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Pictured from left to right are honoree Dr. Jonathan Hershey, Governor Sonny Perdue and Georgia Humanities Council President Jamil Zainaldin.

THIS JOINS FLOYD IN EDUCATING NURSES

Tanner Health System recently partnered with Floyd College to provide part-time nursing faculty for its College of Nursing. Through this two-year relationship, Tanner Health System will provide funding of \$25,000 per year to facilitate instruction for nursing students at Floyd's Rome, Ga., campus. The check was officially presented to Floyd during a reception held at Tanner Medical Center in Villa Rica on May 12.

"In light of the on-going national nursing shortage, this partnership will help in the effort to recruit and retain nurses to work locally within Tanner Health System's service area," stated **Larry Steed**, administrator for Tanner Medical Center at Villa Rica. "Now we have an opportunity to directly help support educational development at the institute and, in return, to have access to a dedicated and highly skilled pool of nursing recruits."

"We're very proud of our nursing program at Floyd College and how the curriculum meets both the potential of our students and the needs of the healthcare industry," said **Dr. Randy Pierce**, Floyd College President. "This is a perfect marriage of education and industry, particularly in terms of the healthcare sector. We hope this union lasts for a very long time."

Lori Epperson of Tanner Medical Systems contributed to this article

HERSHEY WINS GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Dr. Jonathan Hershey, professor of English, received a 2004 Governor's Award in the Humanities for his work in promoting literature in Rome on May 13. Gov. Sonny Perdue presented a specially designed medallion to Hershey, along with eight other Georgians from across the state and two state institutions, at the 19th Governor's Awards in the Humanities luncheon, which was held at the Old Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in Atlanta.

Through his work at Floyd College, Dr. Hershey has helped countless individuals to see their own lives in great works of literature, to find their own voices, and to tell their own stories. For 20 years, he has taught required introductory writing and literature courses at Floyd, and these courses have "hooked" many students to take additional literature courses.

Hershey has also networked with community and civic organizations to bring authors and literary conferences to Rome, and developed a popular cable-access television program, "A Novel Approach," in which he reads aloud classic texts. In addition, as a member of the National Creative Society, Hershey works with area schools to promote better communication through involvement in theatre and literature.

"Professor Hershey has worked tirelessly to uphold our history and heritage," said **Gov. Perdue**. "I salute all the winners for their efforts to promote the humanities in Georgia."

Recipients of the Governor's Awards are nominated by the public, reviewed by a Georgia Humanities Council Board committee, and approved by the governor.

Whitney Miller of Jackson Spalding contributed to this article

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Several Floyd College employees participated in the Glenwood Primary School Career Day Parade held on May 4. Pictured are (l-r): **Carla Patterson**, instructor of English; **Haley Patterson**; **Robbie Nash**, technical director for FCTV; and **Wesley Clayton**, Electrician for Plant Operations. Not pictured: **Ken Lewis**, skilled trades worker for Plant Operations.

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Jim Mehaffey, lieutenant for Security, was recognized by Georgia General Assembly Resolution 1867 during their regular session in April. The Resolution was passed to commend Mehaffey on his contributions to Floyd County. Mehaffey is a 12-year veteran of the Floyd County Commission and was responsible for the passing of the bond issue that created Floyd College in 1970.

Susan Claxton, associate professor and coordinator of Human Services, was honored during the Southern Organization for Human Service Education (SOHSE) conference held in Atlanta April 7-10. The SOHSE conference was dedicated in Ms. Claxton's honor for her leadership in the organization over the years.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, traveled to Germany April 16 – May 7 courtesy of a Fulbright Scholarship. While in the country, Dr. Carson attended seminars on the German system of education, vocational training in Germany, educational policies, and other issues affecting higher education in Europe.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president, and **Dr. Penny Wills**, vice president for Student Development, visited Washington, D.C. during the Cartersville/Bartow Chamber of Commerce "Washington Fly-In" held May 4 – 6. Participants visited the nation's capitol and met with Georgia legislators during that time.

Several members of the Phi Theta Kappa project team met with mentor representatives from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, located in Richmond, Va., during a workshop on the Rome campus on May 14. Topics presented included strategies for improving the performance of future K-12 teachers in science and mathematics. Among those in attendance were: **Dr. Virginia Carson**; **Brent Griffin**, associate professor of mathematics; **Dr. Susan Wood**, professor of mathematics, and **Barbara Stewart**, associate professor of Biology, both of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College; **Dr. Gail Marshall**, State University of West Georgia, curriculum and instruction; and **Dr. Donna Harkins**, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at West Georgia.

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Announcements

Please keep **Barbara Rogers**, assistant manager of Auxiliary Services, in your thoughts upon the death of her mother earlier this month.

Congratulations to the faculty, staff and students of the Dental Hygiene program upon receiving a 100% pass rate on both national and regional board exams.

