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.

Student Success

The UWG National Broadcasting Society was named national Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row. The chapter also won the Community Service Award for Multiple Projects for the second year in a row and was named a Model Chapter for the third year in a row.

UWG National Broadcasting Society’s Vice President Alexandria Thomas earned honors as the Alpha Epsilon Rho (AERho) Member of the Year. This is the first time a UWG student has ever won this honor.

UWG National Broadcasting Society’s Chapter President Chase Johnson received an Honorable Mention for Student of the Year.

UWG National Broadcasting Society’s Operations Manager Shawn Isaacs was recognized as NBS-AERho Professional Member of the Year, sharing the honor with Lateef Gibson of Norfolk State University.

Recent graduate Rachel Vinson’s media law paper won the Grand Prize in the Academic Paper Category at the National Broadcasting Society Alpha Epsilon Rho convention in Hollywood. This is the fourth year in a row UWG has won this category.

UWG graduate and National Broadcasting Society Professional Member Adam Tucker placed first in the Professional Competition in the Other category for his promo for Auburn Football. He also earned Honorable Mentions for two other promos he submitted.
UWG National Broadcasting Society Chapter Secretary **Sierra Lemelle** was elected to the Board of Governors as one of the two student members on the board.

**Katrina Littlepage** was named as a Coach’s All-America Honorable Mention by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

**Amy Matthews** was named Professional Employee of the Year for Dunwoody Springs Elementary School. It is her first year as a media specialist, and she credits her hard work and the wonderful UWG instructors, advisors, and classes that continue to help guide her through this journey.

The College of Education **Block One Students** traveled to Servants in Faith and Technology in September 2015. There were approximately 47 students from the Department of Learning and Teaching in attendance along with two instructors. The purpose of this trip was to have pre-service students think critically about the differences in socioeconomic status that their students might face once the aspiring teachers enter their own classrooms.

**Academic Success**

**Dr. Nicholas Sterling**, assistant professor of physics at the University of West Georgia, has been awarded a three-year, $320,399 grant from the National Science Foundation to collect data on the properties of rubidium and bromine ions.

The **Department of Mass Communications** at the University of West Georgia has won the 2016 Regents’ Teaching Excellence Award in the Department/Program category. The University System of Georgia Regents’ award recognizes excellence in a department that displays strong commitment to teaching and student success.

**Richards College of Business’** Online MBA Program was ranked number 3 in the nation by bestmastersdegrees.com.

The National Science Foundation has funded College of Science and Mathematics Professor **Dr. Christopher Jett** for his research, “CAREER: Broadening Participation in STEM: A Qualitative Analysis of African American Male STEM Majors’ Mathematics Experiences and Career Decisions.” Dr. Jett has been funded $147,045 for the first year, and this grant has the potential funding of $405,063 over four years.

The John and Mary Franklin Foundation has once again awarded a grant of $10,000 to the **Center for Business and Economic Research**.
Melba Haynes, postal head of UWG Mail Services, was recently elected to leadership positions for two prestigious mail services organizations: National Board Member for the National Association of College and University Mail Services (NACUMS) and Member at Large for the College and University Mail Services Association (CUMSA).

**Partnership Success**

Nationally renowned physician, healthcare speaker, and author Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel spoke at the University of West Georgia Tanner Health System School of Nursing’s Inaugural Healthcare Speaker Series.

Co-owner and Chief Financial Officer of C. L. Services, Inc, C. Russell Caudell spent the day at UWG recently at Executive in Residence, sharing his knowledge and expertise in transportation sales and finance with Richards College of Business students.

In conjunction with Carrollton Main Street, UWG’s School of the Arts hosted its first ever Art Takeover on Adamson Square. Fifteen businesses participated in the event to help showcase the work of multiple local artists, several of whom are UWG students.

**Operational Success**

The University of West Georgia’s College of Social Sciences held its inaugural State of Community: Carroll, highlighting current findings and trends affecting the state of community in Carroll County.

Cobb County announced that 30 percent of their Teachers of the Year for the past year received a degree from the University of West Georgia.

Combining postal permits and West Georgia Mail for bulk mailing, the UWG Mail Services Department saved $109,392 based on the 49 cent rate for academic and staff departments. Mail Services delivers and dispatches mail 99.9 percent every day.

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