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Greetings!

Wow – What a year! As I reflect on year one - since joining the University of West Georgia as its seventh president - I've learned a tremendous amount. Mostly, it has been an opportunity for me to engage, understand culture, hear needs and concerns, and establish relationships. A year ago, I was excited to take on a new challenge and learn everything I could about my new home. Today I can honestly say I am glad to know many of the faculty, staff, students and alumni of this university, and I am proud to serve as your president.

In this issue of Perspective, titled "Service," you'll find that UWG is constantly striving to serve our students, each other, our community and even beyond, in the best way possible. One of our major accomplishments in the last year is that we were able to write, edit and unanimously approve the 2014 – 2020 Strategic Plan. This plan will help us to serve to the best of our abilities and details four strategic imperatives necessary for success. It also clearly defines the vision, mission and eight values of UWG, which you will learn in more detail throughout this issue. You'll also read about:

- One UWG alum who risked his life for his country and received the distinguished Defense of Freedom Medal
- How the College of Education is exploring new ways to help children reach their dreams
- The "Big Event" that offered more than 421.25 hours of volunteerism to the community
- A current student who is continuing to pursue his goal of a degree and proves that age is only a number
- The repeated generosity of one UWG alum and the profound effect it has on students
- News and other success stories from alumni, faculty, staff and students

At the University of West Georgia, the future is bright and the possibilities are endless. However, if we don't place "service" as a priority toward our students, each other and the community, nothing can be achieved. It is my commitment, as well as the commitment of the university, to persistently serve.

Go West. Go Wolves!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kyle Marrero
President of the University



The Value of a University

A Plan for the Future

By Elizabeth Stone

As UWG moves closer to the fall semester and the inauguration of the university's seventh president, Dr. Kyle Marrero, it seems appropriate to reflect on the past year. Not only is the University of West Georgia continuing to grow in miraculous ways, but also, internally, the faculty, staff and even the students have been energized in a whole new way. It's not just that the professors are making groundbreaking discoveries or that the students are winning national awards. It's that UWG has successfully aligned that energy into one common purpose: the 2014–2020 Strategic Plan. Unanimous approval from faculty and staff demonstrate the commitment to this plan.

This comprehensive plan outlines four strategic imperatives: addressing student success, academic success, successful partnerships and operational success, plus it describes the goals and objectives for achieving these imperatives. Additionally, the plan identifies and explicitly states the vision, mission and eight foundational values of the university.

The heart of a university lies in its people and their ability to serve one another and their community. Whether it's a professor willing to stay an extra hour to help a student, a staff member going the extra mile or students striving to reach their dreams, everyone is working to make UWG the best place to work, learn and succeed. The key to service and to achieving this plan is through eight critical values. Read on the following page how these values are being put into action.

For more information on the 2014–2020 Strategic Plan, visit www.westga.edu/engagewest.



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The historic Newnan Hospital will soon be home to UWG Newnan.

UWG students celebrate inclusiveness during International Night.

UWG nursing students use innovative learning labs for hands-on experience.

Mentor Blair Fox and student Ashley Rogers participate in the RCOB Southwire Sustainable Business Honors Program.

ACHIEVEMENT

UWG Newnan will soon be moving to the renovated, historic Newnan Hospital on Jackson Street. The new building will allow UWG Newnan to serve a larger number of students, increasing enrollment numbers from 500 to a projected 1,200 by 2015, and a goal of 3,000 by 2018. The new building will not only promote the achievement of our students, but will also stimulate Newnan's community and economy.

CARING

Last year, The WOLF Internet Radio station collected new or gently used books to donate to the Tanner ReadER program. Through a partnership with Carrollton Dawnbreakers Rotary Club, The WOLF conducted a contest in which UWG organizations donated books, and in exchange, The WOLF would provide free entertainment for one event involving the winning organization. By the end of the contest, 3,000 books were donated to the program.

COLLABORATION

In February 2014, the College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics collaborated to host local high school and middle school students for a live video chat with NASA experts. NASA Kennedy Space Center Education Professional Development, in conjunction with the former program NASA Explorer Schools, introduced former astronaut, Col. Gregory H. Johnson, and science researcher, Dr. Michael Roberts. Students gathered at UWG and had the opportunity to ask questions directly to Col. Johnson and Dr. Roberts through a live web chat and Twitter feed.

INCLUSIVENESS

The International Student Organization has a 29-year tradition of showcasing the many backgrounds, cultures and traditions of UWG international students. The highly successful and spirited event is called International Night. Entertainment and food are provided by the students and offer a chance to take a trip around the globe, without having to leave Carrollton!

INNOVATION

The Tanner Health System School of Nursing is now housed in a brand new, state-of-the-art, 64,000-square-foot building, equipped in the latest in teaching technology. Students now have access to learning labs, which allow students to practice nursing on simulation mannequins that can provide a realistic experience to students before ever stepping foot in a hospital.



INTEGRITY

Last year, Eric Ollila, who was a senior UWG student at the time, addressed financial donors at the annual President's Luncheon. He is a first generation college student, juggling schoolwork, a job at Publix, volunteerism, extracurricular activities and preparation for medical school. Because of the generosity of financial donors, he can achieve his dream of one day becoming a physician. He proves that integrity can be passed from one generation to the next. "It is your support that is shaping our lives for the better and is allowing us to reach our full potential," he says. "We cannot thank you enough, and I wish to repay the favor one day when I am finally a doctor by supporting West Georgia students just as you are supporting me."

SUSTAINABILITY

The Richards College of Business Southwire Sustainable Business Honors Program allows students to complete a BBA in economics, finance, management, marketing or real estate, plus a Master of Business Administration degree and a certificate of sustainability in only four years. The program also offers many opportunities for service and experiential learning, including a one-on-one mentorship by a Southwire employee and internship possibilities.

WISDOM

In October 2013, the College of Arts and Humanities served as the statewide host site for discussion on a national report titled "The Heart of the Matter: the Humanities and Social Sciences" conducted by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences. G. Wayne Clough, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, president emeritus of Georgia Institute of Technology and a member of the commission, attended UWG as part of the discussion and spoke on the wisdom of preserving the importance and education of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

I Give Because...

A Lifetime of Giving

By Elizabeth Stone

Annice Whatley '58 understands that an education can transform a life. When she began at West Georgia College, her father handed her \$600 and said "Honey, this is it." Although she had a work scholarship at the time, it was difficult to make ends meet.

"Dr. Ingram called me into his office," she remembers. "I guess he had heard maybe I was having a little problem, and asked me about it, and he gave me another scholarship job. And what impressed me was, I said, 'But Dr. Ingram, the rule says you can only have one job.' And he said, 'Young lady, a rule that cannot be broken is not a good rule.'"

Because of those two work scholarships, Annice was able to graduate with a degree in education. After leaving West Georgia, she went on to pursue a career as a teacher, mostly throughout Georgia, but also for a short time in the Middle East, specifically Jordan.

Annice's career spanned 39 years and to the farthest stretches of the globe. She even continues to teach horticulture today at Rosemont Elementary. She attributes her success to her beginnings at West Georgia, and the generosity that allowed her to complete her degree. That's why she currently contributes to multiple scholarships at UWG.

"The fact that I struggled so hard as a student, holding down two jobs plus part time jobs, just to manage to get through," she says. "I know what a strain it was on me. With the scholarships, Daddy quick-started them, just to make things easier, so I just picked up with it when he passed away. It was



Annice Whatley

just mainly to give students an opportunity that they may not have otherwise."

When asked why others should also give, she has a simple explanation:

"Well, most of the time, if they went to the University of West Georgia, they had a marvelous experience," explains Annice. "The teachers were always interested in the students and trying to help them through. There were always opportunities where you could grow as a student. So I think if you give, it helps the future, because you're going to have students coming through, and they're going to make an impact in the future."

Fellow Alumni,

This past year was one of the Alumni Association's brightest. We established a wonderful foundation for engaging West Georgia Alumni through the Alumni Networks. These networks along with the UWG Alumni Association Board of Directors developed exceptional programming benefitting alumni and faculty, as well as the community. As the university and the Alumni Association grow, an increased opportunity for each of you to serve exists.



Impactful service to the university can come in many forms, from serving on a volunteer board or mentoring a student to supporting a scholarship, attending a football game or serving on an Alumni Network council. The opportunity to serve our university presents itself every day in conversations with our peers. Being knowledgeable about the many successes and events at UWG can have a meaningful impact on our institution. Your awareness of UWG and ability to speak positively increases the prestige of our university.

Mark your calendars for September 18 – 20, 2014, as we will celebrate the Inauguration of UWG President Dr. Kyle Marrero and Homecoming. We hope you will join us for our 4th Annual "Wolves Capture the Square" on Friday night. This fun-filled weekend is a great opportunity to spend time with friends and support the Wolves!

Successful and inspiring UWG Alumni are located across the globe. They are leading the way through career achievement, artistic expression and service to UWG and humanity. Will you help us honor them at the 2015 Alumni Awards Gala? Visit www.westga.edu/alumni and nominate a deserving honoree. Nominations will close October 17, 2014.

Thank you for all you do for UWG! We want to hear from you at alumni@westga.edu and look forward to seeing you on campus. The best and brightest "Went West!" Best Regards,

Greg Benda '05
President, Alumni Association

UWG FACES



THE SPECIALIST

Name: Dr. Jennifer Schuessler

Hometown: Wedowee, Alabama

Profession: Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing

Recent accomplishments:

Dr. Schuessler holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Jacksonville State University, a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She held various positions at the Auburn University School of Nursing, most recently associate dean. Before becoming associate dean, Dr. Schuessler served as the assistant dean from 2000-2008 and was named the Betty McClendon Fuller Endowed Professor in 2012.

In her words: "There are no words to describe how excited I am over my appointment as dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing at the University of West Georgia. I was aware of the tremendous growth the university is experiencing and the excellent reputation of the School of Nursing. However, the on-campus interview process convinced me there is no better place to be than the University of West Georgia. Everyone I met had incredible enthusiasm and a bold vision for the future of the university and the School of Nursing. I couldn't wait to get started!"

ALUMNI UPDATE

What's New - AlumniDen

AlumniDen launched in April and many alumni have become registered users, tapping into the online community's many features that include a searchable alumni directory, message board, career center, alumni benefit and discount details, giving and event attendance history, and the

ability to share Class Notes, blogs and classifieds. Be sure to get connected today and start building your network of friends. The only information alumni need to complete the registration is their unique ID number, which is available by emailing alumni@westga.edu.

AlumniDEN

Alumni House Receives an Updated Look

When alumni visit the historic Alumni House, they will be welcomed into a new, warm and inviting space. In the spring, several Alumni Board members approached Dr. Bill Estes, vice president for University Advancement, and funds were identified to allow for the update.

Alumni ID Cards

In the spring, the Alumni Association explored creation of an Alumni ID Card and the project is moving forward, according to Frank Pritchett '88 '92, UWG alumni director.

"We are looking at being a partner with Auxiliary Services at UWG, which produces the student and faculty/staff ID cards," he explains. "Of course, cost is also a factor we need to budget for. We don't see us printing 56,000 cards so that all alumni hold the card. Rather, we anticipate the cards will be available upon request while we will issue them automatically to all new graduates each year."



Have questions or suggestions? Email us at alumni@westga.edu.



In Defense of Freedom

By Julie Lineback

The Department of Defense has awarded William Scott, Jr. '92 the Defense of Freedom Medal for his work with DynCorp International in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

William, who graduated from the University of West Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, began his contract with the logistical support company as a biometrics database administrator in April 2010. The team worked to track the movement of Afghans via fingerprints, facial recognition and iris scans along with biographical information such as family and tribal backgrounds.

"A lot of bases would employ local nationals to build trenches, paint and cut grass," William says. "Their theory is that if you give a man a chance to either fight or stay home with a warm meal and spend time with his wife and children, he would choose the latter. You give him another opportunity besides war, and you can negate reasons people want to fight."

In the event that local nationals had intentions to do both, the database would flag the individuals who would then be met by U.S. military

personnel. They would then be taken for further interrogation and, if deemed extremely dangerous, relocated to Guantanamo Bay.

The team became quite the deterrent. December 6, 2010, was like any other day the past seven months had been. After their usual 12-hour workday, William and his coworkers gathered to recap their activities. It was then that a handheld rocket was launched into their workspace. Fortunately, the team worked in a tent with a wood floor versus concrete, and the rocket lodged a couple of feet into the ground before exploding, which gave the employees a few seconds to dive and take cover.

William and another teammate took the brunt of the blast. His coworker lost his leg from the knee down, and William took shrapnel in his left leg and had to have 30% of his thigh surgically removed. Luckily, the shrapnel missed his femoral artery, which is one of the most viable to survival.

"It came to my mind, I can't believe this happened," he recalls. "Then a calm and peace came over me. I can't explain it, but it was just a confidence I had. I knew God wouldn't let me die on those rocks in Afghanistan."

William spent a month in a hospital in Dubai as doctors removed as many fragments from his leg as they could and flushed his body with antibiotics. After three surgeries, the doctors felt confident enough for him to return to the states. Upon arriving back in Georgia, more doctors convened with him at Grady Hospital for a final analysis. He was sent home and began therapy with the Shepherd Clinic in Atlanta.

Due to the amount of muscle mass lost, he was told it would take at least two years to start walking properly again. His therapy included lifting weights, climbing stairs and electrical stimulation.

"They had a machine that was like a gigantic treadmill," he describes. "One part would hold me up, and the treadmill would move my legs in the motion of walking. My wife also put me on a synthetic protein diet with some green foods that helped my leg gain some of the mass and strength back."

Despite the initial estimate, within eight months William was off the crutches and was walking once again. He still lives with the nerve damage, and his foot goes numb at times, something the doctors say he will live with the rest of his life.

William Scott, Jr., received the Department of Defense's Defense of Freedom medal for his civilian service in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

William, who now works for the City of College Park as a Customer Service Accountant, was one of 11 recipients who received the Department of Defense's Defense of Freedom medal at a ceremony in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 30, 2014. The first recipients of this medal were Department of Defense civilians who were injured or killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. William also received the Dyncorp's Chairman's Purple Star Award.

"At first I was a little reluctant to receive the award," he explains. "I was hesitant to even be involved in the process because I wanted to put this behind me and not really think about it. I thought about the honor of the award and what the company was trying to do to say thank you so I decided to accept it."

"It brought up a lot of memories and was more emotional than I thought it was going to be," William continues. "Of all the recipients, six of them perished in Afghanistan. Their families were at the ceremony to receive the awards for them. It was a very heavy situation."

Through it all, William says it was faith, family and friends that inspired him to keep going.



William stands with his Defense of Freedom Medal and Purple Star Award.

"The support from my wife was amazing, and it made a big difference in the healing process," he concludes. "I heard a statement when I got home: 'The ones who made it back owe it to the ones who didn't to live well.' I heard that, and it resonated with me because I could've easily died on those rocks."

UWG FACES



THE SHUTTERBUG

Name: Brandon La Sure

Hometown: Rockdale County

Profession: Freelance Videographer

Recent accomplishments: 'UWG is Happy' video chosen to be a part of International Happiness Day

In his words: "My advice to anyone pursuing a career in anything is to practice your craft as much as you can, and the more mistakes you make now the better you will be in the future when it really counts. I've found that there are many talented people at UWG, and it's in everyone's best interest if we collaborate frequently to further each others skills. So far one of my biggest accomplishments was having my 'UWG is Happy' video chosen for Pharrell Williams' Happiness Day contest. Like my friend Jeral Clyde, I also plan on having a movie done my final year at UWG and leaving the university with an original movie under my belt and multiple other projects."

GALLERY

UWG Spanish students study abroad in Costa Rica.



Nicole Yancey becomes UWG's first softball All-American.



UWG partnered with Tanner Health System's "Get Healthy, Live Well" initiative to plant and maintain a community garden.



Richards College of Business MBA student team returns from presenting to IBM in the London showcase.



In Fall 2014, UWG will unveil a 7.5' tall, 12' long bronze wolf statue to mark the dedication of the newest addition to the Athletic Complex, Wolf Plaza. The figure, commissioned by Bob and Tish Stone, the Stone family and SMI, Inc., will proudly guard the entire complex. The statue is shown above in its early stage, model clay form.



The University of West Georgia held its first-ever Leadership Development Institute (LDI) retreat on May 8-9 at the university's Campus Center.



Center for Diversity and Inclusion and Ingram Library donate books as part of World Book Night 2014.

Serving the Community: UWG's Center for Public History

By Dr. Ann McCleary, Director of the Center for Public History and Professor of History

Over the past year, University of West Georgia students helped to establish the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail and organize a two-day conference in LaGrange, Georgia, planned a Georgia Roots Music Festival in association with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at the Woodruff Arts Center, developed preliminary plans for a new exhibit on sports with the Smithsonian Institution and the Georgia Humanities Council, assisted the National Park Service with archival and museum collections management, and curated interpretive trail signage in Albany, Georgia, for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

All of these projects and more are part of the UWG Center for Public History's mission to provide hands-on experience for students interested in careers in the growing field of public history. Public historians present history to the public outside the traditional classroom—involving careers from museums and archives to historic preservation, digital history and public humanities. West Georgia added a public history concentration in the graduate program in 1998 and a Museum Studies Certificate with the Atlanta History Center in 2000. But the History Department wanted to establish a research center that would help train students while also meeting the university's mission to serve the west Georgia region.

This fall, the Center for Public History celebrates its 15th anniversary. The center promotes understanding and public discussion of regional history and culture. Through the center, faculty and students collaborate to engage with community partners while providing professional training for both graduate and undergraduate students. The center provides a variety of services in historical research exhibit development, oral history projects, public program development, archival processing, folklife documentation, architectural survey and digital history.

The Joseph R. Johnson Graduate fellowship in Georgia music history, funded through the Georgia Music Foundation and the Gretsch Foundation, provides opportunities for graduate research in Georgia music history. The center's award-winning Regional Music Project has produced five CD recordings of western Georgia roots music, from early radio music, old-time, country and bluegrass to gospel and shape-note singing.

Most recently, the center and the College of Arts and Humanities have partnered with the Georgia Humanities Council to support the Museum on Main Street Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition program. West Georgia students and I developed statewide catalogs and websites for the Key Ingredients: America by Food and New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music exhibits and traveled to the host communities across the state to provide assistance in programming, marketing and exhibits. Now, UWG is helping the Georgia Humanities Council with the Hometown Teams Smithsonian exhibit, which will tour from 2016-2018.



Dr. Ann McCleary, students Kristina Hartmann Ferguson and Katherine Hicks, with Arden Williams from the Georgia Humanities Council, provided support at the installation workshop for Key Ingredients in Kingsland, Georgia.

One of the center's most exciting new projects is a heritage tourism initiative—the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, which links communities from Dalton, Georgia, to Columbus, Georgia. Over the past several years, the center staff has developed a traveling exhibit on Carroll County textile history, now on display at the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum in Carrollton, and a walking trail of textile history with interpretive signage in Carrollton. This new program provides a regional context to explore this textile history and includes production of a website, book, annual conferences and educational programs and tours.

Recent partnerships with the National Park Service have expanded the range of prospects for graduate students. Through cooperative agreements, they have assisted with archival and museum collections management at parks including the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site and the Jimmy Carter boyhood home as well as the NPS Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia.

The center offers a variety of internships and research opportunities for students in other majors as well. For example, art students helped to design interpretive kiosks, produced photographs for National Register nominations and created marketing materials for the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail.

The center staff looks forward to continuing to serve the region and state. If you are interested in collaborating with the Center for Public History or using the center archive of fieldwork and local history, please contact 678-839-6141.

Mitch Gray: A Legendary Voice

By Sheryl Marlar and Taylor Bryant

The voice of UWG, Mitch Gray, has been nominated for induction into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame. He is nominated along with Ryan Cameron of V103 in Atlanta and the voice of the Atlanta Hawks, Mark McCain, whose career spans from Powder Springs to Carrollton to Newnan, and fifteen others with similar stellar careers. Members of the Hall of Fame will cast their votes in July. Those chosen to be inducted will be announced at the 8th Annual Induction Awards Ceremony on October 25, 2014.

Born in Cedartown, Georgia, and a lifelong resident of Tallapoosa, Georgia, Mitch Gray began his radio career on July 2, 1977, when he filled in for some vacationing staff members at WWCC in Bremen. He received just one hour of training the day before he started. He spun his very first tune, It's Sad to Belong by England Dan and John Ford Coley, and then promptly froze at the end of the song. He also managed to hopelessly jam the Teletype. Despite the missteps that day, he was asked to come back the following day. A week later, the Sunday morning job came open, and he was offered his first paying job in the business. He went on the air in Carrollton two years later, and has been there ever since. Now he is resoundingly known as "the Voice of UWG."

Mitch recalls fondly the first day he thought about coming to UWG. It was the summer of 1995. As he was wrapping up his show in Carrollton, he looked up to see Ed Murphy, then interim athletic director for UWG, peering at him through the glass partition of the radio booth. He wanted to speak to Mitch about applying for the opening for sports information director at the university. He applied, was interviewed and was hired, thus beginning his UWG career.

Mitch attributes his career choice to his lifelong love of sports. His goal of being a sports broadcaster dates back to a tape recorder he received for Christmas when he was 11 years old. He called himself a radio junkie as a kid, with two older



Mitch Gray at his microphone

brothers who were always playing the radio in high school. The voices he recalls hearing as they introduced the songs and read the news interested him as much as the music.

When asked about influences on his career from a sports standpoint, Mitch considers the late, great Jack Hurst to be the best football play-by-play announcer who ever lived. Jack was "The Voice" for years at Georgia Tech. In addition, when the Atlanta Falcons came into existence, he became their announcer and held that job for 10 years.

Mitch also says that he was influenced by Atlanta radio legend Skinny Bob Harper, who was later immortalized by the TV show "WKRP in Cincinnati" by its creator, Hugh Wilson. Hugh patterned the character of Dr. Johnny Fever after Skinny Bob Harper, with whom he had worked at WQXI.

Mitch's family has supported him throughout his radio career. "My family has, to be quite honest, made many sacrifices on my behalf," he says. Many

times, duty kept him away from so much when his kids were growing up, from general parental duties to special occasions.

His career has been quite a ride with plenty of memorable moments. Two in particular remain his favorites: calling West Georgia's 1982 NCAA Championship in football when he was just a rookie and West Georgia's 1995 win over long-standing rival Valdosta State. He still considers the latter his best game ever.

He has seen many outstanding moments with local high schools as well, capped off recently by calling Carrollton High School's state title win in baseball. "In all the years I've been in broadcasting, I have never called a winning state title game until that one," says Mitch. "That was fun."

In regard to his nomination to the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame, he states his emotions eloquently. "When I was inducted into the UWG Athletic Hall of Fame, I was honored by those I love," Mitch explains. "The nomination for the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame is an honor for who I am."

UWG and the Carroll County Sertoma Club Team Up To Make Dreams a Reality



By Tammy Parrett and Nikole Gianopoulos

Beep. Beep. Beep. Beep. Christopher Morgan steps up to the plate, bat poised and ready to swing. Beep. Beep. Beep. Beep. The coaches step back and grin, “Okay, Christopher. Hit it!” He swings his bat and with a thud, the ball is launched across the field. Beep. Beep. Beep. Beep. Following only the sound of the beeping, Christopher charges after his ball and picks it up in his hands. Beep. Beep. Beep. Beep. He carries his ball back towards home plate and grabs his walking stick. He is ready for lunch.

Christopher Morgan was born blind. However, he has never been a victim to his condition. Growing up in a sports-oriented family, Christopher is constantly moving. He loves to shoot his basketball, swing his bat and run. His father played baseball in college, and his older brothers also played the game as they were growing up. When his mother, Tee Buttone, contacted the College of Education’s Comprehensive Community Clinic and asked them about registering Christopher for their Fantasy Baseball Camp, she had no idea that she

would be received so well.

“Because it was an educational-based camp, I think they were okay with accepting a teachable moment,” she says. “This whole idea is about teaching and learning, and so it just fits that it’s with a higher institution of learning. It’s about exposing children about the game of baseball, about the structure of the game itself.”

Tee contacted five other camps that were unable to accommodate Christopher’s condition before receiving a positive response from the Fantasy Baseball Camp. “I mean I could teach him if I really took the time to tell him, but I wanted him to learn and be around different kids.” Christopher loved swinging the bat at camp, where he learned about baseball concepts like fly balls and striking out. After the first day of camp, Tee said Christopher was beyond excited to go back and learn some more. “Usually, when Christopher is excited, he does not sleep through the night,” she shares. “Christopher was up at 3 o’clock this

morning because he was so excited. He couldn’t wait for the morning to come.”

When Tee reached out to Dr. Laura Smith, director of the CCC, she explained her situation, and without hesitation, Dr. Smith invited Christopher to the camp with open arms. “When she told me about Christopher’s condition, I did some research on which ball was the best, and the Sertoma club purchased it for the school to use,” says Dr. Smith.

The beep baseball used by Christopher was created by the Denver Beepball Group, a branch of Telecom Pioneers of America, a volunteer organization of retired telecommunications employees across the United States and Canada, and is the official ball of the National Beep Baseball Association. The ball is about the size of a softball, and has a speaker on the side that emits a steady beeping sound when activated. It is the sound of the beep that guides the user to its location, allowing visually impaired players the same opportunities as others. The ball is a cost friendly investment that allows it to reach as many backyards as possible.

The Carroll County Sertoma Club has worked with the CCC to sponsor the camp for 10 years. “Jim Gill, one of our founding members saw that other areas were doing similar programs, and he suggested that we do it,” says Camp Director Charles Hodges, who works with the children to teach them the fundamentals of the game. “Our club decided to do a Fantasy Baseball Camp for hearing impaired children. It was originally for hearing impaired, but eventually it became for speech and hearing impaired children and we’ve been doing it ever since.”

Wolves baseball players work with the campers to practice the fundamentals of baseball, such as running, pitching, catching and hitting. They rotate stations and practice these skills with players and coaches. The CCC has also incorporated hearing and speech activities into the stations in the camp. In between stations, campers retreated to the dugout for a break, where they heard stories about baseball and used speech and hearing techniques to figure

out the who, what, where and why of a story.

Anna and Jacob Nelson have attended the camp for two and three years, respectively. “It’s just a wonderful program,” says Lavenda Free, their grandmother. “It’s helped Jacob communicate, which is something he couldn’t do before. It impacted every part of his life, and he’s come a long way.”

“It’s great to collaborate with the community, the Sertoma Club, the baseball team along with their coaches, and receive their support,” adds Dr. Smith. “They provide the equipment; we couldn’t provide that without their collaboration. Each of us brought a different area of expertise, and to see all of that come together to benefit the children is just fabulous. She looks forward to possibly expanding the camp in the future and providing even more opportunities that will continue to benefit these children.”

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THE AMBASSADOR

Name: Meitra C. Lak '09 '12

Hometown: Bremen, Georgia

Profession: Senior Admissions Representative at UWG

Recent accomplishments: Meitra received several scholarships as a student at UWG including the Pearl Nix Scholarship, STARS Study Abroad Scholarship, Julia Barnes Harlin Memorial Scholarship and Joe M. Ward Memorial Scholarship as well as being a HOPE Scholar. A former foster care case manager, Meitra continues to volunteer as mentor for a Carroll County DFCS foster child.

In her words: “Little did I know that I would be a three-time legacy with a family of Wolves; my step-father, brother, sister-in-law and fiancé all graduated from UWG. While here I learned a variety of skills I use every day—from constructing a well-worded email to how to speak in public with confidence and ease. Thankfully graduating with two degrees and zero student debt, there is no doubt I am right where I should be, telling students in Carroll County and North Georgia to ‘Go West’ and living a life of service to the Carrollton community.”

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Dreams COME true WHEN YOU GO WEST

HOME COMING 2014

2014 INAUGURATION & HOMECOMING WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Thursday, September 18

Speaker Series:

Values - A Discussion in Leadership

7:00 p.m. · Townsend Center for the Performing Arts

Friday, September 19

Investiture Ceremony for the 7th President of the University of West Georgia, Dr. Kyle Marrero

10:00 a.m. · Coliseum
Business Professional attire. Open reception immediately following the investiture.

Campus Tours

1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. · Begin and end at the University Bookstore

Unveiling & Dedication of Bronze Wolf

Commissioned by Bob and Tish Stone, the Stone family, and SMI, Inc.
5:00 p.m. · Wolf Plaza, University Stadium

Inaugural UWG Presidential 5k: Connecting Campus to Community

Benefiting the Carrollton Greenbelt

6:00 p.m. · Start: University Stadium
Awards Ceremony to follow
Register at westga.edu/homecoming

Wolves Capture the Square

Pep Rally and Outdoor Concert

7:30 p.m. · The AMP, Adamson Square
Groove Gypsies open for The Lost Trailers.
Arrive early and enjoy dinner on the square!

Saturday, September 20

Greek Alumni

Please check with your individual chapter for scheduled events.

President's Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m. · Coliseum Atrium
Complimentary, reservations required.
Business Casual or your game day attire.
Go Wolves!

Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association

9:30 a.m. · Coliseum Atrium

UWG Parade Watch

10:00 a.m. · Coliseum Front Lawn
Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the parade.
Bleachers will also be available.

Class of 1964 Golden Reunion & Classes of 1933-1963 Celebration

11:00 a.m. · Martha Munro Building (former Rural Arts Building)
Classes of 1933-1963 are invited to help celebrate the class of 1964's 50th reunion!
Parking on Front Campus with convenient shuttle.

Alumni Association Tailgate

11:30 a.m. · University Stadium
Complimentary, reservations required. All alumni are welcome to enjoy a lunch buffet, games, and door prizes. Wear your game day attire.
Beat the Bulls!

Campus Tours

11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. · Begin and end at the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center (TLC)

West Georgia vs. Johnson C. Smith

2:00 p.m. · University Stadium
Order tickets online at uwgsports.com or call the Athletic Department at 678-839-6555.

Celebrate Dreams Scholarship Gala

6:30 p.m. · University Campus Center Ballroom
Black tie optional
For tickets, visit westga.edu/MarreroInauguration

RSVP for these & more events at westga.edu/homecoming
Campus maps available online



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UWG Students Win First Place in National Rockonomix Video Contest

by Tammy Parrett

Economics students from the University of West Georgia Richards College of Business recently won first place in the Rockonomix National Contest for the spring 2014 semester. Viewers were asked to vote for their favorite video.

The winning video for the spring 2014 semester was a parody of the popular Sara Bareilles song "Brave," created by Nick Hoang, Leo Rodriguez, Jessica Brown, Rebekka Arocho, Austin Crider, Derek Brunson, Mark Arnold and Justin Daniels. Student Samantha Bush performed the lyrics in the video. The video was filmed in Atlanta and highlights many of the landmarks and locations that identify the city. Students won a prize of \$200 from Worth Publishing Company, a higher education textbook publisher that has sponsored the national competition since it was established.

Rockonomix is a music video contest between universities across the country, including UWG, Northern Kentucky University, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and California Polytechnic State University. Kim Holder started the contest in 2010 when she began working as an economics lecturer in the Richards College of Business at UWG.

Kim recognized that students struggled with concepts because they were too invested in technology or popular media to apply them to the world around them. She saw this as an opportunity to merge media that interests students and the course content that they needed to know in order to succeed. Thus, Rockonomix was born.

In an effort to motivate students to retain relevant course information, Kim invited other universities to participate, increasing



the competitive nature of the contest. "Honestly, the students care more about the 'title' than the money...at least mine do!" Kim says.

Since economics is a required course for many degree programs, many students are non-economics or non-business majors. "I find that the Rockonomix assignment more fully engages the students whose comparative advantages are present in creative and artistic fields," said Adam Hoffer, economics instructor at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, who made the assignment mandatory during his spring 2012 semester.

The UWG students won first place, while Northern Kentucky University won second place and the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse won third place. Second and third place winners receive prizes of \$100 and \$50, respectively.

"This is an excellent example of the level of engagement our faculty have with students," says Dr. Faye McIntyre, dean of the Richards College of Business.

"Kim Holder created this opportunity for students and has been able to get them excited about economics. The students created videos that present economics concepts in a fun and entertaining way. This particular video is simply fantastic! Every time I hear the 'real' song now, I think 'I want to see you save.'"

The videos that won awards are:

- 1st Place: University of West Georgia - youtu.be/jUz33TnPYs0
- 2nd Place: Northern Kentucky University - youtu.be/no4C-kisJyE
- 3rd Place: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse - youtu.be/mur2BJBskCQ

ROCK-O-NOMIX

Leader Recruitment: Alumni Networks

By Frank Pritchett

Leadership is the cornerstone of success and the UWG Alumni Association is embarking on an ambitious plan to recruit leaders in select locations to assist in leading and guiding Alumni Networks across the globe.

Each Alumni Network will be served by a local council of graduates who are interested in helping us build a more dynamic association. Within each council will be opportunities for alumni to serve in leadership roles in programming, scholarship and legislative matters.

Alumni Networks exist to connect UWG graduates together through location, affinity and academic programs. Current Networks being developed include:

Geographic-Based

Carroll County	Atlanta, Ga.
Cobb County	Birmingham, Al.
Coweta County	Los Angeles, Ca.
Douglas County	San Francisco, Ca.
Henry-Fayette counties	International Alumni
Gwinnett County	

Affinity

Marching Band
Young Alumni
Academic
Sport Medicine and Recreation



Sean Crowell, Natalia Baudin and Sean's daughter support the LA beach clean-up project.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, the alumni relations team will be in these networks to cultivate and identify leadership to sustain and grow each group.

Several networks have already hosted events and have other outings planned.

The Los Angeles Network held a social mixer as well as hosted a beach clean-up project in their region. Coweta County hosted a well-attended event to celebrate incoming freshmen from that location. Atlanta will host a tailgate for all UWG fans coming to the capital city on Sept. 27 as UWG takes on Clark-Atlanta. That gathering will be at Smoke Ring on Nelson Street.

There are multiple volunteer and leadership opportunities within each network. If you are interested in becoming more engaged with alumni in your area, email frankp@westga.edu.

The Coweta Network Alumni Council plans the Freshman Send Off event for August 19. Pictured are (starting at left and working around the table) Gerald Kemp, Jim Eason, Frank Pritchett, Tray Baggarly, Carol Glover, Cathy Wright, Debra Fambro, Anita Carter, Lisa Eason and Theron Gay.



“Big Event” Provides Hours of Volunteerism

By Elizabeth Stone

UWG students, faculty, staff and alumni joined together for the inaugural Big Event, a unified effort to volunteer in multiple areas throughout Carrollton. A total of 242 individuals completed 421.25 hours of community service. More than 70 campuses across the nation participate in the Big Event each year, and because UWG’s inaugural attempt was such a success, next year’s event is already scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Dustin Killpack, coordinator for Student Volunteer Programs, led the event and was pleased with the first event. “The main goal of the Big Event is to simply say ‘thank you’ to our local community for all the support they provide our students and campus community,” he says. “I have to admit that I am extremely proud of how well the event turned out. This year was our first time hosting the Big Event, and we only expected to have 100 to 150 participants. We had nearly 250 students, staff, faculty and alumni give two to three hours of their time volunteering across Carrollton. The volunteers had a great time and many had quality interactions with community members or community organizations.”

2014 Big Event: By The Numbers

- Total Volunteers: 242
- Total Hours: 421.25
- Students: 369.5 hours
- Staff & Faculty: 15.75 hours
- Alumni: 11.25 hours
- Community: 24.75 hours

According to the Cooperation for National Community Service and the Independent Sector, the value of the labor performed by Georgia volunteers is \$22.25 per hour. At this price, Big Event volunteers’ time is valued at a total of \$9,372.81.

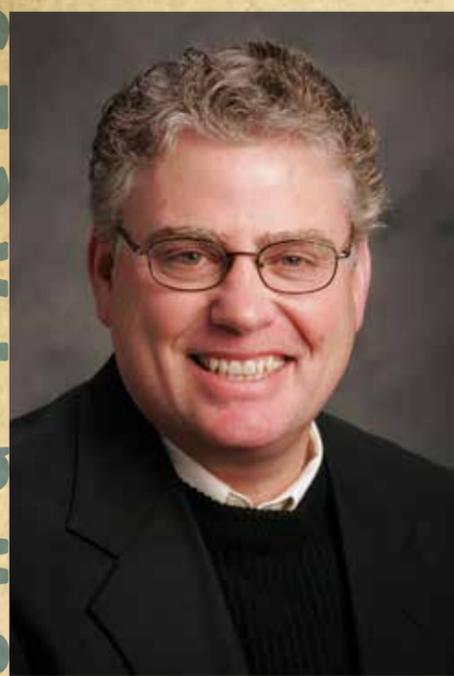
- Students: \$8,221.38
- Staff & Faculty: \$350.44
- Alumni: \$250.31
- Community: \$550.69



Examples of Service Project Accomplishments

- 557 Books collected and sorted for upcoming FERST book sale
- 1,200 Easter eggs hidden for First United Methodist Church
- 4 parks mulched and cleaned
- 7 miles of litter removed from streets
- 183 birthday & get well cards sent to Tanner Hospital and Carrollton nursing homes
- 390 PB&J sandwiches given to food distributors and shelters

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THE PACESETTER

Name: Dr. Micheal Crafton

Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee

Profession: English Professor, medieval and renaissance studies, linguistics, literary theory, history of the English language; administrator, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

Recent accomplishments:

Published a book on medieval propaganda in 2010; member BOR Distance Education Task Force 2013; worked with President Tim Hynes to lead Clayton State to be recognized as an AJC Top 100 Place To Work in Atlanta for three years in a row.

In his words: “Since my early days teaching at West Georgia College, I have seen the institution double in size of students, add new buildings, create new colleges, add doctoral programs and grow in stature, reputation, and professional competence. It seems that West Georgia has always been in a transition state moving from one level to the next as indeed we are now. I believe that we are at a place now and especially under President Marrero’s leadership that we are moving to a new qualitative level and not just a quantitative one.”

HISTORY CORNER

By Blynne Olivieri, Head of Special Collections

Faculty service to the community is reflected in university archives, faculty papers and other materials held by Ingram Library’s Special Collections. In 2000, UWG Anthropology Professor Dr. Marjorie Snipes sought information about Carroll County’s growing Hispanic community. The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and local agencies and organizations were working to provide non-native English speakers with basic transitional services into order to facilitate their integration into the larger community but did not have specific data about Hispanic residents and their interests and concerns. What they did know from census data is that from 1990 to 2000, the county’s Hispanic population expanded by more than 278 percent.

That summer, eight students in Dr. Snipes’ Ethnographic Field Methods conducted interviews with residents of the Brookwood Apartments, a city-owned apartment complex housing the

highest concentration of Hispanic residents in the county, located off of Brumblow Road (today known as University Drive) behind the Townsend Center for the Performing Arts.

The survey gathered information on Brookwood residents’ vital statistics, educational level, access to transportation, banking, health, legal needs and more. According to the survey results, respondents—predominantly from Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala—identified English language classes as a primary need. Other results showed that 67 percent were interested in receiving a local newspaper and 87 percent wanted information about the public library.

Data from this survey formed the foundation of effective outreach by a number of community service organizations, including one founded by Dr. Snipes and Suzy Montalto called the Multicultural Community Alliance, whose records are here in Special Collections.



(Top left) Anthropology survey announcement in Spanish, 2000.

(Top right) Anthro 3188 (Ethnographic Field Methods) students conducting surveys with residents of Brookwood Apartments, 2000.

(Bottom right) Dr. Marjorie Snipes with Brookwood Apartments resident, 2000.

Multicultural Community Alliance records, Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections, Ingram Library.

Under Construction:

Building Your Best You



By Taylor Bryant

For 79-year-old entrepreneur Bill Headley, age is only a number. While sitting at home watching television one night, Bill decided that he didn't like what he was becoming and decided that it wasn't too late to make a change. That's when he decided to enroll as a student at the University of West Georgia Newnan.

It's actually quite difficult to fathom Bill's feeling of becoming stagnant in life given his extensive and very impressive resume. He started his construction company, Headley Construction Corporation, out of his home after leaving New York City and moving to Newnan with his wife Anita and their three sons. His fourth son was born after the relocation.

"I have always felt bad about my grades at Auburn University in the '50s and wanted to prove to myself that I am a better scholar than I showed then," says Bill.

Bill is majoring in real estate through UWG's Richards College of Business, a perfect choice for someone who owns several properties and stays busy managing those. Before he had the luxury of only managing properties, Bill was the president of Headley Construction, which had only been a dream until then.

"Georgia was always high on the list," he reflected in an article for his 25th anniversary as president of Headley Construction. "When driving to the airport we used to kid, 'One of these days we'll just live in one of these old houses in Newnan.'"

Bill began working toward his dream once he found out that Newnan had no general contractor as large as he aspired to be. More than 40 years later, he still has the determination to make one more dream a reality—graduating from college.

"The hardest thing about being a student at my age is my other business interest," he shares. "My Anita of 53 years and I love to travel, and we've had to put that on the back burner."

Although they can't travel the friendly skies as much, Bill says he's truly enjoyed being around tomorrow's leaders. "Those are some of the brightest and nicest students. They really have been accepting of me. People are much the same, and classmates are very smart, attentive and well-mannered."

With more than 40 years in the business, Bill has some knowledge of his own to offer his classmates. His company has grown tremendously over the years, which has been no small feat. Headley Construction has completed projects from home remodels to multi-million dollar projects. Their experience has been primarily church sanctuaries, education buildings, office buildings, school construction,



Entrepreneur and student, Bill Headley

plant construction, special and historical projects and some residential projects.

Bill's affinity for the University of West Georgia should come as no surprise. Headley Construction was responsible for the renovation of UWG's Campus Planning and Facilities building and the exterior plaza of the University Campus Center. Currently, Headley Construction is working under Potts Construction on developing the new UWG-Newnan building. Other large projects by Headley Construction include the Carrollton Amphitheatre, the Newnan Conference Center and Newnan's historic Carnegie Library.

The company is also a part of the Associated General Contractors of America. They have an American Buildings Company franchise that gives them the capability to provide a custom-engineered building more quickly when time is of the essence.

Even with all of his success, Bill believes that learning has no limits. "I have learned that there is so much to learn and my knowledge was limited," he shares. "I took astronomy and really enjoyed learning about our universe. I am taking English 1102 and am learning how to think in-depth about different subjects and how to better express myself. Learning is a joy. I have not taken the opportunity to improve my thinking ability until now."

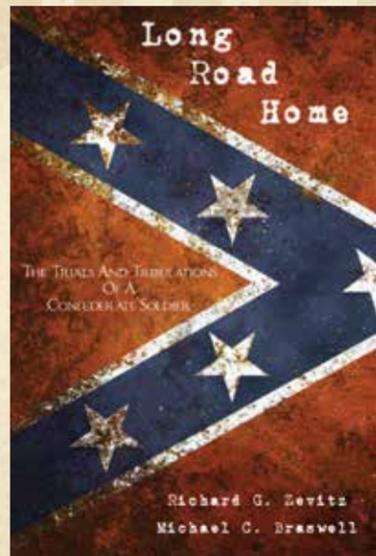
Still full of life and energy, he is definitely keeping up with his classmates. He recently completed his first semester making all As and Bs.

"Technology has changed for the better, although I feel very comfortable with my slide rule," he adds. "The computer is great. We enjoy a global connection with the transferring of information fast. The teachers and instructors are better and interested in the student learning, rather than just presenting the material."

This self-construction site is first priority for Bill. "My motivation to get a degree is to prove to myself that I can do it."

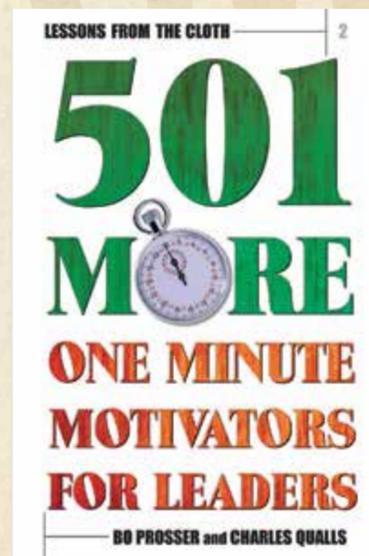
"It shows that one has completed a task and what one does with the knowledge they acquire is what is important," he shares. "The degree is a program whereby one goes through a planned and organized process to learn the basic principles of business skills that are essential to success."

There's not an acceptable excuse to fail for this entrepreneur and student, and for any student who doesn't quite see the value of education, take Bill's advice. "I would advise a student who was considering leaving school to stay the course and take advantage of the opportunity at hand," he concludes. "Time goes by so very fast and opportunities pass and rarely occur a second time."



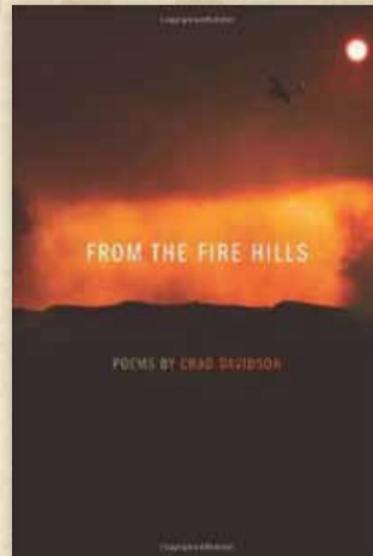
1 Richard G. Zevitz and Michael C. Braswell
Long Road Home

In *Long Road Home* two southern soldiers, one an enlisted man from Alabama and the other an officer from Tennessee, strike up an unlikely friendship forged in the heat of battle. After the fall of Fort Donelson, they escape capture and travel westward to join up with the regiment the Alabamian's two brothers belong to. Their journey is fraught with danger and challenges—only one of the four will survive. Based upon ten years of research, "*Long Road Home*" is about what men discover about themselves and others in the midst of war's inferno. Friendship, sacrifice, shame and suffering as well as redemption are part of their story as they try to find their way home.



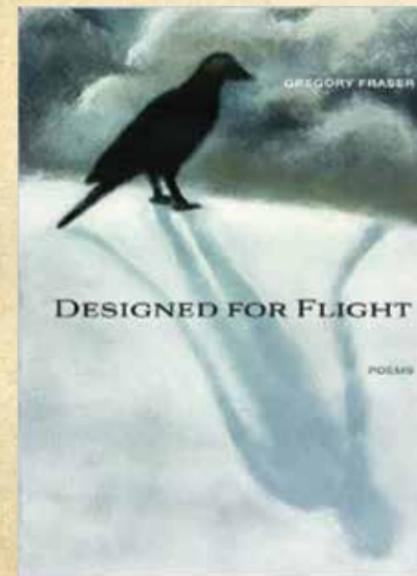
2 Charles Qualls '87 and Bo Prosser
Lessons from the Cloth 2: 501 More One-Minute Motivators for Leaders

A follow-up to the first volume, *Lessons from the Cloth 2: 501 More One-Minute Motivators for Leaders* will inspire you to keep growing in your leadership career. As the force that drives organizations to accomplishment, leadership is at a crucial point in churches, corporations, families and almost every arena of life. Without leadership, there is chaos. With leadership there is sometimes chaos! Bo Prosser and Charles Qualls will inspire you to keep growing in your leadership career.



3 Chad Davidson
From the Fire Hills

In *From the Fire Hills*, poet Chad Davidson shows us an Italy that is far from the romanticized notions of sun-drenched fields and self-discovery. Instead we see a maelstrom of chaos and contradiction, a place where the frenetic pace of modernity is locked in a daily struggle with recalcitrant history. This autobiographical collection explores the myriad ways in which Italian culture survives its own parodies and evokes a modern ferocity that harkens back to Italy's barbarian past.



4 Gregory Fraser
Designed for Flight

Designed for Flight both continues and enlarges the exploration of the rhythms of our emotional lives undertaken in Gregory Fraser's first two collections. A master of metaphor, Fraser works magic within tightly controlled forms, loading lines with surprising juxtapositions and changes of direction. Taken together, the poems trace the sometimes instant, sometimes decades-long movement from incomprehensible loss and grief to rueful reflection. Casting a sharply observant eye on past selves, always steering clear of simple sentiment, the speaker in this collection looks back with bitter irony and forgiveness in equal measure. Fraser's poems offer the imagination's capacity for endless invention and the compensatory pleasures of art.

What's New at UWG?

During 2014 Alumni Weekend, UWG held a dedication ceremony honoring **LILLIAN WILLIAMS, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT** to enroll and graduate from then West Georgia College. The oak, located on Front Campus Drive, is a reminder of her courage, strength and passion for education.



UWG is participating in the **ORANGE DUFFEL BAG INITIATIVE**, a Georgia 501c3 public charity designed to improve education success, ongoing advocacy and service to the community in a spirit of offering hope and positive systematic change.

UWG was recently named one of the **30+ MOST PROMISING PLACES TO WORK IN STUDENT AFFAIRS**. Schools were chosen based on factors such as salary, benefits, professional development opportunities and family friendliness. The list was published March 27, 2014, in *Diverse Magazine* as well as on the American College Personnel Association website.

UWG's business building has recently received approval by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents Committee on Real Estate and Facilities to be named, **J. MARK MILLER HALL**, in honor of Dr. Mark Miller, the first dean of then-West Georgia College's School of Business.

UWG has partnered with Tanner Health System's "**GET HEALTHY, LIVE WELL**" initiative, a community transformation grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to plant and maintain a community garden. UWG joins several other groups in the area who are also planting these gardens.



The UWG Police Department has been awarded state certification under the **GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE STATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**. Chief of Police Tom Mackel received the certification award, which took over two years to complete, on March 20, 2014, at the annual Police Awards Banquet held in the Campus Center Ballroom.

UWG held its first-ever **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (LDI)** retreat on May 8 & 9 at the Campus Center. The day-and-a-half meeting brought together more than 200 supervisors, managers, department heads, directors, and executives from across the campus.



On the evening of Thursday, May 15, 2014, a new tradition began in the Campus Center Ballroom, as the UWG Athletic Department hosted the Inaugural **WESTPY AWARDS BANQUET**.

This fall UWG will open the **CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNERS AND VETERANS** that is specifically designed to meet the needs of adult learners and veterans. The purpose of the center is to support the retention, progression and graduation of students at UWG through various services and programs.

The **WEST GEORGIAN**, UWG's student newspaper, won third place for most improved newspaper in the four-year college category at the Georgia College Press Association Conference & Awards Ceremony in February. The GCPA is an organization that is meant to protect, promote, foster and advance the interest of the newspaper industry in Georgia.

If you are a UWG alumni with a recently published book, we'd love to feature you in Book Notes. Email ucm@westga.edu.

'40s

Paul '44 (general) and **Sara Davenport '44** (general) **Cadenhead** celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. Their commitment to each other was confirmed on Valentine's weekend at the West Georgia College Valentine dance (during the war time when they knew they were parting) in 1944. Paul and Sara have been tremendous supporters of the university and still attend the '30s/'40s annual reunion held on campus. They reside in Austell, Georgia.

'50s

Henry H. Helton, Jr. '57 (general) was mentioned in his local paper for "clowning around." The photograph was of him holding a large pair of blue clown shoes with two silver bells that clink against each other when he moves. Henry is a clown, but he goes by "Happy." His first performance was during the halftime show at the 1958 Gator Bowl. Henry is a veteran. He entered in the Army in 1953 but was given early release in 1955 to attend college. He attended Florida State University for his BS degree and Georgia State University for his master's degree. He and his wife, **Gere Threlkeld '57** (general), live in Conover, North Carolina, and are both lifetime members of the UWG Alumni Association Board of Directors. In his spare time he enjoys cutting grass, helping groups get organized, serving on boards and teaching Sunday school. Gere enjoys cooking, sewing and learning to quilt.

'60s

Lt. Gen. **John M. Brown III '69** (BA biology) most recently served as Commander of United States Army Pacific Command headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He began in that position August 25, 2004 and served until February 1, 2008. He enlisted in the Army as an infantryman in 1969 and became an officer upon completion of Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1971. He would be commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry and receive many service awards and decorations during this time in service. He has a wife and two daughters.



John M. Brown III

'70s

Mike Wiggins '71 (BS business administration), executive vice president of human resources at Southwire Company, accepted the Citizen of the Year Award by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. He is married to **Ramona Bishop Wiggins '81** (AS computer science). Their son **Michael (Pete) Wiggins '97** graduated from UWG with a BSED in physical education. Pete is the athletic director at Calloway High School. Some of Mike's accomplishments while at Southwire include onsite healthcare facilities to reduce the cost of insurance, and a "12 For Life" program to help high school students complete graduation and intern to gain real-world skills. He and his wife reside in Ranburne, Alabama.

Dr. Karen Curtis '74 '78 '84 (BSED, MED, EDS business education) was congratulated by Tom Upchurch for her selection as recipient of the Thomas S. Upchurch Workforce Education Award last year. Dr. Curtis is the senior program manager for "Go Build Georgia" High School Teams for the Governor's Office of Workforce Development. The award was presented to her by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

'80s

Charles Holloway '87 '94 (BSED, MED secondary education-social studies) married Laura Beth Taylor on November 16, 2013. The outdoor ceremony was held at Buffalo Creak Vineyard in Carrollton, Georgia. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Saint Lucia. They make their home in Carrollton.

Stan Davis '88 '90 '98 (BSED, MED, EDS physical education) of Carroll County accepted the position of superintendent for the Banks County School System. Stan served as the associate superintendent for the Carroll County School System since 2012. He brings experience in accreditation, leadership development, economic development, curriculum, community relations and school improvement. He has been responsible for supervision of principals, budget development, and instruction and facilities. His wife, **Katie Mallory Davis '01**, graduated from UWG with a BSED in early childhood education. They have two children and make their new home in Banks County, Georgia.

Start Small and Work Your Way Up

Todd Grisham '98 (BA mass communications) landed his dream job in 2011 at ESPN. He began his career working for a local radio station, KISS 102.7, while pursuing his degree at UWG. He spent many Friday nights covering Friday night football games as a color commentator so he could keep his eye on the prize. While at UWG, Todd took advantage of another great opportunity working for the campus television news station, UTV13. He learned he enjoyed being in front of the camera and soon pursued a career covering sports on television. This passion would take him from an internship at a television station in Birmingham, Alabama, a job in Iowa as a sportscaster, an announcer for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), to joining the ESPN team in 2011. He

has covered everything from NASCAR to college basketball. He has also hosted ESPN's "Sports Center." His advice to those seeking careers in the

communications industry is to start super-small and work your way up. Todd married Alyson DeRenzi Grisham and has two daughters.



'90s

LaChandra Butler Burks '92 (BBA administrative systems) and her husband Anthony welcomed a baby boy, Anthony James Burks, Jr., on January 8. He was 6 lbs., 14 oz. and 20.25 in. long.

Julie Mays Thomas '93 (MED middle grades education) and her husband Alex announced the birth of their daughter, Reese Kathryn Thomas, weighing 7 lbs. and 2 oz., born January 19, at Tanner Medical Center. They make their home in Carrollton, Georgia.

Lisa Stephens Eidson '96 '98 '10 (BSED, MED middle grades education, EDS media) and her husband Chris welcomed their son, Cade Malone Eidson, on February 19. He was 6 lbs. and 14 oz. They call Waco, Georgia, home.

Eric McDonald '96 (BSR parks and recreation management) accepted the position of president and CEO at the Haralson County Chamber of Commerce this February. Eric will be responsible for new industry recruitment, strategic planning and overall success of the chamber. He previously served as the president of the Development Authority of Polk County. He also joined the UWG Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2013 and sits on the Awards and Nominations committee. While not at work, Eric enjoys cycling, photography and spending time with

his kids. He and his wife **Jennifer '03** (BSN nursing) make their home in Bremen, Georgia.

Maj. John P. Ekhaml '97 (BA biology) retired as the Cyber and Spectrum Warfare team lead at Air Force Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities (AFTENCAP), Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, on May 30. He was responsible for managing and overseeing rapid acquisition projects to meet urgent warfighter requirements as well as develop and test next-generation aerial layer-delivered cyber prototypes. Maj. Ekhaml also deployed as the director of communications for Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, where he supported host nation counter-terrorism operations as well as conducted humanitarian disaster relief in response to Typhoon Haiyan. Some of his major awards and decorations include Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Award and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among many others.

Randa Rollins Harris '98 (BS geology) and husband Jeremy, of Bowdon, Georgia, celebrated the birth of their 8-lb., 9-oz. daughter, Ava Katherine Harris, on January 2.

Marlie Johnson Patton '99 (BA political science) married Joshua Michael Patton on October 19, 2013, at the High Time Lodge in Mineral Bluff, Georgia. They make their home in Smyrna, Georgia.

'00s

R. Daniel Graves '00 (BS political science), vice president, chief financial officer and director of Elberton Federal Savings & Loan Association, was appointed to serve as a Board Member of the Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Authority last July. He received his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 2003. Before joining Elberton Federal, Daniel was in private law practice in Elberton and served as a law clerk for the Superior Court judges of the Northern Judicial Circuit. He served as past chairman of the Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of Leadership Elberton and the Northern Circuit Bar Association. He currently serves as vice chairman of the Elberton Sister City Committee and a member of Rock Branch Baptist Church.

Rett Harmon '02 (BBA real estate) received the Dick McCrudden Award, which recognizes his efforts in ensuring the success of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) in a given year. He was recognized in the Atlanta Business Chronicle in February of this year. Rett was selected by 2013 RPAC Chair Linda Durrance for his honor. Rett is a

real estate agent with Duffey Realty and co-owner of Duffey Commercial Leasing & Management. He is married to **Jennifer Duffey Harmon '03 '12** (BBA accounting, MBA) and they live in Carrollton, Georgia, with their daughter and two sons.

Tara Ferguson Thorne '03 (BS biology) and her husband Tommy welcomed the birth of their daughter, Lily Jewell Thorne, on December 30, 2013. She was 8 lbs. and 6 oz.

Bryan '04 (BSED secondary social science education) and **Melissa Ballew** of Tallapoosa announced the birth of twin daughters, Rebecca Ann and Rachel Rene, on October 26, 2013.

Jenny Grimes Hamil '04 (BA mass communications) works for Metro West Realty in Carrollton, Georgia. She is married to fellow alumnus **Ryan Hamil '05** (BBA finance). Ryan is branch sales manager for Cole Taylor Mortgage in Carrollton. They live in Carrollton, Georgia, with their daughter Isla.

Matthew '04 '06 '09 (BSED, MED, EDS early childhood education) and wife **Kristen Powers Huckleba '09** (BSED early childhood education) announced the birth of their daughter, Blair Ella Huckleba. She was born on February 15 at Tanner Medical Center and weighed 7 lbs. and 7 oz.

Distinguished Principal Honored

Dr. Julie Raschen '02 (MED administration and supervision) was recognized as Georgia's 2014 National Distinguished Principal by Hal Beaver, executive director of the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP). The announcement was made before students and staff at a surprise reception. From left are Coweta Superintendent Dr. Steve Barker, Brooks Assistant Principal Amy Harrison, Dr. Raschen, Hal and Kristie Brooks of ClassWorks (sponsor). Dr. Raschen, principal of Brooks Elementary School, was chosen by GAESP as the distinguished principal out of more than 1,300 elementary school principals throughout the state. In November, she will travel to Washington, D.C., where she will meet with the 49 principals recognized as distinguished principals. They will all talk about education and present to each other what is working for them in each of their areas. While in D.C., she will also be officially recognized as Georgia's 2014 National Distinguished Principal by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.



Jason Norton '04 (BS economics) was recognized as a top financial advisor and named to the LPL Financial Chairman's Council by LPL Financial. This distinction is based on a ranking of all registered advisors supported by LPL Financial, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer, and is awarded to less



Jason Norton

than 2 percent of the firm's approximately 13,100 advisors nationwide. Jason is celebrating his 10th year as a professional in the financial services industry. He is the founder of Norton Financial, Inc. in Villa Rica, Georgia. He provides access to independent financial planning services, investment advice and asset management services to clients across the United States. Jason is married to **Megan Lamb Norton '05** (BSED early childhood education) and resides in Douglasville, Georgia, with their three children. The family enjoys traveling and being outdoors. They are also active in church life.

Nichole Dyer Fannin '05 '10 (BA political science, MPA public administration) and husband Cole announced the birth of their son, Dalton Cole Fannin, on March 20. He was born at Tanner Medical Center and weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz. Nichole and Cole live in Carrollton, Georgia, with their daughter Adalyn and she's enjoying being the big sister!

Brad Corbett '06 '12 (MED administration and supervision, EDS educational leadership) was named the new principal of Ithica Elementary School. He joined the Carroll County School System in 2013 as an assistant principal at Central High School. Brad and his wife Bridget have two children, Nathan, 6, and Andrew, 4.

Ryan Swett '06 (BA history) and wife **Candice Saylor Swett '06** (BSED early childhood education), of Villa Rica, Georgia, announced the birth of their daughter Saylor Ann Swett. She was born on March 20 and weighed 6 lbs. and 8 oz.

Kevin Hemphill '07 (BS geography) recently was recognized with the 2014 Divisional Award of Excellence for the division of University Advancement at the University of West Georgia. Kevin stays active with his church serving as production team leader for the Wednesday youth service. He enjoys hiking in his spare time and spending time with family and friends. He resides in Carrollton, Georgia. Go Wolves!

Dr. Ajay Pillai '08 (BS chemistry) started at UWG in the Advanced Academy at the age of 14. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry at the age of 17 and graduated with his M.D. from the Medical College of Georgia at 21 years of age. Since 2012, he has spearheaded clinical trial programs at LENSAR, Inc., as a clinical research analyst. He has already published a book chapter, has had three academic articles accepted for publication and has seven more submitted or accepted. Dr. Pillai was named one of UWG's 30 Under 30 recipients and will be honored this fall.

Erin Farr '08 '10 (BS biology, BSN nursing) was named one of UWG's 30 Under 30 and will be recognized on September 6 with 29 other individuals. She works as a surgical nurse at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, Georgia. She is currently working to meet criteria to achieve RN 3 status and resides in Carrollton.

Carla Maner Duncan '09 (BBA marketing) and **Billy Duncan '09** (BSR parks and recreations management) were united in marriage on April 13, 2013, in Bowdon, Georgia. Carla is co-owner of The Nest, a vintage décor store in Carrollton, and

Martha Munro Ingram's Cheese Straws

- 1 pound flour
- ¾ pound sharp New York cheese
- ½ pound margarine
- ½ teaspoon mustard
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or less amount)
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Weigh and mix the ingredients. Run the mixture through a meat grinder (current-day: food processor) three times or until the ingredients are smooth and soft.

OR

Weigh the ingredients. Let soften to room temperature. Grate the cheese and soften the butter. Whip together with a hand mixer and keep adding dry ingredients in small portions until the mixture is smooth and soft.

Pack dough into a cookie gun and press out onto wax paper. Cut into desired lengths. Cover pans with foil and place the straws on the cookie sheets. Cook the cheese straws in a 350 degree oven for about five minutes. Do not let them get too brown.



THE HUNGRY WOLF

Favorite recipes from the UWG community

Have a recipe you'd like to share with UWG alumni? E-mail it, along with a hi-res photo of the finished product, to ucm@westga.edu.

is a donor relations coordinator for Tanner Medical Foundation. Carla sits on the Carrollton Main Street and UWG Board of Directors. Billy is employed by Greenway Medical Technologies, and they make their home in Carrollton with their dog Luci.

Meredith NeSmith Ledbetter '09 (BBA management) recently graduated from the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Academy with 25 other graduates at Tanner Medical Center. She serves as the first vice president for the Carrollton Junior Woman's Club, which focuses on women development, community service and promoting volunteerism. Her husband Allen is completing his degree at UWG and works at Southwire Company. They enjoy time with friends and family and especially their dog Gus. They make their home in Carrollton, Georgia.

Brittany Geisler Maddox '09 (BSED middle grades education) and her husband Drew announced the birth of their daughter Brooklyn Ava Maddox on January 26. She was born at Tanner Medical Center and weighed 7 lbs. and 2 oz. Brittany is an 8th grade science teacher at Central Middle School, as well as the high school girls' soccer coach. Drew is a marketing research manager at Greenway Medical Technologies. They enjoy spending family time on Carrollton Greenbelt, house projects and traveling to see friends and family, while staying active in church.

'10s

Shawn Isaacs '10 (BA mass communications) received the College of Social Sciences Outstanding Staff Member Award at the University of West Georgia, along with the 2014 Divisional Award of Excellence for the Division of Academic Affairs. Shawn is a great university partner and serves as the station manager for The WOLF Internet Radio at UWG. Finally, he was named one of UWG's 30 Under 30 recipients and will be recognized on September 6, 2014, at the first football game of the season.

In Memoriam

Robert G. "Bobby" Holmes '39 (general), Carrollton

Virginia Friddel Thomas '40 (general), Temple

Sarah Flournoy Freel '41 (general), Montgomery, Alabama

Mada Stallings Garrett '41 (general), Cedartown

Major General Ralph T. Holland '41 (general), Cedartown

Ashlyn Britt Taylor '10 (BA psychology) and husband Patrick were married on May 16 at the Carl House in Auburn, Georgia. They honeymooned in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Ashlyn enjoys running and Crossfit. Patrick enjoys the outdoors, mountain biking and Crossfit. They make their home in Atlanta, Georgia.

Tyler Wade '10 (BS sport management) and **Chloe Turnipseed Wade '09** (BS biology) were married on May 24 at Walters Barn in Lula, Georgia. Tyler is a realtor at Keller Williams Atlanta Partners, while Chloe is a physical therapist at Life Care Centers of America. Tyler enjoys hunting and working on his farm, and Chloe spends her free time running, reading and being outdoors. They enjoyed their honeymoon in Antigua, and call Winder, Georgia, home.

Lee Williams '10 (BS criminology) married Callie Anne Sloan on November 23, 2013, at the Carrollton First United Methodist Church. They enjoyed their honeymoon in the Virgin Islands. The couple currently resides in Corona, California.

Mallory Johnson Akin '11 (BSED business education) and her husband Justin announced the birth of their son, Caleb William Akin, on January 6. He was 5 lbs. and 15 oz. and was born at Tanner Medical Center. They reside in Bremen, Georgia.

Matthew '12 (BS sport management) and **Crystal Hobbs** of Bremen announced the birth of a 6-lb., 10-oz. son, Amos Azariah, on October 18, 2013, at Tanner Medical Center. Matthew works for the Coliseum as facility manager at the University of West Georgia.

Dan Moffit '13 (BS in physics) and **Alyson Chester '11** (BFA in graphic design) were married March 29 in Leesburg, Georgia. Dan works as a polymer lab technician at Southwire and Alyson works at UWG as a graphic designer. They live in Carrollton.

Elsie Gosdin Milam '43 '59 '73 (3 year teaching, BSED, MED elementary education), Franklin

Elizabeth Lingerfelt Parrott '46 (general), Dalton

Mildred "Millie" Garner Norrell '48 (general, BA English), Buchanan

Hosmon H. Prince '48 (general), Birmingham, Alabama

Ann Bagley McFarland '50 (general), Roswell

Jimmy Truman West '50 (general), Gainesville

Wilson Freeman '51 (general), Carrollton

Jenna Lee Wilson Cummings '52 '63 '72 (general, BSED, MED elementary education), Rockmart

Eugene Gladden '52 (general), Tallapoosa

Earline Casey Duffey '58 (BSED elementary education), Carrollton

Charlotte Shipp '64 (BA history), Loganville

Peggy Juanita Haslett Hamby Collins '65 (BSED elementary education), Clayton

John K. Thomas '65 (BA psychology), Newnan

Melba Hitchcock Burgess '66 (BSED elementary education), Homewood, Alabama

Vernon Adamson '69 '72 (BA physical education, MED secondary education, biology), Temple

Joseph A. Hill '69 (BS business administration), Acworth

Franklin Hyers '71 (MED administration and supervision), Waycross

Veva Richards Shelnett '72 (MED elementary education), Bremen

Patricia Pitts Thompson '72 (BSED early childhood education), Griffin

Marcia Brizendine Coleman '73 (BA Spanish), Jonesboro

Debra Brand Wahl '73 (BA history), Villa Rica

Joe L. McMillion '74 (MED guidance and counseling), LaGrange

Harold F. Anderson '75 (BA art, psychology), Rome

Marilyn White Brown '75 '82 (BA art, MED guidance and counseling), Atlanta

Michael A. Baxter '76 '77 (BA English, BA, MA philosophy and English), LaGrange

Bennie Ross '76 (MED business education), Dekalb, Mississippi

Bert Stiles '76 (MED guidance and counseling), Buchanan

David S. Cheek '77 (BA history and psychology), Albany

Susan Taylor Faller '77 (BS sociology), Duluth

Doris Horne Ragsdale '77 (MED media), Rome

Amy Garrison Cash '78 (MED media), East Point

Mitchell Warren Brown '78 '82 (BA, MA psychology), Rome

Bill Liggin '79 '80 (BA, MA psychology/sociology), Carrollton

Janet Boyd Sanders '80 (AS marketing, BBA management), Bowdon

George Hale '80 '91 (BA biology, MED secondary education-biology), Carrollton

Dr. Philip L. Gunter '81 (EDS special education), Hahira

Rhonda McKnight Brook '83 (BBA accounting), Senoia

Rickey Smoot '83 (BBA accounting), Sharpsburg

Sara Jean Bivens Dawkins '84 (MED secondary education-biology), Marietta

Melanie Hay Crenshaw '85 '87 '89 (BSED, MED, EDS, early childhood education), Newnan

Virginia Moncus Gunn '85 (EDS early childhood education), LaGrange

James L. Weddington '85 '87 (BA, MA psychology), Newnan

Jeffery Alan Langston '86 (BBA management), Dallas

Adrienne McAdam Peaco '91 (BBA marketing, management), Las Vegas, Nevada

Ann Dawkins-Law '96 (MA psychology), Cartersville

Nancy Langley McElroy '96 (BA English), Carrollton

Sheree Burgess Hall '01 (MED early childhood education), Fayetteville

Faculty/Staff

Hulett Bearden (retired), Fayetteville

Eva Mae Garrison (retired), Whitesburg

George Hale '80 '91 (BA biology, MED secondary education-biology), Villa Rica

Dr. David H. Hovey, Jr. (retired), Villa Rica

Dr. Joseph W. Huff, Carrollton

Dr. Daniel Purdy Juengst (retired), Mount Carmel, South Carolina

Dr. Lucille H. Klee (retired), Carrollton

William Newcomer McGuire, Newnan

Dr. Harry N. Morgan, Carrollton

Dr. Verl M. Short (retired), Lady Lake, Florida

Dr. Wendell Stone, Carrollton

Harold Phillips (retired), Carrollton

Dr. Hulan Glyn Thomas (retired), Whitesburg

Sandra Thompson, Carrollton

Dr. Wendell Stone, Carrollton

UWG Alumni Association Announces Second Class of **30** under **30**

By Kevin Hemphill

The University of West Georgia Alumni Association has announced its 30 Under 30 Class of 2014. The nomination process for the 2014 list was completed on May 1.

From teachers and doctors to accountants and media personalities, the second class of 30 Under 30 showcases a promising and already successful group of UWG alumni. Those nominated and chosen must meet several criteria. First, they must have earned an undergraduate degree from

the University of West Georgia and must be under the age of 30 as of August 31, 2014. The nominees must have made a documentable impact in business, education, leadership, government, research, service or other area, while also demonstrating dedication to the University of West Georgia and its mission of teaching, research and service. In short, the list represents the very best of UWG graduates.

This year the Young Alumni Council's Awards and Nominations committee faced yet another daunting task of

over 50 fantastic nominations to sift through. These 30 chosen have set the bar for future nominations even higher than before. Congratulations to this year's class of honorees.

While 17 of the 30 are from Georgia, others are stretched across the country in other states including Alabama, California, Connecticut and Tennessee. The 2014 University of West Georgia 30 Under 30 list includes the following:

Maria Alvarez '09

Moody, AL
Loan Underwriter, Region's Financial
BA Psychology

Kyle T. Church '11

Carrollton
Recovery Technician,
Georgia Eye Bank, Inc.
BS Biology

Jason A. Clark '07

Decatur
Urology/Oncology Sales Consultant
(Firmagon), Ferring Pharmaceuticals
BA Psychology

Pamela Cooper '08 '11 '13

Douglasville
Teacher, Douglas County Schools
BSED, MED and EDS Early Childhood
Education

Stephen Delaney '09

Newnan
Assistant Director of Facilities
and Events - Campus Center,
University of West Georgia
BSR Parks & Recreation Management

Emily E. Dial '08 '11

Carrollton
Special Education Teacher,
Carrollton Middle School
BSED and MED Early Childhood Education

Adam Burrell Elrod '11

Rockmart
Promotions Coordinator, Salem
Communications/104.7 The Fish
BA Mass Communications

Erin Farr '08 '10

Carrollton
R.N. Nurse, Tanner Medical Center
BS Biology, BSN Nursing

Adrienne Fischer '10 '12 '14

Carrollton
21st Century Grant Program Certified
Instructor, Carrollton City Schools
Apartment Complex Manager,
Rivers Edge Apartments
BSED and MED Early Childhood Education,
EDS Media & Instructional Technology

Cara Welch Herzog '08

Carrollton
Southwire, Training Specialist,
Organizational Development
BS Political Science

Shawn Isaacs '10

Carrollton
Operations Manager of The WOLF Internet
Radio, University of West Georgia
BA Mass Communications

Dr. Lanre Jimoh '06

Antioch, TN
Resident Physician, Internal Medicine
Department, Vanderbilt University Medical
Center
BS Biology

Ashley McCosh Jones '07

Carrollton
Government and External Relations,
Special Assistant to the President,
University of West Georgia
BS Political Science

Tangela Large '10

Providence, RI
Actor, Trinity Repertory Theatre,
Providence, RI; Magic Theatre, Eureka, CA
BA Theatre

Will Mallory '08

Manchester, TN
Small Business Innovation Research
Program Manager, Department of
Defense/Air Force
BS Physics

Hannah R. Milligan '08

Atlanta
Counselor, Fulton County Public Schools
BA Psychology

Lindsay Michele Murray '09

Chattanooga, TN
Producer/Sports Reporter, WRCB TV
BA Mass Communications

Rachel Nobles '11

Atlanta
Media Buyer, Carat
BBA Marketing

Ajay Pillai, M.D. '08

Warner Robins
Clinical Research Analyst, LENSAR, Inc.
BS Chemistry

Allen Ayers Pullen '08 '09

Bremen
School System Accountant,
Bremen Board of Education
BBA Accounting, MACC Professional
Accounting

Josh Rachel '08

Alpharetta
Co-Owner & Brewmaster, Jekyll Brewing
BBA Marketing

Trent Ross '08 '09

Carrollton
Director, The Coliseum,
University of West Georgia
BSR Parks & Recreation Management,
MBA Management

Mariana S. Sanchez '10 '12

Atlanta
Lecturer, Department of Management,
University of West Georgia
BS Sport Management,
MBA Management

Ryan Shostak '10

Carrollton
Youth Pastor, Solid Rock Youth Ministries
Carrollton First UMC
BA Psychology, Minor - English
(Creative Writing)

Jerome Lamar Singleton '13

Lithia Springs
Plant Accountant, CKS Packaging, Inc.
BBA Accounting

Jason P. Soucy '09

Nashville, TN
Assistant Community Director,
Bell Partners
BA Psychology

Casey Tate '08

Atlanta
Executive Producer of STAR 94 Mornings,
STAR 94
BA Mass Communications

Jason R. Thogmartin '06 '07

Stamford, CT
Head of Internal Audit, GE Capital
BBA Accounting, MACC Professional
Accounting

Dr. Chloe Turnipseed

Wade '09
Winder
Doctor of Physical Therapy,
Life Care Center of Lawrenceville
BS Biology

Jonathan W. Wood '10

Sacramento, CA
Student & Teaching Assistant,
University of the Pacific,
McGeorge School of Law
BBA Management

THE COMPETITOR



AN ATHLETE TRAINS. A COACH GUIDES. But the University of West Georgia's new head football coach is more than a coach and athlete. Coach Will Hall is a competitor.

Competitors push themselves to the limit and don't quit, even when they reach their goal. They keep building, driving and fighting, beating the odds and challenging the impossible. Competitors find a way, something Coach Hall has proven time and again throughout his winning track record.

"We will work tirelessly to continue to build on the foundation that has been laid," he explains. "Wolves fans will be proud of our players both on and off the field. I want them to know that being your best doesn't just mean winning the game. It means striving for success in the classroom, in daily life, in all things."

Coach Hall's game plan for UWG is clear.

"We must unite as one from this point forward to make this place what it should be," he states. "It is time to take the next step and become a perennial power, not only in this conference, but throughout the nation."

Visit uwgsports.com for upcoming events and schedules.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2014

- 6** Football vs. Mars Hill, 2 p.m.
- 13** Association of Retired Faculty and Staff reunion
- 15-20** Homecoming Week
- 19** Inauguration of UWG President Kyle Marrero
- 20** Homecoming vs. Johnson C. Smith
- 30** Richards College of Business BB&T Lecture in Free Enterprise featuring John Moore

October 2014

- 4** Football vs. West Alabama
- 16** Go West for A Day
- 18** Football vs. Delta State

November 2014

- 1** Football vs. Mississippi College
- 2** Fall Preview Day
- 8** Football vs. Florida Tech
- 24-29** Thanksgiving Break

(Event dates subject to change)

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