Academic Regalia

Stylized and distinctive academic regalia is a notable feature of all formal functions of colleges and universities throughout the world. The use of a particular kind of costume to distinguish university scholars evolved in Europe during the earliest days of these schools. Since there was an intimate relationship between the early universities and the church, a large number of scholars were prepared for the priesthood, and many of the faculty were clergymen. The garb adopted by students was similar to that worn by the clergy, although differing enough in design to set the scholars apart from the churchmen.

There are three types of gowns, three styles of hoods, and two kinds of cap tassels included in American academic costume. The bachelor's gown is without ornamentation and has long, pointed, and open sleeves; the master's gown is similar but has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom (there are openings about midway for the hands); the doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The master's gown may be worn either open or closed.

All hoods are lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree and faced with the traditional color of the primary field of study. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood is three and a half; the doctor's hood is four. The doctor's hood has wide set panels. The major field of study can be determined from the facing on the hood according to the following schemes: arts white, science gold/yellow, nursing apricot, physical education green, business administration drab, librarianship lemon, education blue.

The mace, a great and splendid staff, is actually a club and a symbolic weapon. Medieval universities would not defend themselves with the sword. It was not considered appropriate for gentle scholars to draw blood, but they could defend themselves using a cudgel, and they did. The mace has come to stand as a symbol for two critical matters. First, it stands for the freedom of the academy to seek the truth and to teach it. It also stands for the authority of the academy. This authority is best described by two traditional Latin terms: magisterium and auctoritas. Magisterium includes control of equipment, buildings, and grounds, as well as the behavior of members and visitors ensuring order and liberty. The second term auctoritas includes a defense of the liberty to conduct research, to study, to publish and to learn. The mace makes the statement that the academy must protect and foster those ideals.

The Georgia Highlands College mace was designed by Mr. David Mott, associate professor of art, and Dr. David Cook, retired professor of biology. The faculty selected LaNelle Daniel, interim chair of the Division of Humanities, to have the honor this year of carrying the mace in the procession.

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

*PROCESSIONAL
The Kilworth Hills/Loch Maree ............................................................. McLennan
Procession of Graduates (Medley)
Mace Bearer: LaNelle Daniel, Interim Chair of the Division of Humanities

INVOCATION
Sarah Colston, Vice President for Leadership, Phil Theta Kappa

WELCOME
Dr. J. Randy Pierce

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Ms. Amy Astin, Board President

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS
Dr. J. Randy Pierce

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
J. Danny Gibbs, President, Georgia Commercial Realty, Cartersville

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD
To be announced

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Robert Page, Chair, Division of Social Sciences and Business
Response: Laurie Ann Hennen, Regents’ Scholar 2010

COMMENTS TO THE GRADUATES
Dr. J. Randy Pierce

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dr. Renia Witterson, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Assisted by Ms. Tracive Obas, Assistant Professor of Communications

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

CLOSING
Sarah Gibson Little, Vice President for Public Relations, Phi Theta Kappa

*RECESSINAL
Scotland the Brave Medley ................................................................. Traditional

*Audience will please stand.

The audience is asked to remain standing until the procession and recessional are complete.

GHC is grateful to The Home Depot, which graciously provided the potted plants for graduation.

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 Lee Shealy, keyboard; Marcia Cox and Joe Dunaway, bagpipes.

Interpreters provided by the Georgia Highlands College Student Support Services.

Sound engineering and digital keyboard provided in cooperation with Ready or Not, Inc., Lee Shealy.

Large-screen video productions by Georgia Highlands Television.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS
Dr. Robert Page
Laurie Ann Hennen

Dr. Robert Page, chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business, will offer remarks today, followed by Laurie Ann Hennen, who will respond to them. Dr. Page, whose subject explores growing up, has been with the college since 1997 when he joined the faculty as an assistant professor. In 2001 he was promoted to associate professor; he received tenure in 2002, and was promoted to the social sciences chair in 2005. In 2006 he became a full professor. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in history from Georgia State University and both a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Central Florida.

Hennen was the 2010 Regents' Scholar from Georgia Highlands. Each year, one scholar from each institution in the University System of Georgia is chosen by the institution to represent the best in academic performance. These 35 scholars are then recognized by the Georgia General Assembly in a special declaration from the floor. Finally, they are presented with a proclamation letter from the chancellor and the governor, as well as a certificate from the college. Hennen is also a candidate today for her Associate of Science in nursing. She graduates with a 4.0 grade point average.

RESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT
Dr. Pierce has chosen J. Danny Gibbs as the recipient of this award for 2010. He has served over the last 10 years in various leadership roles on the Georgia Highlands College Foundation Board. Most recently, he held the position of chairman of the Board of Trustees. He co-chaired the college's first capital campaign several years ago, and he has been a vital part of the foundation since its inception. In fact, he was the driving force behind the formation of the Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation, which in turn was instrumental in making the Cartersville campus a reality. He served as the chairman of that foundation from 1999 to 2004. In 2004, he worked closely with the Floyd College Foundation to merge the two organizations and form the Georgia Highlands College Foundation, and he served as that group's co-chair until 2007 when he became chair.

Gibbs retired from the foundation in March 2010. He lives in Cartersville, where he has been a lifelong resident. He has worked for Georgia Commercial Realty in Cartersville for 13 years. He has been a member of the business community there for more than 40 years.

Candidate for Graduation
Associate of Arts
Britney Lauren Anderson
Charlette Corn Baker
Heather Lee/Ann Bates
John Patrick Brenner
Wendy M. Byrd
Kristen D. Chumley
Matthew David Cosby
Cassie Lynne Crook
Denver Justin Cupper
Lauren Danielle Darbonne
Annie Albright Davis
Bradford Park DeWoody
Kiersten Adell Elder
Ryan Glenn Evans
Johnnie Sara Elisabeth Farmer
Jennifer Maire Ferrick
Thomas Jarrod Forrister
Reshelle Wauchoh Gann
Anabi Berenice Garcia-Guzman
Maggi Brenna Gribble
Carolyn Rae Grindrod
Mary Caroline Harrah
Kesley Lee Harrell
Joshua Ryan Hauck
Rodgle Osgate Hazle
Teddy Nicole Hill
Robyn Amanda Hussak
Nancy Sue Johnson
Courtney Rene Johnson
Melissa Fay Johnston
Tawny Leanne Keck
Stephanie Irene Kraus
Maria Jean Lauro
Miranda Kay Lockridge
Jennifer Kelsoe Loy
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Carrie Marie Sanchez
Jason Matthew Stewart
Robert Sean Sorey
Joshua Ellis Sullivan
Betniz Adriana Taramino
Joshua D. Waitz
Kathleen Ann Webster
Tara Elizabeth West
Lisa Lauren Whiffen
Justin Randolph Willard
Curtis Michael Williams
Hope Yvonne Wilson
Emma Kathleen Yarbrough
Chris E. Yarrell
Craig Andrew Zierler

Associate of Science
Ammar Abdellatif
Robert Lee Alford
Sarah Nicole Allen
Kayla Leigh Amos
Vanessa Ashley Anderson
Kelly Ryan Anglin
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- James Aaron Duke
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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 Office of College Advancement is diversifying its fund-raising activities, which support the many efforts of faculty and staff not funded by other means. The leadership provided by the foundation trustees is essential to the success of the college. As a regional, multi-campus institution, Georgia Highlands is indebted to the community leaders who serve as foundation trustees and support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.
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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:

| Monday, May 17 | Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23 | Wednesday, May 26 |
| 11:00 a.m. Pinning | 9:00 a.m. Graduation | 11:00 a.m. Graduation |
| 1:00 p.m. Graduation | 1:00 p.m. Graduation | 1:00 p.m. Pinning |
| Tuesday, May 18 | Tuesday, May 24 | Thursday, May 27 |
| 11:00 a.m. Graduation | 11:00 a.m. Graduation | 11:00 a.m. Pinning |
| 1:00 p.m. Pinning | 1:00 p.m. Graduation | 1:00 p.m. Graduation |
| Wednesday, May 19 | Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 | |
| 11:00 a.m. Pinning | 9:00 a.m. Graduation | |
| 1:00 p.m. Graduation | 11:00 a.m. Graduation | |
| Thursday, May 20 | Tuesday, May 25 | |
| 9:00 a.m. Graduation | 11:00 a.m. Pinning | |
| 1:00 p.m. Graduation | 1:00 p.m. Graduation | |

The History of Georgia Highlands College

In its 40-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 nearly 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 (Cedarwood 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 Tramble 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 about 5,300 students in transfer and career academic programs, Georgia Highlands College operates additional sites in Cartersville, Marietta, Dallas/Paulding County and Douglasville/Douglas County. The latter two sites operate as cooperative ventures with Kennesaw State University and the University of West Georgia, respectively. The college began offering classes in May on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University fall semester 2005, and the student body population at that site continues to grow.

GHC also pioneered cooperative programs with Coosa Valley Technical College (now Georgia Northwestern Technical College) as early as 1972. In 2006 the college expanded the flagship nursing program to Acworth, and absorbed that cohort of 25 students in Cartersville and Marietta when the college closed its Acworth site, which had been located on the campus of North Metro Technical College.

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 colleges 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 also has 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 can accommodate about 2,500, a capacity that has nearly been reached. A second academic building is scheduled for 2013.

Georgia Highlands College, which has grown significantly during the past eight 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.