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40th Annual  
**HONORS ASSEMBLY**

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April 5, 2012



## **PROGRAM**

### **Master of Ceremonies**

John Spranza

*Student Life Coordinator Floyd Campus*

### **Welcome**

Robert Watts

*Interim President, Georgia Highlands College*



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## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### **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 achieved by a student planning on majoring in accounting.*

Presented by Annette Maddox  
Assistant Professor of Accounting  
**Recipient - Katie S. Jennings**

### **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 5 of the 6 required classes and be performing well in the 6th business class if taking it during the spring semester.*

Presented by Annette Maddox  
Assistant Professor of Accounting  
**Recipient - Jessica Rampley**

### **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 Dr. Kristie Kemper and Cindy Wheeler  
Faculty advisors for the Six Mile Post student newspaper  
**Recipient - Kaitlyn Hyde**

### **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 Donna Daugherty  
Dean of Natural Sciences and Physical Education  
**Recipient - David L. Jarrett**

### **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 Jasmine Olander  
Instructor of Biology  
**Recipient - Anna Lynne Harris**

### **CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Awards**

*The Chemistry Achievement Award recognizes an outstanding student who demonstrates academic excellence in multiple chemical science courses, including but not limited to Principles of Chemistry I and II, and Organic Chemistry I and II. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.*

Presented by Dr. Harvey Moody  
Professor of Chemistry  
**Recipient - Samuel Luke Thompson**



**Superior Achievement in Physics Award**

*Given to a student who is interested in learning about the details of how the fundamental principles of the universe work and trying to apply them to real life situations through the existing laws of physics.*

Presented by Donna Daugherty  
Dean of Natural Sciences and Physical Education  
Recipient - Ronald Dustin Del Rosario

**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 Dr. Susan Claxton  
Associate Professor and Human Services Program Coordinator  
Recipient - Megan Gafnea

**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 Frank Minor  
Associate Professor of English  
Recipients - Christopher McAbee and John Ross Rogers

**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 and be on track for a career in teaching.*

Presented by Frank Minor  
Associate Professor of English  
Recipients - Hannah Smith and Madison White

**Outstanding Spanish Student and Club President**

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

Presented by Kathryn J. Garcia  
Assistant Professor of Spanish  
Recipient - Victoria A. Kikulis

**Outstanding Spanish Honor Student**

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

Presented by Kathryn J. Garcia  
Assistant Professor of Spanish  
Recipient - Kristen R. Bennett

**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 - Kenneth Winston Kingery



## **NURSING AWARDS**

### **Excellence in Bedside Care**

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

Presented by Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN

*Director of Nursing*

**Recipients - Barrie Shirley, Richard Eberhart, Robin House**

### **Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award**

*For competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement.*

Presented by Kathy Dowdy

*Redmond Regional Medical Center*

**Recipient - Amanda Bohannon**

### **Amedysis Home Health Care Agency Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award**

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

Presented by Jan King

*Amedysis Home Health Care*

**Recipients - Trina Davidson**

### **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*

**Recipient - Ashley Granger, Robin House**

### **Floyd Medical Center Nancy Gunther Award for Outstanding Nursing Student**

*For outstanding clinical performance and dedication to the nursing profession.*

Presented by Missy Ragland

*Floyd Medical Center*

**Recipient to be announced**



## 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 John Spranza

*Student Life Coordinator - Floyd Campus*

### - Recipients -

Lina Alcaraz	Andrea Fillmore	Kristi McCarley	John Ross Rogers
Brandon Allen	Danielle Fluck	Daryl McCloud	Alberto Romero
Rachelle Allison Allen	Joshua Geer	Christopher McClure	Amera Samha
Jessyca Arndt	Ginger Green	Betsy McElhannon	Barrie Shirley
Amelia Bagwell	Kimberly Guyton	Jordan McFather	Bradley Six
Erin Baker	Scotty Hale	Tara Menard	Joseph Slay
Christopher Bates	Cynthia Harrington	Elizabeth Merna	Tatiana Smithson
Jesse Beard	Anna Lynne Harris	Anthony Minaya	Davina Snowball
Kristen Bennett	Nevin Hillegass	Chukunyere Nlewedim	Abigail Sosebee
Christie Boyd	Peter C. Holmes	Rhett Norris	Alicia Speece
Joshua Brown	Liv Hood	Chukwuemeka Nwokike	Keittravis Squire
Kanneya Brown	Alicia Houston	Patricia Ogle	Bryan Sunrich
Courtney Self Carter	Dexter Hudson	Adebola Ojosipe	Samuel Luke Thompson
Maximus Ceaser	Amber Hulsey	Abraham Ortiz	Andrew Torres
Linda Chuong	Kaitlyn Hyde	Caleb Parris	Christopher Tranter
Donnetta Creamer	Chidozie Ikwuezunma	Annay Perez	Brandon Treglown
Jennifer Davenport	Robenson Joseph	Ashley Perry	Chukwuma Ugwu
Ashley Dennard	Kirsten Kapustay	Lora Perry	Vincent Waithe
Lauren Desilva	Shannon Keeler	Megan Perry	Ervin Watkins
Anthony Donaldson	Kylie Lee	Elisheva Ray	Isaac Watters
Ann Dorsainvil	Islam Leung	Heather Redding	Kendall Weatherman
Stephen Early	Jeremy Linville	Brandy Riekert	Sarah Willingham
Mark Ewings	Drusila Lomeli	Wynema Rodgers	



**Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award**

*For a student or faculty member who enhance 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 Wilma Maynard  
*Student Support Services*  
**Recipient - Haley Mullen**

**Foundation Achievement Trophy**

*A special, one-time recognition of the Gaming Club's founding member. Without this student's love of gaming and leadership, the Gaming Club would not be one of the college's largest student organizations with members on four campuses.*

Presented by Michelle Abbott  
*Faculty Advisor for the Gaming Club*  
**Recipient - Jesse Beard**

**Cornerstone Award**

*A solid foundation requires strong cornerstones. This award recognizes a student officer for his or her leadership skills and demonstration of the positive influence gamers can have in our community.*

Presented by Michelle Abbott  
*Faculty Advisor for the Gaming Club*  
**Recipient - William Gourdine**

**GHAME Student Achievement Award**

*The GHAME Student Achievement Award recognizes a returning student in the Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Male Excellence (GHAME) Program for demonstrating leadership, academic excellence, and dedication to the success of his fellow members.*

Presented by Greg Shropshire  
*100 Black Men of Rome-Northwest Georgia*  
**Recipients - Joshua Brown and Isaac Watters**

**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 Jesse Bishop and Dr. Nancy Applegate  
*Faculty Advisors for the Old Red Kimono*

**Recipients –**  
**3rd Felicia Scott for “Jacket”**  
**2nd John Ross Rogers for “Man on the Edge of the Woods”**  
**1st Abigail Sosebee for “Shoe Box Diorama”**



### **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 Jesse Bishop and Dr. Nancy Applegate  
*Faculty Advisors for the Old Red Kimono*

#### **Recipients**

**3rd Amera Samha for "Untitled"**

**2nd Amanda Torres for "Rococo"**

**1st Rebecca Layson for "Tied Up"**

### **FLASH in the Highlands Student Playwriting Finalists**

*Finalists for the FLASH in the Highlands Ten-Minute Playwriting Competition are chosen by a reading panel of students and faculty to honor their exemplary original flash drama and contribution to the creative and cultural enrichment of the college.*

Presented by Jeffrey Kozee and Dr. Richard Stafford  
*Faculty Advisors for the Playwriting Competition*

**Recipients - Nancy Coleman and Rachel C. Buckley**

### **Honors Diploma**

*This award is given to Honors Program students who have fulfilled all of the requirements of the Honors Program. This involves community service, taking Honors coursework, and completing outside-of-class research projects. This year we are awarding the college's first*

*Honors Diploma.*

Presented by Dr. Laura Beth Daws  
*Assistant Professor of Communication and Director of the Honors Program*

**Recipients - Abigail Sosebee**

### **Honors Certificate**

*This award is given to Honors Program students who have fulfilled most of the requirements of the Honors Program. This involves community service, taking Honors coursework, and completing outside-of-class research projects. This year we are awarding the college's first*

*Honors Certificates.*

Presented by Dr. Laura Beth Daws  
*Assistant Professor of Communication and Director of the Honors Program*

**Recipients - Liv Hood and Brandy Riekert**



**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 Robert Watts

*Interim President*

**Recipient - Abraham Ortiz**

**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 Robert Watts

*Interim President*

**Recipients**

**Matthew Kendall, Galen Maret, Samuel Luke Thompson and Robert Warden**



## LEADERSHIP AWARDS

### GHC Emerging Leaders 2012

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

*Presented by Megan Youngblood and Lyric Burnett*

*Student Life Coordinators*

#### **- Recipients -**

Lina Alcaraz  
Jessyca Arndt  
Amelia Bagwell  
Kristen Bennett  
Kiana Boyer  
Kanneya Brown  
Zachary Bulford  
Erica Chineth  
Sherida Clincy  
Starsha Curry  
Kayla Farabaugh  
Demetria Gainor  
Walter Galvan  
Joshua Geer  
William Gourdine  
Kim Guyton  
Anna Lynne Harris  
Ariel Henderson  
Cateria Hobbs  
Evan Hoggs  
Dexter Hudson  
Rachel King  
Dru Lomeli  
Matthew Mason  
Rhett Norris  
Chelsea Orzechowski  
Soletia Owens  
Kishan Patel  
Clint Richards  
Bradley Six  
Hannah Smith  
Riley Solomon  
Donnette Tennial  
Juliet Thomas  
Samuel Luke Thompson  
Robert Warden  
Isaac Watters  
Edwin Whitworth  
Chelsea Worthy



**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 Dr. Renva Watterson

*Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs*

**2011-2012 Nominees**

*Christie Hufstedler Boyd*

*Josh Brown*

*Margaret Nicole Carter*

*Cynthia Harrington*

*Elisheva Ray*

*Joseph Slay*

**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 Dr. Renva Watterson

*Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs*

**2011-2012 Nominees**

*Margaret Nicole Carter*

*William Gourdine*

*Peter C. Holmes*

*Anthony Minaya*

*Chelsea Orzechowski*

*Elisheva Ray*

*Joseph Slay*

*Isaac Watters*

**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 Robert Watts

*Interim President*

**2011-2012 Nominees**

*Brandon Allen*

*Amelia Bagwell*

*Courtney Self Carter*

*Margaret Nicole Carter*

*Cynthia Harrington*

*Liv Hood*

*Anthony Minaya*

*Abraham Ortiz*

*Elisheva Ray*

*John Ross Rogers*

*Joseph Slay*

**Recipient - To Be Announced at Honors Night**



## **CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**John Spranza**

*Student Life Coordinator - Floyd Campus*

**Thank you for attending Honors Night 2012.**



## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Office of Student Life student staff

Student Life Coordinators

Lyric Burnett, Alexis Carter, John Spranza, Megan Youngblood

Amanda West

Clarence Brown Conference Center

All the faculty and staff of Georgia Highlands College

All the parents and families of our students

