Points of Pride

At the University of West Georgia, we are in the business of transforming lives and we are focused on success. With so many advancements at UWG, our campus is constantly brimming with excitement. Through the Points of Pride we celebrate these achievements and examine our success through the four major Strategic Imperatives of our Strategic Plan – Student Success, Academic Success, Partnership Success and Operational Success. Congratulations to all those who have strived for excellence and have achieved it.

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Student Success

Anthropology majors Krystallyn Keith and Chrystal Danielle Mozley have each been awarded Benjamin Gilman Scholarships to participate in study abroad programs this summer. Krystallyn will be studying Spanish language and culture in Costa Rica with UWG’s foreign languages department. Chrystal will be participating in a field studies program in Guatemala.

COE alumna Tina Bartleson was appointed by Governor Deal to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) State Advisory Board. Tina is the Executive Director of the Exchange Club Family Resource Center.

Students in Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna’s marketing class have won the top prize in the country for undergraduate research at the National Technology and Social Science Conference. This is the fifth time in 13 years that his students have won.

Alumna Jan Wilson was named as the Gwinnett County Media Specialist of the Year.

Jennifer Elemen is the recipient of the College of Education’s School Improvement Dissertation of the Year Award.

Ja’lessa Morris was nominated by Dr. Matt Varga for the Association of Student Conduct Administration’s Graduate Student of the Year Award.
**Academic Success**

Dr. Susan Webb, associate professor of business education, presented at the National Business Education Association (NBEA) conference. Her workshop, “Technology Tools for Formative Assessment,” served as session facilitator for a research-based presentation and a session chair for a pedagogy-based presentation. Dr. Webb was also inducted as the director of communication for the Association for Research in Business Education.

Economics Lecturer Kim Holder and a colleague from the UK were invited to give a keynote address at the University of Kentucky’s Gatton School of Business Teaching Workshop. Kim also chaired two sessions and presented “Exploring Dystopian Economics in Literature: Divergent & The Hunger Games at the Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) in Las Vegas, where she attended the APEE conference as an APEE Young Scholar, which is a special recognition for young faculty.

Regents’ Professor of Marketing Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna presented a TED Talk at the recent TEDxDouglasville 2016 conference. The talk was titled “An American Star.”

Richards College of Business Assistant Professor Sharon Seay’s article “Accounting Majors’ Perceptions of FASB’s Proposed Accounting Standards Update to Clarify Classification of Cash Receipts and Cash Payments on the Statement of Cash Flows,” has been accepted for publication in the Accounting and Financial Studies Journal.

Kim Holder has also been named the Laura Herring Fellow for 2016, which recognizes a female Young Scholar recipient who has demonstrated outstanding performance among her peers in Freedom and Free Enterprise through research, teaching, and other programs. Kim was appointed to serve on the APEE Board, and she was a featured speaker at the 27th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla., where she spoke about using social media for economics and personal finance education through the Study Abroad experience: “Engaging With Our Global Environment: The #UWGtakesSpain Study Abroad Project.”
Partnership Success

The Richards College Achievement Award will be presented to Missy Dugan, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta.

West Georgia Technical College students who complete the associates degree in nursing (ADN) can now transfer to the University of West Georgia’s bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program without losing any course credits, thanks to a Transfer Articulation Agreement signed by both institutions.

Operational Success

The University of West Georgia will offer a new and unique online bachelor of science degree in organizational leadership, thanks to its membership in the University System of Georgia’s eMajor program.

The Exercise in Medicine Program has recognized the College of Education Personal Wellness and Leisure Activity Courses Program (PWLA) as a Gold Level program.

Share your own story and tell us your own Point of Pride. For more information visit www.westga.edu/ucm/1792.php.