

2022 mmencement Activities

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 2021/2022

- Bachelor's degree in Building Information Modeling Management added to growing list of affordable bachelor's degrees
- Film students break into the film business with partnership on Local Cinema Studios production
- GHC holds second highest economic impact among state colleges in Georgia
- 100% of dental hygiene students pass national board exams
- New articulation agreement guarantees admission from GHC to UGA
- Healthcare program at GHC ranked as 'best affordable' degree in the country
- Renovated Winn Building at GHC's Paulding site increases opportunities for students
- State legislators and members of the Board of Regents meet at GHC for Gratitude Event
- The Aspen Institute names GHC one of 25 U.S. community colleges eligible for 2023 Aspen Prize
- After over 30 straight wins, the Lady Chargers basketball team was ranked #3 in the nation, became the GCAA Champions, the NJCAA Southeast District 1 Champions, and played in the NJCAA District 1 National Basketball Championship Game
- Georgia Power presents nearly \$40,000 energy efficiency rebate check to GHC
- GHC plans to expand this summer with new Marietta location on Northchase Parkway

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Commencement Activities

OF

Georgia Highlands College



Thursday, May 12th

2022

Georgia Highlands College Floyd Campus 3175 Cedartown Highway Rome, Georgia

HOW TO VIEW 2022 COMMENCEMENT:

The 2022 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.

52nd Commencement

10:00 am and 6:00 pm

Dr. Dana Nichols, Interim 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. Dana Nichols, Interim President

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Dana Nichols, Interim President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS- 10am Ceremony

Regent Cade Joiner, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

REMARKS FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION- 6pm Ceremony

Matthew Perry, SGA President and Class of 2022 Graduate

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARD - 6pm Ceremony

Dr. Sarah Coakley, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD

Sharryse Henderson, Professor of Biology

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Sarah Coakley, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer **Assisted by:** Travice Obas, Professor of Communication

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Dana Nichols, Interim President

CONFERRING OF ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AND CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Dana Nichols, Interim 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.

50th Pinning and Commencement

2:00 pm

Dr. Dana Nichols, Intrem President

*LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS AND 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

OPENING PRAYER

Mara Bryant, ASN Students

WELCOME

Dr. Dana Nichols, Interim President

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER and GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Dr. Paula Stover, Interim Director of Nursing

GUEST SPEAKER

Rebecca 'Becca' Maddox, Professor Emerita, Former Director of Nursing

CLASS WELCOME

Morgan Papageorge, ASN student

STUDENT CLASS SPEECH

Jonathan Register, ASN student

FACULTY ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Marta Sanderson, RN, BSN, MSN, Assistant Professor of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Sarah Coakley, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Dana Nichols, Interim President

BSN PINNING

Announcement of Student Names: Dr. Debbie Amason, DNP, RN, Professor of Nursing Graduate Acknowledgements: Dr. Misty Smith, DNP, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing Presentation of Pins: Paula Stover, DNP, MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing Assisted by: Shea Walker, MSN, RN, CCRN, Assistant Director of Nursing

ASN PINNING

Announcing of Student Names: Dr. Debbie Amason, DNP, RN, Professor of Nursing
Graduate Acknowledgements: Dr. Misty Smith, MSN, RN, Assistant 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: Nicole Tolbert, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing

NURSING PLEDGE

Lacey Barwick, ASN student

CLOSING PRAYER

Loren Harris, 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.
- 1860 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.

Cords, stoles, and special tassels are worn at GHC commencement to recognize membership in nationally affiliated student organizations, honor societies, and honors programs.

BROTHER 2 BROTHER (B2B): B2B is a national organization and exists to provide positive solutions to the educational, cultural, social, spiritual, and intellectual needs of African-American and Latino male college students at GHC. B2B provides opportunities for leadership development and campus and community service. B2B graduates wear a red stole with commencement regalia.

HONOR GRADUATES: Latin honors include Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.0 gpa), Magna Cum Laude (3.70 gpa), and Cum Laude (3.50-3.60 gpa). Honor graduates wear a gold tassel with commencement regalia. A full list of 2022 Honor Graduates can be found on page 14.

HONORS PROGRAM: Students in the Honors Program complete optional additional research projects to earn honors credit. Students with 15 honors credits earn an Honors Diploma and wear a purple cord with commencement regalia.

PHI THETA KAPPA: PTK is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Students who achieve a 3.50 cumulative GPA with at least 12 credit hours at Georgia Highlands College are invited to join. Members must then maintain a 3.25 GPA. The GHC chapter is Alpha Psi Omicron and was chartered in January 1994. PTK graduates wear gold stoles and blue and gold cords with commencement regalia.

PSI BETA: Psi Beta is a national honor society which promotes professional development, research skills, community service, and psychological literacy for students at two-year colleges. Student membership requires a GPA of 3.25 or a GPA that falls within the top 35 percent of the student body. Psi Beta graduates wear gold stoles and gold and blue cords with commencement regalia.

SIGMA PHI ALPHA: Sigma Phi Alpha is the national dental hygiene honor society. GHC inducts one senior student each year into Sigma Phi Alpha. That graduate wears a special stole and cords to designate membership as well as a gold lapel pin.

SIGMA THETA TAU: Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society for nurses. With over 135,000 active members in over 100 countries, eligible members include baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. Sigma Theta Tau graduates wear a purple cord with commencement regalia.

STUDENT AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION: SADHA is a part of the American Dental Hygienists' Association and is a nationally recognized pre-professional organization that will transition into membership in the professional ADHA membership. SADHA graduates wear a lilac cord with commencement regalia.

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA: Student Veterans of America (SVA) is the premier national organization leading service, research, programs, and advocacy for veterans in higher education. SVA graduates wear red, white, and blue cords with commencement regalia.

University System of Georgia Board of Regents Cade Joiner



One year after earning a BBA in Marketing from the University of Georgia in 2001, Cade Joiner founded Shred-X Secure Document Destruction. Shred-X is one of the largest independent shredding companies in the Southeast and was named as one of the 100 fastest growing businesses in Georgia. Joiner is the Chairman of the National Federation of Independent Business of Georgia, an organization with 8,000 member businesses across the state. He serves as a board member for the UGA Entrepreneurship Program, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and Georgia Workforce Development Board, and he also advises the boards of several start-ups. The University of Georgia recently named him as one of its forty most distinguished graduates under the age of forty. In 2018, Joiner served on the Finance Committee for Governor Brian Kemp and was also on the Executive Committee of the Kemp Inaugural. In early 2019, he was named the Co-Chairman of the Georgians First Commission. He regularly appears in the media discussing business issues and has been featured on Fox News, CNN, and in the Wall Street Journal. Joiner and his wife, Katie, and sons live in Brookhaven. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and watching college football and basketball. Joiner will serve as an at-large member of the Board of Regents.



Matthew Tebias Perry SGA President

Matthew Tebias Perry is a Graphic Design major from Dallas, Georgia. He has long been involved with GHC student activities including Student Government Association, Brother 2 Brother, and Phi Theta Kappa serving as president of both SGA and B2B and as a chapter officer for PTK. Matthew looks forward to using the skills he learned in GHC's Graphic Design program to pursue a degree in Interior Design.

Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award Sharryse Henderson



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 include an unselfish dedication to students, a quietly focused management style, and keen intelligence.

Professor Sharryse Henderson is an outstanding choice for this prestigious award. Having earned a B.S. from Shorter College in 1995 and an M.S. from the University of West Georgia in 2002, Sharryse joined the full-time faculty in 2004. Her accomplishments and contributions to the institution are numerous and include teaching excellence, an unmatched dedication to serving the College and community, and a true commitment to student success.

Mace Bearer Lisa Jellum



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 considered inappropriate 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 Lisa Jellum to carry the mace in 2022 to honor her 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.

Honorary Faculty Marshals

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



10am Ceremony Susan Claxton Professor of Human Services 25 years of service



2pm Ceremony Debbie Amason Professor of Nursing 22 years of service



6pm Ceremony Frank Minor Professor of English 30 years of service

Candidates for Graduation

Bachelor of Business Administration

Chelsea N Agbaje Lesli Maribel Alvarez Elisabeth Joy Archer Kayla Nicole Avila Lee Harris Battle Carley Virginia Bruce Esmeralda M Buitrago Ariza Emma Makenna Burger **Emily R Carney** Isaiah Jamaal Carson Shelby Nicole Chapman Gregory Chenoweth Alexander Colas Jackson Davis Davenport Latova Montrell Davis Fraidenes Benito Deleon Gramajo Bryan Kristopher Dittrich

Joseph D Erwin Nile Katherine Finch Kaylee Ann Gardner Danny O Gonzalez Vicente Aaron Dennis Green Stella Cecilia Griffin Zackary Hacker Blake Andrew Hall Brooke Lindsay Haney Carressa L Hann Alissa Mary Jane Hanson Savannah Mayson Harris Benjamin Forrester Hellriegel Chloe A Hibbard Sharon L Hostler Madison Sheriese Hulsey Eric H Johnson

Jason A Johnson Donovan Cole Kinsella Moises Lopez Ledesma Cherish E Lowery Mario Christopher Magana Sherell Meleah Mahadeo Anel Manjarrez Tara Breanne Mathis Taylor James Meeks DeLaceyah Shambria Mount Victoria Rose Naiarro Tammy Diane Parson Heema Pankaj Patel William Bradford Patterson Stephen Scott Paul Haley Brooke Pittman Alexis Chalice Pullen

Roger Hunter Landon Redd Lisa Rose Meghan Lynn Shelton Chrystal Sylvain Shakira Monique Tennyson Stephanie Yuridia Valencia Julia Claire Varner Alonzo Dakariai Wallace Martisa R Webster Macy Mae Wallace Marah Shea Warren Zachariah Glen Watson Andrea Diane Wesley Blake Thomas Wilson Breana Rose Wisniewski

Maegan Ashley Payne

Tiara Zantajah Penson

Megan Tyler Reynolds

Amber Nicole Stevens

Ashley Nicole Shanahan

Melinda L St John

Blair Alanna Stuart

Kelly Marie Timms

Jennifer Mae Vaughn

Billie Danielle Wellborn

Allison Gladney Zoutendijk

Kiera Rollins

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Kaitlin Nicole BallRoger CarrollKecia Nicole BlackBrooke Elizabeth JohnsonJacqueline Gervacio CabanJeffery D JonesNaisha Shauntika CammackMadisyn Sydney KendallAmber Elyse CampbellVictoria Anne Kisella-SmithDaniela Camacho Cano-ArmasOjilvia Maldonado Lom

Sandy Michelle Abernathy Courtney Aspinall Emily Grace Blaze Danielle Bouloute Megan E Collins Jackie Fussell Croft Ashley Dawson

Juana N Aguilar Courtney Renae Baron Samantha Bill Mackenzie L Bollen Deja Adonai Brewster Patsy Serena Bristol Peyton Ashley Brock Corrie Danielle Camden Wedlyne Cange Crystal Gail Causey Erica Michelle Chapman Stephanie Marie Cole Tabatha L Collins

Devin Lynette Aaron April Anderson Colleen Ann Anthony Amy Elizabeth Benton Rebekah Anne Biddulph Heather Renee Braden Marcia Manuela Carbajal Shana D Caroway Leonard V Carrese Amy A Carter Erin Wilder Clark Carly Jessica Comer Briceyda Cortes-Leon Wendy Jasmin Delgado Adrian Fraire Shelli Goodman Cheryl Annette Greer Dania Badia Hamouda Natasha Bell Holloway Jessica Allan Lovick Monte' S McClarity Stephanie Mcgee Madison S Mosteller Rafael Cruz Nunez Benjamin Olson Stormy Erica Ortiz

Gwendolyn Brooke Mathis Ashley G Mitton Nikki-ann Mossop Cindy Valdez Palacios Meghan N Roman Megan Rose Kimberly Nunez Sanchez

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Tyra A`lece Crowder-Pelton Bianca Dingle Bailey Rose Donehoo Morgan Taylor Dubberly Dillan Gage Frazier Nessa Gilmore Rosemary L Guilford Beatrice Renee Hawkins Ivy Meghan Henderson Shachia Antoinette Jones Shania Ketra Joseph Lacey Leann Knight Alyssa Copen Kynard Charles Lee Lamb III Samantha S Lewis Kathryn Louise Lundsberg Sheniqua Manson Karley H McLeod Angela Mejia Alzate Maria Milagros Morgan Shelina Jeanette Munoz Angelynn Katerina Potts Alexis Marie Price Keegan Clarke Pulford-Thorpe Malia Rose Ray Mirlene Saint-Aime Hayley Shaw Kalyn Ladon Simmons Reannah Hope Smith Kamraun Laurence Sorhaindo Hannah Marie Toler Tresor Tshimanga David J Vaughan Laura J Walker Morgan Taylor Wall Zonesla Qwnett Ward Patricia Gayle Weatherwax

Jacoryn Latryce Whatley

Shannon Wormley

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Corinne Jolly Craft Baylee Olivia Davenport Deborah Pettyjohn Dobbins Haley Brooke Epstein Crysta Marie Giles Mistee Heather Graham Ansley Brooke Gravely Joseph Blake Griggs William M Hamilton Sabrina Lin Harding Christian Michael Hiers Leslie Eric Holbert Tanner Chase Hund Kristen McNair James Taylor Michelle Johnson Bethany Hope Kinard Sanne Marie Louise Kramer Adamis Nicole Ladipo Jacob McDaniel Martin Melissa Michelle Mestizo Erica V Miller Sarah J Murray Monique Rochelle Perkins Laquisha Q Pillow Titilola O Popoola Mircea C Potgoreanu Kristen Nicole Prejean Mayra Lorena Rivera Rojas Zachary James Rush Eden E Townsend Amber Renee Walker Brooke Liz Walker Rebekah Hope White Mary Elizabeth Whitner Ashley Renee Woody Eddie Tyler Wright

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Robert Antonio Abrom Madison Marie Adams Camber R Adkins **Baylor K Agan** Jonathan Araujo Janae Marshelle Marie Archer Vivian Assis Amber Nicole Baldwin Kaitlin Nicole Ball James Dillon Barahona Suada Barlov Sydney N Barnes Amanda Rae Beal Bradley Belt Austen David Bennett Michael Edward Bettikofer Ariel Rose Bishop Montgomery G Blake Kevin Michael Bolick **Boston E Booth Emily Lauren Bray** Summer Joann Bridges Heath Daniel Brooks Kayla D Brooks Hayden Lane Brookshire Rodonna Elaine Brown Zaysha T Brown Joseph Paul Bruce Tynasia Mazetta Bunting Krista T Burt Destiny Nicole Cabe Jalen Christopher Caldwell Naisha Shauntika Cammack Najee Monae Campbell Barrett D Cappetto Jorge Carbajal Roger Carroll Marco T Castellanos Tim Isaiah Castellanos Trisha L Chappell Dana M Christ Heather Ward Churchill Brittney Jamila Clay Joshua Cochran Cochran Jonah William Coleman Leann Marie Comeau Albert G Cooper Grant Steven Copeland Nena Ann Cornett Amy Coulter Anna M Cox Amanda Curlev Jadyn Davidson Halee Alon Dempsey Brittny Depuy Orlane Devesin Tracey W Devito Sarah Elizabeth Dewitte Fatima A Diaz Mary Ashley Diaz Christian Dominic Disclafani Gregory Dobbins Rachel Simone Drake Jada Elise Dublin Anslev Nicole Edwards Lauren Alexandria Edwards Makayla A Elam Anthony Augustus Federico Meleena J Fierro Tamia Danyelle Flemister Alayna H Fortier Parris F Francois Parris F Francois

Associate of Arts

Dillan Gage Frazier Samuel Dean Gabbard Stephanie Galicia Kelsie Lynn Gilbert Viviana Gomez Chelsea A Gonzalez Simeon Michael Greenberg William Alexander Greene Kevin Eduardo Guerra Dina Elizabeth Guevara Oscar G Gutierrez Lisa Nicole Hallmark Georgia L Hamby Anisa Harris Ashley Heerlein Neece Hartfield Hitson Ashton Paul Hughes Kaitlyn Nicole Ingram Armando Jose Irizarry-Vazquez Charlotte Christiane James Manoucheca Jean Alexis Ryan Johnson Ariel T Jones Devin Jones Shachia Antoinette Jones Kasey Shantal Juarez Nayeli Juarez-Cruz Anna K Keck Samuel A Keller Rylan M Kelly Lora E Lafore Chiani J Laliveres Stephen Matthew Lambert Montana J Ledbetter Quentin Leek Lynda Luanne Loor Julia Lynn Lynch Madelyn Makorow Vanessa Maldonado Kayla J Mathis Mallory Alicia Mayton Sarah Elisabeth Mcdonald Jayla R Mcelrath Christian Daniel Mcelroy Jonathan Lee Mcilvaine Stephen Lane Mears Jeanna R Miller Whitney R Mills Marlowe T Mitchell Joshua Z Morgan Helen S Murphy Christina Michelle Nelson Evan Lee Nettles Andrew L Nguyen Simay Naz Oget Melissa Ortiz-Torres Brett Matthew Otterlee Michael Vincent Page Alexandria Payne Emely Paz Megan L Penar Senate Shane Pendley Sean A Penney Karina L Perdomo Hannah G Perez Matthew Tebias Perry Shemaiah S Pinson Courtney Breanna Poteat Nya M Powell Isabelle Grace Prater Makenna Privett Briseyda Pulido Andrea Marie Raham

Kayontye Raymond Mariah Lee Redmond Kayla Pilar Reid Daniel Joseph Repper Giselle Yvette Reyes Isaac Roberson Kayla Leeann Roberson **Micaiah Shaquay Roberts** Christian S Rodriguez Noah Phillip Rogers Makenzie Routh Cayland Denise Rucker Sabrina Morgan Rudolph Sandra Gail Russell Hannah E Sargent Ian Nicolas Schirmer Michael Victor Schulmeister Daphne N Segovia Damon Charles Self Nathanael J Seymour Trevor Kyle Shadix Brittany Nicole Sheetz Kalie Madison Shepherd Sasha Lynn Sheron Mickell Angela Simas Jacob Nathaniel Sims Rodger P Skeen Lauren Nicole Smith John D Sparks Alexandria C Stodghill Justin Stowe **Robbie Michelle Sykes Bailey A Temples** Payton Zaccheus Thompson Rebecca Tobias Jennifer Torres Tami-Ann Cherida Treasure Lucrecia G Tun Cody W Tuohy Jennifer Amanda Turner Jason P Ughrin Jessica Valdez Ela Natalia Valenzuela Lucille Grace Van Valkenburg Chevenne Nicole Vaughan Alicia Victoria Vaughn Lydia A Vavases Stephanie Fidelia Vega Dhamar L Verdel Aguirre Justyna Carine Voigt Sybil Kaitlyn Von Wedel Taitt E Vosatka Jennifer J Walker Antonious L Ward Tod Wells Whitney Ann Wells Derrick M Whitaker Logan Blaine White Jessica L Wier Austin C Williams Peighton Reiss Williamson Amber Leigh Winkelman Charity Faith Wofford Kimberly Cherie Wood Dalynn Mackenzie Wooten Anissa Wright Enyannia Anya Wright Jessica Yacinthe Logan Christopher Yarborough Sofia G Zaman Kelsey Marie Zehnder Zachary N Zunt

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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. Dr. Dana Nichols became the Interim President of Georgia Highlands College in July 2021.



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