

GEORGIA
HIGHLANDS
COLLEGE



Thirty Seventh HONORS ASSEMBLY

The University System of Georgia

May 1, 2009



PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. John Spranza
Director of Student Life

Welcome
Dr. Randy Pierce
President, Georgia Highlands College



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Business Merit Award

For a business major who has completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and maintained a minimum of a 3.40 grade point average, and exhibits potential for success in the business environment.

Presented by Mrs. Betty S. Nolen, CPA, CMA, CFM
Professor of Accounting
Recipient - Kathryn S. Eley

Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants' Certificate of Excellence in the Study of Principles of Accounting

For the highest combined grade point average in Accounting 2101 and 2102
Presented by Mrs. Betty S. Nolen, CPA, CMA, CFM
Professor of Accounting
Recipient - Julie Forman Ogle

Excellence in Biological Sciences

To recognize an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of biology and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological science courses, including but not limited to Principles of Biology I and II, Foundations of Biology, General Zoology and Principles of Nutrition. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Presented by Andy Dawson
Instructor of Biology
Recipient - William Bishop

Excellence in Health Sciences

For recognition of an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in the allied health field and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological science courses, including but not limited to Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Medical Microbiology and Principles of Nutrition. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

*Presented by Jason Hitzemar
Assistant Professor of Biology*

Recipients - Michael Crouse, Teresa Pavlicek and Brandi Nelson

CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award

Presented by Taylor & Francis Group, LLC in recognition of outstanding achievement in chemistry.

*Presented by Dr. Harvey Moody
Professor of Chemistry*

Recipients - Ahron Choi, Joshua David Grizzle and James Larry Culberson

Jim McKeel Human Service Achievement Award

For students who have demonstrated commitment to the field of human services are involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrate a genuine concern for the community.

*Presented by Mrs. Susan Claxton
Associate Professor and Human Services Program Coordinator*
Recipient - Shannon Williams

Warren Akin IV Award for Excellence in English Studies

For demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature with a minimum 3.00 GPA. Selected by the English faculty.

*Presented by Mr. Jesse Bishop
Instructor of English*
Recipient - Jordan Reece Thompson

Dr. Melvin Perry AAUP Outstanding Future Educator Award

For students who demonstrate an aptitude for and commitment to excellence in teaching with a minimum 3.00 GPA. Must be on track for a career in teaching.

*Presented by Dr. Darrell C. Sorrells
Assistant Professor of Education*
Recipient - Matthew Stone

Mathematics Award

For high achievement in mathematics presented to the student with the highest class average in Calculus 2262 or 2263 as determined by mathematical reasoning.

*Presented by Dr. Johnny Duke
Professor of Mathematics*
Recipient - Jayme Wheeler



NURSING AWARDS

Excellence in Bedside Care

For excellence in bedside care as identified by the nursing faculty.

Presented by Ms. Marjorie Frazier, MN, PMHCNS-BC

Associate Professor of Nursing

Recipient - Christine Ali

Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award

Designated for a freshman student in nursing who demonstrates a potential for exemplary professional service and who is a resident of Floyd County.

Presented by Ms. Andrea Moss

President of the Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary

Recipient - Tara Lorraine James

Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award

For competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement.

Presented by Ms. Kathy Henderson, BSN, RN

Director of 4 East, General Surgery, Urology and Gynecology, RRM

Recipient - Mandy M. Rees

Coosa Valley Home Health Care Agency Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award

For demonstrating the ability to work with aged patients and their families.

Presented by Ms. Jan King, RN

Director of Operations, CVHHCA

Recipient - Stephanie Stanley

WellStar Outstanding Nursing Student Award

For a nursing student who exemplifies the WellStar core standards of nursing care.

Presented by Mr. David Anderson

Director of Human Resources, WellStar Health System

Recipient - Jennifer Gandia

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing Award

*For the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average by a
GHC nursing student.*

Presented by Dr. Barbara Rees, DSN, RN

Chair of Health Sciences and Nursing Program Director

Recipient - Kelly Ann Borowski



Floyd Medical Center Nightingale Award

For outstanding clinical performance and dedication to the nursing profession.

Presented by Brandi Littlejohn, MBA

Professional Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, FMC

Recipients - Allison Hopper and Tiffany Robinson

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award

For a student or faculty member who enhances disability awareness in the GHC community by demonstrating a desire to educate and inform others about disability issues and is involved in campus organizations and activities and volunteer service.

Presented by Ms. Sheryl Ballenger

Director of Student Support Services

Recipient - Christopher Godwin

GNAME Student Achievement Award

Awarded to a student in the GNAME program who has demonstrated achievement in academics and leadership during his first year at GHC. GNAME (Georgia Highlands African-American Male Excellence) is a partnership between GHC and 100 Black Men of Rome/NW Ga., and is funded by a grant from the

University System of Georgia.

Presented by Mr. Gregory Shropshire

President, 100 Black Men of Rome-Northwest Georgia

Recipient - Anthony Donaldson

National Creative Society Inductees

For recognition and support of student achievement in pictures, poetry, prose and performance.

*Presented by Dr. Jon Hershey
Professor of English*

- Recipients -

Charles Abend
Tyler Ashley
Caroline Atkins
Leah Barton
Eric Benavidez
Patti Boxerman
Kori Broadway
Torri Brown
Matthew Buffington
Brandon Burton
Marhonda Cunningham
Kristin Davenport
Will Floyd
Coleen Fries
Jennifer Garrett
Nick Godfrey

Sana Hamid
Hannah Hibbard
Derrick Johnson
Robyn Johnson
Lesley Mathis
Tyler McSwain
Greg Paulson
Jordan Penson
Colin Poe
Braden Ragsdale
Carrie Sanchez
Stephanie Shields
Chiara VanTubbergen
Richard Wagner
Hanna Yu

Old Red Kimono Creative Writing Awards

For students whose original work, published in the Old Red Kimono, was judged to be of special merit.

Presented by Mr. Jesse Bishop

Instructor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

Recipients - 3rd Kris Davenport for "Piano"

2nd Marhonda Cunningham for "Princess Cut"

1st Matthew Newton for "Saved"

Old Red Kimono Creative Art Awards

For students whose original work, published in the Old Red Kimono, was judged to be of special merit.

Presented by Mr. Brian Barr

Associate Professor of Art

Recipients - 3rd Jasmine Williams for "Phoenix in Flight"

2nd Dani Brown for "Candymaker"

1st Patti Boxerman for "About Face I"

Georgia General Assembly's Board of Regents Academic

Excellence Recognition Award

For a Georgia resident student who has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic achievement while attending a University System of Georgia institution.

Presented by Dr. Randy Pierce

President

Recipient - Charlene Graham

All-USA Academic Team

Sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges, the All-USA Academic Team competition honors excellent students for academic achievement and campus involvement.

Presented by Dr. Randy Pierce

President

Recipients - Whitney Griffin, Bassel Rabah and Matthew Stone



LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Library Community Leader Award

To recognize outstanding performance to the GHC community through leadership and service to promote the mission of the college library.

Presented by Debbie Holmes

Chief Librarian

Recipient - Bassel Rabah

GHC Emerging Leaders 2009

For students completing the Emerging Leaders program during the spring semester.

Presented by Mr. John Spranza

Director of Student Life

- Recipients -

Patti Boxerman
Lacie Clonts
Allen Cole
Garett Crook
Raul Echavarria
David Echeverria
Lesley Mathis
Amanda-Ka McClain
Daisy Mercado
Teresa Parker
Mignon Peek
Matthew Roman
Sabrina Suttles
Linda Vu
Tammy Ward



Georgia Highlands College Steve Burns Service Award

For the student who has demonstrated a commitment and passion for serving others and has contributed to the well-being of the community.

Presented by Mr. John Spranza

Director of Student Life

2008-2009 Nominees

Sandra (Sami Jo) Miron

Sarah Gibson Little

Bassel Rabah

Shannon Williams

Recipient - To Be Announced at Honors Night

Georgia Highlands College Spirit Award

For the student who best demonstrates dedication to campus life, activity in school and community projects, and promotes school spirit to fellow students, faculty and staff.

Presented by Mr. John Spranza

Director of Student Life

2008-2009 Nominees

Daisy Mercado

Karin Graham

Matthew Roman

Courtnee Howell

Recipient - To Be Announced at Honors Night

Georgia Highlands College Leadership Award

For the student who best demonstrates the qualities of a positive leader, shows exemplary leadership on campus and in community activities and maintains high academic standards.

Presented by Dr. Randy Pierce

President

2008-2009 Nominees

Sarah Gibson Little

Patti Boxerman

Terrilyn Blackstock

Bassel Rabah

Sarah Colston

Recipient - To Be Announced at Honors Night