

Jordan Parrish UWG '12

"My time at UWG, specifically in the theatre company, provided me with such a strong foundation for my long-term trajectory in not just my career, but also in my life as a whole. The personalized guidance of the faculty combined with the creative freedom and vast opportunities instilled a passionate education in me that has helped me navigate the professional world with confidence, creativity, and hardwork."

Jordan has been seen acting in infomercials, television shows like *The Resident*, and commercial work. She is currently as an on-camera product host and digital marketing director.

Ebony M. Tucker UWG '04

"I am so grateful for my degree in theatre from the University of West Georgia. I never imagined the decision to change my major back in 2002 would lead me to experience theatre in Ireland, Copenhagen, Switzerland, New York and Arizona. 20 years after that decision, I have been a teaching artist, recreation site director, a director of theatre for a dance company and currently I am a high school theatre teacher. The skills I gained at UWG as a stage manager, marketing manager, props master, crew member and actress are the foundation for my career."

After graduating from UWG, Ebony got an MFA in Arts Management from the University of Alabama, and an MFA in Children's Theatre from Arizona State University. She was a longtime Teaching Artist at the Alliance Theatre. She is now a high school Theatre teacher.





Rachael Ottinger Karas UWG '18

"The University of West Georgia's theatre program is truly exceptional. I would not be where I am today without the guidance and skills I learned from my time there. The theatre faculty and staff are the greatest thing about the program. They are all passionate about helping you to achieve your goals and watching you succeed."

Rachael will earn her MFA in Costume Design from UGA in May 2022.





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Terrence Smith UWG '14

"I remember signing with my agent, and one of the first things he said to me was that they were looking for actors with more of a theatre background. I couldn't help but be so grateful for my degree from UWG and everything I'd learned from the theatre program. It instilled a confidence in me that has helped make me a better actor and teacher. Now I hopefully get to pass it on to my students as well."

EVERY STUDENT HAS A STORY... WHAT'S YOURS?



Karlie Clifton UWG '14

"UWG Theatre has prepared me for every career choice I have made—from teaching and directing to the launch of my own business through social media content creation. I will forever be grateful for my courses, professors, and overall collegiate experience." Karlie teaches high school Theatre and English.

Eric Graise UWG '15

"UWG's faculty are the best thing about the university, especially in the Theatre Program. They are not just people who teach theatre simply because they have theatre degrees. They are people who are passionate about it. Many of the faculty members actually work in the industry, some of them currently, so you get to work with people who know it and get it."



Scan to watch Eric share his story on the Today Show. Eric will also be seen as a recurring guest star on Peacock's *Queer as Folk* starting in June 2022.



Kenya White UWG '20

"Our professors pushed us to manage our time wisely in academics while also training us to be the best we could be in our future professions. What I took most from these experiences that I still use daily is instilling these qualities in my theatre students, who may eventually choose acting as their careers. I teach these kids to be determined, driven, and focused on their end goals, which my directors and professors taught me."

Kenya was recently called back for the national tour of *Dear Evan Hansen*. He's also found a passion for teaching Theatre in middle school.