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**A Cartersville campus student looks out the second story window of the new STEAM building.**



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# A glimpse into STEAM: More class space to come to C'ville

By Kara Ledbetter  
Staff Writer

The grand opening for the new academic building at the Cartersville campus will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 4-6 p.m.

Anyone who would like to attend can RSVP by visiting [ribboncutting.highlands.edu](http://ribboncutting.highlands.edu). This opening will include a brief ceremony on the lawn and an official ribbon-cutting.

After the ribbon-cutting, the building will be open for tours.

Nicknamed the "STEAM building," this 52,000-square foot, 22.5-million dollar building will include the following: science, technology, engineering, art and math classes.

The building contains new science labs, an art studio, computer labs and lecture

rooms. Some GHC employees will be moving offices into the new building.

The president of Georgia Highlands, Donald Green, said, "The new building is incredible." Decorated with GHC's colors, orange and blue, this new building has modern design elements such as floor to ceiling windows and glass walls. It will even include "two murals dedicated to science, math and technology," Green said.

Before the new building, science students have had a hard time completing their pathway due to lack of science labs (including fume hoods and safety features).

Excited about the enhancements for the science department, Sarah Tesar, the interim dean of natural science and physical education, said, "With

the five new labs and new science equipment, we will now be able to expand biology and chemistry course offerings."

Just as with science, the art department will be improving as well.

Russell Cook, assistant professor of art, said he is looking forward to teaching in the "double-sized art lab with a big empty space and nice lighting."

Only some classes will be moved over this semester, but a full slate of classes is planned for spring 2019.

Leslie Johnson, Cartersville campus dean, said, "By moving over a sample of classes this semester, it enables us to have a trial run in the new building in order to work out technology or other facility issues."

Green and Johnson thank



Photo by Sarah Belcher

**New science labs are featured in the new STEAM building. These labs will make more class space available on the Cartersville campus.**

state legislators, members of the University System of Georgia, alumni, local community

leaders and educators across the state for their assistance with the new building.

# Wireless upgrade improves speed, connectivity

By Nick Whitmire  
Managing Editor, Online

This year, students should have a better connection to their campus Wi-Fi, since the IT department has upgraded the access points on each campus.

The access points are what allow devices to connect to the internet, by turning a wired connection into a wireless connection. They can be seen throughout each campus on the walls of the classrooms, except on the Floyd campus, where they can be seen on the ceiling of the classrooms. They look like white squares with a blue light, indicating that they are connected to the internet.

Rob Latrello, the chief technology officer of the IT department at GHC, said, "We have more than tripled the amount

of access point throughout GHC."

The decision to upgrade the access points came to be when students and faculty started to complain that they could not connect to the internet.

First, the core switch was slow, and then the access points were slow. After that, the IT department made funding requests to Jeff Davis, the vice president of finance and administration, since installing upgrades to the wireless system takes a lot of time and money. Plus, it was around time to upgrade, according to Latrello.

Last year, GHC upgraded its wireless system in order to bring faculty and students a reliable connection to the internet to help them get through their jobs and classes.

While the new upgrade fo-

cused on the core switch, the latest upgrades were focused on the access points. These upgrades went live on the weekend before the start of this semester.

The latest wireless networking standard that will provide the fastest internet speed is called IEEE 802.11 ac wave 2. IEEE is the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers that provides the standard and serves as a guide on emerging technology.

If students and staff want the fastest connection to the Wi-Fi on each campus, they must have a device that supports 802.11 ac wave 2, which include products from Apple, Samsung, LG and Nokia. Other devices that do not use 802.11 ac wave 2 can still connect to the internet. However, the speed will be slower.

With these new upgrades to the access points, students will have a faster speed on their devices, with one connection moving at the speed of 1.3 gigabits, which is three times faster than before.

While the internet has been moving much faster than before, some students have found that when they first walk on campus, they have to connect all their devices to the internet by hand every time. This is because of a time-out value, which is the amount of time the device is trusted when it is connected to the internet.

According to Chris Pelfrey, the director of information security and network services of the IT department at GHC, "This was not a planned thing, but it can be fixed if it gets to be too much of a problem."

Working at IT and keeping up with the latest technology is a difficult job, according to Pelfrey and Latrello. Pelfrey said, "You can't keep up, you just have to pick a point and go from there."

Pelfrey further elaborated, "There is no done. The cycle will continue as we will have to do this again, but my hope is to give the students a much easier connection that is reliable and faster and does not let technology get in the way of classes." Pelfrey, Latrello and their team plan to keep the system updated every six years to get the most out of their investment.

They also want to thank the students, faculty and staff for all the feedback, and they encourage everyone to reach out if there are any problems with the campus internet.

# Raj Shashti explains business in Asia

By Nick Whitmire  
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Students learned about doing business in Asia and India at a consortium in the Lakeview Building on Sept. 12. Raj Shashti, a Fullbright Scholar, was the speaker.

A consortium is an event where a group of schools get together and work on a common task. The purpose of the consortium was to open students up to doing business in foreign countries, particularly in the growing economies of Asia and India.

While consortiums have been done for faculty in the past, this consortium was done specifically with students in mind.

All students were welcomed at the event, regardless of their major.

According to Bronson Long, associate professor of history and director of global initiatives, "No matter who you are, whether you become a teacher, a nurse or a police officer, you will have to deal with Asia or India at some point in your life."

Long also mentioned that the event was good for people looking to get into management roles as well.

More and more businesses



Photo by Nick Whitmire

**Raj Shashti speaks on how business in Asia is done in the Lakeview Auditorium on the Floyd campus. Shashti has served as an international education consultant to such schools as the University of Tennessee and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.**

have been moving to China and India from the United States. Denie Burks, assistant professor of business, said, "Asia builds relationships first, whereas America is the opposite when it comes to business."

Shashti, the director of the

Nine University and College International Studies Consortium of Georgia, came to America from India in the 1960s. He got both his bachelor's and master's degrees in geography and went on to teach the subject. Now he is devoted to international education and

has received numerous Fullbright scholarships, which allow people to study and teach overseas.

At the consortium, Shashti talked about the major differences in business between America, Asia and India through their economies, cul-

tural aspects and core values. He showed how America is more about making deals, maximizing profits, making changes fast and being more frank and candid. In Asia, business is more about building relationships, establishing long-term foundations, making moves when ready, and being more indirect while doing business.

Shashti even showed how the cultures of both Asia and India are growing. He said that the number of people that own iPhones is greater in India than in the United States. He also said that Mandarin Chinese is the most spoken language in the world, not English.

According to Shashti, "Who you know is more important than what you know in Asia, which is the opposite in the United States." Shashti said, "The business card is like an extension of your heart in Japan."

Shashti left students with one last piece of advice, "American students need to think about getting A's or B's and not C's in order to graduate, all while having a fire in your belly and by working hard."

## Student Life picks wellness as its 2018-2019 theme

By Catie Sullivan  
Editor-in-Chief

Every year Student Life picks a theme for the academic school year activities.

This year the theme is "wellness."

This 2018-2019 school year theme aims at helping students with the idea of wellness.

This year's common theme

plans on helping students be physically, emotionally, financially, socially and academically successful.

Student Life is going to continue the #Adulting program that they implemented last year.

The #Adulting program consists of events in which professionals aid the students in the context of banking and living in the professional busi-

ness world.

Everything from etiquette to how to maintain personal finances will be taught at student life events.

Student Life Director John Spranza said, "All of our activities will touch on one or more of the areas of wellness."

Campuses' student life calendars will list events coming to each campus during the year.



**This year's logo  
for Student Life**

# Tomb of the Unknown Soldier replica visits Floyd

By Catie Sullivan  
Editor-in-Chief

On Sept. 11 and 12 the Students Veterans Club invited the Exchange Club of Rome to display their replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The replica was featured in the Lakeview building art gallery from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier replica exhibit was open to the public. Local veterans and guest speakers from the Exchange Club came to speak to students and community members wishing to view and learn more about the monument.

According to Michael Peters, the Student Veterans Association president, "Classmates of mine did not know what the tomb was about, and it was interest-

ing to see students awe struck and interested in the replica."

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C.'s Arlington Cemetery stands as a monument to acknowledge all United States military service members who died and whose remains were never identified.

The Rome Exchange Club's replica of this monument has traveled all over the country. It has been to places such as Nevada, Florida, Texas and Alabama.

Jim Belzer, Rome Exchange Club member, said, "We want people to know about those who sacrifice their lives. These people here gave up everything, even their identities."

The replica was constructed entirely in Rome, Georgia. Construction work-

er Phil Burkhalter of Burkhalter Builders, who is also an Exchange Club member, constructed the tomb and Chuck Shmult, a Vietnam Veteran, did all the replica's artwork. The tomb looks to be made out of marble; however, the marble look was painted on by Shmult to replicate the look of the real tomb in D.C.

Everything in the club's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier replica is one half the size of the real monument. Everything about the tomb, from the lettering to the wreaths, depict the way the monument looks in Arlington Cemetery on a smaller scale.

Student Life Director John Spranza said, "It is important that students have the ability to see something like that because not many are able to visit D.C."



Photo by Catie Sullivan

A replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was featured at the Lakeview Building art gallery.

## Highlands Happenings

### QEP is happening now

By Danielle Griesemer  
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A pilot group of 59 first-time, general studies students from the Cartersville campus are being used to test the college's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

GHC Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) will begin full roll-out in spring 2019. GHC's QEP is titled Quest for Success and focuses primarily on reevaluating the way GHC does advising.

The changes to the advising process are a series of three steps each student must follow through the first year at GHC. First, within the first six weeks of the semester, groups will meet with a professional adviser concerning campus resources. Second, new students will meet with a

professional adviser concerning their pathway and course options. Third, during their second semester, students are assigned a faculty adviser within their pathway to discuss careers and further courses. Quest for Success does not affect advising for returning students.

### Enrollment has increased

By Andrew McLeod  
Staff Writer

Last year enrollment at GHC across all campuses was 6,013; this year enrollment is up to 6,195, according to GHC Vice President of Student Affairs Todd Jones.

This is a rise of three percent, which is what the college strives for annually. Each year for the past seven years enrollment has

climbed by three percent.

In order to offset the higher numbers of students per class GHC partnered with eCore in order to provide additional online courses that go beyond what GHC plans to offer every year.

### Preview Day is coming soon

By Olivia Fortner  
Asst. Online Editor

GHC will be hosting a Preview Day event on Oct. 4, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on the Floyd Campus. The event will be held in the Lakeview Building and on the lawn outside the building.

In addition to the Preview Day events, the college will host a community Fall Festival.

There will be food trucks, inflatables, games and activities. Everyone is

welcome to attend.

Ali Robinson, admissions counselor at GHC, said: "Preview day is a great time to not only learn about the admissions process and financial aid process but to engage with the faculty and staff to see if GHC is the right fit for the student."

Every academic department will be represented, giving future students a chance to explore their different interests.

Also, there will be a student panel to answer all of the questions future students may have.

GHC Preview Days will be held at these other GHC campuses from 5-7 p.m.: Oct. 11 at Paulding, Oct. 16 at Cartersville and at Douglasville on Nov. 8.

There will be a Preview Day 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 at Marietta.

### Voter registration ends Oct. 9

By Catie Sullivan  
Editor-in-Chief

The deadline to register to vote in the Georgia General Election is Oct. 9. Students can register to vote at registration offices or online on the Georgia Secretary of State website.

The November general elections will include national, state and local office positions.

A significant race in Georgia will be for governor between Stacy Abrams and Brian Kemp.

Early voting is open Oct. 15- Nov. 5 and requests for absentee ballots deadline is Nov. 2. General election day is Nov. 6.

## New building renovations are coming to the Paulding campus

By Hannah Vande Zande  
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents has donated 4.1 million dollars to renovate the Winn Building at the Paulding campus. Construction began last spring, and the building is expected to be ready by fall of 2019.

Due to the smaller size of the Paulding campus, not all classes are offered. This means that many students must travel to the Cartersville, Floyd or Marietta campuses to achieve their degree.

Paulding campus students have much to look forward to as more classes will be offered once the Winn Building opens.

The Winn Building was donated to GHC by Paulding County in 2010. Since the time of the donation, the Paulding campus has grown, and with that growth comes expansion.

"We are going to be offering chemistry. That will be very nice since we don't have a chemistry lab here at Paulding," said Paulding Site Director Joy Hambrick. They will have a health de-

partment in the Winn Building, and a new gym will be next door. Student will be able to take P.E. there instead of having to go to other campuses for P.E. courses. Multiple exterior renovations are currently under construction.

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-Joy Hambrick  
Paulding Site  
Director

Right now, students can visibly see workers building a new sidewalk. "The county is putting in a new staircase which will be much safer for students," Hambrick went on to say.

"I am excited for the new building. Students won't have to drive as far and will be able to save money on gas by staying closer to home," said sophomore Jamie Chavez.



Photo by Michelle Hardin

The Winn Building at the Paulding campus will receive new renovations that will be completed by the fall of 2019.

## Marietta lacks adequate campus parking

By T.J. Parker  
Staff Writer

KSU and GHC Marietta are aware of how crowded the parking spots are getting and are trying to find the best solutions to the problem.

With both GHC and KSU gaining students rapidly each semester, parking spaces are becoming limited.

One of the solutions for more student parking is for students to park at White Water and catch the B.O.B bus to campus, with no extra charge to the students.

Lessie Sheldon, a student at KSU said, "Designating parking spots closer to where people need them would be helpful."

The buses sometimes get stuck in traffic and students end up late to class.

However, some teachers do not find being late due to the bus as an excuse.

Another KSU student, Lebeth Hunter said, "The bus was stuck in traffic, and my teacher wouldn't let me come to class because I was late."

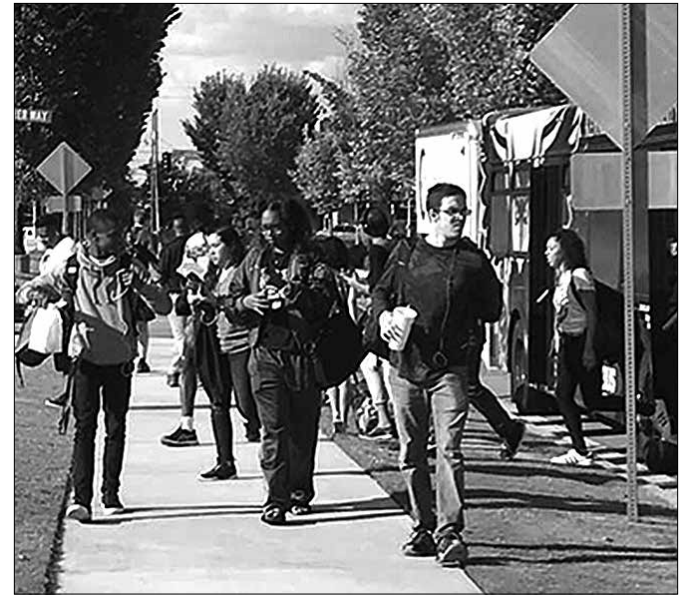


Photo by T.J. Parker

### Students get off the bus at the GHC Marietta campus.

Marietta campus GHC student, Purity Kariuki said, "It's ok, apart from the time they made me park at White Water."

Ken Reaves, the GHC dean on the Marietta campus, said that the Board of Regents has given the college money to add additional parking spaces on campus and that by next fall White Water parking will not be

needed anymore.

Also there will be more spaces available for GHC students and KSU students during the spring as the number of students decreases in the spring semester.

Reaves said, "Parking issues are typical for most big colleges, and students at Georgia State also have to park far and take a bus to get to class."



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## GHC students visit China

By Olivia Fortner  
Asst. Online Editor

This summer, a group of GHC students left American soil behind and journeyed to China.

The trip started with a visit to the political heart of China, its capital, Beijing. They toured the Forbidden Palace, which was the traditional home of the Emperor. The students experienced the crowded areas of China when they visited Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world.

Chinese history was made real when they saw the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors in the city of Xi'an. They were able to sit in on a lecture at a university in Beijing.

The students and staff learned about the different regional foods of China, and everyone walked away with the seemingly small but important knowledge of how to eat with chopsticks.

Not only did they learn about the history and cultural lifestyle in China, the students also learned about many business aspects of

Chinese culture. Where the United States is very individualistic, business in China is more of a groupthink. Relationships and trust are important when doing business there.

The students and staff exchanged gifts with the people they would be working with when they met because that is customary in the Chinese culture.

Jason Parker, one of the study abroad students, said one of the most interesting things he learned while visiting Microsoft was the hologram technology.

With a digital headset, the students could look inside a holographic display of a beating heart. As this technology advances, doctors and surgeons will be able to practice their operations using holograms, and engineers will be able to display a finished product with holograms before they begin working on their product.

The students were not the only people learning on this trip. The Chinese people were impacted by GHC's presence as well. Bronson Long, director of study

abroad, shared, "We had one student, really sweet African American girl— Diane Feign, with dreadlocks, and the Chinese people thought she was fascinating. They constantly wanted to get their picture taken with her. I think they thought she was a star."

This expanded the mindset of the Chinese people towards Americans. American culture has influenced China in many ways. Pop culture, NBA and fast foods such as McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken are a few things that Long noticed.

This trip made China more concrete and real for the students. It helped them get out of their comfort zones and taught them many important factors in doing business with foreign countries.

In an upcoming study abroad trip, GHC students will be traveling to Panama. This will be an opportunity for students to immerse themselves into a Spanish-speaking nation and understand the business aspects of the Panama Canal.

## Sugar Skulls



Photo by Catie Sullivan

From left: GHC students Stephanie Jordán-Cain and Angelina Mendez paint sugar skulls at the Student Center on the Floyd campus as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month.



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The sugar skulls reflect the student creativity put into them.

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# New V.P. of academic affairs has students in mind

By Kara Ledbetter  
Staff Writer

Dana Nichols is GHC's new vice president for academic affairs. Bearing a huge responsibility to the students and faculty of GHC, Nichols said, "At the end of the day, it is my job to ensure that GHC is delivering quality education to its students."

Nichols' goal is to develop programs that are relevant to today's workforce needs, maintain appropriate levels of academic rigor in all programs and provide professional development opportunities to faculty so they "stay at the forefront of best practices in teaching and learning," she said.

Fortunately, she believes

she has an "amazing team of deans, directors and faculty to help me do this."

Donald Green, the president of Georgia Highlands, took part in the hiring process of Nichols. Green saw that "Dr. Nichols' first priority was students." He values that Nichols embraces innovation and change.

Nichols was born and raised in Georgia. She received her associate degree from Gainesville College, her bachelor's degree from Mercer University and her graduate degree from Georgia State University.

She began her career in education at Gainesville College. Nichols worked in writing and foreign language labs, tutoring in all levels of Span-

ish, linguistics and English. She also taught English as a second language.

She eventually became assistant vice president of academic affairs at Lanier Tech in 2014 and in 2016 at Chattahoochee State College.

"My favorite part of this job is seeing students succeed in attaining their goals."

- Dana Nichols

Regardless of how she made it to this point, Nichols is thankful for the opportunity to help people change their lives for the better. "My favorite part of this job is seeing students succeed in attaining their goals," she said.



Photo by Isaac Johnson

Dana Nichols is GHC's new vice president of academic affairs.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Anita Shontel, left, and Floyd student Xavier Freeman, who was a volunteer from the audience, demonstrate healthy flirting.

## Anita Shontel talks health and wellness on all GHC campuses

By Catie Sullivan  
Editor-in-Chief

Healthy relationships, stress management, sex trafficking, HIV testing and how to check for breast cancer are all topics that creative health education speaker and Emmy-award winning entertainer Anita Shontel spoke about with GHC students.

Shontel spoke on all GHC campuses about health and wellness. She shared stories and used facts to convey her message of being aware of oneself and personal health.

Shontel said, "I enjoy sharing on college campuses because everyone is so open in college. You are like a sponge, and students want to learn."

She explained how sex trafficking and toxic relationships are often found on college campuses and how to deal

with or avoid harmful circumstances related to these issues. Shontel demonstrated how to "go dead weight." This method of making one's body go limp and acting like dead weight is a useful tactic to avoid being kidnapped or harmed further in a violent situation.

Students also learned the importance of being tested for sexually transmitted diseases as well as breast cancer.

Shontel said, "Check your chest area, both men and women. Most people don't know it, but the number of young adults with breast cancer is rising. It is no longer the old lady disease."

Floyd campus student David Smith said, "Anita Shontel provided us with a lot of information. We learned a lot about her, so we were able to connect to her and engage more."

Shontel is from Oakland,

California, but currently lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

She attended both Humboldt State University as well as San Francisco State University.

"Check your chest area, both men and women. Most people don't know it, but the number of young adults with breast cancer is rising. It is no longer the old lady disease."

- Anita Shontel

Shontel has worked in journalism and theatre and as a public speaker to share important messages with as many people as she can in a humorous way.

## Stand (or kneel) for what you believe in

Believing in something is important for everyone's mental and emotional well-being.

These beliefs can lead to people standing up for a person they love, holding fast to values they gained from religion or staying true to their country.

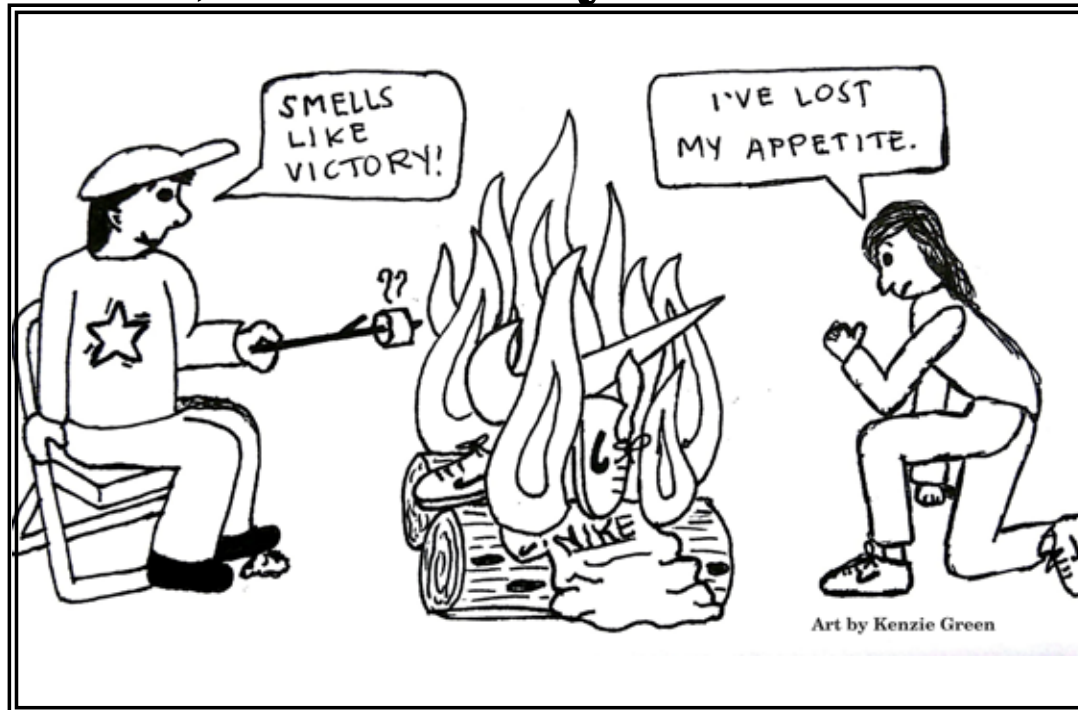
That something one believes in could be what drives him or her to fight for something.

"Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything." That is the new Nike slogan for their 30th year anniversary.

The company also features the controversial public figure Colin Kaepernick as its face for the anniversary.

Kaepernick is the former NFL quarterback who has knelt for the nation anthem since 2017.

Kaepernick believes there is racial injustice



that is going on in the United States that is not being dealt with and he is protesting against that.

Since kneeling in protest, he has lost his job in the NFL and has not had many opportunities in the

NFL since then.

Having said all this, if there is something a person believes in he or she should wholeheartedly believe in it. Regardless of what anyone says or what anyone does, believe in it no matter

what happens.

We must believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything.

### -Six Mile Post Editorial Board

## The firing of James Gunn was a huge mistake

Within the current age of social media, we live in a culture that is often defined by outrage, where people get upset over a situation without pausing first to analyze the information.

In recent events, it is clear that there are people who are taking advantage of this vitriol to serve their own political agenda.

The most recent example of this is the James Gunn situation.

Gunn was the director of the Guardians of the Galaxy films, launching rarely known characters into the public eye. Before Marvel hired him, he had a career that often was meant to be exploitative and possibly offensive.

Disney recently fired him



### Editor's Box

**Joseph McDaniel**  
Managing Editor, Design

from the third Guardians film after some tweets surfaced from 10 years ago containing highly offensive jokes and a large number of people caused an uproar.

The fact that society does not believe anyone can actually change over time to become a better person is far more sickening than any jokes Gunn tweeted out a decade ago.

He demonstrated his evolution as a person directly

through the films he created. He started as someone who wrote disturbing and provocative films, and evolved into making cinema genuinely trying to be emotionally resonant.

Gunn never actually did anything terrible. He just said some horrible things 10 years ago, none of it serious, that Disney already addressed and that he apologized for six years ago.

What is even worse about

this situation is that the ones bringing it to light were not ones who might actually be justified in caring about the content of his jokes.

Instead, it was people like Alt-Right conspiracy theorist Mike Cernovich, who only sought to ruin Gunn's career because of his speaking out against Trump.

In effect, people like this were able to influence a huge corporation like Disney, which is frankly horrific.

All of the members of the Guardians cast acknowledged this and signed an open letter to try to convince Disney to re-hire him, without success.

Sometimes the damage wrought by the easily manipulated anger of social media is impossible to repair.

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## What tips would you give to new students?

(All polled students attend the Cartersville campus)  
Poll by Lindsey Silvia



**Makaila Coggins**

**Pathway: Biochemistry**

**“Don’t take 8 a.m.s freshman year.”**



**Garret Pope**

**Pathway: Criminal Justice**

**“Don’t mess around; use your time wisely.”**



**Jacob Pirkle**

**Pathway: Engineering**

**“Don’t overload yourself with too many responsibilities.”**



**John Lucas**

**Pathway: General Studies**

**“Time management is important. Don’t bring outside problems into school.”**



## Soap Box

**James Alewine**  
Staff Writer

## Protesting: It’s American heritage

America was founded on the principles of protest. We protested the injustice of the monarchy, the lack of religious freedom and the unfair taxation by the British government.

Yet in times like these it seems that every week we are protesting something different and forgetting it the next. Protesting has become more of a social media fad, rather than a means for change.

It seems that the new socially controversial protest involves Nike’s decision to hire Colin Kaepernick, former quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, as their new front man in their latest ad campaign.

Those in protest resent Kaepernick for his protest of social and racial injustices in America, by kneeling during the national anthem throughout the 2016 NFL season.

Many, in protest of Nike, have burned their own Nike products in videos uploaded to social media platforms. But why? Why protest Nike’s decision

to hire Kaepernick and not their decision to buy cotton from Daewoo, an Uzbekistani company known for extorting child and slave labor?

Why not protest Nike’s refusal to allow the NGO Worker’s Rights Conservation access to their overseas factories to inspect for international labor law violations?

Protesting in many ways has lost its social significance. We sacrifice the validity of our voice when we as a people would rather protest for social media relevance and popularity, rather than for what is right or wrong.

President Donald Trump, in an Oval Office interview with the Daily Caller said, “I think it’s embarrassing for the country to allow protesters. You don’t even know what side the protesters are on.”

Protesting is an American heritage. I would hate to see it lost solely because we no longer have the morality to protest what matters.

### BOOKSTORE DILEMMA By Isaac Johnson



# Cartersville hosts third annual Comic Con

By Nick Whitmire  
Managing Ed., Online

Going to this year's Cartersville Comic Con was like going to a flea market, but one completely dedicated to nerd culture. Vendors at the Con were selling various figures, art and costumes from across film, TV comic books, novels and video games from all eras for fans.

At this year's event fans got to meet Savana Jade Wehunt, an actress who played the governor's daughter and various walkers on "The Walking Dead"; Aaron Brewster, a background actor also from "The Walking Dead" and "Captain America: Civil War"; Chris Silverbax, a self-pub-



Photo by Nick Whitmire

## People gather at a 2018 Cartersville Comic Con booth.

lishing comic book artist; and Chris Garrett, a comic book writer.

They gave out free autographs for fans, took questions about their experiences and their upcoming projects and gave advice on how to break

into the entertainment industry. According to Wehunt, "My favorite thing about going to Cons is meeting the fans and seeing how your work has impacted people."

In addition, fans got to participate in the Con's very first

Cosplay contest, where fans got to dress up as their favorite characters and win money to spend at the vendors. There were three categories, which were youth, for the kids; closet, for those that bought their cosplay; and the handmaid, where fans got to show off their cosplay that they made by hand.

Rebecca Fant, a local cosplayer and winner of the handmade contest as Galadriel from "The Lord of the Rings," said, "If you want to get into cosplay, just jump right in, start small and have fun with it." The 2018 Cartersville Comic Con was held for the first time at the Clarence Brown Center across from the Cartersville campus on Sept.



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## Cosplay winner dressed as Kylo Ren stands next to R2D2.

15. This also marks the third year that Cartersville has hosted a Comic Con.

Overall Grade: A

# Review: 2018 was an excellent summer for movies

By Joseph McDaniel  
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This summer had an interesting variety of films. Some were enormous tentpole blockbusters, and others were smaller independent films. Each category had its flops and the successes. Nevertheless, today, now that the summer movie season is officially over, here is a look at the best films that this summer gave us, in order of release. Most of these are currently available on Blu-ray or streaming, and the rest will be out soon, so check them out when you get the chance.

## "AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR"

The huge event that started the summer, "Infinity War" is an impressive achievement that had been built up over ten preceding years of interconnecting films in a shared universe. Its most impressive achievement should be that it works at all, with having to balance well over 20 characters in the space of a couple hours, all coming in with so much backstory.

However, the real feat is that on top of all of it, Marvel Studios spliced together a supremely entertaining, well-acted and emotionally resonant movie that actually worked despite its unconventional structure. A

## "THE INCREDIBLES 2"

Even though 14 years passed in



between the 2004 movie about Pixar's Super Family and its sequel, "Incredibles 2" starts right after the first left off.

Though it definitely is not as good as the genre-redefining original entry, Brad Bird still crafted together a supremely entertaining and full blooded film with an ample amount of heart. Some characters are given less focus than they needed, and the plot is mildly predictable, but everything else more than makes up for it. Just the animation alone is swift, hilarious and action packed. A-

## "EIGHTH GRADE"

Bo Burnham's directorial debut was released in few theatres this summer, but it should be on demand soon, and it is one that definitely should be seen. Set over one girl's last week of

eighth grade, never so sincerely has the anxiety of middle school been captured in a film.

The film stars newcomer Elsie Fisher, who gives a fantastic performance. She perfectly sells the awkward agitation that her character should exhibit. Overall, it is a very funny, heartfelt, charming, and genuine. It is definitely one of the most genuine coming-of-age films in recent years. A

## "WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?"

This documentary is about Fred Rogers, one of the purest public figures who ever lived and one of the greatest as well. One can argue a silly little show where a grown man does voices for puppets is hardly any cause for notability, but through an (on the surface) simplistic format Rogers executed

some of the most brave messages ever told to kids at a developmental age. Nevertheless, what is so enrapturing about Mr. Rogers is that all of what he said about everybody he practiced in his everyday life, to an extent that some people called him crazy. However, it was an attempt to emphasize love and acceptance for every child and adult. This is a wonderful documentary about a wonderful man. A+

## "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: FALLOUT"

It is practically unbelievable how good this movie turned out. It contains a perfect blend of set pieces, suspense, drama, music, emotion and everything one could want from an action movie. "Mission Impossible Fallout" is a flat out masterpiece. Director Christopher McQuarrie put together something extraordinary.

The plot works really well for an action film. Some clever executions of plans are slowly revealed to the audience, and even though one could complain about it being generic in terms of nuclear bombs threatening the world, the way the film carries it out feels completely fresh.

However, Tom Cruise's impressive physical stunt work is what really keeps the audience on the edge of their seats. It is the perfect summer blockbuster in every way imaginable. A+

# Former Chargers continue their basketball careers

By Trevor Gonzales  
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As it goes at most junior college sports programs, players frequently come and go year-by-year.

With almost a new team every single year in the men's and women's basketball program at Georgia Highlands College, it is always fun to see where the stars of last year's team go to further their career.

There were three women from the 2017-2018 Georgia Highlands Lady Chargers basketball team that continued their career at another school.

After moving all the way from Bologna, Italy in 2016, **Katerina Khomenko** made an impact on the team while she was here at GHC for two years. She has now moved on to one of the most prestigious basketball programs in NCAA Division II, Southern Florida University in Lakeland, FL.

**Anna Stewart** is currently at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA where she is a member of the women's basketball team. Hometown girl **Elizabeth Newberry**, who played at GHC for two years, stayed home and is now a member of the Shorter Hawks women's basketball team.



**DeMarcus Addie**



**D'Andre Bernard**



**TaJuan Johnson**



**Elizabeth Newberry**



**Jeremiah Buford**



**A.J. Farrar**



**Katerina Khomenko**



**Anna Stewart**

The Chargers' basketball team had five players move onto different schools, including three players going to play for the highest level of college

basketball, NCAA Division I. 2017 team captain **D'Andre Bernard** will play at East Tennessee State University. **A.J. Farrar** from Atlanta, GA

is at Alabama State University and **Jeremiah Buford** is attending Nicholls State University in Louisiana.

Last year's leading scorer

for the men's team, **TaJuan Johnson**, is at William-Penn University in Iowa and **DeMarcus Addie** is at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL.

## College and high school teams need support

Fall sports are back finally in many high schools around the state, which means Friday night lights, band competitions and volleyball nets being tied up.

With events like these beginning once more, it is very important to remember to make sure you still root for and cheer for your high school. Your high school years are what defined you and made you who you are today. It is only right to show a little or a lot of support for your school. It is always great to look back at where you have come from



### Rosario's Rebound

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and how far you have come.

It is also a great thing to look where you are now. College sports have a bigger magnitude and there are also more sports offered as well.

At GHC, both men and women's basketball will be

starting soon. Students and alumni should come to cheer for both teams.

It does not take much to be supportive of teams. Even things like wearing high school apparel or showing up to Charger games is just enough.

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# GHC baseball players selected in MLB draft

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Georgia Highlands has two MLB 2018 draft picks: Noah Bryant and Lavoisier Fisher.

Bryant played for the Chargers last season as pitcher. He had come from a division II school, so he would be more likely to be drafted by a team.

"Noah came to us very raw... but with a lot of potential... so I saw tremendous change in him last season," said Danyel O'Neill, baseball head coach. "He really started to understand how to prepare, and how to get ready to pitch," said O'Neill.

Bryant was a 17th round draft pick of the Kansas City

Royals, where he currently plays for their minor league team the Arizona Royals.

Fisher was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates as a 37th round pick out of high school but wanted to come to Highlands to better himself as a person and a player. Fisher graduated from North Gwinnett High School where he played basketball, baseball and football.

He plays center field for the Chargers and says his speed is what helps his game out the most.

"Coach O has already helped me a lot with mental aspects of the game," he said about Highlands' baseball program.

When asked what he was

"They both have very high work ethics... both players hold themselves to a high standard and have high expectations."

**-Danyel O'Neill**

most excited for this season he responded, "I'm just excited to see where this season takes me."

"They both have very high work ethics... both players hold themselves to a high standard and have high expectations," said O'Neill about Bryant and Fisher.

With bright futures ahead, O'Neill said he believes they have what they need to succeed.



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