At the University of West Georgia, we are in the business of transforming lives, and we are focused on success. 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. As we navigate through new horizons, let’s take a moment to congratulate those who have strived for excellence and have achieved it.

FEBRUARY 2020

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

• **Dr. Michael Camp**, assistant professor and political papers archivist in Ingram Library, published his book, “*Unnatural Resources: Energy and Environmental Politics in Appalachia after the 1973 Oil Crisis*,” in the University of Pittsburgh Press’s History of the Urban Environment series.

• **Dr. Katy Green**, associate professor in the College of Education (COE), along with co-PIs Drs. Chelsea Morris and James Schwab, have received another $132,436 for Project iCare (Instruction of Children at Risk with Exceptionalities).

• University Writing Center **Director Duane Theobald** was named the new Georgia State Representative for the Southeastern Writing Center Association (SWCA).

• **COE** has been ranked again for Best Online Graduate Education by U.S. News & World Report.

• **The College of Science and Mathematics** (COSM) hosted a physics talk by **Dr. George Sonneborn**, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center emeritus. Sonneborn presented on The James Webb Space Telescope, the largest telescope to ever be placed in space.

• **COE’s Elementary Education master’s program** has been ranked by Intelligent.com for Best Master’s in Early Childhood Education.
Dr. Kelly Dyar, assistant professor in Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON), will serve as the 2020 president-elect of the Georgia Association for Nursing Education (GANE).

The Wolf Wellness Lab has received a $105,039 grant from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Office to participate in the College Adopt a School Program. The grant will be run by Dr. Duke Biber (PI) and co-PIs Gina Brandenburg and Bridgette Stewart from the Department of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education.

Dr. Connie Barbour, assistant professor in THSSON, has been selected to participate in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Experienced Academic Leadership Academy.

COSM hosted the 2020 Hackathon on Jan. 31 through Feb. 1.

COE’s Instructional Technology program has ranked 28th for Best Online Master’s in Educational/Instructional Technology by Online Schools Report.

Clinical Assistant Professor Lisa Gazan, MSN, RN in THSSON received second place honors at the GANE for her presentation, “Building Blocks of an Innovative Strategic Course.”

Dr. Corey Maggiano, assistant professor in the College of Social Science’s (COSS) Department of Anthropology, was interviewed and featured in “ArchaeoTech,” a podcast focused on the interface between archaeology and technology. The episode is titled, “New Advances in Oxygen Isotope Analysis with Dr. Corey Maggiano.”

Dr. David Bush, Department of Geosciences professor within COSM, recently gave a talk titled “Climate in Crisis.” The talk was sponsored by the Penelope Melson Society.

Dr. Amy Yarbrough, assistant professor in THSSON, has been elected as GANE’s chairperson for the nominations committee for 2020.

COE’s Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education received an “A” for the Early Reading Program from The National Council on Teacher Quality’s 2020 Teacher Prep Review.
• **Rickia Stafford**, an Honors College student studying political science, is a [Truman Scholarship](#) finalist.


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**OPERATIONAL SUCCESS**

• **UWG** exceeded the standard in every category in this year’s [Military Friendly Schools](#) survey. Categories include: academic policies and compliance, admissions and orientation, culture and commitment, financial aid and assistance, graduation and career, and military student support and retention.

• Congratulations to the recent graduates of the [Engage West Fellows and Emerging Leaders Programs](#)!

The Fellows are: Blake Adams, Christina Brogdon, Courtney Chrisman, Tara Pearson, Trent Ross, Monica Smith, Dr. Lisa Adams Somerlot and Ewa Zennermann.

The Emerging Leaders are: Allyson Bretch, Colton Campbell, Charles Cantrell, Angel Cobb, Elizabeth Freeman, Abigail Goodwin, David Haase, Tommy Jenks, Jerome Lee, Cassidy Nelson, Dr. Shea Rose, Dr. Michelle Trotman Scott, Elizabeth Smith and Dr. Elroi Windsor.

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