

Contest names alumna finalist

Program gives women grants

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University alumna Abby Port was chosen as one of three finalists in a grant program designed to help female entrepreneurs succeed.

The grant program, called Seeds for Success, was developed by Yahoo and Carolyn Kepcher, Donald Trump's assistant on the NBC television show "The Apprentice" and founder of finding-whatmatters.com.

Trump and Kepcher started the program to help women build businesses and share their experiences.

Port was chosen as a finalist from more than 5,500 applicants and was given \$20,000 in cash, \$5,000 in Web site consulting from three Yahoo! Small Business partners and Web site hosting from Yahoo! The finalists also received personalized advice from nationally-esteemed business experts, such as Cathie Black of Hearst Magazines, Bobbi Brown of Bobbi Brown Cosmetics and Kepcher.

For the competition, Port created Red Koala Canvas Art Co., an online store which allows parents to buy personalized art and decor to hang in their children's rooms. Customers can design their own art using the exclusive canvas designer and choose the size, image and frame of their personalized design.

"Red Koala's products are

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INTO THE WILD



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▲ Global L.E.A.D. organization and the Cape Town summer 2009 study abroad program brought exotic animals to the Tate plaza on Tuesday to spark interest in the organization and program.

Program to learn, lead in Africa

By **VINCE HAMPTON**
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What was black and white and pet all over?

Zoey the zebra from Cleveland, Ga. attracted attention and represented the two sides of Global L.E.A.D. at Tate plaza on Tuesday.

"It used to be one or the other, study abroad or service abroad, black or white — that simple," said Kevin Scott, 2007 University alumnus and director of global outreach for the group. "With Global L.E.A.D., it's the best of both elements, black and white together ... just like the zebra."

Founded by four University alumni, Global L.E.A.D. — Leadership, Education,

Adventure, Diplomacy — intends to combine the typical study abroad experience with service work.

"We desperately need a new way to do study abroad since students are participating in programs that train their mind, but they never transform their heart. The new way is Global L.E.A.D.," Scott said.

The group's first trip will be to Cape Town, South Africa this summer. For one project, members will teach children to play the guitar and turn their skills into money by playing for visitors in one of the top tourist spots in the world.

"For families with next to nothing, a little more is a lot more," said Mason McFalls, a junior from Swainsboro and chair

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Video of the animals at Tate

of the organization.

The group plans to stay in South Africa for six weeks. The group also will set up AIDS clinics to test children for the disease and to teach about prevention.

Members will travel to Kruger National Park and Cape Point, the southernmost tip of Africa as well as Chimp Eden, the chimpanzee sanctuary.

Ten Global L.E.A.D. ambassadors will lead the expedition to South Africa. Amanda Abbott, a junior from Atlanta and vice president of recruitment, said she hopes students will share their experiences with peers and "talk

about the passion that comes from being part of something bigger than yourself."

Tuesday the group handed out more than 2,000 information cards and received more than 5,000 hits to its Web site www.leadcapetown.com, Scott said.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," he said.

This summer's expedition is a pilot test for the group, McFalls said. If successful, the sponsors will push the program to become national and "one of the biggest study abroad programs to hit the United States, and it started at the University of Georgia," he said.

Julie DeLoach, a junior from Jasper and Global LEAD ambassador said, "Our motto is: don't just go ... lead."

Lady Dog finds family support

Committed to 'new team'

By **MANIK K. GUPTA**
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Growing up in suburban Atlanta with two older brothers, Porsha Phillips quickly became adept to competition.

That's why it should come as no surprise to the No. 25 Georgia women's basketball team that the 6-foot-2 sophomore strives to bring her best performance to the floor each night.

Phillips committed to LSU out of high school and played for one season under head coach Pokey Chatman. When an alleged sex scandal forced Chatman to resign, Phillips transferred from a Final Four team to attend Georgia, the first school to offer her a scholarship.



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▲ Sophomore forward Porsha Phillips poses before the women's basketball team's Tuesday practice. Phillips is in her first season at Georgia after transferring from LSU.

Five years after losing the prized recruit to a conference rival, Landers finally earned the right to coach the talented forward.

"You may go back to the mid-1990s [here] to find as athletic of a front-line player," Landers said.

Per NCAA transfer regulations, Phillips sat out the 2007-2008 season but practiced with the team.

"[Sitting out] was really hard," Phillips said. "I

had to stay focused and make sure that I adapted to the team and my teammates. This was a new environment, new team, new program and new school."

In her first regular season game as a Lady Dog, Phillips recorded a career-high 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals in only 19 minutes of play.

Her athleticism should come as no surprise to Georgia, which recruited

both of her brothers, Brandon and P.J., to play baseball.

Brandon, the eldest, plays second base for the Cincinnati Reds and won his first Gold Glove this past season, and P.J. is a prospect in the Los Angeles Angels organization.

All three starred at Redan High School in Stone Mountain, yet none of the Phillips siblings ended up

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Nonprofit connects businesses, students

Experience not needed

By **KATIE ANDREW**
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"No experience required" is not often a phrase heard by students. Whether it's finding a job, a credit card or an internship, the vicious cycle of needing experience to gain experience rears its ugly head.

Common Ground, a local nonprofit resource center, created a solution by providing no-experience-necessary student internships with local progressive action organizations.

"Our mission is to help all these organizations meet their goals," said Common Ground executive director and University senior Jenna Moon.

"Basically we have groups come to us who either have an organization started or are trying to get one started. They can become an affiliate, which means

they would be able to use all of our facilities."

The facilities and services Common Ground offers to affiliate organizations includes (but is not limited to) a meeting space, resource library, computers, copy and fax machine. Most importantly, Common Ground offers fiscal sponsorship to its affiliates.

"If a group is trying to gain nonprofit status but hasn't gotten it yet, we can offer that so that they can receive grants and large individual donations as well that are tax deductible," Moon said.

Moon explained how the internship program solves problems for both affiliates and students.

"There are so many nonprofit organizations in Athens, but it's really, really hard to get in any kind of entry level position," Moon said.

"We decided we wanted to start an internship program where recent or current undergraduate students apply for the program. They don't have to have any

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The men's basketball team looked to shake off an ugly loss on Monday against a pesky Eastern Michigan squad.



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