2013 Commencement
43rd Commencement
10:00 a.m.

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Herald for Highlands Fanfare ................................................................. Dr. Sam Baltzer
Lochanside ............................................................................................... Traditional
Highland Cathedral .......................................................... Ulrich Roever, Michael Korb, arr. by Sam Baltzer

WELCOME
Victor Williams, President - B2B Douglasville, member Phi Theta Kappa

WELCOME
Dr. Renva Wattersen, Interim President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Houston Davis, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer,
University System of Georgia

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Charles (Dan) Knowles, Chief of Police, Bartow County Schools

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS
Dr. Renva Wattersen, Interim President

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Ms. Mary Norton, Former Special Assistant to the President

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD
Dr. Jon Hershey, Dean of the Humanities Division, Professor of English

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dr. Laura Musselwhite, Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Assisted by Ms. Tracie Obas, Associate Professor of Communication

AWARDING OF DEGREES
Dr. Renva Wattersen, Interim President
Assisted by Ms. Sandie Davis, Director of Admissions, Registrar
Ms. Sherri Beideck, Assistant Director of Admissions and Registrar
CLOSING
Andrew West, Editor-in-Chief, Six Mile Post

ALMA MATER .................................................................................. Arr. by Dr. Sam Baltzer
Lyrics on back cover

*RECESSIONAL
Procession of the Pipes ................................................................. Arr. by Dr. Sam Baltzer

*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 Joe Dunaway, bagpipes, and the Highlands Brass Ensemble,
with conductor/arranger Dr. Sam Baltzer.
Interpreters provided by Georgia Highlands College Student Support Services.
The Georgia Highlands College Alumni Association will be represented by Alison Lampkin,
director of alumni relations.
Sound engineering and lighting provided in cooperation with Ready or Not, Inc., Lee Shealy.
Large screen video production by Georgia Highlands Television.

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 for 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.
Commencement Speaker
Dr. Houston Davis

Delivering today's commencement address at the general graduation ceremony is Dr. Houston Davis, chief academic officer and executive vice chancellor of the University System of Georgia. Davis joined the USG in May 2012 when he left the position of vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, a system consisting of 25 universities and colleges as well as constituent agencies.

Prior to joining the Oklahoma system in 2007, Davis served as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents (2005-2007). He worked in the field of academic leadership and on the faculty for Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., (2001-2005).

Davis also worked in the areas of fiscal and academic affairs for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (1997-2001) and as a regional student recruitment and advancement representative for the University of Memphis (1995-1997).

In addition to his professional duties, he served in the role of director for the National Educational Needs Index project from 2004-2011, an initiative measuring educational, economic, and population pressures in the 50 states that influence policy and planning at local, regional, and national levels.

At the USG, Davis is responsible for meeting the academic needs of more than 318,000 students and approximately 13,300 University System faculty members. He also provides leadership to a division at the University System Office that includes academic programs and planning, faculty affairs, student affairs, teacher-education initiatives, strategic research and analysis, and information and instructional technology.

He is involved in research projects and writing in the areas of higher education access, governance, economic development and accountability issues in higher education, and serves on several national advisory groups on higher education policy, degree completion, academic preparation and accountability.

A native of Clarksville, Tenn., Davis received his Doctor of Philosophy from Vanderbilt University, a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Memphis and a Master of Education from Tennessee State University.
Mace Bearer
Dr. Dudley Salley
Professor of Economics

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 ideas.

The faculty selected Dr. Dudley Salley, professor of economics, to carry the mace this year to honor his retirement from the college in June. The Georgia Highlands College mace was designed by Dr. David Mott, associate professor of art, and Dr. David Cook, retired professor of biology.

Salley joined the GHC faculty in 1996. His previous positions included faculty appointments at Schiller International University, Berry College in Rome, Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina and Georgia State University in Atlanta. Earlier in his career he also worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and Minneapolis-Honeywell, where he scheduled missile component assembly programs. Additionally, he served in the United States Army as a small unit manager.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in monetary theory and economic history from Georgia State University, a Master of Arts in economics from Duke University and a Bachelor of Arts from Davidson College.

President's Meritorious Service Award
Ms. Mary Norton
Special Assistant to the President, Retired

Recent retiree Mary Norton is the 2013 recipient of the President's Meritorious Service Award. She worked in various positions at Georgia Highlands for 10 years in the alumni, advancement and president's offices. She developed the first GHC Alumni Association, working with the Alumni Board of Directors to draft by-laws, elect officers and create an infrastructure to support a broad range of alumni activities. She also expanded and refined governmental affairs work for GHC, developing a year-round relationship-building strategy with elected officials from Northwest Georgia. She launched a series of campus updates at each campus for the state legislative delegations and local stakeholders.

Norton worked closely with the chief advancement officer to expand fundraising, including the first capital campaign for the college that ultimately funded a number of scholarships.

She earned degrees and distinctions at the University of Arkansas, the University of Maryland, Stanford University and the College for Financial Planning in Denver. She holds a Master of Science in nursing, and worked as a practicing nurse and nursing administrator for many years.

Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award
Dr. Jon Hershey
Professor of English, Director GHAME Initiative and Brother2Brother

Dr. Hershey is no stranger to awards for accomplishment. He’s won so many over the years he’s spent at Georgia Highlands that they can’t all be listed here. But some of the most outstanding include the coveted Rome/Floyd County Heart of the Community Award for volunteerism in the community (2005), the Martin Luther King Commission Community Service Award (2010), the Chancellor’s Award for a seminar in Southern Africa (1998); The Governor’s Award in Humanities (2004); and several professional prizes for fiction.

He has worked tirelessly for underserved populations in Rome and Floyd County. He began the GHAME – Georgia Highlands African-American Male Excellence – program when the USG asked him to start an institutional program as part of its systemwide African-American Male initiative. He began in 2008 with seven students on the Floyd campus. Today, each campus boasts its own chapter of Brother2Brother, a national organization that mentors minority male students and encourages them to finish their educations. GHAME now has 130 participants, and Hershey has been recognized by the University System for his extraordinary efforts.

His other efforts in the community include co-directing the Foundation Camp, a two-week summer camp for boys; overseeing the Writer’s Academy Creative Writing and Service Learning Project for elementary-school students, supported from 2004-2009 by a grant funded through the Rome Area Council for the Arts; serving as a mentor in the Communities in Schools program; serving on the committee for the One Book Many Voices community read project.
Student Speakers

**Victor Williams** is a communications major at GHC-Douglasville. He is president of B2B-Douglasville, and recently spoke at the national Student African-American Brotherhood meeting in Indianapolis. He also presented with Isaac Watters, president of GHC’s Brother2Brother/Floyd and Jon Hershey, director of the Georgia Highlands African-American Male Excellence program, at the National Association of Community Colleges in San Francisco. At Honors Assembly 2013 he was awarded the GHC Spirit Award and the GHAME Student Achievement Award. He was named to Georgia’s All-USA Academic Team. He aspires to be a television news anchor.

**Andrew West** is editor-in-chief of the Six Mile Post, award-winning student newspaper at GHC. He plans to earn a degree in communications at Kennesaw State University. Last summer he worked as an intern with Scout.com, where he covered the Rome Braves. He also represented Georgia Highlands at journalism conventions in Athens, Savannah and Chicago. He was awarded the GHC Leadership Award at this year’s Honors Assembly.

Selected GHC Highlights for 2012-13

- In the inaugural year of competitive athletics, the GHC women’s basketball team accomplished the unprecedented: they were ranked sixth nationally during the season. They also made the play-offs after the conference season, an excellent beginning for GHC Athletics.
- Four students were named to the Coca-Cola/All-Georgia Scholastic team. One, Amelia Bagwell, was a Bronze Scholar and was recognized at the annual Phi Beta Kappa convention.
- GHC Foundation awarded 89 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year.
- Galen Maret received the Georgia General Assembly Board of Regents Academic Recognition Award.
- Dr. Alan Nichols has been accepted to the Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program for summer 2013.
- GHC was named Top Military-Friendly Institution by the Military Advanced Education Journal.
- The Brother-2-Brother (B2B) chapter earned one of only five national “Stellar Chapter” awards presented by the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB).
- GHC has joined the organization of Nine Universities and Colleges International Studies Consortium of Georgia.

Legend for Graduation Distinctions

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- Phi Theta Kappa graduates
- HOPE Scholarship recipients
Candidates for Graduation
Associate of Arts

Brandon Scott Allen  ■
Brittany Allen
Kayla Dawn Anderson
Jonathan McKay Arnold  ■
Nathaniel Brandt Barlow
David Jonathan Barnett  ■
Karen Eve Bates  ■  ■
Mollie Elizabeth Beatty  ■
Abbie Renee Bond
Christy Renee Bowen
John Christopher Brandon
Joshua Eugene Brown  ■
Margaret Lauren Burkharter  ■
Brenna LeeAnn Busbin  ■
Cynthia Alison Bushway
John Stephen Carpenter  ■
Karmin Skylar Childers
Heather Ward Churchill  ■  ■
Erica Tiffany Clark  ■
Ana Nacole Clayton  ■
Carlos Arturo Clements
April M. Cline  ■
Jonathan David Collier Porter
Taylor Nicole Covington
Kayla Law Cox
Leah Elizabeth Craig  ■
Rebecca Lynn Crooks  ■
Joseph Anthony Cwik  ■
Brittney Leigh Gossett Dutton
Kayra Vinnette Edwards
John Paul Erickson
Tabitha Maresha Ervin
Bethany R. Evans
Christa Jamee Evans  ■
Melissa Brice Fether
Nicolas Omar Garcia  ■  ■
Cortney Mckenzie Gentry  ■
Lashunda Rochelle Gibby
Frank Timothy Golden
Michelle Elizabeth Gossett
William Richard Gourdine
Krista Lauren Green
Anabel Guevara  ■
Nataly Herlinda Gutierrez  ■  ■
Nicole LaTerria Hall
Brandi Melissa Helmy
Shana Leigh Henry  ■
Ryan Ashley Herald
Gabrielle Symone Johnson
Jureka Nicole Johnson  ■
Kaitlyn Ann Jones
Alexis Lynn Ladwig
Jeremy Joseph Linville  ■  ■
Brittany A. Marshall
Cynthia Estes Martin
Ana Maria Isabelle McAbee  ■
Carrie Leigh McDaniel
Oscar Jisael Mendez
Elizabeth Dawn Merna  ■  ■
Joshua Lamar Merritt
Rocky Shevin Mize
Maria Cristina Moncayo  ■
Christopher Boaden Murphy
Joseph Kyle Nally  ■
Miranda Elaine Neal  ■
Cera Fay Nealey  ■
Natalie Mae Newberry
Rayanna Lavon Peace  ■
Chelsea Lynne Perren  ■
Rose Pierre Moise  ■
Daniela Ramirez Mesen  ■
Ethan Samuel Ray
John Ross Rogers  ■
Johnathan Otis Russell
Amera Samha
Nathan Thomas Seale
Amy Jo Seltenright
Elise Danielle Severin
Shandi Dyanne Shedd  ■  ■
Tara Nicole Shields
Sondra Silvers
Amber Nichole Spinks
Keitravis Terrell Squire
Jakima Chantee Starr
Javares A. Sylvester
Evangeline Renee Toney  ■  ■
Lisa R. Toney
Kimberly Rachea Turner  ■  ■
Tatum Nicole Vanloan
Kenny Andre Vasquez
Ashley Nicole Waddell  ■
Anissa Washington  ■
Victor I. Williams  ■  ■
Blake Randall Wright  ■

Associate of Science

Jasna Adulovic
Ana Gloria Aguirre
Lina Alcaraz
Zeeshan Ali  ■
Mimoza Aliu  ■
Lucyelle Madison Allen
Demetria Creshaun Almond
Kathleen Marie Altimari
Amber Lynn Anderson  ■
Rebecca Ann Arredondo
Ingmar Wai Bach
Samantha Leigh Banks
Nancy Jeanne Bateman
Adrienne Renee Beasley  ■
Halie Nicole Beavers  ■
Tabitha Nicole Beck  ■  ■
Thomas John Beckman  ■
Kristen Rene Bennett  ■
Brooke Ashlee Benton
Ian P. Blankenship  ■
Steven Thomas Blume  ■  ■
Kevin Craig Blythe
Lauren Corry Branson
Sarah Elizabeth Branton
Joshua Brett Brewer
Anna Leah Broome  ■
Lindsay Elaine Brown
Richard Russell Bryant
Heather Elizabeth Bundy
Rex Austin Burch
Tasheena Burch
James Lee Caffee
Jerry D. Cagle
Sonjah Callahan
Taylor Hisndon Campbell  ■  ■
Kayla Nicole Cannon  ■
Associate of Science, continued

Colby Wayne Cantrell
Ruston T. Cantrell
Bradley Allen Cargle •
Susan Gwen Channel •
Amber Nicole Charles •
Karmin Skyler Childers •
Nancy Wangchi Chiuri •
Lashanta Mechelle Clardy •
Dustin Ronald Cole •
Janet Denise Cole •
Christopher Bryan Colosi
Jeffery Daniel Compeau •
Jessica Krystal Compton •
Curtis Adam Cree •
Davina Lanise Crichlow •
Cady A. Crider •
Jalyn Tyra Croft •
Lindsey Eden Davis •
Stephanie Nicole Davis •
Christine Rose De Los Reyes •
Holly Christine Delaney •
Brittany Renee Denton •
Rachelle Brianne Drawwer •
Branson Rasheed Dulaney •
Amanda Gail Duncan
Brittany Lynn Dupuis
Tiffany Shae Edde
Joseph Robert Ellison
Daniel William Elzer •
Jennifer Katlin Erhardt •
Holbein David Espinal
Ashley Michelle Everett •
Kayla Marie Farabaugh •
Jacob Ryan Forrister •
Kristy Odom Fox •
Bristol Caleb Freeman •
Michael Damian Freitas •
Jenny Lee Fricks •
Cassandra Paige Fuller
Dennis Aaron Fuller
Dana Lynn Garbe •
Benjamin Robert Garber •
Kevin Albury Gardner •
Gynna Lynesse Garrett •
Alice Lynette George
John David Germany •
Joseph Vincent Gine
Regina LaShawn Goodson
Therese Lee Gough •
Elaine Liberty Grant •
Jackson Ray Grant •
Heather Ashley Green •
Merlene Annmarie Green Campbell •
Jaclyn Casey Groover •
Teresa Barajas Gutierrez •
James Michael Hahn
Megan Alexandria Hall •
Jesse Berst Hamilton •
Erin Nicole Harrington •
Laurie Beth Harvell
Kimberly L. Hawkins
Alexandra Denise Heard •
Nathan Michael Hess •
Thompson Hiles
David Jason Hill •
Jake Tyler Hill
Thomas Drake Holley
Karlin Anay Holt •
Ana Maria Daniela Horvath
Graham Wright Howell
Kenneth Ryan Howell
Skylar M. Huggett
William Taylor Hughes •
Joyce Anne Hunter
Kaitlyn Nicole Hyde •
Timothy Howard Jackson •
Joshua Alan Jacobs •
Vanessa Jasso •
Kayla Ashlynn Johnson
Charlene Michelle Jones
Dakota Allan Jones •
Mark Wesley Kellett •
Brig Kerce •
Donna Lee Kettering •
Chelsea Meagan Kimmons •
Christina Marie Kiniry
Lacey Leanna Knight
Rachel Nicole Knight •
Charlotte Mendel Kolesar •
Tatum Rose Langlais
Christopher Shane Lanham •
Tyler Frederick Larson •
Katie Marie Laskowski
Shay Joetta Laughton
Kelly Leigh Lavertu •
Christopher Burch Lester •
Kaitlyn Elise Lindly
Patricia Lynn Loewer
Elizabeth Christine Long
Leslie Ann Lusk •
Karen Chicki Lynch
Galen Lane Maret •
Tiffany Marie Matthews •
Savannah Paige Maxedon •
Nicholas Samuel May
Krystal Lynn Mayfield
Sean Patrick McAllister
Andrew James McCarron
Lisa Kay McClain •
Carmen Meshell McClure •
Jacob Tyler McCollum •
Sharon Kay McCoy •
David Russ McGowan •
Whitney Nicole Meers •
Tara Marie Menard •
Antonio DeJesus Mendez
Megen Lin Middleton •
Samantha Ashley Mitchell
Dana Michelle Moore •
Emily Christine Morgan
Alissa Michelle Morris
Stuart Daniel Morse •
Eric Warren Mosley
Jessica Danielle Moss
Claire Andree Mott
Shannon Kelley Mulvey
Carolyn Norma Murray
Dorothy Michelle Nasworthy
Katie Nealey •
Jacob Wayne Newland •
Nhong Ngwesse
Russell Gregory Nolan •
Charles North
Brandon Douglas Oliver •
Roxana Bell Olugun
Andrew W Onley
Soletia Latoya Owens
Dana N. Ozment
Douglas Alan Pacholski •
Alex Hayden Padgett
James Elwood Palm
Annay Perez •
Jerry Richard Perlstein •
Megan Larkin Perry •
Bobbi Ann Pike
William Charles Pittman
Brianna Renee Plouff
Robert Coleman Powers •
Associate of Science, continued

Alexandra Lauren Prozzillo
Brittany Kala Pruitt
Stevanie Faires Pruitt
Emilee Katherine Pyle
Nasiya Rahman
Heather Nicole Ray
Fatima Reavis
Heather Nicole Redding
David Michael Reeves
Alexander Clayton Reynolds
Destiny Nicole Reynolds
Joseph W. Rice
Tamera Deanne Richey
Brandy Rogers Rieker
Jack Thomas Root
Kevin Simpson Ruff
James Allen Scallan
Andrew Schneider
Heather Lee Schwab
Marcie Nicole Scott
Nazarin Sedigh
Nathan William Self
James Patrick Shaffer
Shauna Marie Sharp
Tiffany Sharpton
Gary Wayne Sheats
Shandi Dyanne Shedd
Zachary Tyson Simpson
Ross Carter Skeen
Matthew Alexander Skinner
Tiffney Lynn Slater
Joseph Jackson Slay
Adam Lee Slonecker
Jacqueline Brooke Smallie
Allison Whitney Smith
Amber Nekole Smith
Kali Danielle Smith
Kayla Jules Smith
Erik Joseph Smrekar
Davina Lee Snowball
Soyar Soeur
Justin Edward Soriano
Timothy Ray Squires
Catrina Michele Stager
Hollie Nicole Stark
Megan Amber Stepansky
Logan Jill Stevison
Matthew Alan Stone
Clayton Brooks Sullivan
Brittany Nicole Tanner
Macy Elaine Taylor
Celia Esther Teague
James S. Thacker
Ashley Breann Thomas
Brittany Nichole Thomas
Habata Elise Thomas
Stephen Michael Thomas
Allison Paige Thornton
Alexandria Nichol Todd
Robert Tyrone Trammell
Emily Carolyn Turek
Trent Credelle Turner
Marcos Alfredo Vargas
Anna Yesenia Vaughn
Tiffany Leigh Vollrath
Joseph Blake Wade
Amber Brooke Walker
Hong Wei Wang
Yancytra K. Watkins
Andrew Jared West
Amanda Kail White
Madison Lee White
Samathia Necole White
Edwin Brady Whitworth
Alli Elizabeth Wilkins
Adam Tyler Williams
Desiree C. Williams
Katie Ann Williams
Roger Brooks Wilson
Tiffany Marie Wood
Marshall King Woods
Howard Lee World

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

Kolayna Christine Boudreaux
Lindsay Marie Bulther
Kylie Suzanne Bystrom
Cassandra Lee Casaletta
Ladena Anne Kimbrel
Angel Gabrielle Martin
Cindy Valdez Palacios
Ashley Nicole Shanahan
Kathy Ann Sherman
Kristen Ann Smith
Juana Maria Vejar
Kimberly Dawn West
Brittany Michelle Wilson

Associate of Science in Human Services

Jessica Brook Beckham
Randall Stephen Bell
Nancy Ruth Coleman
Angela Frances Coyle
Tiera Cheontol Davis
Melissa A. Dowda
Amy Leann Fri
Phillis Ann Lyons
Kandise Ann McHenry
Matthew John Ploof
Janet Beth Prater
Donna Carol Smith
Allison Elaine Tidwell
Kimberly Rachael Turner
Britny Meschelle Wilson

Associate of Applied Science in Business

Tangela Michele Hudson
Megan Irina McGinnis
Kelly Renee Thornbury

Associate of Applied Science in Technology

Christopher W. Pelfrey
41st Nursing Pinning / Commencement

3:00 p.m.

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LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS ............. Christine Hicks, MSN, RN - Associate Professor of Nursing
                                   Connie Barbour, MSN, RN, FNP - Instructor of Nursing
                                   Maryanne Sandberg, MSN, RN - Instructor of Nursing
                                   Karen Wetherington, MSN, RN - Assistant Professor of Nursing
                                   Pauline Ruel, MSN, RN - Associate Professor of Nursing
                                   Deidre Markham, BSN, RN - Lecturer of Nursing
                                   Billie Robinson, MSN, RN - Instructor of Nursing

OPENING REMARKS ........................................... Christopher Lawson (Graduating Student – Rome)

WELCOME ..................................................... Janet Alexander, EdD, RN, CNE
                                                  Dean of Health Sciences

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT .................................. Dr. Renva Watterson

HISTORY OF THE PIN AND LAMP ............................. Julie Crawford, MSN, RN
                                                  Instructor of Nursing

CLASS SPEECH ............................................. Natasha Moore (Graduating Student – Marietta)
                                                  Lauren Rader (Graduation Student – Rome)

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY ........................................ René Disser (Graduating Student – Marietta)
                                                  Laurie Morris (Graduating Student – Rome)

RECOGNITION OF ALUMNI ........................................ Wendy Simmons (Graduating Student – Rome)

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES ......................................... Lynn Herman, MSN, RN
                                                  Associate of Professor of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Laura Musselwhite, Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Assisted by Marjorie Frazier, MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Dr. Renva Watterson, Interim President
Assisted by Ms. Sandie Davis, Director of Admissions, Registrar
Ms. Sherri Beideck, Assistant Director of Admissions and Registrar

PRESENTATION OF ROSES ........................................ Patricia Vincent, DNP, APRN-BC
                                                  Assistant Professor of Nursing
                                                  Patry Moran, MSN, RN
                                                  Instructor of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF PINS ........................................ Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN
                                                  Director of Nursing

ASSISTED BY .................................................... Debbie Amason, MS, RN
                                                  Associate Professor of Nursing
                                                  Sue West, MN, APRN-BC
                                                  Lecturer of Nursing

RELIGHTING OF THE LAMPS

INTERNATIONAL NURSING PLEDGE ...... Melinda Holt-Davis (Graduating Student – Marietta)
                                      (Nursing Pledge on page 13)
                                      Crystal Chambers (Graduating Student – Rome)

CLOSING REMARKS ............................................. Kody Chumley (Graduating Student – Marietta)

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Associate Professor of Nursing

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Pauline Ruel has been a faculty member at Georgia Highlands for more than 20 years. Specializing in psychiatric nursing, she earned her Master of Science in mental health nursing from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Emmanuel College in Boston.

She came to GHC in 1992 as a part-time nursing instructor. The next year she became an assistant professor. Next fall she will become a Full Professor of Nursing.

Besides GHC, she has also taught at Kennesaw State University and Chattanooga State Technical Community College. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing; the American Nursing Association; the ANA Council of Specialists in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing; and Metro Atlanta Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse Group.

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New RN-BSN

In fall 2013, Georgia Highlands College will admit the first RN-BSN class of 35 students. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges has approved the granting of baccalaureate degrees. The Division of Nursing has received permission to implement from the Georgia Board of Nursing and candidacy status from the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Dr. Janet Alexander was named Dean of Health Sciences in January 2013, coming to GHC from a long tenure at Samford University. She describes the enthusiasm and energy from students and employers in this area for the coming RN-BSN as “palpable.” She says, “People are so ready, and many have been waiting so long.” We welcome Dr. Alexander, and we are excited for the future of nursing at GHC.
Candidates for Graduation
Associate of Science in Nursing

Marietta Students

Tina Bailey Bailey •
Kody L. Daniel Chumley •
Kimberly Rena Coleman
Michelle Cook
René Disher
Amanda R. Dodd •
Michaela Geiger

Jennifer Gordan
Lesley S. Harrell
Melinda Holt-Davis
Frances Brewer Hughes •
Ndidi Edith Jones
Michael Kelly
Natasha Labria Moore

Terri Moore
Christina Amelia Reyes •
Ibadine Akisha M. Romney
Taylor Olivia Tuggle
Kathy Williams
Simone Alicia Wright

Rome Students

Edward O. Adams •
Dawn M. Agee •
April R. Allen
Kari Allen
Rachelle Price Allen •
Reginald V. Allen •
Veronica T. Allen •
Angela P. Aughey •
Joseph Austin
Kristie Bailey-Snyder
Michelle A. Baker •
LaQuanah Barnes
Candace M. Baulding
Jody E. Bays
Amy Laura Bennett
Michelle L. Bernasconi •
Jennifer L. Betts •
Heather Alyssa Bishop •
Brittany L. Blevins
Whitney Lynn Brooks •
Christopher M. Brown
Daniel L. Brown
Laura Brown
Emily Brumfield •
Ashley Bryson •
Betsy Cagle •
Ashley L. Cantrell
Danielle Caron
Jessica W. Caverly
Crystal Chambers •
Cathy M. Colby
Rachel Cook •
Cori Craft
Whitney Crider
Amanda L. Crumbly •
Kendall Michél Currie •
Stacy Dantz
Margaret E. Davis •
Jeanie Doegg •
Tia Drake
Robin L. Duke •
Megan A. Edge •
Dana Ellis •

Jonathan E. Elrod •
Emily L. Evans •
Hannah M. Friel •
Keona A. Gaines
Lynd Garcon
Sara Self Garner
Kandy Lynn Gibbs
Zachary Gibson •
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Nursing Traditions

1099 Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, who tended the ill and wounded during the Crusades, were given a Maltese cross medal, to signify their vow to become the serf and slave of their masters – the sick.

1500s Guilds and schools adopted the wearing of the coat of arms to identify themselves. Religious orders incorporated the design of the cross into their insignia.

1856 Queen Victoria awarded Florence Nightingale the Red Cross of Saint George for her service in the Crimean War.

1860 Miss Nightingale used a similar medal to reward outstanding students in her first nursing school at Saint Thomas’ Hospital in London.

1870s The Wolverton Royal Hospital in England is credited with being the first school to award pins to all graduates.

1873 The first three American schools of nursing based on the Nightingale model opened in New York, Boston and New Haven, Connecticut.

1880 Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York became the first school in the United States to award pins to graduates.

1900s Pinning became a common ceremony in schools of nursing. Each new school that opened chose a unique design for its pin and awarded it to graduates as a symbol of academic work well done, entry into the profession of nursing, and a reminder of nursing’s historical mission to serve the sick.

International Nursing Pledge

In the full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering, and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me, and refraining from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the nurse.
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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, support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.

Georgia Highlands College Alumni Association

Congratulations Graduates! One of the major goals of the GHC Alumni Association is to create ties that will last a lifetime between you and the college. We consider graduation a beginning, not an end, of our relationship. With that in mind, the Alumni Association will be continually seeking new and innovative ways to meet the needs of our alumni. Visit us today at www.gahighlandsalumni.com.

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Georgia Highlands College Graduation Air Times

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Monday, May 13
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Tuesday, May 14
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Wednesday, May 15
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Thursday, May 16
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Friday, May 17
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19
9:00 a.m. Graduation
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation
3:00 p.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
5:00 p.m. Graduation
7:00 p.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Monday, May 20
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Tuesday, May 21
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Wednesday, May 22
11:00 a.m. Graduation
1:00 p.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation

Thursday, May 23
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation

Friday, May 24
11:00 a.m. Pinning/Nursing Graduation
1:00 p.m. Graduation