcher, and Lorraine McIlrath (www.auburn.edu/cce/acp).

In October, the College of Liberal Arts hosted its 6th annual Tailgate Extravaganza in the parking lot of the Telfair Peet Theatre. This annual event features the Auburn University Marching Band and brings together alumni, faculty, staff, and their families to enjoy a catered event before a big home game.

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