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!

December 2019

**PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS**

- A Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON) alumna, **Emma Robbins**, has been selected to represent the **Sigma International Honor Society of Nursing in the Nightingale Challenge**. This prestigious program develops nurses 35 years old and younger through a leadership program that will include a visit to represent nurses to the United Nations.

- **Lydia Palmer**, an alumna of the College of Education (COE) and sixth-grade teacher at Fairplay Middle School, was named the **2019-2020 Teacher of the Year for Douglas County Schools**.

- **Amanda Woodham**, a COE alumna and current kindergarten teacher at Van Wert Elementary School, was named the **2019 Polk School District Teacher of the Year**.

- **Michele Taylor**, a COE alumna and current superintendent of Calhoun City Schools, has been selected to serve as **vice chair for the Georgia Northwestern Technical College board of directors**. The board meets monthly to ensure quality technical education and workforce development opportunities are being supported throughout the communities of northwest Georgia.
• Dr. Susan Welch, associate dean and associate professor in THSSON, was elected to a three-year term by members of the National League of Nursing to serve on The National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation Board of Commissioners. The board meets quarterly in Washington D.C to set policy, monitor, and implement all matters related to accreditation.

• An article written by Dr. Agnieszka Chwialkowska, assistant professor of marketing in the Richards College of Business, titled “Maximizing Cross-Cultural Learning from Exchange Study Abroad Programs,” has been accepted for publication in the “Journal of Studies in International Education.”

• Dr. Robert Griffin, professor in the Department of Literacy and Special Education in COE, has been invited by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission to serve on their ESOL Task Force. He will be one of five ESOL and linguistics professors at private and public universities throughout Georgia who have been invited.

• Dr. Lisa Bridwell Robinson, associate professor in THSSON, has been selected to participate in the National League for Nursing Leadership Institute for 2020. Participants are selected based on professional achievement and organizational responsibility. The yearlong program is designed for nurses in education and practice who desire a formal leadership program and those emerging and aspiring to lead.

• Anne Barnhart, professor and head of outreach assessment for Ingram Library, recently visited the Mexican Consulate in Atlanta to participate in Binational Education Week, hosted by the Consul General. The Mexican National Commission for Free Textbooks and the Institute for Mexicans Abroad partnered with the 50 Mexican Consulates in the United States to give away sets of this year’s textbooks approved for use in Mexican public schools for grades K-6. UWG was one of 16 educational agencies in Georgia to solicit and receive the free textbooks, which are available in Ingram Library.

• Dr. Douglas McWilliams, assistant professor in the Richards College of Business, recently created the new Supply Chain Management Club, which has now become an officially affiliated student chapter of the Association of Supply Chain Management.
OPERATIONAL SUCCESS

• The **UWG Mobile Innovations Lab** has received $50,000 for its 2020 programming from the **May P. and Francis L. Abreu Charitable Trust**. The lab focuses on bringing STEAM-based educational technology to rural communities and schools to expose students, community members, and teachers to the many uses of technology in the classroom.

• **Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation** recently presented UWG Career Services with a **$10,000 gift**. The funds will enhance student programming, including a business etiquette dinner as well as helping to fund the remodel of a conference room to be used for meetings, small presentations, and on-campus interviews for students.

STUDENT SUCCESS

• **Renee Cross**, currently working on her specialist degree in COE, was named the **Teacher of the Year at Ringgold Elementary School**. She is a special education co-teacher.

• **Tewanna Brown**, a current student in the master's degree of education in media program in COE, has been named the **2020-2021 District Teacher of the Year for Carroll County Schools**. She teaches business and computer science at Mount Zion Middle School.

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