



Continuing Education

**Your success, our goal.**

## Barbara S. Calhoun



**With more than 20 years of leadership in the field of continuing education, Barbara S. Calhoun is a recognized agent-of-change in adult and non-credit education.**

Ms. Calhoun currently serves as Dean of Continuing Education for Kennesaw State University where her vision and leadership has brought the division from its 1995 student base of 14,000, and an operating budget of \$2.2 million, to its current level of stature serving 28,000 students per year and operating with a \$6.5 million budget.

Through Dean Calhoun's leadership, her team has achieved tremendous results including:

- Created international training programs in five Eastern European countries
- Established a southern training base for the People's Republic of China — one of only five in the U.S.A.
- Developed and delivered training for female Afghani delegates working to gain leadership positions in their country after 9/11.
- Became the first university in Georgia to offer non-credit classes in an online environment
- Created the internationally recognized Cybercrime Institute
- Received numerous national, regional and state awards for excellence in programs, marketing and professional achievement

Dean Calhoun received her BS in English Education from Jacksonville State University and her MA in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama. She remains active in her community and in the larger academic population of lifelong learning:

- Current Board Member for the International Association of Continuing Education and Training.
- 2003 Graduate of Cobb Leadership
- 2004 Graduate of The Honorary Commanders Leadership Program
- 12-years of service on the Board of Regents Public Service Committee — an august body of the thirty-four units in the University System of Georgia.
- Past President for the Georgia Adult Education Association (GAEA)
- Previous Interim Director of Georgia LEADS with the Board of Regents
- National presenter & speaker

# In Other's Words...

*embracing  
the possibilities*

**“When I think of Barbara Calhoun and her tenure as GAEA president, I think of cutting edge programs.** When she was president, one of our Brown Institutes was entitled Education and Technology: Partners in a Global Economy. This was 1995 when most of us were shaking in our boots about the coming of technology as part of the infrastructure of the workplace. Barbara was embracing the possibilities and encouraging us to reach further and when we reached that goal, to reach even further. Her futuristic approach was very good for GAEA and its members.”

**Jan Smith**

*Public Service Associate, University of GA and former President, GAEA*

*a joy to  
work with*

**“Barbara Calhoun believes in adult and continuing education and her enthusiasm radiates in her eyes and smile.** She brings confidence and good judgment to professional group meetings, and I am blessed to be able to call Barbara my friend. I learn from her each time we talk and she is a joy to work with. Continuing education makes a difference in the life of people and Barbara Calhoun is making a positive difference in the quality of continuing education in Georgia.”

**Jim Agan**

*Director, Continuing Education University of West Georgia*

*interested in  
helping others*

**“Barbara is a giving, caring, and gracious lady-and a true CE professional, who has been my role model, mentor and dear friend for many years.** She is genuinely interested in helping others reach their full potential! A true visionary, Barbara encouraged individual GAEA members as well as the organization to build relationships and develop collaborative partnerships with state officials, economic developers, professional organizations, and educational providers at all levels meet the educational and training needs on a state, regional, national level and beyond.”

**Janet Winkler**

*Director, Roswell and Fulton Centers, Clayton College & State University*

*‘planting  
a seed’*

**“I can’t recall how many times I’ve heard Barbara talk about ‘planting a seed.’** It’s such a wonderful metaphor for the way she likes to work. I came to direct an institutional public service/ adult education program at another Georgia university in a roundabout way. That first year, and in the years since, I’ve talked with Barbara often. I’ve been privileged to receive a veritable garden of seeds and I know I’m not the only one to benefit from her generosity. I’ve said before that I consider Barbara a mentor and when I encounter a particularly thorny problem in my new role at the System Office, I still reach for the phone and Barbara’s advice.”

**Philip D. Allen**

*Director, Georgia LEADS*

*The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; Office of Economic Development*

*transmits energy  
& excitement*

**“Barbara Calhoun is one of those remarkable women who transmits energy and excitement to all who serve with her within an organization.** Her inspiration gets things accomplished to advance the organization; and she makes time to nurture and mentor those who will come behind.”

**Norma Reed**

*Retired Fanning Leadership Institute, UGA*

*Former President & Member Board of Directors GAEA*