

GEORGIA
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The University System of Georgia



Thirty Eighth COMMENCEMENT

May 10, 2008

Academic Regalia

Stylized and distinctive academic regalia is a notable feature of all formal functions of colleges and universities throughout the world. The use of a particular kind of costume to distinguish university scholars evolved in Europe during the earliest days of these schools. Since there was an intimate relationship between the early universities and the church, a large number of scholars were prepared for the priesthood, and many of the faculty were clergymen. The garb adopted for students was similar to that worn by the clergy, although differing enough in design to set the scholars apart from the churchmen.

There are three types of gowns, three styles of hoods and two kinds of cap tassels included in American academic costume. The bachelor's gown is without ornamentation and has long, pointed and open sleeves; the master's gown is similar but has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom (there are openings about midway for the hands); the doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The master's gown may be worn either open or closed.

All hoods are lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree and faced with the traditional color of the primary field of study. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood is three and a half; the doctor's hood is four. The doctor's hood has wide set panels. The major field of study can be determined from the facing on the hood according to the following schemes: arts white, science gold/yellow, nursing apricot, physical education green, business administration drab, librarianship lemon, education blue.

The mace, a great and splendid staff, is actually a club and a symbolic weapon. Medieval universities would not defend themselves with the sword. It was not considered appropriate for gentle scholars to draw blood, but they could defend themselves using a cudgel, and they did. The mace has come to stand as a symbol for two critical matters. First, it stands for the freedom of the academy to seek the truth and to teach it. It also stands for the authority of the academy. This authority is best described by two traditional Latin terms: magisterium and auctoritas. Magisterium includes control of equipment, buildings and grounds, as well as the behavior of members and visitors ensuring order and liberty. The second term auctoritas includes a defense of the liberty to conduct research, to study, to publish and to learn. The mace makes the statement that the academy must protect and foster those ideals.

The Georgia Highlands College mace was designed by Mr. David Mott, associate professor of art, and Dr. David Cook, retired professor of biology. The faculty selected Dr. Bill Mugleston, professor of history, to have the honor of carrying the mace in the processional.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES Dr. J. Randy Pierce, President, Presiding

*PROCESSIONAL

The Kilworth Hills McLennan
Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 in D Major, OP. 39 Elgar
Mace Bearer, Dr. Bill Mugleston, Professor of History

WELCOME

Shannon Albert, President, Student Engagement Council; Co-President, Alpha Psi Omicron Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa

GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA AND COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mr. Willis Potts, Regent, 11th Congressional District

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr. J. Randy Pierce

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Regent Willis Potts

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD

To be announced

REGENTS' ALUMNI AWARD

Judge Tami Colston, Floyd County Superior Court

Presented by Steven D. White, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Renna Watterson, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Assisted by Travice Baldwin Obas, Assistant Professor of Communication

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Dr. J. Randy Pierce

Assisted by Ms. Sandie Davis, Registrar, and Ms. Sherri Beideck, Graduation Specialist, Enrollment Management

COMMENTS TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. J. Randy Pierce

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Steven D. White, President

CLOSING

Jessica Johnson, Vice President for Service, PTK; Emerging Leaders; Member, Psi Beta

*RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave Medley Traditional

**Audience will please stand.*

The audience is asked to remain standing until the processional and recessionary are complete.

Only hand-held video cameras will be allowed and must be used from your seat. Still photos may be taken only from behind the graduate seating area.

Music provided by Carolyn Walker, organ; Marca Cox and Joe Dunaway, bagpipes.

Interpreters provided by the Georgia Highlands College Access Center.

The Georgia Highlands College Alumni Association will be represented by Mrs. Alison Lampkin, alumni director.

Sound engineering and digital keyboard provided in cooperation with Ready or Not, Inc., Lee Shealy.

Large-screen video production by Georgia Highlands Television.

Associate of Science Continued

- Fudge, James Franklin
- Gabbert, Jerome Wayne
- Galosson, Ursula Josephine
- Gates, Janet Anita
- • Gillen, Renee Lorraine
- Gittelman, Ian R.
- Godfrey, Monica Anne
- Goode, Jessica Myong
- Goodridge, Justin Robert
- Gravitt, Norris Lamar
- Green, Brian Keith
- Green, Jessica Sheahay
- Grindstaff, Brittney Ellen
- Grizzle, Kaylan Danielle
- Gum, Shelly Nicole
- Guthas, Lauren Miranda
- Hales, Franklin Dale
- Hales, Kelly Diane
- Hamilton, Alan Richard
- Harder, Brandy Rae
- Hawkins, Adam Daniel
- Henson, Jessica Nichole
- Hessenbruch, Brittney Lynn
- Hill, Tiffiney Nicole
- Holcombe, Kaci Miranda
- Hollenberger, Marian Alberna
- Holloway, Jerry Benjamin
- Hopper, Kelly Aretha
- Howerton, Robert Lamar
- Hunter, Crystal Dee
- Hunter, Johnathan W.
- Ibrahim, Ahmet E.
- Jenkins, Aaron Johnson
- Johnson, Donna Michelle
- Johnson, Paige Renne
- • Joiner, Milissa Lynne
- Kay, Ashley Marie
- • Kent, Kristin Suzanne
- Kerce, Matthew Thomas
- Kincaid, Casey Rene
- King, Aren Carlene
- King, Beverly A.
- Kiser, Trudy Ann
- Kozlowski, Maciek Filip
- Laminack, Shelia M.
- • Landrum, Savannah Joanne
- Lanham, Robert Eugene
- Lawson, Amanda Michelle
- Ledford, Kyle F.
- Leffew, Haley Hornby
- Ledford, Tina Mae
- Lee, Brandon Steven
- Leonard, Eric Thomas
- Leonard, Lajuan Quintell
- Lessis, Matthew
- Lipscomb, Candace Rae
- • Little, Dustin Joseph
- • Littlejohn, Bradley James
- Livingood, Krista Barbara
- Loveless, Emily Beth
- Lowe, Bethany Mary
- • Lunsford, Stephanie Elizabeth
- Luster, Jacinta Joidhe
- Maqueira, Shannon Nenette
- • Martin, Cody James
- Martin, Travis Brant
- Martinez, Maria Maribel
- McConnell, Chad Keith
- McDonald, Sarah Charlene
- McDurmon, Jessica Lynn
- Mears, Nena Paige
- Messer, Ronnie David
- Mikulski, Joshua Luke
- Miller, Christopher Stephen
- • Miranda, Elba
- Mize, Danielle Leigh-Anne
- • Monroe, Jennifer Sabrina
- Moore, Michael Chad
- Moriarty, Colleen Ann
- Morris, Heather Sky
- Morris, Karissa Marlana
- Morris, Tammy Lynn
- • Murillo, Amy Carver
- Myers, Anna Michelle
- Nguyen, Quynh Phi
- Nikoue, Bethanie Betty
- • Nolan, Lynda Renee
- Odle, Michelle Nicole
- Owen, R. Stuart
- • Palmer, Natalie M.
- • Parker, Keeli Ann
- Patchett, Cassandra Rachel
- • Phillips, Kodi Lynn
- Pierson, Rindi Langston
- Poff, Amanda Elizabeth
- Poole, Cynthia Jarvis
- Poor, Kelly A.
- Potts, Anthony Phillip
- Quattlebaum, Kevin A.
- Rader, Derrick James
- Richardson, Brittany Dian
- Rickman, David Justin
- Riepe, Mark Roger
- Roberts, Keshia Aleigh
- Roberts, Sara Diane
- Robinette, Cari Ann
- Robinson, Katie Jean
- Rogers, Winona L.
- Sasser, Kayla Marie
- Scoggins, Morgan Lea
- Seabolt, Melinda Beth
- Self, Nathan William
- Shaw, Henley Nicole
- Shumate, Amy Grace
- Smith, Sandra
- Smith, Timothy Lee
- • Spence, Ryan Michael
- Stokes, Andrew Blake
- Stanford, Lauren Amanda
- Stewart, Amanda Irene
- Sullins, Will Raden
- Sutton, Shandra M.
- Taylor, Patricia Elizabeth
- • Thomas, Johnny Richard
- Thompson, Karey D.
- Tolbert, James Christopher
- Townsend, Sarah Lynn
- Truitt, Rachael Greathouse
- Turner, Jacqueline Michelle
- Turner, Rindy Ann
- Vaughn, Jessica Ashley
- Vick, Amanda Jean
- Virani, Sarwat
- Wadsworth, Elizabeth Renay
- Warren, George Jackson
- Warren, Rebecca Elaine
- Webster, William David
- • Wesley, Mary Jessica
- White, Jennifer Leigh
- • Wiggins, Adelia Leann
- Wilkinson, Nicholas Robert
- Williams, Christina Marlenee
- Williams, Christopher Justin
- Williams, Wendell Joe
- Wilson, Leah Marie
- Wilson, Tammy Jeanette
- Wimolsaeng, Avine
- Wolfe, Amanda Brooke
- Worthington, Tyler Lee
- Wright, Meridy Michelle
- Yarbough, Lakisha Murphy
- Young, Kenneth Wilden

Associate of Science in Nursing

- Alexander, Erin Renee
- Alexander, Kelly Elaine
- Andrews, Jami Amandalyn
- Archer, Karen D.
- Attaud, Carolynne D.
- ● Bailey, Shawna Michelle
- Baldwin, Rodney Wayne
- Batchelor, Stacy Marie
- Baucom, Jessica Nichole
- Berny, Barbara Elizabeth
- Billman, Adele Christina
- ● Bond, Lisa Michelle
- Bonds, Dixie Denise
- Bradshaw, Jennifer Leigh
- Brown, Roderick Lamar
- Bruce, Lori Anne
- Buchanan, Jaclyn Leanne
- Burnette, Michelle Ann
- Burns, Heather Wood
- Burns, Rebecca Jean
- ● Chambers, Eva Maria
- Charles, Bette Lu
- ● Cochran, Beverly Michele
- Cochran, Nicole Marie
- Cornejo, Tammie J.
- Craig, Heather DeAnn
- Crocker, Lindsey Anne
- Cunningham, Theresa M.
- Danforth, Amy Rebecca
- Daniel, Bethany Rae
- Dawson, Patricia Ann
- Dempsey, Amanda Jane
- Duncan, Jeffery Hugh
- Dunn, Briana Diane
- Edwards, Tammy
- Evans, Briar L.
- Eze, Chidinma Ijeoma
- Eze, Ogochukwu Nneka
- ● Farris, Shawna Leigh
- Fisher, Kimberly Page
- Fletcher, Rosanna Marie
- Flin, Elaine Stephanie
- Forrester, Barry Lawrence
- Francis-Gibney, Olive Rose
- Franklin, Cristian Derrick
- Gann, Jennifer Marie
- Gentry, Geri Shelton
- Gichuhi, Monica Wambui
- Glass, Amanda Kay
- Godfrey, Bonnie Kathleen
- ● Graff, Holly Daye
- Griffin, Audrey Lee
- Grissom, Valerie D.
- Gunter, Steven Del
- Hall, Christy Edwards
- Hall, Jessica L.
- Harris, Jaime Lynn
- Heath, Jennifer Marie
- ● Henry, Barbara Jo
- Hernandez, Angelica
- Herndon, Jessica Nicol
- Hicks, Crystal Hiser
- Hobbs, Joanne Kathleen
- ● Hughes, Jimmy Greg
- ● Hutton, Tamara Wyketia
- Ibekwe-Onwueme, Princess Mary
- Ingram, Desmona Hera
- Ivey, Nicki Kathleen
- Jackson, Christie Marie
- Jarrett, Candice Pinkerton
- Kamau, Pauline Wambuku
- Keeton, James W
- Layton, Jannah Christin
- Lee, Stephanie Marie
- Leffew, Ashley Wilhelmina
- Lyle, Maggie May
- Macemore, Harold Gray
- Massengale, Michelle Dawn
- Massey, Elizabeth Marie
- McCrary, Nerma Sanquenet
- McGuire, Linsey Ruth
- McIntyre, Kelly Amanda
- Mohrman, Daphne M.
- Moore, Veretta Cetrice
- ● Morgan, Kendra Gabrielle
- Morris, Rachael Daniels
- Morton, Tonya L.
- Muthoni, Bernard Gitau
- Nguyen, Bich Chau Thi
- Parker, Kelly Cheyenne
- Patterson, Carol Lee
- Payne, Amanda Lee
- Payne, Jessica Kasper
- Payne, Rachael Catherine
- Peak, Cheryl M.
- Pons, Jessica Teems
- Popham, Sarah E.
- Resendiz, Teresa Marie
- Reynolds, Cristal Dawn
- Roberts, Jodi Michelle
- Roberts, Phillip Dwayne
- Robinson, Darlene S.
- Rooks, Kristen Elizabeth
- Russell, Anna Marie
- Sarpong, Vincencia Shirley
- Shook, Heather Michelle
- ● Smith, Brittany Nicole
- Smith, Christina Ryan
- Smith, Jamie Michelle
- Spates, Harold Shane
- Stein, Charles William
- Tibbetts, Lauren Kay
- Tillman, Johnice Lynn
- Turner, Arletha Shanta
- Van Weort, Susan Elizabeth
- Whitfield, Denice Danyelle
- Williams, Beverly Barbette
- Williams, Samantha Elaine
- Wilson, Brittney Renae
- Wingate, Candice Marie
- Wolfe, Stephanie Danielle
- Wood, Misty Nicole

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

- Bevels, Agnes Brookshire
- ● Carter, Emily Laurel
- ● Diemer, Stefanie Lauren
- Johnson, Kimberly Ann
- Locklear, Kodi Deanna
- ● McCray, Fallon Nicole
- ● Moore-Dover, Jennifer Eve
- ● Olvera, Ashley LeAnn
- Orebaugh, Lauren Drew
- Prater, Emmylou Ann
- ● Raven, Grace Gail
- ● Williams, Stephanie Renae

Johnston, George Clower
Kimberly, Brenda Ann
Kumar, Videsh
Nichols, Mary Margret

- **Humphrey, Emily Kay**

Worthy, Patricia Marie

The list of degree candidates was required by the printer several days prior to commencement to allow for the production of this program. The status of some candidates may have changed since that time. Some will not have completed all requirements for their degrees, and some will have achieved or lost honors status. The listing of the names in this program in no way implies an obligation on the part of Georgia Highlands College to award a given degree or a given honors status. For official purposes, a final correct list of graduates will be retained in the Office of the Registrar, Georgia Highlands College.

The foundation and the Office of Advancement are currently conducting the public phase of the college's first major gifts campaign. The leadership provided by the foundation trustees is essential to the success of the college. As a regional, multicampus institution, Georgia Highlands is indebted to the community leaders who serve as foundation trustees and/or chairs of the major gifts campaign and who support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.

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The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents was created in 1931 as part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members to the board, each of whom serve seven years. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 18 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large and one from each of the 13 congressional districts. The board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System.

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Georgia Highlands College Graduation Air Times

Both the graduation and the nurses' pinning ceremonies will be broadcast on Comcast Cable, Channel 4 GHTV on the following days and times:

Monday, May 12
11:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Tuesday, May 13
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning

Wednesday, May 14
11:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Thursday, May 15
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18
9:00 a.m. Graduation
11:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Graduation
3:00 p.m. Pinning

5:00 p.m. Graduation
7:00 p.m. Pinning

Monday 21 May
11:00 a.m. Graduation
2:00 p.m. Pinning

Monday, May 19
11:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Wednesday, May 21
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning

Thursday, May 22
11:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25
9:00 a.m. Pinning
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning
3:00 p.m. Graduation
5:00 p.m. Pinning
7:00 p.m. Graduation

The History of Georgia Highlands College

In its 38-year history, Georgia Highlands College has served the Northwest Georgia community with a solid educational foundation for the first two years of college. Founded in 1970 as Floyd Junior College, GHC is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia. It serves students who commute from throughout a large portion of Northwest Georgia and Northeast Alabama.

In 1968 the Board of Regents of the University System authorized the establishment of Floyd Junior College in Floyd County. Under the board's policy, the local community provided a campus site and funds for the construction of the initial facilities. Led by the Junior College Committee headed by Rome attorney J.D. Maddox, Floyd County citizens responded enthusiastically by approving a \$3.2 million bond issue by a margin of nearly three to one. Construction began in early 1970. The college's first classes were offered during the fall quarter of 1970 in temporary facilities. At the end of 1970, all operations were moved to the new campus on Highway 27 (Cedartown Highway), six miles south of Rome.

Dr. David B. McCorkle became the first president of Floyd Junior College on January 1, 1970, and served in that position until June 30, 1991. Following Dr. McCorkle's retirement, Dr. Richard Trimble was appointed acting president of the college and served until the November 1992 selection of Dr. H. Lynn Cundiff as the college's second president. Dr. Cundiff left the college in August 2000. During the 2001 academic year, Robert Watts served as interim president. The Board of Regents named Dr. J. Randolph Pierce the third president of Floyd College on June 15, 2001.

Now enrolling more than 4,000 students in transfer and career academic programs, Georgia Highlands College operates additional sites in Cartersville, Acworth, Marietta and Carrollton. After summer semester 2008, the Acworth site will close, with Marietta and Cartersville locations absorbing the Acworth students. The college began offering classes in Marietta on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University fall semester 2005, and the student body population at that site continues to grow.

GHC also pioneered cooperative programs with Coosa Valley Technical College as early as 1972, and now offers joint programs with North Metro Technical College. In 2006 the college expanded the flagship nursing program to Acworth. To help ease the nursing shortage across Northwest Georgia, a class of 25 nursing students began taking classes there. This nursing cohort will be absorbed at Cartersville and Marietta like the other Acworth students.

In recent years, the college has become more innovative with its outreach and programming, offering more courses via nontraditional means to meet the needs of its diverse student population and initiating programs that serve as models for college across the country.

In 1994, the college opened Heritage Hall in downtown Rome to be more accessible to the working student. GHTV, a 24-hour cable television station went on the air that same year. It offers classes that could be viewed multiple times a week for students with scheduling conflicts. An open-access channel, GHTV is broadcast in Floyd County through the Comcast cable system.

In 1999, construction was completed on a new classroom building on the central campus in Rome. In addition to classrooms, the Lakeview Building features an art lab, an art gallery and an exhibit hall. The college's student center has also recently undergone extensive expansion and renovation.

As fall semester 2005 began, the college dedicated the new campus and building in Cartersville, on Route 20, just west of I-75. Immediately, enrollment there jumped by 50 percent. The 100,000-square-foot facility, which houses a soaring library, biology and physics labs, and the latest technological advances, can accommodate about 2,000 students. During the first semester, Cartersville enrollment reached 1,181. It now exceeds 1,700, making it the single largest GHC site.

Georgia Highlands College, which has grown significantly during the past five years, continues to offer an advanced educational foundation to its expanding student body. On August 1, 2005, the institution officially became Georgia Highlands College to reflect the regional nature of the population it serves. Your continuing support and comments are always appreciated.