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Student News

World renowned Chemist from Japan speaks at GSW

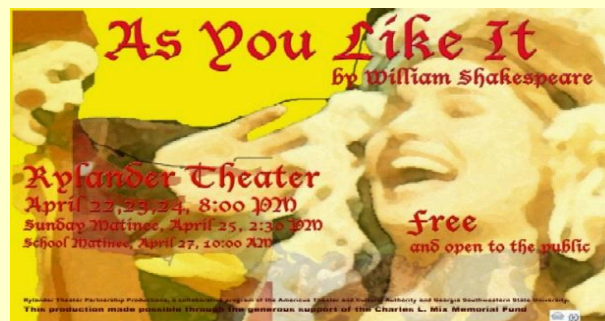
Last month the local chapter of the American Chemical Society had a meeting at GSW on March 17. Last month's speaker was a world renowned Chemist from Japan, **Prof. Keiji Morokuma**. Prof. Morokuma is a recipient of Japan's highest award, **THE IMPERIAL PRIZE**. He spoke on: "The Exciting World of Theoretical Studies of Chemical Reactions"

This talk was geared towards a general audience. It was a great honor to host Prof. Morokuma on our campus and an opportunity to hear this world famous scientist speak. Many students and faculty from GSW attended as well as other members of the GA Southwest Local ACS section.

The meeting was organized by:
Dr. Nediarka Iordanova - ACS local section chair
Dr. Elizabeth Gurnack - ACS local section secretary

Faculty News

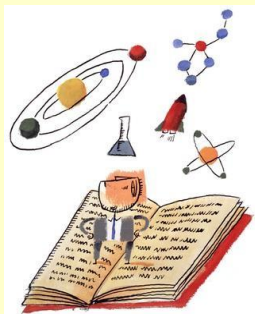
Free performances at the Rylander theater



Four free performances of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" will run April 22-24 at 8 p.m. and April 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rylander Theatre in Americus. An April 27 matinee at the Rylander for area high schools will take place at 10 a.m. Reservations for over 500 area high school students have already been confirmed. This play is produced through a collaboration between Georgia Southwestern and the Americus Theater and Cultural Authority. It is made possible through



Science and Math Visitation Day



On Friday, April 16, the STEM departments at GSW welcomed students from local high schools to our campus for a **SCIENCE AND MATH VISITATION DAY**. High school students from around the area learned about the many exciting possibilities in

generous support from the **Charles L. Mix Memorial Fund**.

Final Times Talk to be held...

On Wednesday, April 21, we will have our **final Times Talk for the semester**. The talk will be held in the Student Success Center Room 2413 from 5:00-6:00. As usual, refreshments will be served. Please encourage your students to attend, and you are cordially invited to participate also in what should make for a lively discussion! This month's discussion will be on the following topic: "What Does Popular Culture Reveal about Contemporary American Society."

The New York Times articles that will be the points of discussion are listed below.

Brooks, Brooks. "The Messiah Complex." New York Times. 7 January 2010.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/08/opinion/08brooks.html>

Douthat, Ross. "Dan Brown's America." New York Times. New York Times. 18 May 2009.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/19/opinion/19douthat.html?_r=1

Flanagan, Caitlin. "Sex and the Teenage Girl." New York Times. 13 January 2008.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/13/opinion/13flanigan.html>

Tanenhaus, Sam. "Tiger Woods and the Perils of Modern Celebrity." New York Times. 12 December 2009.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/13/weekinreview/13tanenhaus.html>

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Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. They engaged in hands on laboratory and field experiences and learning math and science from some of our STEM faculty.

Exceptional Biology students recognized



Biology students, **Jake Fountain** and **Stephen Griswold**, will be receiving the Dolores Capitan Writing Awards on April 21 at 3:00 PM. They submitted their papers to Dr. Tu's Bacteriology class last year. **Jake Fountain got 2nd place for his essay. Stephen Griswold received 3rd place in the contest.** Jake just graduated from GSW with his biology degree last December and will be starting his Ph.D. work at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge campus) this fall. He has been accepted and will be receiving a graduate student assistantship. His research will focus on fungal pathogenesis on corn. Stephen Griswold is presently in Iraq doing contract work for a private company. He will return in November to finish up his biology degree at GSW.

(In the picture above **Stephen Griswold** is the guy in the gray shirt in the back, and **Jake Fountain** is

Dr. Marlene Allen, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Allen awarded Cannon Fellowship



Marlene Allen was just recently awarded a \$500 Cannon Fellowship from Emory University to conduct research for an essay titled "**Sutton E. Griggs's Imperium in Imperio and the Search for an African American Utopia.**" The Cannon Fellowship is funded by an Emory University faculty member, Dr. Rudolph P. Byrd, in memory of his mother, the late Mrs. Meardis Cannon. The fellowship will allow Dr. Allen to be in residence at the Emory University Manuscripts, Archives, and Rare Book Library this July in order to access several books and other writings by Sutton Griggs that are not found in the USG library system. She is planning to submit her work to an edited collection called Critical Essays on the Work of Sutton E. Griggs.

**Communications Professor presents at the
SSCA 2010 conference**

on the bottom right in the red Hawaiian shirt.)

Also biology student, **Jontu Solomon**, has just been accepted into the Pathway to Medical School Program sponsored by Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center. This summer, he will be spending 30 days shadowing physicians and performing research. They are all exceptional students and will be successful in whatever career they choose.



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Angela Wilson, Assistant Professor of Communication presents on the roundtable of political communication of recent events at the **Southern States Communication Association** conference on April 10th. The roundtable focused on political communication events since September 2009. Discussions of debate consisted of events of local, regional, national, and international importance. Angela has also completed her first season as host and producer of the GSW Alumni Experience show. Previous shows can be viewed on GSW-TV on demand