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CSU honors Mescon, freshmen on Sunday

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This weekend Columbus State University will honor President Timothy Mescon with an inauguration ceremony in conjunction with the annual freshman convocation.

Bill Sutley, assistant director of public relations at CSU, said it's common to have a president in office a year after an inauguration takes place to "make sure it's a good fit."

To honor his inauguration, Mescon has implemented a Day of Service. Volunteers will meet at the intramural building at 8:30 a.m. today to load buses for volunteer sites.

CSU staff, faculty, students and alumni were encouraged to register through the United Way Web site; however, those who were not able to register are welcome to show up and come along as space allows.

At 1 p.m. volunteers will regroup for a campuswide picnic.

The inauguration and freshman convocation begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Bill Heard Theatre.

Mescon's father, Michael Mescon, a Georgia State University professor, is among the inauguration speakers.

On having the inauguration correspond with the freshman convocation, Sutley said that "it's important for students to observe the inauguration as well."

The convocation is "a 'rite of passage' designed to set the tone for the college careers of incoming freshmen according to university's literature.

Students will receive a program filled with tips for a successful student experience.

It also serves to welcome freshmen and show support for their educational goals.

The CSU Presidential Inauguration and 2009 Freshman Convocation are free and open to the public.

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