COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dr. J. Randy Pierce, President, Presiding

*PROCESSIONAL
The Kitworth Hills ................................................................. McLennan
Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 in D Major, OP. 39 ......................... Elgar
Mace Bearer, Dr. Bill Mugleston, Professor of History

WELCOME
Shannon Albert, President, Student Engagement Council; Co-President, Alpha Psi Omicron Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa

GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA AND COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Mr. Willis Potts, Regent, 11th Congressional District

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS
Dr. J. Randy Pierce

PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Regent Willis Potts

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD
To be announced

REGENTS’ ALUMNI AWARD
Judge Tami Colston, Floyd County Superior Court
Presented by Steven D. White, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dr. Renva Watters, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
Assisted by Tracie Baldwin Obas, Assistant Professor of Communication

AWARDING OF DEGREES
Dr. J. Randy Pierce
Assisted by Ms. Sandie Davis, Registrar, and Ms. Sherri Beideck, Graduation Specialist, Enrollment Management

COMMENTS TO THE GRADUATES
Dr. J. Randy Pierce

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mr. Steven D. White, President

CLOSING
Jessica Johnson, Vice President for Service, PTK: Emerging Leaders; Member, Psi Beta

*RECESSIONAL
Scotland the Brave Medley ...................................................... Traditional

*Audience will please stand.
The audience is asked to remain standing until the processional and recessional are complete.
Only hand-held video cameras will be allowed and must be used from your seat. Still photos may be taken only from behind the graduate seating area.
Music provided by Carolyn Walker, organ; Marco Cox and Joe Dunaway, bagpipes.
Interpreters provided by the Georgia Highlands College Access Center.
The Georgia Highlands College Alumni Association will be represented by Mrs. Alison Lamplugh, alumni director.
Sound engineering and digital keyboard provided in cooperation with Ready or Not, Inc., Lee Shealy.
Large-screen video production by Georgia Highlands Television.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
Regent Willis J. Potts

Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Willis J. Potts of Rome to represent the 11th congressional district on the Board of Regents. Potts retired in June 2004 as the vice president and general manager of Rome-based Temple-Inland Corporation following a 35-year career in the international pulp and paper industry. He began his career as an engineer at Union Camp Corporation's Savannah pulp and paper mill in 1969. He held a series of operational and management positions, including resident manager of Union Camp's mill in Prattville, Ala., before being named general manager and senior vice president of Union Camp in 1992. In 1999, following a 30-year career with Union Camp, Potts moved to the position he retired from at Temple-Inland. Potts served as President of the Paper Industry Management Association in 1995, and in 1999, the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry recognized his outstanding service to the industry by naming him a fellow. In 2002 the Pulp and Paper Safety Association presented him with the Executive Eagle Award, conferred on outstanding paper industry executives who have made major contributions to the cause of accident prevention in his/her company and beyond. Potts also is active with the United Way, the Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs and Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the mentoring program Communities in Schools. Potts earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering with highest honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology and completed the University of Virginia's Executive Program.

PRESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Pierce has chosen Regent Potts as the recipient of this award for 2008. In addition to the many achievements outlined above, he has worked tirelessly for the institutions that lie within his service area. He believes wholeheartedly in the two-year mission of access and affordability and is committed to supporting and developing this segment of the USG so that anyone who wants to pursue higher education can do so.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Associate of Arts

- Abbott, Betty Dover
- Bearden, Andrew Clark
- Brown, Charity Faith
- Chandler, Joshua David
- Elliott, Elizabeth Green
- Ellington, Andrew Brent
- Goodwin, Deborah Lynn
- Hannah, David Thomas
- Hawk, Christopher Michael
- Henderson, Rochelle Marie
- Hill, Travis William
- Hood, Tempest Ariel
- Hudson, Rita Grilliot
- Jones, Erin Elizabeth
- Kemp, Jessica Lynn
- King, Cody Wayne
- Lemeny, Laura Elizabeth
- Lewis, Kina Eugella
- Lopez, Joanie
- McNathan, Cassandra Lee
- Newman, April Marie
- Nichols, Andley Renee
- Nicoll, Mark E.
- Ritch, Mary Lynn
- Schoonyan, Amanda Lynn
- Southern, Amanda Lea
- Segall, Amanda Jenice
- Wieman, Lydia Elizabeth
- Woods, Jenna Lynn
- Yarbrough, Amanda Devon

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Associate of Science

- Abraham, Alina Rachelle
- Abbott, Shannon N.
- Allen, Erica M.
- Alvey, Michelle Lee
- Alvin, Auri Leigh
- Arnold, Ashley Kathryn
- Atkinson, Abigail Lynn
- Atwater, Ashley Danielle
- Bailey, Jason Lance
- Bailey, Shea Marie
- Barlow, Jonathan Morgan
- Barnett, Nicholas Kyle
- Barry, Chaskey N.
- Bates, Lisa Nicole
- Beene, Martin
- Bergman, Tiffany Jean
- Bhamani, Nasir N.
- Bhamani, Naved N.
- Bing, Elizabeth Cecilia
- Bingham, Erin Marie
- Black, Kecia Nicole
- Blount, James Samuel
- Blume, Tiffany Elaine
- Borders, Haley Nicole
- Bowan, Cortney Michelle
- Bramlett, Brian Chad
- Brand, Jessica Grace
- Brannon, Krushinda Latone
- Brannon, Margaret W.
- Brownow, Amber Vanhorn
- Bunder, Robert Brad
- Cainet, Doug Scott
- Carlson, Nicholas Raymond
- Carter, Adam Lee
- Carter, April Nicole
- Carter, Landon
- Cecil, David Blake
- Chandler, Amanda Louise
- Chandler, Michael David
- Chappell, Miranda Renee
- Chesnutt, Elizabeth Clare Jean
- Clark, Lisa Darlene
- Clark, Noah James
- Clifton, Allison Kimberly
- Cole, Justin Michael
- Cole, Melissa Gail
- Cook, Jacob Walter
- Cook, Shelby Jean-Louise
- Cooper, Jeremy Scott
- Crews, Matt Ryan
- Cruz, Desys Garcia
- Cruz, Juan
- Daniel, Jennifer Lynn
- Davis, Heather Susan
- Dean, Courtney M.
- Dean, Joseph Lyndon
- Deavers, Erica Leigh
- Deiers, Heather Ashley
- Delaro, Nicole Cecilia
- Denney, Daniel Corey
- Dennis, Deana E.
- Dever, Erin Nicole
- Dobson, Rebecca Ann
- Dockery, Latreica Freeman
- Dover, Jana P.
- Drayner, Shawn
- Drummond, Joseph Michael
- Dunley, Demetricus Lehan
- Dupre, Cody Wayne
- Dyer, Erin Kerzie
- Ensworth, Crystal Hollomon
- Fish, Emily Kathryn
- Fisher, David Allen
- Forsyth, Lillie Ann
- Frost, Tremayne Rayburn
Associate of Applied Science in Business
Boxerman, Patti Woodall
Dyer, Catherine Leigh
McCaffrey, Brendan Thomas
Moore, Brooks Bacic

Wilton, Janet M.
Cox, Donovan Joseph
Duval, Lisa Marie
Hardge, Holli Lorraine

Johnston, George Clower
Kimberly, Brenda Ann
Kumar, Videsh
Nichols, Mary Margret

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Associate of Applied Science in Health
Green, Justin Michael

Humphrey, Emily Kay

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Associate of Applied Science in Human Services
Atterton, Shirley Diane
Goss, Jennifer Lee
Sailors, Mary Ann
Smith, Melissa Jean
South, Jennifer Elaine
Tinch, Megan Emily

Wordy, Patricia Marie

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Associate of Applied Science in Services
Hickom, Steven Matthew

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Associate of Applied Science in Technology
McGill, Christopher Joseph

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Georgia Highlands College Alumni Association

Today, you become a member of the GHC Alumni Association. As such, you will be able to connect with fellow alumni, stay informed of the college's future and take advantage of a host of events and benefits that are explained in the letter you receive today.

Any person who attended FC/GHC and has taken one academic course, including anyone in the audience today, is eligible for a free membership in the alumni association. If you are not already a member, join today at www.highlands.edu/alumni or e-mail: ghcalumni@highlands.edu

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The list of degree candidates was required by the printer several days prior to commencement to allow for the production of its program. The status of some candidates may have changed since that time. Some will not have completed all requirements for their degree, and some will have achieved or lost honors status. The listing of the names in this program in a way implies an obligation on the part of Georgia Highlands College to award a given degree to a given honors status. For official purposes, a final correct list of graduates will be retained in the Office of the Registrar, Georgia Highlands college.

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GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Georgia Highlands College Foundation serves as a vital link between the institution and the communities it serves. Foundation trustees are responsible for ensuring that the college is positioned to meet the current and future needs of public higher education throughout Northwest Georgia.

The foundation works closely with the institution to support advancement activities, including development of a comprehensive campaign strategy with major-gifts, annual-fund and planned-giving programs. Through these programs, donations from the private sector provide scholarships and support special funds, programs and services.

The foundation and the Office of Advancement are currently conducting the public phase of the college's first major gifts campaign. The leadership provided by the foundation trustees is essential to the success of the college. As a regional, multicampus institution, Georgia Highlands is indebted to the community leaders who serve as foundation trustees and/or chairs of the major gifts campaign and who support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.
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The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents was created in 1931 as part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members to the board, each of whom serves seven years. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 18 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large and one from each of the 13 congressional districts. The board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System.

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Georgia Highlands College Graduation Air Times

Both the graduation and the nurses' pinning ceremonies will be broadcast on Comcast Cable, Channel 4 GHTV on the following days and times:

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The History of Georgia Highlands College

In its 38-year history, Georgia Highlands College has served the Northwest Georgia community with a solid educational foundation for the first two years of college. Founded in 1970 as Floyd Junior College, GHC is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia. It serves students who commute from throughout a large portion of Northwest Georgia and Northeast Alabama.

In 1968 the Board of Regents of the University System authorized the establishment of Floyd Junior College in Floyd County. Under the board's policy, the local community provided a campus site and funds for the construction of the initial facilities. Led by the Junior College Committee headed by Rome attorney J.D. Maddox, Floyd County citizens responded enthusiastically by approving a $3.2 million bond issue by a margin of near three to one. Construction began in early 1970. The college's first classes were offered during the fall quarter of 1970 in temporary facilities. At the end of 1970, all operations were moved to the new campus on Highway 27 (Cedarhatn Highway), six miles south of Rome.

Dr. David B. McCorkle became the first president of Floyd Junior College on January 1, 1970, and served in that position until June 30, 1991. Following Dr. McCorkle's retirement, Dr. Richard Trimble was appointed acting president of the college and served until the November 1992 selection of Dr. H. Lynn Cundiff as the college's second president. Dr. Cundiff left the college in August 2000. During the 2001 academic year, Robert Watts served as interim president. The Board of Regents named Dr. J. Randolph Pierce the third president of Floyd College on June 15, 2001.

Now enrolling more than 4,000 students in transfer and career academic programs, Georgia Highlands College operates additional sites in Cartersville, Acworth, Marietta and Carrollton. After summer semester 2008, the Acworth site will close, with Marietta and Cartersville locations absorbing the Acworth students. The college began offering classes in Marietta on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University fall semester 2003, and the student body population at that site continues to grow.

GHC also pioneered cooperative programs with Coosa Valley Technical College as early as 1972, and now offers joint programs with North Metro Technical College. In 2006 the college expanded the flagship nursing program to Acworth. To help ease the nursing shortage across Northwest Georgia, a class of 25 nursing students began taking classes there. This nursing cohort will be absorbed at Cartersville and Marietta like the other Acworth students.

In recent years, the college has become more innovative with its outreach and programming, offering more courses via nontraditional means to meet the needs of its diverse student population and initiating programs that serve as models for college across the country.

In 1994, the college opened Heritage Hall in downtown Rome to be more accessible to the working student. GHTV, a 24-hour cable television station went on the air that same year. It offers classes that could be viewed multiple times a week for students with scheduling conflicts. An open-access channel, GHTV is broadcast in Floyd County through the Comcast cable system.

In 1999, construction was completed on a new classroom building on the central campus in Rome. In addition to classrooms, the Lakeview Building features an art lab, an art gallery and an exhibit hall. The college's student center has also recently undergone extensive expansion and renovation.

As fall semester 2005 began, the college dedicated the new campus and building in Cartersville, on Route 20, just west of I-75. Immediately, enrollment there jumped by 50 percent. The 100,000-square-foot facility, which houses a soaring library, biology and physics labs, and the latest technological advances, can accommodate about 2,000 students. During the first semester, Cartersville enrollment reached 1,811. It now exceeds 1,700, making it the single largest GHC site.

Georgia Highlands College, which has grown significantly during the past five years, continues to offer an advanced educational foundation to its expanding student body. On August 1, 2005, the institution officially became Georgia Highlands College to reflect the regional nature of the population it serves. Your continuing support and comments are always appreciated.