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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 MedleyTraditional

*Audience will please stand.

The audience is asked to remain standing until the processional and recessional 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-vear 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
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- • Robyn Amanda Husak
 - Nancy Sue Johnson
 - Courtney Renee Johnston Melissa Fay Johnston
- Tawny Leanne Keck
 Stephanie Irene Kraut
- Maria Jean Lauro
- • Miranda Kay Lockridge
- • Jenifer Kelley Looney
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- Lisa Lanette Whitfield
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 Emma Kathleen Yarborough
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- Kayla Leigh Amos
 Vanessa Ashley Anderson
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- Paul Berini Beach Brian Scott Beckman
- Franklin Eloy Beltran
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- Kellie Anne Black
 Jessica Leah Blankenship
- Heather Nicole Bourassa
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 Francie Danee Brown
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- Erica Joy Bryant
 Brittany Danielle Bultman
- Christopher Allan Bunch
- Amanda Marie Burd
- Adam W. Bush Shervl Christine Butchko
- • Alicia Deanna Calhoun

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- David Jacques Calixte Joshua Alfredrick Campbell James Henry Carmichael Markie Hannah Carroll
- Kevin Dwight Carter Tara Ray Cash
- Ashley Mauldin Clark Kevin Anthony Clark Anthony Drew Cole Jonathan Allan Cole Andrew Brian Collum Christopher Ray Conley
- Emily Marie Cook Whitney Renee Cook Jedonia Rose Cooper Ryan Dennis Coover
- Scott Matthew Cornett Katherine Lynn Cox
- • Elizabeth Dawn Crowe ■ • Kayla Shae Crump Gretchen Christa Culberson Lyn Evans Cunningham
- Joseph Shane Davis Joshua David Dawkins Cory Alexander Day Brittany Leah Dean Chase Jeremy Dean Jacalyn Anna Denmark
- Sherri Leslie Dolan Eric Scott Donaldson Melissa A Dowda
- • Tamatha Leighanna Early **Emily Louise East** Patricia Ann Eberhard Erin Jordan Echeverria James Kenneth Edenfield Kandi Michelle Edwards
- • Elizabeth Kave Elev-Edwards Paige Renee Ellion Tracev Elizabeth Esmann Rvan J. Estes Kayla Brook Evans
- Ryan Glenn Evans Jennifer Lynn Fair
- Kandace Maria Flores Kameron Michael Forrister Mark Eric Fowler James T. Fricks
- • Mary Caitlin Fricks Casey June Gainor
- Cyler Duggan Garner Keri Alisa Garner Abby Janine Geibel
- • Ashlee Doriane Gentry John Ross Gillen Megan Elyse Gish
- Justin Lee Goss ■ ● Brandi Deleise Gulow Nora Guzman
- Amanda Carol Hardin Kelsev Grace Hardy Natalie Toni Harewood Zachary Brandon Hargrove Jonathan Whitmore Harris Mary Nicole Hartbank
- Bradon Taylor Harwood Hansa Sardar Hasan
- Megan Olivia Hatch Scott Matthew Helmes
- Katherine Jo Henderson Eleanor Gwen Hennessee Lauren Melissa Hentschel

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- Christi Fay Williams Paul A Williams
- Samuel Ryan Williams Sabrina Marie Williamson Anna Elizabeth Wilson
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- Lindsey Alison Douglas Katharine Louise Duvall
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- · Cynthia Denise Fergoda
- Mary Elizabeth Florence Sara Jean Floyd
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- Monica Renea Wells Doneane Marie Wheat Julie Ann White Amy Christine Wiggleton
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Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

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- Tifani Brooke Arnold
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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.

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The Georgia Highlands College Foundation serves as a vital link between the institution and the communities it serves. Foundation trustees are responsible for ensuring that the college is positioned to meet the current and future needs of public higher education throughout Northwest Georgia.

The foundation works closely with the institution to support advancement activities, including development of a comprehensive campaign strategy with major-gifts, annual-fund and planned-giving programs. Through these programs, donations from the private sector provide scholarships and support special funds, programs and services.

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.

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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 17	Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23	Wednesday, May 26
11:00 a.m. Pinning	9:00 a.m. Graduation	11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation	11:00 a.m. Pinning	1:00 p.m. Pinning
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Tuesday, May 18	3:00 p.m. Pinning	Thursday, May 27
11:00 a.m. Graduation	5:00 p.m. Graduation	11:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Pinning	7:00 p.m. Pinning	1:00 p.m. Graduation
Wednesday, May 19	Monday, May 24	Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30
11:00 a.m. Pinning	11:00 a.m. Graduation	9:00 a.m. Pinning
1:00 p.m. Graduation	1:00 p.m. Pinning	11:00 a.m. Graduation
		1:00 p.m. Pinning
Thursday, May 20	Tuesday, May 25	3:00 p.m. Graduation
11:00 a.m. Graduation	11:00 a.m. Pinning	5:00 p.m.Pinning
1:00 p.m. Pinning	1:00 p.m. Graduation	7:00 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.