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## Greetings!

It's Fall 2015 already? It's hard to believe we are at the start of another school year with record total enrollment and a record freshman class. Now is the perfect time to reflect upon our recent achievements and upcoming adventures as the University of West Georgia continues its commitment to a culture of high performance and quality education.

In this issue of Perspective, we're not only showing you transformation, but we're transforming your experience as a reader. You will likely notice layout and content changes while we continue to bring you vibrant, engaging content from beginning to end. One major accomplishment is the expansion of facilities in Newnan, as we broaden the opportunities for higher education made available to the region. You'll also learn why, as a part of the dual enrollment, full immersion, Move On When Ready Act, Advanced Academy students are saying 'no' to Ivy League institutions and saying 'yes' to 'Stay West.' We hope these additions, along with other changes, will allow us to better connect with you in our journey as we continue to be the best place to work, learn, and succeed.

This is truly an exciting time for the University of West Georgia as a regional comprehensive institution. We recently earned the national Leadership Development and Diversity Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) for our Engage West! family of programs. Anchored in the new strategic plan and guided by our core values – with student success as the primary goal – this comprehensive initiative is creating a culture of high achievement and an environment committed to developing future leaders.

It is because people like you continue to support the mission and vision of UWG that we are able to positively impact our institution for the ultimate success of our students.

Go West. Go Wolves!

**Dr. Kyle Marrero**  
President of the University

**engage west!**  
Leadership Development Institute

UWG earned a Leadership Development and Diversity Award from The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in their second round of excellence and innovation awards. The program touted UWG's goal of becoming a "best place to work" and creating a culture of high-achievement and evidence-based leadership through Engage West!, a new strategic plan, and the implementation of Leadership Development Institutes. AASCU is a Washington-based higher education association of more than 400 public colleges, universities, and systems. Awards are given each year in four categories: advances in student success and college completion, regional and economic development, leadership development and diversity, and international education. UWG is clearly making progress in our goal to be the best place to work, learn, and succeed! Go Wolves!

## Fellow Wolves,

This has been a remarkable year for the Alumni Association! We want to thank the many graduates who contributed to this success, and we invite you to Homecoming on Sept. 25 and 26!

Alumni Weekend, held in April, was a wonderful success with 510 unique participants and a total attendance of 712 across the various events, including targeted service opportunities held throughout the weekend. Thirteen outstanding alumni were honored for their phenomenal achievements at the 39th Annual Alumni Awards Gala. This year's gala was emceed by alumnus Todd Grisham ('98), a regular host of ESPN's flagship program "Sportscenter" and the host/blow-by-blow announcer for ESPN's iconic boxing program "Friday Night Fights." Next year's Alumni Weekend promises to be another stellar event, so mark your calendars for April 16, 2016, and plan to join us for a weekend of service and celebration. And don't forget to nominate alumni for next year's awards gala by Nov. 1 at [alumni.westga.edu/nominate](http://alumni.westga.edu/nominate).

The Alumni Association hosted an inaugural Leadership Conference on May 16 with more than 30 volunteers engaged in activities to build leadership capacity and forward the work of the Alumni Association and the university. President Kyle Marrero provided an informative and inspirational keynote address emphasizing the importance of strategic planning and the involvement of all stakeholders. The day was filled with sessions that addressed association strategic planning, social media and technology, creating and telling your UWG story, and peer-to-peer fundraising. A special virtual session was presented by Natalia Baudin, Los Angeles Alumni Network chair, who provided information and insight for network development. Natalia's work was honored as she accepted the Network of the Year Award for the LA Network. In addition to this award, Henry and Gere Helton received the Serve West Volunteer Recognition, Leslie Fagin received the Visualize West Recognition, and Clint Backstrom received the Went West, Went All In Award. Each celebrated significant contributions to the Alumni Association during the past year.

There are always opportunities for service and involvement with UWG alumni. We are growing and taking on more strategic responsibilities to better serve our university. But in order to grow, we need you to become involved. We are now taking applications for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Apply by Dec. 1 at [alumni.westga.edu/bodapplication](http://alumni.westga.edu/bodapplication).

Alumni and friends are always welcome at home football tailgates at the Alumni Zone (look for the flags and red tent near the north end zone), and remember that Homecoming is Sept. 25-26.

Thank you for your contribution of time and service to UWG! I look forward to seeing you as we all "Engage West."

With Kindest Regards,

**Cindy Saxon '82, '91, '94**  
President, Alumni Association



# 30 UNDER 30

# 30

By Kevin Hemphill

The University of West Georgia Alumni Association proudly announces its 30 Under 30 Class of 2015!

From teachers and pharmacists to entrepreneurs and media personalities, the third 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, 2015. 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 sifting through fantastic nominations. These chosen 30 have set the bar for future nominations even higher than before. Congratulations to this year's class of honorees!

**Christopher Adamson '13 BS**  
Mass Communications Promotion Coordinator, iHeartMedia Atlanta

**Ali Aust '14**  
BS Sociology  
Admissions Representative, University of West Georgia

**Clint Backstrom '09 '13**  
BS Accounting, MBA  
Assistant Director of Enrollment Services, University of West Georgia

**Megan Bell '13**  
BA English  
Co-Owner and Online Inventory Manager, Underground Books

**Ashton Blackwood '13**  
BS Mass Communications  
Legislative Assistant, Office of the Governor of Georgia

**Dr. Kristin R. Brown '10**  
BS Biology  
Clinical Pharmacist, Tanner Health System in Villa Rica

**Taylor D. Brown '15**  
BBA Marketing  
Accounting Specialist, Carroll EMC

**Kayla Bruno '13**  
BS Criminology  
Campus Police Officer, University of West Georgia

**Dr. Zachary D. Bush '07**  
BS Biology  
Pharmacy Supervisor and Resource Clinical Pharmacist, Wellstar Health System Paulding Hospital

**Brittany Campbell '10**  
BBA Marketing  
Senior Marketing Specialist, LocumTenens.com

**John Morgan '12**  
BA Mass Communications  
Audio Visual Technician for Special Events, University of West Georgia

**Stuart Campbell '11 '15**  
BS Economics, MBA  
Planning and Operations Consultant, Self-employed

**Stephanie Parker '09 '12 '15**  
BBA Management, BFA Art, MBA  
Business Operations Specialist, Department of Housing and Residence Life, University of West Georgia

**Meitra Lak Perry '09 '12**  
BA Psychology, MED Professional Counseling  
Catastrophe Claims Adjuster with State Farm Corporate

**Benjamin Jenkins '10**  
BS Physics  
Senior Physics Laboratory Coordinator and Associate Director of the Observatory, University of West Georgia

**Lindsey Robinson '09 '11**  
BBA Management, MBA  
Director of the Fusion Center for Innovation and STEM Education, University of West Georgia

**Terence Rushin '10**  
BA Mass Communications  
Visual Production Specialist, Southwire

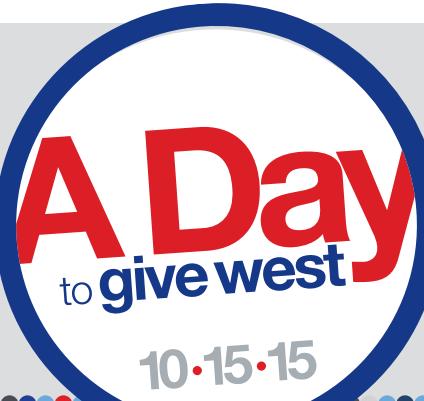
**Jacob Skelton '10**  
BBA Marketing  
Owner, 302 South Street

**Kristen Hope Thompson '09**  
BFA Art  
Graphic Designer and Marketing Director, Temporary Apartment Management

**Thomas A. Vance, Jr. '11**  
BA Psychology  
Ph.D. student, University of Akron

**Katie Watkins '10**  
BA Theatre  
Associate Producer for Risk/Reward Festival, Portland, OR

**Amanda Lynn Wright '11**  
BS Mathematics  
Program Coordinator, Office of Community Engagement, University of West Georgia



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# *from* ER *to* Ed

UWG Newnan  
breathes new life  
into historic hospital

By Rebecca Hightower

On May 12, 2015, UWG and the City of Newnan celebrated the grand opening of the renovated and expanded historic Newnan Hospital, now home to UWG Newnan. The renovation reflects the university's commitment to its community, both on campus and off, and to its mission of transforming lives through education.





Built in 1925, the historic Newnan Hospital located on Jackson Street has long stood as a commitment to public health for the Newnan community. This important initiative, which has been accompanied by unparalleled growth in UWG Newnan's enrollment, will not only enable UWG to enhance its educational offerings as one of the region's preeminent education institutions, but also allow us to join the ranks of the country's leading research universities.

In less than three years, through a collaborative effort by the City of Newnan, UWG, the Newnan Hospital Board, the Georgia Board of Regents, Coweta County, Piedmont Newnan Hospital, and many generous donors, the historic building has undergone an exciting transformation. The renovated 55,000-square-foot facility contains a spacious, 120-seat City of Newnan Lecture Hall, multiple high-tech classrooms with an additional 33,000 square feet available for future



expansion. The renovation project was led by Foresite Group and Houser Walker Architects, who teamed up to redesign and renovate the sprawling building into a cohesive structure while maintaining the distinctive architectural identity of its historic past.

Original operating room lights, surgical tiles, and polished concrete floors are paired with cutting-edge laboratories, nursing education suites, and classrooms boasting state-of-the-art technology to enhance engagement and improve experiential learning opportunities. Modern furniture equipped with charging stations is grouped throughout the facility to provide collaborative learning spaces. With plans to host more than 3,000 students, the expansion allows UWG to increase dual-enrollment opportunities for local high school students, continuing education programs, and will provide art talk lectures, music performances, and theatrical performances for the community throughout the year.

During the official ribbon cutting, Newnan Mayor Keith Brady noted "Lives were saved here, thousands were born here, and now these hallways will become alive again as they serve as a place of life-changing opportunities for citizens who seek to further their education."

UWG Newnan's new facility offers more than just educational opportunities in Newnan. The facility has an expected long-term economic impact of \$150 million to Coweta County, including operational and student expenditures in the community. This directly contributes to jobs, higher incomes, and greater production of goods and services for local households and businesses and provides a boost to the regional economy.

With a growing list of offerings, UWG Newnan offers day and evening, face-to-face, and online classes through USG eCore, which apply towards the 86 programs of study offered on the main campus in



Carrollton. In addition to the core curriculum, UWG Newnan offers two full undergraduate degree programs, a bachelor of science in early childhood education and bachelor of science in nursing. Graduate degree programs offered at UWG Newnan include a M.Ed. and Ed.S. in early childhood education and educational leadership and a master's degree in business administration. A master's degree in nursing, as well as a doctorate of education in nursing, are offered 95% online.

"The vision and generosity of many people made this transformation possible, and we are so proud to see it," said UWG President Dr. Kyle Marrero. "UWG Newnan provides the people of Coweta and Fayette Counties an expanded and enhanced facility that offers new educational opportunities – a facility built by the community for the entire community to enjoy." ●

# O'Neals Continue Tradition of Stewardship

By Amy K. Lavender

You may recognize Fred and Lillian O'Neal. They are well-known Carrolltonians and UWG graduates who are powerhouses in the local community. If you haven't seen them around town or around campus, you've seen them with any one of the numerous civic organizations they are members of, volunteering their time to better the lives of others.

So it comes as no surprise that they decided to continue that legacy of giving at their alma mater. Fred and Lillian have given tirelessly of their time and themselves to see that today's youth have a better tomorrow. Now, they are bequeathing a portion of their estate to UWG to aid the university in recruiting and retaining a diverse student population.

"This was really a no-brainer for us," Fred said. "We do know, from being students ourselves, the challenges that are faced. We funded the bulk of our own educations. I had three jobs when I was going through school. We made it through, but we realize that funding does help in the environment we're in now because it does allow you to put more effort into your education. And, of course, we want to make sure all students have an opportunity for an education."

UWG's Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dr. Scot Lingrell expressed his appreciation to the O'Neals for their gift, saying some of today's students face different challenges than earlier generations.

"We come from the same time," Lingrell said. "And back then, things weren't as complex in terms of responsibilities. So this gift will help a student not require that second or third job."

Fred and Lillian both graduated from UWG with degrees in business – Lillian in 1986 and Fred in '82, '85, and '88. In fact, the couple met while attending classes here at UWG.

"We didn't have classes together," Lillian recalled, "but we saw each other passing in front of the library quite frequently. And we passed each other several times before we were brave enough to speak to each other."

As students, Fred and Lillian were active in campus activities and student groups. As a result, they know the extra benefits a student can gain from an education at UWG.

"It was a wonderful experience for me," Lillian said. "It allowed me to grow up from a teen to a young adult. I met wonderful friends, and I still connect with those friends today."

Of course, the O'Neals touted the quality of their professors and the positive impact they've seen the university have on the community as a whole. Their goal with their donation is to make these positive experiences accessible to even more students.



From left: Dr. Scot Lingrell, Lillian and Fred O'Neal

"Hopefully, this will open up some new possibilities for students. We feel like the university gave us so much. There are so many resources here. So this is a way for us to give back, because there are so many intangibles that you get through an education," Fred said.

Fred has been a successful financial advisor in Carrollton for the past 28 years, while also contributing to UWG boards and committees, and participating in multiple civic organizations. He was one of the founders of the Community Foundation of West Georgia; he taught for eight years at UWG in continuing education; has served on the Alumni Council, RCOB Board of Advisors, the Carrollton Lions Club; and is a past chairman of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

Together, Fred and Lillian have raised a son, Wilson, 22, and a daughter, Maya, 18. They currently divide their time between civic and campus organizations, and they are members of First Baptist Church of Carrollton.



# Legacy Student Scholarship Fund Takes Off

By Rebecca Hightower

Two years ago, then Alumni Association President Rob Dial led the charge to build an endowed fund that would provide scholarship support to a legacy student entering the University of West Georgia. The goal was to raise the \$25,000 minimum required for an endowed scholarship over a five-year period. What happened since has been amazing!

Between a lead gift from Dial and his wife, Emily, also a UWG alumna, and income from UWG's vanity license plates, the fund has already surpassed the original goal. Under the leadership of Greg Benda, who succeeded Dial as Alumni Association president, alumni leaders were excited about the pace of raising the initial \$25,000 and looked at the opportunity to reassess the original goal and determine next steps.

"We raised \$25,000 a lot quicker than we expected, so we wanted to weigh all of our options," said Benda. "From those discussions, we decided to increase the goal from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and continue with the original five-year plan."

As soon as the fund tops \$50,000, legacy students will have access to these scholarships. The Legacy Endowment will provide support to two students – one male and one female – who have a parent who attended West Georgia.

"Just as Rob's and Greg's leadership transformed the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, this fund will, in perpetuity, transform young lives," said Frank Pritchett, director of alumni relations. "We are indebted to their service and leadership."

The mission of the Alumni Association revolves around one word – relationships – and the Dials' commitment sprang from that concept.

"The commitment that Emily and I have to UWG was and is influenced by those alumni who came before us and the relationships we have enjoyed over the years. People like Frances Floyd Estes, Edna Pace Huey, and Paul and Sara Davenport Cadenhead," said Dial. "These loyal alumni have given sacrificially of their time and treasure for many years. So, in essence, we have simply followed their example. It's been a true honor to call these people our friends. My hope is that we are good stewards of the many trails they blazed."

If you would like to help the Alumni Association provide these critical scholarships, visit [westga.edu](http://westga.edu) and click on the "Give" button. All gifts, regardless of size, are important.

# Brotherhood Pledges to the Pack

By Sheryl Marlar

The UWG Athletic Foundation has a new member in the Champions Council. The Sigma Nu Theta Pi Chapter has reached and surpassed the \$100,000 membership level in gifts and pledges.

The Champions Council is an elite group of supporters whose generosity is key in shaping the Wolves program into a consistent contender on the national level. Members are committed to donating a leadership gift over a five-year period to support special and transformational projects for UWG athletics. Current members range from alumni to friends of UWG.

Eddy Crumbley ('71) was instrumental in leading the alums of Sigma Nu in this project. Crumbley experienced many new opportunities while at West Georgia. It is also where he met his spouse of 42 years.

"The confidence gained through involvement in various activities helped prepare me for a future in a way that was not evident before UWG," he said. "As I presented a résumé or built new relationships, there was a sense of accomplishment and confidence that would not have been there without the experiences at West Georgia."

For these reasons, he and his wife decided it was time to give back, as he believes that no institution of higher learning can achieve its goals without sound alumni support.

## Participating Contributors

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Royce Presley  
Roy Vanderslice  
Roy Vreeland  
Ronald D. Knight  
Rodney Davis  
Rodney K. Blalock  
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Bradley Hastings  
Robert E. Ramey  
Mike Whiteside  
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Robert S. Niedrach



From left: President Kyle Marrero, Head Coach Will Hall, Rodney Davis, Roy Vreeland, Eddy Crumbley, David Knight, and Athletic Director Daryl Dickey

Crumbley reconnected with UWG after attending a gathering in the summer of 2014, where Sigma Nu brother Rodney Davis gave a speech on UWG's new leadership. "Rodney saw what we hope many others will see – a new day and a very bright future for UWG in the years to come."

There are approximately 40 Sigma Nu alumni who made the Champions Council membership possible. They were led by the Endowment Steering Committee: Crumbley, Rodney Davis, David Knight, and Roy Vreeland.

Carrollton attorney and fellow Sigma Nu brother Phil Wilkins ('82) is one of the Champions Council participants. Wilkins feels a strong draw to his alma mater, due partly to the deeply formed friendships he experienced in his fraternity.

"When the challenge was put forth to raise money for the support of the UWG Athletic program and honor the Theta Pi Chapter of Sigma Nu, we were all in," he said. "Even

though I live in Carrollton and have many reasons to love West Georgia, my brothers of Sigma Nu top the list. Hopefully, the other Greek organizations will take up the challenge and follow our lead. It will be a constant reminder that Sigma Nu cares about the university."

In addition to inspiring others to give, Sigma Nu can also boast that they raised the funds in record time.

"This project was started in January 2015, so it is really impressive that they came this far in such a short time," said Matthew Clay, executive director of the UWG Athletic Foundation. "It is only through the support of commitments like this that UWG can move forward with the goals that we strive to attain and reach the next level."

In July, steering committee members were presented the blue coat and donor plate, signifying membership in the Champions Council.

# Alumna Sets Her Own Path for Giving Back

By Amy K. Lavender

Lacey Finnegan ('06) has made a career of serving others – and through experience and friendship at UWG, Finnegan was inspired to make philanthropy something more than a hobby in her life.

Finnegan, like many students, was engaged in community service activities, such as fundraisers on campus and in the West Georgia region, through her membership in the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was very involved in fundraisers for St. Jude Children's Hospital and raised support for awareness of childhood cancer.

But one event made her service much more personal. Angela Sanders, a dear friend, sorority sister, and former roommate of Finnegan's, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma during her senior year at UWG.

"We thought it could never happen to one of us," Finnegan said, describing the attitude of youth. "But it was a wake-up call. Our mindsets were much different after hearing the news."

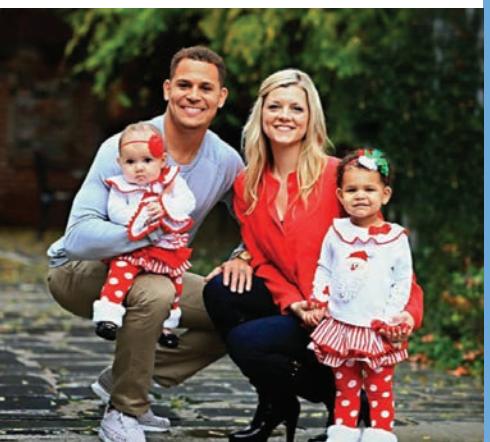
Finnegan and others around campus worked tirelessly to raise money for Saunders and her treatments, but unfortunately Saunders lost her fight in October of 2007. Out of that tragedy, Finnegan realized she could help those who are sick, forgotten, or suffering. Finnegan decided she wanted to work to find a cure and help ease the hardships of those who are fighting such a formidable disease.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in real estate from the Richards College of Business, she started her career working with the Keith Brooking Children's Foundation in Atlanta. Coming out of college, she hit the ground running and learned a lot about working for a nonprofit.

Finnegan then accepted a position working in community relations for the Tennessee Titans, where she headed up the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Man of the Year campaign. Through the work on this campaign, Finnegan met her future husband, professional football player Cortland Finnegan.

Since teaming up, they have raised over \$120,000 for LLS in their years of nonprofit

work together. However, they also realized that they had a passion for working with Special Olympic athletes. So they decided that they would form their own foundation, called The Cortland Finnegan ARK 31 Foundation. "ARK" stands for Acts of Random Kindness and benefits kids with special needs and disabilities in the middle Tennessee area. Finnegan now serves as the executive director of the foundation.



Finnegan with her husband, Cortland, and their two daughters.

ARK 31 has been highly involved in the community, hosting charity golf tournaments, football camps for kids, meals and gift cards for families during the holidays, and even setting up a kid's carnival day at the Nashville Zoo. The foundation has also been known to deliver checks to local charities around Christmas time each year as an extra holiday blessing.

Finnegan continues working to help ARK 31 grow and thrive, and the couple hopes to continue their work through the foundation for years to come.

"It completes our life," Finnegan said about the foundation. "We're not living our life waiting; we're giving back all we can and hoping to instill that same drive in our daughters."

Finnegan's story is just another example of the impact that UWG alumni have on their communities every day, and UWG is proud of the excellent legacy that they will leave.

UWG alumni Angie Kirk and Mike McConnell donated a scholarship endowment of \$25,000 to benefit student athletes pursuing a degree in business. Angela ('84) was on the co-ed cheerleading team, and Michael ('85) was on UWG's 1982 championship football team.

**John Wasdin** signed a commitment for a legacy gift to establish an endowed scholarship for student athletes majoring in business.

A legacy gift was pledged by alum **Leonard Moreland and his wife, Kay**, who have signed a bequest to benefit Richards College of Business students with financial need.

A recent \$25,000 donation from **Walmart** is supporting a new program to reach out to high school and middle school educators hosted by the Center for Economic Education – a cooperative venture of the Richards College of Business and the College of Education. Workshops held around the state of Georgia will allow teachers to learn more about a new virtual tool called "Economentor," a website that will assist teachers and offer them access to instructional materials, like AP economics course outlines, study tools, and games – like the Stock Market Game – to engage students.

Cane Bay Partners founder and UWG alum **David Johnson** pledged a legacy gift to the David A. Johnson Professor of Predictive Analytics endowment that he created in 2011 with the economics department at the Richards College of Business. Johnson's donation to the Applied Econometrics and Analytics Fund will allow students to receive an education in one of the most advanced programs in the nation, one of only two programs that offer SAS Certification for undergraduates. This donation will ensure that the SAS program will have a dedicated professor for years to come.

UWG has just completed a record year of fundraising, seeing **\$7,578,695 in total giving** against a fiscal year goal of \$6 million and \$851,000 in total giving for the annual fund campaign against fiscal year goal of \$850,000. Thanks to all of our donors for their generous gifts and their commitment to making UWG the best place to work, learn, and succeed!



# STACY GRAY MAKES A PLAY

*By Amy K. Lavender*



**M**ost people would assume that majoring in music would set you on a pretty narrow path in life: playing music or teaching music. Many would consider those options limiting. However, University of West Georgia alumna Stacy Gray has taken that concept and turned it on its head. She is a music major and former music teacher who now works in sports.

That's right, sports.

How can you reconcile these two concepts in your head? It's easy when you hear Gray's story.

Gray graduated from UWG in 2006 with a master's degree in music education and immediately got a job teaching music to students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Right away, she was at home teaching a subject she was passionate about and which also happened to be a lot of fun.

"When you teach music in K-12, you get to be the cool teacher," Gray laughed. "I always said I had the easiest job in the building."

However, Gray has two passions in life: music and sports. A few years ago, she began to seriously consider a career change. Strangely enough, her experience as a music teacher is what landed her dream job.

"I loved teaching, but I had this overwhelming feeling of wanting to work in sports, and I kept coming back to that," Gray recalled.

"So I went to a career fair at the beginning of baseball season because I wanted to work in baseball."

Gray knew she was competing for jobs with recent graduates who all had sports management degrees. In fact, there were long lines of them everywhere. Gray knew she didn't have any sports experience, but she also knew she had marketable skills.

So, with a little gumption, she approached



the Atlanta Braves recruiters and said, "'I am clearly aware that I do not have a sports management degree, and I am not fresh out of college. However, I have an education degree, and I have these skills, and I would really love to work in sports at least over the summer while I'm teaching to see if that's my thing.' They sat me in a chair, kind of off to the side, took all the resumes of all the kids with sports management degrees and pulled me into a room and said, 'OK, we want to talk to you about a job now.'"

The Atlanta Braves offered Gray a temporary summer job as a tour guide and event organizer. In her role as a tour guide, she works directly with large groups, including students. She even organizes her tours around the curriculum a tour group is currently studying.

"So it was my education experience that made them interested in me. They were aware that I knew how to handle stressful situations and talk to people of all ages – both parents and

children. I already had so much experience with people, they wanted that over a degree in sports management."

Once Gray was on board, she quickly climbed the ladder and now works full-time for the Braves. And while she may no longer be in the classroom, she can still foster a love for sports and music in students visiting Turner Field and encourage them to do their best – much in the same way she was encouraged by her professors at UWG.

According to Gray, her experience at West Georgia just doesn't compare with other institutions of higher learning.

"When you go to UWG, the difference between it and other schools is class size," she said. "And you get to know your professors so much better. Those professors I started with as a freshman became like core assets because I was with them all four years. So all the music professors knew my

strengths, knew my weaknesses, knew how to keep pushing me. When it comes to UWG, you know you're not just a number. These professors know you inside and out. They knew exactly what to do to make me a well-rounded person well outside the parameters of my degree. They knew how to prepare me for the real world."

However, Gray says it's more than the individual attention that made her experience at UWG special. It was also the relationships she built with both her professors and her fellow students that made her education more meaningful.

"I feel like in our world, the arts are what make our society what it is. The arts are what make a culture what it is. People love music, watching theatre, movies, art, sports, reading.

I feel that's what the humanities are – that is what makes our culture. It's what makes us human. It's what makes us love life. I feel like that's invaluable." ●

Gray's unique experience at UWG has led to a unique career path that some would think a little mismatched; however, to Gray, sports, music, literature, etc., are all part of what makes us who we are – what both binds us as a group and makes us individuals.

At UWG, it makes up the humanities studies. And while many people may say that sports and humanities don't mix, Gray would disagree.

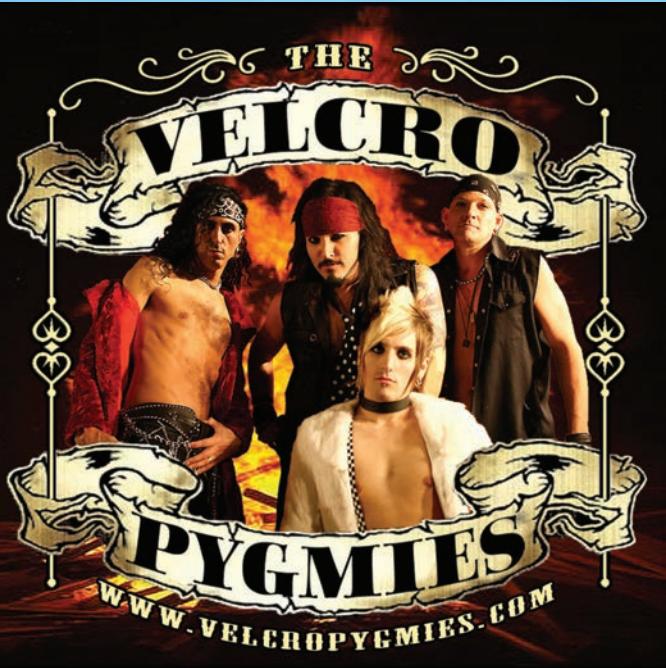
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# HOMECOMING 2015

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**Wolves Capture the Square**

Pep Rally with Coach Will Hall, Cheerleaders, Senior Football Players, Homecoming King and Queen Court, and Wolfie! Concert featuring Velcro Pygmies to follow!

6:30 p.m. • Adamson Square, Downtown Carrollton

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**2nd Annual Presidential 5K:  
Connecting Campus to Community**

Benefiting the Greenbelt on campus

7:30 a.m. • University Stadium

**Alumni Pancake Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. • Coliseum Atrium

**Homecoming Parade**

10:00 a.m. • Watch the parade pass the Coliseum after the Alumni Pancake Breakfast. Bring your lawn chair or sit on the bleachers provided by the Alumni Association.

**Alumni Tailgate Zone**

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • University Stadium  
Sponsored by The Southern Credit Union

12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. • The WOLF Internet Radio Live Broadcast

**Homecoming Football Game**

2:00 p.m. • Kickoff • UWG vs. Clark Atlanta

**2nd Annual Presidential Scholarship Gala**

6:00 p.m. • Campus Center Ballroom  
Register at [westga.edu/gala](http://westga.edu/gala)

## Film of the Future

This year, UWG's School of the Arts held a unique community outreach program that provided middle- and high-school students a chance to shine. Students from across the region converged on campus to show off their skills on the silver screen ... well, the small screen.

"The SOTA Film Camp offers participants the chance to write, direct, record, and edit their own films over the course of a one-week program using only a smartphone," said SOTA Director Chad Davidson. "Turnout was wonderful this year, so much so that we plan to run both beginner camps next year along with a two-week intermediate camp for veterans of the beginner installments this year."

The SOTA Film Camp contributes to the robust recruitment programs already in place across the College of Arts and Humanities, attracting eager high school students to our campus.

Also, the Atlanta metro area has become a crucial site for film production (recently ranked third in the nation) which means that UWG can capitalize on its proximity to the city and the burgeoning industry there. The SOTA film camp is just one of many tools UWG is using to become a key player in producing talented, ready-to-work graduates in this rapidly growing field.



## IMAGINE WEST UWG AMPS UP THE ARTS

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LeeAnn Frank tests bacteria levels in algae in the UWG biology lab. She chose to stay West for our outstanding undergraduate research opportunities.

# Staying West

By Julie Lineback

What do Auburn University, the University of Georgia, and Purdue University all have in common? Some of the University of West Georgia's most promising students turned them down recently in favor of staying West. This year, a record number of Advanced Academy of Georgia students – 35 percent – remained at UWG despite receiving offers from larger institutions. The reason, Advanced Academy Director Adriana Stanley said, is twofold.

"They choose to stay because of the incredible academic relationships that they establish with our faculty," Stanley explained. "In addition, the opportunities offered to them in undergraduate research are incomparable. Many of the students continue the same or similar lines of research into graduate studies and in their professional lives."

For a select number of exceptional young students, high school can occur concurrently with college. The Advanced Academy of Georgia at UWG is one of only a few residential early college entrance programs in the United States. Since its inception in 1995, the Advanced Academy has provided close to 800 students with a guided transition into a college atmosphere.

It's the focus on research and relationships that made UWG a clear choice for academy alumna Paula Martinez-Feduchi, a biology major from Barcelona, Spain, who chose to continue her undergraduate education at UWG.

Martinez-Feduchi said her decision to stay at UWG relied heavily on the fact that she could continue researching in areas of interest. And the fact that many of her friends – her second family – are staying in the academy or in the Atlanta area. "I am able to enjoy their company and support, and I will be able to continue learning from them, growing as a professional and as a person."

Lenora Popken, a political science major from Warner Robins, echoed this sentiment. "While in the academy, your fellow 'academites' really do become your family," she shared. "It's like a constant sleep over with your best friends—you eat together, study together, and have fun together. It really is an indescribable bond you form with those around you."

All academy students are housed together in Gunn Hall on the UWG campus. It is within this close environment that strong relationships are formed with peers. The administration helps to further foster these connections through events, such as Thursday Night Dinners, formals, and recognition ceremonies. Extracurricular activities also include councils, a yearbook, intramural sports, and the Advanced Academy newsletter, the Gunn Gazette.

"Being a UWG student as an academy student is a 'triple crown' win for everyone," Stanley said. "UWG gets some of the best students from Georgia high schools and beyond. The high schools share credit for the academite's scholarship, and the students get to accelerate their education and begin to contribute to both academia and their communities sooner."

Academy students are automatically classified as honor students and receive all the perks that come with that distinction, including smaller classes, early class registration, and mentoring relationships with professors. This leads to a greater connection between faculty and students.

"They become parents, friends, teachers, and everything in between," Popken added. "You learn to lean on them for advice and support."

"At the University of West Georgia, you get to know the professors on a personal basis," said LeeAnn Frank, a biology major from Griffin, Ga. who turned down scholarships from other universities. "I feel more inclined to ask for help and get a better understanding of all the material."

Frank mentioned another deciding factor in her choice to stay West was the fact that almost no other school offered an opportunity for undergraduate research, which constitutes a major portion of the curriculum at UWG. Students are encouraged to seek out original, independent research opportunities, which in turn enhances their academic experience. In the 2014-15 academic year, 70 percent of academy students participated in research projects.

"Research is something that is very important to my education, given that I plan to dedicate my life to it," reiterated Martinez-Feduchi. While her most recent research focuses on the psychology of father absenteeism, other Advanced Academy students' research topics run the gamut from the effects of anti-herbivore toxins on sea slugs to the historical context of classic literature.

Students aren't the only ones who benefit from staying at UWG. According to Stanley, the university is rewarded with the continued efforts of some of the most dedicated and hard-working students who contribute to the campus community. This academic year, 26 academy students received special recognition and awards, 12 were awarded presidential scholarships, and as a whole have presented in local, state, and national conferences and completed over 790 hours of community service.

"At any college, you get what you put into it," Frank concluded, "but at UWG I can go even further with the opportunities and faculty supporting me."

To learn more about these and other students' exciting research, visit [uwgperspective.com/research](http://uwgperspective.com/research).

# Logging On to Level Up

## UWG Awards First Online Doctorate in Nursing Education

By Sheryl Marlar

History was made at the University of West Georgia's summer graduation ceremony this year as the Tanner Health System School of Nursing saw its first graduate earning an Ed.D. in nursing education walk across the stage.

The Ed.D. in nursing education online program admitted its first cohort of students in the fall of 2012. Now, after 60 semester hours and 12 dissertation credit hours, Jaime Carter is the first student to whom UWG has awarded an Ed.D. in nursing education.

Carter, from Blackshear, Ga., has been a nurse for 18 years. For the past 14 years, she has been teaching nursing at South Georgia State College. There, she is the program coordinator of the associate of science in nursing program on the Waycross campus.

Prior to teaching, Carter began her career as an operating room nurse and then continued in outpatient surgery. She continued to work part-time at the hospital until she began the online Ed.D. program in 2012.

Carter said UWG stood out because it was the only college in Georgia that offered the doctorate degree online. "Because I am a mother of two, a wife, and a full-time nursing instructor, the online platform was the best option for me to pursue my terminal (doctorate) degree," she said.

"This dream has become a reality because of my huge support system. I cannot express enough gratitude to my husband and my family for helping pick up the slack in my everyday life so I could concentrate on this degree," Carter said. "Pursuing a degree online requires motivation, organization, and self-discipline, and a lot of sacrifice. Because of their support, I am able to graduate on time as a member of the first cohort in the Ed.D. online nursing degree."

When asked what made UWG special, Carter had a ready answer. "The faculty at UWG are awesome!" she said. "The caring philosophy is a vital component to the success of the program. The School of Nursing offered all of the resources that made it essential to participate in the program."

"The Ed.D. in nursing education program of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing of UWG is the result of the extraordinary vision and hard work of many people," said Dr. Jenny Schuessler, dean



Carter receiving her hood at the summer commencement ceremony.

of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing. "Dr. Laurie Ware, associate dean of graduate programs, and Dr. Susan Welch, director of the Ed.D. program, have been instrumental in the development of this program, which is designed to help address the shortage of nursing faculty in this country. Speaking on behalf of the faculty, congratulations to our first Ed.D. graduate, Jaime Carter. We will eagerly follow her contributions to nursing education."

The next two graduates in the program, Sally Richter and Ethel Santiago, are set to receive their Ed.D. in nursing education in December.

Carter is the daughter of Raymond and Cassie Todd of Blackshear and the wife of Michael Carter. They have two children: Todd, who is 13, and Ceb, who is 8. Carter plans to continue teaching nursing and hopes to teach part-time online.

# Thriving in Sustainability

By Amy K. Lavender

While many students would love to get through college as quickly as possible with two degrees in hand and ready to land a fantastic job in business, few have that opportunity. However, this dream is becoming a reality for Kristin Fox, who decided to take advantage of a program at the University of West Georgia still in its infancy, but already reaping benefits for those enrolled – the Southwire Sustainable Business Honors Program (SSBHP).

The SSBHP Program, a joint venture of Southwire Company, LLC, and UWG's Richards College of Business, allows students to earn their bachelor's and master's degrees in only four years. And in less than a year, Fox will have achieved exactly that – two degrees in the time it normally takes to earn just one.

Fox joined the Richards College of Business with the aim of majoring in business management and owning her own dental office, but then her thoughts started to turn toward marketing. It was then she received an email about the SSBHP Program inviting her to have lunch with Southwire CEO Stu Thorn, other Southwire employees, and representatives with the Richards College of Business.

"So that was pretty cool," she said. "We talked to them and they told us we could get our master's and bachelor's in four years, [...] They talked a lot about community service, and that was something that interested me. And the fact that we got to work with a lot of different people at Southwire made me realize that if this could help me get my foot in the door at a big company or help me get a job after graduation, then I needed to do it."

Fox joined the first SSBHP cohort, which contains six students. These students are on the same track to graduate, so they attend many of the same classes, work on projects together, and attend internships at Southwire simultaneously, which creates a strong bond among the group.

"The cohort, we're all very close," Fox said. "We're like brothers and sisters. We work on everything together. I love those guys. I couldn't tell you how many times we've called each other for support over the years."

According to Fox, a fast track to two degrees and lifelong friends are just the beginning of the benefits she's received from the SSBHP program. She's also learned skills, like time management.

"You definitely have to keep your priorities in order," she said. "I've always been organized, but I've also always procrastinated. That is my weakness, but this program has helped me with that. It definitely helps you be conscious of your deadlines."

The unique opportunities the SSBHP program provides its students also gives them a glimpse into the corporate world and how a real company functions on a daily basis.

"The program is definitely preparing me for work after graduation," Fox said. "In-class work helps, but the fact that we are getting to

go outside the classroom is a tremendous help; and, honestly, I've never been in the corporate field, so at first it was a bit of a shock. It definitely opens your eyes to what the workforce is like."

Fox says participating in the program also gave her a once-in-a-lifetime chance to give back to the community, thanks to Southwire's commitment to sustainability and community involvement.

"When I was interning in Southwire's corporate communications, I was under Kristen Crow, the project coordinator, and I worked with the non-profit within their company at Project GIFT (Giving Inspiration for Tomorrow) events," Fox recalled. "They have a facility in Stockborough, Miss., and they had a tornado last May, and I got to go on the relief trip. I've never seen a community get together and help each other so much. It was amazing! ... I'll never forget that trip. Ever."

And then there are the less tangible things, like inner-office relations and building confidence.



The SSBHP program gives students real-world experience while they earn dual degrees.

"The program really boosted my confidence level," Fox said. "I feel like I can go anywhere and do anything and not be scared. I learned way beyond what I could have learned in a classroom alone."

Overall, Fox says the SSBHP Program is a positive experience that she can easily recommend to other students, especially since it helped her make up her mind about her collegiate journey.

"This is a great program," she said. "If I hadn't joined, I wouldn't even have thought about an internship. I didn't know which route I wanted to take, what kind of company I wanted to work for, but being able to work for them ... it's given me a better idea of what my options are after school."



# WOLVES GO PRO.

By Matt Cooke

In the athletic world, the ripple effect of success can sometimes reverberate across the country and even beyond our borders. The Wolves are a great example of that success, as athletes who wore the red and blue are now making waves in the ranks of professional athletics.

**F**ive UWG athletes who recently finished their playing careers – and happen to be All-Americans – are currently making a name for themselves. Let's start with William Wright, who finished his playing career in 2013 with the Wolves. He is now playing for the Las Vegas Outlaws of the Arena Football League, starting at center and also seeing time as a fullback, catching a touchdown in his first appearance at that position.

In the Wolves' 2014 run to the NCAA Semifinals, two players emerged as leaders on that squad and earned All-American honors. All-American Linebacker Tyrell Adams earned a spot at the annual Rookie Camp with the Seattle Seahawks, who were AFC Champions for the past two seasons.

"It still has yet to dawn on me the opportunity I've been blessed with, honestly," Adams said. "I'm not sure when I'll get to that point; hopefully, not until the first game in front of the 12s."

He and defensive lineman Tory Slater impressed at the UWG Pro Day in March. Adams earned a spot with the Seahawks. He has made it through several rounds of cuts and is still working to earn a gameday spot. Slater is now with the Cleveland Browns and working to make it to Sundays.

The other UWG All-American who earned a spot in the professional ranks was offensive guard Garrison Ushery, who also finished playing college ball in 2014. Ushery originally was on a week-to-week waiver with the Tampa Storm of the Arena Football League. He earned a spot with the Storm, and worked his way into a spot on the field. He played on the offensive line and also saw time at fullback, like his former teammate, Wright. He is currently signed with the Nashville Venom and will look to play in Tennessee next season as a center.

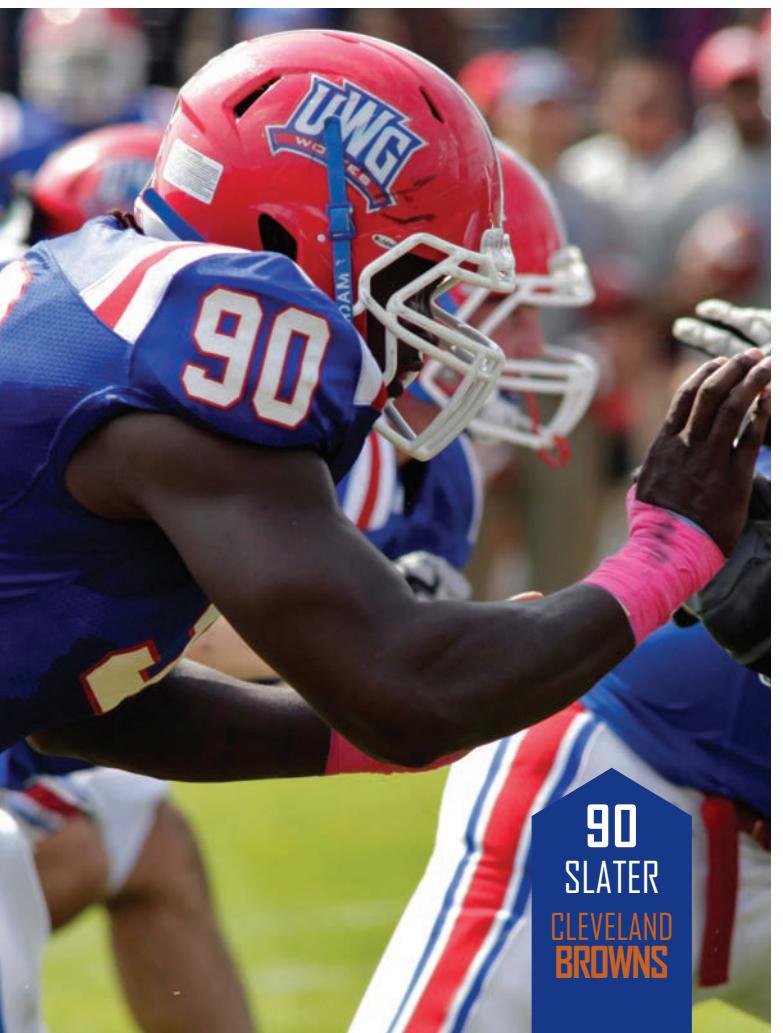
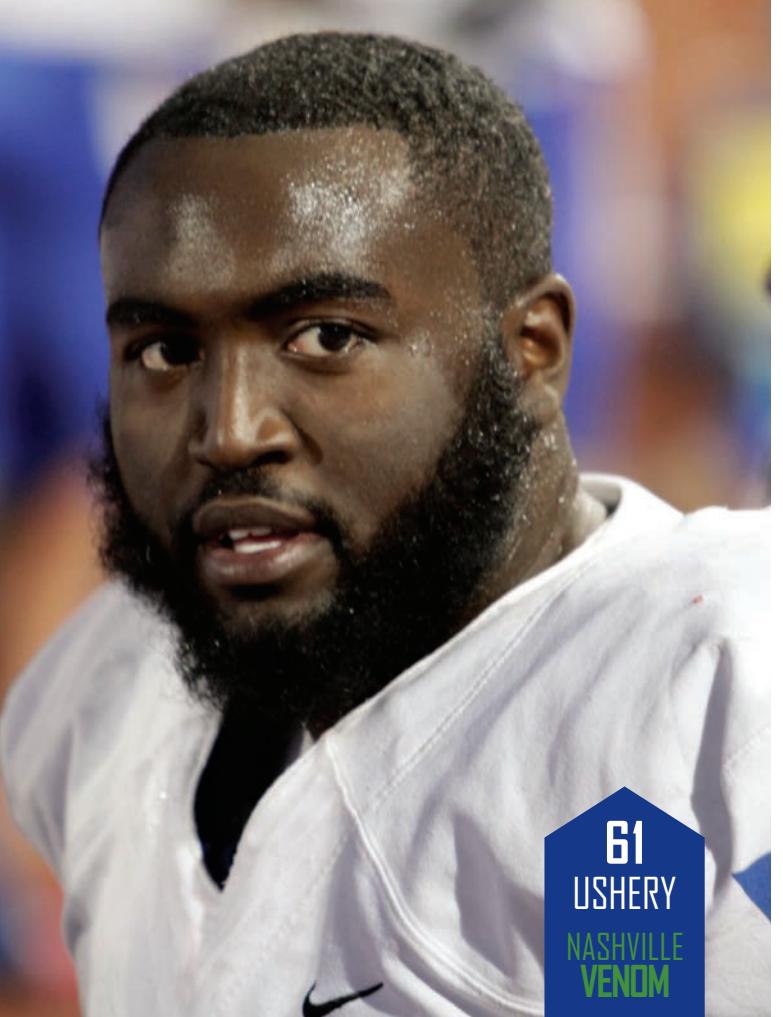
"This has been a tough spring for me with all the traveling to different states for the different All-Star Games and Showcases," Ushery said. "My faith, family, and friends have kept me motivated and focused through tough situations, and I am blessed to have a very supportive family who is always there for me."

Two others have received invitations for tryouts from professional teams, but haven't landed yet. All-American return man Denarius Appling signed a contract to go to camp with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. He made it to the final round of cuts before the regular season and saw action in a preseason game.

Making the jump from Division II to the professional ranks is a difficult task. There have been multiple UWG athletes who have gone on to play pro ball all over the world throughout the history of sports at the university, but the number of Division II athletes playing in the pros is very small. With athletes like the ones UWG has been attracting, that is becoming easier.

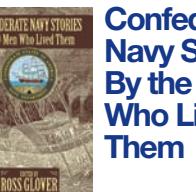
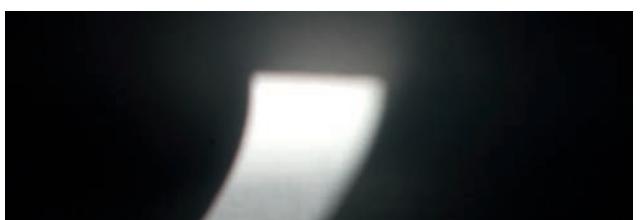
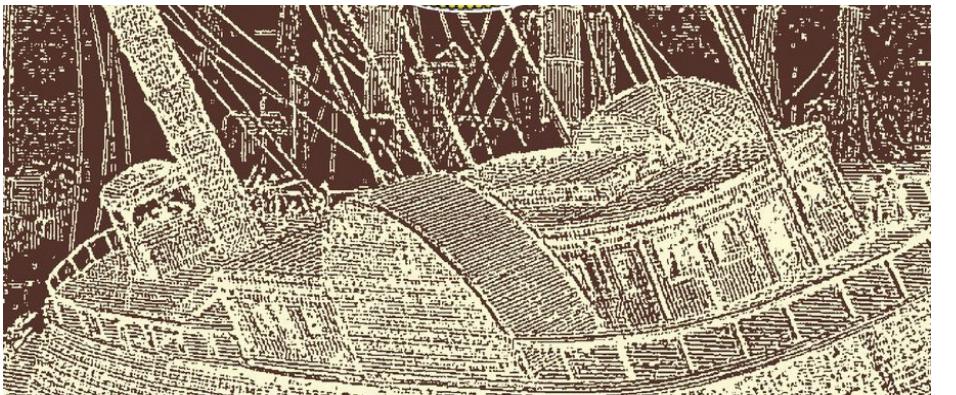
"The biggest thing I've learned through this process is that school or division doesn't really matter any more," Adams said. "The scouts and coaches will find the talent and skill if it's out there, but you have to perform consistently wherever you are."

This year, the names of UWG players are starting to break through again in the pro ranks. The last time that happened was in 2005, when five different athletes from that football squad saw action in the NFL and the AFL, and one star from that year is still playing in the Canadian Football League. That team will be the special guests at the Valdosta State game with a 2005 UWG Football Reunion.



# BOOK NOTES

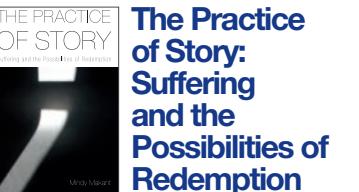
Books written by UWG Alumni



**Confederate  
Navy Stories:  
By the Men  
Who Lived  
Them**

Ross Glover '58

They were called pirates, war criminals, and other unflattering names, but the officers and men of the Confederate Navy should be remembered as daring sailors that were outnumbered and outgunned. The 20 Confederate Navy stories collected and edited by Ross Glover are told in the words of the men who fought on high seas, rivers, and harbors. There are tales of daring exploits by a navy without a shipyard or homeport. There are stories by Captain James D. Bulloch, Teddy Roosevelt's uncle, Georgian Lt. John McIntosh Kell, and Lt. Charles Read, the scourge of the New England coast. There are tales about the advanced sea-going ironclad and the Charlotte, N.C. Navy yard.



Mindy Makant '96

**The Practice  
of Story:  
Suffering  
and the  
Possibilities of  
Redemption**

Chase J. Jackson '12

The grammar of Christian redemption cannot live solely in the future tense. Despite confidence about the effects of Jesus' resurrection in the present, Christians are tempted to depict salvation as a future accomplishment, rather than a present reality. No doubt this failing is well founded, for most Christians know all too well that the power of the past—particularly past suffering—shapes the present. But as Mindy Makant argues in "The Practice of Story: Suffering and the Possibilities of Redemption," such reserve may cede too much to suffering and grant too little to redemption. Makant admits the horrors of suffering: that suffering damages and destroys, that past suffering renders one unable to live in the present, and that profound suffering can make it altogether impossible to imagine a future. Yet in the very midst of this impossibility, Makant shows how suffering, even extreme and profound suffering, does not have the final word. God does.

# BOOK NOTES

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## Jalapeño Popper Dip

Alyson Moffit '11

4 oz can diced jalapeños, well drained (two if you like it extra spicy)

8 oz package cream cheese, softened

1 cup sour cream

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup shredded parmesan cheese

1 cup seasoned bread crumbs

4 Tbs. butter, melted

1 Tbs. dried parsley

1. Combine cream cheese and sour cream

2. Add cheddar cheese,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup parmesan cheese, and diced jalapeños, mix well

3. Spoon into 8x8 baking dish, spreading evenly

4. For topping blend bread crumbs, melted butter, rest of the shredded parmesan cheese, and dried parsley

5. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the cream cheese mixture

6. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, or until hot and breadcrumbs are golden brown

# WOLF BITES

Recipes from UWG Alumni



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1. Charles Robinson '15 - New York, NY



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2. Steven Broome '89 '93 - Pearson Falls, NC



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## '30s-'40s

**Rachel Hunt Rice '38** (general degree) is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), Manchester Woman's Club and the club declared September 4, 2014 as Rachel Rice Day! Rice has been a member of the Manchester Woman's Club for 50 years and was recognized by the GFWC and GFWC Georgia with a 50 year pin. GFWC International President congratulated Rice for her faithful service to the club, the local community, and to GFWC Georgia and GFWC. Rice stays active with the university and attends the '30s/'40s reunion held in the spring each year.



**Ross Miller '48** (general degree) enjoys two coffee groups and one lunch group each week in addition to various lunches and dinners with friends. He is currently collecting from circulation the quarters series on the national parks. His travels in 2014 were to Denver, Leadville, and Estes Park, CO. He had previously visited Leadville on foot while in the U.S. Army. He hikes with Friends of the McIntosh Reserve. His 2015 ski trips have been to Sugar Mountain, N.C. He plans on planting vegetable and flower gardens soon. Miller was awarded the Thelma Harman Turner Alumni Loyalty Award during the 2015 Alumni Awards Gala.



## '50s-'70s

**Col. G.D. '52** (general degree) and **Kitty Hendrix** of Newnan celebrated 61 years of marriage this year. They both agree that listening patiently and communicating respectfully are two of the reasons for their long and happy marriage. G.D., a 30-year veteran who served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps and the remainder in the National Guard and Army Reserves, hasn't stopped working for his fellow service members. He has stayed active with the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion for the past 26 years in various volunteer roles. Kitty enjoys playing games on her iPad and computer, and G.D. enjoys helping veterans in need. G.D. and Kitty have two children, Chris and Nancy, along with two grandchildren. Thank you to The Newnan Times-Herald and Brenda Pedraza-Vidamour for the information. G.D. has fond memories of times at West Georgia as he worked in the on campus dining hall, learned how to cut hair growing up, and would offer student haircuts for \$.25, and his favorite professor was Dr. Leven Hazlegrove. He was recently on campus for the first time in 10 years and was given a tour by Frank Pritchett, UWG alumni director.



**R. Chris Phelps '73** (B.A. political science) was sworn in as the newest judge to the Northern Judicial Circuit in March. Governor Nathan Deal conducted the ceremony at the capitol in Atlanta surrounded by family and friends of Judge Phelps. He has been

engaged in private practice in Elberton since April of 1976. After his time at West Georgia, he received his law degree from the University of Georgia. He and his wife, P.J.O., reside in Elberton.

**Reggie Mullinax '70** (B.S. business administration) volunteers at the beginning of tax season for the AARP Tax-Aide program. He receives training at various times in preparation for the season and works part time at the Whitfield County Library in Dalton doing tax returns. He stays busy with the First Baptist Church Dalton making wheelchair ramps for those in need and also volunteers for the Soul Food program at the church. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Dalton.

**James M. Cornell '76** (B.M. music education) served more than 30 years as Pastoral Team member in several Southern Baptist churches in Florida. He is now the Chaplain at the Lake County Detention Center in Tavares, Fla. His role is to "minister to the spiritual needs of inmates and staff, coordinate the 60 Chaplains volunteers who come weekly to the facility to mentor, disciple, witness and care for the people in the facility." He and his wife, Patricia, live in Lake County, Fla.

**William Terry Turner '77** (B.S. political science), Solicitor-General for Appling and Jeff Davis counties, was named Solicitor-General of the Year for 2015 during the 2015 Georgia Association of Solicitors-General (GASG) conference hosted by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC).



GASG presents this award to recognize outstanding leadership and dedication in the field of prosecution. Pictured above is Solicitor General Trea Pipkin (left), Henry County, presenting the award to Turner.

## '80s-'90s

**Marguerite Cline '81** (Ed.S. middle grades education) was named Distinguished Alumna of the Year by Reinhardt University at the Talon Awards Gala on April 23. The award recognizes an individual with outstanding personal achievement and an unselfish and dedicated personal devotion to Reinhardt. Cline graduated from Reinhardt in 1958, received a Bachelor of Science and master's degrees



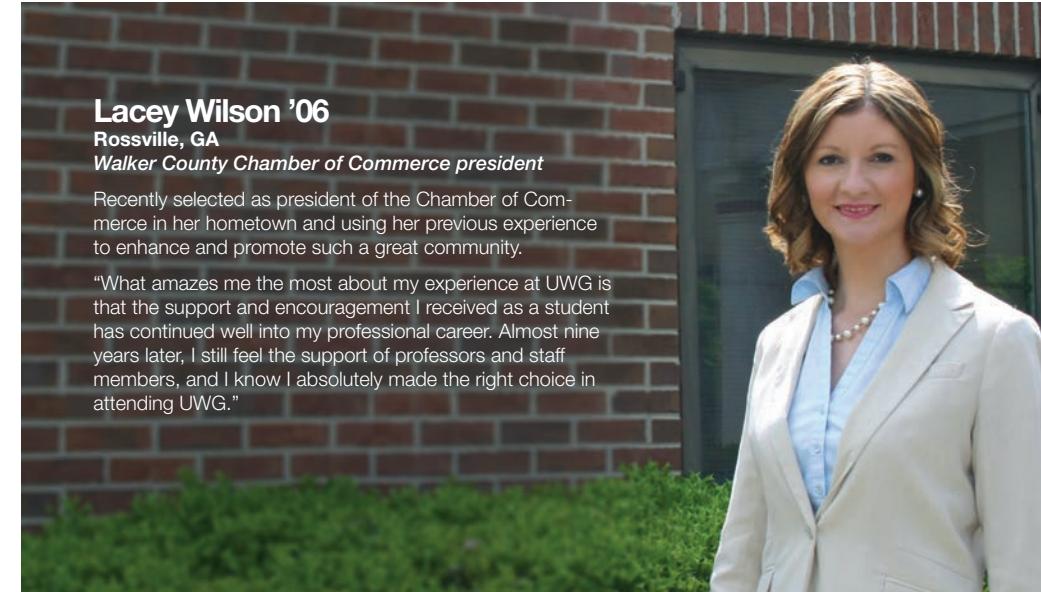
**Shawn Tobin '88 '91** (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. secondary education), the associate principle at Westside High School, will make a change to T.L. Hanna High School in the fall as the new principal. Tobin brings 27 years of experience to the position, 17 of those as an

## Lacey Wilson '06

**Rossville, GA**  
**Walker County Chamber of Commerce president**

Recently selected as president of the Chamber of Commerce in her hometown and using her previous experience to enhance and promote such a great community.

"What amazes me the most about my experience at UWG is that the support and encouragement I received as a student has continued well into my professional career. Almost nine years later, I still feel the support of professors and staff members, and I know I absolutely made the right choice in attending UWG."



from North Georgia College, and received a specialist in education degree from West Georgia College. She began her career in education as an elementary school teacher. She taught for 20 years at Clayton, Hickory Flat, R.M. Moore, and Canton Elementary Schools. In her free time, she served as the on-air host and producer of the television program "Cherokee Profiles." She has written three books and also writes a weekly column for Tribune.

**Robert C. "Rob" Beall '84** (B.B.A. finance) was named senior vice president and senior lending officer by the Private Bank of Buckhead. Beall brings over 30 years' experience to the bank and his office is in Decatur. He thrives on customer relationship and helping them solve problems and reach their financial goals.

In his free time, Beall enjoys home and yard projects, walking, hiking, and reading. He and his wife have two daughters, a cat, and a rescue beagle. They reside in McDonough.

**Senator Mike Dugan '86 '89** (B.A. history, M.A. psychology) was named, by Governor Nathan Deal, one of the 2015 floor leaders and will help carry the governor's bills in the Senate. Dugan is a local contractor at the Carrollton branch of RA-LIN and Associates. In the Senate, Dugan represents District 30, which includes portions of Carroll, Douglas, and Paulding counties. He and his wife, **Missy**, '87 (B.B.A. office administration) have two children and reside in Carrollton.

**Christopher Hays '87** (B.A. mass communications) accepted a new position as a UI/UX Designer/Developer for ADP in Alpharetta. He recently moved back to the Atlanta area after relocating to Nashville for a few months in late 2014.

**Brenda Knowles '88** (B.B.A. management) was named Citizen of the Week by Dalton's Daily Citizen in March. Knowles is the vice president of marketing and product development for Shaw Industries' commercial division. Knowles is known for her community involvement and has been active in the local communities where she has lived. She supports local events, serves on community boards, and has acted as a wish granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

She stays active and serves as the board chair of the United Way of Northwest Georgia. She resides in Dalton with her daughter, Ava.

**Shawn Tobin '88 '91** (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. secondary education), the associate principle at Westside High School, will make a change to T.L. Hanna High School in the fall as the new principal. Tobin brings 27 years of experience to the position, 17 of those as an

administrator. He worked 10 years as a teacher at the middle school level before moving to administration. Tobin began his career by serving five years with the Army's Special Forces Group before he began his career in education.

**Frankie Shepherd '88 '94** (M.Ed., Ed.S. administration and supervision), retired educator, was named First Citizen of Cherokee County on January 22. Shepherd served as principal of the Ralph Bunche School until she retired in 1999 from the Cherokee County School System. Shepherd has cared for her community by serving on the Appalachian Technical College and Chattahoochee Technical College Board of Directors; Cherokee Board of Equalization, YMCA board member; charter member of the Boys & Girls Club's Board of Directors, just to name a few. Shepherd has gone on to receive many awards such as: Rotary Club of Canton's Jean Harris Outstanding Volunteerism Award, the MLK Outstanding Community Leader Award and the Speaker Thomas B. Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Democratic Party.

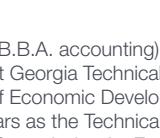


**Tom Gilliam '90** (BSR parks and recreation management) accepted the position of Canton's first parks and recreation director this year. Gilliam is a member of Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and the National Recreation and Parks Association. He also holds a certificate as Youth Sports Administrator. He served as a physical education teacher and coach from 1998-2000, and later served as the recreation minister for the North Metro First Baptist Church until 2007. He sees improvement opportunities for the area's three major parks and is taking time to conduct thorough park assessments before implementing changes.

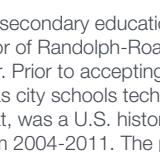
**Beverly Good '90** (B.A. mass communications) was formally sworn into office as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) El Paso Port Director during a CBP Field Operations change of command ceremony at the Chamizal National Memorial Theater on April 2. She will direct operations and enforcement activities at the four international crossings in El Paso and oversee hundreds of employees.



**Laura Boalch Gammage '91** (B.B.A. accounting) joined senior leadership at West Georgia Technical College as the Vice President of Economic Development. She spent the last 10 years as the Technical College of Georgia's Assistant Commission for External Affairs. She will be responsible for oversight of the college's corporate training and community education departments. Gammage will act as the primary liaison with existing businesses and industries and will assist area economic development professional recruit new industry.



**Christy Fordham '93** (B.S.Ed. secondary education) accepted the position of director of Randolph-Roanoke Career Technology Center. Prior to accepting this position, Fordham served as city schools technology coordinator, and before that, was a U.S. history community studies teacher from 2004-2011. The purpose of the Career Technology Center is to prepare all students to become college and career ready.



**Anna M. Neel '03** (B.A. mass communications) was selected by the Madison County Business League for the Mississippi Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40

## Darryl Patton Covington, GA

*Mass Communications with a Minor in Marketing*

Recently completed the youtube video "Where in Carrollton," featuring several restaurants in Carrollton. Viewers are given an up close look at local restaurants

"First and foremost, I would like to thank the University of West Georgia for giving me this platform to pursue one of my passions. I have to say, it hasn't been a cakewalk. Through two years working on my show, I've encountered many obstacles that could have potentially ended this project. But with the help of God, everything came together. I've encountered so much through this experience, and the best feeling is that after going through all of that, is the satisfaction of presenting it to the public."

Class of 2014. Anna, founder of A Creative Group, LLC, skates in and is a member of the Magnolia Roller Vixens. Married with two children, Anna teaches aqua aerobics at the YMCA.

**Juanita Hicks '03** (B.B.A. management) has been promoted to Associate Vice President for Human Resources at the University of West Georgia.



As the mother of two young children, she enjoys spending time exploring local events and activities with her husband and children. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and as time permits, she enjoys assisting others in career and professional growth planning.

**Casey Shaefer Vance '03** (BSR parks and recreation management), and wife, Kristen, announce the birth of their son, Lewis Shaefer Vance, 8lbs. and 11 oz., born February 17. Casey and Kristen reside in Carrollton.

**Jason K. Norton '04** (B.S. economics), founder of Norton Financial, Inc., announced the company has surpassed the \$100 million mark in total investment assets is managing. The firm ranks among the top two percent of financial advisors at broker-dealer LPL Financial. He is married to **Megan Lamb '05** (B.S.Ed. early childhood education), and they have three children. The family enjoys traveling and being outdoors. They are also actively involved in church life.

**Gregory L. Buice '04** (B.A. English) and **Amy K. Lavender '05** (B.A. English) announce the birth of their son, Kaylor Grady Buice. He was born June 2, weighing 8 lbs., 5 oz. at Dekalb Medical Center in Atlanta. The family resides in Carrollton.



**Adam '04** (B.B.A. marketing) and **Kimberly Mashburn Lyle '05** (B.B.A. marketing) announce the birth of their son Graham Adam Morris, 9.8 lbs., on October 1, 2014. The family resides in Carrollton.



**Cyrus M. '05** (B.B.A. management) and **Amy "James" Chapman '03 '11** (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. special education) announce the birth of their son, William Oliver Chapman, 9 lbs. and 7 oz., born on February 27.

**Wendy '05** (B.S. earth science), and Toby Holloman of Carrollton announce the birth of their daughter Cora Jayne Holloman. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was born on November 6, 2014 at Tanner Medical Center.

**JoAnne Nichole Morgan '05** (B.A. mass communications) is a freelance editor and researcher special-

izing in theology and social ethics writing. She earned her Master of Theological Studies degree from Palmer Theological Seminary in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

**Wendy Sheats '05** (B.A. English) and her husband Gary, met at West Georgia in 2001 and married in 2012. They were only friends at West Georgia and re-united via Facebook in 2010.



Wendy is director of marketing for Brandon Hall School in Atlanta. She oversees a department responsible for leading the overall integrated marketing communication programs and strengthening the school's visibility and brand to both external and internal constituents. Gary is a quality assurance manager for Ruffalo Cody in Atlanta, where he manages the quality assurance processes for the enrollment management technology division. Gary attended West Georgia from '98-'02 and enjoys riding his motorcycle and watching sports. In Wendy's free time, she enjoys traveling and reading.

**Jessica Ainsworth '06** (M.Ed. special education), assistant principal at Lithia Springs High School in Douglas County, was named the 2015 National Assistant Principal of the Year. She had a wonderful surprise as she found the school's auditorium filled with students, family, and representatives from the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals who gathered for the announcement of her recognition. Ainsworth holds degrees from Georgia State, Jacksonville State, and UWG, where she is currently pursuing a Doctorate in School Improvement.

**Kiel Wayne Mashburn '07** (BSR parks and recreation) and wife Kaila announce the birth of their daughter Miller Marie Mashburn, 7 lbs. and 13 oz., born on April 20. The family resides in Carrollton.

**Clint Richmond '07** (B.S. geography) became the nation's top muzzleloading rifle competitor and received the top score in 25 regional events among 727 other shooters to win his third national title. Richmond is a member of the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association and members shoot at targets from distances of 25, 50, and 100 yards using pistol and Revolutionary and Civil War reproduction muskets. According to the association's website,



### Alexandra Mora Suarez

Villa Rica, GA

2015 Best of the West Employee of the Year

Alexandra Mora Suarez was selected as the 2015 Employee of the Year. Her co-workers say she embodies the spirit of Go West! It is employees like Alexandra that make UWG the best place to learn, work, and succeed!

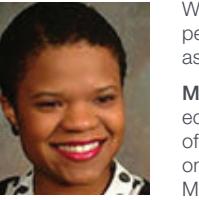
"Alexandra is one of the most positive and pleasant personalities you will encounter on the UWG campus. She is always in motion and has an amazing smile that she shares with everyone. When she is away from work, she is missed by everyone. She is really a wonderful employee and person."

– Theresa Jablecki-Kriel  
Assistant Director of Facilities



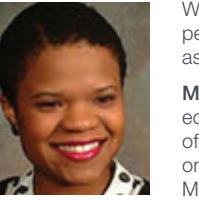
the organization exists to promote, support, nurture, and preserve through recreational, educational, historical, and cultural events such as competitions, gun making, safety, historical re-enactments, exhibits, and museums. Richmond has also captured state titles in Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina. He works for Coweta County where he runs the Geographic Information Systems Department.

**Mike Bunn '08** (CERG public history) accepted the position of assistant director of Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort, Alabama. Prior to Blakeley State Park, Bunn served as executive director of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, which is an organization comprised of 18 Alabama and Georgia counties in the Chattahoochee River Valley. He has also served as curator of history at the Columbus, Ga. Museum and curator of exhibits at the Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History in Jackson. He currently serves as regional captain for Georgia, Alabama, and Florida for the National Leadership in History Awards Committee of the American Association for State and Local History. He and his wife, Tonya, along with their daughter Zoey, plan to move to Daphne, Ala.



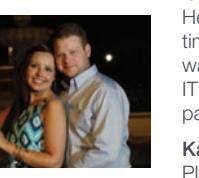
**Dr. Kendra R. Parker '08** (B.A. English) recently graduated with her Ph.D. in English with an emphasis in African-American Literature from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She is an assistant professor in the English Department at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Her distinctions included: Frederick Douglass Doctoral Fellow (2008-2013) and Preparing Future Faculty Fellow (2011-2014).

**Zachary F. Williams '10 '12** (B.S. biology, M.Ed. professional counseling) is the Resident Director for Walker Hall at Western Carolina University and supervises and manages all aspects of Walker resident assistant staff members.



**Miranda Cammon '11** (B.S.Ed. early childhood education) and husband, Ronny, announce the birth of their son Lawson Chase Cammon. He was born on January 29, weighing 7 lbs. and 3 oz., at Tanner Medical Center. They reside in Centralhatchee with their oldest son, Tucker.

**Devin and Jade Buchanan Swafford '08** (B.A. management) announce the birth of their daughter Eden Olivia Swafford, 7 lbs. and 7 oz., born January 30, at Tanner Medical Center. The family resides in Carrollton.



**Jared '10** (B.B.A. management) and **Harriett Andrews Holley '14** (B.S. mass communications) were united in marriage on May 16. Jared is employed by J. Smith Lanier & Co. in Carrollton and has

been with the company for seven years, and is active in the Carrollton community. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, UWG Young Alumni Council, Millennial Advisory Committee in Atlanta, along with other civic commitments. Jared has also been accepted to the nine month Leadership Douglas program through the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce which will begin this fall. Harriett is employed by West Georgia Tech as the Adult Education Program Assistant. She was a very active student as she was in Chi Omega sorority at UWG.

**Jacob Skelton '10** (B.B.A. marketing), and his restaurant, 302 South Street, were recently featured in Georgia Trend's Small Business Guide with an article titled "From 'No Clue' to Success." It covered how Skelton's aggressive accounting reduces costs and spurs growth for his business. Skelton leaned on the advice and expertise from the Georgia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the University of West Georgia to help him learn more about financing options and business planning. Skelton owns the popular 302 South Street restaurant in Carrollton and it's a local hot spot for UWG students, faculty, and staff, along with a local community following.

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**Adam Cleek '11 '12** (B.B.A. accounting, MPAcc professional accounting) is a former Mountaineer Challenge Academy alumnus and Purple Heart recipient. He spoke to over 800 congressional, corporate, and community leaders at the National Guard Youth Foundation Youth's Challenge Gala in Washington, D.C., in February. He spoke about the program and what he learned there made him the man he would become. He earned a Purple Heart after he was wounded three times while riding in a Humvee in Afghanistan that was fired upon. He is the CFO at a successful health IT firm, EHR Concepts, with his wife April. They are parents for four children and reside in Villa Rica.

**Katelyn Westbrook '11** (BSN nursing) joined the Plastic Surgery Group as an aesthetic nurse in December. She will focus on non-surgical procedures, including Botox and injectable fillers and skincare. She is the first to serve in this role in the practice's 56 year history. She spent time as a nurse on the cardio-thoracic floor at Memorial Hospital and at University Clinic Erlangen, located in Erlangen, Germany. She is a member of the Association of Plastic Surgical Nurses and the Society of Plastic Surgical Skin Care Specialists.

**Victor Hunt '12** (B.B.A. management) opened Sidelines Sports Bar and Lounge in Carrollton in late 2014. He partnered with his cousin Brett to develop a complete sports' experience. When you walk into their sports bar with the football field theme, you feel like you're on the sidelines of a real game. Victor was a four year starter for the UWG football team playing wide receiver, and caught the game-winning touchdown pass in 2012, beating longtime rival, Valdosta State. When he's not running the business, Victor enjoys fishing, playing sports, and watching the Wolves!



**Catalina Trivino '12** (B.A. mass communications) joined NBC Connecticut as a general assignment reporter in April. Prior to joining NBC, she

was a lead news reporter with WAKA-TV CBS 8/WNCF-TV ABC 32, the Alabama News Network, in Montgomery. She also had her own franchise segment called "Taking Action Against Crime," which covered crime prevention and crime stopper stories. A Los Angeles native, Trivino speaks Spanish and French fluently. Catalina was active as a UWG student as she was the news director for the campus' T.V. station and an assignment editor before that. She also worked as a staff writer for The Times-Georgian, and The West Georgian newspapers.

**Andy Marinelli '13** (B.S.Ed. special education) is the new softball coach at River Ridge High School in Cherokee County. Prior to accepting the River Ridge position, he worked at Gilmer High School in Ellijay, where he served as an assistant coach for the school's softball and baseball teams. Marinelli played baseball at UWG and served as the team captain and earned All-Gulf Conference honors.

**Sarah Burek '14** (B.B.A. marketing) was recently featured online in the Atlanta Business Chronicle's People on the Move. She is a marketing and social media specialist at CATMEDIA. She is responsible for developing and implementing social media strategies and increasing brand awareness through media and PR campaigns, along with fostering community relationships. She was an active student at UWG with her involvement as an ITS graduate assistant, tour guide, and orientation leader.

**Colin Boddy '14** (B.A. English) and **Grant Wallace '12** (B.S. mass communications) are two of the founding band members of Baby Baby. Wallace and Boddy met at West Georgia and were college roommates, and claim that it was the birthplace of the band that started in 2009. Baby Baby is coming up on a two month tour across the U.S. on the 2015 Vans Warped Tour with their fun-rock style of music.



**Lauren Holverson '14** (MBA) recently joined The Burson Center, Carroll Tomorrow's unique business incubator as the incubator manager. She completed a year-long graduate assistantship at The Burson Center and has strong administrative and operational knowledge of the facility and its programming. The incubator has "become a business resource center that has attracted state and national attention, president and CEO of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce," Daniel Jackson mentioned. Holverson will be responsible for the daily operations and management of The Burson Center, which includes incubation client recruitment, coordination of business partner programming, and marketing the incubator to future entrepreneurs, investors, and community partners. Thank you to the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for the information.



**Tammy Parrett '14** (B.S. mass communications) was recently hired as a communications writer in the marketing and communications department at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She also worked at UWG's Communications and Marketing department as a student.

**Erin Brannon '15** (MBA) graduated from the Carroll County Leadership Academy in May 2015. Brannon is an employee of the university, working in the Dean's office of the College of Social Sciences. In addition, she serves as Chair of the UWG Staff Advisory Council and was recently elected as Treasurer of the University System of Georgia Staff Council. Brannon enjoys spending time with her family and friends, shopping, sewing, and anything Auburn.

**David J. Fraboni II**  
Carrollton, GA  
Vice President for University Advancement  
and Executive Director of the UWG Foundation

Mr. Fraboni came on board at UWG on July 6 as the new VP overseeing Alumni Relations, Development, Advancement Services, Special Events, and University Communications and Marketing.

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**Faculty/Staff**

Patricia Ann Frost Arp, Cedartown, (retired)

Dr. Dexter Byrd, Carrollton, (retired)

Ciarra Cash, Bremen, (current)

Dr. Gerald M. Garmon, Carrollton, (retired)

Mary Hogan, Asheville, (retired)

Dr. Linda Painter '72 '74 (B.A. sociology, M.Ed. guidance and counseling), Carrollton, (retired)

Dr. Richard Sanders, Carrollton, (retired)

Dr. Deborah J. Webb, Grayson, (current)

Mary Ann Meyers, Carrollton, (current)

**Alumni**

Dorothy Causey Copeland '38 (general degree), Birmingham

Doris S. Carel '39 (general degree), Carrollton

Rudene Burnham Hollingsworth '39 (general degree), Carrollton

Vinola Kent Parrish '39 (general degree), Atlanta

Dr. Warren Grice Yates '39 (general degree), Fairfax, VA

John Talmadge Robinson '40 (general degree), Carrollton

Martha Williams Potts '42 (general degree), Chattanooga

Floyd "Snuffy" Smith '42 (general degree), Marietta

Bobbie Frances Cobb Nix '45 (general degree), Alpharetta

Claire Nelle Garrett Smith '45 (general degree), Bowdon

Margaret Martin Burroughs '46 (general degree), Carlton

Stuart Tripp Marks '46 (general degree), Summerville

Carolyn Camp Doss '47 (general degree), Rome

Louise Hughie Robinson '47 (general degree), Douglasville

Glenn Wesley Boggs '48 (general degree), Marietta

Ethan Alvin Chambers '48 (general degree), Bowdon

Wyna B. Watson, Jr. '48 (general degree), Thomaston

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Sue Boyd Carter '51 (general degree), Bremen

Annette Cheney Potterfield '54 (general degree), Loris, SC

Ronald C. Byars '57 (general degree), Fayetteville

Dr. Lois Ingle Michael '59 (B.S.Ed. elementary education), Tampa

Jimmy E. Duvall '61 (B.S.Ed. elementary education), Huntsville

Ronnie Joe Eidson '63 (B.A. English), Marietta

Virginia Evelyn Kilgo, '64 '74 (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. elementary education), Tallapoosa

Dott Ingram Cofer '67, Carrollton

Nell Williams Blackwell '70 '81 (M.Ed., Ed.S. guidance and counseling), Palmetto

Robert Ramsey Sullivan '70 (B.S. industrial management), Carrollton

Creighton I. Perry, Jr. '71 (B.B.A. marketing), Atlanta

William F. Bryant '72 (B.A. English), Suwanee

Memory Sutherland Johnson '72 (M.Ed. secondary education), LaGrange

Ann Hewell Jordan '72 '79 (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. early childhood education), Chatsworth

Randall Marion Palmer '72 '73 (B.A. philosophy, M.A. psychology), Charlotte

Peggy Jo Sanford Arbucci '73 '76 (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. education junior high), Ellijay

Glenda F. Collier '73 (M.Ed. elementary education), Carrollton

Robert Ellis Colvin, Jr. '73, (B.A. history and political science), Marietta

Joanne Jackson Kimery '73 (M.Ed. elementary education), Macon

Pembroke W. Williams, Jr. '74 (B.A. biology), Atlanta

Ward W. Gann '75 (B.A. history), Atlanta

Katherine E. Martin '75 (B.S. chemistry), Carrollton

Charlie J. McFarland '76 (M.Ed. special education), Macon

Cecil Wilbur Herrin '77 (A.S. nursing), Carrollton

Leslie Ann Nevois '78 '79 (M.Ed., Ed.S. guidance and counseling), Carrollton

Michele Denise Bonner '81 (B.B.A. accounting), Carrollton

Vincent Gene Vineyard '82 '87 '97 (B.S.Ed., M.Ed. secondary education, Ed.S. administration and supervision), Douglasville

David Dunlop '86 (B.S. physics), Winchester, VA

Roger Warren '91 (B.A. English), Bowdon

Paul Lamar B.A.rnes, Jr. '92 (Ed.S. administration and supervision), Euahlee

T. Patrice Hickey '92 (M.Ed. special education), Calhoun

Robert Thomas Roller '93 (B.A. art), Bowdon

Emma Legare Williams Jordan '94 '99 (B.S. psychology, M.Ed. guidance and counseling), Douglasville

Christopher "Kit" James Marrow '99 (B.S. political science), Hiram

Margaret Wilder Wingate '99 (Ed.S. media), Thomasville

Frederick E. White '00 (B.B.A. finance), Tunnel Hill

Katherine Steed Davis '02 (B.S.Ed. early childhood education), Villa Rica

Misty Evans '02 (B.A. psychology), Carrollton

Susan Emmons Weiss '09 (M.Ed. media), West Point

Markell Coleman '11 (B.B.A. management/marketing), Franklin, LA

Scott Butler, '66 '70 (B.A. history, M.Ed. secondary education social studies), Carrollton

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Dinner followed by music and dancing  
1920s-era attire encouraged

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