The Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior is pleased to announce that the Project GREAT program (Georgia Recovery-Based Educational Approach to Treatment) has been selected by the American College of Psychiatrists to receive that organization's "**Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education for 2012**."

The American College of Psychiatrists is a not-for-profit honorary association dedicated to providing continuing education to its members, promoting the latest advances in the specialty, and supporting the highest standards in psychiatry. It is comprised of a select group of more than 800 psychiatrists who have been recognized by their peers for demonstrated excellence in the field of psychiatry, and have achieved national recognition in clinical practice, research, academic leadership, or teaching.

This prestigious national award is given annually in official recognition of a community initiative or a program at the medical school, residency, or postgraduate level that demonstrates outstanding creativity in psychiatric education. Dr. Alex Mabe, a psychologist who is Professor of Psychology and the faculty team leader of Project GREAT will be the recipient of the award on behalf of Project GREAT and GHSU on February 25th, 2012 at the annual meeting of The College in Naples, FL.

The initial vision and development of Project Great was the work of Dr. Peter F. Buckley, Professor of Psychiatry and Dean, Medical College of Georgia, GHSU. He saw this as an effort to transform mental health education and services with the Recovery Model and Patient-and Family-Centered Care. One of the principal goals is to incorporate people who receive mental health services and their family members into advisory, teaching, and care-giving roles. Our congratulations to Dr. Buckley and the current Project GREAT team, Dr. Mabe, Gareth Fenley and Denise Noseworthy, Certified Peer Support Specialists, Anthony Ahmed, Ph.D., Gina Duncan M.D., and the many others who have contributed to the success of this program.

This is a great achievement for our department and we applaud this recognition for our Project Great team.