

GEORGIA INDEPENDENT
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Campus Spotlight

The Chillon Project at Life University



The Chillon Project is an initiative of the Center for Compassion, Integrity, and Secular Ethics to provide higher education to people impacted by the prison system in Georgia. Life University offers two degree programs at Arrendale State Prison, a maximum-security facility for women in Alto, Georgia: an Associate of Arts in Positive Human Development and Social Change, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Students in these programs who are released from prison continue to receive scholarships to complete degrees of their choice at the main campus of Life University or through distance education. Chillon also provides full scholarships for correctional staff to earn degrees at Life University.



Legislative Session Starts January 10

GICA President, Jenna Colvin, and our contract lobbyist, Jet Toney, are looking forward to representing the GICA colleges and universities in Atlanta next week as the General Assembly convenes. Keep an eye out for updates from the trenches.

New Discretionary Grant Program Applications Available

The Department of Education is accepting grant applications for three discretionary grant programs available to many NAICU members.

[Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships \(FLAS \) Program](#) - The FLAS Program allocates academic year and summer fellowships to institutions of higher education to assist undergraduate and graduate students who are receiving modern foreign language training in combination with area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies. Applications are due February 14.

[National Resource Centers \(NRC\) Program](#) - The NRC Program provides grants to institutions of higher education to operate comprehensive and undergraduate centers that will be national recourses. Applications are due February 14.

[Upward Bound \(UB\) Program](#) - The UB Program is one of seven programs, known as the Federal TRIO Programs, that support projects designed to provide students with the skills and motivation necessary to complete a program of secondary education and enter into and succeed in a program of postsecondary education. Applications are due January 31.

Facility Condition Assessments That Provide Capital Planning for 5, 10, and 15 Years Ahead

During this webinar, which will be held on January 27 at 1 p.m., professionals from CBRE discuss the importance of performing facility condition assessments on GICA campus facilities in order to provide a baseline report for use in capital planning. Learn how and why the assessments are focused on building system and equipment deficiencies which appear to show signs of less than expected useful life, or present issues of questionable durability and/or functional obsolescence, energy inefficiencies, or poor maintenance. Information will be presented to assist campuses in understanding how the assessment provides a multi-year capital spending plan that allows better preparation for cost expenditures on campus.



GICA & DEI in Academia: What Has Worked and What Hasn't

Addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) issues on campus has been a focus of higher education institutions for many years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, protests calling attention to systemic racism in the United States as

well as inequities in higher education led to questioning whether existing DEI strategies on campus are effective. This discussion, which will be held on January 20 at 10 a.m., will review what has been accomplished to date and will address effective DEI strategies campuses can utilize in the future to ensure access for all.

[Register](#)

Motivational Interviewing Skills

On February 9, at 1 p.m., Christie Campus Health is offering a free workshop which will help GICA Counseling Center clinical staff understand the evidence behind and reasons to use Motivational Interviewing strategies in their practice. Participants will be introduced to the key principles of MI, along with core skills to begin incorporating into conversations that might increase the likelihood of supporting healthful change behaviors in clients.

[Register](#)

UPCOMING GICA CCP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Gift Acceptance Policy

January 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. This webinar will walk through a sample gift acceptance policy tailored for a smaller institution, while capturing best practices applicable to institutions of all sizes. Click below for details and to register.

[Register](#)

ADA Coordinator Roundtable Discussion

January 25, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. This webinar created ONLY for CCP ADA Coordinators and Section 504 Coordinators will be a totally open forum to discuss any ADA/disability related issues. Click below for details and to register.

Register

Creating Safe and Compliant Laboratory Spaces within Higher Education

February 1 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. This webinar will focus on the importance of laboratory safety within your community which includes the disciplines of biology, chemistry, and physics or in connected areas such as art studios or 3D printing laboratories. Click below for details and to register.

Register

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 2022

Gift Acceptance Policy
Webinar

January 25, 2021

ADA Coordinators Roundtable
Webinar

February 1, 2022

Creating Safe and Compliant Laboratory
Spaces within Higher Education
Webinar

March 1, 2022

Intro to ADA Title I
Webinar

March 10-11, 2022

CFO/HR Director Meeting
TBD

March Coordinator15, 2022

Title IX Roundtable
Webinar

March 29, 2022

Intellectual Property Policy
Webinar

April 7, 2022

Chief Academic Officer Meeting
TBD

April 18-19, 2022

Presidents Reception and Board Meeting
Rome, GA

April 26, 2022

Clery Act
Webinar

May 4, 2022

Chief Enrollment Officer Meeting
TBD

May 25, 2022

Chief Student Affairs Officer Meeting
TBD

June 9, 2022

Chief Information Officer Meeting
TBD

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

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