

### *An Interview* with Mitchell Ojeda

*Majoring in Information  
Technology at LSU*



The Finance Division strives to offer meaningful student employment opportunities that further enhance the student's out-of-classroom experiential learning experience through internships, research and other forms of experiential learning.

Mitchell Ojeda, a sophomore from Cumming, GA and an LSU student, recently visited the UGA campus. He was looking for future graduate schools and was introduced to several people within the Finance Division.

He got a chance to speak with Vance Silcott of Insurance and Claims Management, Harold Waters of Bulldog Print + Design, and Debbie Ledford of Finance & Administration Information Technology. Mitchell's visit turned into a great opportunity to highlight UGA's emphasis on experiential learning for students, as well as faculty and staff.

We had a chance to chat briefly with him:

**Q. What led you to choose Information Technology as a major?**

**A.** I'm fascinated by technology. I wanted to learn more. Computers will be used in every situation in the future.

**Q. What did you experience when you moved from the Atlanta area to Baton Rouge?**

**A.** I experienced major culture shock. The town is not very

progressive. I came from a very diverse catholic school and the area around LSU is not very diverse or open-minded. The game day atmosphere is pretty cool. Everyone's looking for a good time.

**Q. What do you want to pursue after undergraduate?**

**A.** I'd like to go to UGA to get my masters in Business Intelligence Systems. I believe UGA calls it Management Information Systems (MIS).

**Q. How do you plan to use IT for your career?**

**A.** I'd like to bring tech to our family's disaster restoration business. We can save time and money on project sites by better incorporating technology into our damage assessment process.

**Q. What would you like to learn from your visit to UGA?**

**A.** I'd like the chance to see a bit of everything and have the chance to ask a lot of questions.





Late summer plants and flowers from Finance Division.  
Send your summer garden photos to [tim.welsh@uga.edu](mailto:tim.welsh@uga.edu) for a chance to be featured!



Tim Welsh - Swamp Hibiscus



## FINANCE *Family*

Crystal Alewine's granddaughter won the title of Colbert Canna Princess and was featured in the Fourth of July parade.



Cynthia Huff will obtain her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Terry College of Business this month. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sam Chafin (Procurement Office) for obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Western Governor's University.

The following person is celebrating a years of service milestone in August of this year:

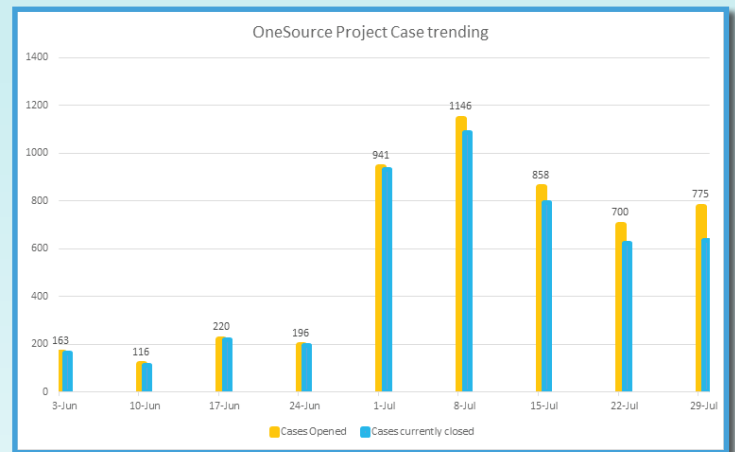
Holley Schramski – Finance Division – 25 years

*Please note that for newsletter purposes, we are counting from the employee's actual hire date and Finance and Administration uses a different date for their recognition.*



## UGA Financial Management System Live

Thank you to all the Finance Division staff for helping in the successful launch of the UGA Financial Management System. Due to your partnership with the project and your diligence, things are moving along in the new system. Please continue to use the OneSource website, services desk, and weekly emails to stay current on new information. For more information, please contact the OneSource team as [onesource@uga.edu](mailto:onesource@uga.edu).



## OneUSG Connect Go-Live Preparation

The OneUSG Connect System will go-live December 16, 2018. In preparation for the go-live, there will be campus forums held in September for unit heads, departmental HR practitioners, supervisors, faculty, and staff. Invitations to these forums will be distributed in August. Please continue to use the OneSource website, to stay current on go-live information. For more information, please contact the OneSource team as [onesource@uga.edu](mailto:onesource@uga.edu).





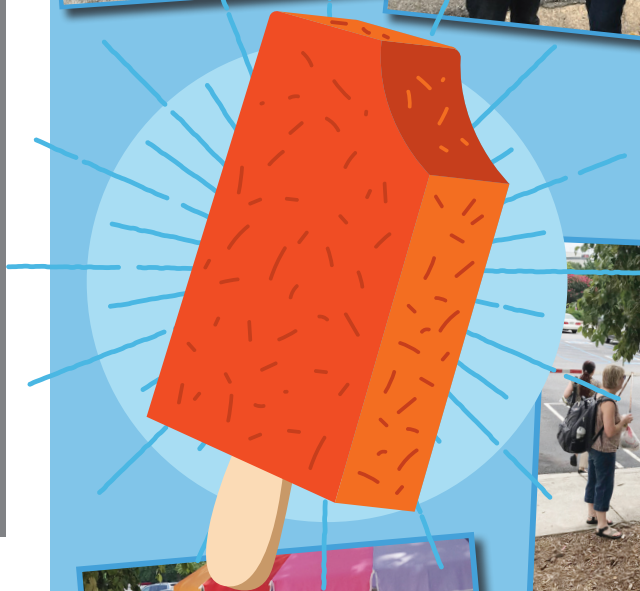
Let's take a moment to congratulate the following Finance Division employees for earning "Kudos" from internal and external customers during May and June of 2018:

Kasey Hillsman - Payroll (5)  
 Kim Collins - Accounts Payable (2)  
 Savannah Whaley - Post Award Accounting  
 Entire Bursar's Office  
 Jay McGarity - Post Award Accounting  
 Ryan Dekle - Procurement  
 Audrey Schroeder - Payroll  
 Kim Ingram - Bursar's Office  
 Melanie Bemis - Post Award  
 Darlene McConnell - Accounting  
 Lynn Stephens - Procurement  
 Tiffany Payne - Bursar's Office  
 Chantill Gresham - Accounts Payable  
 Aimee Ginn - Bursar's Office  
 Marcie Berrong - Bursar's Office  
 Brea Byrd - Bursar's Office  
 Casey Chitwood - Bursar's Office  
 Catherine Bielec - Bursar's Office  
 Jamie Jarrett - Bursar's Office  
 Jennifer Matthews - Bursar's Office  
 Mary Fouquet - Bursar's Office  
 Kim Ingram - Bursar's Office  
 Karen Grubbs - Accounts Payable  
 Westley Bargo - Accounts Payable  
 Beth Martin - Finance Division

**PLEASE NOTE:** When using the Business Services Conference room, located in the basement of the Business Services building, please remember to book the Business Services Conference Room using the Outlook calendar. The calendar scheduling is necessary because there is no individual responsible for scheduling this conference room. Additionally, we will soon share this conference room with the Office of University Architects.

Updates will be made to the conference room August 6 – August 9, 2018, and the conference room will be unavailable during that time.

# YEAR-END CLOSEOUT CELEBRATION



# Upcoming Campus Events

August 7 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

## Ramble:

### Tuesday Tunes

– Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel,  
Atrium/Lobby areas

This free student music series features new groups each month, in August: Jazz Quintet. All musicians are current Hugh Hodgson School of Music undergraduate and/or graduate students. The Savannah Room Restaurant & Bar are open during performances

Cost: **Free**

August 18th from 8:00am - 1:00pm

## Friends of the Garden: Gigantic Flea Market

– State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Visitor Center

Shop among gardening items, books, household items, tools, toys, jewelry, decorations, purses, accessories, baby items and more.

August 30 from 7:00 - 10:30pm



Courtesy of Sony Pictures

## “For Home and Country” World War I Film Series:

### “Lawrence of Arabia”

– Georgia Museum of Art

In Lawrence of Arabia, British Lieutenant T.E. Lawrence (Peter O’Toole) is sent to Arabia to find Prince Faisal (Alec Guinness) and serve as a liaison between the Arabs and the British in their fight against the Turks. With the aid of native Sherif Ali (Omar Sharif), Lawrence rebels against the orders of his superior officer and strikes out on a daring camel journey across the harsh desert to attack a well-guarded Turkish port. This film won seven Academy Awards in 1963, including best picture, best director and best original score. (1962, NR, 216 min.)

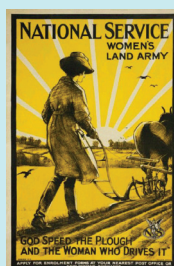
Cost: **Free**

Fall Semester Classes begin August 13th

The University of Georgia Soccer and Volleyball teams have home events that start in August. These are free and open to the public.

## Ongoing Exhibition at the Special Collections Libraries

War of Words: Propaganda of World War I  
Open through December 14, 2018



# Treasure Hunt!

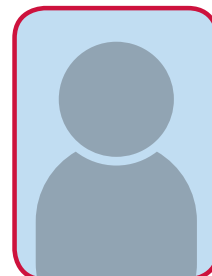
Get your sleuthing skills ready to play this month's Treasure Hunt! To play, just find all the hidden **pencils** in the newsletter, then submit the correct answer via email to **spark-comm@uga.edu** by August 20, 2018. Up to 3 winners will be chosen to receive a prize.

Last month there were 8 hidden stars!

Congratulations to both **Christy Coddington** in Payroll and **Carolyn Dial** in Budgets for winning last month's treasure hunt!



Christy Coddington  
Payroll



Carolyn Dial  
Budgets

Enjoy your Jittery Joe's gift cards!

## YOUR SPARK COMMITTEE

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