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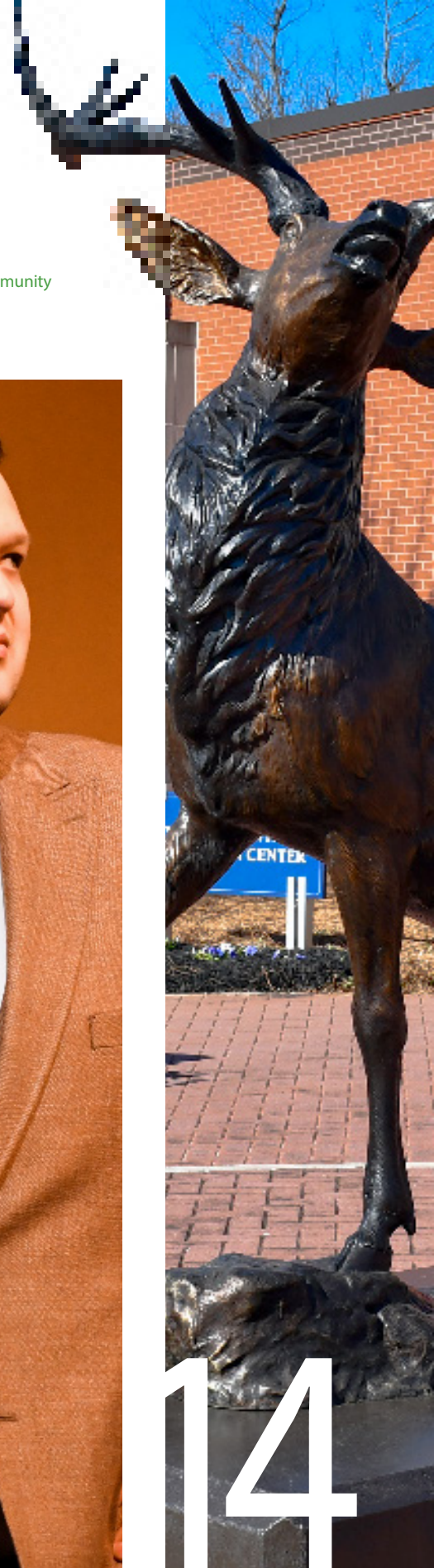
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We have endured significant challenges these past two years. Nonetheless, Highlander Nation triumphed and continued to move forward with passion and dedication aligning with our strategic plan, "Building the Power of WE!"

The challenges that came forth provided a platform to equally recognize the opportunities ahead and celebrate our accomplishments first. At a time where we needed to come together to move forward, that is exactly what Gordon State College did. This is why we continue to rank and remain one of the leading state colleges in the region and throughout Georgia.

Please enjoy this edition of the President's Report as it will share an unforgettable journey of achievements and milestones made by the college. Together with faculty, staff, students, and community partners, Gordon State College can continue to push forward and nurture a vibrant college where rewards come in diverse ways.

Highlanders Forward!

DR. KIRK A. NOOKS
Gordon State College President

STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

“Utilizing the ‘Power of WE,’ Highlander Nation has contributed to a year of many successes. We are eager to expand on these achievements and continue to foster excellence within our institution.”

Dr. Kirk A. Nooks
Gordon State College President

On March 31, Gordon State College President, Dr. Kirk A. Nooks delivered the institution’s third annual State of the College address.

Nooks first focused his address on providing updates and the progress of the institution’s five-year (2019-2024) strategic plan, Building the Power of WE. Its initial imperative task included strengthening a collaborative culture among faculty, staff and students by increasing internal communication efforts, building institutional capacity in key areas such as human capital, financial, physical resources and celebrating excellence across campus.

This year, GSC continues to rank and remain one of the leading state colleges in the region and throughout the state of Georgia. Regarding the economic impact, GSC has contributed more than \$129 million to the economy and provided over 1,088 jobs. In fall of 2021, GSC led the state college sector in dual enrollment with 541 students. Gordon has the largest dual enrollment population among the nine state colleges for fall and spring semesters. Gordon also reported the smallest enrollment decrease in the state college sector with only a -4% change.

Nooks continued the subject by announcing GSC experienced another record summer head count. Over the last six years, GSC had

an enrollment count hovering in the mid to high 800s. In 2018, the enrollment was over 945 students. In summer of 2020, amid the global pandemic, GSC had a record high head count of 1,006 students. In summer of 2021, GSC eclipsed previous year’s enrollment by an increase of 0.6% with 1,012 students.

In highlighting programs, facilities and ideas that set GSC apart, Nooks addressed that in 2021, GSC launched its first Nexus degree in film production while joining the eMajor consortium for the Bachelor of Science in criminal justice. Currently, 11 students are pursuing their bachelor’s in criminal justice and 62 students are completing their associate courses. Bachelor of Science in health and wellness also launched with 35 students pursuing their degree while 28 students are completing their associate courses. The full launch of the Nexus degree will take affect this August 2022, however eight students are already enrolled in courses through the Georgia Film Academy.

Surrounding GSC’s goal of its second strategic imperative, its focus is to promote student excellence throughout their academic journey. Under the first objective was the implementation of a comprehensive Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) plan. GSC continues to increase awareness that the institution

offers more than only associate degrees with an aim to have 70% of GSC students pursuing their baccalaureate degrees. Nooks announced that overall, year after year, GSC has successfully increased the percentage of students earning their bachelor’s degree.

Under the third objective of the second strategic imperative, GSC focused on designing an educational experience that supports the USG’s Momentum Approach and national success measures.

Nooks noted the last two years have reminded many that the heart of each student is just as important as their mind. With this, Nooks announced GSC received the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund grant in the amount of \$36,260 towards the USG’s Mental Health Initiative (MHI) for students. As a result of this support system, students have been able to continue their path and finish what they started. This is supported by the increase in number of degrees conferred. In 2019-2020, a total of 535 degrees were conferred while in 2020-2021, 574 degrees were conferred. This presents a record 7.2% increase.

For the third consecutive year, GSC increased the retention of first-time full-time students. In 2018, the retention rate was at 53.5% and in 2019, retention rate increased to 55.9%.

In fall 2020, the retention rate increased again to 58.9%.

Nooks touched base on an example of likeminded partners seeking to chart a different path forward. The project is known as the Community Innovation Campus with Henry County schools and Piedmont Henry. Another partnership includes a dual enrollment to Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) articulation to increase nursing pipeline.

“With the shared objective of a tailored high school curriculum coupled with paid in-field work-based experience so that students graduate high school with associate-level credentials, an employment offer, and a path to completing a baccalaureate; the partners are focused on making this educational experience a reality this coming fall,” Nooks said.

As a reminder, two additional partnerships with Georgia College and State University and Southern Crescent Technical College were signed into articulation.

Objective 6 from the third strategic imperative is dedicated to the Foundation Board and how they built philanthropic capacity to assist the institution with achieving its goals. Last year, the Foundation Board made a historic \$100,000 investment. This year, they have doubled by investing \$200,000 that will fund scholarships for dual enrollment, recruitment, provide additional retention support through peer-to-peer tutoring and support for the athletic program.

The Foundation Board made a commitment to model the way for philanthropic leadership. They accomplished that with a 3-year average of 95.5% participation.

Over the last four academic years, GSC has seen a continued increase in the participation of faculty and staff giving during the Annual Giving Campaign. This annual campaign year, Gordon reached a record high of 82.1% of our faculty and staff giving back over \$21,000 to the institution.

Keeping on the subject, GSC Inaugural Day of Giving on March 30, 2021, surpassed its goal of \$15,000 and received \$54,000. This year’s Day of Giving on March 30, GSC has surpassed its goal for the second year in a row. With a goal of \$25,000, GSC raised over \$66,550.

In combination of all the philanthropic donations, GSC has a total amount of \$1,073,131 in contributions over the last two years.

Nooks concluded the event by addressing the institution’s final objective from its strategic imperatives which confirms the commitment in developing meaningful and productive relationships with employers throughout the 14-county primary service region. Recently, the institution’s career services department provided its students

with a platform called Handshake. It’s a career management system that connects students with open positions from internships to entry level jobs. In 2021, 73 students established profiles and 606 jobs were posted. This year, 321 students have established profiles while a record breaking 7,200 jobs were posted.

Nooks announced lastly that in the coming months, new partnerships with large employers from the 14-county region footprint will be established.



COMMENCEMENT



On May 13, Gordon State College held its spring commencement on Lambdin Green for the first time since 2019. The day consisted of two ceremonies split between three schools with a total of 252 graduates and 264 total degrees recognized for their baccalaureate and associate.

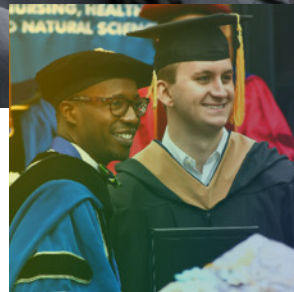
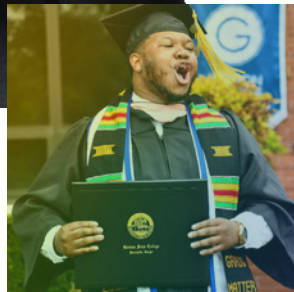
"We celebrate our Highlanders on an impeccable milestone," said GSC President Dr. Kirk A. Nooks. "Spring 2022 graduates, you represent inspiring evidence of the wisdom you achieved, and the full meaning of Highlanders Forward!"

Keynote speakers included Tiffney T. Laing, a former college educator and the founder of Bevy & Dave and Dr. Curtis Jones, an educator with more than 20 years of experience and 2019 Georgia Superintendent of the Year.

After the commencement ceremonies concluded, two additional ceremonies took place. The first being the presentation of the Book and Bell for all education graduates and the second ceremony being the Nursing Pinning for the Bachelor of Science in nursing graduates.

Congratulations, Highlanders!





FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Calvin Adams, Coordinator of Recreation, Intramurals and Club Sports, was awarded the New Professional at a Two-Year College Award with the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Commission for Two-Year Colleges

Dr. Samantha Bishop, Director and Professor of Nursing, was an expert content reviewer for two field textbooks, served on the RN2BSN USG Collaborative Course Development Team and was a member of the 2022 cohort of the Executive Leadership Institute

Alison Boddie, Mental Health Counselor, earned a Certified Professional Counseling License

Heather Brooker, Assistant Professor of Nursing, earned a Master of Science in Nursing at Columbus State University

Dr. Tonya R. Coleman, Director of Housing and Residence Life, was a member of the 2022 cohort of the Executive Leadership Institute

Angiah L. Davis, Director of Library Services, and Shalanna Banks, Admissions Operations Coordinator, graduated from the 2021-2022 Leadership Lamar cohort

Bob Detamore, Lecturer of Art, created a graphite pencil drawing entitled "The Tree of Knowledge" which was featured in the Metro Montage XXI juried exhibition organized by the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art

Dr. Amanda Duffus, Professor of Biology, serves as president for the Georgia Academy of Sciences and was elected to the Southeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation steering committee

Dr. Christy Flatt, Professor of Sociology, was elected as Georgia Sociological Association Member at Large and was the recipient of the 2021 Meritorious Service Award

Montrese Adger Fuller, Vice President of Advancement, External Relations and Marketing, was named to the 2022 American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI)

Dr. David Janssen, Professor of English; Dr. C. Jeffery Knighton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Steve Raynie, Professor of English; Dr. Ed Whitelock, Department Head of Humanities and Fine & Performing Arts and Professor of English; Dr. Amanda Duffus, Professor of Biology; Dr. Jessica Traylor, Assistant Professor of Psychology; and Dr. Brienne McDaniel, Director of Student Life and Recreation; presented The EDGE-ucation Manual: A Model of Student Success at Gordon State College at the 46th Annual Conference of the National Organization for Student Success (NOSS)

Dr. Inez Jones, Assistant Professor of Biology, presented "Learning while healing: Best practices based on neuroscience for teaching veteran students impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder" at the 52nd Annual Society for Neuroscience Conference

Dr. Erik McCarthy, Associate Professor of English, served as Book Review Editor for the peer-reviewed journal New Perspectives on the Eighteenth Century

Dr. Tonya Y. Moore, Director of Career Services and Athletics, was named to the Class of 2022 Leadership Macon cohort

Dr. Caesar Perkowski, Professor of English, earned a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Georgia State University

Dr. Stephen Powers, professor of English, began a writing residency at the Salmon Bookshop & Literary Centre in Ennistymon, Ireland

Dr. Matthew Robison, Dean of Students, was a member of the 2021-2022 Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education Fellowship Program

Dr. Richard Schmude, Professor of Chemistry, serves as Vice President for the Georgia Academy of Sciences

Bryan Stephens, Vice President of Finance and Administration, joined Atlanta area CFOs and finance leaders at CFO Atlanta

Dr. Jessica Traylor, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was awarded the Taylor Willingham Legacy Grant from the National Issues Forum Institute, completed a \$26,400 Affordable Learning Georgia grant for PSYC 1101 and hosted the first Service-Learning Symposium

Ryran Traylor, Lecturer of HIM and Business, was nominated for Leadership G

Dr. Marwan Zabdawi, Professor of Mathematics, served as GSC representative for the USG SCIE Council on the Middle East

2021-2022 Retirees: Dr. Peter Boltz, Dr. Neil Boumanpani, Dr. Jason G. Horn, Britt Lifsey, Dr. Joseph Mayo, Brenda J. Rutherford, Rhonda Shehee and Kenneth Tribbey





**GSC CELEBRATES
12 FACULTY ON
PROMOTION, TENURE**

Gordon State College celebrated 12 of its faculty who were promoted and/or tenured on April 27 at the courtyard of the GSC Alumni House.

The in-person ceremony included recipients from last year that could not be celebrated due to COVID-19.

Effective Aug. 1, 2022, the following GSC faculty have received a promotion and/or tenure:

- Ally Hatterman
Promoted to professor
- Dr. Brent Johnson
Awarded tenure
- Dr. Jane-Marie McKinney
Awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor
- Dr. Cori Newton
Awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor

**FOUNDATION
AWARDS**



Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) Director, Dr. Anna Dunlap Higgins-Harrell was the recipient of the GSC Foundation Faculty Award. A statement from a colleague's nomination of Higgins-Harrell said, "On campus, she is affectionately known as Mama Higgins-Harrell. She makes all students, faculty, and staff feel warm and welcome. She hosts 'Wine Down Wednesday' during the semester where faculty can connect with each other, learn about best practices for teaching and learning, and more."

A statement from another colleague nomination said Higgins-

Harrell was instrumental in the idea of creating a special edition e-Book to have faculty share their research with the GSC community when the Teaching Matters Conference was cancelled.

Instructional Designer, Autumn Schaffer Moore was the recipient of the GSC Foundation Staff Award. A statement from a colleague's nomination of Moore said, "She consistently completes tasks that are 'outside of her job description.' For example, she spends a great amount of time advising students and creating schedules for the new students during New Student Orientation. Her dedication to our students is remarkable."

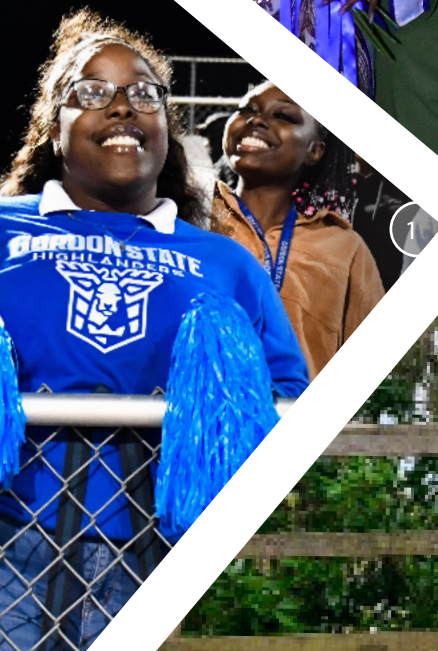
A statement from another colleague nomination for Moore said, "Autumn was instrumental in Gordon's successful pivot to remote operations and online teaching in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She developed 'Highlander Trails-Learning to Teach Online,' a program to prepare faculty to teach online courses."

**TEACHING MATTERS
CONFERENCE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY**

Gordon State College hosted the 20th anniversary of its annual Teaching Matters conference on March 10 and March 11.

Teaching Matters is an interdisciplinary teaching and learning Higher Ed conference hosted by GSC at the Barnesville campus. Individual presentations, panel sessions, workshops and posters focus on innovative and creative pedagogical methods, issues surrounding teaching and learning and educational theories.

The event consisted of 29 presentation sessions, a poster session with a dozen entries and a keynote address. Nearly 80 presenters represented dozens of institutions out-of-state and across Georgia. Members from several HBCUs presented such as Fort Valley State University and Albany State University.





YEAR IN REVIEW

There was no better way to jump-start the new academic year than with Homecoming festivities (1) including the inaugural Highlanders Homecoming Sportsfest and club football game.

Fine and Performing Arts provided satirical entertainment with two productions (2) including *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*.

Highlanders had the opportunity to embark on off-campus adventures including a visit to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights (3) in honor of Black History Month and EarthWindFire, GSC's science club, returned to Cumberland Island (4) revamping their long-standing annual trip after three years.

GSA presidents from USG's 26 institutions visited GSC for networking opportunities as well as team building activities with a special visit from Chancellor Sonny

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Perdue.



EDUCATION ECOSYSTEM SUMMIT

“The work accomplished, over the two-day summit, will contribute to meeting the milestones of ensuring our students have the support and resources needed to continue their education journey.”

Dr. Kirk A. Nooks

Gordon State College President

On September 14 and 16, Gordon State College in collaboration with the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education (GPEE) hosted an Education Ecosystem Summit.

Counties represented at the summit included Butts, Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Griffin-Spalding, Henry, Lamar, Macon-Bibb, Meriwether, Monroe, Newton, Pike and Upson.

Dr. Dana Rickman, GPEE president, opened the event with a discussion about continuing to enhance and improve the college going-rate of students within the 14-county primary service region.

“The pandemic has dealt a blow to Georgia’s economy and accelerated

concerning trends in the workforce pipeline. With technology and automation displacing low-skill workers at a rapid pace, there is no doubt Georgia needs more students to receive and complete post-secondary training to meet workforce needs. We are proud to partner with Gordon as it recognizes the magnitude and urgency of these challenges and has assumed a leading role in crafting a regional plan to support their students. They are exhibiting the kind of leadership we need to ensure Georgia weathers this storm and remains the number one state to do business,” Rickman said.

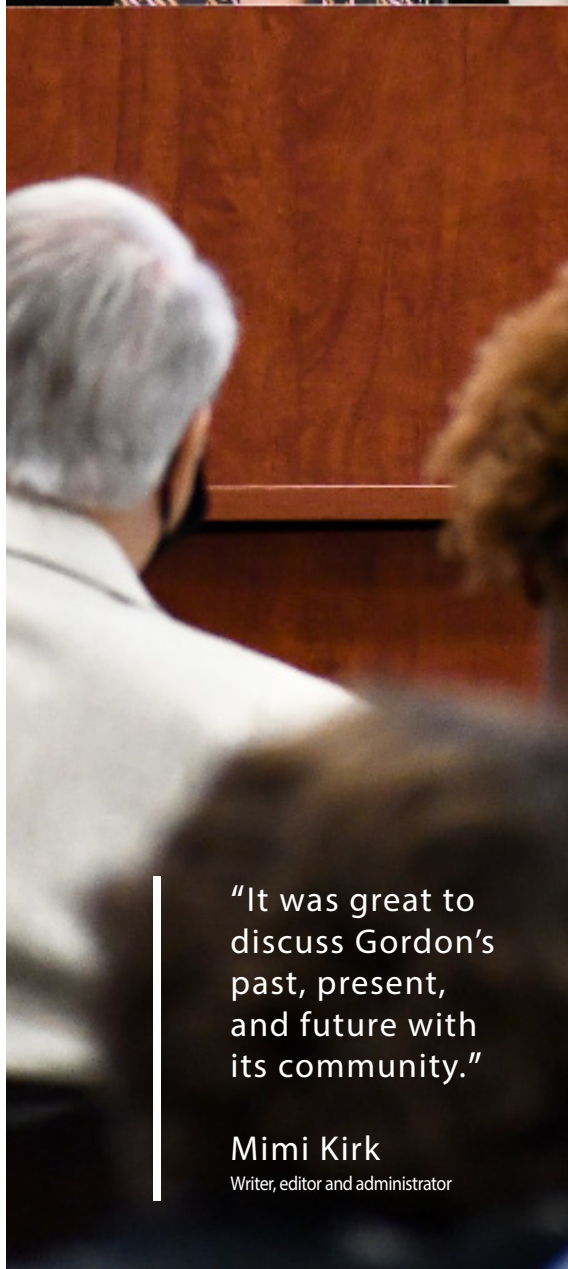
Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, GSC president led as the presenter for the remainder of the event which

included an hour-long strategy discussion from the district team panel.

“An aspiration of our strategic plan, ‘Building the Power of WE,’ became a reality today. I am proud of the commitment made by our institution, K12 partners and local community leaders. The Education Ecosystem Summit provided a space for the ‘WE’ to come together and renew relationships that will demonstrate a desire to increase the college-going rate. The work accomplished, over the two-day summit, will contribute to meeting the milestones of ensuring our students have the support and resources needed to continue their education journey,” Nooks said.



The award-winning male choral group, The Singing Brothers of Stilwell, captured the audience with their musical talents



3rd ANNUAL

LEGACY LECTURE

On February 22, Gordon State College hosted its Third Annual Legacy Lecture with featured guest speaker Mimi Kirk and special musical performance by the Singing Brothers of Stilwell.

"I'm honored to have given Gordon's Third Annual Legacy Lecture. As a descendant of General John B. Gordon, for whom the college is named, it was great to discuss Gordon's past, present, and future with its community," said Kirk, a writer, editor and administrator based in Washington, D.C.

GSC annual legacy lectures has a mission to bring the community and campus together for an evening of music, reflection and everlasting legacy.

"This year's Legacy Lecture continues to elevate the vision for the program. Ms. Mimi Kirk has a national impact with a local tie. In addition, the well-recognized voices of the Singing Brothers of Stilwell certainly made the evening most memorable. We are delighted to make this level of programming available to faculty, staff, students and our community," said GSC President, Dr. Kirk A. Nooks.

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Mimi Kirk

Writer, editor and administrator



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

PEDRO GASPARDO

International Student | Management and Administration | 2023

"As an international student, my experience here at Gordon could not have been greater. I have always felt welcomed and included from the very beginning. I hope other students are as proud as I am of being a GSC Highlander."

EMMA MIXON

Student Honors Council President | Biology and Foreign Language | 2022

"I am thankful to Gordon, and all the people within it, for the opportunities it has given me and the relationships I have made here. I could not have asked for more from an institution"

TELISA KELLY-PEAVY

Adult Learner | Psychology | 2022

"I was scared, nervous and somewhat clueless about attending college after being out of school for twenty years. However, I was determined to persevere and finish what I had started. Now, I have graduated with my associate degree in psychology and will begin working towards my Bachelor of Science in nursing this fall."

ELIJAH CLEMMONS

Toastmasters President | Human Services | 2023

"A small college community like Gordon's makes you feel loved and like you belong. The professors know you by name and truly wish to see you succeed. The Highlander community took me in with open arms and gave me the opportunity to make an impact. I hope to do my part in making others feel welcomed in the same way."



GSC students have the opportunity to gain professional experience and training at the GFA for the Nexus degree in film production

SUCCESS OF NEW

ACADEMIC DEGREES

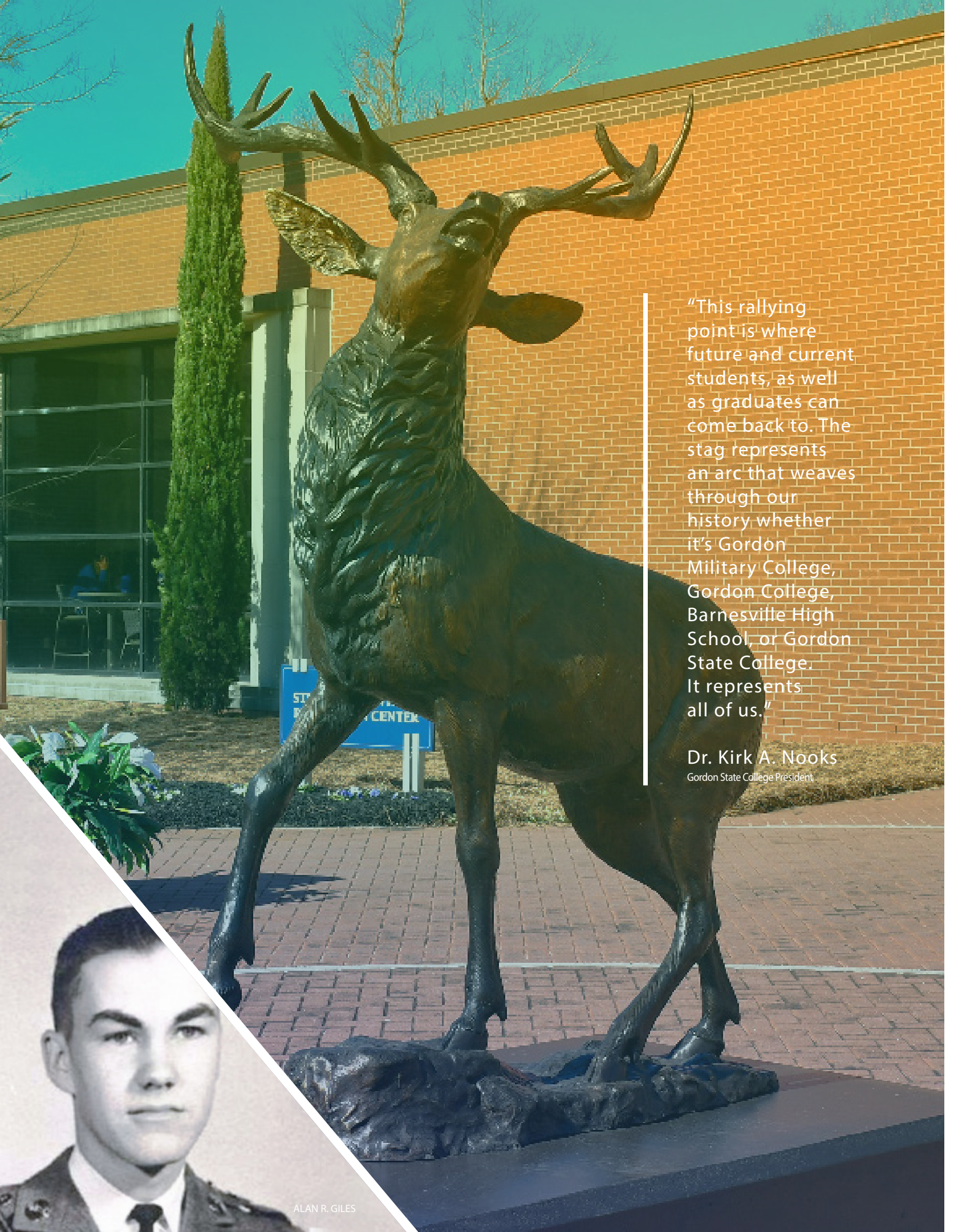
Last academic year, The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia gave Gordon State College the green light to begin the process of offering two new degrees: a Nexus degree in film production and a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice through the USG's eMajor. The process was successfully completed with an additional academic program approved, a Bachelor of Science in health and wellness.

Students showed great interest and took advantage of the new opportunities. Eleven students pursued their bachelor's in criminal justice while 62 students worked on completing their associate courses.

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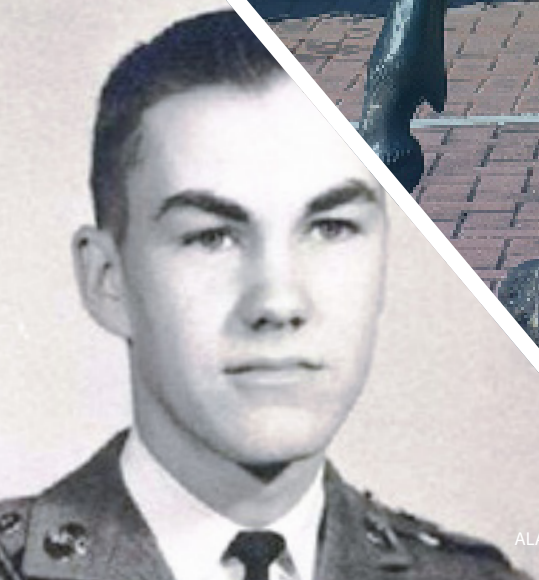
GSC also established a partnership with Fulton County Schools to provide paraprofessionals an opportunity in completing the requirements to become a certified teacher in the state of Georgia. The Parapro-to-Teacher track leads to a Bachelor of Science in elementary education. With this degree,

graduates are able to complete the GACE test in elementary education/special education general curriculum to gain initial certification from the Georgia Professional Standards Commissions. As of spring 2022, GSC received 46 names from the district. All students are required to complete certain pre-courses before being accepted and starting the elementary education program. Gordon is working on admitting those to the college to complete pre-courses. Thirty-five have been admitted so far into the program for the fall semester of 2022. As of May 13, 2022, eight paraprofessionals graduated and 15 paraprofessionals are set to graduate in May of 2023.



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Dr. Kirk A. Nooks
Gordon State College President



ALAN R. GILES

ALAN R. GILES MEMORIAL STAG STATUE UNVEILING

On February 15, Gordon State College hosted the unveiling ceremony of the Alan R. Giles Memorial Stag statue.

GSC Vice President of Advancement, External Relations and Marketing Montrese Adger Fuller opened the ceremony by thanking Angela Giles and her late husband, Alan Giles for leaving such “a wonderful legacy and addition to the campus that will be here for many years to come.”

Alan Giles was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1942 and graduated from Gordon Military College. He was a boarding school cadet and a member of the Alumni Class of 1960. “We call Gordon a home. His friends all came from here,” Angela Giles said. “Gordon meant so much to him.”

Alan and Angela Giles have been loyal donors to GSC for many years. They had plans in place to provide the College with a bequest gift while completing their estate planning. This gift was received by GSC where the proposal to build a large stag statue as a legacy in the name of Alan Giles came to fruition.

“We’re here today to honor a good man. He was the best man that I ever knew,” Angela Giles said. “We’re here to honor him and this dedication of the stag. It’s gorgeous and takes your breath away.”

An engraved plaque sits prominently in front of the statue that displays Alan Giles’ class year along with his favorite quote, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, GSC president, gave a warm welcome and introduced Kierra Cooper-Williams, GSC student government association president, where she explained the origin of GSC mascots that led to its current spirit mark, the stag.

GSC’s name and mascot have changed over the years. Before 1980, the athletic teams at Gordon were the Bulldogs. Through the mid-1980, Gordon’s athletic teams were known as the Generals and the Wolves. The athletic teams became the Highlanders in 1995.

In August of 2020, GSC revealed the new symbol of strength, pride and the Power of WE theme that would guide the institution’s progress for years to come. The stag, transformed into a spirit mark, is a nod to Gordon’s rich history and represents the dedication to excellence in academics, inclusion and commitment of the mission.

“To me, this stag represents an arc that weaves through our history whether it’s Gordon Military College, Gordon College, Barnesville High School, or Gordon State College. It represents all of us,” Nooks said.

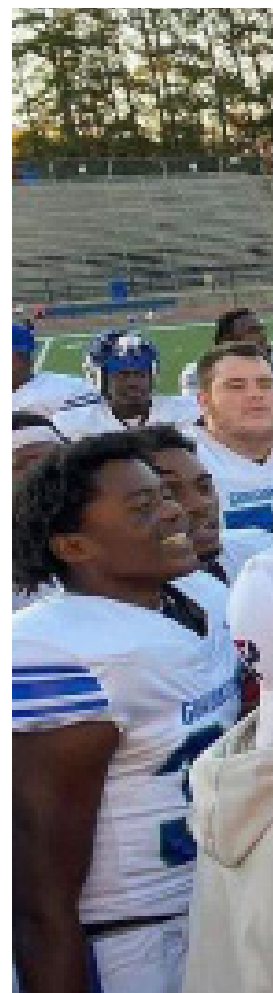
The concept came from the historic Gordon Highlanders, who were a line infantry regiment of the British Army that existed for 113 years after two Scottish Regiments merged in 1881. They wore a crest with a stag and the motto “Bydand,” which means “Stand and Fight.”

“When I came to Gordon, it was clear we needed a rallying area,” Nooks said. “This rallying point is where future and current students, as well as graduates can come back to. They have a spot to say this is where it started, this is where it ended, and this is what gives us energy and that rallying cry of Highlanders Forward.”



Roger Shannon (HS '60-C '62), Julianne Boyle Shannon (HS '60-C '62), Yvonne Cooper Melvin (HS '60-C '62), Harvey Melvin (HS '60-C '62), and Angela Giles

ATHLETICS



The Highlander Baseball team finished the 2022 season with a 22-26 record and earned a GCAA Conference Tournament berth. Bryant Olson and Daniel Haab were named to the GCAA All-Tournament Team.

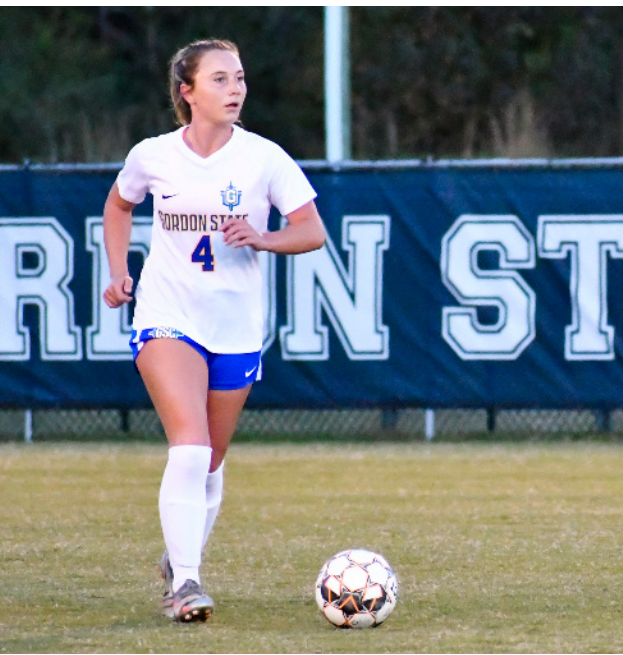
The Highlander Softball team compiled a 24-19 record and earned their spot as the number two seed going into GCAA Conference Tournament. Four players were named to the NJCAA All-Region Team including Kinsey Jones, Kylee Housman, Chandler Mitchell, and Cayla Bishop. Bishop was also named the GCAA Player of the Year.

The Highlander Soccer team posted a 10-3-3 record and made their fifth consecutive appearance in the GCAA Conference Finals. Five players were named to the GCAA All-Region Teams including Anaiah Rasool, Kira Goodwin, Adriana Duque, Chelsie Moore, Lourdes Tompkins, and Sophia Kotopka.

The Highlander Basketball team posted a 9-20 season record and earned a spot in the GCAA Conference Tournament quarterfinals.

Club golf and volleyball are joining the athletic lineup in fall 2022!





The Gordon State College club football team claimed the National Club Football Association (NCFA) South Atlantic Conference title after a 32-20 defeat over Columbus State University on November 13.

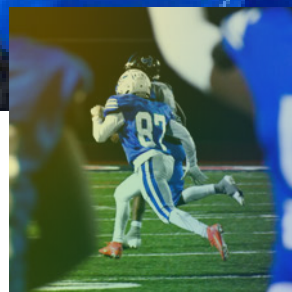


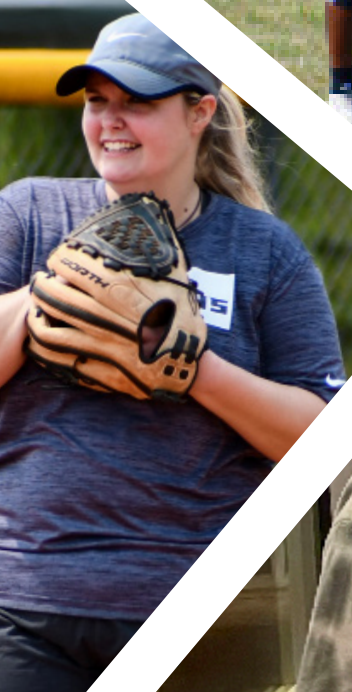
The club football team celebrates their NCF South Atlantic Conference Championship

Building on the success of their inaugural season, the Highlanders took the field by storm during their nine-game season. The Highlanders had an overall 7-2 season with a conference record of 3-1.

Under Head Coach Kevin Adkins' leadership, GSC's football program has continued to promote and nurture good sportsmanship, healthy athletic competition and strong academic achievement.

"Our team has displayed the Highlander EDGE both on and off the playing field, and I am very excited that we have assisted the athletes in succeeding academically and winning the South Atlantic Conference Title," Adkins said.







ALUMNI NEWS

Gordon State College Alumni kept in touch during various social events throughout the year including a get together for conversations, laughter, and dinner at Toco Mac (1) in McDonough and an action-packed return to the field for past athletes at the inaugural alumni soccer game (2) as well as the inaugural alumni softball game (3). Special reunions brought back fond memories among the alumni at the nursing reunion (4) as well as the Toastmasters president's homecoming reunion (5).

There is greater fun to be had so keep an eye out on the following upcoming 2022 alumni events!

- July 30: Gordon Grammar School Reunion
- September 30 - October 1: Alumni Weekend
- November 10 - 13: Jekyll Island Alumni Event

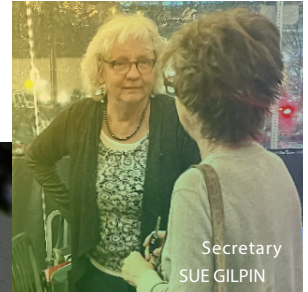
Watch our social media pages and alumni newsletter to see all the alumni latest and to know when we are headed to your area with more regional alumni socials!



Chair
CECIL McDANIEL



Vice-chair
ANTHONY McCALLA



Secretary
SUE GILPIN



Kathryn Claxton Green encouraged our spring graduating Highlanders to take part in limitless opportunities as new members of the alumni family

ALUMNI BOARD

The Gordon State College Alumni Board continues to build authentic relationships and deliver unique values within the campus and community.

Throughout the year, the Board launched its series of regional alumni social events to engage and connect GSC alumni from all eras and helped raise over \$66,000 during the Annual Day of Giving to support GSC and its students. They ensured planning continues for Alumni Weekend events and the 1970, 1971, and 1972 Golden Year Reunions which were disrupted by the pandemic.

Many thanks go out to Kathryn Claxton Green for her years of service on the Alumni Executive Board. She served as secretary, vice-chair, and two terms as chair. Green has kept Gordon, its students, and alumni at the forefront of every initiative that she led over seven years. She has elected to stay on and continue to serve as a general member of the Board.

In the fall, Cecil McDaniel will serve as chair of the Board, Anthony McCalla will serve as vice-chair, and Sue Gilpin will serve as secretary. The incoming executive committee hold invaluable expertise that will engage and strengthen our alumni base.

Gordon is accepting nominations to serve on the Board. For more information, please email alumni@gordonstate.edu.

2021-22
ALUMNI BOARD

- Jason Bretch (GSC '06)
- Sue Gilpin (GSC '16)
- Kathryn Claxton Green (GSC '10)
- Teresa Harvey-Davis (GSC '12)
- Laura Hayes (GSC '94)
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- Anthony McCalla (GSC '07)
- Mike McCormack (GMC '71)
- Cecil McDaniel (GMHS '70)
- Kaylie Ramsey (GSC '17)
- Hannah Rutledge (GSC '21)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

YURI JOHNSON

Industrial Engineer | Engineering | 2016

"Gordon keeps you away from the distractions of a big city, it is affordable, has great professors who are willing to help and gives you the opportunity to be well prepared for your university of choice. Thanks to Gordon, I was able to change my destiny and accomplish far more than I was expected to in life."

JENNA MADDOX

Television News Reporter |
Communication | 2018

"Even if you are a local, Gordon is a fantastic start to college. I was able to start off on a good foot, which propelled me to a further successful academic career. I wouldn't be where I am today without the support of my Highlander family and the incredible education Gordon provided me. I am forever thankful."

MORIA HOWARD

Talent Acquisition Professional |
Management and Administration | 2011

"During my time at Gordon, I was challenged to grow my network and support system amongst the Highlander Community which helped me build memorable relationships that are still a part of my life today."

CECIL McDANIEL

Allstate Agent | Gordon Military High School | 1970

"Gordon will always hold a special place in my heart. Those of us that attended Gordon Military High School during the 1960s and 70s share a bond that can never be broken."

CLASS NOTES

We want to hear from you!

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.

Anna Bates (BSN '22) joined the Egleston Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Claudia Bryan (AA '98) was honored as Teacher of the Year at Lamar County Elementary School. A 21-year veteran, Bryan is the media center specialist

Morgan Cardell (BSN '22) accepted a position as a labor and delivery nurse at Piedmont Fayette Hospital

Dr. Anna Fletcher ('12) is the newest veterinarian addition to the medical team at Caldwell Veterinary Hospital in Forsyth, GA

Brianne Bradberry Lewis (BS '22) accepted a position as a first grade teacher at Ola Elementary School for the 22-23 AY

Derrick Lewis (AS '98) completed his two-year term as GSC Foundation Board Chair

John Massie (AS '19), Information Application Specialist at East Lake Elementary, was named his school's 2021 Educational Support Person of the Year by Henry County Schools

Jimmy Matthews ('64) is planning a Gordon Military College alumni reunion for November 10-13, 2022 at Jekyll Island

Brianna Martin (ASN '11) works as a nurse anesthetist in Florida

Cory McCook (AA '99) was selected by the Barnesville Chamber

of Commerce as Businessperson of the Year for 2022 at their 38th annual Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Celebration

Cecil "Mason" Miller (BS '22) interned with Zaxby's in 2022 and received a full-time position in the IT department

Meagan Pearson (AA '99, BS '20) joined the GSC Advancement, External Relations, and Marketing team as development officer on April 1, 2022

James "Fletcher" Perry ('73) has served as mayor of Pickens, SC since 2019. In March 2022, Perry graduated from the Advanced Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government

Darrell Riggins (ASN '18) was promoted to chest pain coordinator at Upson Regional Medical Center

Brandy Sims (AS '07, BS '10) was honored as the 2021 Teacher of the Year

at Hubbard Elementary School in Monroe County

Dalton Skipper (ASN '09) works at Emory University as an adjunct professor

Eleanor D. Stecker ('98-'99) had her artwork spanning of about 50 years displayed in an exhibit opened by Lamar Arts Depot Gallery from April through May of 2022

Justin Sumner (BA '15) was featured in Histocrats, an online blog of history enthusiasts and educators, on his reflection of teaching during the pandemic

Tim Turner ('90) was named city manager for Barnesville in February 2022

Lauren Zoeckler (AA '09, BS '11) was awarded the Butts County School System's Instructional Excellence Award

Anna-Claire Varner (BS '22) will begin her first year teaching fourth grade at Futral Road Elementary School



Gordon State College hosted its annual Scholarship Luncheon on April 28 where scholarship donors and/or representatives and student recipients attended the special occasion.

Elijah Clemmons and Maddie Hendrix, GSC juniors and scholarship recipients, spoke on the impact the scholarships had on them.

"With this scholarship, I was able to step into roles that helped me in various aspects including public speaking and I was able to give back to the community with more volunteer opportunities," Hendrix

said.

Luis Guinot Jr. pictured during his sophomore year at Gordon Military College in 1950

ALUMNUS LUIS GUINOT JR.

Ambassador Luis Guinot Jr., Gordon Military College Class of 1951 alumnus and former U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica exerted his influence and impacted the institution in numerous ways.

Guinot set out to “regain Gordon’s international reputation” when he spoke at the 2005 Gordon College Commencement ceremony. He also lined up international figures and was the head lecturer for Gordon’s International Lecture Series that inaugurated in April of 2005.

He and his wife created a scholarship endowment to be awarded to a female from a Spanish-speaking country, and as a member of the board of directors of Global Education; Guinot guided many of the organization’s students to the college.

Ambassador Guinot passed on March 19, 2022, but his legacy with Gordon will remain indispensable for years to come.

CLUB GOLF AND VOLLEYBALL TO LAUNCH IN FALL



Gordon State College’s two new club sports, golf and volleyball are launching full force this fall of 2022.

Golf will be competing in the National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA) and volleyball will be competing in the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF).

Both club sports have been busy in the background with training and practices for their debut. Golf is a coed sport while volleyball is an all-female team.

Golf will be active both in the fall and spring with at least three tournaments per semester. Volleyball will begin their season between September and October and will be active through April.

Brandon Hughley has been named head volleyball coach. Golf will be mainly run by the student-athletes. Both sports have a national championship opportunity to compete in.

Keep up with the excitement of these two new club sports and all GSC athletics at www.gordonstate.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

The annual In Memoriam list includes the names of alumni and employees for whom a notice of passing was received between May 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022. In preparing this list every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and completeness. If a mistake or omission was made, we sincerely apologize. To report any omissions or corrections please contact the Office of Advancement, External Relations, and Marketing at 678-359-5739 or advancement@gordonstate.edu. *Indicates notice was received after publication of previous year’s edition.

Arthur D. Simmons (HS '71) May 12, 2020*
 Sue Clark (HS '44) May 16, 2020*
 William A. Duke (C '81) Aug 20, 2020*
 Pamela J. English (C '88) Aug. 21, 2020*
 Calvin “Sonny” Moore (HS '54) Aug. 26, 2020*
 Wade A. King (C '63) Dec. 30, 2020*
 Shirley F. Sims Knox (HS '56) Jan. 11, 2021*
 Ayana Chaney (C '13) Feb. 24, 2021*
 Jerry G. Gardner (HS '49, C '50) Apr. 29, 2021*
 Sandra C. Shannon Sims (HS '63) May 21, 2021
 Carol J. Burnette Martin (HS '59) May 26, 2021
 Luke P. Weaver (Trustee) June 1, 2021
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 Thomas W. Little (C '67) June 7, 2021
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 Leonora Ginn (HS '41, C '43) July 19, 2021
 Jerry Colwell (Trustee) Aug. 7, 2021
 William A. “Art” Roberts (HS '60, C '62) Aug. 9, 2021
 Bobbie Piper Foster (HS '43) Aug. 9, 2021
 Reba Gober Gill (HS '54) Aug. 27, 2021
 John R. Hamrick, Jr. (C '85) Aug. 29, 2021
 Crystal Cato (Staff) Sept. 13, 2021
 Jahna “Jan” Mihalko Kerr-Jinks (C '82) Sept. 24, 2021
 Jesse F. “Butch” Armistead (HS '71) Oct. 7, 2021
 Lillie K. Keadle Wilmot (HS '59, C '81) Oct. 10, 2021
 Andrew Patrick “A.P.” Henry (C '14) Oct. 13, 2021
 Miriam Whitten Howard (HS '45) Oct. 16, 2021
 Dolores Freeman Presley (HS '53) Oct. 23, 2021
 Elizabeth Bush Sellers (HS '38, C '40) Oct. 24, 2021
 Corey F. Rizer (C '68) Oct. 25, 2021
 Christy M. Kimbell (C '02) Nov. 24, 2021
 Robert W. “Bob” Rooke (HS '57) Nov. 26, 2021
 Thomas R. Ringler-Lantzy (C '08) Dec. 28, 2021
 William J. “Bill” McMurphy, IV (HS '62) Jan. 12, 2022
 John S. Stewart (C '83) Jan. 19, 2022
 Edward L. Piper (HS '45) Jan. 21, 2022
 Michael G. Mallory (HS '68) Jan. 27, 2022
 Dorothy “Dot” Smith Patrick (HS '45) Feb. 2, 2022
 Charles W. McDaniel (Trustee) Feb. 9, 2022
 Luis Guinot, Jr. (C '53, Trustee) March 19, 2022
 Clarence W. “Sonny” Ball (HS '58, C '59) April 21, 2022
 Ronald A. Nicholas (HS '67) April 28, 2022



“I want to thank each trustee that supported the college during this time of need and selflessly gave their time and resources. As a student in 1988, I had no idea that I would one day lead this great institution for two years through one of the biggest pandemics in history. It has been an honor and a pleasure to give back to the place that has given me so much.

Highlanders Forward!”

Derrick Lewis
GSC Foundation Chair

2021-22
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INAUGURAL PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY RECEPTION



On October 28, Gordon State College hosted its Inaugural President's Society Reception. The event recognized donors who have given \$1,000+ for their contributions to the college. These funds are essential in furthering our student-focused mission.

Foundation scholarship recipients, Maddie Hendrix, Shaughne Bedgood and Kalista Thomas, plus dual enrollment student and Presidential Fellow, Precious Clark, spoke on the impact their support has had on their collegiate journeys.

GSC FOUNDATION RECEIVES USDA GRANT FUNDS

The Gordon State College Foundation has received \$21,300 in grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Funds were utilized for the purchase of equipment for the newly established GSC Digital Media Arts Lab.

The grant is a part of a \$185 million investment by the USDA to equip, rebuild and modernize essential services in rural areas of 32 states.



FACULTY AND STAFF GIVING



NEW DONORS OVERALL



DAN WHITE
HONORED AT 17TH
ANNUAL REGENTS'
SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Gordon State College Board of Trustees member, Dan White, was honored as a recipient of the Regents' Hall of Fame Alumni and Distinguished Friends Award at the 17th annual Regents' Scholarship Gala on October 13 at the Fernbank Museum in Atlanta.

White, from Yatesville, Georgia, has been a GSC Foundation Trustee since 2015 and a generous supporter of the students, the Fine and Performing Arts program and the History program at GSC. In February of 2020, the Foundation received the largest donation in its history, a landmark \$255,000 gift from White. His personal investment to GSC, White said, "is to help further its mission regionally and state-wide. My focus remains in students from rural areas."

GEORGIA POWER FOUNDATION \$15,000 GRANT



Gordon State College has received a \$15,000 grant from Georgia Power on October 14. Funds will be used to provide support for the African American Male Initiative (AAMI), increasing the college graduation rates and producing African American male teachers in the state of Georgia.


"We are excited about the opportunity to partner with GSC to support its AAMI program, not only with funding, but also through our employees' engagement," said Lamar County Local Manager and GSC Board of Trustee member, Jeneen Andrews. "Joining efforts

is a great way for Georgia Power to positively impact the higher education trajectory for student participants, paving the way for greater equality and economic growth in our communities."

As of August of 2021, AAMI serves approximately 1,000 students at 22 institutions across the University System of Georgia, and the program is supported by 42 dedicated directors and assistant directors who volunteer their time to the program.

"I am so grateful for the support that GSC has received, and the generosity from the Georgia Power Foundation will continue to improve the College and enhance student success," said Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, GSC president.

AAMI's mission is to provide an integrated program model of academic and social tools that support students adopting a positive mindset to successfully complete classes, elevate their cumulative GPAs and matriculate through each academic level and graduate.



CRAIG A. OGLETREE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Craig A. Ogletree Memorial Foundation established a \$25,000 scholarship endowment in memory of Barnesville native, Craig A. Ogletree, to provide support for GSC students facing financial hardships. The scholarship may be renewed for multiple years granted the recipient is in good academic standing.

Ogletree worked closely with the GSC African American Male Initiative (AAMI) program students and has been a loyal donor to the college. He had a 25-year career span at Georgia Power where he served as the area manager for Lamar, Butts, Fayette, Spalding, and Coweta counties.

GSC's second annual Day of Giving surpassed its goal of \$25,000 by generating over \$66,000 in gifts to benefit the lives of its students and mission of the institution

DONORS

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100+

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20:1

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1,088

Cumulative jobs generated

\$129_M

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2022 SEASON SCHEDULE

9.3

vs Augusta United

9.10

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9.17

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9.24

@ Middle Georgia State University

10.1

@ Southern Shreveport University

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10.15

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