



Annette M. Evans, University of Georgia Procurement Officer Announces Retirement



After 25 years of directing staff, implementing changes and promoting fantastic growth within UGA Procurement, Annette M. Evans is retiring the end of July 2021.

“I will miss the people, especially my staff. I’ve been blessed with the opportunity to work with so many wonderful folks, both internally in Procurement, and across campus through the years,” Annette says.

“I’ll also miss the interaction with my colleagues within the USG and other institutions, as well as the vendor community. Thanks to each of you for contributing to a wonderful experience at UGA and for providing me with many fond memories.”

Under Annette’s leadership some of those changes include:

- a change in purchasing platforms from the old green screen system to a modern environment with a shopping cart experience
- starting a P-Card program in 2000 with a pilot of about 40 cards to nearly 600 cards today
- improved relationships with State Purchasing
- increasing competitive bid thresholds from \$5,000 to \$25,000
- increasing delegated purchasing authority from one million dollars to unlimited and partnering with the Office of Legal Affairs by adding contract negotiators on Procurement staff

“I came from a federal purchasing environment, so from a professional stance I’ve enjoyed the increased flexibility we have as a state entity. Things that make my job enjoyable include interacting with folks, understanding how what we’ve purchased is being used to meet the needs of the end user... I use the term ‘we’ as the Procurement Office works as a team and I’ve enjoyed our team members through the years. I’ve been fortunate to collaborate with researchers, faculty and staff who share their passion for their mission and work at UGA. Memories of discussions that provided brevity in sometimes challenging procurement processes still brings a smile to my face.”

Just being a part of the UGA community and seeing some of the physical aspects also provides fond memories, Annette says, such as walking through the Miller Learning Center as it was nearing completion; touring the new Vet Teaching Hospital; visiting a couple of Experiment Stations and seeing their fields and orchards and touring the Research Vessel Savannah at Skidway, just to name a few.

Annette has these thoughts as she begins a new chapter in her life: “As the world opens to more travel opportunities, I hope to venture out with my husband (Jack) and enjoy parts of the US and other countries that we have not visited. I particularly enjoy nature, both flora and fauna, and will continue to capture wonderful memories on my camera. I’m also hoping for more time with family and friends and I definitely want to improve my golf game and spend more time on the course as I love being outdoors...”

Annette’s leadership, wit and charm will definitely be missed so give her a call or send an email to wish her luck on her new adventure. amevans@uga.edu

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P-Card Training is now online! busfin.uga.edu/procurement

Located on the Procurement site, UGA staff can now access the following P-Card training and information:

- [Initial P-Card Training](#)
- [Refresher P-Card Training](#)
- [Procurement Card Information](#)

Procurement Office contacts for Procurement Card issues are:

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Procurement would like to introduce **Michelle E. Gilzenrat Davis, Esq.** who is one of our newer team members. She is a Contract Negotiator who joined Procurement in November 2019. Michelle shares the following information about herself:

- I am a Double Dawg who majored in Public Relations as an undergrad (A.B.J. 2005) before going to law school (J.D. 2015).
- In between degrees I worked as a publicist and then a music journalist, serving as music editor of Flagpole Magazine 2008-2012.
- Before joining UGA’s procurement office I ran my own entertainment law boutique practice serving artists and creators and small businesses
- I also practiced law in Gwinnett for a year doing child support enforcement with the Division of Child Support Services
- I am married to Shane a stylist at Republic Salon and we have two daughters and three dogs.
- I serve on the board of AthFest Educates as the governance chair