



2014 *Commencement Activities*

May 15

The
Commencement Activities
of
Georgia Highlands College

Thursday, the fifteenth of May
Two thousand fourteen
Pinning Ceremony - 2:00 p.m.
Commencement - 7:00 p.m.

The Forum
Rome, Georgia

44th Commencement

Dr. Renva Watterson, Interim President

***PROCESSIONAL**

Herald for Highlands Fanfare Dr. Sam Baltzer, Professor of Music
Lochanside Traditional
Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever, Michael Korb, arr. by Sam Baltzer

WELCOME

Amelia Bagwell, President – Phi Theta Kappa, Equality Alliance

WELCOME

Dr. Renva Watterson, Interim President

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Mr. Scott Smith, Member, Board of Regents

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, Founder and CEO, Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB)

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

John W. Strain, II, Director, Occupational Health and Medicine, Cartersville Medical Center

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr. Renva Watterson, Interim President

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

David Mathis, PHED Programs Manager and Assistant Director of Athletics

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD

Ms. Carolyn Hamrick, Campus Dean, GHC Cartersville (posthumously)

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Laura Musselwhite, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Assisted by: Ms. Travice Obas, Associate Professor of Communication

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Dr. Renva Watterson, Interim President

Assisted by: Ms. Sandie Davis, Director of Admissions and Registrar

Ms. Sherri Beideck, Assistant Director of Admissions and Registrar

CLOSING

Jonathan Dozier, Events Coordinator - B2B, Student Ambassador

ALMA MATER Arr. by Dr. Sam Baltzer

Lyrics on inside front cover

Led by Robert Adams, Associate Professor of Music

*RECESSIONAL

Procession of the Pipes Arr. by Dr. Sam Baltzer

*Audience will please stand.

The audience is asked to remain standing until the processional and recessional 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 Joe Dunaway, bagpipes, and the Highlands Brass Ensemble,
with conductor/arranger Dr. Sam Baltzer.

Interpreters provided by Georgia Highlands College.

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

Sound engineering and lighting provided in cooperation with Ready or Not, Inc., Lee Shealy, and
large screen video production by Georgia Highlands Television.

Academic Regalia

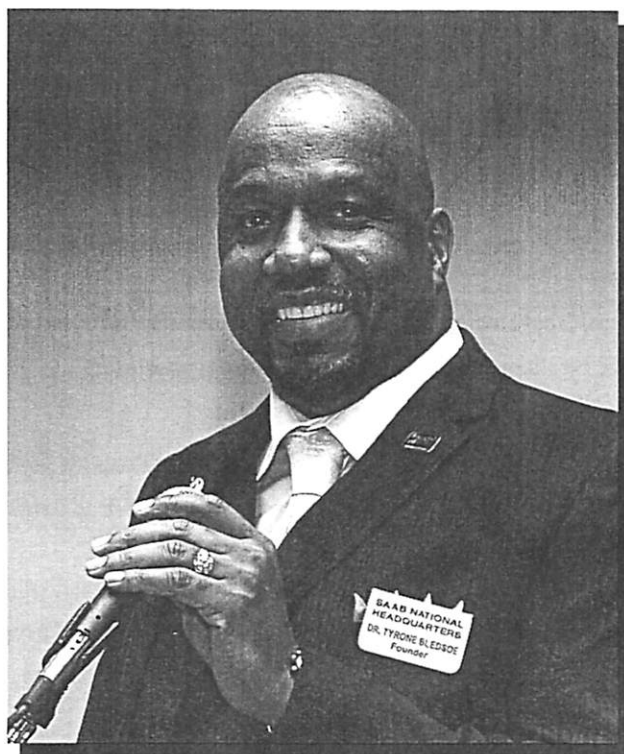
Stylized and distinctive academic regalia is a notable feature of formal functions of colleges and universities throughout the world. The use of a particular kind of costume to distinguish university scholars evolved in Europe during the earliest days of these schools. Since there was an intimate relationship 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.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe



Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe resides in Toledo, Ohio. He was born and raised in Grenada, Mississippi. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master's of Education degree from Mississippi State University. He earned his Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Affairs Administration from the University of Georgia; and he was chosen as the Outstanding Doctoral Student in the State of Georgia and was most recently recognized as the Outstanding Doctoral Alumnus by the University of Georgia.

Recently, he served as Vice President for Student Life and Special Assistant to the President at The University of Toledo but has now transitioned temporarily to the role of Executive Director of the SAAB National Headquarters. He is the founder of the Student African American Brotherhood Organization (SAAB), which is a national organization established to enhance the experiences of and instill a "spirit of care" in African American males in high schools, colleges and universities around the country. He is a contributing author of the recently released book *African American Men in College*, Jossey-Bass Publisher.

He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and is very active in the arena of higher education. He is highly recognized by several professional associations for his research, publications, presentations, and scholarly work. In 1999, he was invited to Oxford, England, to serve as a guest lecturer to discuss his work with African American males at the Oxford University Roundtable Institute, which is sponsored by the British Council. Recently, he was invited to join an international research team to address issues around men of color in Europe, Trinidad, Barbados, and the Bahamas. Also, he has appeared on talk shows such as "Perfect Union" hosted by Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., to discuss his work involving African American and Latino males.

He is deemed one of the most gifted and dynamic motivational speakers by the thousands who have heard him speak. Recently, he was chosen as one of the most outstanding social innovators in the world by the Ashoka International Organization. He is a very spiritual and thought-provoking lecturer. And most importantly to him, he is the father of one adult son, Tyrone Bledsoe, Jr.

Mace Bearer Dr. Catherine King

GHC faculty members selected Dr. Catherine King, professor of Physical Education, to carry the mace this year to honor the many years of dedicated service that she has given to the college. The Georgia Highlands College mace was designed by Mr. David Mott, retired associate professor of Art, and Dr. David Cook, retired professor of Biology.

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. 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. The mace makes the statement that the academy must protect the ideals of order, liberty, and the freedom to learn.

Dr. King first came to GHC in 1987 as temporary instructor of Physical Education. She has served in many academic and administrative capacities over the years, always being willing to serve the greater good of the college. Dr. King is an excellent example of a student advocate. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education from Georgia State University, and Master of Education and Bachelor of Science degrees in Health and Physical Education from Georgia Southern University.



President's Meritorious Service Award David Mathis

David Mathis is the recipient of the President's Meritorious Service Award, given each year by the President of the institution in recognition of the work of an individual on behalf of the college.

Mathis enters his 21st year at Georgia Highlands College as Assistant Director of Athletics and Physical Education Program Manager. In addition to his duties as Assistant Director of Athletics, he coordinates all labs for the Physical Education Department at multiple GHC locations, as well as supervising all Physical Education community programs held on the GHC Floyd campus.

Mathis is the Tournament Director for the Georgia High School Association Invitational regional, and state basketball tournaments held at GHC each year. Under his leadership as Tournament Director, over \$150,000 have been raised for non-traditional student scholarships. Mathis is also the Camp Administrator for the Foundation Camp, a program for at-risk males ages ten to fourteen. The program offers academic and athletic opportunities each summer at the GHC Floyd Campus. Mathis was named GHC Alumni of the Year in 2012, Organization Advisor of the Year and GHC Staff Community Involvement Award in 2011, and the Vivian Benton Staff Person of the Year in 2002. He was also named Floyd County Schools' Business Partner of the Year in 2005 and the 2012 Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority Horace Anthony Volunteer of the Year Award.



Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award Carolyn Hamrick, posthumously

GHC faculty members selected Carolyn Hamrick, associate professor of Reading and dean of the Cartersville Campus, to receive the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award posthumously to honor her years of service and leadership at GHC. The Walraven Award is named in memory of Dr. Wesley C. Walraven, the academic dean at the then Floyd College from its founding in 1970 until 1993. His most memorable assets included an unselfish dedication to students, a quietly focused management style, and keen intelligence.

Considering those traits, it is particularly appropriate for Carolyn Hamrick to receive this honor. She came to the college as a part-time instructor of Reading in 1989. She turned fully to administrative work in 1997 when she became the Campus Director of the Acworth Campus, then of the Marietta Campus, before taking on the role at the Cartersville Campus in 2006. Hamrick held an Education Specialist degree in Special Education Administration from the University of West Georgia, and Master of Education and Bachelor of Science degrees in Special Education from Winthrop College. Interim GHC President Dr. Renna Watterson said of Hamrick: "She had such a heart for students; she was a tremendous supporter of faculty and staff. She was embedded in the community and loved and appreciated by everyone."



The GHC family and the Cartersville community were deeply saddened by Hamrick's death on January 25, 2014. She will long be remembered as a vital part of the life of the college and a supporter of all GHC students. We will hold her memory dear and cherish all of her many contributions.

Student Speakers



Amelia Bagwell a GHC-Cartersville student earning an honors diploma, an Associate of Arts Degree in Psychology, and an Associate of Science Degree in Education. She has been extremely active in extracurricular and academic activities during her time at GHC. She has served as president of both Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Program, vice president of the Georgia Region of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of Under Graduate Researchers Impacting Tomorrow, lead researcher in the verbal working memory study, as well as an assistant researcher in the Tellus Science Museum study on gender difference in childhood learning. She has served in various offices in the Equality Alliance organization, served as a Student Government Association representative, a member of Green Highlands and the Psychology Club, a student tutor and an Emerging Leaders participant two years in a row. Amelia's national scholarships and recognitions include being named a Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipient, National Collegiate Honors Council Student of the Year, Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar, All-American Academic Scholar, and AACUW National Scholar. She plans to transfer to the University of West Georgia and major in psychology, aspiring eventually to earn a doctoral degree.



Jonathan Dozier is a GHC-Marietta student earning an Associate of Arts Degree in Communication. During his time at GHC, he has served as events coordinator for Brother2Brother - Marietta campus chapter, participated as a Student Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa, Emerging Leaders program and named a Who's, Who honoree. He has been on the Dean's List for the past two years. After graduation from GHC, Jonathan plans include completing his bachelor's degree in communication at Kennesaw State University; he aspires to have a career in radio and television with a focus in music or meteorology. Jonathan has proven his dedication to helping others while at Highlands, and volunteering will continue to be an important part of his life as he completes his education and begins a career.

GHC Highlights for 2013/2014

- Brother2Brother, the Georgia Highlands Chapter of Student African American Brotherhood, was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter of the Year for 2014 at the organization's national conference in Detroit. The GHC chapter of B2B was represented at the conference by 23 student members from all five campus locations. The Outstanding Chapter of the Year is determined by the strength of the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of its members, as well as by the activities and dedication of the chapter during the year. This is the second time that Georgia Highlands has won Chapter of the Year in the past three years.
- The College now boasts four collegiate athletic teams (men/women's basketball, softball and baseball), representing nearly 100 student athletes. Three of the teams (men/women's basketball and softball) made the GCAA conference tournament. The women's basketball team finished second in the conference, with men basketball and softball finishing third. Both baseball and softball teams kicked off their inaugural seasons.
- The GHC Foundation awarded nearly \$90,000 in scholarship to more than 100 deserving students during the 2013/14 academic year.
- The Nursing program enrolled 38 students in the RN to BSN Bridge Program – representing GHC's first-ever baccalaureate students.
- This year's group of nursing graduates will include the 3,000th nursing student to graduate from GHC since its founding in 1970.

Legend for Graduation Distinctions

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 – Member of the national honor society for two-year colleges

Psi Beta – Member of the national psychology honor society for two-year colleges

■ Phi Theta Kappa graduates

● HOPE Scholarship recipients

▲ Honors Program Graduates

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ● Maryium Ahmed Katherine Sierra Anderson Shayla Lynette Bagley ▲ ■ Amelia Lee Bagwell Nicole Danielle Bailey ● Forrest Dustin Banks Brittany Marie Becklund ● Allison Danette Bennett Breanna Joy Bevil ● Rachel Jordan Blankenship Bradley Paul Boyd Ricky J. Brooks ● Joshua Eugene Brown Lorna Natalie Bruno Siera Rojean Bubb Bridgett Alexandria Cabe Erin Joyce Clarke Cassie Denise Coleman ● Eric Joseph Cooke Bridgette Danielle Cothron-Watts Rebecca Ann Cox ● Jacqueline Deanne Davis ● Jonah Shawn Davis ■ Jonathan A. Dozier Sharhonda Leighmona Dunlap Jason Lee Edwards ● James Dylan Eubanks ■ Vicky Turner Ferguson ■ Andrea Grace Fillmore ■ ● Joshua Alexander Fisher ● Jeremy Collin Fowler ● Terrijana Tyler Gamble ■ Gwendolyn M. Gilliam Elizabeth Wanjogu Gitau William Richard Gourdine ● Matthew Lloyd Grindstaff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timothy Howard Grogan Eric Dwight Hall Gregory Ray Hall ■ ● Jenna Harris ■ Stacy Lee Haynes ■ ● Angela Sheree Henderson Daniel Hernandez ■ Shamir Natasha Hutcheson Victoria Rose Jackson ● Shelby Rachele Jett William Robert Jeziorski Jamison Blake Johnston Devona Carisse Jones ● Ryan Mitchell Jones Melissa Ann Lehman ● Emily Marie Levine ● Justin M. Litzenberg Aaron Monroe Mann Nicole Nkechi Mayo Kara Lynn McDowell Dylon Cole McElroy Abigail Doreen McLendon ● Tyler Lee Mcarthur Colby Drake Mincey ● Victoria Brooklyn Mlenga-Casey Marilyn Clara Mojica Wangu Gakuru Muthoni Samantha Joyce Nave Samantha Leigh Olivier ▲ ■ ● Julian Orjuela Stephania Ann Orrego Jamieson Exodus Palmer Andrius Pasekovskis ■ ● Amber Jade Patton Teyon Lamont Peters Rebecca Faye Pharr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michelle Cecilia Pineda Sirajuddin Jaynuddin Pirzada Kyrsten Elyzabeth Pugh ■ ● Jenny Loo Quan ● Meghan Renae Reynolds ● Ashton Marie Rivers Cambi Jeanne Roberson Nicolas Cesar Rodriguez ● Micheal Brian Russo Robert Grady Satterfield Adam H. Scott Kristale H. Shelnutt ■ ● Chelsea N. Signoret Chelsea Faith Smith Chelsea Rae Smith Christopher Louis Spurbeck Olivia Dawn Stallings Dana Stephens Cindy Lashunda Stewart ● Rachel E. Stogner Alicia Marie Strom Lisa Michelle Swanson Britney Charece Teague Destiney Elizabeth Tew Melissa Octavia Thomason ● Ashly Nychelle Traylor ▲ ● Marilyn Ashleigh Trudeau-Walls Angela P. Veach Jenny Lee Walker Vera Valene Walker ● Vincent Keith Ward Jaclyn Michella Watlington Donnie Wallace Webb ● Joseph Thomas Wheeler ● Christina Renata Woodard ● Caitlin B. Wright |
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Associate of Science

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Associate of Science, continued

- Lauren Ashley Burt
- Jocquelyn Dionne Callahan
- ● Hannah Marie Camacho
- Denise Perez Campos
- Itzel Canongo
- Sarah Annaliese Cargle
- Alberto Carreon
- Brandon Kenneth Carrier
- Laura Shaw Caudle
- Sabrina Michelle Causey
- Jeremy Trey Chappell
- Ashley Nicole Chasse
- Alejandro Chavez
- Manon Cherubini
- Amanda Marie Childers
- Hol Choi
- Joseph Roper Clark
- Carlos Arturo Clements
- ● Kaylee Alyse Cohen
- Jennifer Lea Cole
- Christopher Bryan Colosi
- Tashayia Monqie Colter
- Chase Kenley Cowart
- Helen Louise Cox
- Caitlin Renee Crews
- Christian N. Crews
- Morgan Alexandra Culp
- ● Ernest Robert Daniel
- Jessica Renee Daniels
- Nicole Katherine Daugherty
- Abbigail Jay-Brannon Davis
- Alexandria Bryanne Davis
- Amanda Ann Davis
- Gregory Kyle Davis
- Jared Shane Davis
- Tanner Bo Davis
- Briana Lee Day
- Elyse Middle DeMoya
- Brett Elkins DelRosso
- Anna Genesis Delgado
- Jalesa Jasmine Delgado
- Ashley Nikole Dennard
- Garland Kevin Dennis
- Alecia Renae Devens
- Colin Patrick Diamond
- ● Rosa Ernestine Dobbs
- Bruce Andrew Douda
- Fatima Carola Echanique
- Eric Leon Edwards
- Jennifer Hope Elkins
- Brooke Ashley Ernst
- ● Kirsten Lauren Esmann
- Parker Paul Estopinal
- Rebecca Lynn Etterman
- Sara Kaitlyn Etterman
- Natasha Laundes Fanfan
- Rebecca Rose Flanigan
- ● Alex Chase Foretich
- Alison Keelyn Forrister
- Keia Fosha
- ● Charity Rose Franklin
- Jason Cory Franklin
- Edmund Andrew Frederiksen
- Amanda Michelle Fulton
- Nathan William Gaddy
- Rebecca Elise Garland
- Jessica Lea Garner
- Jeffrey Dorsey Gilmer
- Jessica Couren Gordon
- Heather N. Gorman
- David Joseph Grabowski
- Merlene Annmarie Green-Campbell
- Rebeca Guevara
- Laurenda Rose Guilford
- Taylor Elizabeth Gunnin
- Britta Kyle Guthrie
- ● Elyse Morgan Hahn
- Rickisha Petra Hall
- Lesley Ann Hanley
- Hanna Marie Hannah
- Charles Stephen Hardin
- Charles Samuel Hardy
- Sara Christine Harris
- Tai Monae Harris
- Amy Renee Harshbarger
- Lauren Ardestani Hatam
- Zachary Vaden Haynes
- Tommy Robert Heaton
- Courtney Morgan Helms
- Clarence Daniel Hembree
- Penny Marie Hines
- Nikki Ann Holloway
- ● McKenzie Scott Hope
- Sara Bohus Hopson
- Ana Maria Daniela Horvath
- Kenneth Ryan Howell
- Michael Benjamin Huckaby
- Andrew Chase Hudgins
- Whitney Lee Humphrey
- Kaitlyn Elizabeth Marie Ingalls
- Kendra Danielle Ingleton
- Haley Danielle Irvin
- Lauren Ivascu
- Jeffery Alan Jackson
- Timothy Howard Jackson
- ● Daniela Jaime
- David Lee Jarrett
- Ameen H. Jivani
- Daniel Lashea Johnson
- Ivy Meghan Johnson
- Miles Lee Johnson
- Darrell Jones
- ● Elizabeth Diane Jones
- Morgan Breanna Jones
- Robert Foy Jordan
- Jessica M. Jouria
- Angelei Kaohinani Kainoa-Gabriel
- Shannon Rebecca Keeler
- Katherine Lee Kerce
- Samuel M. King
- Catherine Susan Kittle
- Aaron Matthew Kleimann
- Honesty Rashelle Knight
- Jennifer Lynne Komdat
- Nicholas Lawrence Kraut
- Victoria Brooke Lane
- Connor Eli Layton
- Cory William Lazzaro
- Jeremy Macy LeCroy
- David Michael Lee
- Jessica Bettina Lee
- Seandre Lee
- Michelle Whitney Lemons
- Mary Vanessa Lilly
- Taylor Clark Litesey
- Andrew Jay Litton
- Jonathan Michael Lugo
- Preston Christopher Luk
- Thomas W. Maddox
- Zachary Lee Maddox
- ● Myron Blake Maret
- Olivia E. Martin
- Aida Yasmeen Martinez
- Johnny Martinez
- Zachary Clay Mathis
- Daniel Kenneth May
- Breanna E. McAlister
- ● Marie Helene McCary
- Shakierya Jenneisha McClendon
- Heather Brooke McEntire
- Gueary Duncan McFate
- John Curtis McGraw
- Ethan Cameron McKown
- Amber Leigh McLean
- Christopher Sean McNeil
- Jessica Lynn Meleg
- Jocelyn Mendoza
- Sarah LeeAnn Mentzer
- Emily Wells Mercer
- Cindy Michelle
- Kyla Shay Middleton
- William Keith Miller
- John Conner Minesinger
- Britney Sun Minton
- Sunni M. Monterroso
- Kristoffer Taylor Moon
- John Wayne Mooney
- Demaurius M. Morgan
- ● Miranda Taylor Morgan
- Alexander Lee Morton
- Mariah Calabrese Mosqueda
- Lauren Danielle Mullen
- ● Christian Andrew Nelms
- Armon A. Nezamabadi
- Douglas Michael Norton
- Matthew Lee Nottingham
- Scoti-Ann Megan Oehlson

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| ■ Tracy Ann Owens | Austin R. Sanders | ● Morgan Alexis Taylor |
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| ● Tyler Ray Paramore | Shannon Lindsey Semones | Andrew David Tedder |
| ● Kelli Danielle Parker | Angelie Serrano | Wayne Keith Terry |
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| ● Caleb H. Parris | Brandan Edmund Simmons | Jessica Ann Thomas |
| ● David Jacob Patterson | Michael David Simpson | ● Mariah Chantel Tiller |
| Jaclyn Breanna Patterson | David Jason Sims | Samuel Parker Tomlinson |
| ■ William Robert Payne | Victoria Lynn Sinfelt | Ryan Matthew Torres |
| ● Marley James Earwood Peals | ● Jonathan Nelson Siniard | ■ ● Jesse Lee Trawick |
| ● Carleigh Christine Pearson | Shekinah Faith Sisson | Mark Andrew Triplett |
| ● Matthew Scott Pearson | Matthew Alexander Skinner | ● Michael Todd Tucker |
| Carol Melissa Perez | Jessica Rose Sloan | Amanda White Turner |
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| ● Haley Renee Perry | Rachel Nicole Smereski | ● Jacob Paul Underwood |
| Alyson Marie Pfrimmer | Kayla Jules Smith | ■ Jenny Lynn VanFossen |
| Melissa Suzette Pharr | ● Kelly Michelle Smith | Edna Stephanie Viruet |
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| Carmen Ashley Pritchard | Jimmy Solano | Dennis Taylor Wells |
| Gary Lunden Rainer | ● Riley Marc Solomon | ■ ● Lacey Marie Weltch |
| Dequicia DeAngela Rawls | ● Michael Dakota Sonntag | ● Amanda Christine Whaley |
| ● Fatima Reavis | Justin Edward Soriano | Brandon Jammal White |
| Tracy Michelle Redd | Sarah Ashley Sparks | ■ Jaimie Marie Whitfield |
| Erin Michelle Rhinehart | Liz Miriam Spencer | ● Samantha Kay Wilbanks |
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| ■ Thomas William Richards | Tiffney Lynn Spencer | ● Aaron Alexander Williams |
| Tiffany Elizabeth Ridley | Alexandria Pauline Spiesel | ■ ● Meagan Jane Williams |
| Victoria Lindsay Roach | Heather Ashley Spotts | ■ ● Alyssa Morgan Wills |
| ■ ● Claudia Danielle Roberson | ● Tyler Matthew Stanton | ● Le'Andrea Dionne Wise |
| Aleya Simone Robinson | ▲ ● Julie Ann Stephens | ■ ● Sandra Lynn Woolley |
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| Sarah Lynn Rohland | ● Jonathan Edward Stone | ● Porter S. Yarbrough |
| Melissa Paige Rotti | ● Aubrianna S. Strickland | ● Moliat Adejoke Yusuf |
| Tyler Christian Rowe | Nikia Briana Sublett | William Alexander Zaganas |

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

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| Christina Hampton Adams | ● Kellen Edward Churchill | Keslyn Marlene Powell |
| ● Sandy Michelle Adams | ● Ilanit Leib Good | ● Laslie Camille Ramey |
| ■ ● Louise Sullivan Bone | ● Holly Ann Lawless | ■ ● Katie Marie Redden |
| ● Wendy Yohana Bonilla | ■ ● Emily Brooke Logan | Brooke Marie Ritt |
| ● Cari Helena Bruce | ● Amanda L. Miner | ■ Kathy Ann Sherman |

Associate of Science in Human Services

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| ■ Maxine Kattie Clark | Sherisha D. Matthews | Melissa Michelle Walton |
| Erin Marie Clay | K.C. Renae/Mace Quarles | ● Ryan Ashley White |
| ● Laurel June Dockery | Adam H. Scott | |
| Tina Melissa Hancock | ■ Alicia Speece | |



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- Oyenike "Nike" Ajadi
- Megan Ali
- Melissa Allmon
- Leigh Amborn
- Brent Amelingmeier
- Adele Marie Angel
- ● Cady Lee Atcheson
- Fadma Aziz
- Crystal Keyonnica Bailey
- John Baldes
- Jody Bays
- ● Rhonda Beaver
- Angela Becker
- Brook Belcher
- Kellie Bevans
- Lyea Bickle
- William Russell Biehl
- Jennifer Killian Bittaker
- Mary Louise Borgese
- Anna Bowman
- Brittany Brand
- Staci Braden Broadway
- Debra D. Brown
- Joseph Glyn Bryant
- Ashley Bryson
- Kenneth Bullington
- Maria Burch
- Holly Burgess
- Mary Melissa Cagle
- Anna Cochran
- Tiffani Colston
- Emily Marie Cook
- Kristen Davis
- Ashley Dean
- Michael Dennis
- ● Kristen Donegan
- Angela Downey
- Pateira Dumas-Tatum
- Casey Earwood
- Susan Easton
- Shiona Eisenhauer
- Nathan Fant
- Crystal Fennell
- Hannah Sherre' Fennell
- Roselyne Ferdinand
- Laura Catherine Fletcher
- Keysha Ford
- Erika Danielle Gentry
- ● Deanna Graveling
- Justin Mark Greathouse
- Cassi Green
- Kaytlyn Elicia Grostefon
- Lauren Hall
- Christy Rena Haynes
- Stacy Heideman
- Robin Ann Henderson
- Wayne Leonard Hendrickson
- Denaeé Monique Hines
- ● Ashley Hopkins
- ● Joy Hopkins
- Joanna M. Jackson
- Michelle Keene
- Susie Kellett
- Alisha Kennedy
- Melodye Kenney
- Vanessa Kathleen King
- Darsi Knowles
- Lauren Lackey
- Heather Murphy Lamneck
- Shauna Lents
- Steven Lester
- ● Sarah Little
- Donna Lord
- Amber Elizabeth Luttrell
- Christina Maddox
- Rachael Mansfield
- Rory Marquardt
- Andrew Wayne Mathis
- Laurie McAreavey
- Leah H. McCarty
- Misty B. McClelland
- Shante Nichole McClure
- Hanna McDaniel
- Myra Elizabeth McDonald
- Ayn Claire McLaurin
- Katie McWilliams
- Jack Anthony Miceli
- Katherine Ann Molden
- Ashley Mosher
- Melanie Nola Mullinax
- Johnsyn Maxine Murray
- Nicole Antoinette Nation
- Kevin Newman
- Tricia Nichols
- Amanda O'Rear
- Trisha Owen
- Kaleigh Marie Owens
- Kristine Parker
- Valerie "RiRi" Pierre
- Kimberly Lauren Ramey
- Torrey Reedy
- Liz Richards
- Angela Richardson
- Shervonna Norvette Richardson
- Tiffany Ridley
- Candace Robbins
- Whitney Robinson
- Toni Rock
- Jennifer Marie Rogers
- Ashlee Rooks
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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. 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, support the mission of GHC, and embrace its vision.

Georgia Highlands College Alumni Association

Congratulations, Graduates! One of the major goals of the GHC Alumni Association is to create ties that will last a lifetime between you and the College. We consider graduation a beginning, not an end, of our relationship. With that in mind, the Alumni Association will continually seek new and innovative ways to meet the needs of our alumni. Visit us today at www.gahighlandsalumni.com.

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Georgia Highlands College Graduation Air Times

Both the graduation and the nurses' pinning/graduation ceremonies will be broadcast on GHTV, on the following days and times:

GHTV is available on Comcast Channel 4 in the Greater Rome area and on AT&T U-verse throughout Georgia on channel 99 under FLOYD-GHTV.

Monday 19 May

11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation

Tuesday 20 May

11:00 am Graduation
1:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Wednesday 21 May

11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation

Thursday 22 May

11:00 am Graduation
1:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Friday 23 May

11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation

Saturday 24 May and Sunday 25 May

9:00 am Graduation
11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation
3:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation
5:00 pm Graduation
7:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Monday 26 May

11:00 am Graduation
1:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Tuesday 27

11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation

Wednesday 28 May

11:00 am Graduation
1:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Thursday 29 May

11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation

Friday 30 May

11:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 pm Graduation

Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June

9:00 am Pinning/Nursing Graduation
11:00 am Graduation
1:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation
3:00 pm Graduation
5:00 pm Pinning/Nursing Graduation
7:00 pm Graduation

The History of Georgia Highlands College

In its 43-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 now an access-mission state college 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 Mr. 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 that year, 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, Mr. 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. Dr. Pierce retired in December 2011, and Mr. Robert Watts once again became interim president until May 2012 when Dr. Renva Watterson became interim president. She has served at the post for two years as of May 2014.

- In 1994 the college opened Heritage Hall in downtown Rome to be more accessible to the working student, and GHTV, a 24-hour cable television station went on the air.
- In fall 2005 the college changed its name to Georgia Highlands College to reflect the more regional nature of its service area. It also dedicated the new campus and building in Cartersville on Route 20, just west of I-75.
- The college also began offering classes in Marietta on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University in time for fall semester 2005.
- In 2006 the college expanded the flagship nursing program to Acworth, and subsequently absorbed that cohort of 25 students into Cartersville and Marietta when the college closed its Acworth site, which had been located on the campus of North Metro Technical College.
- In 2009 the Paulding instructional site opened on the town square in Dallas. That same year, GHC ventured into Douglas County, occupying modular housing behind Chapel Hill High School until more permanent quarters were renovated on Stewart Parkway. The college moved its Douglas site to its new facility in 2010. Dallas and Douglasville operate as cooperative ventures with Kennesaw State University and the University of West Georgia, respectively.
- In April 2011, GHC announced the establishment of competitive athletics, an initiative requested and voted on by students. That May, the Board of Regents approved the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, making the institution a state college.
- A second building, the new student center, opened for fall semester 2012 on the Cartersville campus.

The continuing support of the communities in which we work is the reason for our success. We always appreciate your comments and suggestions.