



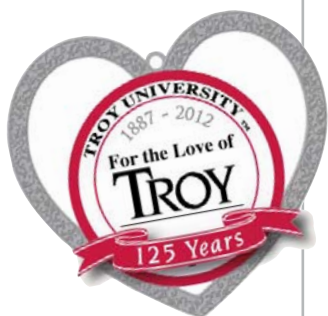
TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

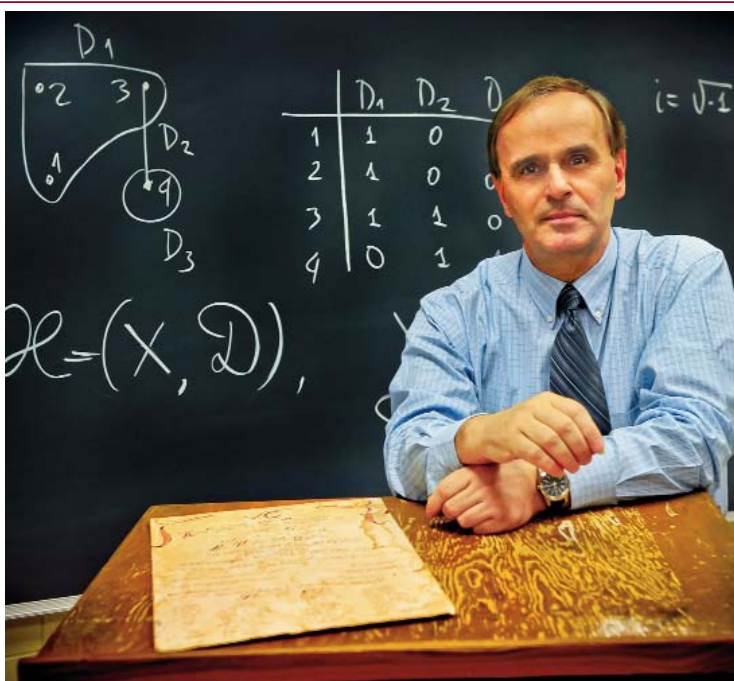
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TROY Christmas ornament – Troy University’s 2011 Christmas ornament celebrating the University’s 125th birthday is now on sale and makes a great keepsake or gift. Ornaments are \$20 and are available through the University’s Alumni Affairs Office. For additional information, call 334-670-3318.



Troy University mathematics professor Dr. Vitaly Voloshin recently discovered the original charter document for the Square Root of C Math Club, which had been stuck in a podium for about half a century.

Discovery of lost document links past, present and future

Vitaly Voloshin was about seven years old, and living in Moldova in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the height of the Cold War when someone at then-Troy State College left behind something of importance.

What that “someone” left behind would be lost in the classroom’s lectern for the next 50 years, only to resurface in October after a class, appropriately, in advanced discrete mathematics, taught by Dr. Voloshin.

“We started class just like

every other Monday night,” said Rachel Anderson, a graduate student in secondary math education from Troy. “Every class, Dr. Voloshin walks in and moves the podium to an exact spot. This time something hit the ground.”

That something turned out to be the original charter document of the Square Root of C Math Club, begun under the guidance of Mr. Virgil Collins, who had returned to his undergraduate alma mater in 1946 as chairman of the Math Department after

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Faculty, staff sign nearly 150 cards for service men, women

Troy University faculty and staff members are helping to provide a brighter holiday season for military men and women, many of whom will spend this Christmas far from home.

Nearly 150 Christmas cards were signed during the University’s annual Sponsored Programs luncheon on Wednesday and will be sent to service members, veterans and their families as a part of the American Red Cross’ Holiday Mail for Heroes program, according to Judy Fulmer, TROY’s director of Sponsored Programs.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. was pleased the University See MAIL, Page 4

Drs. Landers, Yu receive sponsored program awards

Two faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences were awarded the Chancellor’s Award of Distinction in Sponsored Programs last week for their grant award to study the effects of the BP Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill.

Dr. Stephen Landers and Dr. Kewei Yu received the See AWARDS, Page 2

A top destination

University ranked in top 40 U.S. masters-level universities for international students

Troy University has been ranked in the top 40 U.S. masters-level universities for international student choice.

The Chronicle of Higher Education published the report by the Institute of International Education on Nov. 14, and places TROY at number 27 with 883 international students for the 2010-2011 year. It is the only university or college in Alabama to make the Top 40 list.

“This ranking reported by the Chronicle of Higher Education, cou-

pled with TROY’s international teaching locations in southeast Asia and the United Arab Emirates, reflects more than a decade of progress toward recognition as Alabama’s international university,” said Dr. Earl Ingram, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and vice-chancellor for TROY’s Global Campus, the arm of the university that oversees all international programs and operations outside the state of Alabama.

The newspaper ranked the top 40 according to the 2010 Carnegie Clas-

sification of Institutions of Higher Learning that breaks down universities and colleges as doctoral, masters, baccalaureate and associate-level institutions. Although classified under this system as a masters-level institution, TROY offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Nationally, international students contributed about \$20 billion to the U.S. economy for 2010-2011, the organization reported, according to NAFSA, the Association of International Educators.

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honor from Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., during the 20th annual Sponsored Programs Luncheon on the Troy Campus on Dec. 7. The award, presented this year for the third time, is given to celebrate and inspire excellence in sponsored program proposal success. Nominees are selected by a 5-person committee and presented to the Director of Sponsored Programs and the Senior vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations for final selection. The recipients receive an engraved award and a cash prize.

In June, Landers and Yu, both faculty members in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, received more than \$70,000 funding collectively from the Gulf Research Initiative allocated through the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to conduct their research on the effects of BP Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill.



From left to right are: Dr. Stephen Landers, award recipient; Judy Fulmer, director of sponsored programs; Dr. Kewei Yu, award recipient; Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.; Dr. James F. Rinehart, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Don Jeffrey, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and, Dr. Glenn Cohen, chair of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Landers’ research compares meiofauna from before and after the oil spill. He and a colleague collected data by traveling aboard National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ships.

Yu’s research examines the impact of the oil spill from a different aspect, including the lasting effects of the oil in the Gulf and

the process by which oil disappears from the coastal marsh sediments.

This year’s luncheon honored 222 University faculty, staff and students who sought over \$24.5 million in external funding through grants, fellowships or contracts for research, programs and projects.

“We have come far in sponsored programs. Each

year the luncheon keeps getting bigger and better,” Dr. Hawkins told luncheon participants. “Twenty years ago we had 33 grant writers and \$1.2 million in funded projects. It is all about people. Today we celebrate our faculty and staff who are committed to raising the extramural funds that will take us from good to great.”

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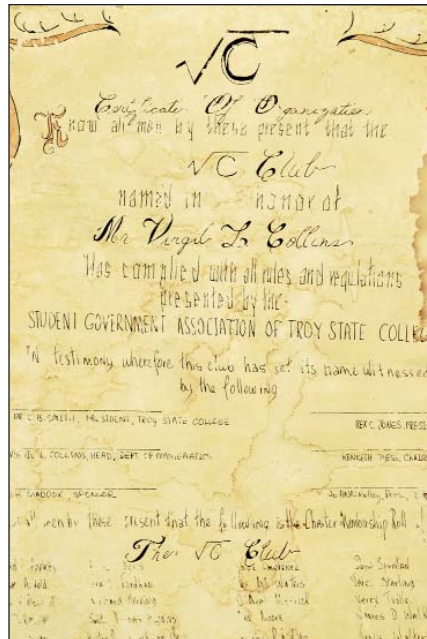
earning a master's degree from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University and completing a stint as principal at Andalusia High School.

"An inspirational leader and teacher, Mr. Collins was respected and admired by students and faculty," said Diane Porter, an associate professor of mathematics and chair of Troy Campus department. "He was dedicated to providing quality instruction and excellence in education."

As it turned out, he so inspired the 42 students of the Math Club, they decided to name the club in his honor. A decade before his retirement in 1972, a charter was drafted with the new club electing for its symbol Mr. Collins' own unique signature: the square root of C – a play on the initials "VC."

Somehow, the unsigned, hand-drawn and lettered "Certificate of Organization" was left behind in that lectern for a half-century, until Dr. Voloshin, who achieved U.S. citizenship a year ago, examined it after his lecture with three of his students: Anderson, Ashley Currie, a graduate student in secondary math education from Louisville, and Lauren Pierce, a graduate student in secondary math education from Troy.

"The miracle is that so many professors have taught for so many years -- and in so many rooms -- from that very same podium," Dr. Voloshin said, "and only now the document was accidentally



The original, hand-lettered "Certificate of Organization" of Troy University's Square Root of C Math Club was recently found after having been lost in a podium for about 50 years. It was discovered by mathematics professor Dr. Vitaly Voloshin, when it fell from the podium as he moved it to begin a class lecture.

found. It was meant to be so."

Dr. Voloshin said that he had used the same lectern and same room in the Math and Science Complex for several years. He said because the document had been stuck in the podium upside down, no

one had noticed it since it was left, presumably, after the club's inauguration.

"It was so neat to be there and witness the document hitting the ground," Anderson said. "You never know when you may witness something interesting."

The club, now the "pride and tradition" of the Math Department, is active and alive. Its president, Christian Randolph, a math and computer science major from Troy, recently became the first math undergraduate at TROY to deliver a research presentation to a seminar at another university. It has hosted nine seminars by students and faculty members on various math-related topics this year, some of which were presentations by students on independent research conducted under faculty guidance.

"Getting students involved in undergraduate math research and working outside of class with the faculty is one of the main goals of the Math Club," said its vice-president Mary Hammack, a math major from Homewood.

For Dr. Voloshin, and the rest of the faculty and students of the department, discovery of the document – even unsigned – provides an important link between past, present and future.

"It is a message from the past that not only says 'check your podium first,' but also reminds us about the beauty, the power and the absolute truth of mathematics and, especially, about the people who do it," Dr. Voloshin said.

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could be involved with the program.

"Troy University has enjoyed a long relationship with the U.S. military and is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of our service men and women," Dr. Hawkins said. "TROY has also shown its appreciation and support of the military through our ongoing TROY for Troops effort and our annual Salute to Armed Forces football game. The Holiday Mail for Heroes program provides an excellent opportunity for our TROY family to once again reach

out to the men and women of our armed forces during the Christmas season."

This year's luncheon fell on Dec. 7, the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which had some personal significance for Fulmer.

"My father was 16 years old when Pearl Harbor was bombed, and when he turned 17, his father took him down to enlist," Fulmer said. "With that personal connection for me and Troy University's history of service to the military, I thought Holiday Mail for

Heroes would provide a perfect service opportunity for our faculty and staff."

The Holiday Mail for Heroes program was established to send a "touch of home" to American military men and women to demonstrate support and appreciation during the holiday season. The Red Cross has partnered with Pitney Bowes, a mail stream technology company, to collect and distribute holiday cards to service members, veterans and their families in the United States and around the world.



Chancellor honored – Dr. Israel Hernandez, Chancellor of the University of Iberoamérica (UNIBE) in San Jose, Costa Rica, left, presents an Honorary Professorship to Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. at the university's fall commencement ceremony on Nov. 24. In accepting the award, Chancellor Hawkins noted that TROY has entered into a partnership with UNIBE to provide programs that will create greater understanding between the two regions. "Costa Rica is a gem in the crown of Central America and we at Troy University look forward to working with you through faculty and student exchanges in our colleges of education and health and human services," Dr. Hawkins said during the ceremony.



Patterson Hall dedicated – An academic building on the Troy Campus has a new name, as the University dedicated Patterson Hall on Nov. 19. Named for Dr. Douglas C. Patterson, who served as a senior administrator for more than 20 years, Patterson Hall was built in 2005. The Board of Trustees voted to rename it to honor Patterson earlier this year. Above, Dr. Doug Patterson and members of his family unveil the official portrait that will be displayed in the atrium of Patterson Hall on the Troy Campus. Standing, from left to right, are Dr. Doug Patterson; daughter Lauren Patterson, Ms. Lise Patterson, daughter Natalie Patterson Bryant and her husband, Randy Bryant. At left, Dr. Patterson told those in attendance that his "heart is in Troy University."

Scholarship to aid dependents of service members killed in line of duty

Troy University has established a new scholarship to aid dependents of U.S. service men and women killed in the line of duty with priority being given to the dependents of the 30 service members killed in the helicopter crash in Afghanistan in August.

Announcement of the "TROY for Troops" scholarship was made during the University's "Salute to Armed Forces" football game against Florida Atlantic University on Nov. 19. Since 2000, the University has designated one home football game in November to honor both current and past members of the armed forces as a Veterans Day tribute.

The scholarship is the latest effort of the University's "TROY for Troops" committee, chaired by Janice

Hawkins, TROY's first lady. The committee was formed in 2006 as an effort to identify and thank current students, alumni, faculty and staff members — or members of their immediate families — who are on active military duty. The ongoing project has included the shipment of care packages, "TROY for Troops" t-shirts and commemorative "TROY for Troops" coins to members of the armed services serving in combat zones.

"Troy University has enjoyed a long relationship with the military, and we believe it is important to continue to express our gratitude to the men and women of the armed forces for their dedicated, selfless service to our country," Mrs. Hawkins said. "It is particularly important that we pay tribute to

those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country and continue to show support for the families they left behind. The TROY for Troops scholarship seeks to do just that."

Joining Chancellor and Mrs. Jack Hawkins, Jr. on the field to make the scholarship announcement were members of the University's TROY for Troops committee and Troy University alumnus and Navy Seal Jeff Nichols.

To contribute to the scholarship fund, contact the Troy University Office of Development at 334-670-3608, or go to www.troy.edu, click on the "TROY Donors" link near the top of the page, then click on the "Make a gift online" link and designate the gift to the TROY for Troops Scholarship.

ASN faculty, students collect supplies for 'Child Protect'

Faculty, staff and students of the Troy University Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program are helping fulfill a portion of the University's mission statement related to serving others.

Dr. Cassandra Henderson, assistant professor and lead teacher of the "Nursing of Children" course in the ASN Program, along with many of the ASN students and ASN Program faculty and staff, collected supplies for "Child Protect," the Children's Advocacy Center in Montgomery.

Dr. Henderson and the students, faculty and staff requested that as everyone was doing their Thanksgiving meal shopping, they remember to purchase a few extra things that could be donated to Child Protect.

The letter which Dr. Henderson received from the Executive Director of this United Way Agency stated: "(The supplies) will help us exponentially in providing for the children and their families that come into our offices on a daily basis."

The Child Protect agency served over 500 children in Montgomery and surrounding counties last year who were victims of abuse.



Criminal justice faculty, students present at conference – Troy University criminal justice students and faculty presented research papers this semester at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference in Nashville. Faculty who presented research at the conference were professors Jeff Lee, Bobby Moore, Vicki Lindsay and Elizabeth Dretsch. Student presenters were Ashlee Wheeler and Jeremy Varney, both officers in the Criminal Justice Association at the Dothan Campus. Pictured left to right are Dr. Bobby Moore, Dr. Elizabeth Dretsch, Ashlee Wheeler and Jeremy Varney.



Montgomery Campus receives help in stocking drive – Montgomery Campus Vice Chancellor Ray White receives filled Christmas stockings from students from Evangel Family Christian Academy (EFCA) in Montgomery to assist the Campus' participation in the annual Salvation Army Christmas Stocking Project. Members of the EFCA boys and girls basketball team and cheerleading squad presented more than 50 Christmas stockings to White on Monday afternoon, marking the third straight year the students have joined Montgomery Campus faculty and staff in the effort. White said the Montgomery Campus has partnered with the Salvation Army for several years with faculty and staff annually preparing around 250 stockings filled with toys and goodies to be distributed to the less fortunate in the Montgomery area. Dr. Mike Schraeder, associate professor in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, and his wife, Rene, have coordinated the participation of EFCA students.



Atlantic Region staff lend a hand – Staff from TROY's Atlantic Region office volunteered for the annual Salvation Army Christmas Depot on Dec. 12. Volunteers distributed toys, clothing and food to families in need. Above: Rebecca Bushway (left) and Shirley McDaniel help gather items for distribution. In addition, Atlantic Region students, staff and faculty donated more than 50 pounds of non-perishable food items and supplies in support of Norfolk's ForKids Thanksgiving Dinner Drive in November.

Activities & achievements

Dr. Alan Campbell has been appointed to serve as the vice chair of the Florida Institute on Federal Taxation Committee. The appointment is an honor and recognition given to Dr. Campbell for his tax expertise.

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A paper by **Dr. John Kim** of the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus (co-authored with Dr. Lee Donhee at University of Nebraska) has been accepted for presentation at Decision Sciences Institute 2011 Conference in Boston. The title of the paper is "Moderating Effects of Size Difference on Supply Chain Management in Hospitals."

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Dr. John Roufagalas' paper titled, "Performance Determinants in Undergraduate Economics Classes: The Effect of Cognitive Reflection," has been accepted for publication in the International Review of Economic Education.

Dr. Roufagalas is a professor in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus.

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Dr. Ed Kamnikar's paper titled, "Municipalities in the Theme Park Business: The Case of West Jefferson Amusement and Public Park Authority," will appear in The Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives, Volume 37, Number 2, Fall/Winter.

Dr. Kamnikar's paper titled, "Government Financial Management in New Zealand: A Model for Improving Accountability to the Citizenry," has been published in Journal of Government Financial Management, Fall 2011.

In addition he published the paper, "Towards Quality Performance Reporting" in Chartered Accountants Journal in August.

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Dr. Tammy Esteves, Dr. Dayna McDaniel and Dr. Leora Waldner's article, "From Bureaucratic to Cool: A Call from the Classroom," was recently published in

the October 2011 issue of PA Times.

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Jana Slay, head of technical services on the Troy Campus, **Ruth Elder**, cataloging librarian on the Troy Campus, **Olga Knyaz**, technical services librarian on the Dothan Campus, and **Erin E. Boyd**, cataloging/reference librarian on the Montgomery Campus, recently presented at the Alabama Library Association (ALLA) Annual Conference in Orange Beach. The presentation was entitled "Best Practices for Collaboration in Technical Services and How it Can Filter Out to the Rest of the Library."

In addition, Elder, Knyaz and Boyd presented at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. The presentation was entitled "Merging SIRSIDynix Item Types at Troy University." ALA Annual is the premier conference for librarians and attracts more than 20,000 attendees each year.

Elder also has contributed a chapter in a book. The chapter, entitled "Mentoring Librarians One-on-one as an Experienced Cataloger," is part of the book Librarians as Mentors in Librarianship for Adults and Students. It will be published this month by McFarland & Company, Inc.

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The paper by **Dr. William Foxx** titled, "Disclosure Antecedents in an Online Service Context: The Role of Sensitivity of Information," has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Service Research. It is tentatively scheduled to appear in the February 2012 issue.

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Dr. Diane Bandow of the Atlanta Site, and **Drs. Tish Matuszek and Dennis Self** of the Montgomery Campus have had a paper accepted for publication. The title of the paper is "Outsourcing Business Education: Profile, Growth, and Issues of Contingent Faculty" was published this fall in the ACBSP's Annual Edition: Managing Business Education in the New Fiscal Reality.

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TROY art/design faculty take part in SECA conference

Four Troy University faculty members participated in the Southeastern College Art Conference held at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., Nov. 10-12.

First among the participants was Dr. Kenyon Holder, lecturer in art history, who presented a juried paper titled "The Russian Linesman: Mark Wallinger and the Narrative Intent of Museum Display" during a panel ses-

sion on "Stories to Tell: The Narrative Tendency of British Art."

Sara Dismukes, assistant professor of art and design, presented a juried paper titled "Drive: A Reading of the American Landscape" for a session panel titled "Landscape and Human Culture, Part II."

Jerry Johnson, professor of art and design, presented on the topic "All Ideas are not Created Equal" and co-

chaired a panel session on "Strategies for Cultivating and Harvesting Ideas."

Also, Greg Skaggs, associate professor of art and design, presented a juried paper on "Introducing Time/Space-based Design through Cinema" during a panel session named "Foundations in Art: Theory and Education (FATE): The Start of a Beautiful Relationship: Creative Introductory Activities and Projects."

Athletics to honor faculty, staff with discounted admission on Dec. 20

TROY Athletics will honor members of the University's faculty and staff night with Faculty-Staff Appreciation Night during the Trojans' Dec. 20 basketball game against Southern Utah. Tipoff for the game is set for 7 p.m. in Trojan Arena.

TROY faculty and staff will receive admission to the game for \$4 and

have access to complimentary soft drinks and pizza in the Trojan Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Trojan Room sponsor for the evening is BB&T.

"We hope that many of our faculty and staff will be able to join us for some Trojan basketball on Dec. 20," Director of Athletics Steve Dennis

said. "We appreciate all they are doing for our University and most importantly in the lives of our students."

A valid TROY faculty/staff ID will be required at the time of purchase. Tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the game.

Achievements

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Dr. Alan D. Campbell, associate professor of accounting, presented a continuing professional education session on the subjects of "Tax Aspects of Social Security Benefits and Strategies for Reducing the Self-Employment Tax" to the Central Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants in Troy in September.

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Dr. Bill Lipscomb, assistant professor of speech, drama and journalism on the Dothan Campus, coordinated the "Animal Tales" storytelling program for Landmark Park in Dothan. Throughout the summer English Language Arts students prepared and performed educational stories for pre-school children.

Dr. Lipscomb also starred in *Sleuth*, a summer fundraiser for Southeast Alabama Community Theatre held at Dothan's Cultural Arts Center, in July.

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Dr. Haksoon Kim, assistant professor in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, recently had three papers published or presented.

His paper titled "Corporate Governance, Transparency and Stock Return Co-movement: Group Analysis" was published in the *Journal of International Finance and Economics*, Volume 11, Number 1, 2011.

His paper, "Governance, Cross-Border Mergers and Stock Return Co-movement" with Sang Koo Kang, was published in the *International Journal of Economics and Research*, Volume 2, Issue 3, 2011.

"Management quality, IPO underpric-

ing and the success of business combinations: Evidence from SPAC" with Gary Sanger, was presented at the 2011 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting, Key West, Fla.

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Dr. Jim Ryan and Dr. Carmen Lewis, Sorrell College of Business faculty members on the Phenix City Campus, have recently had their research accepted and published.

Dr. Ryan presented their article entitled "Perioperative Patient Transparency and Accountability via Integrated Hospital Information Systems" during the 17th Americas Conference on Information Systems in Detroit, Mich. in August.

Another of their research articles titled "Evaluating and Improving the Perioperative Process: Benchmarking and Redesign of Preoperative Patient Evaluations" has been accepted for presentation and publication during the 45th Hawaiian International Conference on System Sciences in January.

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Pamela A. Gibson, assistant professor of the Master of Public Administration program in the Atlantic Region completed the Virginia Tidewater Consortium on Higher Education Summer Institute on College Teaching held in Williamsburg, Va.

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Dr. Charles E. Mitchell, assistant professor of public administration, presented his paper, "Testing The Limits of The Americans With Disabilities Amendment Act of 2008" at the Southeastern Conference of Public Adminis-

tration held in New Orleans, Louisiana in September.

Another paper entitled, "An Analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in *Ricci v DeStefano*, The New Haven Fire Fighter Case," has been accepted for publication in the *Public Personnel Administration Journal*.

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Dr. Robert B. Kane, adjunct professor of history for eTROY and the Montgomery campus, has had his manuscript, *Forging the Sword of the US Air Force in the Global War on Terror; The Development of Air-to-Surface Weapons, 1969-2010*, for publication by Air University Press, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

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Dr. Dolores (Lori) Puterbaugh, an adjunct faculty member at the Tampa Bay Site, had her article "Searching for a good night's sleep: What mental health counselors can do about the epidemic of poor sleep" in the latest edition of *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*.

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Dr. Damon Andrew, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, has been awarded the Distinguished Administrator Award by the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education.

Established in 1991, the award is presented annually to the person who, through application of administrative and managerial skills, has made significant contributions to the profession within and beyond the higher education community.

Commencement time

Degrees to be awarded in ceremonies on the Troy, Dothan and Montgomery campuses

Fall commencement ceremonies will be held on the Troy, Dothan and Montgomery campuses this month.

Commencement on the Troy Campus is set for Friday, Dec. 16 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Sartain Hall.

Troy University Trustee Karen Carter will provide the address to about 450 graduates, representing 16 U.S. states and territories and 15 nations outside the United States.

Carter, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2009, also serves as Chairman of the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors and is Agency Field Executive for State Farm Insurance Companies.

She is a chartered life underwriter and chartered Leadership fellow, and a 1973 graduate of Troy University. She earned marketing certification at the Kellogg Business School at North-

western University, and has completed leadership concentrations in Stanford University's Executive Program, the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and the Dow Leadership College at Hillsdale College (Mich.).

Jeff Coleman, president and CEO of the Coleman World Group, will deliver the keynote address to graduates during the fall commencement ceremony for the Dothan Campus on Sunday, Dec. 18.

More than 120 students will receive undergraduate and graduate degrees during the ceremony, which will be held at 3 p.m. in the Dothan Civic Center.

Coleman, a Dothan native, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama and a Master in Business Administration degree from TROY. He was awarded an

Alumnus of the Year award from TROY in 2003.

He has served on the Alabama Commission on Higher Education since 2006 and is currently Vice Chairman.

Alabama Public Service Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh will deliver the keynote address to graduates during the fall commencement ceremony for the Montgomery Campus on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

About 214 students will receive undergraduate and graduate degrees during the ceremony. The event starts at 7 p.m. inside the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Cavanaugh was elected to the Public Service Commission in November 2010. Active in public service for many years, she served as a senior advisor during Gov. Bob Riley's second term and was Deputy Chief of Staff during Riley's first term.

Folk artist Matthews featured in Rosa Parks Museum exhibit

The work of contemporary folk artist Betty Sue Matthews is on display in an exhibit at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum through Jan. 24.

The exhibit, "Re-used, Recycled, Renewed: The Art of Betty Sue Matthews," will be on display inside the Museum's exhibit hall.

A native of Brundidge, Matthews has gained wide acclaim for her unique paintings of people and animals made using pieces of recycled metal, wood, cardboard and poster board.

Her art has been featured in the prestigious Kentucky Festival of the Arts in Northport and was highlighted in a book on Alabama art by the internationally recognized artist Nall.

To celebrate the opening of the exhibit, the Museum hosted a private reception on Dec. 8 where guests had the opportunity to meet the artist.

The art featured in the exhibit is from the private collection of Ron Drinkard.

The exhibit hall at the Rosa Parks



Folk artist Betty Sue Matthews of Brundidge, Ala., right, discusses her art with guests during a reception at the Rosa Parks Museum on Thursday, Dec. 8, marking the opening of her exhibit "Re-used, Recycled, Renewed: The Art of Betty Sue Matthews."

Museum is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information on this exhibit or other upcoming events, contact curator Viola Moten at 334-241-8701 or vmoten@troy.edu.