**Pulaski County leaders visit UGA**
Leaders from the Pulaski County Deacons and Stewards and the Hawkinsville LIFE (formerly Hoops) League visited the UGA campus on Friday, April 11. While on campus, community members met with Dr. Michelle Garfield Cook, Associate Provost for Institutional Diversity & Chief Diversity Officer. The group also toured the Ramsey Center, dined at the Oglethorpe Dining Commons, met with Rosa Driggers from Admissions, and toured the athletic facilities on campus. The meeting was coordinated by Randolph Carter, Coordinator for Faculty & Staff Development, and Michelle Wilder, Program Coordinator for the Archway Partnership. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways the community and UGA can work together to increase college readiness among African American males, increase minority college applications and improve African American male retention in the University System. These efforts are part of UGA’s African American Retention Initiative.

**Youth Leadership Academy Graduates**
The new Youth Leadership Academy graduated its first class on April 29. Twenty-four students completed the spring program, a combined effort between the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce and Pulaski Tomorrow. The program consisted of classes in team building, civic and community responsibility, leadership styles, and etiquette as well as field trips to the State Capitol and Robins Air Force Base. Graduates celebrated on Friday, May 2, with a trip to Whitewater Express in Columbus. The curriculum was developed with the assistance of the Fanning Institute for Leadership Development and local school Superintendent Jane Dollie Williams. Sonya Jones, County Extension Coordinator and 4-H agent, chaired the Youth Leadership Committee for Pulaski Tomorrow.