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Pomp and Circumstance Reign at President's Inauguration

The pageantry one experiences at a graduation ceremony is heightened to another level during an inauguration ceremony—an event during which a college president is officially installed in his position. Floyd College will host such an event with the inauguration of Dr. J. Randy Pierce as president of Floyd College Friday, April 12. The ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Building on the college's central campus, and it is open to the public.



Dr. J. Randy Pierce

The ceremony itself will feature the new Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Thomas Meredith—in one of his first campus appearances since taking office in January of this year—performing the installation. In addition, numerous local and state leaders, including former Governor Joe Frank Harris, are expected to be in attendance.

The color and pageantry of the ceremony comes, in part, from the procession of Floyd College faculty members and delegates (often presidents) from other colleges throughout the state in their formal academic attire. Colorful stripes on their long black robes indicate the highest degree the individual has achieved. The colors in the hood they wear represent the type of degree they hold, as well as the college they attended. Some wear the traditional mortarboard, while others wear tams on their heads. All in all, it is an impressive site.

An inauguration is usually held within the first year of a president's tenure. Dr. Pierce became the third president of Floyd College on June 15, 2001. He had previously spent 24 years in various administrative positions at Georgia Perimeter College (formerly Dekalb College), including 12 years in the position of Provost of the Lawrenceville Campus of GPC. Before that, he had worked at Georgia State University, where he had received his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Inaugural Events Support Theme: *Enriching Lives, Connecting Communities*

Last fall, the inauguration committee spent nearly 30 minutes brainstorming to create a theme for the Inauguration. The resulting slogan—"Enriching Lives, Connecting Communities"—is truly a collaborative effort that the committee felt encompassed the college at this point in its history.

From that point, inaugural events were suggested and approved based on this theme.

The events will start April 1, with a visit from a performing group from the Czech Republic. The folkioire show by Roma (Gypsy) Music Group Cilágos will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Centre Stage in Heritage Hall.

Ten musicians and dancers will perform in the presentation, "Ethnic Minorities in Eastern Europe." Dr. Stanislav Bohadlo, professor of Musicology at the University of Hradec Kralove, will be the interpreter for the group and will present basic historical and cultural context for the group and its music.

The concert is free and open to the public. The group's appearance is being coordinated by **Dudley Salley**, associate professor of Business.

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Bartow Community Welcomes Floyd with Inaugural Party

To celebrate the inauguration of Dr. J. Randy Pierce as president of Floyd College, a barbecue, co-sponsored by the Cartersville/Bartow Chamber of Commerce and the Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation, will be held on the site of Floyd College's future center across from WalMart on U.S. 20, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

"We're real excited to have the college here," said **Danny Gibbs**, chair of Cartersville/Bartow Foundation. "It's a true win/win situation for Cartersville/Bartow and Floyd College. And we're pleased to have Randy Pierce bring his vision, knowledge and expertise to the college. This event will be a great opportunity to highlight the Cartersville/Bartow Center and maybe introduce it to some people in the region."

Barbecue and beverages will be served. There will be parking and shuttle service in the Wal-Mart parking lot, and large tents will be set up. The Cartersville/Bartow Chamber of Commerce will be supplying the catering, and the Cartersville community donated many services for the evening.

"This event is a collaboration between the College Foundations and the Chamber," said Drew Tonsmeire, director of the Cartersville/Bartow Chamber of Commerce. "Floyd College already has a current presence in the Bartow community, and the new site will make it even greater. The increased educational opportunities the college represents are something to be excited about."

By April 1, infrastructure work on the site of Floyd College's new Bartow center will begin.

"We've had such strong support from both communities," said **Judy Taylor**, Advancement Officer. "The Cartersville/Bartow Center of Floyd College creates a wonderful opportunity for two strong communities to come together and celebrate the

institution and its place in the region. The executive committees of Cartersville Foundation and Floyd Foundation met Monday for the first time to talk about joint cooperation, and this is the first event funded by both Foundations. Floyd College is a regional institution and it's in the college's best interest that they have both embraced it."

"This is going to be a fun, casual event," said Gibbs. "We're

looking forward to everyone being there."

"This is going to be a great social occasion," said Tonsmeire. "We're looking forward to the fellowship and welcoming Randy Pierce to the community."

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Cartersville/Bartow Chamber for \$5 or at the door for \$7.

Inaugural Events continued

On Sunday, April 7, 2-4 p.m., the college will host an opening reception for a *student art show* in the Lakeview Gallery. The show will have open hours throughout the month of April that will be posted by the Gallery.

Students will have a chance to meet and discuss issues with the **President Pierce** in the Student Center Monday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spring Fling will be held at the North Metro Tech center that day as well.

Spring Fling on the Cartersville campus will be held on Tuesday, April 9, and at the Haralson County site on Wednesday, April 17.

On Wednesday, April 10, *Spring Fling* will be held on the central campus beginning at 10 a.m. It will include a Mr. & Mrs. Floyd College pageant, a cookout, a caricaturist, and music. The event will be held in the pavilion by the lake. Evening students will be provided with pizza that evening between 5-5:30 p.m.

A faculty/staff vs. students *volleyball game* will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the gym. Contact **David Mathis**, lab coordinator, if you want to play.

The celebration moves to Cartersville on Thursday, as the Chamber of Commerce hosts a barbecue on the site of the future center there.

On Friday, the campus will be buzzing with activity as delegates from colleges across the state arrive for the festivities. Thirty-three colleges will be represented--at least half by their presidents. The delegates will check in at the Lakeview building before taking shuttle buses to a brunch in town.

Guests will return to campus and prepare for the Inauguration ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. Guests arriving after the processional begins will not be seated until after the performance of "God Bless America." The program itself is expected to last one and one-half to two hours. It includes greetings from the community, the legislature, the Board of Regents, alumni, students, and the Foundations. **Rob Watts**, interim president at the college last year, will return to introduce Dr. Pierce prior to Chancellor Tom Meredith performing the installation. **Virginia Carson**, vice president for Academic Affairs, will preside over the ceremony. **Leigh Callan**, professor of Biology, will be the Mace Bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the Student Center. The day's festivities will conclude with the faculty and staff "Kick-Back and Relax Party" at the Cherokee Country Club in Cedartown.

Folks

Susan Claxton, assistant professor and coordinator of Human Services, has been re-elected as the President for the Southern Organization for Human Services Education.

Soumitra Chattopadhyay, chair, division of Science, Mathematics, and PE, has been elected vice president of Bengali Association of Greater Atlanta for the year 2002-2003. This is an organization that promotes Indian culture among the local Indians and Bangladeshis.

Sheila McCoy, professor of French, English and Spanish, has been included in the 2002 Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: *George Simcoe, associate professor of Speech, upon the death of his mother, Mary L. Simcoe; and Margaret Davis, professor of Mathematics, who's son is recuperating from a car accident.*

Randy Pierce, president, gave the commencement address to the Coosa Valley Tech graduates last month.

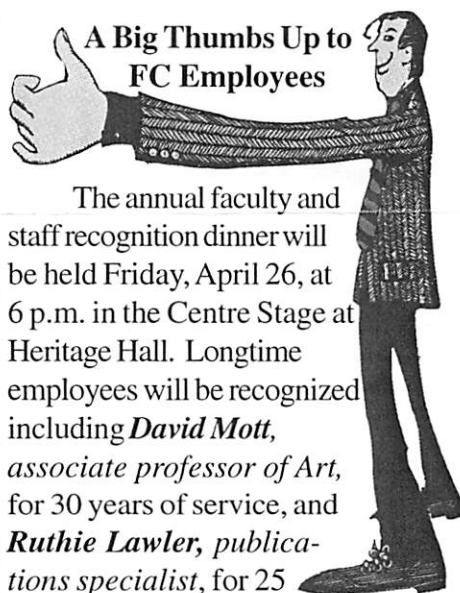
Announcements

A Lunch-n-Learn session on Women's Health and Stress will be held Tuesday, April 9, 1-2 p.m. in the Tower View Dining Room. Hosted by *Alberta Johnson, associate professor of Psychology*, the program will feature a video with Dr. Nancy Snyderman.

Floyd College students raised \$1,015 for the American Red Cross' "Heroes" project. Their efforts were coordinated by *Greg Sumner, assistant professor of Criminal Justice.*

Honors Night for students will be held Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Building.

A *blood drive* is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Solarium.



The annual faculty and staff recognition dinner will be held Friday, April 26, at 6 p.m. in the Centre Stage at Heritage Hall. Longtime employees will be recognized including *David Mott, associate professor of Art, for 30 years of service, and Ruthie Lawler, publications specialist, for 25*

years of service. In addition, the Administrator of the Year and the Staff Person of the Year will be named.

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Colley to be Graduation Speaker

Dr. Scott Colley, president of Berry College, will give the commencement address during ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, May 11.

"Dr. Colley was suggested to give the commencement address as a way to recognize Berry's College's centennial year," said President Randy Pierce. "He is also an excellent speaker who is sure to inspire our graduates."

There are 234 candidates for graduation, including the first graduate in the Gerontology program.