

41st Annual HONORS ASSEMBLY



April 4, 2013

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Megan Youngblood

Student Life Coordinator - Cartersville Campus

Welcome

Dr. Renva Watterson

Interim President, Georgia Highlands College



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants

Certificate of Academic Excellence Award in Accounting

For the highest combined grade point average in Accounting 2101 and 2102 achieved by a student planning on majoring in accounting.

Presented by Dr. Dudley Salley

Professor of Economics

Recipient - Steven Blume

Business Merit Award

Recognizes a student's achievement in business by having the highest average in the required Area F business courses. The student must have completed at least five of the six required classes and be performing well in the 6th business class if taking it during the spring semester.

Presented by Dr. Dudley Salley

Professor of Economics

Recipient - Mimoza Aliu

Excellence in Journalism

For students who have served on the student newspaper staff for one year or more, who have held leadership positions on the staff, and who have demonstrated exceptional journalistic achievement.

Presented by John Kwist

Instructor of English and Six Mile Post Liaison for the Paulding Campus

Recipient - Andrew West

Outstanding Student for Political Science Majors

To recognize a Political Science major with the highest GPA, extraordinary service to the community and/or country, and embodies the mission of the college.

Presented by R. Shea Mize

Lecturer in Political Science

Recipient - Jonathan D. Collier-Porter

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 Lisa Branson

Assistant Professor of Biology

Recipient - Joshua Geer



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 Human 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 C. Sharryse Henderson

Associate Professor of Biology

Recipients - Brent Peter Amelingmeier and Alison Leigh Steinmetz Carroll

Jim McKeel Human Service Achievement Award

For a student who has demonstrated commitment to the field of Human Services, is involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrates a genuine concern for the community.

Presented by Megan Youngblood

Student Life Coordinator Cartersville Campus

Recipients - Melissa Dowda and Janet Beth Prater

Warren Akin IV Award for Excellence in English Studies

For demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature; must have a minimum 3.00 GPA and be selected by the English faculty.

Presented by Jesse Bishop and Jake Sullins

Assistant Professors of English

Recipients - Rebecca Crooks and Sherina Johnson

Dr. Melvin Perry AAUP Outstanding Future Educator Award

To honor an outstanding future educator who demonstrates an aptitude for and commitment to excellence in teaching; must have a minimum 3.00 GPA.

Presented by Dr. Laura Musselwhite

Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Recipients - Amelia Bagwell, Rebecca Crooks, and Heather Green

Outstanding Spanish Activities Club President

This award recognizes high academic achievement, strong leadership, and dedication to our institution.

Presented by Leslie Johnson

Associate Professor of Communication

Recipient - Robert G. Satterfield

Outstanding Spanish Student

This award recognizes outstanding work and achievement from an honor student in Spanish 2002.

Presented by Leslie Johnson

Associate Professor of Communication

Recipient - Christina R. Willard



Mathematics Award

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

Presented by Dr. Paul Kapitza
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Recipient - John Germany

Scholar Athlete Award

This award recognized the GHC student-athlete with the highest GPA.

Presented by Phil Gaffney
Athletic Director
Recipient - Matthew Catanzano

NURSING AWARDS

Excellence in Bedside Care

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

Presented by Marjorie Frazier, MN, RN
Associate Professor of Nursing
- Recipients -
Kody L. Daniel Chumley, Dario Miranda, and Crystal Starr Sizemore

Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award

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

Presented by Marjorie Frazier, MN, RN
Associate Professor of Nursing
Recipient - Katie Elizabeth Wacker

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing Award

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

Presented by Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN
Director of Nursing
- Recipients -
Rene Dawn Disser, Karen Danielle Martin, and Leah Stella Valvano



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
For service to college and community, as well as high academic achievement
Presented by Magan Youngblood
Student Life Coordinator - Cartersville Campus

- Recipients -

**Rob Adkerson
Christopher Dale Armer
Amelia L. Bagwell
Kyle Christian Blume
Steven Thomas Blume
John Ross Brown
Josh Brown
Crystal Chambers
Candace Baulding Collins
Emily Criswell
Rebecca Crooks
Akshar Desai
Jonathan A. Dozier
Branson Dulaney
J. P. Erickson
Patricia Gayle Golden
David Grabowski
Taylor Guillory
Harold Gene Harmon
Evan Hoggs
Kevin Horan
Denardi Joiseus
Ryan Jones
Sarah Lane
Emily Levine**

**Cole McElroy
Kacie Minter
Alphonsus Onyewuchi
Darice Parks
Leisha Ann Roberts
Darian Rogers
Alberto Romero
Darion Rucker
Michael Russo
Shandi DyAnne Shedd
Chelsea Signoret
Hannah Lorine Smith
Davina Snowball
Devon Strickland
Jesse Stroup
Donielle Sullivan
Kelly Taylor
Ryan Torres
Ervin Watkins, Jr.
Isaac Watters
Andrew West
Victor Williams
David Willis
Pedro R. Zavala**

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, activities and volunteer service.

Presented by Todd Jones

Interim Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Recipient - Jessie Stroup

GNAME Student Achievement Award

The GNAME Student Achievement Award recognizes two students in the Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Male Excellence (GNAME) Program for demonstrating leadership, academic excellence, and dedication to the success of their fellow members. One student is an accomplished leader in the program and the other is a developing leader in the program who is a returning student.

Presented by Greg Wooten

100 Black Men of Rome-Northwest Georgia

Recipients - David Martinez and Victor Williams

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 Dr. Nancy Applegate

Professor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

- Recipients -

1st Place: Robert Kean, "Weeping for the World as We Lay Our Stones"

2nd Place: Neen Snowball, "The Life of a Pumpkin"

3rd Place: J. P. Erickson, "Hide and Seek"

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 Dr. Nancy Applegate

Professor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

- Recipients -

1st Place: Chris Spurbeck, "Rose Study"

2nd Place: Amanda Brendel, "Defiant"

3rd Place: John Carpenter, "Twisted Sista"



Honors Student of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the student who demonstrated the most commitment to furthering the goals of the Honors Program this year.

Presented by Dr. Jayme Akers Feagin

Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program

Recipient - Amelia Bagwell

Honors Paper of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the student who wrote the best paper in the honors-designated or honors-option course.

Presented by Dr. Jayme Akers Feagin

Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program

Recipient - Brandy Riekert

Honors Certificate

This award is given to Honors Program students who have fulfilled the requirements of the Honors Program. This involves community service, taking Honors coursework, and completing outside-of-class research projects.

Presented by Dr. Jayme Akers Feagin

Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program

- Recipients -

Maryium Ahmed

Amelia Bagwell

Cheryse Carter

Marlie Collini

Leah Craig

Bethany Evans

Hannah Harrell

Stacy Haynes

Jeremy Linville

Kimberly Norton

Julian Orjuela

Brandy Riekert

Robert Satterfield

Julie Stephens

Jessie Summers

Joseph Tripp

Marilyn Ashleigh Trudeau-Walls



Georgia General Assembly Board of Regents Academic Recognition Award
For a Georgia resident student attending a University System of Georgia institution who has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic achievement.

Presented by Dr. Renva Watterson

Interim President

Recipient - Galen Maret

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. Laura Musselwhite

Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

- Recipients -

Amelia Bagwell, Marie McCary, Meagan Williams, and Victor Williams

Diversity Student Leadership Award

For a student who demonstrates a significant contribution toward the advancement of diversity in higher education by serving as a mentor, role model, or a leader of an underrepresented student group.

Presented by Dr. Tom Harnden

Professor of Biology and Director of Diversity Initiatives

Recipient - Clint Richards

Diversity Team Award

For a group of individuals (e.g., a student club, a specific course or class, an educational unit of the college, etc.) who demonstrate a significant contribution toward the advancement of diversity in higher education by collectively raising social consciousness regarding diversity through various educational means.

Presented by Dr. Tom Harnden

Professor of Biology and Director Diversity Initiatives

Recipients - Brother 2 Brother

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

GHC Emerging Leaders 2013

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

Presented by Megan Youngblood and Alexis Carter

Student Life Coordinators Cartersville Campus and Marietta Campus

- Recipients -

Kirsten A. Abel
Jessy Acosta
Amelia Bagwell
Amanda Brendel
Randy Chastain
Linda Chuong
Maxine Clark
Shiryra Crabb
Bradley Cameron Culberson
Rosa Dobbs
Blake Eberhard
Jessica Fisher
Aaron Foster
Christina Garner
Elizabeth Gitau
Victor Gonzales
William Gourdine
Brandon Hardin
Stacy Haynes
Kursten Hedgis
Julie Honea
Kevin Horan
Greggory Karnes
Amanda Key
Jacob Knight
Alma Malasi

Reginald May
Ze'Nia Middlebrooks
Lisabett Munoz
Lindsay Parker
Jessica Phillips
Kristen Phillips
Cody Rathbone
Jasmine Rich
Ricardo Rodriguez
Alberto Romero
Jacob Sellers
Angelie Serrano
Chelsea Signoret
Tatiana Smithson
Candace Spann
Devon Strickland
Jessie Summers
Amy Taylor
Ryan Torres
Johnathan Warren
Branden Weaver
Edwin Whitworth
Meagan Williams
Robert Wilson
Austin Wolfschlag
Pedro Rodolfo G Zavala



Georgia Highlands College Steve Burns Service Award

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

Presented by Dr. Laura Musselwhite

Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

2012-2013 Nominees

Amelia Bagwell

Josh Brown

Kacie Minter

Recipient to be announced

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 Dr. Laura Musselwhite

Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

2012-2013 Nominees

Josh Brown

Kacie Minter

Isaac Watters

Victor Williams

Recipient to be announced

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 while maintaining high academic standards.

Presented by Dr. Renva Watterson

Interim President

2012-2013 Nominees

Amelia Bagwell

Amanda Brendel

Josh Brown

Crystal Chambers

Julie Stephens

Isaac Watters

Andrew West

Victor Williams

Recipient to be announced



CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Megan Youngblood
Student Life Coordinator - Cartersville Campus

Thank you for attending Honors Night 2013.



SPECIAL THANKS

Office of Academic and Student Affairs

Student Life Coordinators - Alexis Carter, John Spranza, Lyric Sprinkle and Megan Youngblood

All the faculty and staff of Georgia Highlands College

All the parents and families of our students

