

## Education opportunities expand for employees

The University System of Georgia's Tuition Remission and Reimbursement program has undergone changes that allow eligible USG employees who use the program as an employee benefit to further their education.

Now named the Tuition Assistance Program, it provides USG faculty, staff and administrators seeking financial assistance to enhance their college education and career opportunities. A standardized, Web-based TAP application form may be filled out to qualify for the program.

The program has been expanded to allow employees to take university or college credit courses in any area, job-related or not.

Only full-time employees of the University System who have completed at least six months in a benefits-eligible position as of the application deadline may apply to participate in TAP. Participants may enroll in academic courses totaling up to eight credit hours per semester at their institution, provided space is available in those courses. They must receive a grade of C or better to earn tuition assistance. Contact Human Resources at ext. 1440 for more information. *Adapted from Board of Regents' news*

### Cutting classroom costs

- Faculty and staff get a 10 percent discount on textbooks and software, along with other NGCSU Bookstore purchases.
- Staff Council scholarship application deadline is today at 5 p.m. Submit to Gloria Jones in residence life. More information at [www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/staff/index.htm](http://www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/staff/index.htm)


## Community leadership

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planning for the regional progress of the local area.

"Working together, we can strengthen our long-term approach to planning and development as our business, educational, residential and tourist entities grow toward the future," said North Georgia President David Potter.

Potter and Steenbergen have initiated the organization of the alliance and the kickoff retreat Sept. 13-14 at Brasstown Valley Resort. A preliminary meeting in April at the university brought together many of the local leaders who have encouraged the development of the alliance.

Individuals and organizations interested in participating in the Citizens Leadership Alliance and attending the retreat may contact the Chamber of Commerce, 864-3711, or [dsteenbergen@dahlonega.org](mailto:dsteenbergen@dahlonega.org) for more information. 

## Upcoming Events

**Summer Commencement** will take place on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium. Dr. Mark Spraker, the 2005 Alumni Association Distinguished Professor, will be the speaker. A **commissioning ceremony** for new Army second lieutenants will be at 3 p.m. at the same location.



You-Sung Lee

Former first chair flute in the Boston Symphony Orchestra and a graduate of Boston University, **You-Sung Lee** will present a **flute recital** accompanied by her sister and NGCSU piano instructor Dr. You Ju Lee on Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. The free event is sponsored by the Nix Living Heritage Fine Arts Series. For more information, call 864-1431.

**Cecile Park** will present performances of **classical piano music** on Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. Park is an assistant professor of piano at Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris and an active performer with European orchestras. The free concert is sponsored by the Nix Living Heritage Fine Arts Series. For more info, call 864-1431.



Cecile Park

**Mark Hosford's printmaking exhibition** will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery in the Hoag Student Center through Sept. 16. A reception and lecture will take place on Sept. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery. Hosford was the grand prize winner of North Georgia's first Southern Printmaking Biennale. The event is free and open to the public. Call 864-1423 for more information.

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