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YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE



At the University of West Georgia, we strive to provide our students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to follow their dreams—no matter where those dreams may lead. For some, this means an office on the other side of the globe; for others, it means making a difference right here in the West Georgia region. Some aspire to change the world; others to change a single life.

We believe that every calling has merit and we are proud of the wide array of accomplishments achieved by our alumni. Your varying paths and purposes consistently prove that, no matter where you want to go in life, UWG is a great place to start your personal journey.

In this issue of *Perspective*, you'll read about many of those journeys.

As I prepare to retire as president at the end of this academic year, I am excited to share with you my plans and hopes for the future. I am embarking on all-new adventures in teaching and am thrilled to be taking on new challenges, both here and in India.

Alumni Jim Collins followed his passion overseas as well. You'll learn how his philosophy about risk-taking led to a vibrant new life in London—and a thriving career with one of the world's most respected financial institutions.

Then read about the exciting move and expansion on UWG-Newnan's horizon—and how the community pulled together to increase opportunities for Coweta area students.

Our main campus students are going places, too. A group of them recently made a big splash at the International Economics Convention in Mumbai, India.

And that brings us full circle—just like Diane Sharp's journey from professor to student of her former pupil.

You'll also read about a local alum turned fashion designer, explore the beautiful world of artist Philip Moulthrop and learn about the generous gifts of donors who believe in UWG's mission and vision.

These outstanding stories are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Our UWG community is creating more global impact than ever before and our future opportunities are limited only by our imagination and ambition.

The future is bright and the proof is clear: once you Go West, you can truly go anywhere.

Finally, let me end on a personal note. As this is probably the last issue of *Perspective* that will go out in my presidency, I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard on our behalf for partnering with me in this incredible journey over almost two decades. Thank you for helping this institution grow from West Georgia College with fewer than 8,000 students to The University of West Georgia with almost 12,000 students, robust doctoral programs, SACS Level VI stature, and national accomplishments and recognition in undergraduate research, in academic debate, in online education, and in every single academic college and school we have. Thank you for helping us more than double our square footage of 1994, more than double our total number of degrees awarded since then, and increase our endowment by more than ten times its 1994 level. Thank you for being part of this great adventure. We couldn't have done it without you.

Way back in early 1995, I ended my Inauguration speech with the words (borrowed from Mr. Spock), "My wish for West Georgia and my wish for all of you, is, 'Live Long and Prosper!'"

My wish remains the same today.

Sincerely,

Beheruz N. Sethna, Ph.D.
Professor of Business Administration and
President of the University



Life in Two Places



The future adventures of Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna

By Maggie Worth

Dr. Sethna may be retiring as president of UWG in June, but he's certainly not retiring from life. He'll be "living life in two places," balancing his professorship at UWG with volunteer teaching at Balgram, an orphanage school in the hills of India. The contrast is sure to be fascinating.

On the UWG side, Dr. Sethna will remain on the faculty in the Richards College of Business. In fact, he's hoping to teach more, both in terms of the number of classes and the variety of subjects. While he'll continue to teach courses in business administration, he'd also like to team-teach, perhaps in areas such as the psychology of marketing and educational leadership. Scholarship is another of his priorities and he is eager to engage in additional creative, collaborative research with his colleagues, to get more involved in conversations about teaching methodology and to help grow the Center for Teaching and Learning.

He's looking forward to spending more time with his family as well. When he first came to UWG, his kids were in high school and the demands of his new job kept him away from home more than he liked. "It was very difficult for me when they left

home," he admits. "I'm very emotionally attached to them. And very proud."

The biggest change will be the amount of time he spends at Balgram, a school he began supporting several years ago.

"I'd always contributed to charity," he explains. "I believe it's very important to do so. Madhavi and I support several charities in addition to UWG giving, such as Doctors without Borders, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, the Japanese tsunami relief fund and others. When I heard about the school, I decided to sponsor a child."

He did so in a way that surprised and delighted Balgram's staff. He essentially created an endowed scholarship that would cover a student's expenses until he or she completed school, and he placed no restrictions on the use of the gift – none of gender, religion, age, disability, or anything else.

This unusual move was based on his experience with fundraising at UWG. "We're very grateful for every gift, of course," he says. "But when we fund a scholarship for a student, we face the possibility that donor support will decline and we will be unable to offer assistance in subsequent years. I didn't want that to happen to my student at Balgram."

And so, he made his gift and received a picture and letter from a young girl with a radiant smile. A few years later, on a trip to India, he decided to visit her. He discovered that her basic needs were met and that she was clean and fed despite Spartan conditions such as dark classrooms and few personal belongings. The school was doing the absolute best it could on a tight budget, but more children needed help. He decided to sponsor a second child, also without restriction and for the life of the child's education. Then he added another. Currently, he sponsors eight children and has purchased hearing aids for one girl who could barely communicate without them. On his last visit, he brought toys for each of the eight as well as candy bars for all 100 children at the school.

"I had a ball going to Wal-Mart to buy the things!" he remembers. "I hadn't been in a toy department in a long time, but for one visit each year for these kids."

In recent years, he's begun thinking about what else he could do to make the Balgram children's lives better.

"I knew that I wanted to give back when I retired," he says, "and I've been on the lookout for something special, a way to give more than money, a way to give *me*. I remember back in '06 or maybe '07, I was walking by the Gill Fountain and someone said to me 'if you could ask God one question, what would it be?' I replied 'How can I serve you?' I have been so keen on finding that answer!"

To all appearances, he's found it. Beginning in 2014, he'll be able to spend much of each summer in Balgram, working with the children and doing what he loves to do—teach. He's looking forward to contributing in two main areas: spoken English, and, since he earned his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, science education.

"India does education very well in its way. But there is no excitement of discovery. I want to change that, at least for the kids at Balgram," he says.

It makes sense. After all, he's been bringing excitement and

discovery to UWG for 19 years.

"When I arrived at UWG," he explains, "I was relatively young—just 46—and people thought I would be here for a couple of years and move to something else—a bigger, better, more prestigious place. I like to point out that they were correct; I did. This university is a new place every day. A bigger, better, more prestigious place. This job has been a wonderful ride. But I told myself I'd retire at 60, and spend my summers helping those who needed help the most. I'm already late on my promise—I'm about to be 65!"

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Without question, his job as president has been incredibly consuming. He teaches, helps his students do national-caliber research and attends a stunning number of university events, from concerts and shows to lectures and even student

move-in day. He's active in the community and particularly in Rotary, where he has a perfect attendance record for 30 years. He's been on call virtually 24/7 for the past 19 years and hasn't taken a vacation since the 1990s.

"I'm looking forward to having something more closely approximating a normal life," he says, smiling. "My wife doesn't believe me when I say I won't be working non-stop. I have doubts myself sometimes."

But doubts won't stop him from pursuing his path, and he meets the future with eager anticipation.

"I feel worried as to my level of competence for this task—after all, I have never really taught little kids before, but I feel very good," he says. "I really want to do well. I'm not ready today. But today, I'm ready to be ready tomorrow. And I can't wait for perfection. There's a saying that perfection can be the enemy of the good; and it's true. If I stumble, that's okay. I have a tremendous amount to learn. Right now all I have is excitement and will." Excitement, will and a desire to learn. The very things UWG asks of its students. The very things life asks of us all.



Dr. Sethna and his sponsored children

The Gift of Excellence

Endowment Provides Scholarship for School of Nursing

The generosity of a few can lead to the advancement of many. Thanks to Derek and Patricia Reynolds and their passion for education, nursing students will have the financial ability to fulfill their career ambitions.

The Reynolds established an endowed scholarship at the University of West Georgia that will provide a helping hand to several students in the School of Nursing each year. Initially, Derek and Patricia Reynolds created an annual scholarship, but, in December 2012, they decided to fully fund the Reynolds Endowed Nursing Education Scholarship in celebration of a field that makes a substantial positive impact on society.

"The students and I appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds," says Dr. Kathryn Grams, Professor and Dean of the School of Nursing. "The scholarship they are funding will support the efforts of our students to become caring and competent nurses."

The Reynolds consider their gift to be an investment with unlimited potential.

"Nurses are the cornerstone of healthcare," says Patricia. "The field is where our hearts are and we're glad we can help make a difference."

She knows firsthand what a difference nurses make in the healthcare industry and to the wellbeing of patients. As a perioperative nurse, Patricia has served as the Director of Surgical Services at several major healthcare facilities throughout the United States.



Derek and Patricia Reynolds with UWG's Dean of Nursing Dr. Kathryn Grams and Assistant Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Jim Gill.

The Reynolds wanted to make an impact on a local level by investing in an institution close to their home. They decided that a donation to the University of West Georgia was the perfect choice. The Reynolds Endowed Nursing Education Scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior student who demonstrates financial need, has an overall minimum grade point average of 2.5 and does not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship.

"We were sensitive to make sure that we filled in the gap for some students," says Derek. "Some of them are struggling because they fall just short of meeting certain requirements. This scholarship will fill in the gap that those students are falling through."

Because of the Reynolds' generosity and kindness of spirit, a nursing student each semester will have the opportunity to pursue their dreams.

Fellow Alumni,

I am grateful for this opportunity to talk with you about the university we love, and in particular your Alumni Association.

It is a time of great change for our Alma Mater. In the coming months, we will see the end of an era as Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna retires from the role of President. We thank him for his many years of service and great contribution. At the same time, we look West into a time of great opportunity as the mantle of leadership is passed to our seventh President.

In recent weeks, I read "Love Works" by Joel Manby. In chapter six he discusses giving your time, your talent, and your treasure, and how often the giver receives an unexpected blessing – as well as making the world a better place. His words made me think of the many loyal alumni who change lives and make our world a better place through their gifts. If you are already giving to UWG, thank you. If you are not, then I ask why not? Please consider investing in an institution that changed your life. I promise you won't be sorry.

Finally, I hope you will join us on Saturday, April 20th, as we celebrate the Alumni Association Awards Gala at the Townsend Center. It will be a wonderful evening of celebration!

Let us hear from you at alumni@westga.edu, and please let us see you on campus. We know the best and brightest Went West!

Warmest Regards,

Rob T. Dial '06
President, Alumni Association



THE STRATEGIST

Name: Janet Hyde '08 '11

Home: Rome and Carrollton, Ga.

Profession: City planner

Recent accomplishments: After receiving an M.S. in Rural and Small Town Planning at UWG in 2011, Janet taught American Government for two semesters before being hired as the Director of Community Development for the City of Villa Rica.

In her words: "While in the planning program at UWG, I did my internship at the City of Villa Rica and was fortunate to be called back when they had an opening for Director of Community Development. I have accomplished getting design guidelines approved by the City Council for historic properties, passage of a vacant property registry, and am currently working on development of an Opportunity Zone and Revitalization Area Strategy, both of which will provide incentives for development in the city. This is an exciting time in community development as cities struggle to gain a foothold after the economic downturn. I feel very fortunate to have found a job so close to home where I can use what I learned at UWG!"

ALUMNI UPDATE

Regional Alumni Gatherings

Regional alumni receptions are being re-tooled to offer a more dynamic program while offering lifelong learning opportunities. When you attend one of these events, you will still have social and networking opportunities and learn what is going on in Carrollton and at UWG. You will also learn from faculty members or alumni who will speak on relevant topics such as the spirituality in children, creating your retirement nest egg, etc. Be on the lookout for events in your area.

Join an Alumni Network

We're developing alumni networks that will be located in areas with ample alumni populations (based on geography). Additional networks will rally around a central affinity or interest (band, multicultural, academic area, etc). In 2013 we will develop **Alumni Networks** in Carroll, Coweta, Cobb, Gwinnett and ITP (inside the perimeter — Atlanta city proper), as well as for all international alumni. Affinity-based Alumni Networks will launch in the areas of Marching Band and Multicultural interests.

We are looking for alumni in each location or group to assist in the development and launch of these web-based networks.

30 under 30

Do you know any UWG Young Alumni who are accomplishing great things in their career or community? If so, consider nominating them to our new list of **30 under 30** accomplished young alumni. Nominees must have graduated within the past 10 years, be 30 years old or younger as of March 15, 2013, and have made a documentable impact in business, education, leadership, government, research, service or other area. Submissions must be made by someone other than the nominee. From the nominations, we will select the top 30 young alumni who best fit the program's criteria.

Taking Risks in a Corporate World

Advice from Bank Executive Jim Collins

By Yolanda Rodriguez and Jim Collins

When a group of Richards College of Business students visited Jim Collins '91 in London, he had some simple advice for them: "You have to take risks."

Jim told the visiting students to look beyond the negative economic news. "I tried to explain to them that you make of it what you put into it. If you can't find a job in metro Atlanta, there are [other] hubs."

Jim speaks from experience. After graduating with a BBA in finance, he left metro Atlanta for Tampa to work for Salomon Brothers, one of the biggest investment firms in the country at the time. His other moves included a one-year stint at Tech Data, an IT company that serves big box electronic stores. A job with Deutsche Bank, when it was starting an aggressive push to expand into the U.S., took Jim and his family to New York in 1997.

At Deutsche Bank, Jim managed a team of about 120 people to develop technology that streamlined trades and reduced costs. The unit was ready to go in the fall of 2001, but the events of September 11 changed everything. Debris from the World Trade Center damaged much of Deutsche Bank's black glass tower on Liberty Street.

"All the servers were gone," Jim explains. "One and a half years of work was gone."

"You have to take risks."

Jim had met with UWG and UGA students in the summer of 2001 to discuss technology in investment banking. "The day the planes hit the towers, the second call I got at my desk was from one of the visiting professors from West Georgia," says Jim. "It made a lasting impression."

After the attacks, Jim moved to the trading side of the business. Today he is Deutsche Bank's global chief operating officer for institutional client sales. The unit has 1,600 professionals working in more than 40 countries, distributing fixed income and equities products to large institutional clients.

Jim, 44, a father of two teenage daughters and a five-year-old son, is based in London, where he moved in August 2010. The experience has been great for his family. His teenage daughters attend an American school in the city and have traveled to Belgium, the Czech Republic, Dubai, France, Norway, Italy, Majorca, Spain, Poland, Scotland, Romania, Greece, Thailand and Ireland in the last 2 years.

"I took a risk moving to Tampa directly out of college and without a job," Jim says. "I took a risk moving to New York – selling my house, getting on an airplane with my wife and two young



Risk-taker Jim Collins '91 is Deutsche Bank's global chief operating officer for institutional client sales.

kids. I then took another risk 15 years later moving to another country."

And once you have a job, do it well and don't be afraid, he advised the visiting students. "At work, sometimes you put your neck on the line. I'd rather have people who put their necks on the line and get it wrong sometimes as opposed to someone who keeps their opinions to themselves and never challenges the organization or their management."

"I'm very proud of going to UWG and I tried to convey that to the students" he says. "People tend to use their college degree as a badge of honor. You step out of Georgia, no one necessarily has heard of West Georgia. That's okay. Don't let that intimidate you."

The Caring Way



THE UWG SCHOOL OF NURSING has much to celebrate: a new building, a doctoral degree for preparing nurse educators and record high enrollment.

The Caring Way is the central entrance to the new Nursing Building constructed with engraved pavers to commemorate students, alumni, faculty, staff, friends, family members or nurses who have made a difference in your life. You may choose to show your year of graduation, thank a professor, leave a message to contemplate or simply etch your name in history. This special program gives you a chance to support academic excellence in a caring environment for the School of Nursing while leaving a legacy that future generations of students will enjoy for years to come.

Purchase a 4" x 8" brick for \$200.
westga.edu/betheone
(The Caring Way)
678-839-6136



UWG FACES



THE CHAMPION

Name: Dr. Velisa Levett Caldwell '92

Home: Dallas, Georgia

Profession: Special Education Lead Teacher for Marietta City Schools

Recent accomplishments: Inducted into the UWG Hall of Fame for her outstanding performance on the women's basketball team (1987-1991); earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Capella University in 2008.

In her words: "The faculty and staff at the University of West Georgia provided me with the personal skills and discipline that influenced my career decisions in a big way. They are great examples of educators. I was inspired to be just that for my students and to help prepare them for the future. Because I was exposed to such a strong educational foundation, I can continue to strive for excellence while pursuing educational goals."

"My biggest accomplishment by far is earning the title of wife and mother. I have been happily married to the love of my life, Jeffery Caldwell, for 15 years. We have two beautiful children, Joshua, 9, and Ashley, 7. They truly brighten our lives every day."

Board of Regents Approves Real Property Acquisition for UWG-Newnan

By Maggie Worth

The University of West Georgia is going West — three miles west — to downtown Newnan. On Tuesday, January 8, 2013, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted to approve the acquisition of the real property at 80 W. Jackson St., the site of the historic Newnan Hospital facility. The decision is the result of nearly two years of planning by key stakeholders at the Board of Regents, UWG, the City of Newnan, Coweta County and Newnan Hospital, Inc., all of whom are committed to strengthening the area's workforce through improved access to education for both traditional and non-traditional students in the Newnan area.

House Representative Lynn Smith has long supported the acquisition. "It was an idea that became a vision that became a reality," she explains. "Something like this takes a lot of hard work by many dedicated people. And it takes tenacity. It takes people and organizations that are willing to invest time and energy in the community. Everyone involved has done just that and it's because we're doing something important here. We're educating our future leaders."

The project began with a generous offer by Newnan Hospital, Inc. to donate the historic hospital building and surrounding 6.13 acres for use as an educational facility. The offer also included a \$4.2 million donation to begin improvements. This donation package will soon be accepted by the City of Newnan, which will fund \$15 million in much needed renovations. All contracts and planning will be managed by the City, though the university will help guide the design process based on current and anticipated instructional needs. Upon completion of the first construction phase, which will create about 51,000 square feet of usable space and nearly 32,000 square feet of "warm shell" expansion space, the Board of Regents will purchase the property for \$5 million. UWG will then vacate the current Newnan site in Shenandoah Industrial Park and, upon receipt of a quit claim deed from Coweta County, will sell the property to fund additional renovations in the unfinished shell space.

At the end of phase one, the university will move its Newnan-based undergraduate and graduate degree programs in nursing, education and business to

the facility and will seek to expand its healthcare-related degree programs in Newnan. This will include additional nursing laboratories, patient simulators and classrooms because the Newnan/Coweta area is fast becoming a respected healthcare focal point and a pool of highly educated, well-prepared nurses is a vital component to the community's continued growth in this critical-need field. In addition, the new facility will provide space for a large lecture hall, a library, a food court, a bookstore and additional administrative and faculty offices. It will also allow UWG to expand dual-enrollment opportunities for local high school students, particularly in the science, math and technology disciplines.

University President Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna is among those celebrating the Board's decision today. "I am very excited about the significantly increased UWG presence in Newnan, made possible by the Board of Regents' approval of the acquisition of the property, subject of course, to all the specified clearances. This will be a win for the wonderful people of Newnan and Coweta, who will have increased access to first-class undergraduate and graduate programs; a win for UWG, which will have increased access to the great students of the area; a win for the State; and a win for the vibrancy and development of downtown Newnan!"

A few additional tasks must be completed before the project officially begins. The traffic study is complete and shows no impact. The City and County signed the necessary legal agreements at a City Council meeting on January 22. A Board-stipulated environmental study is scheduled for completion soon. In early April, the City will select an architect and create a design team to review the original floor plans and make any necessary changes. Based on current projections, UWG anticipates that it will begin serving students from the new site in early 2015.



and its long history. It's where we were born, where our children were born, where many of us worked as 'candy strippers' or 'blue skirts' during our high school years. It has been an important part of Newnan and Coweta County since it was first built in 1925. I'm ecstatic that it will be transformed into a downtown college campus."

The university extends gratitude to Chancellor Hank Huckaby, the Georgia Board of Regents, and staff members Lee Richey, Steve Wrigley, John Brown, Joe Fucile and Peter Hickey for supporting the growth of UWG-Newnan and also gratefully recognizes

"I'm pleased that we've come this far and excited about getting the project underway," says Keith Brady, mayor of Newnan. "The benefits of having the University of West Georgia join the fabric of our downtown are far reaching and will be felt for generations. The most important thing that we can do to ensure that our children want to live and raise their families here is to provide an attractive quality of life. This expansion of the West Georgia campus helps achieve that goal."

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"It was an idea that became a vision that became a reality."
—Lynn Smith

UWG-Newnan has operated from its current site in the Shenandoah Industrial Park for 22 years. This property, which originally belonged to Georgia Power Company, was purchased by Coweta County in 1998 and donated to the University of West Georgia. In addition to core curriculum classes and joint enrollment for high school students, UWG-Newnan offers two full undergraduate degree programs (Early Childhood Education and Nursing) and five graduate degree programs (Master's in Early Childhood, Special Ed, and Secondary Education; Master's in Business Administration; and Specialist in Educational Leadership). Forty percent of the Newnan Center's students reside in Coweta County, and undergraduate enrollment has quadrupled over the past ten years.

"I am thrilled that the project has finally been approved," says Cathy Wright, Director of the Newnan Center. "Native Newnanites like me have a special connection to the old Newnan Hospital

Georgia House Representative Lynn Smith for her contributions, which have helped UWG reach this important milestone.

While continuing to remember the strong support of past community leaders Bill Williams, Scott Wilson, Bobby Welch, Winston Dowdell and Inez Slaton, UWG is very grateful for the vision, hard work and persistence of Tom Moat and the Newnan Hospital, Inc., Board, Newnan Mayor Keith Brady, the Newnan City Council, Cleatus Phillips, Hasco Craver, Theron Gay, the Coweta County Commissioners and the UWG-Newnan Advisory Board. The assistance of consultants from Cooper-Carry Architects and Jones Lang LaSalle, and the support of Piedmont Newnan Hospital CEO Michael Bass and the Piedmont team have also been vital to this endeavor.

Dr. Jon Anderson deserves special praise as he has led the project for UWG for approximately two years, and Brendan Bowen has been the point person for the facilities side. UWG recognizes the contributions of past faculty and staff including President Maurice Townsend, Steve McCutcheon, Tim Hynes, Don Wagner, Carol Goodson, Scott Stallings and Rob Tornow, and commends the efforts of present staff members Jim Sutherland, Michael Horvath, Melanie Clay, Kathryn Grams and Cathy Wright.

UWG further acknowledges the contributions of Dr. Steve Barker, Superintendent of Coweta County Schools, and Mr. Mark Whitlock, who initiated and continue to work toward a larger role for UWG in dual enrollment in Coweta County.

Above all, UWG thanks its students—past, present and future—for making the efforts and investments of all parties worthwhile.

"We're just proud to have been a small part of this project," says Tom Moat, Chair of Newnan Hospital, Inc. "This is something that will allow a lot of kids to start or finish college right here in Newnan and it will last a lot longer than any of us."

A View of Mark-to-Market Accounting in Georgia Banking

Did Accounting Regulations Make Community Banking a Riskier Business?

By Dr. William J. Smith
Department of Economics

Prior to the 2007-2009 Recession, the FASB adopted rule modifications, known as FAS157 that changed the way businesses were supposed to value assets. The intent of the rule change was to make business operations more transparent; however, the changes adopted by the FASB likely made community-based banks, riskier, not safer investments.

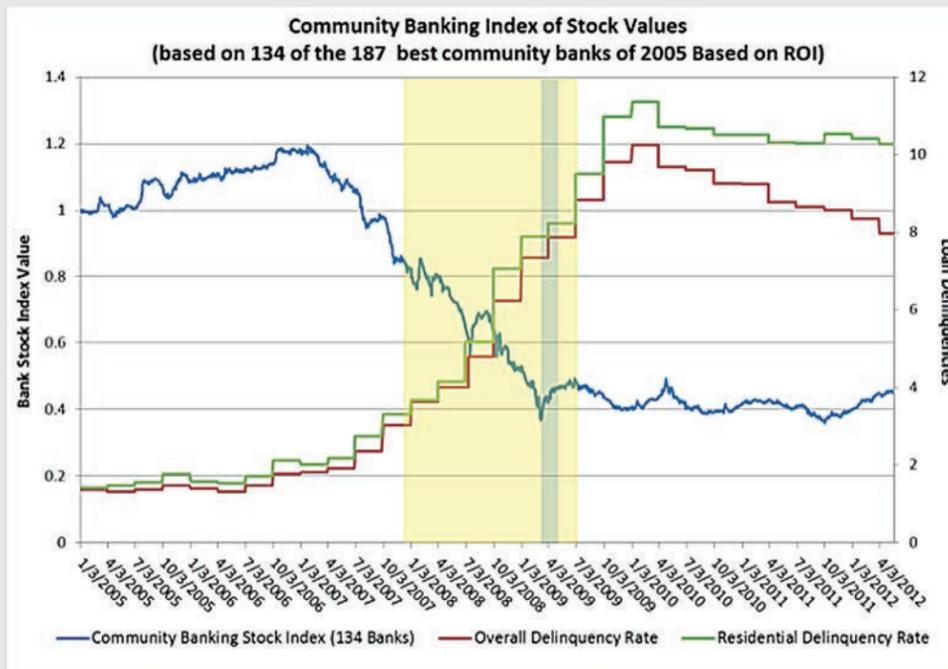
The Vicious Cycle

The new standard expanded mark-to-market valuation to more assets held by banks. A major issue with mark-to-market prices that has been identified in research is the potential for “negative feedback loops.” In a stable market, the impact of the accounting rule change may have been beneficial to the investor and for banks; however, the timing was unfortunate. The rule changes were made just prior to the onset of the U.S. housing market collapse. The result was a vicious cycle of negative re-valuation, forced fire sales of bank assets, followed by more negative assets re-valuations with the (then current) market prices based on the new fire-sale prices. Mortgage-backed securities were an extreme example of this cycle.

Even when many of the mortgages contained in mortgage-backed securities were being paid, the mark-to-market value of these “asset” fell to essentially zero, driving a wedge between the value based on its cash flow and the current market price.

This cycle was especially vicious for smaller banks that, because of their ties to the local housing market and commercial real estate sector, were less able to diversify their asset portfolio. As assets held by community banks lost value, so did the stock price of many of even the strongest publically-traded community-based banks. While federal officials struggled to comprehend the enormity of the problem and formulate a strategy to deal with it for the nation’s largest (too big to fail) banks, community-based banks were already starting to fail. Georgia’s fast-growing housing market made the state an epicenter of foreclosures and of bank failures.

The graph below depicts an index of 134 publicly-traded community-based banks along with delinquency rates for all loans and residential properties. In the 3rd quarter of 2006, the US started experiencing a rise in the rate of foreclosure in residential property. In January 2007, the average value of stock in these 134 banks began to decline rapidly. The decline in these banks’ average stock price is likely the result of investors pricing in the risk associated with these banks’



exposure to the housing market and assets backed by real estate. The decline in these banking stocks continued for two years, extending from January 2007 to March 2009.

In March 2009, the FASB initiated a discussion period about the potential of relaxing the mark-to-market rules implemented in late 2007 to help lessen the severity of the cycle of devaluation (denoted in the graph by the light blue vertical bar). Less than two weeks later, the FASB issued the official amendment to FAS157, which provides more guidance on how to fairly value assets and securities that are in illiquid markets. The amendment states that if the market for a security is illiquid, and/or a sale, hypothetical or not, was not orderly (i.e., forced) then management is allowed to use different “techniques” to value those securities, such as discounting cash flows. Early adopters were allowed to apply the ruling as of March 15, 2009, and the rest as of June 15, 2009.

Crossing Borders:

UWG Continues International Success

By Taylor Bryant

The University of West Georgia’s success truly has no boundaries. In December 2012, four UWG students proved to have incredible insight into international affairs. The University of West Georgia placed third among nine institutions at the 20th International Economics Convention in Mumbai, India. The team paper took third place, and team member Borja Arino was awarded second place in the “Best Presenter” ranking.

Each institution was assigned a research topic relevant to the theme “India: The Next Superpower—Dream or Reality?” The students’ presentation, “International Relations and Defense,” was supported by archival research and statistical analysis.

UWG was the only foreign team to compete in the convention and consisted of four students from the Richards College of Business. Borja Arino, Dionna Livingston, Amaan Kazerouni and Ayaan Kazerouni impressed the convention with analytical facts and a superb presentation. Faculty sponsor Dr. John Upson, Assistant Professor of Strategic Management, and Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, Professor of Business Administration and President of UWG, joined them as well.

“Our team brought its best to the competition and showed why UWG excels at undergraduate research,” explains Dr. John Upson, faculty member and team sponsor. “The team gave an outstanding presentation that clearly addressed the issue and included the most rigorous empirical analysis of the convention.”



Left to right, Dr. John Upson, Assistant Professor of Strategic Management; Borja Arino; Amaan Kazerouni; Ayaan Kazerouni; Dionna Livingston and Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, President of the University of West Georgia.

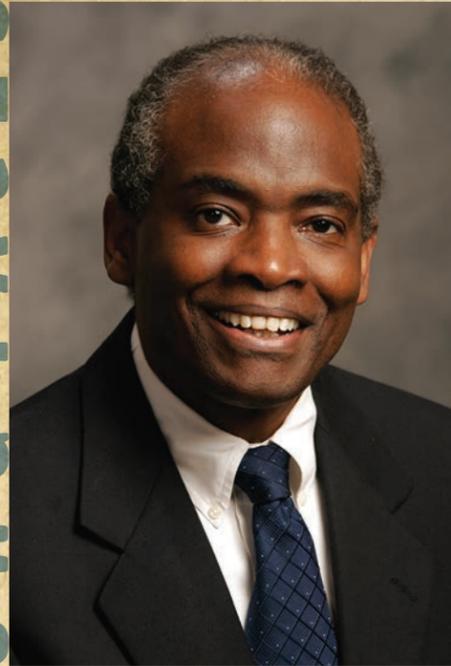
UWG President Dr. Beheruz Sethna adds, “I echo Dr. Upson’s assessment. The UWG team did an exceptional job in its research and presentation, and I am very proud of all our students and Dr. Upson’s leadership. The credit goes to them entirely.”

“We have already achieved national recognition in undergraduate research and will continue to carve out such a reputation within the United States,” continues Dr. Sethna. “In addition, my hope and vision is that UWG will be able to establish an international presence, such that the concept of a robust undergraduate research program in selected countries will gradually come to be associated with UWG and its trendsetting model.” President Sethna also gave the convention’s valedictory address: “Global Leadership in a Flattening World.”

The Richards College of Business, International Services and Programs, and the Honors College sponsored the team’s visit to Mumbai. This is the second year UWG attended the international convention and the team is invited to attend next year’s conference as well.



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THE THINKER

Name: Dr. Donadrian L. Rice

Home: Spartanburg, SC

Profession: Professor of Psychology at UWG since 1978; Licensed Therapist in Georgia since 1988; Chair of the Psychology Department since 1993; Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1995-1996 and 2007-2009; Associate VP for Academic Affairs from 1999-2001

Recent accomplishments: Lead the effort of the department of psychology to offer the first Ph.D. program at UWG and the first Ph.D. offered by an institution in UWG’s tier in the University System of Georgia

In his words: “Having the opportunity to observe as well as participate in higher education for the last 35 years, and carefully noting the ever-changing social, political, and economic environment in which we live, I am convinced even more strongly of the importance of a good liberal arts education to help students develop flexibility in thinking, critical awareness and emotional intelligence in order to navigate the emerging new global society.”

Turning Trees into Treasure:

Moulthrop Family Shares Award-winning Talent



By Lisa Matheson

If you've ever watched Public Broadcasting's program *Antiques Roadshow*, then you know the thrill of finding treasure in one's own backyard. West Georgia alumnus Philip Moulthrop is just such a treasure.

What makes him such a treasure is his art—Philip is a globally acclaimed, award-winning wood-turning artist.

Philip graduated in 1969 with his B.A. in Biology from then West Georgia College, where he also met his future bride, Renee. After college, he enlisted in the Navy and served his country for two years, both here and abroad in Saigon, Vietnam. Upon completing his service, he worked for a couple of years before using the G.I. Bill to attend the Woodrow Wilson College of Law.

While he successfully practiced law for many years, art runs through his veins—quite literally. Wood-turning is a family affair. Philip is the son of Ed Moulthrop, who is credited with elevating wood-turning from craft to art. Son Matt is now following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

For many years, photography served as Philip's main artistic outlet, but his passion for wood-turning could not be denied.

"I've always enjoyed working with my hands," says Philip. "I did photography for about a dozen years, and it was a lot of fun, but I found I could not do both."

Wood-turning even won out over practicing law. "Over the course of eight or so years, I began taking one day off a week to turn wood and found I couldn't give it back. One day progressed to two and so on," Philip recalls. "In the '90s, I quit [practicing law]. I didn't want to have any regrets, and it's worked out pretty well."

Indeed it has. Philip's work has been exhibited in notable galleries and on permanent display in preeminent museums.

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Sometimes I sketch a piece, but it never looks as good as in your mind. You learn to look at the tree itself, its patterns.

—Philip Moulthrop

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(L) Philip Moulthrop is a nationally-renowned wood-turning artist.

(R) A spectacular red leopard maple bowl, almost 20 inches in diameter, is a gift to the university from Philip and Renee Moulthrop.

Philip's wooden vessels are a part of several permanent collections, including the High Museum of Art, Yale University and the White House Collection of American Crafts.

In fact, the Moulthrop family is one of only two families in the U.S. in which three generations have work on display at the Smithsonian Institution's Renwick Gallery of the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C.

Philip continues to make his mark. Just this past October, he was honored as a Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities winner—which was especially poignant as each of the twelve Governor's Awards was uniquely designed and hand-crafted from native Georgia hardwoods by his son Matt.

Even with all his acclaim, he has not forgotten his West Georgia roots. This summer, Philip returned to his alma mater to donate one of his revered wood-turned bowls.

"We were delighted to receive the most generous gift from Philip and Renee Moulthrop, an absolutely spectacular creation—a red leopard maple bowl, almost 20 inches in diameter and about 15 inches tall. Philip is a nationally-renowned artist, and

we are deeply honored," says Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna.

"Philip's sculpture initially adorned the conference table in the President's Office but is now on permanent display on the first floor of the Ingram Library," says Dr. Randy Hendricks, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

"With the help of facilities, we were able to save some wood from trees felled on campus to make way for new construction. We are turning this material over to Philip," says Hendricks.

"Plans are underway for a larger show of Philip's and son Matt's work in one or more of our galleries and for workshops conducted by the pair for our art students."

Philip shares this advice for UWG's current and future alumni: "Think in a different context. Don't feel like you're locked in and don't be afraid. Things change and sometimes it's good to go with the changes."

We—and the art world—couldn't agree more.

For more information on the Moulthrop family, visit: www.moulthropstudios.com, and stop by the Ingram Library to see the Moulthrop sculpture.



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Shop owner diversifies with family-inspired clothing line

By Frank Pritchett

The Squire Shop has a storied history as a Carrollton establishment, offering distinctive men's wear since 1963. And it's always been an alumni-owned business. The shop's story almost came to an end in 2005 when its original owner Charles Willis '59 decided to close.

It stepped April Brewer Harris '04, who was one year removed from receiving her BBA degree from UWG and working at a women's boutique in Atlanta.

"One day I received a call from Charles telling me The Squire Shop would be closing in the coming year," explains April. "I was devastated and decided to move back to Carrollton and work with them for the remaining time they were open."

She recalls the first day back on the job, having worked there during high school.

"Charles asked what I thought about buying the business. My first reaction was, 'I'm only 24!' After a little encouragement, he helped me to see that I could do anything I put my mind to, so my parents and I discussed the opportunity and decided to take this leap of faith and buy the business," says the young business owner.

Since that day, she's grown the business while surviving the worst economy since the Great Depression. How did she do it? She listened to her father, retired UWG faculty member and former director of Career Services, Bruce Brewer.

April tapped into his lectures about creating additional "streams" of income and decided to explore family history through her great grandfather's love of hunting. The end result was the launching of her own clothing line, Brewer's Lantern,



April Brewer Harris '04, owner of The Squire Shop, launched the Brewer's Lantern clothing line on the advice of her father, retired UWG faculty member and former director of Career Services, Bruce Brewer.

which is now in more than 50 retail stores across 10 states.

"Arthur Bruce was a charter member of The Choctaw Hunting Club and could be found many weekends in the piney woods and fields of the South," explains April. "His outdoor exploits generally included two of his favorite hunting dogs: Rex, a German short hair retriever; and a Labrador retriever by the name Henley. I also found many images of antique lanterns while exploring the family roots."

A visit to her current Maple Street location provides a glimpse into her history, a wide selection of clothing options for men and even a few items created just for women, too.

Visit squireshop.org.

Annual Giving 2012: Report from Frank Pritchett

Alumni, friends, corporations and foundations donated \$5.6 million to the University of West Georgia Foundation in 2012, according to Diane Homesley, director of development and alumni relations.

"We attribute our success to a community that recognizes UWG's positive influence on the economy and quality of life, faculty and staff who care deeply about the institution and the students they serve, and our loyal alumni who want to give back to the institution that provided a foundation for their success," explains Diane, adding that volunteers worked tirelessly for UWG.

Several records were set during the calendar-year campaign. Alumni and friends donated more than \$764,000 to the Annual Fund, and more than 60 percent of faculty and staff donated

more than \$130,000 – both high marks.

The balance was raised through planned gifts and major gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations.

"We are now in a new year so we start the process over," says Diane. "We look forward to another successful year and encourage our alumni to continue making great things happen for UWG and its students by supporting the Foundation."

According to Dr. Bill Estes, vice president for university advancement, fundraising totals for 2012 represented the most successful campaign since 2007. "We are indebted to our wonderful alumni and friends who continue to partner with us and embrace our vision for the University of West Georgia."

To make a gift, visit: westga.edu/givewest.



HISTORY CORNER

By Suzanne Durham

Soon after leaving his long-tenured position as president of West Georgia College in 1960, Irvine Ingram embarked on a 20-country world tour that had him heading west from the United States. With his daughter, Anne, he departed from Hawaii on August 26, and visited Japan, China, the Philippines, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Spain, France, and England, returning via New York on December 9.

The two served as ambassadors of West Georgia's Department of Adult Education. Their trip was funded in part by the Ford Foundation, which gave the college \$3,500 toward Ingram's expenses. Anne contributed \$2,500 and Ingram borrowed \$3,000 against an insurance policy to cover the rest of the costs.

While he traveled, Ingram relayed travel columns from each location, which were published in the *Atlanta Journal*. His commentary reflected political, educational, and cultural observations about each country he visited. From Israel, Ingram discoursed on the Arab-Israeli divide, a topic still troublesome today. In this photograph from the Irvine S. Ingram Papers of Special Collections, Ingram and his daughter are shown visiting the site of Christ's burial and resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Greenway Sponsors Athletic Operations Building

By Lisa Matheson and Elizabeth Stone

The University of West Georgia formally announced a sponsorship agreement with Greenway Medical Technologies in November 2012. Under the agreement, West Georgia's new Athletic Operations Building will officially be titled the "Athletic Operations Building, sponsored by Greenway, Inc."

UWG Vice President for University Advancement Dr. Bill Estes is enthusiastic about the agreement. According to Dr. Estes, this is a leap in the university's efforts to partner with the community.

"The corporate partnership between Greenway and the university is a significant one," says Dr. Estes. "First, it represents the continuation of a deep and growing relationship between the community and UWG. Secondly, it provides a model of new funding support for West Georgia

Athletics, a model that is being adopted by progressive universities across the country."

Dr. Estes continues, "All of us at UWG are grateful to the Green family and all our friends at Greenway as they partner with us for the future. We hope that it is the first of several opportunities which will provide additional visibility to our partners and support for our program."

Greenway officials are equally enthusiastic about the partnership. "With about a third of our employee base being graduates of the University of West Georgia, Greenway has always maintained close ties to the campus and has benefited from its academic excellence," says Chief Operating

Officer Greg Schulenburg. "We are, of course, very proud to assist the capital improvements brought by the new Athletic Operations Building, and pleased the university has chosen to honor us with this recognition. In the past we have been able to assist the health center by donating electronic health record solutions to its student medical care, and together we can continue to benefit our community."

In recognition of the agreement, a plaque honoring Greenway is permanently displayed at the AOB. Lighted signage for Greenway is affixed on the north side of building, making it visible to fans within University Stadium.



Lighted signage for Greenway is affixed on the north side of the AOB.



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THE TRAILBLAZER

Name: RuRu Ewubare '13

Home: Lagos, Nigeria

Major: Master of Business Administration

Recent accomplishments: By April 2013, RuRu will be not just an MBA graduate, but the first in her family to receive an MBA.

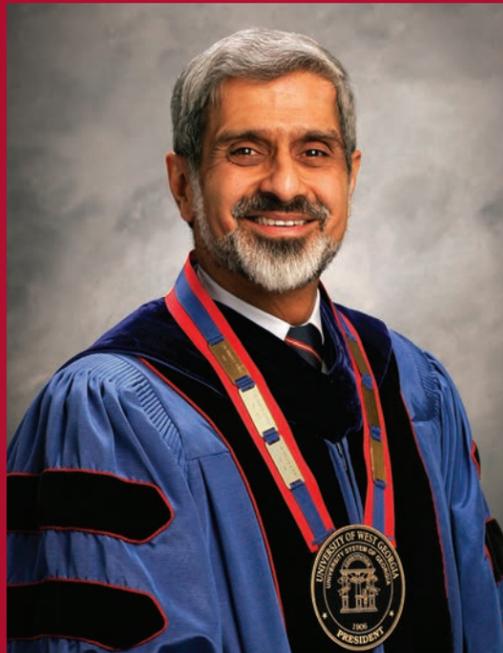
In her words: "After working for Berkshire Hathaway as a financial advisor, I decided to pursue an MBA degree from an institution that would position me as a well-rounded graduate upon completion of the program. UWG has done just that! I have developed the skill set needed for constant self-improvement and individual empowerment. I feel like my opportunities upon graduation are endless. As an international student, this has been the most enriching experience I have ever encountered. I am very excited and confident going into the future knowing that my degree from UWG will open doors to unparalleled opportunities and accelerate my career growth in the field of business."



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The Student Becomes the Teacher

Two UWG Professors Come Full Circle

By Elizabeth Stone

Every teacher hopes to make an impression on a student. Rarely does a student have the opportunity to return the favor.

In the early 1990s, Dr. Diane Sharp was a Spanish professor at the University of West Georgia, and Clint Samples was a UWG student trying to make his way through core classes. Clint found himself in Spanish 103, a foundation course required for his major and true passion, art. Although he recalls having trouble with the verbs, Dr. Sharp remembers that he was a good student and dedicated to his work.

"I remember what a nice student he was, congenial and hardworking," says Dr. Sharp. "I remember seeing his artwork lining the hallway, and I remember thinking 'my goodness he's talented.' I've always loved art, so I was really impressed." Dr. Sharp would find out years later that she had also made an impression on Clint, and that their shared love for art would lead to a reunion.

Dr. Sharp was a Spanish instructor at West Georgia from 1969 to 1974, during which time she met and married her husband, Joe Sharp, then a math professor at the college. While raising two children, Dr. Sharp decided to teach part-time until 1985. After spending two years teaching high school Spanish, Dr. Sharp received a fellowship to Emory University where she earned a doctorate in Spanish Literature. She returned to West Georgia as a full-time professor and retired in 2006.

Upon retirement, Dr. Sharp began to invest in her hobbies and her passion for arts and crafts. This eventually brought her back to the University of West Georgia when she enrolled in an art class in the 2012 fall semester. She immediately recognized her professor as the hardworking, congenial, extremely talented Spanish student from her class, Clint Samples.



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After spending five years as a part-time professor at UWG, Clint Samples became a full-time art professor in 2004. He says that he continues to draw from Dr. Sharp's example as an instructor, and that he even likes to surprise his students from time to time by speaking Spanish.

"She was a caring, engaging and patient teacher," says Clint. "There are teachers who make a memorable and lasting impression on their students, and Diane was definitely one of those teachers. As a professor, you take a lot of what you learned as a student and apply that to your own teaching."

Dr. Sharp attributes Clint's success as a professor to his ability to inspire an atmosphere of camaraderie among his students. "Clint gave the students a lot of responsibility," says Dr. Sharp. "We had several opportunities to interact with one another. It's very important as a teacher to be congenial to your students but to also inspire the students to foster a spirit of camaraderie, and Clint does that well."

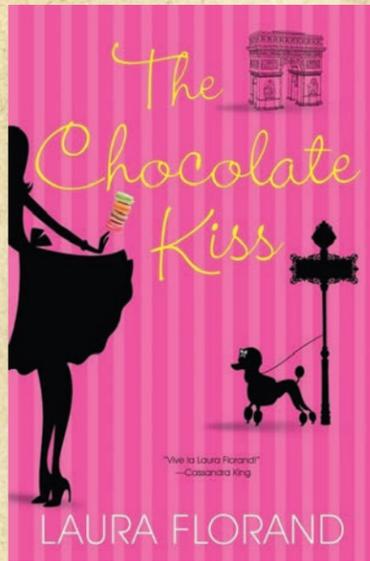
Clint also asks the students to participate in "group critiques." The

students are asked to comment on each other's work honestly in order to foster a spirit of openness. Although it made Dr. Sharp anxious at first, she says that it was a great learning experience and helped to refine her work.

Dr. Sharp's favorite project during the class included a trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Students were asked to photograph interesting plants for their subjects. Because of her love of plants, Dr. Sharp felt inspired by this assignment, and according to Clint, it showed. He says that the botanicals project was her best work of the semester.

"Diane was a fantastic student," says Clint. "She was hardworking, always full of ideas, never complained, just came in and did the work. Diane proves that sometimes the best students are nontraditional."

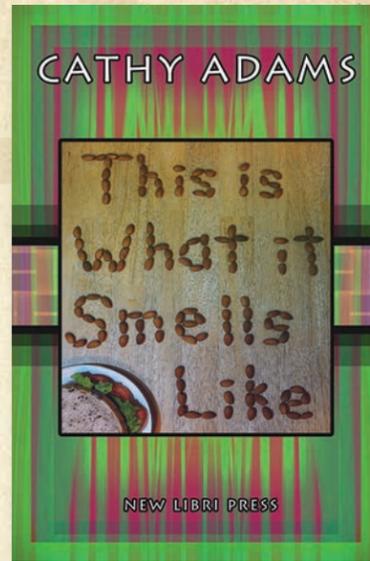
Dr. Sharp and Clint have developed an obvious and unique friendship. Though the class has ended, she still seeks his advice and suggestions on her recent projects. Dr. Sharp is planning to voluntarily return to one of Clint's art classes this summer.



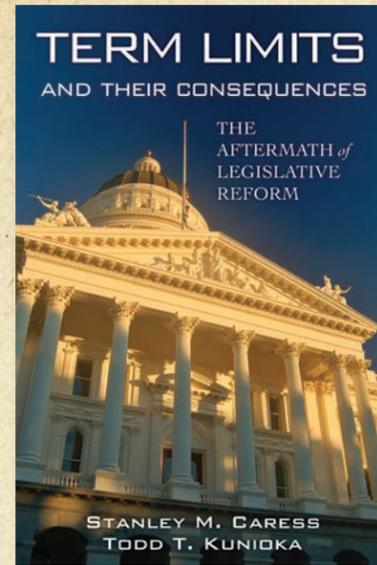
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Laura Higgins Florand '92

The Chocolate Kiss (Amour Et Chocolat)

At La Maison des Sorcieres the window display is an enchanted forest of sweets, a collection of conical hats and chocolate witches. In their tiny blue kitchen, Magalie Chaudron and her two aunts stir wishes into bubbling pots of heavenly chocolat chaud, but no amount of wishing will rid them of interloper Philippe Lyonais who plans to open one of his world famous pastry shops down the street. Philippe's creations hold a magic of their own, drawing crowds of beautiful women and tempting even Magalie to venture out of her ivory tower and take a chance, a taste...a kiss.

The Chocolate Kiss is the second in a loosely connected series of four books set in the world of top Parisian chocolatiers. The first book in the series, *The Chocolate Thief*, follows an American chocolate heiress as she follows her dreams and ambitions to Paris.

Hilary Hyland '73

The Wreck of the Ethie

In 1919, just before Christmas, the S.S. Ethie departs Port Saunders, Newfoundland, for St. John's Harbor with 92 passengers and crew. After several difficult days at sea, a violent winter storm casts the coastal steamer Ethie onto rocks one-half mile off of the jagged cliffs of northwest Newfoundland. Guided by his fisherman master, and following his own instincts, Skipper, a hardworking and courageous Newfoundland dog, braves the icy, dangerous waters to carry a lifeline from the sinking ship to shore. A seat is rigged to this cable, which carries each person onboard to safety. All 92 passengers and crew were saved from probable death in the icy Atlantic waters by the actions of this brave dog.

If you are a UWG alumnus with a recently published book, we'd love to feature you in Book Notes. Contact Elizabeth Stone at estone@westga.edu.

Cathy Adams '87 '94

This is What It Smells Like

At 24, Valentine has never met her father, Ray. Now he asks to return to her North Carolina home so that he can meet her and die in peace. When he shows up with the stepson no one knew existed and his pet gecko, Val wants nothing to do with either of them, but Tess, her drug-addicted mother, is ready to bring everyone together in one big, dysfunctional family.

Born with the surreal ability to smell deception, love, fear, even days of the week, Valentine sniffs out a decades old secret between her mother, the brooding priest who has been spying on her from his office window at the college across the street, and the dying father she knows only from old photographs. Forgiveness and reconciliation seem impossible until something is revealed to Valentine on the night of her father's death.

Dr. Stanley M. Caress (Faculty)

Term Limits and Their Consequences

Term Limits and Their Consequences provides a clear, comprehensive and nonpartisan look at all aspects of legislative term limits, a controversial feature of the American political landscape. Stanley M. Caress and Todd T. Kunioka trace the emergence of the grassroots movement that supported term limits and explain why the idea of term limits became popular with voters. At the same time, they put term limits into a broader historical context, illustrating how they are one of many examples of the public's desire to reform government. Utilizing a blend of quantitative data and interviews, Caress and Kunioka discuss the impact of term limits, focusing on the largest state, California. They scrutinize voting data to determine if term limits have altered election outcomes or the electoral chances of women and minority candidates, and reveal how restricting a legislator's time in office has changed political careers and ambitions.

What's New at UWG?

HOWL FOR UWG's phase one is complete. Nine beautiful painted wolves now grace campus and local landmarks. See the on-campus wolves at University Stadium, The Coliseum and the UWG Bookstore, then visit Adamson Square, the Carrollton Cultural Art Center, Carrollton City Hall, the Carrollton Amphitheater, and the main branches of Community & Southern Bank and Carroll Realty & Insurance to view the rest. Plus, watch for details about phase two, coming soon!



APRIL is a month of events at UWG including the annual Alumni Gala, Dr. Sethna's retirement celebrations, Spring Commencement and an exciting concert. Be sure to check the **ONLINE CALENDER** at westga.edu for the latest on all our great happenings.

Construction is underway for the **EAST VILLAGE** housing and dining project. It includes a 460-bed suite building, a new dining complex, and new offices for Housing and Residence Life as well as an amphitheater, courtyards, and terraces to encourage social interaction and lifestyle flexibility. We're also renovating the 290-bed Bowdon Hall, inside and out, to include ADA accessibility, updated community style bathrooms and complete wireless coverage. As with the Center Pointe Suites project, we're working to preserve welcoming green spaces around the new facilities.



UWG | ONLINE UWG's **ONLINE PROGRAMS** are earning recognition! *U.S. News & World Report* recently ranked our Online Graduate Computer Information Technology Programs sixth in the nation. Our online undergraduate program in criminology also earned accolades as did the online graduate programs in business, nursing and education.

DR. FAROOQ KHAN was recently named Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. He will officially assume the position as dean on July 1, 2013.

Fall semester **ENROLLMENT** at the University of West Georgia reached an all-time high with 11,769 students—a 1.1 percent increase compared to last year.

'30s

Homer Smith '32 (A & M School) celebrated 80 years from West Georgia this year by visiting with classmates and friends at the annual '30s/'40s reunion lunch on campus at Homecoming in October. He spoke about his fond memories while at West Georgia many years ago. His daughter, **Mary Lynn '71 '90** (BS business administration and ASN nursing), and son-in-law, **Dr. Larry Frazier**, retired Professor of Music and Director of Opera Workshop, accompanied him at the reunion. A long-time golfer with Mary, his late wife, Smith is the last surviving charter member of Sunset Hills Country Club. He also enjoys sitting court-side at UWG basketball games.

'40s

Jane Wright Brock '49 (general) is a retired teacher of 32 years in Floyd County, where she taught 5th grade elementary school. She enjoys traveling and has been to all 50 states, has been on 72 cruises, bowls in a league every Monday night, and is learning to golf! She resides in Rome.

'50s

Joyce Pryor White '51 (general), "Hello to my 1951 classmates!" Since retiring from Delta Air Lines, she has done a lot of traveling and been involved with the UWG National Alumni Board of Directors, supporting the growth of her wonderful alma-mater. Each time she is here for meetings or reunions brings back fond memories of her classmates. She is blessed with a special family, a daughter Julie and son Larry and four grandchildren: Charlie, Graham, Harry and Sarah Cate. "Would love to hear from any of you to say hello!"

'60s

Charles Robert Stone '61 (BA mathematics) and Patricia Stallings Stone celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 14, 2012. They were married on July 14, 1962, in Carrollton and now reside in Lilburn. They have four children, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Geraldine "Jerrie" McClure Bonner '62 (education junior high) enjoyed celebrating her 50th reunion from West Georgia in October during the Homecoming festivities at the Alumni House brunch and program. She met her husband

Don of 50 years, at West Georgia while he was a football and basketball player, and she was a cheerleader. After graduation, she taught for 32 years for the Fulton County School System. She has two children and four grandchildren. In her spare time she taught decorative painting classes, traveled, and attended many sports activities. She is enjoying her retirement while living in Fairburn.

Emily Causey Huckeba '62 '77 (BSED and MED elementary education) and her husband, Dale, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have one daughter, Catherine Huckeba. Emily retired from the Carroll County School System in 1999 after teaching for 35 years. She has continued serving as a substitute teacher since retirement and is active in her church and community. She is an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa and the international honorary organization for women educators.

'70s

John G. Allen '76 (BBA management) was one of eighteen Beasley Allen attorneys selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*®. *Best Lawyers* is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Allen earned his J.D. from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in 1983. He was named to Super Lawyers in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, and was named to the Law Dragon 500 in 2011. He taught products liability at a number of seminars at Jones Law School and at his alma mater. In 2011, Jones School of Law named the newest addition to the law school after him – the Allen Law Center.

Linda J. Weatherford Panattoni '76 (BS sociology) recently took a position at Sound Mental Health in Seattle, WA. She is the Vocational Job Developer for the Community Network Program. Panattoni finds employment for clients who are dual-diagnosed: that is they have a cognitive disability as well as a mental health diagnosis. She has been very successful in finding supportive employment for clients in the Seattle area.

'80s

Sylvia A. Yaw '81 (BSR parks and recreation management) received both MBA and MA Ed degrees from East Carolina University. She recently returned to Georgia after living several

LTC Davis Assumes Command of Joint Task Force Paladin-South

LTC Frank Davis '91 (BS criminal justice) is a native of Augusta, Georgia. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery through the Reserve Officer Training Course program upon graduation from the University of West Georgia in 1991. LTC Davis, Battalion Commander, 3d Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, recently deployed his battalion to Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. LTC Davis has assumed command of Joint Task Force Paladin-South. Joint Task Force Paladin-South is the lead military Task Force in Afghanistan for combating and rendering safe improvised explosive devices (IED), the number one killer of our Service members on the battlefield. LTC Davis is responsible for an organization consisting of approximately 1,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilian Contractors.



His previous assignments include: Fire Support Officer, 3/41st Artillery, Fort Stewart, GA; Direct Support Maintenance Platoon Leader, 924th Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, GA; Shop Officer, 924th Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, GA; Commander, 741st Ordnance Company (EOD), Fort Bliss, TX; S4, 63d Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Fort Dix, NJ; Ordnance Team Chief, 2/348th Combat Support/ Combat Service Support Battalion (AC/RC), Fort Buchanan, PR; Deputy Maintenance Chief, Third Army, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Deputy Ammunition Chief, Third Army, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Maintenance Chief, Third Army, Fort McPherson, GA; Deputy S3, 52d Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Gillem, GA; Executive Officer, 184th Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Camp Speicher, Iraq; U.S. Army Central Command EOD Staff Officer, Fort McPherson, GA; and Commander, 3d Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA.

His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery Officers' Basic Course; the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course; the Explosive Ordnance Disposal School; and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School. He holds a Masters of Sciences in Human Resources Management from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of West Georgia.

LTC Davis' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Cluster), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

LTC Davis is married to the former Priscilla Ortiz of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and they have three daughters, Jordyn (17), Xaria (11), and Zoe (5). LTC Davis is the son of Frank and Gloria Davis of Augusta, Georgia.

years in North Carolina. She is Director of Quality for Tanner Health System and lives in Villa Rica.

Kyle Fraser '88 (BS mathematics) works for Mayer Electric Supply as Corporate Account Sales Manager. He has been married to his wife, Deanna Walker Fraser for 25 years. They have a daughter who attends North Georgia College and a son at Central High School. They reside in Carrollton.

'90s

Karen Allen Shaw '90 (BA mass communications) worked for 17 years with News Publishing Company at the Calhoun Times, she transitioned to Adventist Health System as marketing coordinator for Gordon Hospital in Calhoun and has been there for the past five years. She has been married to **Tim Shaw '83 '84** for the past 22 years and have a 17-year-old daughter at Sonorville High School.

Deborah "Lynn" Strickland Skinner '90 '98 (MED and EDS secondary education-mathematics) is currently working on her doctorate from UWG, making it her third degree from West Georgia. She is the Mathematics

Content Specialist for the Coweta County School System and married to Walter Winston, Jr. They also have two daughters and live in Newnan.

Dr. Fredrick J. Woodard '93 (MA psychology) published "A Phenomenological Study Of Spontaneous Spiritual And Paranormal Experiences In A 21st Century Sample Of Normal People" in the *Journal Psychological Reports* in February 2012, volume 110, pages 73-132. He was awarded the New England Paranormal Researcher of the Year for 2012 for his research in April. Woodard is a clinical psychologist and lives in Milford, New Hampshire.

Vernisha Hammonds '94 (BA psychology) resides in Loganville and is currently employed at Healthstat Rx, which is a Specialty Pharmacy Network company.

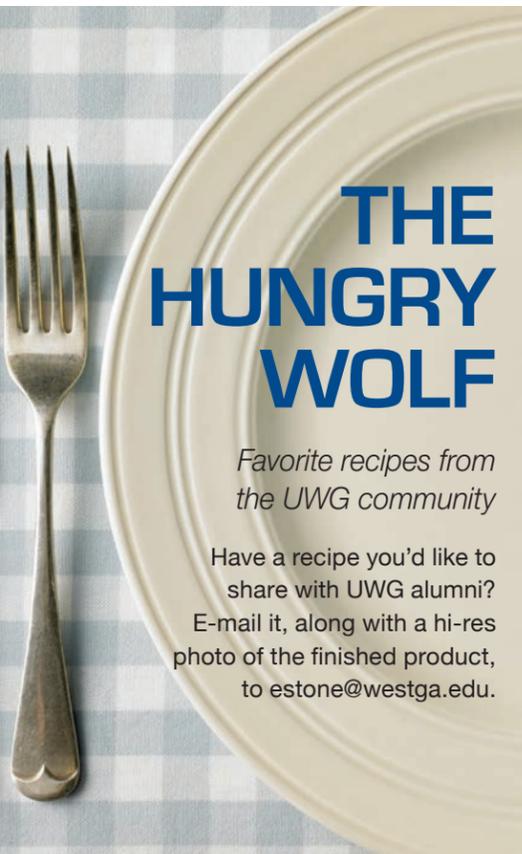
Gid E. Rowell '94 '05 '07 (BA mass communications, MA public administration, MPA public administration) is originally from Bremen and earned three degrees from UWG. He has been named Clayton State's Assistant Athletic Director for External Relations. Rowell, Alumni Director at Clayton State University, came to Clayton State as Sports Information Director in 2000.

Regulator Marine Appoints VP of Operations

Bobby Densmore '09 was appointed Vice President of Operations by Joan Maxwell, President of Regulator Marine, Inc. Densmore is to lead and refine Regulator's manufacturing and supply chain management. He most recently served as Plant Manager at ESAB Welding and Cutting, a Colfax Corporation Company in Florence, SC. Densmore has also held significant manufacturing management positions at Impulse Manufacturing, Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Snap-on Tools and Greenfield Industries. He received his Masters of Business Administration from the University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA. He also received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering Technology from Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, GA.

Densmore is originally from north Georgia and has over 23 years of manufacturing experience. He is married and has three children. He and his family will be relocating to the Edenton area.

"Bobby is a seasoned leader with an extensive knowledge of lean manufacturing techniques and supply chain management," said Joan Maxwell, President of Regulator Marine, Inc. "By reaching out to other industries for world-class management talent, Regulator underscores its commitment to its customers in building the highest quality offshore sport fishing boats in the industry. Our success is completely dependent on the quality and safety of the boats we produce."



Robin Moore Collins ('75, '96, '03, '04) Cream of Mushroom Soup

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tsp fresh thyme (optional)
- 3 cloves fresh garlic, pressed or sliced
- 1 bunch spring onions, white parts
- 1 pound fresh clean baby bella mushrooms
- 4 oz fresh clean shitake mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth, at room temperature
- 1 cup half & half or heavy whipping cream, at room temperature
- salt and white pepper to taste

First you may ask why use Baby Bellas and not Button Mushrooms? Baby Bellas are actually a Crimini mushroom. They are similar in size to white Buttons but are a light cocoa color and have a firmer texture. They are much more flavorful than Buttons, having a richer, earthier taste. Some say the flavor is meaty. Do not use full-sized Portobello as the gills from the mushroom will cause the cream to turn too dark. Shitakes or chanterelles are also good choices and add a meaty flavor too.

Melt the butter on low heat in a heavy-based stew pan. DO NOT BROWN THE BUTTER! Cook it low and slow.

Cut the spring onions into very small slices up to where the green and white mix but not into where it is all green. Sauté the onions. (You can save the green tops to slice and use as garnish if you like.)

Peel the garlic and extrude it through a garlic press or chop it well. Add the garlic to the onions to sauté. If you want to add thyme, chop it well and sauté it with the garlic and onions. Do not burn the butter.

Sauté the onion, garlic and thyme for at least a minute or as much time as it takes for the onion to become transparent and the garlic to become golden. Do not burn the butter.

Bring the temperature up to medium low.



Slice the mushrooms thin. Chop them if you prefer. Add them to the onion and garlic to sauté. Sauté for 3 to 4 minutes; or until the mushrooms soften. Do not burn the butter.

Add some salt and white pepper.

Add the 2 tablespoons of flour slowly, whisking constantly. You are looking for a good consistency with no lumps. Cook on medium low heat, stirring constantly, for about 1 minute.

Remove the pan from the heat and slowly add the broth, which should be at room temperature, stirring constantly. Your objective is not to bring the temperature down too quickly or up too quickly because it may disturb the consistency of the flour.

Return the pan to medium low heat. Next turn the heat up to medium and bring the soup just to just barely a boil but not to a full boil, stirring fairly constantly.

Reduce the heat to low or just turn off the heat and let the soup simmer gently for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

If you would like a Mushroom Broth Soup you may serve the soup at this point. It will obviously have fewer calories, but what would be the fun of that?

If you are not ready to serve the soup, you may cover the pot, and leave the soup on the stove with

the heat off for up to 2 hours. Do not refrigerate because it may disturb the consistency of the flour.

When nearly ready to serve, turn the heat on low and then to medium low. Bring the temperature up gradually. Give it a good stir about every minute or less. bring the soup just to just barely a boil, not to a full boil, but you want some good steam coming up.

When you see steam, turn the soup down to low and slowly add the cream, which should be at least at room temperature, while whisking the soup. I like to microwave the milk until it is about the same temperature as the soup before adding it. Again, look for steam but do not allow the soup to boil.

Serve soon after you add the cream. Garnish as you serve. Here are two ideas for garnish.

Under salt it and instead sprinkle over the top fresh and thickly grated or thinly shaved parmesan cheese, which is, by its nature, salty. Cut a fresh basil stem with two pretty leaves and gently float on top of the parmesan cheese.

Or salt to taste before serving and garnish with parsley and/or the green onion sliced into rings. Offer your guests some sherry to add such as Harveys Bristol Cream.

He returned to the Clayton State Department of Athletics in August, this time as Assistant Athletic Director for External Relations. He earned the highest staff honor, the Alice Smith Staff Award in 2010, and is one semester away from finishing his coursework for an Ed.D. in Higher Education from the University of Alabama. He currently lives in Atlanta.

Katherine Lock Pierce '98 (BS sociology) works at Resurgens Orthopaedic in Douglasville and is married to Brandon Pierce. She and Brandon enjoy taking their daughter, Kaydon, to movies, traveling to the beach, and visiting state parks to go hiking and enjoy God's beautiful creation. They reside in Douglasville.

Elaine Odom Poitevint '98 (BA mass communications) was recently named The National League of Junior Cotillions ® Director of the year. Since founding the NLJC ®-Henry County chapter, almost 2,000 students have benefitted from the program that strives to build self-confidence, discipline, character, and etiquette in our youth. She has received multiple awards on a national level including the President's Award of Excellence, the Premier Cotillion Award and recognition for the Best Parent Reception. Elaine and her husband, Thad, have three boys and reside in Fayetteville, GA.

Boidaha Mohamed Salem '99 (MBA business administration) has been working in the Oil and Gas sector in Africa for the past nine years as the head of the Audit department at the National Oil Company between 2004 to 2007, advisor to the Chadian Government in 2007, Director of Raw Hydrocarbons in Mauritania between 2008 to 2010, and Senior Technical Advisor to the Minister of Petroleum, Energy and Mines since 2010. "Working in the Oil and Gas sector in Africa is a unique experience because of the challenging working environment and the possibilities of contributing in opening new oil provinces that may in the future be a source of supply for the international market."

'00s

Dr. Lisa Bridwell Robinson '00 (BS nursing) received her Master of Science in Nursing from University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2008, and her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University in 2012. She is currently employed at the University of West Georgia as an Assistant Professor and

is glad to be back at UWG. Her words from the UWG faculty webpage: "I came back primarily because of the caring education I received. I find it an honor to return here and show my students the kind of caring I received. This University is an asset to the community and to the health care system by educating nurses who excel at the art of nursing."

Everett "Rett" Harmon '02 (BBA real estate) was named 2012 president of the West Metro Board of Realtors. His wife, **Jennifer Duffey Harmon '03** (BBA accounting) was promoted to controller at Carroll EMC, and graduated December 8 with her MBA from UWG. They have a daughter and two sons, and they live in Carrollton.

Christy Williamson Bass '03 '09 (BS sociology, MA criminology) and her husband, Ben, announce the birth of their second son, Benjamin "Christian" Bass, born on April 15. They reside in Carrollton.

Dana Smith Browning '03 (BBA management) lives in Renton, Washington with her husband, John, an engineer. They are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Nathan.

Shanna Howell Fountain '03 (BS sociology) accepted a position at Des Moines Area Community College as the Director of Evening Services and Student Engagement. In the fall of 2011, she started working on her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Iowa State University.

Jason Gregaydis '03 (MED administration and supervision) is the Director of Student Assessment for Paulding County School District. He is married to Laura Gregaydis, and they have two children, Gina and Dominic. They live in Dallas, GA.

Erin Griffith Hall '03 (BS criminology) and her husband, Chris, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, on August 30. They live in Carrollton.

Amanda Godwin Rockett '03 (BS sociology) and her husband, Jeremy, have a one-year-old son and live in Virginia.

Russell Crutchfield '04 '07 (BS political science and MPA public administration) has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff for the Georgia Department of Public Health. His wife, **Susan '12** (BS sport management) owns Susan Crutchfield Photography based out of Newnan.

Dustin Hightower '04 (BBA management) and **Christina Camp Hightower '03 '07** (BS mathematics and MED Administration and Supervision) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Stella June, on August 2. On November 6, Dustin was reelected to the Georgia House of Representatives. He currently represents House District 68. They reside in Carrollton.

Katherine Brantly Sittler '04 '06 (BBA marketing and MBA business administration and management) was recently promoted to National Account Manager for Cerrowire, a Marmon/Berkshire Hathaway Company, which involved a relocation for her family to Southern Indiana.

Brad Easterwood '05 (BS criminology) and Lori '10, (BSED early childhood education), of Bremen announce the birth of their son, Jackson Bradley on July 14.

Thad Ferguson '05 (BSR parks and recreation management) and Sadie of Carrollton announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Kate, on May 24.

Justin H. McLarty '05 (BSR parks and recreation management) married Jamie Ann Dean on September 15. He is employed as an accountant at Jackson Healthcare. Jamie graduated from the Medical College of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is employed with Numed, Inc., in Atlanta. They reside in Smyrna.

Brandi Everett '06 (BBA finance) is working as a portfolio financial analyst in St. Louis, MO, for the past three years and volunteers as a basketball coach for her oldest child's team.

Kathryn Lee (Van Laningham) Bates '07 (BSED early childhood education) is a second grade teach in Gwinnett County Public Schools. She married John Anthony Bates on June 2 at New London Theatre in Snellville. He is completing his bachelor's degree in digital filmmaking and videography at the Art Institute of Atlanta and works for Stanley Steemer.

Melanie N. Beal '07 (BA English) recently joined the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center as Membership and Outreach Coordinator.

Brandon Bowman '07 '09 (BSED, MED middle grades education) and his wife, Kerri, of Temple, announce the birth of their son, Jamison Reed Bowman, on September 14 at Tanner Medical Center.

Carly Tuggle Byers '07 '09 (MED, EDS guidance and counseling), and her husband, Luke, announce the birth of their son, Hutton

Lucas, on July 1 at Tanner Medical Center. They live in Villa Rica.

Laurie Kaye McMillan '07 (BS biology) and husband, Marshall, announce the birth of their daughter Lucy Claire Johnson McMillan born on July 20. They live in Carrollton.

Brittany L. Geisler Maddox '09 (BSED middle grades education) and Drew Maddox were married May 26 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Brittany is employed by Carroll County Schools as a middle grades science teacher. Drew is a graduate of Seton Hall University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and works for Greenway Medical Technologies. They reside in Carrollton.

Meredith NeSmith Ledbetter '09 (BBA management) and Allen F. Ledbetter were united in marriage on October 20 at Clayton Baptist Church in Clayton. The reception was held at Heaven's Landing. They both work and live in Carrollton.

Greg L. Rice '09 (BBA real estate) and Sami McConnell Rice were married on July 20 at the McGarity House in Temple. Greg is employed by Camden Property Trust as a Leasing Consultant. Sami is a 2011 graduate of West Georgia Technical College in Waco with a Master Cosmetology degree and is employed by Genesis One as a cosmetologist. All friends and relatives were invited to the summer wedding.

Emily M. Woodcock Jones '11 (BSED special education) and Jonathan Jones '08 (BS economics) were married on October 13 in Bowdon. They make their home in Carrollton.

Brittany N. Carnes Reichert '11 (BBA management) and Hunter Kyle Reichert were married on October 13. The wedding was at the residence of Brittany's parents.

Laura M. Huff '12 (BSED speech pathology) started working at an educational consulting firm in LaGrange as a teacher for children with learning disabilities. She is currently living in New York City working with a child for a year in his home environment. She attributes the UWG education career fair for this "once in a life time" opportunity and will forever be grateful to UWG. She will miss it greatly.

To submit your newsworthy items to Class Notes, email alumni@westga.edu or contact Meredith at 678-839-4085.

In Memoriam

Louise Tyus Roberts Jewell, (general), Carrollton

Clara Price Redmond '35 (general), Harrisonburg, VA

Mary Merritt Warrington '35 (general), Cumming

Mabel Harper Freeman '36 (general), Snellville

Margaret Powell Talton '36 (general), Perry

Mary Ruth Strickland Wallace '36 (general), Jonesboro

Grace Ballard Nation '37 (general), Gainesville

Rev. Aubrey L. Hawkins '38 (general), Roswell

Mary Elizabeth Baxter '39 (general), Carrollton

June Culver Lumpkin '40 (general), Carrollton

Reuben Mabry Word '41 (general), Carrollton

Judge Harold R. Irvin '47 (general), Carrollton

William C. Cole, Jr. '48 (BSED education junior high), Villa Rica

Emmadeane Brison Garner '48 (general), Morrow

Reba Agnes Taylor '48 (general), Carrollton

Marion (M.T.) Fuller '49 (general), Carrollton

James Ray Mote '49 (general), Newnan

Hildred H. Moore '50 (general), Carrollton

John W. (J.W.) Greenwood '51 (general), Trion

Hershel W. Parmer '51 (general), Roopville

Kathleen Jackson '59 (BSED elementary education), Carrollton

Hayes Richard Ramsey '60 (MED middle grades education), Andrews, NC

Iris Virginia Smith, '60 (BSED elementary education), Newnan

Mary Florence Arthur Word, '61 (BSED elementary education), Carrollton

Wylly J. Bagby Vaughn '62 '82 (BSED elementary education, MED guidance and counseling), Carrollton

Mavis Adamson Coady, '68 (BA sociology), Buford

Juanita Pearl Elliott Davis '69 '74 (BSED elementary education, MED media), Carrollton

Mary Frances Farr Plunkett '70 (MED elementary education), Atlanta

Janie Rebecca Westmoreland '70 '73 (BA psychology, MA psychology), Black Mountain, NC

Dan Brokaw '71 (BM music education), Atlanta

Margaret Fudge Armstrong '72 (MED special education), Carrollton

Meredith Eileen "Rita" Glover Jacobs '72 '72 (BA political science, BA history), Villa Rica

Michael L. Settles '72 (BS business administration), Loudon, TN

Paul E. Duncan, Sr. '75 (MED administration and supervision), Marietta

Dr. Richard B. Holcombe, III '75 (MA psychology), Denver, CO

Dixie Charlotte Clements Satterfield '75 '78 '89 (BA psychology, MED guidance and counseling, EDS guidance and counseling), Villa Rica

Richard "Dick" Gallo '79 (MA psychology), Atlanta

William "Bill" C. Watson, III '79 (psychology), Decatur

Randy Garrard '84 '88 (MED early childhood education, EDS early childhood education), Bowdon

Michael Alexander Klimshuk '85 (BA French), Sandy Springs

Katherine Elizabeth "Beth" Perry Lunsford '91 (EDS media), Dalton

Charlotte A. Blose '96 (MED media), Columbus

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Joy Black, Carrollton

Randy Joe Robinson, Carrollton

Dr. William Roll, Villa Rica

Dr. Donald Wagner, Carrollton

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ASHANTÉ HOLT IS A 17-YEAR-OLD SENIOR. And that means something a little different at UWG's Advanced Academy. "I'm a high school senior and a college senior at the same time," explains Ashanté. "That's really cool. It's been life-changing.

"I was in the International Baccalaureate program, but I wanted to see what other opportunities there were to get ahead. A friend mentioned UWG. I visited campus and really felt at home, and that was it," says the Villa Rica native.

"I love getting to live on campus with my friends. I'm our residence hall council fundraising chair – we're raising money for our prom and for charity."

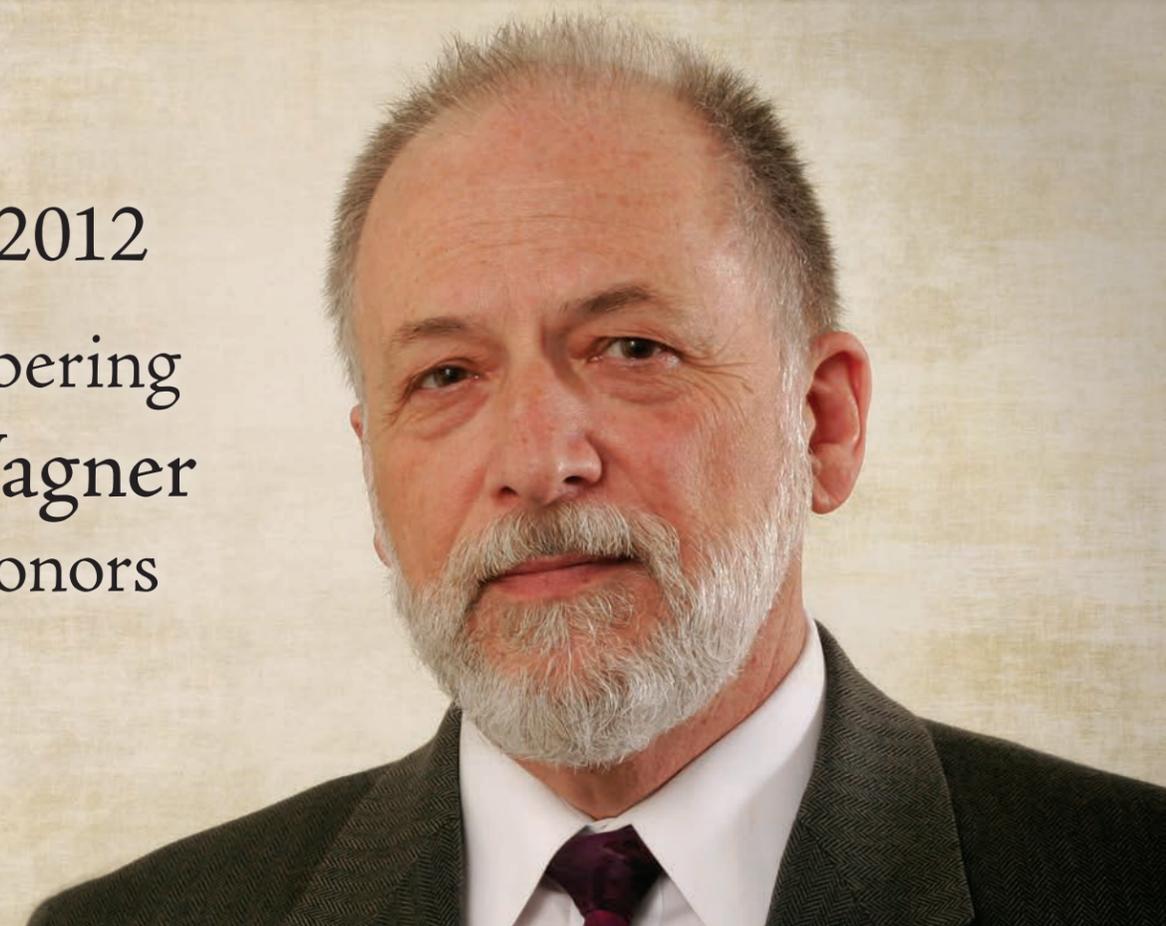
The anthropology major and sociology minor has made the most of research opportunities through the Honors College. Last year, she presented her paper on homosexuality in ancient Greece at conferences. She's currently researching technology's effects on teen pregnancy.

"After I graduate, I'm going to earn my master's in public health. Before I start grad school, I want to get certified as a holistic health practitioner.

"My parents are really proud of me. I'm proud of me, too."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2013

- 2** Big Night 2013 Undergraduate Research
- 5** UWG Relay For Life Fundraiser
College Night at Six Flags
- 11** Sethna's Spring Festival
- 14** UWG Preview Day
- 18** West Georgia Celebration for
Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna
- 19** 2013 Concert featuring Neon Trees,
Phillip Phillips, and twenty | one | pilots
- 20** Alumni Awards Gala
West Fest Music Festival
- 27** Spring Commencement

May 2013

- 4** Mayfest on the Square
- 6** Summer Session I classes begin

June 2013

- 6** Summer Session II and III classes begin
- 26** Nursing Building Ribbon Cutting

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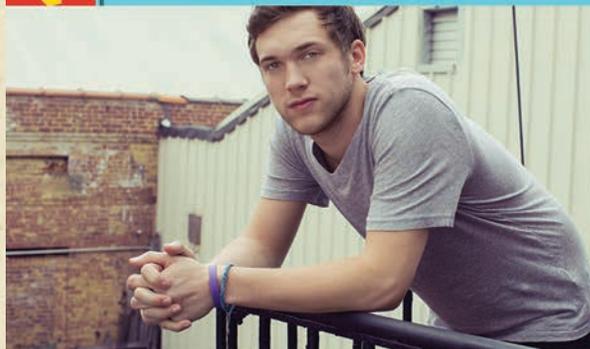


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