Saint Leo Gwinnett Congratulates its Who’s Who 2014 Recipients

Saint Leo University – Gwinnett is pleased to announce this year’s Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Saint Leo University - Gwinnett congratulates its nine student recipients for their outstanding academic achievement as well as their overall contribution to the University and community at large.

“Each year, a select group of students is called forward to accept one of the most prestigious awards the academic community can bestow — selection to Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This exclusive honor is conferred by more than 1,000 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is symbolized by the presentation of an award certificate.” Saint Leo University - Gwinnett is honored to announce that nine of its students received this high honor. The Gwinnett students include: James Emerson, Dawn Erwin, Thomas Jewell, John La, Ramelle McClelland, Oluremi Obafemi, Edward Restrepo, Erwin Vertison, and Giovannini Brown.

New Year Brings Changes

We have a new Assistant Director for Undergraduate students, De Etta Peter. De Etta Peter comes to us from the Morrow Center where she worked for 2 plus years before arriving at Gwinnett in September. She originates from Saint Leo, Florida where she worked at the University campus for over 13 years.

Mrs. Peter is married with four children and one cherished puppy named, Mimzee. Besides growing up in the Tampa Bay area she lived in Alaska for 10 years. Mrs. Peter holds a Master of Science degree in Instructional Design from Saint Leo University and says she is very excited about this new challenge and has found the students at Gwinnett some of the friendliest she has met. Please stop by and say hi.

With this new addition to our staff we are making changes to our advising. Undergraduate students are asked to register with Mrs. Peter, as she will be keeping up with the program requirements for those programs; while graduate students will register with the Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions, Ann Dabrowski.

In the future, the new staff hopes to meet each of our student’s needs quickly and accurately.

Financial Aid Reminders

Get your FAFSA done for 2015-2016 application. This federal aid begins with Summer 2 term. Please complete as soon as possible, so you will have financial aid available.

WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV
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Special points of interest:

- New Year Brings Changes
- Giving Back to the Community
- New Program / New Instructors
- Job Search Seminar See Calendar of Events
- Tutoring — A phone call away.
- SALT is Here!!!
**New degree programs:**

Gwinnett Education Center now offers a Bachelor’s in Business Administration degree specializing in Project Management. With this degree you’ll gain core knowledge and valuable skills to complete projects on time and within budget. Project Managers contribute practical skills to diverse industries, such as construction, hospitality, information technology, health care and new product development. They assist the civilian and military sectors to improve internal operations and capitalize on external opportunities. Please see your advisor if you are interested in finding out more about this new degree program.

**New Instructors:**

We want to welcome Dr. Keith Durso as our new Religion instructor. Dr. Durso received his Doctorate in Philosophy from Baylor University, his Master’s in Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor’s in Journalism from University of Oklahoma. Having taught in higher education for over 20 years, he brings a wealth of experience to our center. As an author, Dr. Durso has published books, curriculum, sermon briefs, journal articles, book reviews and pamphlets. We are excited to have such an accomplished instructor on board.

**Who’s Who—Continued from page 1.**

Gwinnett for Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is a thorough and comprehensive process. Students selected are those individuals who enhance the positive image of the American student through their contributions to community and school. Saint Leo University-Gwinnett congratulates these high achieving students.

“Many of our students are not only going to school but working full time and managing a family as well, and to achieve such a high honor is a remarkable accomplishment. By demonstrating such excellence these students serve as role models to the entire student body at Saint Leo University – Gwinnett,” noted Center Director Nancy King. Please join me in recognizing these outstanding students.

**Freshman Essentials**

It is difficult when you are out of your comfort zone. As a freshman this is a constant. Learning how to use Saint Leo technologies is high on the list of to do’s as a new Saint Leo student.

We encourage you to get acquainted with these new technologies through our orientation classes given at various times each term. These classes will help give you insights on the technology and an overview of how to use it inside and outside the classroom.

Our most widely used communications technology is called E-lion. Through e-lion you are able to keep current by retrieving e-mail, scheduling your classes, and looking up your class schedule. E-lion gives you the ability to look at your grade postings, along with your class listings of your program. It is also a convenient way to keep track of your financial accounts and billing statements. This feature helps when you are looking to find out if your financial aid has posted.

If you are interested in registering for a New Student Orientation please call the Gwinnett Education Center for the next orientation class schedule.

**Inside Story Headline**

The Atlanta-area centers’ sociology students adopt a charity each year, said Dr. M. Christine Snead, Assistant Professor of Sociology. Sociology students from the Gwinnett, Marietta, and Morrow education centers participated in the winter clothing and blanket drive for Catholic Charities. Participation was encouraged via word of mouth, flyers, and drop boxes, Dr. Snead said.

The Gwinnett Education Center began collecting for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots program, Monday, December 1. The program supports the university’s core values of community and responsible stewardship.

Left: Gwinnett Center Director, Nancy King greets Marines for Toy for Tots pickup. Below: Four large boxes of toys are hauled away.

**Center Happenings**

**BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

Above: Gwinnett Center staff gather collection of winter wear for donation to Catholic Charities.
Advisor Corner:

Did you know:

Early registration helps us to determine the number of students we have in classes. Classes that do not make the required number by the seventh week will be cancelled.

Encourage your fellow students to register early so your class will not be cancelled because of lack of enrollments.

Enroll now for Spring 2 and Summer 1 terms.

Graduate Students:

BE AWARE: The LAST DAY to enroll for class is the Thursday before the term starts. You can drop in the first week, but you cannot ADD.

Undergraduate Students:

CALLING ALL SENIORS!!
Please stop by and ensure you are on track for graduation. Please do not wait until the last term.
All applications for graduation are completed via your e-Lion.

Attention Veterans:

Please let your advisor know your veteran status and what education benefits you are receiving for tuition. This will assist us in getting your certification done correctly and in a timely manner.

Please contact our VA Coordinator, Ed Head at 770-960-5005 if you have any concerns with your VA benefits.

Thank you for your service.

Calendar of Events

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Information Session

Please invite your family and friends to find out more about what Saint Leo University has to offer. The Gwinnett Center will hold information sessions on the following dates:

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM
Third Wednesday of the month.
Saint Leo University—Gwinnett
3555 Koger Blvd. Duluth, GA
January 21, February 18

Martin Luther King Day
January 19th
HOLIDAYS
April 3rd
No Classes.

Scholarship Opportunities

Dorothy Elaine Dadez Endowed Scholarship
Marilyn Ann Leitch Endowed Scholarship
Baker Family Endowed Scholarship
Padala Family Endowed Scholarship

These scholarships are available to students at any of the education centers. For Saint Leo scholarships inviting student applications please go to: http://www.saintleo.edu/privatescholarships

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Saint Leo University is a Catholic, liberal arts-based university serving people of all faiths. Saint Leo has grown from a peaceful campus in the rolling hills of Central Florida to an institution of international consequence—ranked one of the best regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

We understand life’s demands—balancing family and work while pursuing your degree. To meet those challenges, we are dedicated to providing you with highly personalized attention and flexible learning opportunities—while bringing the resources and benefits of our main campus to you, wherever you are.

Saint Leo University offers a practical, effective model for life and leadership in a challenging world; a model based on a steadfast moral consciousness that recognizes the dignity, value, and gifts of all people.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) currently offers tutoring in mathematics, computer science, accounting/management (including MBA level courses), English, Psychology, Religion, Philosophy, and Criminology. Offering up to 60 hours a week of online tutoring, with tutors available on nights and weekends to accommodate the needs of nontraditional students.


SALT is Here!

SALT is a free program that helps every student who wants a college degree to get it in a financially responsible way.

SALT’s resources help you:
- Find scholarships, internships, and jobs
- Compare student loan borrowing options
- Personalize a student loan repayment plan.
- Track all of your student loans in one place
- Obtain loan advice from SALT’s expert counselors
- Use My Money 101 - a self-paced, online training resource that teaches you practical money management strategies for budgeting, credit management, and more.

Go to www.SaintLeo.edu under Financial Aid select Resources to create your own SALT account.

VA Tuition Assistance Changes

In the past, students could apply for term start date to 60 days before term start date; that is changing. With the recent changes from Air Staff, students will only be able to apply for TA within 7 - 45 days of term start date.

If you don't have a TA in the system 7 days prior to term start date, you will not be able to apply for TA. Education centers WILL NOT be allowed to create a TA for a student in this case.