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!

April 2019

STUDENT SUCCESS

• Senior Caleb Howard in the College of Arts and Humanities (COAH) has been awarded a Gilman Scholarship to support his participation in the Department of English’s summer study abroad program in Spoleto, Italy. Howard is an English major with a creative writing minor. The Gilman Scholarship program is a national award designed to support students participating in immersive academic programs overseas.

• Two UWG alumni, West Poindexter and Darrius Shaw, have both received Fulbright Fellowships for study in Belgium and the United Kingdom, respectively. They will be pursuing graduate study in those places for the 2019-20 academic year. The Fulbright Fellowship – which awards approximately 1,900 grants annually – is a prestigious scholarship program that offers grants for study and research in countries around the world.

• More than 235 students participated in this year’s Scholars’ Day event, which celebrates student productivity in undergraduate research. The event has grown significantly in the last three years and is an important event in the lives of undergraduates. The event is organized by the Office of Undergraduate Research in conjunction with the Undergraduate Research Committee.
The Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON) is proud to announce the 2018-2019 faculty winners of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty: Shelly Crager, assistant professor and director of the Experiential Learning Center, and Dr. Kelly Dyar, assistant professor in the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty provides national recognition and appreciation to nursing faculty for their commitment and inspirational influence on their students.

An article written by Kim Holder, a lecturer of economics in the Richards College of Business – “Econs vs. Humans: An Introduction to Behavioral Economics” – has been accepted for publication in the journal “Social Education.”

Dr. Kelly Dyar, assistant professor in THSSON, had two manuscripts published. The first, “Veterans as students in higher education: A scoping review,” was published in “Nursing Education Perspectives.” The second was written with Dr. Cynthia Brown, also of THSSON, and was titled “Focused on the objective: Experience of male combat veterans in BSN programs.” This manuscript was published in the “International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship” and was selected by the publisher to be the Editor’s Choice for Health and Medicine. As a result, the article was featured on the DeGruyter Science Discoveries website.

An article written by Dr. Agnieszka Chwiałkowska, assistant professor of marketing in the Richards College of Business – “Can marketing communication prime you to act ‘green’?” – has been accepted for publication in the “Management of Sustainable Development Journal.”

Dr. Beheruz Sethna, UWG president emeritus and professor of marketing in the Richards College of Business, has made a planned gift of $100,000. The funds will move the Beheruz N. Sethna Dean’s Distinguished Scholar toward the endowment level to be renamed the Beheruz N. Sethna Endowed Professor.
The New West Campaign has surpassed $42.1 million raised towards its initial goal of $50 million. These gifts support student scholarships, programmatic activities and facilities at UWG. Virtually every area and aspect of the university is being supported and touched by the continued success of this effort.

UWG’s Publications and Printing received two awards at the prestigious Association of College & University Printers (ACUP+) 2019 conference held in New Haven, Connecticut, at Yale University. The awards were in the Offset Production Category and included Offset Multi Piece Winner for the UWG Admissions Acceptance Package and Offset Multi-Page Winner for the Old Red Kimono Literary Magazine, Georgia Highlands College. The department also received an honorable mention in the Offset Single Page category for the UWG Theatre Company 2018-2019 Season brochure. Representing the university at the conference and accepting the awards on behalf of Publications and Printing was Digital Production Supervisor Jeff Marlow.