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services to local school systems and to provide direct instructional programs to selected public school students. We are pleased that GACHE's impact has been expanded through this partnership.

PARTNERSHIP FORMED WITH AREA REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES

The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education is proud to announce a new partnership formed in January with four area Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs). Pioneer RESA, Northeast Georgia RESA, North Georgia RESA and Northwest Georgia RESA have joined with GACHE to provide services to over 40 high schools and feeder middle schools in the Appalachian Region. Sandy Addis, Director of Pioneer RESA in Cleveland, appointed Robin Smith as GACHE Coordinator. She will be serving 10 high schools in 9 counties. Russell Cook, Director of Northeast Georgia RESA in Winterville, appointed Kathy Wright to serve as GACHE Coordinator in that region and will be serving 6 high schools in 4 counties. North Georgia RESA Director Larry Harmon appointed Ben Arp as the GACHE Coordinator working out of the Ellijay area. He will serve 7 high schools in 4 counties in that area. Dexter Mills, Director of the Northwest Georgia RESA located in Rome, appointed Christie McCarley as GACHE Coordinator to serve 17 high schools in 9 counties. In addition to assisting with the Grant Writing Workshops, RESA Coordinators serve on the GACHE Core Team, Advisory Board and Reader Committee to evaluate proposals from high schools outside their region and make recommendations for funding levels. GACHE, with RESA support, will combine in holding Check Presentation events in late September or early October to award grant funds to high schools. Various workshops and other meetings will be co-sponsored by GACHE and the RESA's to provide information and other services to all the high schools in the Appalachian Region reaching over 60,000 students. The State of Georgia is divided into 16 Regional Educational Service Agencies to provide shared services to improve the effectiveness of educational programs and

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

GACHE held its annual Grant Writing Workshops in late February and early March of 2009. Twenty-four high schools in ten counties were added to the list of eligible schools making a total of 42 high schools eligible to apply for a GACHE grant. Joining the counties currently served are these new counties: Floyd, Bartow, Catoosa, Whitfield, White, Habersham, Stephens, Hall, Barrow and Hart. Grant workshops were held at Pioneer RESA in Cleveland for schools in the Pioneer and Northeast RESA service areas and at the Northwest Georgia RESA in Rome for schools within the Northwest and North Georgia RESA service areas. We appreciate our partners for hosting the workshops and assisting with the GACHE program. Representatives of 40 of the 42 eligible high schools attended these grant writing workshops.

Reader Committee Meetings Held and Funds Recommended

With the proposals flying in, the 2009 GACHE Core Team jumped into action with 16 members volunteering their time to read and score proposals received from area high schools. The first meeting was held on April 17th at NGCSU with progress made in discussing each proposal and recommending funding for each school. After a few days of reflection, the reader committee met again on April 21st and finalized the funding recommendations for schools to receive grants totaling \$150,000. GACHE is pleased to announce that previously funded schools will also be receiving grants along with 10 new high schools in the Appalachian region. Grant funds will be awarded at the Check Presentation ceremonies to be held in the fall.



Dr. Robert O. Michael, Dean



**Congratulations to the following schools
for
submitting a winning proposal!!**

Banks County High	LaFayette High
Cedartown High	Lumpkin County High
Commerce High	Madison County High
Dade County High	Murray County High
Dalton High	North Murray High
East Jackson High	Ridgeland High
Elbert County High	Sonoraville High
Fannin County High	Stephens County High
Franklin County High	White County High
Gilmer High	Whitfield Career Academy
Gordon Lee High	Winder-Barrow High
Jackson County High	Woody Gap High
Johnson High	

Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship Recipients 2009

Way To Go Students !

We congratulate the following high school students as recipients of the **GACHE Annual Appalachian At-Promise Scholarships**. These students, who attend a GACHE eligible school, applied for the scholarship through their high school. The graduation coach of each high school then submitted the applications to the Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education for final selection based on the criteria outlined in the application packet.

We sincerely thank each of the colleges below for providing an Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship at their institution to a first generation college-going student.

**Young Harris College - Jacob Darnell Davis,
Gordon Central High (\$1,000.)**

**Gainesville State College - Chloe Mollie-Anne
Williams, Elbert County High (\$1,000.)**

**Georgia Highlands College - Heather Dawn Land,
Sonoraville High (\$1,000.)**

**Shorter College, Michael Kyle Farmer, Gordon
Lee High (\$1,000.)**

**Toccoa Falls College, Joseph Christopher Porter,
Banks County High (\$1,000.)**

Fifteen applications were received from GACHE high school students.

Team GACHE would like to thank the following Reader Committee members for volunteering their time and expertise to read proposals from GACHE high schools.

- Arienne Wallace
- Judy McEntyre
- Anita Roush
- Ben Arp
- Diane Stephenson
- Donna Gessell
- Kelley Roberts
- Suzy Gruenhagen
- Robin Smith
- Sandy Bales
- Reggie Glaze
- Sherry Bandy
- Jill Rayner
- Irene Kokkala
- Renee Mixon
- Paul Bellamy

THANK YOU !!

*We have made some updates to our GACHE web site at:
www.ngcsu.edu/gache*



CHECK PRESENTATION EVENT

In Fall, 2009, high schools in North Georgia will receive over \$150,000. from the Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education (GACHE) to increase their college-going rates. The "Clearing-House" style checks will be presented (along with the real check, of course!) to each school whose competitive grant proposal was approved. These funds will allow schools to activate plans to impress upon middle and high school students that college is an option and why they need to continue their education beyond high school.

The check presentation event for the Northwestern counties will be held at Northwest Georgia RESA for the following schools Cedartown High, Fannin County High, Gilmer High, Gordon Lee High, LaFayette High, Sonoraville High, Dade County High, Dalton High, Murray County High, North Murray High, Ridgeland High and Whitfield Career Academy. The check presentation event for the Northeastern counties will be held at Pioneer RESA for the following high schools, Banks County, Commerce High, East Jackson High, Elbert County High, Franklin County High, Jackson County High, Johnson High, Lumpkin County High, Madison County High, Stephens County High, Winder-Barrow High, White County High and Woody Gap High. Preceding the event will be a meeting of the grant coordinators and graduation coaches. More details will be sent as soon as a date is finalized with the Governor's Office, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Appalachian Regional Commission Office, and the Dept. of Community Affairs.

We look forward to seeing all superintendents, principals, graduation coaches/counselors, core team members, and advisory board members at this event.

Having Trouble following Your Students after High School ?

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement has contracted with the National Student Clearinghouse to follow students from high school to any college in the nation. Subscription to this service is FREE to GACHE schools and will give you accurate data on your college-going rate. For more information, contact Joe Roof at 383-740-0146 or email roof@studentclearinghouse.org.

GACHE High School and Middle School Students

chosen to attend the

OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Oak Ridge, Tennessee

The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education is pleased to announce our involvement for the third year in this summer institute for high school students and teachers. We had 27 applicants this year and the following were selected:

Cassandra Calhoun, Temple High School

Andrew Friesen, Woody Gap High

Alison, Ayers (Teacher), Temple High School

Donald Brown (Teacher), Murray County High School

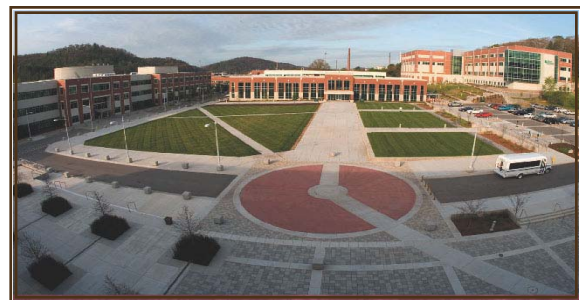
Other applicants may be selected as "alternates" in the event that other states do not fill their quotas. If you have applied, you may want to keep these dates open.

The ORNL program is a two-week, all-expense paid, institute July 11-24, 2009 for high school students interested in science, math or technology and teachers of math, science and/or technology. The program is a unique opportunity for students and teachers to work with renowned research scientists on relevant math and scientific topics facing the world in the 21st century. Students and teachers work as teams on projects and solve problems in a group setting. A pilot program for Middle School Students was launched this year offering a one-week all expense paid institute June 19-24, 2009. The middle school students will enjoy the same program as the high school students. The following students were selected to participate:

Tyler Dwayne Pugh, Ashworth Middle School

Jed Anthony Rhodes, Ashworth Middle School

Jean-Luc Price, Ashworth Middle School



Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER, 2009 9:00AM—12:00 NOON

WORKSHOP FOR GRANT COORDINATORS

12:00-1:30-LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ALL GACHE ADMINISTRATORS

**1:30-4:00- CHECK PRESENTATION-DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED-
LOCATIONS: PIONEER RESA AND NW GA RESA**

THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to the GACHE Core Team and Advisory Board for all your help throughout the year!

Visits to Capitol Hill



In April, the GACHE staff had the opportunity to visit the offices of Senator Saxby Chambliss, Representative Nathan Deal of the 9th Congressional

District, and Senator Johnny Isakson. The purpose of the visit was to discuss GACHE and the need for continued funding for our work with high schools in North Georgia. Strategies schools are using with the GACHE funds to increase the graduation and college-going rates were discussed. This opportunity to meet with our congressional representatives came during attendance at the spring meeting of the Appalachian Higher Education Network (AHEN) in Washington D.C. While in Washington, GACHE staff also attended meetings held by the Institute for Educational Leadership where members of the Education Policy Fellowship Program from Georgia were meeting. Contact your representative to let them know the impact you are making with the funds you receive from GACHE. For contact information, go to www.house.gov.

GACHE EXCEEDS One Million in Grants in 4 years

GACHE was approved for a 4th year of funding by the Appalachian Regional Commission. With contributions from NGCSU and RESA Partners, grant funding now exceeds \$1.5 million!



GACHE currently serves directly or indirectly all high schools in 37 Appalachian counties....serving more than 60,000 high school students!!

GACHE's Mission:

To be the leader in providing resources to schools to increase the number of students continuing their education beyond high school. GACHE actively seeks partnerships to improve educational attainment and success for all students.

“Moving the finish line from high school graduation to career success”

GACHE...you're going to college!