

# Commencement Activities

2021

# Alma Mater

My heart's at the Highlands, the school I hold dear,

Where good friends and mentors are always so near.

One college united in perfect harmony,

My Alma Mater, dear GHC.



# GHC Highlights for 2020/2021

- GHC celebrates 50th anniversary year
- Record graduation, economic impact at GHC
- GHC reorganizes academic areas with clear focus on innovative curriculum and local workforce needs
- Students at GHC can now join the rapidly growing film industry in Georgia
- Market demand sparks new bachelor's degree in health science
- GHC's new graphic design program increases career opportunities for students
- GHC alumnus signs to Atlanta Braves
- New pathway in sports management opens up career possibilities for GHC students
- 'Virtual HUB' offers convenient way to access student services from anywhere
- Business pathway for entrepreneurs launches
- New 24/7 hotline among well-being student support programs now provided
- Nursing students recruited to help administer COVID vaccine

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# Commencement Activities

**OF** 

# Georgia Highlands College



# Thursday, May 13th 2021

Georgia Highlands College
Floyd Campus
3175 Cedartown Highway
Rome, Georgia

# **HOW TO VIEW 2021 COMMENCEMENT:**

The 2021 Commencement is available to view on YouTube at: YouTube.com/ghconlineTV

The ceremony will also be aired on Comcast Channel 4 in the Greater Rome area and on AT&T U-verse throughout Georgia on channel 99. See your channel guide for times.

# 51st Commencement

# 10:00 am and 6:00 pm

### Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### \*PROCESSIONAL

Herald for Highlands by Dr. Sam Baltzer

Highland Cathedral by Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb, arranged by Dr. Sam Baltzer Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar, arranged by Dr. Sam Baltzer

#### WELCOME

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARD

Dr. Dana Nichols, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

#### WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD

Billy Morris, Professor of Geology

### **INTRODUCTION OF REGENT - 6pm Ceremony**

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### **REMARKS FROM BOARD OF REGENTS**

Regent T. Dallas Smith, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

#### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Dana Nichols, Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Assisted by:** Travice Obas, Professor of Communication

#### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### CONFERRING OF ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AND CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### ALMA MATER (Lyrics on inside front cover)

Performed by: Robert Adams, Professor of Music

#### \*RECESSIONAL

Hands Across the Sea by John Philip Sousa

#### \*Audience will please stand.

The audience is asked to remain standing throughout the processional and the recessional.

# 49th Pinning and Commencement

3:00 pm

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### \*LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS AND PROCESSIONAL

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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Kristan Dotson, ASN student

#### WELCOME

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### STUDENT CLASS SPEECH

Jason Lanyon, ASN student

#### **FACULTY ADDRESS TO GRADUATES**

Marta Sanderson, RN, BSN, MSN, Instructor of Nursing

#### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Dana Nichols, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

#### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Donald J. Green, President

#### **BSN PINNING**

Announcement of student names: Lynn Herman, MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing Presentation of pins: Sheila Sutton, EdD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Assisted by: Shea Walker, MSN, RN, CCRN, Assistant Director of Nursing

#### **ASN PINNING**

Announcing of student names: Lynn Herman, MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing Recognition of Graduates: Paula Stover, DNP, MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing Presentation of roses: Bethany Blevins, MSN, RN-BC, Instructor of Nursing Presentation of pins: Shea Walker, MSN, RN, CCRN, Assistant Director of Nursing Assisted by: Jennifer Hand, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC, Instructor of Nursing

#### **NURSING PLEDGE:**

Wendy Harvey, ASN student

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Suzanne Garrett, ASN student

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# About the Pinning Ceremony

Nursing education is rigorous and intense and can challenge a student's mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical endurance. The Pinning Ceremony celebrates successful academic achievement and is a traditional welcome into the world of professional nursing. The event is solemn and joyful, highlighting victories and failures, joys and sadness, deeply human interactions and humor, and potent learning moments that student nurses experience during their journey into professional nursing. A short history follows:

- 1099 Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist who tended the ill and wounded during the Crusades were given a Maltese cross medal to signify their vow to become the serf and slave of their masters the sick.
- **1500s** Guilds and schools adopted the wearing of the coat of arms to identify themselves. Religious orders incorporated the design of the cross into their insignia.
- 1856 Queen Victoria awarded Florence Nightingale the Red Cross of Saint George for her service in the Crimean War.
- Miss Nightingale used a similar medal to reward outstanding students in her first nursing school at Saint Thomas' Hospital in London.
- 1870s The Wolverton Royal Hospital in England is credited with being the first school to award a pin to all graduates.
- 1873 The first three American schools of nursing based on the Nightingale model opened in New York, New York, Boston, Massachusetts, and New Haven, Connecticut.
- 1880 Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York became the first school in the United States to award pins to graduates.
- 1900s Pinning became a common ceremony in schools of nursing. Each new school that opened chose a unique design for its pin and awarded it to graduates as a symbol of academic work well done, entry into the profession of nursing, and a reminder of nursing's historical mission to serve the sick.

The lighting of the Nightingale Lamp honors Florence Nightingale's contribution as the founder of modern nursing. She was known as the "Lady with the Lamp" while making night nursing rounds for wounded soldiers. Nightingale was a social reformer who founded the first professional nursing school.





# International Nursing Pledge

In the full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics, or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering, and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me, and refraining from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the nurse.

# Academic Regalia

Stylized and distinctive academic regalia is a notable feature of all formal functions of colleges and universities throughout the world. The use of a particular kind of costume to distinguish university scholars evolved in Europe during the earliest days of these schools. Since there was an intimate relationship between the early universities and the church, a large number of scholars were prepared for the priesthood, and many of the faculty were clergymen. The garb adopted for students was similar to that worn by the clergy, although differing enough in design to set the scholars apart from the churchmen.

There are three types of gowns, three styles of hoods, and two kinds of cap tassels included in American academic costume. The bachelor's gown is without ornamentation and has long, pointed and open sleeves; the master's gown is similar but has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom (there are openings about midway for the hands); the doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The master's gown may be worn either open or closed.

All hoods are lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree and faced with the traditional color of the primary field of study. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood is three and a half; the doctor's hood is four. The doctor's hood has wide set panels. The major field of study can be determined from the facing on the hood according to the following schemes: arts-white, science-gold/yellow, nursing-apricot, physical education-green, business administration-drab, librarianship-lemon, and education-blue.

Georgia Highlands College bachelor's degree recipients wear orange stoles trimmed in blue. The graduates' tassel color indicates their area of study.

# Ceremony Photography

Only handheld video cameras are allowed during the ceremony and must be used from the seating.

Still photos may be taken only from behind the graduate seating area.

Professional photos will be taken of each graduate receiving a diploma.

View and purchase photos of graduates online at store.creativeprophoto.com.

Professional photos available for a limited time only.

The HOPE Scholarship program in Georgia has provided financial assistance to many Georgia Highlands College students each year since its inception in 1993. Georgia Highlands College thanks our legislative representatives for continuing this program to deserving students.

# Acknowledgements Georgia Highlands College wishes to thank:

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- Bagpipe music provided by Joe Dunaway
- Music provided by Highlands Brass and Percussion Ensemble, led by Dr. Sam Baltzer
- Sign language interpretation provided by Jessica Burrell
- Graduate photos provided by Creativeprophoto.com

# University System of Georgia Board of Regents T. Dallas Smith



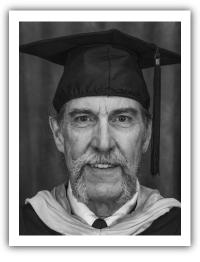
T. Dallas Smith is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer at T. Dallas Smith & Company. He leads all new business development initiatives. His role includes overseeing all brokerage affairs related to the company and providing chief liaison services to key clients.

Dallas began his commercial real estate career in 1982 at Atlanta Air Center Realty under the guidance of Thomas W. Tift as leasing and management representative for the portfolio. In 1989, he became the first African-American broker at Cushman & Wakefield of Georgia. His affiliation with the company opened doors for many minority brokers.

In 1995, he pioneered the brokerage division for H.J. Russell & Company, an African-American owned construction and management firm, where he served as Vice President of the Brokerage Division. Dallas led the company initiative of acquiring forty parcels of real estate, a full city block in the intercity of Atlanta resulting in a mixture of office, retail, and multifamily developments now valued at over \$20 million. In 2006, with the blessing of the late Herman Russell, Dallas opened T. Dallas Smith & Company, specializing in tenant representation. T. Dallas Smith & Company has led projects across the country with metrics exceeding more than seven million square feet of commercial property leasing and acquisitions and five thousand acres of land purchases. Since its inception, the team has grown exponentially, successfully leading transactions totaling over \$15 billion in aggregate value.

Dallas, a Georgia State University alumnus, is the Chair of the Real Estate Committee at his alma mater. He also serves on the boards of the Council for Quality Growth and Atlanta Commercial Board of REALTORS. He has been awarded numerous honors including Atlanta Most Admired CEO in 2017, Atlanta Commercial Board of REALTORS' Realtor of the Year in 2018, and Empire Board of Realists Broker of the Year in 2018. T. Dallas Smith will serve as an at-large member of the Board of Regents.

# Mace Bearer and Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award Billy Morris



### About the Mace

The mace, a great and splendid staff, is actually a club and a symbolic weapon. Medieval universities would not defend themselves with the sword. It was not considered appropriate for gentle scholars to draw blood, but they could defend themselves using a cudgel. The mace has come to stand as a symbol for two critical matters. First, it stands for the freedom of the academy to seek the truth and to teach it. It also stands for the authority of the academy. The mace makes the statement that the academy must protect the ideals of order, liberty, and the freedom to learn.

GHC Faculty selected Billy Morris, Professor of Geology, to carry the mace in 2021 to honor his many years of dedicated service to the college. The mace was designed by David Mott, retired Associate Professor of Art, and by Dr. David Cook, retired Professor of Biology.

GHC Faculty also selected Morris for the second consecutive year to receive the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award for his years of service and leadership, making him the first recipient of this distinction multiple times. The Walraven Award is named in memory of Dr. Wesley C. Walraven, the academic dean at Floyd Junior College (now GHC) from its founding in 1970 until 1993. Walraven's most memorable assets included an unselfish dedication to students, a quietly focused management style, and keen intelligence.

Morris is an outstanding choice for this prestigious award. Having earned a B.S. from Georgia Southern in 1980 and an M.S. from Emory in 1986, Morris has served at GHC since June 1994. Among his many noteworthy endeavors is his highly successful Wyoming study away program, which takes geology students into the field to learn. This program has run each summer for 25 consecutive years!

# Honorary Faculty Marshals

The Honorary Faculty Marshals are the most senior faculty in their academic procession.



10am Ceremony Mark Pergrem Professor of Physics 21 years of service



3pm Ceremony
Lynn Herman
Associate Professor of Nursing
25 years of service



6pm Ceremony Frank Minor Professor of English 29 years of service

# Candidates for Graduation Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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Matia Celine Probus Alexis Chalice Pullen Liliana Rodriguez Meghan Lynn Shelton Kari Elizabeth Soeder Victoria Leighann Stafford Georgia Claire Steele Tiffiany A Stewart Keifer Elijah Stroup Shakira Monique Tennyson Kaylyn Lee Tomlin John Matthew Vaughan Jaylen D Vaughn Taitt E Vosatka Alonzo Dakariai Wallace Macy Mae Wallace Marah Shea Warren Zachariah Glen Watson Andrea Diane Wesley Blake Thomas Wilson Breana Rose Wisniewski

# Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Joshua T Conant Janahi Contreras Darrell B Dunn Breanna Lee Moore Kevin James Morang Richard D Peck Tommy Dante Ray Joel Keith Stroupe William S Wacker

# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Elaina Robinson Benitez
Danielle Bouloute
Heather R Choate
Taylor Kate Clark
Jackie Fussell Croft
Mary-Margaret Graham
Ivey Lynn Hampton
Jennifer LeAnn Hendricks

Haley Marie Howard Natalie Katelyn Jones Taylor Michelle King Belinda Rena Land Laura Lucille Mann Alexandria J Miller Angelique Melissa Mills Alicia Kerri Mims MaCayla Radonna Mobley Celina Munoz Jocelyn Brittany Richmond Meghan N Roman Kimberly Nunez Sanchez Hailey Elizabeth Sosa Emily Elizabeth Sowell Kaitlin Anne Walker

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Shirley Ann Bryant
Kyleigh Belle Carney
Leonard V Carrese
Deborah Pettyjohn Dobbins
Joseph Clayton Foster
Heather Leigh Gooch
Taniesha Neichell Harrison
Johntavious J Johnson
Matthew A King
Kaitlen Danielle Kiser

Amanda Lee Lewis
Giselle Martinez
Laura Dee Martinez
Melissa Michelle Mestizo
Rebeka L Neal
Jordan Kyle Osteen
Laquisha Q Pillow
Jolie Alexis Puckett
Princesa Maritza Reyes
Shervonna Norvette Richardson

Tracie Marie Rowlls
Zachary James Rush
Zashia Lee Simpson
David Thomas Smith
Heather Paige Stengel
Jeremy Aidan Thomas
Christienne Nicole Tolero
Rebekah Hope White

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# Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

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# Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.89 graduation grade point average

**April Anderson** Jacob Reid Barnette **Nathan Christopher Barrett** Amanda Grace Bishop **Emily Nicole Blalock** Cody R Boazman Joria Sianne Brooks Sarah Lynne Brown Gloria I Brownlow Molli Ann Brunsvold Maxxi Lynn Bryant Lorenzo Raphael Caseiro Lorenzo Raphael Caseiro **Emily Lauren Cash** Christina Ruth Cebelenski Trinity M Chapman Yadira Chavez-Alvarez Danielle Gayle Cook Jacob Dale Cook

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Natalie Arlett Jimenez

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The leadership provided by the foundation trustees combined with the efforts of the college's advancement office is essential to the success of the college and the students who attend. As a regional, multi-campus institution serving Northwest Georgia, Georgia Highlands is indebted to the community leaders who serve as foundation trustees as well as the many donors who support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.

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# The History of Georgia Highlands College

Since 1970, Georgia Highlands College has served the Northwest Georgia community with a solid educational foundation with two-year and four-year degree options. Originally founded as Floyd Junior College, GHC is now an access mission state college of the University System of Georgia and serves students throughout Georgia.

In 1968, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia authorized the establishment of Floyd Junior College in Floyd County. Under the board's policy, the local community provided a campus site and funds for the construction of the initial facilities. Led by the Junior College Committee headed by Rome attorney Mr. J.D. Maddox, Floyd County citizens responded enthusiastically by approving a \$3.2 million bond issue by a margin of nearly three to one. Construction began in early 1970. The college's first classes were offered during the fall quarter of 1970 in temporary facilities. At the end of that year, all operations were moved to the new campus on Highway 27 (Cedartown Highway), six miles south of Rome.

Dr. David B. McCorkle became the first president of Floyd Junior College on January 1, 1970, and served in that position until June 30, 1991. Following Dr. McCorkle's retirement, Dr. Richard Trimble was appointed acting president of the college and served until the November 1992 selection of Dr. H. Lynn Cundiff as the college's second president. Dr. Cundiff left the college in August 2000. During the 2001 academic year, Mr. Robert Watts served as interim president. The Board of Regents named Dr. J. Randolph Pierce the third president of Floyd College on June 15, 2001. Dr. Pierce retired in December 2011, and Mr. Robert Watts once again became interim president until May 2012 when Dr. Renva Watterson became interim president. She served at the post until the Board of Regents named Dr. Donald J. Green the fourth president, beginning his duties on September 8, 2014.



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