



## Partnering to Make Intersession Successful

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The Partnership for Community Learning Centers is a collaborative effort of the Clarke County School District, the University of Georgia, and the Athens-Clarke County Community working together to meet the intellectual, social and cultural needs of all students.

The Intersessions for Chase and Gaines students represent an excellent example of true community partnership! Representatives from CCSD, UGA, and Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services have worked together in providing creative, challenging, and safe enrichment opportunities for our students during breaks.

The collaboration has been recognized as one of the most unique and important features of our community partnership in support of the children

at Chase and Gaines. Since beginning the Intersession Camps in the Fall of 2002, there have been over 500 enrollments in the program. CCSD students have benefited from on-site instruction and activities led by UGA faculty and students, participated in field trips to community sites of interest and instruction, and explored academic subjects in creative and different ways. In addition, they have gotten to know new friends from the partnership schools.

Everyone involved with Intersession has had such fun! UGA students have acted as camp directors and instructors. UGA faculty have involved students in service learning activities. Community leaders have provided

special programming for students. CCSD staff members have supported the efforts at every step. Without the backing of all of these people, Intersession would not have been so successful over the last two years.

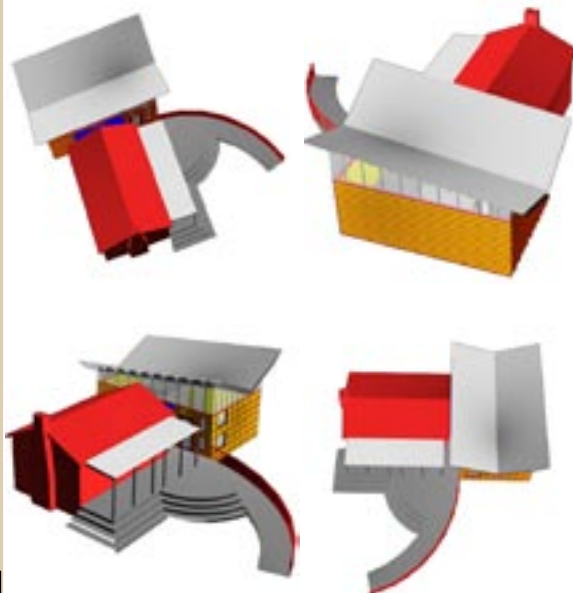


Spring 2004 Intersession was held at Lay Park in Athens. Students participating enjoyed lessons from a competitive jump-rope instructor; trips to Memorial Park Zoo, Sandy Creek Nature Center, and Lyndon House Arts Center; adventures at the WOW Playground; movies at the library; and lots of time to read at the park media center. Instruction and supervision were provided by substitute teachers and paraprofessionals from CCSD and by undergraduate and graduate students from UGA.



Intersession is a great experience for the children and adults involved. Partnerships are like that... ■

# Family Resource Centers: Important to the Partnership



## Building a Home for the Chase Family Resource Center

“Partnering” has truly been the name of the game as community, business, university and school members have joined together to “raise the hut” as a site to support Chase Street’s Family Resource Center effort. The “hut,” dating back to the early 1940’s, is located on Chase Street property and was once home to the Boy/Girl Scouts. Thanks to the efforts of many, but in particular **Chris C. Evans of JB/RS Architecture Design Planning, Red Electric, Carson Plumbing, GoldKist, Athens First Bank, Pratt Cassidy and UGA Environmental Design colleagues, and Michael Heating and Air**, funds are being raised to restore and renovate this historic site for use by Chase Street and its community.

If you would like to know more about this important effort, or wish to contribute to the renovation fund, please contact Phyllis Childs at 543-1081. Join us in making a difference in the lives of Chase children and families!



### **U.S. Department of Education representative visits Partnership Schools**

Excerpts from Athens Banner Herald Article by **Alisa DeMao**

Dr. William Butts of the US Department of Education was “pleased and excited” following his March 5, 2004 visit to Chase Street School, one of the two schools in partnership with the University of Georgia, Athens-Clarke County, and the Clarke County School district.



For more information, please visit  
[http://www.onlineathens.com/  
stories/030604/new\\_20040306050.shtml](http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/030604/new_20040306050.shtml)

### **COE Receives Partnership Commendation from Georgia School Boards Association**

Excerpts from Athens Banner Herald Article by **Alisa DeMao**

Dr. JoBeth Allen, Dean Louis Castenell, Dr. William Butts, Dr. Jenny Penney Oliver (left to right) during Dr. Butts' visit to Chase Street School

The UGA College of Education has been recognized by the Georgia School Boards Association for its work with the Partnership. The Clarke County Board of Education presented a GSBA Partnership Commendation in recognition of the College's support of public education in the community and its dedication to Georgia's youth.

The two-year-old partnership, the brainchild of Education Dean Louis Castenell and Clarke County School Superintendent Lewis Holloway, is transforming the two pilot schools -- Chase Street and Gaines -- into community learning centers.

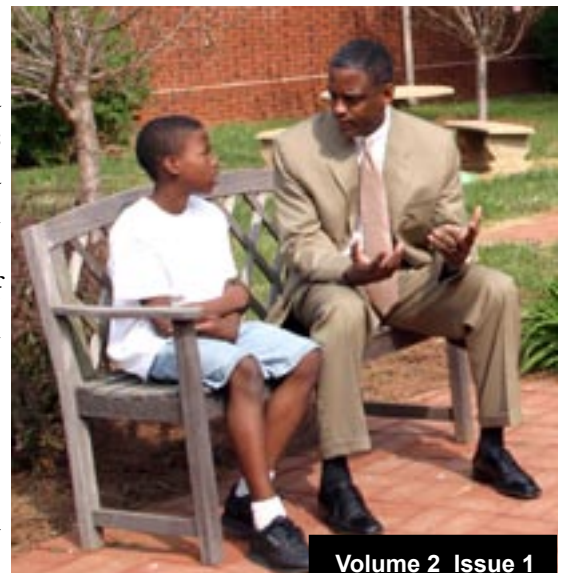
The UGA-Clarke School initiative has resulted in a series of innovative programs.

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### **Gentlemen on the Move**

Deryl Bailey, an assistant professor of counseling and human development who developed a program called “Gentlemen on the Move,” has been named the recipient of the 2004 ‘Ohana Honors Award from the Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ). The “Gentlemen on the Move” received the 2004 Multicultural Program of the Year by the Georgia chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education (GANAME).

Dr. Bailey is one of several faculty at the University of Georgia who has been involved with our partnership.



Daryl Bailey with student from Chase (far right)

# Poetry

## Bloomed in April

By Jan Miller, Chase Street Elementary



Scenes from the "Chase Street Poetry Picnic."

Poetry bloomed throughout the halls of Chase Street Elementary this spring as teachers and students participated in a school-wide celebration of National Poetry Month. Teachers and students spent the Writing Block of our Modified Four Blocks literacy framework exploring poetry.

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teachers participated in staff development on using poetry with children and teaching children to write poetry. Teachers had the opportunity to explore favorite poets and to try their own hands at writing poetry.

To kick off the celebration, children in each classroom drew maps of their hearts and illustrated within it the things that were most important to them. They used this "heart map" as a topic list for writing poems about things they held in their hearts. These hearts and poems still grace the halls of Chase Street.

### Living Places

By Ericka Johnson (5th grade)

The whole world over  
 People live in different places  
 Up on a mountain, down by a river,  
 In crowded cities, or open spaces,  
 In houses, in flats, in tents, or trailers,  
 Underground, on the ground,  
 High in the air,  
 Where it's hot, where it's cold  
 Where it's dry, or raining,  
**MILLIONS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE**  
 When you go for a walk,  
 What do you see?

A laughing child?  
 A friend?  
 Me?

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In addition, during the month of April Misha Cahnmann, another of our UGA partners, arranged for five area poets (including herself) to visit the school. They spoke at an assembly and then worked in classrooms helping students to write and share poetry.

Many of our teachers and students discovered a new talent for shaping words. Many of their poems were read over the loud speaker during morning announcements or printed in our school book of poetry. Children have become so



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### **When I was Very Very Small** By Sunny LaCavera (1st grade)

When I was very very small  
I couldn't go to school at all.  
Now that I am big  
I can ride my bike, tie my shoe,  
Read and write.  
I can ride my horse,  
Talk and walk.  
I can cook, and play ball.  
I brush my hair, put  
My own clothes on, feed my-  
Self, sleep in my own  
Bed, and blow up balloons.  
I can do almost anything!

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## Art Prof Works With Gaines School Elementary Students



Artist and University of Georgia professor of art Joseph Norman visited with students at Gaines Elementary School as part of an ongoing project in the dynamic UGA-Clarke County Schools Partnership.

Norman's visit is part of a program in which UGA art education students in Pamela G. Taylor's class teach weekly at Gaines School. The project gives Gaines School teachers staff development time, offers additional arts experiences for the elementary students, and

provides valuable experience for future art teachers.

UGA Professor Joseph Norman sketches kindergarten (above).

## Partnership Schools Compete in "The Battle of the Books"

Six Clarke County Elementary Schools competed in "The Battle of the Books" at Cedar Shoals High School on April 29th. Each team, consisting of five students, had to read a total of 10 books. The Chase Street "Ranas" (Spanish for "Frogs") completed the third round and came home with second place trophies! This is the first time Chase Street has competed in the competition.



The Chase Street "Ranas" (right) took home second place in the Battle of the Books.

Artwork on display in Aderhold Hall (below and right)

## Partnership Artwork displayed at Aderhold

Art teachers Krista Dean from Chase and Margo Dunn from Gaines, work with their students to prepare art for display in the College of Education. The display is changed two times a year.



<http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/ccsduga/whatsnew-art.html>

## Elementary School Students Explore Memory Through the Art of Carmon Colangelo

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By: Pam Taylor, Art Education, UGA Colleges of Education and Arts & Sciences

For the past two years, UGA art education students have worked with Gaines and Chase Street Elementary Schools as part of the Partnership for Community Learning Centers initiative between the University of Georgia, the Athens-Clarke County community and Clarke County Public Schools. Through this project the elementary school art programs are extended to afford the children more “art” time to study and explore artists, ideas, and artmaking. In addition, the UGA art education students receive valuable teaching experience and work closely with Gaines elementary school art teacher Margot Dorn and Chase Street elementary art teacher Krista Dean to connect their teaching with Georgia curriculum guidelines in art, social studies, reading, science, and other subjects.

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This semester the art education students worked with the young children at Gaines Elementary School to explore the idea of memory. First grade teacher Janna Dresden explained, “As the school will be moving to a new building next year, this is an especially appropriate theme for everyone involved.” The unit of instruction centered upon UGA Lamar Dodd School of Art Director Carmon Colangelo’s painting entitled *All but Forgotten*. Similar to a disjointed dream, Colangelo’s mixed media painting is a veritable medley of layers with colors, signs, symbols, and images heaped upon the surface of the canvas. A closer look reveals a book opened to a special passage, stacks of papers, searching eyes, and hovering faces amidst a mass of patterns and grids. Colangelo appears to be reminding us of the value of memory as well as our constant attempts to capture or remember events, times, and places in our lives. The unit, written by art education student Jennifer Dance and her professor Pamela G. Taylor, involved the young children in discussing and creating a wide variety of objects surrounding their memories. The young children created placemats to recall table manners and “germy” refrigerator magnets to remind them to wash their hands. They made memory books and created layered drawings to reveal how time often changes our memories. These examples of the children’s art as well as memory boxes, self-portraits that include symbols to remind them of their addresses, and hand sculptures with “a string tied around a finger” are currently on display in the school cafeteria.

On March 22nd of Spring semester another special memory was made by the children at Gaines Elementary School. The artist they had studied, Carmon Colangelo visited the school to see and talk about the children’s art and engage them in creating a memory painting together during an assembly in the school cafeteria. Thrilled to be a part of the University-Community Partnership, Colangelo says, “I benefit so from seeing and learning from the ways these children’s eager young minds have explored the idea of memory. The work of the partnership has truly added a new dimension to our art school and we look forward to involving many more artists in working in the community in the future.” During the assembly, UGA art education students presented to

Gaines Elementary School principal Phyllis Stewart a collaborative painting representing their memories of working with the children at the school.

**We would like to thank all of the UGA Faculty and Staff who have helped with this great venture!**

UGA Lamar Dodd School of Art Director Carmon Colangelo’s painting entitled *All but Forgotten*



# A New School!

We're so excited!!!  
Gaines Elementary  
Community Learning  
Center's long wait for a  
new building will soon  
be over! Construction  
proceeds at a fast  
pace with the goal of a  
move in winter 2004.



## HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

Join us! For this partnership to be successful, we need the full participation of the Athens-Clarke County Community. You can become involved by serving on an Action Team, participating in focus group discussions, or sharing ideas with someone on the Design Team.

The Partnership provides opportunity for you to share in the responsibility for improving educational experiences, options, and outcomes for all students. Today, everyone has a full schedule, but if working to improve the effectiveness of education in Athens-Clarke County is important to you, we invite you to make time in your schedule for working with other committed community members.

Got questions?  
Want to get involved?  
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[www.clarke.12ga.us/ccsduga](http://www.clarke.12ga.us/ccsduga)

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