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## RAISING THE BAR

AN UPDATE ON  
GEORGE WYTHE COLLEGE'S  
EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS  
AND ACADEMIC UPGRADES!

By Oliver DeMille, President

What's going on at George Wythe College? And what's in the works for the year ahead? Sometimes we get going so fast and working so hard on growth and projects that I forget to tell everyone about the exciting happenings at GWC. Allow me to just cover some of the current highlights.

In April we finished a great school year, concluding with a large convention in St. George, Utah for all on-campus students and dozens of invited guests from other schools. At that meeting our CEO, Shanon Brooks, announced the first seven figure donation to George Wythe College. In early May we sponsored a fabulous fundraising Gala in Salt Lake City. It was attended by over 275 people and raised over \$150,000 for George Wythe College.

During that event, which was attended by state officials and many community leaders, we

announced the purchase of land in Monticello, Utah and the plan to build a second GWC campus there. During May and June we have mapped out the 520 acre parcel we now own and have started development of the campus. This will take several years, indeed decades to build the full campus with multiple colleges, but we are excited to be working on it. We also announced an exploratory committee to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a campus in Alberta, Canada.

The Cedar City campus continues to grow. We have held many seminars the past few months, with over 3,000 people attending GWC events, and we have several more scheduled during the summer months ahead. Seminars have been held on the East Coast, West Coast, Canada and many spots in between. We are continuing our work toward accreditation, having completed an initial site visit by the accrediting agency's Director of Accreditation in March.

Dr. Andrew Groft, our Provost, and a number of GWC faculty members just returned from a tour of Europe with 125 students, and they had an excellent cultural and educational experience. In addition, students are involved this summer in internships and travel-study around the United States and in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America.

### **Raising the Bar on Academics**

Perhaps most exciting, we have hired new faculty for the up-coming school year and are working this summer to significantly upgrade

the training and quality of mentoring and all academics. Our academic standards have always been a major focus, and this year we are raising the standards a major notch above the past. Our vision for Fall Semester 2007 is to take the academics to a whole new level, to significantly raise the bar.

The faculty is very excited about this, and mentors are working very hard to make this coming semester the best academic term ever! I look forward to working with our new and returning students in what promises to be one of the best school years and academic programs anywhere for the next 11 months.

Let me highlight four of our new faculty. James Ure is a former GWC student who recently graduated in the top 5% of his class from South Texas College of Law. He is currently relocating to Cedar City with his wife and two children and will serve as a full time mentor. In addition, Elizabeth Smailes, who served as an Associate Mentor for the past year, will serve as a full time Mentor for the school year ahead.

Patras Bukhari holds a Masters degree in Education and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, both from Brigham Young University. He has a diverse background which includes enrollment at the Catholic Theological Seminary in the prestigious Notre Dame Institute of Education in Karachi, intending to become a priest. While there Bukhari joined the Congregation of the Jesuits who focused on promoting literacy among Christians in Pakistan. For three years he

taught in Jesuit schools in the mornings and attended classes in the afternoons. Dr. Bukhari is currently establishing a George Wythe model school in Pakistan and serves on our Adjunct Faculty.

Michael Platt has served on the GWC Adjunct Faculty for several years and will now serve on our regular faculty. He earned degrees at Harvard University (BA), Oxford University (MA) and Yale University (Ph. D.). Dr. Platt has taught Literature, Political Science, and Philosophy, here in America, especially at Dartmouth and the University of Dallas, where he directed the Literature portion of the Philosophic Institute, and in Germany, at Heidelberg. He is a leading expert on political science and statesmanship and has lectured widely in the United States and Europe.

Also, during the 2007 Winter Semester we announced and tested a new upgraded on campus math and science program, which will be implemented fully this fall. The new program is led by mentors Brad Bolon and Janine Bolon. Dr. Brad Bolon earned professional credentials in veterinary medicine (DVM and MS, University of Missouri) and pathology (anatomic pathology residency, University of Florida; PhD, Duke University). Brad spent a decade doing biopharmaceutical research before founding GEMpath, an experimental pathology consulting firm. Dr. Bolon has authored dozens of scientific papers and book chapters, and he is a popular invited speaker in his field. Janine Bolon earned the B.S. in Agriculture (Biochemistry) at the University

of Missouri and spent 10 years in academic and industrial laboratories. She recently earned an M.A. in Education (George Wythe College), and her hobbies include a penchant for theoretical physics and mathematics.

## **Conclusion**

Again, George Wythe College is growing on many fronts—administrative, financial and academic—and we anticipate a wonderful year ahead as we raise the academic bar for Fall Semester and beyond. May I conclude by suggesting that you, as students, are the most important thing at George Wythe College this year—and always. The world needs leadership, it needs statesman-level leadership, and your continued study of the classics, hard work with mentors, participation in seminars and events really helps prepare you for world leadership. Whether you are a current student or not, please raise the bar in your own education, family and community leadership, and preparation for influence. The freedom and prosperity we bequeath to our children, grandchildren and all future generations is directly impacted by our learning, education and actions today.

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## A New Vice President for GWC Administration

George Wythe College is expanding and with expansion comes opportunities for Leadership. Effective immediately, GWC is seeking a focused, energetic, productive and GWC mission-oriented person with great problem-solving skills to serve as the new Vice President for Administration. This person needs to be very effective in working with a team while supporting and inspiring each individual of that team based on their needs. The current leadership is still in place but GWC is growing so fast, we need to bring on more leadership to shoulder the burden of a growing organization.

Other requirements for this position are:

- Good Computer Skills
- Excellent Writing and Verbal Communication Skills
- Excellent Diplomacy Skills
- Demonstrate-able Organizational Skills
- A “Customers Come First” Attitude
- Being Very Goal Completion Oriented
- Being Able to Work Well with Individuals at All Levels of the Organization’s Management Structure
- Being Confident Enough to Take and Heed Counsel
- The Ability to Play to People’s Strengths and Not Be Distracted by Weaknesses
- The Ability to Energize Others
- The Ability to Follow-Up Consistently and Effectively
- An “Apollo 13” Attitude
- Being Comfortable Meeting Dignitaries and Executives
- A “Level 5” Leadership Approach
- An Academic Awareness of The GWC Curriculum, Methodology and Programs

This full-time position requires residency in the Cedar City area. This position entails the complete management of GWC under the direction of the CEO.

If you are perfect for this position, please contact our office, submit a resume or CV and arrange to begin the interview process by making an appointment with Miss Elizabeth Brown.

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