



2023
*Commencement
Activities*

WELCOME TO
GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE
2023
COMMENCEMENT



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.

THE
COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES
OF
GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE



THURSDAY, MAY 11TH
2023

GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE
FLOYD CAMPUS
3175 CEDARTOWN HIGHWAY
ROME, GEORGIA

HOW TO VIEW 2023 COMMENCEMENT:

The 2023 Commencement is available to view on YouTube at: [YouTube.com/ghconlineTV](https://www.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.

53rd Commencement

11:00am and 7:00pm Ceremonies

Dr. Mike Hobbs, 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. Mike Hobbs, President

REMARKS FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

April Cole, SGA President

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARD

WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD - 11am

Presented by Dr. Sarah Coakley, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Presented to Robert Adams, Professor of Music

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT - 7pm

Presented by Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

Presented to CL Tidwell

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS - 11am Ceremony

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS - 7pm Ceremony

Senator Chuck Hufstetler, Georgia State Senator and GHC alumnus

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Sarah Coakley, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Assisted by: Travice Obas, Professor of Communication

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

CONFERRING OF ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AND CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Mike Hobbs, 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.

51st Pinning and Commencement

3:00pm Ceremony

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

*LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS AND PROCESSIONAL

Herald for Highlands by Dr. Sam Baltzer

Highland Cathedral by Ulrich Roeber and Michael Korb, arranged by Dr. Sam Baltzer

Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar, arranged by Dr. Sam Baltzer

OPENING PRAYER

Christina Newman, ASN Students

WELCOME

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

CLASS WELCOME

Julianne Bowling, ASN student

STUDENT CLASS SPEECH

Bryson Shiflett, ASN student

FACULTY ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Nicole Tolbert, MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD

Presented by Dr. Sarah Coakley, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Presented to Dr. Paula Stover, DNP, RN, Director of Nursing

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS - 3pm Ceremony

Regent Lowery May, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Sarah Coakley, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

BSN PINNING

Announcement of student names: Dr. Misty Smith, DNP, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Graduate acknowledgements: Dr. Debbie Amason, DNP, RN, Professor of Nursing

Presentation of pins: Dr. Shea Walker, DNP, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing

Assisted by: Dr. Paula Stover, DNP, RN Director of Nursing

ASN PINNING

Announcing of student names: Dr. Misty Smith, DNP, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Graduate acknowledgements: Dr. Debbie Amason, DNP, RN, Professor of Nursing

Presentation of pins: Dr. Shea Walker, DNP, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing

Assisted by: Marta Sanderson, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Presentation of roses: Bethany Blevins, MSN, RN-BC, Instructor of Nursing and

Tracy Greeson, MSN, RN, Instructor of Nursing

NURSING PLEDGE

Esmeralda Rodriguez, ASN student

CLOSING PRAYER

Colby Smith, ASN student

CONFERRING OF ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AND CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

ALMA MATER (Lyrics on inside front cover)

Performed by: Robert Adams, Professor of Music

*RECESSIONAL: Hands Across the Sea by John Philip Sousa

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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 16.

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.

2023 Commencement Speakers

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

Regent Cade Joiner - 11am



As a proud Georgia native, the highlight of Cade Joiner's career has been founding, growing, and advising on more than a dozen different businesses in his home state. One year after earning a BBA in Marketing from the University of Georgia in 2001, Cade Joiner founded Shred-X Secure Document Destruction, now the largest independent shredding company in the southeast. He is also a strategic partner at Brookwell Capital.

Joiner is the past 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 of the UGA Entrepreneurship Program, Vice Chairman of the University System of Georgia Foundation, Member of the Georgia Board of Regents, and Chairman of the USG Intercollegiate Athletics

Committee. 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 discusses business issues in the media and has been featured on Fox News, CNN, and the Wall Street Journal. Joiner, his wife, Katie, and their sons live in Brookhaven, Georgia. He enjoys traveling and watching college football and basketball in his free time.

Regent Lowery Houston May - 3pm



Lowery Houston May grew up in rural Georgia in the small town of Nashville and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia.

Lowery is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Georgia and received the organization's Cora Lee Fanning Award that year. She served as a program chair for Leadership Georgia in 2015, and she continues in an active role with the organization. Lowery serves on the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which helps students access higher education by providing financial aid options and programs to make college more affordable. She also serves on the Rome-Floyd County Land Bank Authority, which works to acquire, manage, maintain, and facilitate the redevelopment of underutilized, vacant, blighted, and tax-delinquent properties.

Lowery is an active member of the Young Life Rome-Floyd County committee and a long-time board member of Open Door Children's Home, a local group foster home in Rome. She serves on the Linda Brannen Williamson Foundation Rome Advisory Committee, a leadership development program for women founded in Statesboro in 2015.

Lowery previously worked in the insurance and staffing industries, and she currently assists with a family land management enterprise. She lives in Rome with her husband, Charlie, and their two children, Cappie and Charlie III. Their family attends Seven Hills Fellowship church. May represents the 14th Congressional District on the Board of Regents.

2023 Commencement Speakers, continued

Georgia State Senator Chuck Hufstetler - 7pm



Senator Chuck Hufstetler, a Republican, was elected to the State Senate for Georgia's 52nd District in 2012. Sen. Hufstetler represents all of Floyd County along with the majority of Bartow and Gordon and part of Chattooga county.

Sen. Hufstetler serves as the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Vice Chair of the Retirement Committee, and as a member of the Higher Education and Health and Human Services Committees. He is also an ex-officio member of the Appropriations Committee.

In 2006, Sen. Hufstetler pursued a life-long passion by enrolling in Emory School of Medicine to become an anesthetist. After graduating, he began providing anesthesia to patients at Redmond Regional Hospital where he currently still works. He also works as an

Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Medicine. He earned a double major in Biology and Psychology from the University of Georgia, a degree from the American Institute of Baking and a master's in medical science in Anesthesiology from the Emory School of Medicine.

Sen. Hufstetler is married to the former Joan Bojo and together they have three children: Caleb, an MBA graduate and Investment Advisor, Dr. Schell Hufstetler McCrory, a Health Policy Analyst at the CDC, and Rebeckah, a senior physics major at the University of Georgia.

Steve Stuglin

Mace Bearer



GHC faculty selected Associate Professor of Communication Steve Stuglin to carry the mace in 2023 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.

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.

April Cole

SGA President



April Cole is an aspiring biochemistry major with her associate degree in general studies. Her leadership roles at GHC include president of the Student Government Association, president and regional representative for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, editor for the Old Red Kimono, and co-founder of the first GHC Student Ambassador Program.

Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award

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.

Dr. Paula Stover



Paula Stover, DNP, RN serves as Director of the Nursing Program. As an Associate Professor, she is a strong advocate for high-quality education that prepares students to practice the art and science of nursing in modern healthcare settings. She “teaches for success and verifies for safety” meaning that students are held to high standards while receiving kind, clear, and firm support during their learning process. Dr. Stover completed her doctoral work at Georgia College and State University and a Master of Science in nursing at University of Connecticut. She began her nursing career with an Associate of Science in Nursing at Lincoln Land Community College and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Holistic Health and Wellness from the University of Illinois.

Robert Adams



A native of Cartersville, Robert was a joint enrollment student at Floyd College (now GHC) while attending Cartersville High School. From there, he entered Berry College as a sophomore completing a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Music in 1994. He obtained his Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1997.

Mr. Adams began teaching music appreciation at GHC in 1997. From 1998 to 2004, he joined Berry College as an instructor of music. In 2004, he became the first full-time instructor of music at GHC. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2016. Mr. Adams has adjudicated for many vocal and choral competitions throughout the southeast, presented master classes for the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and has given presentations for the Southern Atlantic Modern Language Association and the Georgia Music Educators Association.

Honorary Faculty Marshals

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



11am Ceremony
Frank Minor
Professor of English
31 years of service

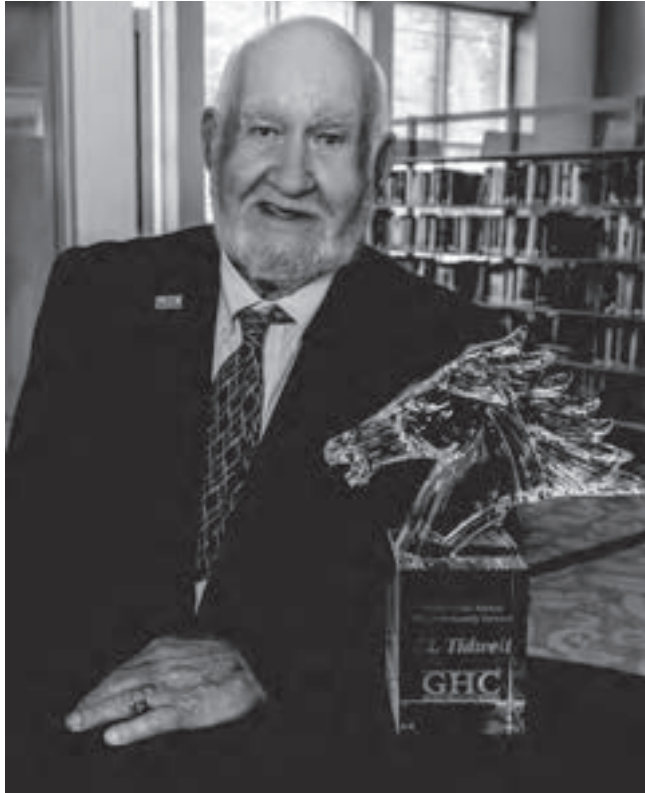


3pm Ceremony
Debbie Amason
Professor of Nursing
24 years of service



7pm Ceremony
Billy Morris
Professor of Geology
27 years of service

Presidential Award for Community Impact



CL Tidwell

The Presidential Award for Community Impact was created in 2023 to honor someone in the Georgia Highlands College region with a dedication for helping to create a better, stronger community. This honor highlights a significant community member who exemplifies leadership, service, and has a legacy of community engagement. The first-ever Presidential Award for Community Impact is presented to CL Tidwell.

Carl Lewis (CL) Tidwell was born in 1940 to Herschel and Ethel Tidwell. His childhood home was 508 Erwin Street in Cartersville. His dad worked for the EZ Mill and his mother was a stay-at-home mom. In 1949, CL's parents purchased 80 acres for \$25 an acre and the family moved out in the country and began farming. Located on a dirt road, the house had no electricity or indoor plumbing. CL and his siblings walked nearly two miles to catch a bus to attend Cassville school each day. At just 16 years old, CL left school to enter the workforce, and by age 19, CL purchased a plumbing license and officially began his career. To this day, CL holds the oldest plumbing license in Cartersville, Georgia. Over the next few years, CL excelled in his career, got married to Doris at age 21 in 1961, and had two children, Carla and Michael.

CL is well known for his "Cabin in the Woods," as it is lovingly referred. The Cabin was built and shared with family and the friends. The Tidwell's hosted an annual BBQ for the community each 4th of July. Over the years, the gathering has changed. Today, CL hosts a monthly breakfast for family and friends, and a few very important Georgians have been known to attend.



Candidates for Graduation

Bachelor of Business Administration in Healthcare Management

James L Caffee III
Hannah T Clark
Joseph D Erwin
Kathryn H Forsyth
Mariquel Elizabeth Ann Green

Magda L Jimenez
Damani Johnson Taylor
Tesla N Medckie
Jordan Lesa Mobbs
Isela S Moraga

Amaria Breshae Owens
London Akil Riley
Cesar J Rodas
Tonya Larose Rodgers
Cindy Santos

Lauren Elizabeth Sowden
Joseph Blake Wade
Kristie Darlene Wood I
Billy McKinsey Wooten

Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics & Supply Chain Management

Michael David Beltrami
Karsten Claude Black
Jean R Bramlett
Emily R Carney
Dave M Carr
Avery D Collins
Devin Jarrod Copeland
Tyler Daniel Crippen
Jackson Davis Davenport

Brian A Davis
Madiala Diabate
Heath Cameron Furr Jr
Hannah M Grogan
Dalton Gage Halyard
Grant Hughes
Miriam Grace Lister
Austin Phillip Little
Trevor R Margolin

Taylor Brooke Mccartney
Avery Mcdade
Heidy Judith Mendez
Michael Justin Newson
William Bradford Patterson
Michael E Roberts
Garrett Bennett Sagro
Cristian Sosa
Allona Natay Stanfield

Maddox Wright Teems
Tristen K Tolbert
Jaylen D Vaughn
Guillermo Vazquez
Eldridge Waller
Sarah Elizabeth Watjen
Anna Rebecca Winters

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Kaitlin Nicole Ball
Amanda Leigh Barnett
Pamela Elizabeth Blevins
Brandy W Brady
Jordan Deshawn Brown
Destiny Nicole Cabe
Jennifer M Clark
Alexis Raven Coffil

Drew-oumassi Collins
Gregory Dobbins
Dustin Lemuel Evans
Hayley A Gildersleeve
Emily N Hibner
Curtis A Johnson
Jessica A Johnson
Michael C Johnson

Stacy Jones
Dامتريوس Zendel King
Abigail E Lambert
Samuel L Mcninch
Marlowe T Mitchell
Tiara Z Penson
Deanna Nicole Posey
Nya M Powell

Darby Quakenbush
Jamon C Sherrill
Samantha Jayne Sperry
Vasilena Foxy T Vasileva
Tessa LaShaun Watkins
Tod Wells
Cynthia Robin Womack
Ashlee Stegall Woods

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Rebekah LeeAnn Browning
Amber N Bruce
Joy J Burnsed
Chassity Acacia Callison
Karen Coker

Harleigh Makay Dixon
Bailey E Fielder
Jennifer Simpson Gray
Zaria Holloman
Ashley Brooke Kenyon

Sara Brooke Mccleary
Amber Kiana Parham
Estefania Quintino Corona
Ivonne Celeste Ratkovic
Lauren Taylor Ringo

Whitney Welch Taylor
Katherine Marie Tolbert
Haley Adrienne Welch
Debra Lynn Wigbels
Tiffany Haddock Yergin

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Rashonda Monae Adeyinka
Brett Scott Anglin
Madison Marie Baxter
Haley M Bennett
Tiffany Faith Blalock
Patsy Serena Bristol
Daniel B Brown
Enbarr Brown
Yolonda Brownlee
Crystal G Causey
Bailey R Donehoo
DeNisha Dionne Durham
Katelyn Ashley Dutton
Jalen Fontus

Sarah Lindsay Hammac
Beatrice R Hawkins
Juan Luis Herrera
Connor Reece Hubbard
Hailey N Hyde
Raquel Evette Johnson
Shania Ketra Joseph
Alexis H Kimball
Jacqueline Alivia Larry
Harlie A Lewis
Sheniqua Manson
Griffin Salvatore Marchese
Mallory R Massey
Kayla N McKnight

Stella Wanjiru Ngige
Leslie Norato
Theresa Ann Overby
Haley Marie Overton
Sheena D Patel
Catherine Ann Polk
Tiffany B Quinones
Katie Lynn Ray
Sara A Robinson
Lilian Marisol Rosales
Patricia Anna Rubacha
Siomara Carmen Santacruz
Laqusha Scott
Hayley Shaw

Camelia Singh
Crystal D Vanhooke
Kristina Nicole Von Nordeck
Sydney Waldrep
Katlyn Rose Walters
Zonesla Q Ward
Patricia Gayle Weatherwax
Kayla B Weathington
Jacoryn L Whatley
Makia Shantell White
Amber L Winters
Erica Jane Wittenbrook
Shannon Wormley

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - RN to BSN

Tawnia R Arrant
Dana Nicole Arteaga
Ava M Bierkamp
Jessica Deane Carrier
Amy A Carter
Erin W Clark
Marissa C Collett
Carly J Comer
Shannon L Curl
Chelsea Davis

Joshua Davison
Kerri E Dixon
Amy Kristina Dutton
Rachel Alexandra Echols
Bethany Francesca Exum
Vanessa Kathleen Freeman
Crysta M Giles
Ashlyn Taylor Gresham
Tommy Daniel Griffin
Felicia Danielle Harrison

Leslie E Holbert
Makenzie Grace Holmes
Jillian Humphreys
Noelle Allyson Ingram
Kimberly B Jenkins
Asha Shekema Joseph Jones
Bethany H Kinard
Felicha Rachel Laforest
Chelsie Jean Lansdell
Cambria Rae Manning

Jason Lee MCGrotha
Carla Felder Morgan
Monique R Perkins
Christi Louise Reichert
Shelly Renee Richmond
William M Slater
Brock RayQuan Smith

Associate of Arts

Aaliyah Nayeem Abdul-haqq
Alleya M Alleyne
Megan E Almeyda
Jean Velems Altidor
Yolisbeth C Ambrocio
Jeremiah Michael Anderson
Justin E Anderson
Jonathan Araujo
Ashley-nine Angela Armstrong
Jamie N Armstrong
Sarah-Anne L Arthur
Madison E Bailey
Sharlotte Baine
Crista Rose Ballew
Madison Jayne Bartlett
Christopher A Bates
Kathryn Elizabeth Baum
Kayla Breann Berrios
Catherine E Berry
Victoria P Bisette
Montgomery G Blake
Samantha L Blei
Elizabeth C Brazell
Alicia Tianna Broussard
Tommie Jane Brownlow
Hayden B Bryant
Iyanna Diamond Bryant
Miles H Burton
Amaya J Butler
Joshua Garrett Byrd
Bethany E Carroll
Kenzie Michelle Carroll
Ryan Francis Causey
Kharye Devonte Nick Cayne
Chad C Cetti
Madeline Hope Choate
Carolyn A Christie
James Christopher Cline
Keanua LaShae Cochran
Albert G Cooper III
Alfredo A Coronado
Medjo M Coulibaly
Keaton R Cowgill
Kira M Crelin
Sarah M Crockett
Brittany D Cromer
Cristina M Cruz
Katherine Cuellar
Christopher Joseph Daniel
Jasmine Davis
Tristan Jon Decker
Madison G Dennis
Orlane Devesin
Tracey W Devito
Jasmine Kaur Singh Dollar
Emily A Dominiak
Samantha A Donato
Julian Lezon Dozier Jr
Jason Allen Dudley
Haley J Duncan
Nicholas Ashr Duneheew
James Howard Durham
Brandon Dakota Dyer
Joy R Earle
Timothy Neil Effler
Amir K Elghonemy
Anna Claire Ellis
Jade Andraya Ellis
Jennifer G Elster
Luis A Esqueda-Ornelas
Journi Erin Farris
Karra Nicole Fennell
Chloe G Ferguson
Katrice Rene Ferrell
Jose R Flores
Katherine M Forte
Alayna H Fortier
Alexandria Lynn Fox

Kalli Fox
Estefani Garcia Aguilar
Stephanie Garcia- Hernandez
Carl Francis Garwick
Deddeh Gayflor
Viviana Gomez
Nattalie T Gordon
Zoree M Griffin
Kaitlin DeShea Guess I
Ashley F Hall
Evan Neal Hammonds
Kayla N Hardeman
Immanuel S Harris
Crystal L Hendrix
Maria Virginia Hernandez
Santos A Hernandez-solis
Jenna Marie Hester
Jessica D Hill
Jasmine B Holley
Austin B Holmes
Austyn S Hopkins
Meg Hurley
Ariahna Alexia Jean Louis
Mikayla Teara Johnson
Tristan K Johnson
Arian C Jolly
Brooke Ashley Ann Jones
Daniel Jones
Justice Sanye Jones
Caroline Loraine Kingt
Danette Marie King
Xander D Knight
Maria C Koutsoukalis
Kymmer B Lawrence
Everett S Ledbetter
Kylie L Ledbetter
Benjamin R Lemoine
Samantta Lopez
Adam Daniel Love
Shelby Teen Lowery
Jeremiah Reese Madden
River Daniels Manning
Magdaline M Marks
Shaquasia R Marshall
Katlyn E McBrayer
Matthew Chad Mcbrayer
Isabella Rose McCauley
Laila Li McCleery
Sarah E Mcdonald
Kyjuan Mclendon
Jesse T Medlock Jr
Elizabeth Leanne Mendoza
Janine C Miller
Addison D Molden
Jason Mora
Hope G Mosby
Ian Patrick Moser
Jasmine Muhammad
Vanessa Munoz
John J Murphy
Niisi N Mwanaliti
Katherine Navarro
Andrew L Nguyen
Eric P Nguyen
Phillip P Nguyen
Joseph Arthur Nichols
Jasmine A Nikkel
Josee Elaine Noble
Luke D Noland
Simay Naz Oget
Jennifer Okafor
Jessica Olea
Brenda D Olvera Cornejo
Athena Nicole O'neil
Elisa Y Ortiz
Victoria Pacheco
Karina K Painton
Tania K Parker

Jane M Parsons
Shloak S Patel
Jenna Ann Patterson
Savannah Ellen Pencke
Anastasia Nicole Phalen
Dalton W Piispanen
Michelle Pineda-Tinoco
Jordan Pollard
Brighley J Powell
Savannah K Prashaw
Darby Quakenbush
Kayla Pilar Reid
Nallely Rendon
Alexis Suzanne Rogers
Janeira Rojas
Ciara J Rowland
Leandro Ruiz Jr
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Sign language interpretation provided by Rebecca Story
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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.

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The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia was created in 1931 as part of a reorganization of Georgia’s state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members of the Board to a seven-year term, and regents may be reappointed to subsequent terms by a sitting governor. Regents donate their time and expertise to serve the state through their governance of the University System of Georgia; the position is a voluntary one without financial remuneration. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 19 members, five of whom are appointed from the state at-large, and one from each of the state’s 14 congressional districts. The Board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System. The Board oversees the public colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia and has oversight of the Georgia Archives and the Georgia Public Library System.

The Chancellor provides leadership in higher education and stewardship of state and University System resources by promoting a statewide perspective on higher education that attends to the current and developing needs of the State, its citizens and students, and relates them effectively to the University System and its institutions. The Chancellor supports the Board of Regents in furthering and achieving its vision for the University System by providing leadership in analyzing, monitoring, and anticipating higher education trends and developments, and by planning strategically for the future of the University System. The Chancellor also serves on the Georgia-based Alliance of Education Agency Heads, a collaborative partnership with the Governor’s office and Georgia’s education agency heads.

Ceremony Photography

- Only handheld video cameras are allowed during the ceremony and must be used from the guest seating area.
- Still photos may be taken only from behind the graduate seating area or from the bleacher seating.
- Professional photos will be taken of each graduate receiving a diploma.
- To view and purchase photos of graduates, visit creativeprophoto.com/online-store
- Professional photos available for a limited time only.

GHC Highlights for 2022/2023

- GHC welcomed Dr. Mike Hobbs as the fifth president in July 2022 alongside the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
- Chancellor Sonny Perdue joins GHC leadership at Ribbon Cutting event for new Marietta site located at 1090 NorthchaseParkway
- School of Nursing celebrates 50th year at GHC
- GHC receives Dallas Downtown First award for Winn Building renovation
- GHC selected to host a Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Campus Center by the American Association of Colleges and Universities
- Provost and Chief Academic Officer Sarah Coakley selected for the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship
- Associate Professor Steve Stuglin selected for Felton Jenkins, Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award
- GHC leadership creates 'Ready to Start' scholarship to help students pay for college
- GHC adds soccer, volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading to competitive league sports lineup
- GHC maintains second highest economic impact among state colleges in Georgia
- Trinity School of Medicine partners with GHC to provide students with a clear, defined path to becoming a practicing MD and allow students the unique opportunity for global education
- New partnership between GHC and Rehabilitation Enables Dreams (RED) expands college access to students in the RED "Restorative Justice Program Closing"

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Key Dates in GHC History

- In 1970, Georgia Highlands College was founded.
 - In 1971, GHC's first commencement was an informal ceremony held in the presence of officials and family for the first and only graduate.
 - In 1973, the GHC Foundation was founded to serve as a vital link between the institution and the communities the college serves.
 - In 1994, the college opened Heritage Hall in downtown Rome to be more accessible to the working student, and GHTV—a 24-hour cable television station—went on the air.
 - In Fall 2005, the college changed its name to Georgia Highlands College to reflect the more regional nature of its service area.
 - In Fall 2005, the new campus and building in Cartersville on Route 20 was dedicated, and the college also began offering classes in Marietta on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University.
 - In 2006, the college expanded the flagship nursing program to Acworth. It subsequently absorbed that cohort of 25 students into Cartersville and Marietta when the college closed its Acworth site, which had been located on the campus of North Metro Technical College.
 - In 2009, the Paulding instructional site opened in the town square of Dallas. That same year, GHC ventured into Douglas County occupying modular housing behind Chapel Hill High School until more permanent quarters were renovated on Stewart Parkway. The college moved its Douglasville site to the new facility in 2010 and relocated to another facility on Bill Arp Road in 2020 until it closed in 2022.
 - In April 2011, GHC announced the establishment of competitive athletics, an initiative requested and voted on by students. That May, the Board of Regents approved the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, thus making the institution a state college.
 - In Fall 2012, a second building—the new student center—opened on the Cartersville site.
 - In Summer 2014, the Board of Regents approved the creation of a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene making it the college's second baccalaureate degree.
 - In 2016, the Board of Regents approved the creation of a Bachelor of Business Administration in healthcare management and a Bachelor of Business Administration in logistics and supply chain management.
 - In 2018, GHC partnered with Dalton State College and Georgia Southwestern State University to offer students an online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice through the University System of Georgia (USG) eMajor initiative.
 - In January 2019, classes started in GHC's new academic building in Cartersville. The 52,000-square foot building is focused on STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) areas of study.
 - In 2020, GHC started offering students the Bachelor of Science in Health Science to meet the market demand for the quickly expanding healthcare sector in Georgia.
 - In 2022, GHC expanded its Marietta site from KSU Marietta campus to 1090 Northchase Parkway.
- In Spring 2023, a Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Natural Resources was added making it GHC's 8th bachelor's degree.

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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. Renna 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. She served as interim until the Board of Regents named Dr. Mike Hobbs the fifth president. Dr. Hobbs began his duties on July 1, 2022.

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