# ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

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For over five decades, The University of West Georgia has recognized the achievements of its superior students in a variety of ways. From 1964 to 1970, at Parent's Day, students and faculty convened, the latter in academic regalia. From 1971 to 1975, this assembly was termed the Honors Convocation. A luncheon replaced the Convocation from 1976 through 1985. The Honors Convocation was reestablished in 1986. Though the form has varied on these occasions, the University has consistently hosted noted speakers, among them former Governor Carl Sanders, consumer advocate Ralph Nader, the late Georgia Secretary of State Ben Forston, former Chancellors of the University System of Georgia Dr. Stephen R. Portch and Dr. H. Dean Propst, and Emory University Eleonore Raol Professor of the Humanities Dr. Elizabeth Fox-Genovesse. This year, we are honored that faculty and students in the Music and Theatre Programs of the University of West Georgia will perform. We have performances by the UWG Chamber Singers, led by Dr. Karen Graffius and the UWG Theatre Department will present, "A Brand New Day in New Jersey," from Joe DiPietro's The Toxic Avenger.

The Honors College at the University of West Georgia was initiated as an Honors Program in Spring 1975. It was elevated to Honors College by the Board of Regents in June 1999. It seeks to provide intellectually gifted students an educational experience commensurate with their abilities. The University is affiliated with the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council, the Southern Regional Collegiate Honors Council, and the National Collegiate Honors Council. Supported by the faculty and administration of the four colleges of the university, the School of Nursing, the School of Communication. Film and Media, and the Library, and organized by the Honors College.

## FACULTY MARSHAL

Dr. Kathleen Morales

## MACE BEARER

Dr. Lisa Connell

# **PROGRAM**

# WELCOME RECEPTION Piano Performance: "Eleven" by UWG Student, Adrian Smith Previously Recorded by the UWG Wind Ensemble - Josh Byrd, conductor University President THEATRE PERFORMANCE: "A Brand New Day in New Jersey," from The Toxic Avenger, Book and Lyrics by Joe DiPietro. Music and Lyrics by David Bryan Directed by Shelly Elman, Music Direction by Dawn Neely, Accompaniment by Sarah Elias, Costumes Designed by Rachael Karas CAST Toxie Jared Bathurst Ma ...... Ellie Castillo-Nunez White Dude ...... Isaiah Sargent Nun Lauren Weller PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Special Awards ...... Dr. Karen Owen, Dean of University College & Honors College Haylee Milligan, Co-President, Student Honors Council MUSIC PRESENTATION: Performances by The UWG Chamber Singers, Karen Graffius, conductor "Rise, and Journey On" by UWG Student, Christopher Lewis PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Dr. Jon Preston, Provost & Senior Vice President Dr Michael Hester MUSIC PERFORMANCE: Performance by UWG Student, Jude Marier, Horn & Dr. Sarah Elias, Piano "Alla Caccia" by A. Abbott PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Dr. Michael Hester

Dr. Jon Preston, Provost & Senior Vice President

## SPECIAL AWARDS

## Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award

The Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award is presented to a faculty member with a strong record of having supported undergraduate research or creative activity, someone who has strived to develop and enhance a culture of undergraduate scholarship here at the University of West Georgia.

## Dr. Donald R. Wagner Honors Faculty of the Year Award

Every year Honors College students nominate and vote on a professor to receive the Dr. Donald R. Wagner Honors Faculty of the Year Award.

# **UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

## Beheruz N. Sethna Undergraduate Research Award

During his time as President, Dr. Sethna's commitment to and support of undergraduate research was instrumental to UWG's national renown in student research. He not only emphasized undergraduate research at UWG, but even personally mentored students in his classes for research projects and chaperoned them while traveling to conferences. To commemorate his efforts, the Beheruz N. Sethna Undergraduate Research award recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of undergraduate research.

## Outstanding Honors College Student of the Year

Each year an Outstanding Honors student is selected by the Honors College Committee. The selection is based on an overall GPA of at least 3.2, participation in Honors courses and service to the Honors Program.

# Academic Recognition Day Scholar

Academic Recognition Day was begun in 1987 as a celebration of individual academic achievement and in recognition of those students who exemplify that which is best about the University System of Georgia and its institutions--reverence for the things of the mind as evidenced by inspired and dedicated teaching and excellence in learning. Annually, each of the thirty-four institutions in the University System of Georgia is asked to select one student as its representative for this honor, awarded by the Board of Regents and the Georgia Legislature. The student chosen must be representative of outstanding scholastic achievement on his or her campus, have a GPA of 4.0 or very close to it, be an undergraduate, and be a resident of Georgia. Nominations are made by the academic departments to the Honors College Dean, who reviews the academic and University service record of each nominee.

Recipient Malia Pope

# **ACADEMIC AWARDS I**

#### Awards of Excellence

These awards are presented annually to the senior BSN pre-licensure students from the Newnan and Carrollton cohorts, and the senior RN-BSN student who best demonstrates excellence in Nursing. The recipients are chosen based on significant achievement in academic excellence, leadership, clinical nursing practice and service to the university or the community.

BSN Newnan	ah Robins
BSN Carrollton	ah Seagle
RN-to-BSN Excellence Award	lv Fulmer

These awards are presented annually to the outstanding students from academic disciplines in the Richards College of Business. Recipients must have a declared major in the field of the award, superior academic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, potential for development in the respective academic discipline and active involvement in extracurricular activities.

Accounting Mikayla Stocke	ett
Finance	off
Marketing Jacey Colema	an
Management Information Systems	ch
Data Intelligence and Business Analytics	ull

The Award of Excellence in Physics/Astronomy Research is presented annually by the physics faculty to the student who has demonstrated excellence in performing and presenting research in Physics or Astronomy. Presenting research may be represented by presentations or publications at the state, national, or international level.

## The James Emory Boyd Awards

These awards are presented annually to the outstanding students from academic disciplines in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Each recipient is selected by the faculty of the particular department and must have demonstrated leadership ability and potential for accomplishment in the respective academic discipline. The award is given in honor of James Emory Boyd, President of the former West Georgia College from 1961 until 1971, who was himself a physicist and guided the college during a period in which the science department grew and developed significantly.

Chemistry	Jacob Miller
Geology	Ethan Askin
Computer Science	Aaron Hanson & Steven Kight
Physics	Mason Caron

# The Outstanding Senior in Biology Faculty Award

The Outstanding Senior in Biology Faculty Award is presented annually by the Biology Faculty to the senior who has demonstrated the highest standards of excellence in her/his career at the University of West Georgia, including performance in course work, research, and participation in the activities of the Biology Department.

#### The American Institute of Chemists Award

This award is presented to an outstanding senior student majoring in chemistry, chemical engineering, or biochemistry in recognition of a demonstrated record of leadership ability, character, scholastic achievement, and advancement potential in the chemical professions, and was nominated by the chemistry faculty.

Recipient Parker Smitherman

## **Marion Crider Awards**

In honor of Marion Crider, a dedicated, caring and enthusiastic professor of mathematics who served at the university for 23 years, and who also served as a department chairperson, the Department of Mathematics presents three annual monetary awards to juniors or seniors in recognition of academic excellence, leadership and the potential for success in the field of mathematics. Friends, family, colleagues and alumni established the monetary fund that supports these superior student awards as a memorial to Professor Crider.

Recipients ...... Keanna Jackson, Josiah Jorek, & Daisy Lugo

#### The Tom Herndon Awards

These awards are presented annually to the outstanding students from academic disciplines in the Social Sciences. Recipients must have a declared major in the field of the award, superior academic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, potential for development in the respective academic discipline and active involvement in extracurricular activities. The award was established in 1953 by friends and classmates in memory of the late Thomas A. Herndon, Jr., a graduate of the class of 1939.

Geography	Gwendolyn Jabat
Criminology	Zoey Andrews
Sociology	Haylee Milligan
Economics	Luna Mouton & Ta'Shaun Bryant
History	Richard Ables
Political Science	Chase Williams
Psychology	Daisy Rowser-Grier

# The Carole E. Hill Award in Anthropology

The Carole E. Hill Award is presented annually to the senior Anthropology student who demonstrates the greatest potential for success in his or her pursuit of an advanced degree in anthropology following graduation from the University of West Georgia.

Recipient Kendall Ussery

#### The Waring Distinguished Scholar Award

The Waring Distinguished Scholar Award is awarded annually to the senior undergraduate student who has repeatedly earned distinction from the Antonio J. Waring, Jr. Scholarship Fund over the course of their studies as an anthropology major at University of West Georgia. This student is well-rounded and has shown excellence in coursework, research, and scholarly presentation.

Recipient Joel Edmondson

# ACADEMIC AWARDS II

#### The Gordon Watson Awards

These awards are presented annually to the outstanding students from academic disciplines in the humanities. Recipients must have a declared major in the field of the award, superior academic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, potential for development in the respective academic discipline and active involvement in extracurricular activities. The award was established in memory of the late Bailey Gordon Watson, first head of the English Department at the University of West Georgia.

Art	Rachel Christiansen
English	Karen Rodas
Philosophy	De'janae Glass
Foreign Language - French	Hannah Lewis
Foreign Language - German	Phoebe Huckabay
Foreign Language - Spanish	Madison Renardel de Lavalette
Mass Communications	Gianna Willcox
Theatre Arts	Katelyn Adams
Music	Jude Marier

## Sally Pafford Memorial Scholarship

This award, given annually to a rising junior majoring in the Humanities, has been established by President Emeritus Ward Pafford, his family and friends, in memory of his wife, Sally, a devoted and loving wife and mother. Mrs. Pafford's happy impact on the lives of the former West Georgia College students, faculty and staff, as well as on the community at large, will continue to be felt.

Recipient John Miley

#### The H. O. Lovvorn Scholarship

Mary Lovvorn, faculty member at the former West Georgia College, has endowed a scholarship in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Lovvorn. A leading citizen of Carrollton and Vice President and Manager of Mandeville Mills, Mr. Lovvorn was instrumental in choosing Carrollton as the location of West Georgia College. The scholarship will be awarded to a humanities major to be selected by a committee chosen by the Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities.

Recipient ...... Madison Renardel de Lavalette

## Frank R. Hunsicker Award in Management

This award was originally established by the Department of Management and endowed by family and friends in honor of Frank R. Hunsicker. Dr. Hunsicker provided outstanding service and leadership to that department and UWG for 21 years as a faculty member and chairman before retirement in 1996. The annual award is presented to a senior management major who has earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 and who most exhibits the qualities of leadership, managerial ability, professional achievement, and integrity associated with the discipline and exemplified by Dr. Hunsicker. The recipient receives a monetary award and an individual plaque. Additionally, the student's name is engraved on a plaque located in the Department of Management and Business Systems.

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## Outstanding Student in Elementary Education

This award honors an outstanding undergraduate student who demonstrates high academic performance, exhibits professional dispositions that exemplify and exceed characteristics expected of candidates in the Elementary Education Program.

## Outstanding Student in Secondary Education

This award recognizes a Secondary Education major who captures the essence of best practices in undergraduate Secondary Education.

# Outstanding Student in Physical Education

This award recognizes excellence in teaching, academics, and professional dispositions in Physical Education.

Recipient ...... Andrew Brown

## Outstanding Student in Sport Management

This award recognizes a Sport Management student who represents high academic achievement, and a strong professional disposition.

# Outstanding Student in Special Education

This award honors an undergraduate student majoring in Special Education who represents the first-generation of his/her family to go to college; criteria include factors related to academic achievement, performance in field experience, and quality of dispositions.

Recipient ..... Lucas Pace

# Outstanding Student in Health and Community Wellness

This award recognizes a Health and Community Wellness student who represents high academic achievement, and a strong professional disposition.

# **INGRAM SCHOLARS**

The Ingram Scholars are selected each fall according to those enrolled students with an overall GPA of at least 3.75 and with at least 29 credit hours at UWG.

Connor Abernathy Dalton Blue Esther Abston Kellev Boatman Ashlev Acosta Seth Bochv Brandon Adams Kaleb Boland V Jada Alexander Taylor Borngesser Merci Alexandre-Jackson Jacklynn Boswell Hannah Allen Alexis Bovkin Megan Allinson Abigail Boylen Caleigh Alsip Ben Bradlev Sameerah Amao Brooke Brady Zoev Andrews Robyn Brantley Logan Angle Oskar Bressner Madeline Archer Hannah Bright Tanner Brock Katherine Arp Tara Brock Alexandria Arp Kirsten Brock Hailey Arrington Ethan Askin Jasmine Brown Alexis Atkins Dana Brown Emily Atwood Riley Brown Adeline Auclair Arabella Brown Nathaniel Austin Selah Burley Damaris Aveldanes-Veliz Sara Burns Morgan Ball Britny Butler Famatta Barjobo Cheyenne Byrd Julia Barnett Tyesha Byrd Rvlee Barrett Tracev Cambron Emma Bartlett Zoev Camp Jarek Bates Blakely Campbell Jillian Bates Madison Campbell Marmara Bazile Sarah Capps Andrew Beam Abigaile Carr Leslie Becerra-Turner Kaden Carr Hillary Bell Jackson Carroll Stephanie Beltran Abigail Carter Caroline Cartwright Blair Benefield Emily Berry Mary Grace Casey Resha Birdine Lainey Cash Raven Birdsell Samuel Castoe Courtney Bixby Charlee Causey Jordan Chambers Sydney Blackmon Kylee Blankinship Christopher Chandler Reagan Bloedt Trinity Chapman Dalton Bloom Chanyn Chapman

Logan Chastain Andrew Dyer
Grace Chaves Sarah Edgeman
Anna Cheatwood Christina Eichman
Mei Cheung Mark Elmore
Michael Childress Katelyn Enderle
Makayla Christian Harley Ersing

Rachel Christiansen Christeen Eschenbach
Abigail Clark Katherine Escobedo
Christopher Clav Lauren Estes

Jordan Faraci Haiden Farmer

Honey Farmer

Jackson Fendlev

Hannah Ferris

Emily Fiscus

Nicholas Fisher Caitlin Fleming

Emma Fordham Ellen Forrest

Madison Foutv

Tayte Fugua

Mary Farmer
Tristen Farmer

Abigail Clark
Christopher Clay
Alyssa Clay
Jayla Cochran
Gavin Cole
Tucker Cole
Jacey Coleman
Elinor Collerton
Tonnia Collins
Abigail Collins
Lauren Conley
Megan Conley
Gracie Conn
Erin Cook
Morgan Cooper
Aiyana Cooper
Sophia Couch

Daemion Dalton

Aiyana Cooper Sara Fowler

Sophia Couch Dusty Fox Jr

Nicole Couvertiere Sarah Franklin

Kailey Covera Whitney Franks

Tracy Cronin Elizabeth Frazier

Yasmin Cruz-Pizano Jessica Friedl

Shelly Cunningham Eva Fuhrey

Kayla Dahn Vivianne Funes

Alessia Davis

Nathanael Davis

India Garcia

Katherine Day

Jenna Garner

Rory Delandero

Ansley Dennis

Laura Gary

Logan Dewberry

Maria Domingo-Jones

Jeffrey Gaines

India Garcia

Jacha Garner

Jaden Garner

Kelis Gates

Anna Gav

Julia Douglas Emmaleigh Gentry
Charla Drake Daryl Gibbs
Timothy Driver Robert Gibson
Jennifer Duah Zoe Giese

Kofi Duah Christiana Gleissner
Audree Duffie Nicholas Glover
Joseph Duncan Beau Goff

Kilwanda Dunlap Amy Gomez Camilo Kyree Durham Carolyn Gonzalez Daisy Gonzalez Castaneda

Andrew Gooch

Danielle Gorman

Jason Grance

Nathaniel Gray

Ella Griffith

Ryan Grindle

Christian Jackson

Taylor Jackson

McKenna Jackson

Tolla Jackson

Caleigh Jackson

Grace Katherine James

Jessica Ingram

Ethan Grindy Rayanna Janke Michael Hadden Camryn Jeffries Trenton Haines Kaylee Jernigan Genesis Jimenez Jayla Hare Lindsey Johnson Jack Harney Alaina Johnson Rvan Harper Rachel Harry Carly Johnson Josiah Jorek Sidney Havnes Caitlyn Heath Luke Jovner Emma Helton Marissa Keeler William Helton III Lucy Kemp Erika Hembree Cadie Kilgore Miranda Heminaway Jenna Kinard Abigail Hemozkiy Melissa King Jordan Henderson Chloe Kina Jerreka Henderson Kinsey Kunkel Morgan Hendrix Zoe LaBreche Michelle Hernandez Rita Lancheros Emma Hernandez Tiffani Lane Yareli Hernandez Madalyn Langley Alexander Herrero Jenna Langley Isabella Herring Roze Langley Mckenzie Herron Alexia Lave Charles Hickman IV Vo Mong Tuyen Le Jalah Hicks Emma Ledford

Bailey Higgins Valeria Lee Daenecia Hines Kimberly Leptrone Jesse Holbrook Awtum Lewis Emma Hollenbeck Javcee Lewis Maxwell Libardi Seth Hopkins April Lindon Dylan Hopper Brianna Horns Jennifer Lochli Shealeigh Hott Lacev Loggins

Trystyn Hovey

Esmeralda Howard Francisco Lopez Miranda
Echelon Howell Christopher Lovvorn Jr

Trevor Lona

Emily HowieLyndsey LoweryElijah HudginsDaisy LugoClinton HudginsIda LunsfordKaleb HyattMadison Luster

Liam Malone Greyson Mann Tabitha Martin Malika Martin

Lina Martinez Montero Emily Massengale Katelyn Mathis Zachary Matthews Abigail Mauzy

Jerry Mays II
Ashlin McCalvin
April McCay
Victoria McClain
Shayla McDermott
Alec McDonald
Derrick McFerrien Jr
Aleah McKenzie
Jennifer McMahan
Van Meadows
Madison Melton

Nathan Merritt
Anna Messer
Kayleigh Metcalf
Christina Metcalf
Sage Mickey
Jacob Miller
Haylee Milligan
Morgan Mitchell
Ashton Mobley
Riley Moore
Megan Moore
Farayi Moore

Jesus Mendoza

Josue Mendoza Rios

Mikenli Moreland Megan Morgan Sara Morris Luna Mouton Patrick Muorah Jaylin Murphy Vivian Nguyen Thanh Nguyen Micah Noel Tiffany Noles

Jasmine Norris

Bailey Moore

William Moore

Akosua Nti-Ababio

Dara O'Neal Adelaide Obo Vekondja Ogbogu Zachary Ogle Iwinosa Okaeben Delight Okere

Gwendolyn Oliver

Eve Olsen

Abigayle Omedeo Christine Opoku Alexis Ortiz Carlie Pair Calil Palmer Jr Katelyn Parham Tah'Kia Parham Sydney Parker Marie Parsons Blanca Partida Mata

Gavin Pate V Piya Patel

William Pearman III Sean Penney Ginger Perdue Mariana Perez Kayla Perez De Leon Morgan Phillips Adrianne Philpott Kailin Phipps Alexis Pickford Kathleen Pine Madison Pinkney Isabella Pinto Jasmine Pittman Isabela Pitts Malia Pope Alicia Porter Jordan Price Roberta Prince Yvonne Prince

Raleigh Pritchard Avery Quarles Evan Quick Alyssa Rakestraw Karlye Ramer Rori Ray Emily Raymaker Jacob Read
Lisa Reaves
Caroline Redden
Timberli Reese
Catherine Reeves
Samuel Regina
Ellie Reid

Madison Renardel de Lavalette

Stefan Remshagen

Cheyenne Riedel
Mikayla Rigsby
Yulissa Riscajche
Luke Roberts
Gisela Roberts
Marissa Roberts
Justine Robinson
Mackenzie Rochowiak
Meshack Rockson
Erick Rodriguez
Almary Rodriguez
Gonzalo Roman
Bryana Roman

Litzy Ronzon-Lopez Kristie Roper Rachel Rose Daisy Rowser-Grier Catherine Royal Hector Salas-Tepox Miriam Salinas Emma Sanders

Gabriel Saray-Gonzalez

Jackson Sarna
Breanna Schaefer
David Schubert
Jennifer Scott
Madelyn Seagle
Noah Seagle
Victoria Seale
Megan Searfoss
Michael Seigler

Autumn Sellars

Madison Sellers
Adam Shareef
Tristan Sharpton
Maddison Sharpton
Jackson Shead
Ellison Shirey

Kelly Shoemake Allyson Simmons Jacey Singleton Britton Slifka Tabatha Smith

Benjamin Smith Aislyn Smith Amber Smith Camden Smith Katheryne Smith

Peyton Smith
Nicole Sorg
Alex Spitzer
Kaylin Sporrer
Nicholas Spranza
Naomi Spruell
Michael St. John III

Amberly Stafford Katelyn Stamatellos Allison Stamatellos Callie Stanfield Jacquelyn State Riley Steptoe Jacob Still

Mikayla Stockett Dylan Stockunas Vivian Streiff Molly Stretch Olivia Strother Addison Sturdivant

Chloe Swales
Mia Swales
Nicholas Swanson

Hallie Talbot
Ella Tankersley
Sarah Thacker
Addie Thomas
Sydney Thomas
Kylie Thompson
Joycelyn Tifrea
Maya Timberlake

Savannah Tingen Cailin Todd Irvin Trice Clark Tucker Charles Tull

Caitlyn Timmons

Devynn Turley

JuLeigha Turner

Monica Turner-Becerra

Phillip Turrubiartes

Jodi Tuxbury

Kendall Ussery

Courtney Vance

Madison Vandergriff

Trinity Velez

Heidi Villalba Flores

Matthew Waller

Skyli Wallis

Isabelle Walters

Zoë Ward

Gaylen Ward

Victoria Weaver

Shelby Webster

Madeline Wentworth

Adaline Westbeld

Abigail Wester

Macie Wheat

Cayla Wheeler

Megan Wheeless

Jaida White

Janae White

Emma Whited

Zoe Whitmire

Morgan Williams

Codey Williams

Lauren Williams

Eli Williams

Taylor Williams

Amaya Williams

Emma Willingham

Bailey Wilson

Macy Wood

Lillian Wood

Anna Wood

Rebekah Woodall

Liam Worthington

Mackenzie Wright

Leah Youmans

Tamara Young

Kimberly Young

Sanai Young

Angelica Zac-Williams

Cassidy Zellner

Yuki Zheng Zoey Zucker

