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Signing the poster for National Transfer Student Week signals where students have been or plan to attend.

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Faculty and staff donated to Lamar County Empty Stocking Fund during annual holiday celebration.



Biology students in the greenhouse checking progress on their experiment.



GSC kicked off Homecoming 2020 with the painting of the rock on Lambdin Green.



Gordon State Softball stands in solidarity to support former Highlander Lacey Landrum as well as others for Breast Cancer Awareness.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This year has been filled with an amazing amount of significant progress. At the start of the fiscal year the college launched a new Strategic Plan entitled, "Building the Power of WE." In this five-year plan, the institution describes an ambitious vision of becoming "a leader and primary educational partner in elevating our region's economic prosperity and educational attainment through collaboration, integrated educational experiences, and a vibrant campus culture."

In this first year, the college adopted an updated mission statement desiring "to be a catalyst for exceptional and accessible education through innovative teaching, engaged learning, and transformative experiences for the benefit of our students, the communities we serve, and the world we live in." We have made progress to accomplish our mission by adding new degree programs, tapping into deeper philanthropic relationships, fostering success in the classroom and on the field, and studying our past to inform our future.

In addition to these accomplishments, this edition of the President's Report will highlight additional milestones and points of pride. This level of progress can only be accomplished – and sustained – using The Power of WE. It will take not only our faculty, staff and students, but also our community, K-12, higher education and business partners. The "WE" also includes our elected leaders, Foundation, Alumni and Advisory Boards. So start turning the following pages to engage with the past, present and get a glimpse of the future.

Highlanders Forward,



Kirk A. Nooks, Ed.D., President
Gordon State College



GSC Mission Statement

To be a catalyst for exceptional and accessible education through innovative teaching, engaged learning, and transformative experiences for the benefit of our students, the communities we serve, and the world we live in.

Core Values

Student Focused - Placing students at the heart of everything we do through accessible education, personalized resources, and engaged communities.

Life-Long Learning/Scholarship - Empowering and promoting academic rigor, professional development, and personal growth that results in ethical and honest life-long critical inquiry with a global perspective.

Excellence - Fostering excellence through rigorous and innovative experiences driven by the institution's mission of delivering quality programs, services, and education.

Respect - Cultivating an atmosphere that promotes integrity and embraces diversity, where all are valued and included regardless of economic, social, religious, or political background.

Collaboration - Promoting a culture of collaboration where meaningful relationships between faculty, staff, students, and the community are formed in an environment of transparency with high expectations of excellence for professionalism and service.



NOOKS DELIVERS INAUGURAL STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

Unfolds Strategic Plan: Building the Power of WE!

Gordon State College President Kirk A. Nooks delivered the institution's inaugural State of the College address January 31. Nooks provided an overview of the highlights and accomplishments from the previous year, defined the challenges for the upcoming year and shared exciting opportunities for the future.

Nooks' address focused on the implementation of the institution's new Strategic Plan: The Power of WE, which was revealed in the summer of 2019. The five-year plan will be used across campus to guide investment, enable excellence and drive allocation of resources.

Remaining relevant to students while honoring its legacy, Gordon State College serves as the No. 1 selection for state colleges for freshman entering college from high schools in our region. Founded in 1852, Gordon has expanded over the years and now services a 14-county region. The institution boasts a

beautiful campus and offers a high-quality education to its students at a very affordable cost. We think of it as a gem within the University System of Georgia.

Gordon's 14-county primary service region includes Butts, Clayton, Coweta, Crawford, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Macon-Bibb, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Spalding, Talbot and Thomaston-Upson counties. Approximately 70 percent of the nearly 3,500 students enrolled represent the primary service region.

"We are committed to The Power of WE," said Dr. Kirk A Nooks, who serves as Gordon's fourth president. "When all the data came together from our regional workforce study and marketing study, the theme for the college emerged."

GSC's economic impact has contributed nearly \$137 million to the regional economy and provided 1,369 jobs in fiscal year 2018.

Gordon State College offers 16 associate degree programs as well as 11 bachelor's degree programs plus small class sizes with 20:1 student to professor ratio.



Gordon State College's Strategic Plan is the culmination of a year's worth of data analysis, feedback sessions between the college and community engagement.

The Strategic Plan has three imperatives with accompanying objectives that drive the plan. Establishing a distinctive identity built on a collaborative campus culture supported by the institutional values, promoting student excellence throughout the academic journey and strengthening community engagement and partnerships within the institution's 14-county service region are focus of the imperatives.

This collaborative effort is reflected in the results of GSC's No. 9 ranking among Top Public Schools in the Regional Colleges South Category according to U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges list; GSC ranking No. 7 for the 2020 Best Nursing School in Georgia according to Registered Nursing and GSC ranking No. 1 in the University System of Georgia for the institution's New Student Orientation.

GSC also led among state colleges and ranked first in the system overall last year in percentage of first-year students taking 15 or more credits in fall semester, according to a University System of Georgia report. The Momentum Year is a starting point that helps students find their path, get on that path and build velocity in the direction of their goals. It also aligns with GSC's Strategic Plan.

"Since 1852 we've been proud to be here at Gordon," Nooks said "We've evolved from the elementary school into a private school. We merged into the military college then became a junior college. Through the leadership of people here in this audience, this institution became a part of the University System of Georgia in 1972, and because of their sacrifice, hard work and not taking 'No' for an answer, this institution is still here."

The college's Strategic Enrollment Plan is a five-year comprehensive plan established to recruit and retain students with a specific emphasis on adding new academic programs and partner with the education ecosystem for the institution's service region.

In 2019, Gordon partnered with multiple institutions to assist students transferring to or from the college through articulation agreements, including Albany Technical College, Georgia College & State University, Mercer University and Southern Crescent Technical College. Gordon also partnered with Griffin-Spalding County Schools to establish a Parapro to Teacher Education Program and continues to offer the Gordon Access Program (GAP) with Fort Valley State University.

Gordon also strives to replicate excellence outside of the classroom with four Highlander athletic teams that compete in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) sports. Our vibrant campus includes apartment-style living, as well as club sports (including Club Football, newly announced for Fall 2020), clubs representing a variety of interests, an active theatre, music, and arts program. In this setting, students receive individualized attention that only a small college with a dedicated faculty and staff can provide.





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

As part of the Strategic Plan, Gordon State College created opportunities for alumni and community engagement through theatre productions, Welcome Week activities, field trips and the service-based GO DO Initiative which connected the students with the community.



FALL 2019 COMMENCEMENT

With Book and Bell Plus Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Sharing her own lessons in life, Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D., President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, encouraged graduates to laugh more, be angry less and always give back in her keynote address at GSC's Fall Commencement ceremony.

President Kirk A. Nooks awarded a total of 293 bachelor's and associate degrees to 284 graduates with nine students earning a double degree. Sixty-nine percent of the class graduated with an associate's degree while 31 percent earned baccalaureate degrees.

Spring 2020 Commencement was held virtually May 15 due to COVID-19 and tentatively rescheduled for the 265 graduates for a face-to-face event August 9.



FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Richard Baskin, Professor of English elected Recording Secretary of LEAP Georgia (Liberal Education America's Promise.) LEAP champions the importance of a liberal education—for individual students and for a nation dependent on economic creativity and democratic vitality.

Samantha Bishop, Interim Director of Nursing and Professor of Nursing selected to serve as Vice Chair of the Lamar County Board of Health. The County Boards of Health have the responsibility for assessing local needs, advocating for county public health programs, approving and presenting the health budget to the county commission, and providing policy guidance to the District Health Director.

Dr. Alan Burstein, Professor of Business named the fifth Chancellor's Learning Scholar (CLS) for Gordon State College. Burstein, a business professor for the Department of Business and Social Sciences, has been with Gordon State since 2002. Burstein has served as director of Institutional Research and as chair of the business and social sciences in other roles for the college as well. Previous Regents Scholars include Samantha Bishop, Wendy Martin, Tony Pearson and Jessica Traylor.



Dr. Doug Davis, Professor of English invited by the National Endowment for the Humanities to serve as a reviewer of emergency grants totaling \$30 million in support of humanities institutions and programs that are threatened by the pandemic.



Dr. Amanada Duffus, Associate Professor of Biology nominated for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. This is the nation's highest honor for mentors who work with underrepresented groups to develop the nation's human resources in STEM. Other honors include: Interim Associate Director of the Global Ransomware Consortium; President Elect of the Georgia Academy of Sciences; Co-Chair of the Pathogens/Parasite/Disease Taskforce for Southeast Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation; Associate Editor of Amphibian Diseases for the Journal of North American Herpetology.

Dr. Christy Flatt, Associate Professor of Sociology elected Treasurer of the Georgia Sociological Association. The GSA's objectives are to stimulate and improve research, teaching, and discussion and to encourage community service and cooperative relations among persons in the State of Georgia engaged in the scientific study of society and culture.

Dr. Anna Higgins-Harrell, Professor of English and CETL Coordinator recognized by the University System of Georgia for outstanding work with the G2C Cohort 1 project. She facilitated a faculty discipline session at the USG-Gateways to Completion Cohort 2 Conference.

Dr. David Janssen, Professor of English selected to serve as Vice President of Georgia Collegiate Honors Council. The GCHC is an organization formed for the promotion and advancement of honors education in institutions of higher learning in the state of Georgia.

Dr. Joseph Jones, Dean, School of Education, Mathematics and Applied Sciences, and Associate Professor of Education received the 2020 College Teacher of the Year award from the Georgia Council of Teachers of English.

Tony Pearson, Associate Professor of Theatre chosen as a Governor's Teaching Fellow for 2020-21. Mr. Pearson will participate in an intensive summer symposium, which is postponed until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be held at the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia.



Dr. Steve Raynie, Professor of English selected to serve as Chair Elect of the Georgia Association for Developmental Education.

Dr. Richard Schmude, Professor of Chemistry named to the Board of Directors of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers. The Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers (ALPO) is an international organization devoted to study the Sun, Moon, planets, asteroids, meteors, and comets.

Dr. Jessica Traylor, Assistant Professor of Psychology worked with the Spark 10-week mentoring program to inspire at-risk youth and prepare future leaders to relate and communicate effectively. GSC Foundation received a \$2,700 grant from Lamar 365 to fund West African drums for the Spark program.

The following faculty members were selected to serve as officers on several **Regents Advisory Committees (RAC): Victoria Mills, Department Head for Health Information Management and Assistant Professor of HIM**, Chair, RAC Committee for Health Information Management; **Dr. Ric Calhoun, Assistant VP for Innovative Education & Strategic Initiatives**, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, RAC Committee for Adult Learning; **Jeff White, Professor of Physical Education**, Vice-Chair of the RAC for Kinesiology; and **Dr. C. Jeffery Knighton, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Psychology**, Chair-Elect of the RAC for Academic Affairs.

BELL, WHITE PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR

Six Faculty Promoted, Three Receive Tenure

Gordon State College professors will have a delay in the formal tenure and promotion recognition ceremony due to COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the delay, two faculty have been promoted to professor as part of the seven faculty members total who received promotions and/or tenure.

Pamela Bell, Ed.D., who had previously received tenure, and Jeff White, M.Ed., have been promoted to professor. Bruce Capers; Winsome Chang, MSN; Melissa Harrison, MSN; and Erik McCarthy, Ph.D.; have each received promotions to associate professor. Jacquelyn A. Key, DNP, is receiving tenure along with Chang and McCarthy.

"I wish to congratulate each of these faculty members for their well-deserved achievements," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. C. Jeffery Knighton. "Gordon State College students are indeed fortunate to have these fine individuals helping them achieve their educational and life goals."

Bell began working for Gordon in 2005 and will reach the 15-year milestone mark this fall. The Forsyth native who lives in Barnesville currently teaches seniors in the education department and serves as a college supervisor for student teachers in the field. "I am honored to be named a full professor and I am thankful to all the people along the way who helped me in my journey," said Bell. "That includes my family, of course, but also Dr. Richard Baskin, who took that initial chance on me, Dr. Jerry Stinchcomb, Dr. Sheryl O'Sullivan, Dr. Michael P. Mahan, and Dr. Joseph Jones. I appreciate all the guidance that they have provided through the years."

White, professor of Health and Physical Education, has been teaching at Gordon for almost 20 years. The Missouri native lives in Macon+Bibb County currently teaches PHED 1001: Health and Wellness for Life and Colloquium 2993: Global Health Issues. "I love everything about Gordon, but I admire GSC's continuing dedication to its mission of 'to be a catalyst for exceptional and accessible education,'" said White. "I am humbled and grateful that my peers have honored me with this promotion to full professor. I pray that I will bring honor to the title of full professor."

Tenured professors keep their positions as a permanent status member of the college until they retire, resign or are terminated for a specific cause. In order to receive tenure, faculty members must



Top: Dr. Pamela Bell, Bruce Capers & Winsome Chang

Middle: Melissa Harrison & Dr. Jacquelyn Key

Bottom: Dr. Erik McCarthy & Jeff White

submit a collection of data recording their teaching, research, and service accomplishments. The portfolio goes through an extensive review process before it is submitted to the president for final review.

Capers has been working for Gordon for seven years. The Chatham County native who lives in Snellville teaches Fitness for Life, Introduction to Physical Education, Weightlifting, Pace Walking and Careers in Sports.

Chang has been a member of Gordon's nursing department faculty for seven years. The Paulding County native who lives in Acworth teaches Acute Medical-Surgical for the BSN Pre-Licensure Program.

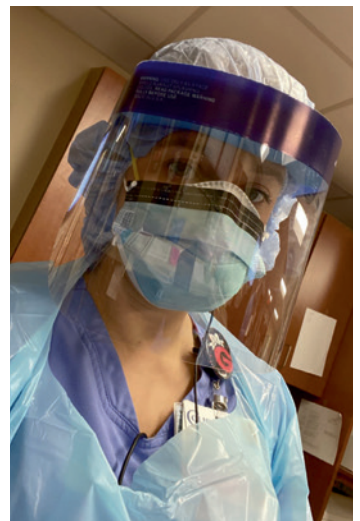
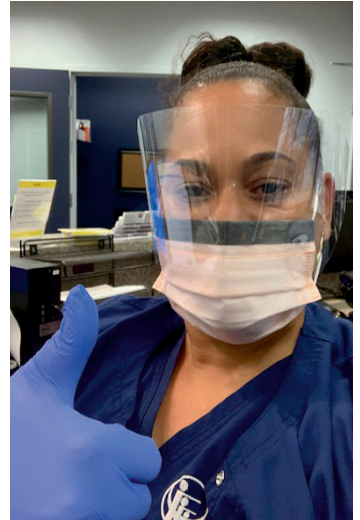
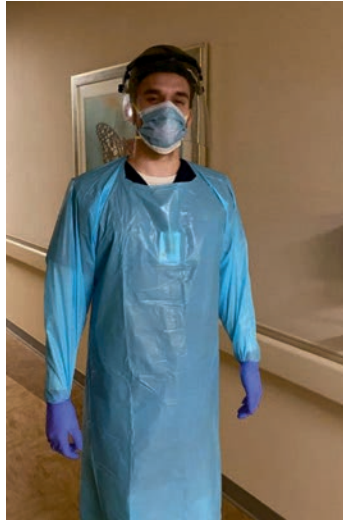
Harrison has worked for Gordon for six years and was previously granted tenure. The Jones County native who lives in Gray teaches third and fourth semester ASN nursing students.

McCarthy, a Missouri native who lives in Barnesville and teaches English composition and introductory and advanced literature courses, has been teaching at Gordon for five years.

Key, an assistant professor, is a Macon+Bibb County native who lives in Lithonia has been working for Gordon's nursing faculty for five years. Key teaches Foundation of Nursing, Pharmacology and Mental Health classes.

HIGHLANDER HEROES

Responding to the needs of communities impacted by the Coronavirus, the Gordon State College department of nursing faculty members, students and alumni helped Georgia's healthcare system combat the spread while serving as essential frontline workers. Dr. Myles Sedgwick, director of the STEM Collaborative Learning Center at Gordon, along with Science Lab Manager Alan Scouten used a face shield design made available by 3D printer manufacturer PRUSA Research. The face shields were made using PolyLite PLA filament and high-end Lulzbot 3D printers for WellStar Spalding Regional, Upson Regional Medical Center, local nursing and long-term healthcare facilities. That's the Power of WE!



THE POWER OF WE!



Creating conversation centered on how Gordon State College and area K-12 school systems can work together to bridge the gap between students leaving high school and entering higher education shaped GSC's The Power of WE: Superintendent's Roundtable. President Nooks called on superintendents within the 14-county primary service region, along with partners in its Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).



Gordon State College First Lady Alison N. Nooks gave back to the community one book at a time by visiting 12 of 14 county schools in the service region. Mrs. Nooks has made it her mission since last year to read to children the same age as her twins, as she follows them through their scholastic journey.



Rock Springs Church Senior Pastor Dr. Benny Tate stressed having a plan and passion can pave a variety possibilities in Gordon State College's inaugural Legacy Lecture in February. World-renowned Pine Forge Academy Choir capped the night showcasing a blend of spiritual and classical songs to a crowd of 385 guests in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

ACADEMIC BUILDING RENOVATION NEARS COMPLETION

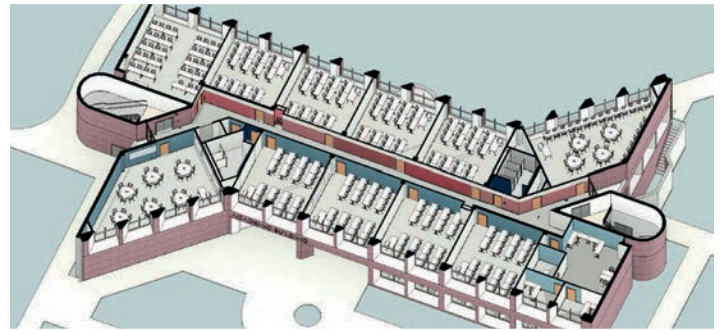
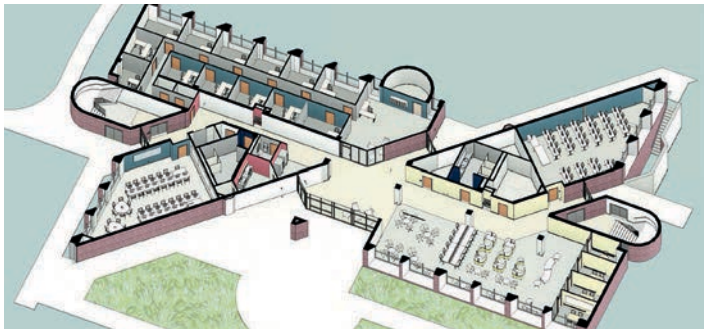
While Gordon State College is preparing for a new academic year, the college will celebrate the re-opening of the newly renovated Academic Building.

Built in 1982, the renovated building features a complete interior modification of both floors and is located on College Drive. The project was designed by Houser Walker Architect. The 28,545 square feet of classroom space, study rooms and collaborative areas were modified by Striker Construction.

Classrooms were reduced from 12 rooms to nine with three classrooms converted into an open-study area and the faculty offices were updated. A portion of

classroom space on the second floor is now a study and student lounge space with underutilized labs converted to larger, more flexible lecture spaces. The interior of the building also received upgrades, including paint, carpet, and lighting. The exterior of the building did not have major alterations. Offices and classes usually held in the Academic Building were relocated during the renovation.

The \$1.6 million project was funded through small capital project funds, allowing students to access new state-of-the-art equipment such as glass boards and flexible tables. The renovation project began on November 1, 2018 and is scheduled to be completed by July of 2020.



TWO SCHOOLS ADOPT NAME CHANGES

Several of the college's academic programs will be realigned into different schools beginning July 1.

The strategic review allowed the academic leadership team an opportunity to explore current department functions to determine current and future effectiveness. Based on this plan, three new schools were formed.

The School of Arts and Sciences is now the School of Business, Liberal Arts, and Social Sciences. The School of Education is now the School of Education, Mathematics, and Applied Sciences. Last year, the School of Nursing was changed to the School of Nursing, Health, and Natural Sciences.

According to Dr. Barry Kicklighter, Dean of the School of Business, Liberal Arts, and Social Sciences, the new name reflects the educational emphasis of the programs and degrees currently offered by the school.

"It is our goal to make the college experience as transparent and attainable as possible to the students in our region," Kicklighter said.

The School of Education, Mathematics, and Applied Sciences Dean Joseph Jones indicated that "it is an exciting time for Gordon as we begin to strengthen our relationships within the community. The restructuring will provide the space for innovative endeavors that will improve our programs and our community."

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. C. Jeffery Knighton spearheaded the realignment through discussion sessions with faculty members to consider options that would assist with the creation of an ideal structure for Gordon State.

Knighton said, "By restructuring our three schools, we will continue to provide innovative and collaborative degree programs that will increase opportunities for our students."



The Student Services Center features a one-stop location for admissions, financial aid and the bursar's office. The 11,271 square-foot building features desktop and laptop computer stations, a waiting room for parents and a meeting room is the newest addition to the Gordon State College campus. It is also the recipient of the University System of Georgia's 2019 Innovation Award in Design.

"We wanted to make the admissions process as seamless as possible for students. To be able to offer admissions, financial aid and a component of the business office literally within steps of each other in a single building allows Gordon State College to do just that," said GSC President Kirk A. Nooks.

"The facilities team has worked diligently with JMA Architecture out of Perry, GA and Benning Construction Company in Atlanta for a one-stop shop for Gordon State College students," said Reggie Hamm, Director of Facilities.

GSC PREPARES NEWEST DEGREE: Bachelor of Science in Health & Wellness

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted in a May meeting to approve Gordon State College's newest bachelor degree. Gordon hopes to start offering classes for the new Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness beginning Spring 2021 Semester, pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Housed in the School of Education, Mathematics and Applied Sciences, the Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness is an interdisciplinary degree program designed to provide students with a solid foundation for a career in health and wellness settings and to prepare for a professional graduate program. The mission of the health and wellness program is to provide high-quality professionals for employment in worksites such as fitness centers, hospitals,

corporations, schools, government, and many other settings in Gordon's primary 14-county delivery areas and throughout the state. This general Health and Wellness degree is designed to provide students with a foundation in basic sciences, health-related sciences, as well as developing knowledge and skills in healthcare delivery systems, health promotion, health education, research, ethical, legal, and cultural issues related to healthcare.

"The approval of the Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness is the culmination of a lot of work by the Health and Physical Education faculty over the past year. We are all very excited about the program, excited for Gordon to have this program and most importantly excited to offer this program for our students," said Jeff White, Professor Health and Physical Education.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



Hannah Rutledge

2020 GSC Outstanding Scholar

Major: English

Graduating: 2021

“I started off small and got more involved as each semester progressed. Faculty are helpful and encourage me to achieve academic excellence.”



Lionel Wallace

Gordon Orientation Leader

Major: Associate of Science in Engineering

Graduating: Spring 2020

“The Highlander community is a family that is small enough where you’re not just another family member, but large enough to where you’re able to meet different kinds of people, and experience different things.”



Kenya Brown

Student Government Association President

Major: Health Information Management

Graduating: 2022

“Being a Highlander means helping my family, being that friend, counselor, sister, and mother whenever I need to be. It also means growing into the greatest woman I can be.”



Shaughne Bedgood

Student Life Student Worker of the Year

Major: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Associate of Science in Business Administration

Graduating: Spring 2024

“I chose Gordon State College because of the 20:1 student to teacher ratio. You’re able to form connections with the professors here and not just be a random name on the roll sheet.”



GORDON DAY AT THE CAPITOL



Highlander Nation including 14 students, seven faculty and staff members along with Gordon State College President Kirk A. Nooks visited the Georgia State Capitol in March for Day at the Capitol to speak with senators and representatives in GSC's 14-county service region. Nooks and several students were later introduced on the Senate Floor with a resolution presented by Senator Marty Harbin (R).



TRUSTEE DAN WHITE ENDOWS LARGEST RECORD GIFT TO GSC FOUNDATION

Eight Scholarships, Roosevelt Lecture Series,
Plus Fine & Performing Arts Series Highlight Landmark Gift



Montrese Adger Fuller, Vice President of Advancement, External Relations and Marketing and Executive Director of the Gordon State College Foundation; Dan White, Donor and GSC Foundation Trustee; Lucinda Dallas, GSC Foundation Chair and President Kirk A. Nooks.

Dan White has maintained a long and close relationship with Gordon State College for many years – primarily as a Trustee on the Gordon State College Foundation, a position he still maintains today, as well as a loyal donor to the institution.

But White recently took his philanthropy to a new level as the Yatesville High School graduate presented a landmark \$255,000 gift to the Gordon State College Foundation at the February 19 GSC Board of Trustees meeting.

The \$255,000 gift, which included an introduction and recognition of White with a standing ovation during the February 19 meeting, will be designated toward a combination of eight endowed scholarships, an endowed lecture series and an endowed Fine & Performing Arts series.

The new endowments will include four Bill and Doris White Endowed Scholarships, four Franklin D. Roosevelt Endowed Scholarships, the Constance

H. Chinery Fine & Performing Arts Endowed Fund in memory of White's aunt, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Lecture Series.

In 2011, White endowed the first scholarship named for his parents, Bill and Doris White, along with the first Roosevelt Scholarship commemorating FDR's speech at Gordon on August 11, 1938 which inaugurated rural electricity in Georgia through the Rural Electrification Association (REA) and Lamar Electric Membership Corporation (EMC).

As the parents of six children, Bill and Doris White raised their family in Yatesville where their children were educated in Upson County schools. White's parents developed a deep respect for all the rural teachers and administrators who made their children's education such a rich and rewarding experience.

In that spirit, the Bill and Doris White Scholarships are targeted to Upson County high school graduates

as a thank you to the citizens of Upson County for the wonderful public education received by their children. White's parents believe in the power of public education ensures that these scholarships will help transform and improve the lives of Upson County students for years to come.

"Dan's leadership and contributions to this institution and community have been outstanding," GSC President Dr. Kirk A. Nooks said. "His generosity speaks to his desire to make a difference within this region. This investment will literally be a gift that keeps on giving."

"We arrived at this moment because of people who built an institution that means so much to so many. Future generations will benefit from this transformational legacy. That is truly the Power of WE!"

White graduated from Georgia Tech. Gordon State College, however, was never far from his mind since other family members attended the college.

Prior to his recent contribution, White has been a generous supporter of the Fine & Performing Arts program and the History program at Gordon State College. He also strongly believes in what the institution means to this region.

"I have seen this institution grow to what it is today, an educational resource for our region," White said. "The personal investment on my part into this institution is to help further its mission regionally and statewide."

"There are many ways to enhance the experience at Gordon, and I encourage others to invest in students whose access to college education is right here. My focus is students from rural areas. It is incredible to see the changes that have occurred here over my lifetime and realize what a treasure it is."

White is the co-founder and director of The Rural Library Project, Inc., a nonprofit organization working with rural municipalities to establish or improve public libraries. He is also a partner and chief financial officer with Passive Solar Design and Construction, Inc.

White also maintains membership on the Roosevelt Warm Springs (Ga.) Advisory Committee and is a volunteer with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Hospice in Atlanta.

"This gift is transformational, and we appreciate the long lasting legacy that Dan White is leaving for the students and programs at Gordon State College for many years to come," said Montrese Adger Fuller, Vice President of Advancement, External Relations

"His generosity speaks to his desire to make a difference within this region. This investment will literally be a gift that keeps on giving."

GSC President Dr. Kirk A. Nooks

and Marketing at GSC and Executive Director of the Gordon State College Foundation.

This is the first Fine and Performing Arts Endowment at Gordon and is a timely response to a need for the program.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Mr. White's gift," said Dr. Ed Whitelock, Department Head for Humanities and Programs in Fine and Performing Arts at Gordon State College. "We are helping students create experiences outside of the classroom that also benefit the arts in our service region."

The GSC Foundation reported \$656,359 in annual giving contributions for 2018-2019, and the GSC Foundation Board achieved 100 percent participation in giving to the college for 2019.



Gordon State College Foundation Trustee Dan White committed \$255,000 to the Foundation, the largest donation in its history, and encouraged others to be generous with their time, talent and treasures.

GORDON STATE COLLEGE LAUNCHES CLUB FOOTBALL

Gordon State College announced in February that it will begin competition in Fall Semester 2020 in the National Club Football Association (NCFA).

Club football is an 11-man, full-contact football league competing at the collegiate level. Unlike traditional intercollegiate sports, however, club teams are not funded by the institution's athletic department.

The GSC club football team will operate under the direction of the Office of Student Life and Recreation. Students interested in participating will pay an annual fee, and the team will also raise money through sponsorships and donations.

"We are extremely excited to be adding club football to Gordon State College," said Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Dr. John Head.

"On many campuses, club sports play an important role in student life by providing a more competitive option than intramurals, but without the cost of the intercollegiate programs. Students have been asking about football for some time, and it is one

of the most requested programming options we have had. Club football is a great option, allowing us to meet the needs of our current students, offer a sport that is of interest to prospective students, and provide an activity that we feel can draw fans from Barnesville and across the region."



Brandon Carter

Brandon Carter has been tapped as head coach. Carter was born and raised in Georgia, and went on to play wide receiver at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Before joining Highlander Nation, Carter spent six years at both the high school and intercollegiate levels honing his coaching skills. Gordon State is excited to have a coach with both passion and experience leading our Highlanders to victory in the seasons to come. Highlanders Forward!

Schedule Information: <http://www.gscathletics.com/sports/clubfootball>

COMING SOON TO GORDON... New mascot to be unveiled ties in history, fresh look on familiar friend

MASCOT noun / mas-cot / `ma-,skät. By definition, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary (and they've been around since 1828, so we trust them), a mascot is "any person, animal or object adopted by a group as a symbolic figure especially to bring them good luck."

Well, that sums up exactly what Gordon State College is bringing to a venue near you soon. But you'll need to take a trip back in time and then march forward with us as the buildup culminates in the new spirit mark and mascot for Highlanders' Athletics.

Gordon's school colors have changed over the different eras of the institution - ranging from red and black to the current blue and white. Gordon has also seen its share of mascots - General, Bulldog and Highlander - that represent the pride and determination of the institution during its storied history. Move ahead to the 21st century and the definition of a mascot can mean someone running

around in an unidentifiable furry green outfit or a college student working for meal money while dressed up as a lion or tiger or bear (oh, my). Either way, the mascot is looked upon as something to bring good luck.

But the modernization of the mascot can probably be described in one word: branding. Branding took off over the past 10 years and has meant everything from how an insurance company distinguishes itself in a competitive marketplace to - yes, that's right - how a mascot is the personification of a school's image. Blend branding with a college mascot and you give the campus, alumni and local community something to rally around and work for the common goal.

So get ready for a ride from Gordon's founding in 1852 right up until the unveiling of the Highlanders' latest and greatest creation in 2020. You're going to like this...

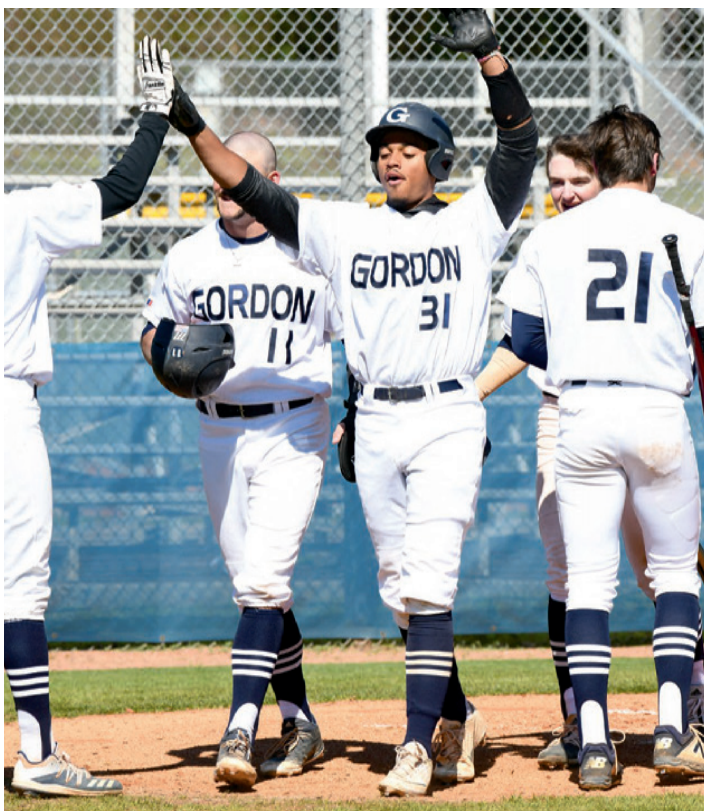


HIGHLANDER ATHLETICS

Gordon State finished the 2019 women's soccer season with a 16-3-2 overall record and champions of the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA)/Region XVII with a 10-0-2 regular-season conference mark. It was GSC's second straight conference/region title. Gordon also earned the right to host the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) Southeast District tournament under Head Coach Scott Henderson.



Gordon's men's basketball season ended in the first round of the GCAA/NJCAA Region XVII tournament as the Highlanders fell to South Georgia State College. GSC, the No. 6 seed in the tournament, finished the season at 9-18 overall and 7-9 in the GCAA under Head Coach Bruce Capers.



As for Spring 2020 athletics, the softball and baseball seasons officially ended on March 16 when the NJCAA cancelled all remaining spring regular-season and postseason competition. For the record, Gordon softball went 9-9 overall and that record may not be met with much fanfare to the casual observer. But a look inside the numbers shows that Head Coach Ally Hattermann's team was starting to hit its collective stride with a squad that started 3-9 and then won six straight games to get to .500 overall in the abbreviated season.

Defending GCAA/Region XVII Champions, the Highlander baseball team had hoped for another shot in the NJCAA National Tournament before the season came to an abrupt halt. Gordon finished with a 16-5 record, including a 10-game win streak, a 9-0 home record, and a 5-2 record versus NJCAA ranked opponents under Interim Head Coach Justin Huff.



ALUMNI WEEKEND

Gordon Military College's Class of 69' Holds Golden Reunion



Left to right: 1st Row: Gail Pennington Taylor, James Anderson, Debbie Owens Moore, Kathy Burnette Martin, **2nd Row:** Sophie Nicholas Blosser, Sandra Loy Steiger, Debbie McCall Keadle, Kay Davis Peddie, **3rd Row:** Jan Newsome McLean, Judy Carreker Garrett, Pamela Collins, Sam Farmer, David Fowlkes, **4th Row:** Vanessa Brown Sizemore, Tony Wilson, Carol Gore Williams, Lamar Sawyer, **5th Row:** Nancy Roberts Ingram, Henry Elliott, Paul Stephen Stewart, Forrest 'Bert' Watson, **6th Row:** Joe Mawhinney, Hoyt Hutcheson, Ron Zellner, David Stallings, Cyree White, Jim Graham, Mike Barron.

Gordon State College welcomed more than 175 alumni and guests back to campus May 3, 4, and 5 for the 2019 annual Alumni Weekend.

The festivities started Friday with registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alumni House on Stafford Avenue.

Registrants reunited with friends, visited the bookstore for Gordon State and Gordon Military College merchandise, and visited the library to enjoy historical displays of items from the archives. A

reception was held in the Hightower Collaborative Learning Center and Library allowing attendees to mix and mingle with Gordon's new president, Dr. Kirk A. Nooks. Later that evening festivities concluded with the Gordon Military College High School Class of 1969 celebrating its Golden Reunion on the fourth floor of the Instructional Complex.

Registration reopened Saturday at 9 and continued through 2 p.m. Lunch was served in the courtyard behind the Alumni House on Stafford Avenue from 11:30 to 1:30. Campus tours were held in the



The Gordon Military High School Class of 1966 presented the first annual Gordon Military Legacy Scholarship .

afternoon. At 4 p.m. a Veteran Roll Call was held at the Military Memorial, led by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Rick Hahn '64-C and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Tommy Torbert '66-HS, '68-C.

Saturday's festivities continued with the Annual Alumni Dinner and Dance in the Student Activity and Recreation Center at 5:30. Music by the band "Junkshun" led by alumnus Jim Graham '69-HS began at 7 p.m. Montrese Adger Fuller was introduced as the new vice-president for advancement, external relations and marketing by Rhonda Toon '74-C.

The weekend's festivities concluded Sunday with the farewell breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. in Highlander Dining Hall. On a survey following the event alumna, Dee Bankston Kitchings '66-HS/'68-C stated, "I

always enjoy connecting with classmates and seeing Gordon grow and prosper!"

ALUMNI WEEKEND — 2020 —

Alumni Weekend including the Golden Reunion for the Class of 1970 was scheduled for mid-April and postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will be rescheduled as CDC guidelines permit.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES BYLAWS

The Gordon State College Alumni Association is dedicated to fostering meaningful relationships with alumni and friends in order to promote the continued growth and welfare of Gordon State College. Our mission is to accomplish these goals through maximizing participation and engagement of alumni.

The Alumni Advisory Board serves as a liaison between alumni and campus. The Board, led by Board Chair, Kathryn Claxton Green, voted to update their bylaws to better serve the Gordon State College community. Article III: Section 4 was updated to show the Advisory Board members' commitment and willingness to give back by stating that all board members will be encouraged to give a minimum donation of \$150 per member. This amount is a small token compared to the impact that each individual has on campus through service to the college.

Article IV: Section 1 was updated to reflect the potential for growth of the board in order to maintain

a membership capacity that can serve a growing Gordon State College community. In this same section, it was determined that eight members will commit to serving for three-year terms to ensure a stable leadership base through transition periods. Section 2 was updated to encourage potential board members to get involved and serve campus before being officially elected to the Advisory Board. It is our stance that no alumni will be prevented from serving Gordon State College in any way, and now our bylaws fully represent that stance.

We sincerely believe that every faculty member, staff member and student that passes through our halls is an alumni of Gordon State College, and is officially a member of the Alumni Association. Each member of the Alumni Association is entitled to both access and opportunity to serve Gordon State College. Together with the Power of WE, our alumni, friends, and campus partners will ensure that Gordon State College remains an institution that proudly provides access to a quality education to all who seek it.

2019 ALUMNI SOFTBALL GAME



It was a great day to be a present or past Highlander. Gordon State College's softball team hosted an Alumni Softball Game. President Nooks took to the mound to throw out the first pitch. Rosters for both teams featured current players rounded out by former standouts. In the dugout: "She's still got it!" "Ouch. I'm gonna hurt tomorrow!"

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



Anthony McCalla

Major: Criminal Justice **Graduated:** 2006

Career: Sargent for the MARTA police department

“At Gordon I learned the difference between leaders and leadership, I felt there was a lot of leadership here at Gordon. I also learned how to be flexible, sometimes you have to go outside your comfort area. Enjoy it. My years at Gordon were some of the best years of my life.”

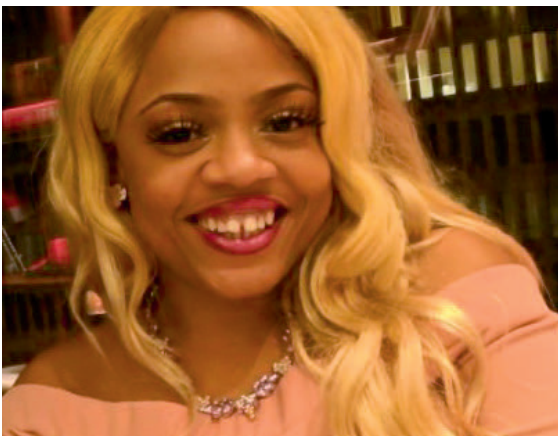


Chuck Copeland

Major: Associate of Arts **Graduated:** 1981

Career: President and CEO of First National Bank of Griffin

“I had two rounds of speech classes with Ms. Baird and what I recall from her classes were developing some confidence and ability to structure my thought processes when it came time to do things like public speaking and improving my communication skills.”

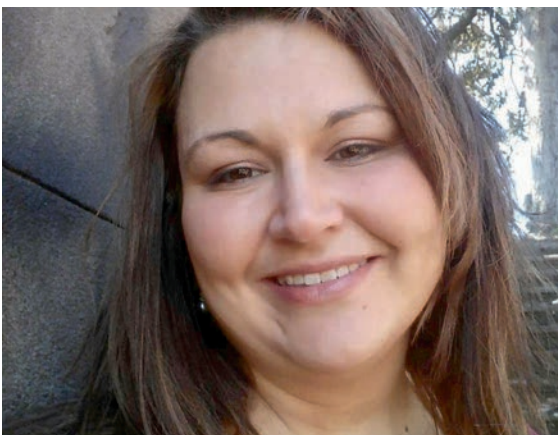


Whitney Bradley

Major: Health Information Management **Graduated:** 2017

Career: Business Analyst at Peach State Health

“I was involved in so many activities and jobs on campus that I truly enjoyed. But to narrow it down to one would be celebrating the chartering of Gordon State College Toastmasters Club and the day we celebrated our dedication towards a goal.”



Torie Claybaugh

Major: Bachelor of Science in Elementary/Special Education

Graduated: 2014

Career: Teacher at Lamar County Primary School

“Gordon is small, but still has a university feel. It feels “homey.” The professors are out of this world and are top notch in each of their respected fields. Anyone would be happy attending Gordon.”

CLASS NOTES

We Want to Hear From You

Whether you attended Gordon when it was a military school or after it became part of the University System of Georgia, The President's Report is a good way for you and your classmates to stay in touch with each other. Even if you attended Gordon for only a semester, you are a part of the Gordon State College family.

Have you been honored, promoted, changed jobs, gotten married, moved or need to share the passing of a classmate? Share your news with Gordon's Alumni Relations Office and have it reported in the Class Notes section in next year's magazine. Send your news to the Alumni Relations Office, Gordon State College, 419 College Drive, Barnesville, Ga., 30204 or e-mail it to alumni@gordonstate.edu, or call 678-359-5739.

Floyd Moye (HS'53) Inducted into the Hall of Honor at the Barnesville Rotary club's annual induction ceremony in June 2019.

Lloyd Bohannon ('63) Inducted into the Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame. A Forsyth native, Bohannon graduated from Mary Persons High School and is a former Griffin High School head football coach, where he coached future NFL stars, Willie Gault and Jessie Tuggle.

John McGarity (HS'64) John and his son, Nathan McGarity, principals for Greensboro City Development, LLC. received the 2019 Renaissance Award from the Georgia Cities Foundation at the Georgia Municipal Association's annual convention. The award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the revitalization of one or more of Georgia's cities.

Neal Cowan ('65) Inducted into the Griffin-Spalding Athletic Hall of Fame. Neal played center and forward on the Griffin High School basketball team from his freshman year in 1959-1960 through his senior year in 1962-1963. Cowan also excelled in baseball at first base for Griffin High in 1961, 1962, and 1963. Neal received both a basketball and a baseball scholarship to Gordon. He played forward on the Gordon basketball team earning All-State honors the 1964-1965 season. He also played first base and pitcher for two years for Gordon and was honored by being named to the Georgia Junior College All-State Team in '64 and again in '65.

Thomas Allegood ('70) Mayor of the city of Acworth recognized by the Marietta Daily Journal and Cobb Chamber of Commerce as the Cobb County Citizen of the Year.

Bob ('72) and Patti (ASN'80) Wright Retired from the Lamar County School System in 2008 and now enjoy traveling, visiting all 50 states and over 20 countries and territories.

Chuck Copeland (AA'81) Elected to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Bankers Association. Copeland is President and Chief Executive Officer of First National Bank of Griffin.

Lynn Akin (AA'87) Teacher at Spalding High School received a \$518.60 grant from Southern Rivers Energy's annual Bright Ideas program for her project, "May the Force(s) be With You!". Using a complex kit of model vehicles, tracks, and obstacles, students will get to experience the concepts of force and motion in real life.

Rhonda McGaha Grubb (AA'93) Finalist for Teacher of the Year in the Griffin-Spalding County School System. Grubb is a teacher at Crescent Elementary School.

Charlie Slaughter ('93) Named to the Griffin-Spalding Athletic Hall of Fame Slaughter helped the Griffin High School Bears baseball team capture the Region 6 AAAA Championship, North Georgia championship and ultimately the State AAAA championship in 1980. In 1981, his senior year, Charlie led the Bears to another AAAA North Georgia championship and received the Golden Glove award and MVP. Charlie was heavily recruited but chose to extend his baseball career at Gordon. Slaughter led the Gordon team in hitting and RBIs in addition to being named All-Tournament, All-Region, and All-Conference in 1982.

Dr. Joseph Jones ('95) Joined the college faculty as Dean of the School of Education.

Lisa Johnson (ASN'96) Promoted to Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for Wellstar Spalding Regional and Sylvan Grove Hospitals.

Patricia A. Allen (AS'97) Appointed to The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Allen will serve a two-year term on the national International Research and Global Exchange Committee. Allen has been the Executive Director of the Thomaston Housing Authority for six years. Prior to obtaining the director's position, she served 14 years with the Barnesville and Jackson Housing Authorities.

Mary Elizabeth Daniel ('98) Received the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Duke University in December 2019. Her DNP Scholarly Project included the creation and implementation of a pain rating scale for Defense Workers and Veterans residing in a short-term physical rehabilitation VA Community Living Center. Dr. Daniel will continue working in primary care with the Veterans Administration.

Nicole Walters (AA'02) The new Family and Consumer Science Agent at Monroe County University of Georgia Extension.

Christy Turner (ASN'07) Celebrated 10 years of service at Drs. Woodall, Wilson & Manley, LLP.

Lisa Trawick Duke (BS'10) Recipient of a \$1,000 Professional Scholarship sponsored by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation. Duke is an educator at Daughtry Elementary School in Jackson. The scholarships are awarded annually to PAGE members pursuing advanced degrees in education who agree to teach in Georgia for three years. Duke is pursuing a specialist's degree in early childhood education.

Rondrikus Fletcher (BS'11) Selected as 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Lamar County Primary School and was named the Lamar County system-wide Teacher of the Year.

Candice Young (BSN'12) Joined Upson Cardiology as a nurse practitioner. Previously she was a charge nurse in the Special Care Unit at Upson Regional Medical Center and a nurse practitioner at McIntosh Trail CSB.

Ashley Dean (BS'14) Graduated Mercer University with a Doctor of Medicine degree and will be studying internal medicine in her residency.

Grace Eke (BSN'14) Joined the staff of Hypertension & Nephrology Consultants in Thomaston as a Nurse Practitioner.

Cody Helms (AS'14) Teacher at Spalding High School received an \$807 grant from Southern Rivers Energy's annual Bright Ideas program for his project, "Getting Our Students on the Right Track!" Students will use a complex cart and track system to better understand the concepts of motion and its forces on moving objects, energy transfer, and collisions.

Andrew Odegaard (BS'14) Graduated Mercer University with a Doctor of Medicine degree and will be studying family medicine in his residency.

Justin Gunnels (BA'15) Selected as 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Lamar County Middle School.

Ornella Oluwole (BS'15) Officially a medical doctor, graduating from Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University and was awarded the Z.W. Gramling Award for outstanding qualities and leadership in the field of anesthesia.

Merry Yvette Chatfield (BS'17) Accepted a position at the Georgia Department of Veterans Service as a Veteran Field Services Officer. She is pursuing a Master of Science in Counseling and plans to continue working with Veterans upon graduation.

Jessica Herndon (BA'17) Accepted a position in the Career Services department at Mercer University School of Law and is pursuing a Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership.

Katherine Odegaard (BS'17) Passed the Comprehensive Examination and has been advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences – Neuroscience. She is conducting her dissertation research in the Yelamanchili Lab in the Department of Anesthesiology.

Daniel Brackett (BS'18) Featured in a Red Cross video. Daniel works as a duty officer sending responders out on calls and as a caseworker following up with clients in the aftermath of a disaster.

Maury Morgan (ASN'18)

Amanda Sowards (BSN'18)

Laura Conn (BSN'19)

Recipients of the Daisy Award which is awarded quarterly at Upson Regional Medical Center. Morgan is a registered nurse in the emergency department. Sowards is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit. Conn works in the Med/Surg Unit. The Daisy Foundation established the Daisy Award in 1999 to honor extraordinary nurses.

Justin Serna (BS'18) Graduated with his Master of Science with an emphasis in genetics from Georgia State University.

IN MEMORIAM

David C. Bankston (HS'65) April 24, 2020

Eddie Freeman (C) April 20, 2020

Barbara Sanders Krieg (HS'67, C'69) April 9, 2020

Roxie Williams Peugh (HS'61) March 27, 2020

Julia Ann Stewart Mote (HS'67, C'69) March 16, 2020

Charles T. Timmons, Jr. (C'69) March 6, 2020

Ollie "Tootsie" Collins Manry (HS'45) February 24, 2020

Shea Foster Lindsey (C'96) February 16, 2020

John L. Harrell (HS'64, C'66) February 16, 2020

Linda Sue Setzer Manning (HS'66) January 23, 2020

Jennie Wicker Weill* January 2, 2020

(*Wife of former president Larry Weill)

Forrest E. "Chip" Aultman, Jr. (HS'70) January 1, 2020

Victoria Sanvidge Bohan (C'89) December 23, 2019

James C. "Buddy" Waller (HS'61) December 23, 2019

Sidney E. Jennette, Jr.* December 7, 2019

(*Foundation Trustee Emeritus)

Terrill R. Bankston (HS'69) December 13, 2019

George Bugg (HS'53, C'55) October 20, 2019

Thomas J. Van Houten (HS'56, C'58) September 8, 2019

Robert B. Chandler (HS'70) August 4, 2019

Donna Tyson Kendrick (C'86) August 2, 2019

Billie Holley McCarley (HS'42) July 29, 2019

Laura Mae Harris Harrison* (HS'64) July 9, 2019

(*Daughter of former president, Col. C.T.B. Harris)

Sara Louise Harper Mathews (HS'65) June 27, 2019

Dewayne R. Frost (HS'69) June 25, 2019

James Dawkins (C'46) June 24, 2019

Dr. Mark King* June 9, 2019

(*Professor of English)

Dexter B. Dickens (HS'43) June 9, 2019

LTC Joseph C. Boggs (HS'49, C'50) June 5, 2019

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Robert Kendrick Grant (C'60) April 28, 2019

William C. "Billy" Jackson (HS'55) April 6, 2019

John Anderson Sims (HS'72) March 9, 2019

Reba Mangham (HS'37) March 4, 2019

Robert Travis Broski (C'05) March 3, 2019

Cassandra L. Dansby* February 21, 2019

(*Assistant Professor of Nursing)

Col. Thomas R. Williams, Jr. (HS'57 C'59) February 7, 2019

Rennie Owen Sullivan (HS'64) February 3, 2019

Debbie Ward Shannon (HS'68) January 16, 2019

Robert P. Hanner, Sr. (HS'63) January 2, 2019

FOUNDATION



Gordon State College's Academic Year 2019-2020 can best be characterized as a year of collaboration and change. The Gordon State College Foundation set and met aggressive goals for growth in leadership, finances and personal engagement.

Collaborative efforts produced a strong strategic plan and the plan set the tone for the inaugural year of larger roles for our Trustees. For the first time, Trustees joined and led in student training, campus events, staff training and academic roles. Foundation Trustees are now deeply engaged in the campus community and personally know GSC students and their needs. Whether helping students and families on move-in day, participating in seminars on leadership lessons, or visiting classes as guest speakers, Gordon State College Trustees are making contributions beyond their meetings and gifts.

To accomplish, the Foundation changed its bylaws to reflect a more contemporary organization. Next, each Trustee has one or more committee assignments and the entire Board receives regular educational updates at meetings. The Foundation remade its giving goals and achieved 100% in Trustee giving. GSC also received the largest individual gift in the college's history to date.

When the COVID-19 threat emerged, the Foundation rallied and continued its work in progress via virtual conferences and meetings.

This year will be remembered as a landmark year in both College and Foundation history. All of the accomplishments are the result of many individuals joining in the common effort to make positive change and to meet strong goals. It has been an exceptional year.

Lucinda Dallas,
GSC Foundation Chair

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3,495



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American Indian or Alaskan Native | 0%

Asian | 1%

Black or African American | 39%

Hispanic or Latino | 5%

White | 51%

Two or More Races | 3%

Unknown | 1%

1,368

Cumulative Jobs
Generated

27

Degrees Offered

\$137M

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100+

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9/26	Champion Prep Academy	2:00pm
10/3	@ Ole Miss	2:00pm
10/10	University of Ft. Lauderdale	7:00pm
10/17	@Snow College	TBD
10/24	McDougle Tech. Inst. (MTI) Prep Academy	7:00pm
10/31	@ASA Miami	1:00pm
11/7	Columbus State (Homecoming)	4:00pm