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The College announced over $106,000 in scholarships to 41 deserving students for the 2013-2014 academic year. This included 21 undergraduate students and 20 graduate students. Scholarships ranged from $1,000 to $5,000 in the areas of academic achievement, research, internships, and study abroad. The CED administration attributes this success to loyal benefactors and donors.

The Dean’s Award of Honor, bestowed by the Dean of the CED, recognizes a prominent individual, firm or organization that has advanced the mission, vision and reputation of the College through achievement and support for our academic programs, faculty and students. The 2013 award was presented to alumna Lucy Lawliss (BLA ’79, MLA ’92), a National Park
Service (NPS) superintendent of two 18th century historical parks – George Washington Birthplace National Monument (VA), and Thomas Stone National Historic Site (MD). In her 22-year NPS career she helped develop the Cultural Landscape Inventory and guidelines for cultural landscape reports, both of which are used nation-wide. In addition to her outstanding work with the NPS, Lawliss is the author of a number of award-winning publications.

The Distinguished Alumni Medal is the highest honor of the CED Alumni Association (CEDAA) and recognizes CED Alumni who have contributed substantially by way of outstanding professional achievement to the reputation and well-being of the CEDAA. The 2013 medal honored Doug Allen (BLA ’71), a professor emeritus and former Dean of Architecture at Georgia Tech. Allen served on the jury for the International AID Housing Competition in Hyundae, Korea as well as on professional awards juries for the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects. His portfolio includes several award-winning projects including the Perdue Garden (Atlanta, GA. 1983), which was featured in the book Contemporary Trends in Landscape Architecture, by Stephen Cantor.

The CEDAA Outstanding Faculty Award is chosen by the Alumni from a slate of candidates recommended by the faculty and the Dean. The 2013 Faculty of the Year is Associate Professor Alfie Vick. His exemplary teaching has brought him recognition both within and outside of the College. He began a three-week field course, The Plant Communities of the Cherokee Landscape, which combines the study of the native plants of the Southern Appalachians with Cherokee ethnobotany, history, and culture. As the course progresses the class moves east to west along the Trail of Tears visiting significant sites, meeting with scholars, and camping along the way. Additionally, Vick’s research interest in green building and sustainable design has led him to offer a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification course every spring, which is open to all UGA students. So far, over 150 students from 5 Schools and Colleges across campus have registered for the course, successfully completed the exam, and been introduced to sustainable design and leadership.

The Dean’s Award for Teaching Innovation, bestowed by the Dean of the CED, recognizes a faculty member who has inspired and created a unique learning environment or opportunity for students. This year the Dean chose a junior faculty member, Assistant Professor Douglas Pardue for his exceptional student project in China, and senior faculty member, Associate Professor Marianne Cramer for spearheading “Drawn from the Garden” a student art competition across UGA and surrounding high schools. The student competition will be on display in the Jackson Street Building’s gallery starting from April 1 – April 26, 2013.