GRADUATION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8

More than 300 students will receive their degrees during Floyd College’s 34th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at The Forum in downtown Rome.

Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw State University, will deliver this year’s keynote address during the ceremony. Prior to her 23-year presidency at Kennesaw, Dr. Siegel became the first female dean for Academic Affairs for Continuing Education at the University of Florida (1971-1976) and was also the first female academic dean at Western Carolina University in the School of Education and Psychology (1976-1981).

Dr. Siegel is also an internationally known motivational speaker, delivering hundreds of keynote addresses across the United States and around the world. Her professional focus has been on child psychology and administration. She holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University, a Master’s in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from Wake Forest University.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, will present the candidates for degrees, and Dr. Randy Pierce, president, assisted by Lynn Bacon, interim registrar and chair of Enrollment Management, will execute the awarding of degrees. The President’s Meritorious Award and the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award will also be presented during the ceremony by Dr. Pierce.

Nurses' Pinning Program

Set for May 7, 7 p.m.

Floyd College will honor Nursing graduates during a traditional Pinning Ceremony Friday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at The Forum in downtown Rome. Eighty-five students are expected to graduate from the Nursing program.

The ceremony will begin with the “Lighting of the Lamps,” which is held in a darkened room lit by a procession of candles. Graduates are presented with roses and pins, and special recognition is made for students’ families and guests.

“The Pinning Ceremony is a very emotional time for the students and their families. The students see the ceremony as the culmination of two years of hard work, but they also see the ceremony as a time to thank their families and honor them,” says Rebecca Maddox, associate professor of Nursing and Master of Ceremonies during the Pinning.

The presentation of pins or “medals” dates back to 1099 when Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, who tended to the ill during the Crusades, were given a medal – a Maltese cross – to signify their vow to become the “serf and slave of their masters—the sick.” Nursing schools in the United States began awarding pins to graduating students in 1880.

Each school of Nursing chooses a unique design for its pin. The pin represents academic achievement, entry into the profession of Nursing, and a reminder of Nursing’s historical mission to serve the sick.
Folks

Sheryl Ballenger, director of the Access Center, Rebecca Cowan-Story, interpreter, and Wilma Maynard, disability specialist, attended the 2004 Georgia AHEAD Conference at the University of Georgia March 23-26. Ms. Ballenger, who is also the current president of Georgia AHEAD, conducted the welcome session. Ms. Story also held a breakout session on note taking services available to students with disabilities.

Dr. Tim Floyd, director of Academic Support, served as the conference chairman for the University System of Georgia’s 28th annual Learning Support Conference held April 4-6 in Jekyll Island. In addition to Dr. Floyd, several Floyd College faculty and staff members attended the conference, including Walter Cotter, assistant professor of math; Laura Ralston, assistant professor of math; Lillian Long, administrative secretary; Joannie Baker, senior secretary; Dr. Diane Langston, assistant professor of Learning Support English; Dr. Simon Grist, director of Instructional Technology Center; and Jeannie Cassity, Tutorial Center coordinator.

Lynn Herman, associate professor of Nursing, attended the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) Self-Study Forum held in Phoenix, Arizona from March 18-19. The forum focused on accreditation reviews and criteria for Nursing programs.

Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of Psychology and study abroad coordinator, traveled to Spain from March 28 – April 4. Dr. Johnson visited the country to learn more about study abroad programs for students in Spain courtesy of the Spanish Embassy.

Retired professor of Art David Motz has his artwork on display in an exhibit at the Rome Area Council for the Arts. The exhibit runs now through May 20. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and admission is free.

Brian Barr, assistant professor of Art, is holding a presentation on art history at the Rockmart Art Gallery in cooperation with the Rockmart Civic Arts Commission. Barr’s lectures began April 15 and will run through May 6 on sequential Thursdays from 7 – 9 p.m.

Don Pardlow, instructor of English, presented “Creative Ways of Dealing with the Grammar Problem” at the morning session of the Research Network Forum at the 55th Annual Convention of the Conference of College Composition in San Antonio, Texas on March 22. He also chaired the session “Multigenre Theory: Some Applications and Interrogations” at the convention on March 25. He was invited by the Thomson/Heinle Corporation on March 26th to participate in their focus group for the 16th and upcoming edition of Hodges’ Horace Handbook. The Handbook is used for Floyd’s ENGL 1101 and 1102 courses.

Dr. Simon Grist, director of the Instructional Technology Center, led a round table discussion on the Faculty Academy and In-Service Training during the EdTech Conference held in Ontario, California March 18-25.

Employees Earn Top Honors

The Vivian Benton Staff Award, given to an outstanding staff member nominated by their peers, went to Glenda Collier, secretary to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Ms. Collier has been with the college for 29 years, serving in various capacities during her career including working in Continuing Education, Counseling and Career and with the police academy that was previously associated with the college. In addition to volunteering for functions on campus, she is a member of the Floyd College Employee Ambassadors, and she is also active in the community, serving as a member of the Floyd County Steering Committee.

The Outstanding Administrator Award, given to a person in an administrative position who exemplifies characteristics of an outstanding employee, went to Debbie Holmes, Library director. Ms. Holmes serves on numerous committees of the college and has been a member of Board of Regents’ committees, recently chairing the GALILEO Steering Committee. She played an integral part of launching the Georgia Online Encyclopedia while serving as chair of the Library Legislative Committee for the Georgia Library Association.

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Announcements

Please keep Jerry Smith, custodian, in your thoughts upon the death of his mother.

Please keep Cheryl Baker, secretary to the Vice President for Finance and Administration, in your thoughts as she recovers from surgery.

Congratulations to Jeff Patty, director of Information Technology, and his wife, JoAnn, upon the birth of his son, Grayson Matthew.