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

- A 37-point effort in a dramatic come-from-behind victory propelled UWG senior guard Marquill Smith to earn Gulf South Conference Player of the Week status. Smith averaged 34 points per game during his big week, maintaining his hold on the lead in the scoring race in the GSC.

- Jennifer Castleberry, a current student in the Doctorate in Nursing Education program in the Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON) had her article, “Addressing the Gender Continuum: A Concept Analysis,” recently published in the Journal of Transcultural Nursing.

- Cade Marlowe was named Preseason All-Gulf South Conference by league officials, and was named Preseason All-Region by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

- Angelica McDaniel, president of Gamma Zeta and graduate student in the professional counseling program in the College of Education (COE), won first place in the Entry-Level Students Category of the 2018-19 Leadership Essay Contest sponsored by Chi Sigma Iota and CACREP.

- Aysha Harris (pictured at right) hit a three-pointer late in the third quarter against Christian Brothers that gave her 16 on the night and more importantly gave her 1,000 points in her career. She became the 11th player in school history to eclipse that mark and the first since Tai Ellis hit the mark during the 2005-06 season.
Two UWG alumni were named semifinalists for the 2019 Fulbright U.S. Student Program, a prestigious scholarship program that offers grants for study and research in countries around the world. West Poindexter graduated in spring 2018 with bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and psychology. He is a semifinalist for a study/research Fulbright to Belgium to pursue a graduate degree in philosophy. Darrius Shaw is a 2014 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in biology with a concentration in secondary education. He is a semifinalist for a study/research Fulbright to the United Kingdom to pursue a master's degree in education.

College of Social Sciences (COSS) Associate Professor Dr. Hazel Cole’s co-authored text, “Race, Gender and Image Repair Theory: How Digital Media Change the Landscape,” was released recently. Using a Critical Race Theory lens, the book explores themes that are relevant to the sociopolitical landscape of 21st-century America, including race and gender representation, social and traditional media framing, and image restoration management.

Richards College of Business Lecturer Kim Holder’s article, “Econs vs. Humans: An Introduction to Behavioral Economics,” has been accepted for publication in the Social Education journal.


Dr. Brent Gilles, along with fellow principal investigators Drs. Stacey Britton and Rebecca Gault in COE, received more than $12,000 from CS Britton Inc. to provide professional development and curriculum planning for K-12 teachers on the topic of local watersheds.

A book proposal co-edited by COSS Associate Professors Drs. Jennifer Beggs Weber and Pam Hunt Kirk was accepted by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. The forthcoming collection will be centered on the television series “Shameless” and titled “Shameless Sociology: Critical Perspectives on a Popular Television Series.”

Five UWG students’ abstracts were accepted for presentation at the second World Congress on Undergraduate Research (World CUR). World CUR will be held in Oldenburg, Germany, this May. More than 250 abstracts were accepted from 37 countries, with only 106 from North America. Four of those presentations will be presented by the five UWG students: Katlyn Bradshaw, Jawonna Coleman, Jenna Miller, Jesse Morris and Perry Wasdin.
ACADEMIC SUCCESS (CONTINUED)

• Dr. Celeste Lee, a sociology assistant professor in COSS, published an article in “Communication Education,” titled “Advocate-mentoring: a communicative response to diversity in higher education.”

• Richards College of Business Associate Professor Dr. Agnieszka Chwialkowska’s article, “Can marketing communication prime you to act ‘green’?”, has been accepted for publication in the Management of Sustainable Development Journal.

• Dr. Amy Irby-Shasanmi, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology in COSS, published a book chapter, “Experiencing Health, Illness, and Medical Care,” in the text “Sociology in Action.”

• Dr. Maryanne Weatherill in COE has been invited to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to present her research and to discuss opportunities for collaboration on a speech and exercise program, Bingocize, she utilizes in nursing homes.

OPERATIONAL SUCCESS

• UWG received two merit winner awards at the 33rd annual Educational Advertising Awards from Higher Ed Marketing. This makes more than 20 national/regional awards UWG and its partner Mindpower has received since the “Go West” brand launched. UWG received awards for special institutional video and television spot for the “Who Goes West?” spot.

• Timika Boykin, a human resources coordinator in UWG Campus Planning & Facilities, was accepted into the Emerging Leaders Network, a Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) consortium. This group will meet in-person four times over the next two years, and they will have multiple opportunities to form relationships, deepen their HR knowledge, and reflect upon and build their leadership skills. Boykin was selected from a field of more than 100 applicants for the program.
The COE has partnered with Fulton County Schools to provide paid teacher internships to help meet the growing needs of Fulton County Schools and to train future education graduates. To date, students have received a total of $18,000 in disbursements, with another round to occur in March 2019.

UWG ranked in the 10 Best Online Doctoral Programs in Georgia by Online Ph.D. Programs. COE houses three of the four programs mentioned in the ranking with doctoral degrees in higher education administration, professional counseling and supervision, and school improvement, with THSSON housing the other program: the doctoral degree in nursing education.

The COE is ranked No. 2 in Ed.D. Online Programs by College Values Online, specifically for its program in school improvement, which involves an intensive on campus orientation and nine available concentrations.

Christopher Jett, an associate professor in the College of Science and Mathematics, was awarded the 2019 Early Career Award from the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE). This prestigious, national award is given to a mathematics teacher educator who has made significant contributions to the field within the first decade of receiving the doctorate.

Share your story and tell us your own Point of Pride. For more information and to submit, visit westga.edu/ucm/points-of-pride.php