

FEBRUARY 2022

## Campus Spotlight

### Emmanuel College Moves Forward With Plan to Offer Master's Programs



Emmanuel College is pleased to announce that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) granted Level III status to the College on December 7, 2021. This action enables the College to move forward in its strategic plan to offer master's degrees. The College is now in the process of developing four online graduate programs as follows: Master of Education in Elementary Education, Master of Science in Exercise Science, Master of Divinity, and Master of Ministry. These programs will launch in the fall of 2022. Each program has been in lengthy development over the last several months. They will be rolled out as the finishing touches are concluded for each.



"Offering master's degrees is an important milestone for Emmanuel College and the next logical progression of our academic offerings," said President Ron White. "We are delighted that SACSCOC has enabled us to move forward with our plans to develop graduate studies. These programs will be primarily online enabling students to enroll and study from anywhere."

## GICA Hosts DEI Roundtable Discussion

On January 20, staff and faculty members from GICA institutions gathered via Zoom to engage in a roundtable conversation about the efficacy of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategies that colleges and universities are currently using. This conversation, facilitated by Greg Almieda from Global View Communications, addressed how Gen Z differs from other generations and the impact this has on DEI work. Participants discussed the importance of moving DEI work beyond just improving the racial and ethnic diversity of the campus population toward improving both civility and empathy among various campus groups. The conversation was the first in a series of DEI Roundtable

Discussions that GICA will host every other month during 2022 and is designed to support those individuals who participate in DEI work on GICA campuses. The next DEI Roundtable Discussion, Emerging Issues in DEI Work, will be held on March 31 at 2 p.m. and will be facilitated by Tonya Parker, Chief Diversity Officer at Wesleyan College. To join the conversation on March 31, please click [here](#).

## **An Acquisition Case Study from Tennessee**

The University of Tennessee (UT) Southern recently acquired Martin Methodist College. Our counterparts at TICUA commissioned a study to better understand the process of the transaction, entitled, *An Acquisition Case Study: Discerning, Searching, and Merging towards Sustainability and Mission Continuity*. It outlines the important questions and considerations taken by both parties in the midst of an institutional acquisition.

You can access the report on the TICUA website under *Advocate - Publications* or by clicking [here](#).

## **Georgia Students Missed out on \$126M in Pell Grants by not Completing the FAFSA in 2021**

[Read more about](#) it from NCAN.

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## **GICA Roundtable Conversation: Public Relations**

GICA will host a Public Relations Roundtable Conversation on Thursday, February 17 at 11 a.m. To join this meeting, which will address various topics of interest to the participants on the call, please click [here](#). Any GICA campus staff member who addresses public relations work at their institution is welcome to attend this meeting.

## **2022 CFO and HR Director Meeting**

Registration will open soon for the 2022 CFO and HR Director Meeting, which will be held in person at Brenau University on March 10-11, 2022. The two Planning Committees are finalizing compelling agendas for their meetings. Please watch your email for registration information and feel free to contact [Lisa Macke](#) at 404-313-6737 if you have any questions.

## **Georgia Suicide Prevention Research Network**

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is connecting and supporting individuals and organizations around Georgia who are engaged and/or interested in conducting suicide prevention research. The benefits of participation include networking with researchers around the state, identifying undergraduate and graduate students interested in suicide prevention, collaborating with other researchers to draft and submit manuscripts for publication, and increasing awareness of funding opportunities. Researchers who would like to join this network can register [here](#). For more information, please contact [Georgia Suicide Prevention Research Network](#).

## **UPCOMING GICA CCP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Title IX Hearing Panel Member Training**

February 8 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. This training is a make-up session for anyone associated with Title IX who was not able to attend previous Title IX Hearing Panel Member Training. This will be the only make-up session for 2021-2022



[Register](#)

### **Introduction to ADA Title I**

March 1 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. This webinar will walk through the language of Title I, its application to an institution, explain the nuances of the interactive process, as well as discuss hot topics (internet accessibility, service and emotional support animals, and recent Supreme Court cases). Click below for details and to register.

[Register](#)

### **Intellectual Property Policy**

March 29 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Intellectual Property Policies are designed to create a culture and infrastructure that nurtures original discovery and makes clear the institutional values and expectations regarding intellectual property (IP). IP Policies set guidelines for equitable assignment of interest in IP among the author, innovator, developer and the institution and provide guidelines for a transparent process for commercialization opportunities. Click below for details and to register.

[Register](#)

## **UPCOMING GICA EVENTS**

### **February 1, 2022**

Creating Safe and Compliant Laboratory  
Spaces within Higher Education  
Webinar

### **February 17, 2022**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable  
Discussion Series  
Zoom

### **March 1, 2022**

Intro to ADA Title I  
Webinar

### **April 26, 2022**

Clery Act  
Webinar

### **May 4, 2022**

Chief Enrollment Officer Meeting  
TBD

### **May 20, 2022**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable  
Discussion Series  
Zoom

**March 10-11, 2022**

CFO/HR Director Meeting  
Atlanta

**March 22, 2022**

Title IX Coordinators Roundtable  
Webinar

**March 29, 2022**

Intellectual Property Policy  
Webinar

**March 31, 2022**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable  
Discussion Series  
Zoom

**April 7, 2022**

Chief Academic Officer Meeting  
TBD

**April 20-21, 2022**

Presidents Reception and Board Meeting  
Rome, GA

**May 25, 2022**

Chief Student Affairs Officer Meeting  
TBD

**June 9, 2022**

Chief Information Officer Meeting  
TBD

**June 16-17**

Institutional Researchers  
CAIRPAQ

**July 21**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable  
Discussion Series  
Zoom

**September 15**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable  
Discussion Series  
Zoom

**October 22, 2022**

Fall Board Meeting  
Zoom

**November 17, 2022**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable  
Discussion Series  
Zoom

Thank you for letting us serve you. It remains our honor to do so.

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