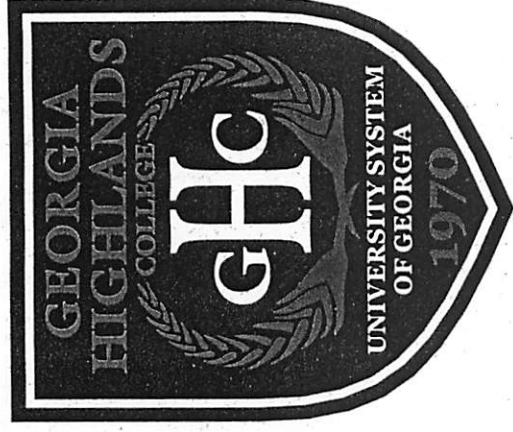


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# Fortieth COMMENCEMENT

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The University System of Georgia

May 14, 2010

## 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 LaNelle Daniel, interim chair of the Division of Humanities, to have the honor this year of carrying the mace in the processional.

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

### \*PROCESSIONAL

The Kilworth Hills/Loch Maree ..... McLennan  
Procession of Graduates (Medley)  
*Mace Bearer, LaNelle Daniel, Interim Chair of the Division of Humanities*

### INVOCATION

*Sarah Colston, Vice President for Leadership, Phi Theta Kappa*

### WELCOME

*Dr. J. Randy Pierce*

### GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Ms. Amy Astin, Board President*

### PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

*Dr. J. Randy Pierce*

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

*J. Danny Gibbs, President, Georgia Commercial Realty, Cartersville*

### WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD

*To be announced*

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

*Dr. Robert Page, Chair, Division of Social Sciences and Business*  
*Response: Laurie Ann Hennen, Regents' Scholar 2010*

### COMMENTS TO THE GRADUATES

*Dr. J. Randy Pierce*

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

*Dr. Renva Watterson, Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
*Assisted by Ms. Travice Obas, Assistant Professor of Communications*

### AWARDING OF DEGREES

*Dr. J. Randy Pierce*  
*Assisted by Ms. Sandie Davis, Registrar, and Ms. Sherri Beideck, Assistant Registrar,*  
*Enrollment Management*

### CLOSING

*Sarah Gibson Little, Vice President for Public Relations, Phi Theta Kappa*

### \*RECESSIONAL

*Scotland the Brave Medley ..... Traditional*

*\*Audience will please stand.*

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

*GHC is grateful to The Home Depot, which graciously provided the potted plants for graduation.*

*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 Lee Shealy, keyboard; Marcia Cox and Joe Dunaway, bagpipes.*

*Interpreters provided by the Georgia Highlands College Student Support Services.*

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

*Large-screen video production by Georgia Highlands Television.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

**Dr. Robert Page**  
**Laurie Ann Hennen**

Dr. Robert Page, chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business, will offer remarks today, followed by Laurie Ann Hennen, who will respond to them. Dr. Page, whose subject explores growing up, has been with the college since 1997 when he joined the faculty as an assistant professor. In 2001 he was promoted to associate professor; he received tenure in 2002, and was promoted to the social sciences chair in 2005. In 2006 he became a full professor. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in history from Georgia State University and both a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Central Florida.

Hennen was the 2010 Regents' Scholar from Georgia Highlands. Each year, one scholar from each institution in the University System of Georgia is chosen by the institution to represent the best in academic performance. These 35 scholars are then recognized by the Georgia General Assembly in a special declaration from the floor. Finally, they are presented with a proclamation letter from the chancellor and the governor, as well as a certificate from the college. Hennen is also a candidate today for her Associate of Science in nursing. She graduates with a 4.0 grade point average.

## PRESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Pierce has chosen J. Danny Gibbs as the recipient of this award for 2010. He has served over the last 10 years in various leadership roles on the Georgia Highlands College Foundation Board. Most recently, he held the position of chairman of the Board of Trustees. He co-chaired the college's first capital campaign several years ago, and he has been a vital part of the foundation since its inception. In fact, he was the driving force behind the formation of the Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation, which in turn was instrumental in making the Cartersville campus a reality. He served as the chairman of that foundation from 1999 to 2004. In 2004, he worked closely with the Floyd College Foundation to merge the two organizations and form the Georgia Highlands College Foundation, and he served as that group's co-chair until 2007 when he became chair.

Gibbs retired from the foundation in March 2010. He lives in Cartersville, where he has been a lifelong resident. He has worked for Georgia Commercial Realty in Cartersville for 13 years. He has been a member of the business community there for more than 40 years.

*Honor Graduates (Gold Tassel):*

*Summa Cum Laude – 3.90-4.0 Graduation Grade Point Average*

*Magna Cum Laude – 3.70-3.89 Graduation Grade Point Average*

*Cum Laude – 3.50-3.69 Graduation Grade Point Average*

*Phi Theta Kappa – Members of the National Honor Society for two-year colleges*

*Psi Beta – Members of the National Psychology Honor Society for two-year colleges*

### ■ Phi Theta Kappa Graduates

### ● HOPE Scholarship Recipients

*The HOPE Scholarship Program in Georgia has provided financial assistance to many Georgia Highlands College students each year since its inception in 1993. Georgia Highlands College thanks our legislative representatives for continuing this program for deserving students.*

## Candidates for Graduation Associate of Arts

- Brittney Lauren Anderson
- Charlotte Curry Baker
- Heather LeeAnn Bates
- John Patrick Bremner
- Wendy M. Byrd
- Kristen D. Chumley
- Matthew David Cosby
- Callie Lynne Crook
- Denver Justin Culpepper
- Lauren Danielle Darbonne
- Annie Albright Davis
- Bradford Park DeWoody
- Kiersten Adell Elder
- Ryan Glenn Evans
- Johnnie Sara Elizabeth Farmer
- Jennifer Maire Ferrick
- Thomas Jarrod Forrister
- Reshelle Watson Gainor
- Anahi Berenice Garcia-Guzman
- Maggi Breanna Gribble

- Carolyn Rae Grindrod
- Mary Catherine Harrah
- Kelsey Lee Harrell
- Joshua Ryan Hauck
- Rogdre Osagie Hazle
- Teddy Nicole Hill
- Robyn Amanda Husak
- Nancy Sue Johnson
- Courtney Renee Johnston
- Melissa Fay Johnston
- Tawny Leanne Keck
- Stephanie Irene Kraut
- Maria Jean Lauro
- Miranda Kay Lockridge
- Jennifer Kelley Looney
- Clayton Cory Lowe
- Lynne Barnes McClellan
- Camilla Leite Medeiros
- Allison Denise Mitchell
- George William Murchison
- Brian Thomas Nadeau

- Matthew Stephen Norton
- Olasoji O. Olowofoyeku
- Janice Bagley Page
- Robert Barry Proctor
- Stacey Ann Richards
- William Ryan Ridgely
- Carrie Marie Sanchez
- Jason Matthew Stewart
- Robert Sean Storey
- Joshua Elias Sullivan
- Beatriz Adriana Tarantino
- Joshua D. Waits
- Kathleen Ann Webster
- Tara Elizabeth West
- Lisa Lanette Whitfield
- Justin Randolph Willard
- Curtis Michael Williams
- Hope Yvonne Wilson
- Emma Kathleen Yarbrough
- Chris E. Yarell
- Creg Andrew Zierler

## ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Associate of Science

- Ammar Abdellatif
- Robert Lee Alford
- Sarah Nicole Allen
- Kayla Leigh Amos
- Vanessa Ashley Anderson
- Kelly Ryan Anglin
- Irma N. Arbuthnot
- Aaron Lee Ashworth
- Jada Latrelle Atkins
- Jennifer Briana Axler
- Heather Carter Baker
- Christie M. Barnett

- Chelsey Marie Barrett
- Clyde Z. Barrett
- William Justin Bass
- Paul Berini Beach
- Brian Scott Beckman
- Franklin Eloy Beltran
- Melissa Anne Benton
- Joseph Cody Bishop
- Kellie Anne Black
- Jessica Leah Blankenship
- Heather Nicole Bourassa
- James Madison Bowen

- Cathie Rena Brannon
- Brett Andrew Branton
- Hillary Beth Briordy
- Francie Danee Brown
- Erica Quinn Brownlow
- Erica Joy Bryant
- Brittany Danielle Bultman
- Christopher Allan Bunch
- Amanda Marie Burd
- Adam W. Bush
- Sheryl Christine Butchko
- Alicia Deanna Calhoun

### Associate of Science Continued

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## Associate of Science in Nursing

- ● **Andrea Marie Gibson**

## Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

- ● **Leslie De'Shea Guess**



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristie Diane Bennett</li> <li>• Kathy T. Brown</li> <li>• Susan Gwen Channell</li> <li>• Joyce Elaine Darnell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Aaron Duke</li> <li>• Bryan Loyd Hatch</li> <li>• Phillip Thomas Lee</li> <li>• Alfreda Lynn Nesbitt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Renee Peppers</li> <li>• Stacey Janine Ragland</li> <li>• John C. Rogers</li> </ul>
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Anthony Dion Blackwell  
Michelle Pearl Bowers

Amanda C. Forrister  
Alyssa Nicole Jackson

• Kellena Ruth McGahee  
Ginger Vann Popham  
Corina Zarkowski



Paul Anthony Bednarz                      Julie J. Burgdorf                      Melissa Nicole McInnis  
Ashley Nicole White



Today, you become a member of the GHC Alumni Association. You will be able to connect with fellow alumni, stay informed about the college's future and take advantage of a host of events and benefits that are explained in your letter you receive today. Any person who attended FC/GHC and has taken one academic course is eligible for a free membership in the alumni association. Get connected today!

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For official purposes, a final correct list of graduates will be retained in the Office of the Registrar, Georgia Highlands College.

<i>Chairman</i> .....	<i>Scott Bentley</i>
<i>Chair-elect</i> .....	<i>David Caswell</i>
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	<i>Dan Greeson</i>
<i>Executive Director, Secretary</i> .....	<i>John Southwood</i>

Amy Astin	Faye McCord
Marijon Battles	Steve Moore
Dee Bishop	Greg Patton
Joe Brice	Dr. Randy Pierce
Sarah Burkhalter	Randy Quick
Melanie Collier	Tony Samples
Carolyn Delamont	Chip Shropshire
Steve Edwards	Sue Spivey
Greg Frisbee	Tommy Strickland
James Jarrett	Rhonda Wallace
Luke Lester	Jeff Watkins
Mary Louise Lever	Mark Weaver

The Office of College Advancement is diversifying its fund-raising activities, which support the many efforts of faculty and staff not funded by other means. The leadership provided by the foundation trustees is essential to the success of the college. As a regional, multi-campus institution, Georgia Highlands is indebted to the community leaders who serve as foundation trustees and support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.



## The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

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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.

## Georgia Highlands College Senior Administrators

**Dr. J. Randy Pierce**, President  
**Dr. Renva Watterson**, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
**Dr. Ronald D. Shade**, Vice President for Student Development  
**Mr. Robert Whitaker**, Vice President for Finance and Administration

## 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:

<b>Monday, May 17</b> 11:00 a.m. Pinning 1:00 p.m. Graduation	<b>Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23</b> 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	<b>Wednesday, May 26</b> 11:00 a.m. Graduation 1:00 p.m. Pinning
<b>Tuesday, May 18</b> 11:00 a.m. Graduation 1:00 p.m. Pinning		<b>Thursday, May 27</b> 11:00 a.m. Pinning 1:00 p.m. Graduation
<b>Wednesday, May 19</b> 11:00 a.m. Pinning 1:00 p.m. Graduation	<b>Monday, May 24</b> 11:00 a.m. Graduation 1:00 p.m. Pinning	<b>Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30</b> 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
<b>Thursday, May 20</b> 11:00 a.m. Graduation 1:00 p.m. Pinning	<b>Tuesday, May 25</b> 11:00 a.m. Pinning 1:00 p.m. Graduation	

## The History of Georgia Highlands College

In its 40-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 about 5,300 students in transfer and career academic programs, Georgia Highlands College operates additional sites in Cartersville, Marietta, Dallas/Paulding County and Douglasville/Douglas County. The latter two sites operate as cooperative ventures with Kennesaw State University and the University of West Georgia, respectively. 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 (now Georgia Northwestern Technical College) as early as 1972. In 2006 the college expanded the flagship nursing program to Acworth, and absorbed that cohort of 25 students in Cartersville and Marietta when the college closed its Acworth site, which had been located on the campus of North Metro Technical College.

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 colleges 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 2,500, a capacity that has nearly been reached. A second academic building is scheduled for 2013.

Georgia Highlands College, which has grown significantly during the past eight 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.