Accomplishments

Candler Archway Professional Hired
The Archway Partnership will welcome Catherine Muse as the new Archway Professional in Candler County on Jan. 5, 2016. In her position, Muse will serve as liaison between the community and the university as she works to connect higher education resources to locally identified issues and priorities.

A native of Brunswick, Georgia, Muse is a graduate of Emory University with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology. In December 2015, she completed her Masters in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from Columbia University’s School of Professional Studies. While at Emory, Muse served 300 hours as an AmeriCorps Jumpstart Corps member during which time she increased adult support in the learning environment by providing early childhood curriculum, supporting family involvement, and promoting children’s language and literacy skills with 10 partner children.

Muse served as a Graduate Intern for the United States Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS) while studying at Columbia. As a Graduate Intern, Muse aided Conciliation Specialists in developing and implementing community-focused programs and trainings. She worked closely with community members, local borough presidents, religious leaders, and police officers to create and facilitate a four part series dialogue on race and police community relations. Additionally, during the summer of 2015, Muse served as a Programs Fellow for the International House, NYC. As a Fellow, she developed and implemented programs to enhance the cultural competency, global exchange, and leadership skills of International House residents, staff, and alumni.

Engineering Project Updates
Two groups of undergraduate Engineering students made mid-year presentation to clients in Metter/Candler County. One group is working on a recycling project that involves both the City and the County and the other is working on a flood-mitigation plan for Caney Branch creek (for the City of Metter). Both groups will return to the community in January for another round of site visits and community meetings. Their final recommendations will be made at the end of the spring 2016 semester.

Pictured: Students present mid-year updates to clients in Metter/Candler County