

AFFORDABLE LEARNING GEORGIA

FROM: STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



- ✓ Service First Generation Students
- ✓ A large percentage of our student population use Financial Aid
- ✓ Students have very little disposable income
- ✓ Average cost of Books a year \$600 per student

WHAT IS MIDDLE GEORGIA DOING ?

Received \$21,000 in grants

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Middle Georgia State Receives Grants To Reduce Textbook Costs

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The bane of college students everywhere is how much textbooks cost.

Come spring, Middle Georgia State College students who take introductory courses in education and political science with certain faculty members won't have to worry about buying books for those particular classes.

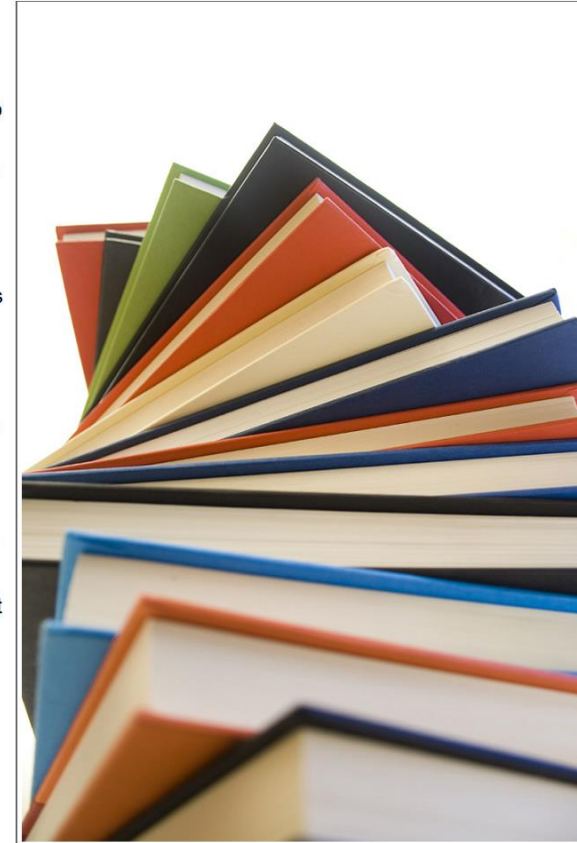
Affordable Learning Georgia, an initiative of the University System of Georgia to promote student success by providing affordable textbook alternatives, awarded grants to Middle Georgia State to do just that for those courses. The grants, totaling about \$21,000, will allow four faculty members - Molly Kimsey and Loleta Sartin in the School of Education and Dr. Julie Lester and Dr. Christopher Lawrence in the Department of History and Political Science - to attend training provided by Affordable Learning Georgia, modify their curriculum and research and locate open-content textbooks and other free resources to use instead of traditional texts that must be purchased.

Their adapted courses will be made available as models to other University System institutions that want to use them.

For students, the savings will be significant. Over the course of a year, an estimated 630 Middle Georgia State students will take "Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education," a class that traditionally uses a \$196 required textbook. That's \$123,480 in total savings to students.

An estimated 420 students will take "American Government," which traditionally requires an \$89 textbook. That's \$37,380 in total savings.

Affordable Learning Georgia received nearly 50 proposals from 18 University System of Georgia institutions. Thirty



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