

Welcome to the Commencement Activities

OF

Georgia Highlands College



Thursday, May 9th

2024

Georgia Highlands College Floyd Campus 3175 Cedartown Highway Rome, Georgia

HOW TO VIEW 2024 COMMENCEMENT:

The 2024 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.

54th Commencement

10:30am and 6:30pm 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

GREETINGS

The State of Georgia The University System of Georgia Board of Regents The GHC Foundation Board of Trustees

REMARKS

Jalen Hudson, GHC Student Government President

PRESENTATION OF WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD - 10:30am Ceremony

Presented by Dr. Sarah Coakley, Provost and Chief Academic Officer Presented to Laura Ralston, Professor of Mathematics

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS - 10:30am Ceremony Regent Cade Joiner, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS - 6:30pm Ceremony Seth Hopkins, Executive Director of the Booth Western Art Museum

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 back cover) Performed by: Peighton Williamson, GHC Alumna

***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.

52nd Pinning and Commencement

2:30pm Ceremony

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OPENING PRAYER

Guadalupe Franco

WELCOME

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CLASS WELCOME & STUDENT CLASS SPEECH

Stephanie Carrasco & Shawn Dela Cruz

NURSING ADDRESS

Dr. Sheila Bennett, Atrium Health Floyd Senior Vice President and Chief of Patient Services

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Lisa Jellum, Dean of the Atrium Health Floyd School of Health Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Mike Hobbs, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kurt Stuenkel, President of Atrium Health Floyd

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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BSN PINNING

Announcement of student names: Jamiee Hulsey MSN, RN, Instructor of Nursing Graduate acknowledgements: Dr. Debbie Amason, DNP, RN, Professor of Nursing Presentation of pins: Dr. Paula Stover, DNP, RN Director of Nursing Assisted by: Dr. Shea Walker, DNP, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing

ASN PINNING

Announcement of student names: Jamiee Hulsey MSN, RN, Instructor 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

NURSING PLEDGE

Giovanni Martinez Miller

CLOSING PRAYER

Alyssa Echols

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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.

MILITARY VETERANS: Military veterans will wear a white stole with blue trim, labeled armed forces and including a logo for all armed forces.

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.

2024 Commencement Speakers Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia Regent Cade Joiner - 10:30am



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 Worforce 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.

President of Atrium Health Floyd





Kurt Stuenkel, FACHE, is President of Atrium Health Floyd, part of the Atrium Health enterprise, one of the largest non- profit and leading academic health systems in the United States. As a member of the executive leadership team, he leads Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia; Atrium Health Floyd Cherokee Medical Center in Centre, Alabama; Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center in Cedartown, Georgia, as well as Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Behavioral Health, a freestanding 53-bed behavioral health facility, also in Rome; and 26 primary care practices and 8 urgent care locations across six counties in northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama. He also serves as secretary for Floyd Healthcare Management Inc., Polk Medical Center Inc. and Floyd Cherokee Medical Center LLC., Floyd

Healthcare Resources Inc. and the Hospital Authority of Floyd County.

With more than 40 years of experience working for Atrium Health Floyd, Stuenkel has served as president and chief executive officer since 1996. Previously, he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer, senior vice president, assistant executive director, director of professional services and projects officer.

Stuenkel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University, as well as a master's degree in business administration and a master's degree in health administration from Georgia State University.

2024 Commencement Speakers, continued Executive Director of the Booth Western Art Museum



Seth Hopkins - 6:30pm

Seth Hopkins has been executive director of the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, Georgia since 2000. He was the museum's first employee appointed by the anonymous founder despite protests that he didn't know beans about art and even less about museums. The Boss Man said to get out there and learn, so Seth traveled the West asking dumb questions, listening, learning, and making friends. He also took art history, Western history, and museum studies courses at five universities before finding the right one.

Seth earned his master's degree online via distance learning under the direction of legendary Western art historian Byron Price at Oklahoma University. His thesis on the Western art of Andy Warhol became a national traveling exhibition in 2019, accompanied by a

companion 144-page hardcover catalog.

Under his leadership, the Booth has grown from the founder's original vision of a 30,000-square-foot regional art center to a 120,000-square-foot world-class art museum, affiliated with the Smithsonian and the Museums West Consortium. In 2020, USA Today's 10 Best Readers' poll named it the #1 art museum in the country.

Nancy Applegate

Mace Bearer



Nancy Applegate received her PhD in 1994 and subsequently enjoyed 28 years of teaching and service at GHC. During her 25 years as faculty advisor for Old Red Kimono, the magazine published creative work by hundreds of students and received numerous awards for print excellence. She has been recognized and rewarded for her teaching and service, but her fondest GHC memories are of hosting Old Red Kimono parties, winning a pig kissing contest, riding bumper cars in the student center, conferring with colleagues on the F-Wing hallway, and exploring the wetland on the Floyd campus. She looks forward to a retirement filled with family, friends, mountains, water, sunsets, wildlife, and music.

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.



Jalen Hudson SGA President

Jalen Hudson is an aspiring logistics and supply chain business major who has his associate degree in business administration. He plans to get the necessary prerequisites before getting his master's in psychology with the hopes of being a therapist and public speaker. His roles at GHC include Student Government Association President, Brother 2 Brother President and Alumni Board Member, Psychology Club Vice President, and Student Ambassador. He currently holds the title of Interim GHAME Coordinator for the institution.

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.

Laura Ralston



Professor of Mathematics Laura Ralston is the recipient of the Walraven Award for 2024. She holds a master's degree in secondary education with an emphasis in mathematics from the University of West Georgia and a bachelor's degree in secondary education-mathematics from the University of North Georgia. During her 25 years at Georgia Highlands College, student success has always been and will continue to be at the forefront of everything that Laura does. Her classes are popular with students as she truly enjoys teaching statistics and mathematics immensely. She takes pride in assisting today's students to develop the skills needed to be productive members of society and to be the best in whatever profession they choose. Laura continually seeks strategies to improve her classroom effectiveness and teaching prowess. Additionally, she pursues

opportunities to advance and improve GHC through active participation on committees, Faculty Senate, student engagement activities, and student recruitment events. Laura lives in Calhoun, Georgia with her husband, Stephen, and daughter, Danielle. Laura is truly honored and humbled to be selected by her colleagues as the Walraven Award recipient.

Honorary Faculty Marshals

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



10:30am Ceremony Frank Minor Professor of English 32 years of service



2:30pm Ceremony Debbie Amason Professor of Nursing 25 years of service



6:30pm Ceremony Billy Morris Professor of Geology 28 years of service

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- Sign language interpretation provided by Rebecca Story.
- Graduate photos provided by Creativeprophoto.com. See page 15 for details.
- 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.

Latin Honors Summa Cum Laude

3.90-4.0 graduation grade point average

Michael Giler Barr Sarah Ruth Bass Pamela E Blevins Amber Elaine Bradshaw Tracy Chaffin Braselton Mackenzie B Brody **Daniel B Brown** Heather Maschil Cabral Jeffrey L Cain Jared E Camacho-Esqueda Abigail E Chesnut Annelise Brattebo Collins Caitlin Comeau Taylor Rae Cooper Sydney N Corbett Isaac E Cordero

Samuel R Craton Brittany D Cromer Cassandra Cruz Maxwell Logan Davis Kyran Blake Day Autumn C Debord Mackenzie Elaine Donohue **Colin Alexander Dose** Zachary C Dugan Cassie Élizabeth Dunagan Delena Michelle Duncan Priscilla Elizalde **Emmanuel G Eshietedoho** Alison Eychaner-Stanley Courtney A Fischer Avrey Jo Fisher

Courtney J Fricks Thays Glaze Justin A Guy Kelsey E Heibeck Abigail G Henderson Michael Bernard Henretty Jr Molly E Herman Aubrey Nell Jordan Olivia D Kennedy Austin S Kiker **Kailey Alexus Lewis** Emily Rose Linek Angelic Mack Erica Maldonado-Villanueva **Ricky May** Jonathan L McIlvaine

Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.89 graduation grade point average

Ethan Milam Hannah Griffin Mock William Edward Moore III Matthew S Morgan **Colby Slade Morris** Caitlyn D O'guin Jasmine Nicole Padgett Iris Lisbeth Perla-Iglesias Sarah E Perry Linh Tuyet Pring Josephine Cincotti Pulliam Lindsey M Reaid Meghan Leighann Rudeseal Amanda B Slay Robert D Smedley Marguerite Smith

Sarah Rose Stammen Brenna Stokes Miranda Lei Tafoya Marissa N Taylor Marcela P Vasquez Allison Vessell Xiaoging Wang Katie R Weatherford Sanford L West Jr Ryan P Whitley Amanda Winn Lauren E Young Kylee Brianne Zeagler

Olivia C Adams **Olivia Caroline Adams** Haley Angeline Aiken Johan Alvarez Cailey Nicole Barnett Cynthia Barron Savannah Lee Bayatzadeh Courtney J Beck Miguel A Beltran Stephen J Bickerstaff Sr Caleb Bowman Caleb Bowman Colin Breault Ella Rose Brewer Hannah R Brown Johnny Mack Brown III Destiny N Cabe Brandon S Crawford Brandon Scott Crawford **Ethan S Crider**

Joshua Dorantes Sharon Jessica Doss Madison R Edwards Jennifer A Escalante Connor M Evans Myrna Y Foley Preston Dean Gilstrap Megan T Glass Andrew E Glaze April M Gravitt Jenna Green Lua Jose Jonathan Guevara Alexandria Marie Harn Madeline Harn Samone M Hawkins **Taylor Hazelwood** Paola Hernandez Nicole C Highley Nicholas Hill **Courtney G Hobbs**

Kayli Alexis Holliman Megan S Holloway Shannon Howard Madison Taylor Ivey **Braylon Joshua James** Cherrell R Johnson Walaa Mohammad Khateeb-jabara **Chelsie J Lansdell** Cole A Leshin Alec M Lindsey Holden Brooks Mccann Chelsea Mcdowell Madeline G Mcdowell Malia K Moorer Faith Trinity Murphy Nephtari Kennie Joelle Nelson William E Ogbuehi Phillip Rylan Osborne Haley M Overton

Cum Laude 3.50-3.69 graduation grade point average

Morgan Papageorge Erin S Patterson Grayson Patty Vicky S Perez Sharol Renay Ragland Taylor Leigh Rampley Angelica Y Real Ruiz Priscilla Rhodes Joanna Rios Vargas Heather Rogers Naahiyd Rowe Alexandra A Rubio Ericka Stephanie Salcedo Siomara Carmen Santacruz Abigail R Sargent Marshall W Scott Jr Olivia C Simmons Dayrin Azucena Smith Crisphen Z Solomon Aiden E Soriano

Logan James Spivey Robin Mitchell St. John Wayman L Story Mason Alexander Talley Landon Lee Tate Zoey Jayden Tatum Juliynne Vela Teal Logan Ashley Tranter Jonathon C Turner Brandy M Veliz Morales Brandi Watson **Clay Anthony Wiesen** Rajaris Wilson Hanna L Wright Rachel Young Noah A Zacharewicz

Madison M Adams Amilcar Ahilon-Mendoza Lillian B Akins Angela Amador Bradley D Bailey Brent Baker III Lacey Y Baker Nadia Marisa Barrie Kayla J Beasley Colton Beaty Emily M Brinkley Lauren K Brown Scott Bryant Rosmery A Cardona Stephanie Herrera Carrasco Markayla M Carroll Emily A Chiprany Molly Kate Cooper Adia Sky Couture Jennifer Dalton Peyton D Darling Jasmine Davis Gretchen Deitrich Salomon Diego-Miguel Ellie M Dodd

Cassidy Ekiss Journi E Farris Nicolas J Ferrer Guadalupe Franco William Freeman III Julia E Frost Marsha Renee Garrett Brittney C George Maci B Gibson Alyssa Brooke Graboski Anna Luise Green Morgan E Grose Jaycie Hand Kendyl N Hardin Alyssa R Hargrove Anna B Hargrove Cassidy D Haygood Jasmine Hernandez Juan L Herrera Avery M Hogg Spencer T Hood Natalie Boyd Hosey Natalie Boyd Hosey William Austin Huddleston Brandi Michelle Ingram

Luke Dempsey Ingram Hannah N Jaco Anna D Jarrett **Kimberly B Jenkins** Kelsey Alexandra Jennings Eric Stephen Kilgore . Carson N Lagos Christopher K Layne Clarissa Leyva Mirna P Lopez-Xiloj Maggie Macknight Jose L Martinez Kaily H Matthews Cassie E Mccrickard Colin C Mcleod Nyasia Lashay Mcquillar Briana Dawn Meadows Aryan Iqbal Merchant Lindsay Ann Mullen Flora Makena Mwirigi Ingrid Dayana Najarro

Katherine R Nasworthy Hannah Parker Nix Sydney Nix **Onosetale Okooboh**

Kelsie L Oliver Amanda Opdycke James Drew Ówens William James Parker Aayush A Patel Summer Joy Pollard Joi Olivia Powell Travis Queen Emma L Roberts **Danielle Rodgers** Jannet Rodriguez Lilian M Rosales Lilian Marisol Rosales **Richard Nathan Russell** Noah E Sampson Katelyn Elizabeth Schooler Lyzette Marie Lee Schott Christopher Michael Scott Labeeba B Shafique Kayley Elizabeth Shepherd **Bryson Matthew Shiflett** Noah G Shumake Taylor N Shuman Chelsea Nicole Simons Brianna Kasandra Slaton

Ashley D Smith Demetris Smith **Mckinsey Leigh Spinks** William Statham Luke E Stooksbury Elizabeth T Strong Taylor N Strupp Jacob R Thomason Alexis Thornton Ulesha Tirado Conner T Todaro Isabella A Trouten Alexis N Vandenbos Claudia Marie Ventura Brenda Vicente-vicente Annslee Wade Jade Vela Waggoner Kayla B Weathington Jody D Weaver Mekel Lashea Weaver **Destiny S White** Jada LeRoyel Wilkins Kenya Williams Jake Hance Willis William Oliver Wood Jr

Candidates for Graduation

Bachelor of Business Administration in Healthcare Management

Olivia Caroline Adams Alexa Rashan Baker Kayla J Beasley Rosmery A Cardona Paige Marie Cone Salomon Diego-Miguel Kendall Lawrence Gaylor Maci B Gibson Thays Glaze Stacy Guerrero Anna B Hargrove Megan S Holloway Whitney Lawrence Lily Aracely Lopez-Medrano Maggie Macknight Madeline G Mcdowell Felix Benjamin Monterrosa Nephtari Kennie Joelle Nelson

Madeline L Ray Abbey Renee Roberts Olivia C Simmons Jada LeRoyel Wilkins

Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics & Supply Chain Management

Lionel Amani Amayi Zachary Chandler Armstead Amanda Leigh Aynes Colton Beaty Michael D Beltrami Regan Elizabeth Broome Taylor Rae Cooper Jackson Davis Davenport Hans B Davidson Harley J Dexter Annette A Diaz Katelyn Dutton Christianne Leigh Hopper Aubrey Nell Jordan Kevin R Martines Jose L Martinez Taylor B Mccartney Jamie Moon Charles Andrew Morgan Colby Slade Morris Austin Chase Murray Seidou Nchare Sr William James Parker Alia M Saad Madeline B Somsen Zoey Jayden Tatum Steven C Turner Christopher Dale Walton Erica Weatherspoon Kara Webb Kailee Jessica Wilhoit

Bachelor of Science in Building Information Modeling Management

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Madison M Adams Rosmelyn Garcia Ayers Kaitlin Nicole Ball Suada Barlov Michael Giler Barr Pamela E Blevins Kevin Michael Bolick

Alejandro Alcaraz Courtney J Beck Tracy Chaffin Braselton Heather Maschil Cabral Caleb Bowman Destiny N Cabe Barrett D Cappetto Leann M Comeau Brandon Scott Crawford Samone M Hawkins Dametreous Zendel King Thomas E Lynch Jonathan L McIlvaine Connor R Oguin Brandon D Oliver Deanna N Posey Jamon C Sherrell Kali D Smith Alexa J Wall Jody D Weaver Tia Ruth Westbrook Ashlee S Woods

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Cassie Elizabeth Dunagan Hannah Griffin Mock Linh Tuyet Pring Josephine Cincotti Pulliam Millie Elizabeth Purdy Naahiyd Rowe Taylor N Shuman Miranda Lei Tafoya Ulesha Tirado Claudia Marie Ventura Amanda Winn Kylee Brianne Zeagler

Bachelor of Science in Environmental & Natural Resources

Kayley Elizabeth Shepherd

Allison Vessell

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Maria T Andrade Pashun Kiyana Benson Amy Rosario Betancourt Daniel B Brown Enbarr Brown Maggie Collum Molly Kate Cooper Bryce A Elkins Chelsea Exume Alison Eychaner-Stanley Diana Latee Fain Shawnterya T Ferrell Livsey Julia E Frost Ericka Gabriel Emilee J Galper Dalton M Geary Brittney C George Shelby Faith Glosson April M Gravitt Morgan E Grose Juan L Herrera Natalie Boyd Hosey Tanner Darryl Jones Jacqueline A Larry Sheniqua Manson Griffin Salvatore Marchese

Brooke T Meininger Sandra L Money Malia K Moorer Stella W Ngige Kelsie L Oliver Haley M Overton William B Ownbey Jordan Parker Octavia Kierra Pendleton Taylor Leigh Rampley Lilian Marisol Rosales Siomara Carmen Santacruz

Kayla N McKnight

Abby R Schmidt Laqusha Scott Erika Joan Sierra Luke E Stooksbury Tami-Ann Cherida Treasure Kayla B Weathington Reagan Leigh Webb Paige Nicole White Ashley Hunter Woody

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - RN to BSN

Jessica B Avila Leah A Ayers Sarah Ruth Bass Aleesha Benham Julianne Claire Bowling Lauren K Brown Candace Dawn Byers Chloe Madison Cochran Emily Katherine Gabey Compton Maranda Kaye Couch Shera Vone Doles Sharon Jessica Doss Amy K Dutton Nicole Echols Priscilla Elizalde Marsha Renee Garrett Amanda Geiger Tracy Gentles Kristen Michaela Gravett Tommy D Griffin Bailey Lane Guice Jessica Nicole Heath Nicole C Highley Courtney G Hobbs William Austin Huddleston Hannah N Jaco Kristen James Kimberly B Jenkins Jonathan K Kavuma Chelsie J Lansdell Christopher K Layne Caroline Georgia Dixon Long Kaily H Matthews Cassie E Mccrickard Victoria Rose Miller Carla F Morgan Lindsay Ann Mullen Flora Makena Mwirigi Morgan Papageorge Ana Lizeth Peralta Kourtney L Perry Heather Rogers Tiesha Michelle Rogers Haley Jones Sessions Bryson Matthew Shiflett Carly M Wishart

Associate of Arts

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The leadership provided by the foundation trustees 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 and to the many donors who support the mission of GHC and embrace its vision.

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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.
- In Summer 2023, GHC and Atrium Health Floyd announced partnership for the Atrium Health Floyd School of Health Sciences.
- In February 2024, GHC opened its new softball and baseball complex adjacent to the Cartersville site.
- In Spring 2024, a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership was added making it GHC's 9th 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. 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. 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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