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**GPC Named to the President’s National Community Service Honor Roll**

Georgia Perimeter College was named recently to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to community service.

GPC was the only two-year college in Georgia to be named to the President’s Honor Roll with Distinction.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

The college was recognized for its service learning projects, including ESL instructor Beth Wallace’s work with her students tutoring Bhutanese refugees at the Clarkston Community Center; English and reading professor Mary Ann Errico and reading instructor’s Audrey Bennet’s student tutoring project at Hillside Elementary School; and GPC science professor Dr. Pam Gore’s multiple science service-learning projects with her students at Stone Mountain Park.

“This award underscores our continuing commitment to be a leader in academic learning through service,” says GPC President Dr. Anthony Tricoli. “Through the efforts of our outstanding faculty and the Atlanta Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning, our students are engaged in meaningful service learning and civic engagement projects that transform them into educated, active, and caring citizens.”

“Being named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction is testimony to the quality of service learning going on at GPC. Inclusion on this list means that service learning experiences designed by GPC faculty and carried out by GPC students are among some of the best in the nation,” says Atlanta Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning Executive Director Dr. Sean Brumfield.
Colleges like Georgia Perimeter are making difference in their communities because of their commitment to service learning, notes Patrick Covington, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the awards. “As members of the class of 2011 cross the stage to pick up their diplomas, more and more will be going into the world with a commitment to public service and the knowledge that they can make a difference in their communities and their own lives through service to others, thanks to the leadership of these institutions,” he says.

CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. For a full list of recipients and descriptions of their service, visit www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll.

Georgia Perimeter College, the third largest institution of the University System of Georgia, serves more than 25,000 students through four campuses and several sites in metro Atlanta. For additional information, visit www.gpc.edu.