

Georgia Highlands College
42nd Annual Honors Assembly
April 10, 2014

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Alexis Carter

Student Life Coordinator – Marietta Campus

Welcome

Dr. Renva Watterson

Interim President, Georgia Highlands College

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants' Certificate of Academic Excellence Award in Accounting

For the highest combined grade point average in Accounting 2101 and 2102 achieved by a student planning on majoring in accounting.

Presented by Annette Maddox

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Recipient – Sharon W. Rice

Business Merit Award

Recognizes a student's achievement in business by having the highest average in the required Area F business courses. The student must have completed at least five of the six required classes and be performing well in the 6th business class if taking it during the spring semester.

Presented by Annette Maddox

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Recipient – Melissa S. Pharr

Excellence in Journalism

For students who have served on the student newspaper staff for one year or more, who have held leadership positions on the staff, and who have demonstrated exceptional journalistic achievement.

Presented by Dr. Kristie Kemper and Cindy Wheeler

Professor and Associate Professor of English and Faculty Advisors for the Six Mile Post

Recipients – Ryan Jones and Pedro R. Zavala

Outstanding Student for Political Science Majors

To recognize a Political Science major with the highest GPA, extraordinary service to the community and/or country, and embodies the mission of the college.

Presented by R. Shea Mize

Lecturer in Political Science

Recipients – Justin Deal and Daniel Jeffrey Johnson

Jim McKeel Human Service Achievement Award

For a student who has demonstrated commitment to the field of Human Services, is involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrates a genuine concern for the community.

Presented by Donna Mantooth
Associate Professor of Psychology

Recipient – Maxine Clark

Warren Akin IV Award for Excellence in English Studies

For demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature; must have a minimum 3.00 GPA and be selected by the English faculty.

Presented by Michelle Abbott
Assistant Professor of English

Recipients – Meghan Fontenot and Katie Oakes

Dr. Melvin Perry AAUP Outstanding Future Educator Award

To honor an outstanding future educator who demonstrates an aptitude for and commitment to excellence in teaching; must have a minimum 3.00 GPA.

Presented by Cindy Wheeler
Associate Professor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Six Mile Post

Recipient – Angela Ray

Mathematics Award

For high achievement in Mathematics presented to the student with the highest class average in Math 2263 as determined by mathematical reasoning.

Presented by Dr. Paul Kapitza
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Recipients – Marcie M. Andrews and Zachary Aaron Nelson

Computer Science Award

For high achievement in Computer Science. Presented to the student with the highest class average in CS1301 or CS 1302 and demonstrating exceptional problem solving skills.

Presented by Dr. Steven Benzel
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Recipient – Corey Scott Barger

Scholar Athlete Award

This award recognizes the one male and one female GHC student-athlete with the highest GPA.

Presented by Phil Gaffney
Athletic Director

Recipients – Gregory Gerard and Kristen Mullis

NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American Award

This is an award given by the National Junior College Athletic Association, the governing body of GHC athletics. It is given to student-athletes with at least three semesters and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75.

Presented by Phil Gaffney
Athletic Director

Recipient – Matthew Catanzano

Georgia General Assembly Board of Regents Academic Recognition Award

For a Georgia resident student attending a University System of Georgia institution who has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic achievement.

Presented by Dr. Renva Watterson

Interim President

Recipient – Gerri Patricia Owen

All-USA Academic Team

Sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges, the All-USA Academic Team competition honors excellent students for academic achievement and campus involvement.

Presented by Dr. Todd Jones

Vice President for Student Affairs

Recipients –

Justin Deal

Deborah Edwards

Ryan Feury

Daniel Johnson

NURSING AWARDS

Excellence in Bedside Care

For excellence in bedside care as identified by the nursing faculty.

Presented by Marjorie Frazier, MN, RN

Associate Professor of Nursing

Recipient – Torrey Devon Reedy

Excellence in Professional Nursing

For outstanding academic achievement and leadership potential in a graduating BSN student.

Presented by Dr. Janet Alexander

Professor of Nursing and Academic Dean for the Division of Health Sciences

Recipient – Vickie Jeanette Beckler

Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award

For demonstrating the ability to work with aged patients and their families.

Presented by Marjorie Frazier, MN, RN

Associate Professor of Nursing

Recipient – William Brandon Lumpkin

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing Award

For the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average by a GHC nursing student.

Presented by Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN

Associate Professor of Nursing and Director of the ASN Program

Recipients – Brent Amelingmeier and Gerri Patricia Owen

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

For service to college and community, as well as high academic achievement

Presented by Lyric Sprinkle

Student Life Coordinator – Douglasville and Paulding Campuses and Special Assistant to the Douglasville Campus Dean

Recipients –

Jessy Acosta

Jessyca Arndt

Donica Badger

Courtney Barton

Zack Beavers

Mauricio Beckrich

John Bessis

Amanda Bing

Cassarrah Blackstock

Demario Blackwell

Joshua Booker

Tadj Bradley

DeShun Braxton

Karley Callaway

Matthew Catanzano

John Chandler

Linda Chuong

Maxine Clark

Emily Criswell

Frank Dang

Justin Deal

Isrrael Diaz

Rosa Dobbs

Emmanuel Doremy

Jonathan Dozier

Austin Drake

Jessica Dupree

Jessica Fisher

Aaron Foster

Antonio Garcia

Christina Garner

Ashlee Gilley

Robert Goss

Brooke Govin

Makayla Graves

Ivan Guzman

Wesley Harkins

Harold Gene Harmon

Stacy Haynes

Jarvis Heath

Timothy Connor Henderson

Jeremiah Hicks

Tyler Hogue

Mary Howard

**Evelyn Itoe
Denardi Joiseus
Darrell Jones
Qwaunzee Jones
Ryan Jones
Greggory Karnes
Neil Klopsch
Abbie Ledford
Ashley Lewis
Kara Long
K.C. Louis
Olivia Louis-Jean
Preston Luk
Erin Maples
David Martinez
Jennifer Martinez
Matthew Massey
Reginald May
Caleb McCrary
Nivenitie McDaniel
Marilyn Mojica
Jesse Ogali
Armando Ortiz
Destiny Ortiz
Darice Parks
Ashita Patel
Bhavik Patel
Jessica Phillips
Kristen Phillips
Siraj Pirzada
Roderick Presswood
Ricardo Ramsey
Eduardo Rico
Sania Rizwan
Roy Rios
Virginia Robinson
Darion Rucker
Robert Satterfield
Angelie Serrano
Kyle Shifflett
Justin Shooks
Chelsea Signoret
Tatiana Smithson
Cheyenne Solomon
Riley Solomon
Jesse Stroup
Jessie Summers
Ryan Torres
Ashly Traylor
Jenny Van Fossen
William Scott Ward
Chris Wells**

Marcus White
Hillary Williams
Austin Wolfschlag
Pedro R. Zavala

Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award

For a student or faculty member who enhance disability awareness in the GHC community by demonstrating a desire to educate and inform others about disability issues and is involved in campus organizations, activities and volunteer service.

Presented by Angela Wheelus
Director of Student Support Services
Recipient – Benjamin Masters

GHAME Student Achievement Award

The GHAME Student Achievement Award recognizes two students in the Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Male Excellence (GHAME) Program for demonstrating leadership, academic excellence, and dedication to the success of their fellow members.

Presented by Greg Shropshire
100 Black Men of Rome-Northwest Georgia
Recipients – Jeremiah Hicks and Reginald May

Old Red Kimono Creative Writing Awards

For students whose original work, published in the Old Red Kimono, was judged to be of special merit.

Presented by Dr. Nancy Applegate
Professor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

Recipients:

1st Place: Joshua Nix
2nd Place: Kendra Jane Cooper
3rd Place: Molly Wiley

Old Red Kimono Creative Art Awards

For students whose original work, published in the Old Red Kimono, was judged to be of special merit.

Presented by Dr. Nancy Applegate
Professor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

Recipients:

1st Place: Danielle Battle
2nd Place: Jason Sims
3rd Place: Wesley Sanders

Honors Student of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the student who demonstrated the most commitment to furthering the goals of the Honors Program this year.

Presented by Dr. Jayme Akers Feagin
Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program

Recipient – Julian Orjuela

Honors Paper of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the student who wrote and presented the best paper in an honors-designated or honors-option course.

Presented by Dr. Jayme Akers Feagin
Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program

Recipient – Amelia Bagwell

Honors Diploma

Awarded to students who have met the criteria for the Honors Diploma during their time at GHC.

Presented by Dr. Jayme Akers Feagin

Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program

Recipients –

Amelia Bagwell

Julian Orjuela

Julie Stephens

Marilyn Trudeau-Walls

URIT Researcher of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the student who demonstrated the most commitment to furthering the goals of the URIT club this year

Presented by Camille Pace

Instructor of Mathematics and Faculty Advisor for the URIT Undergraduate Research Club

Recipient – Julian Orjuela

URIT Certificate

This award is given to the URIT students who have worked on and provided leadership for this year's research project.

Presented by Camille Pace

Instructor of Mathematics and Faculty Advisor for the URIT Undergraduate Research Club

Recipients –

Amelia Bagwell

Stephen Hood

Julian Orjuela

Marilyn Trudeau-Walls

Laurel Wickman

GHC Gaming Club Leadership Award

This award honors student leaders who have positively impacted the club's growth and success. These students have also furthered the club's goal to create a positive image of gamers in our community. Any student leader of the club is eligible to be nominated by a fellow officer or faculty advisor.

Presented by Michelle Abbott

Assistant Professor of English and Faculty Advisor for the Gaming Club

Recipients –

Joshua Baird

Johnny Barnes

Kevin Horan

Abigail Ledford

Jessica Phillips

Brandon Poche

Diversity Student Leadership Award

For a student who demonstrates a significant contribution toward the advancement of diversity in higher education by serving as a mentor, role model, or a leader of an underrepresented student group.

Presented by Dr. Sean Callahan

Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of Diversity Initiatives

Recipients – Justin Deal and Jessica Fisher

Diversity Student Educator Award

For a student who demonstrates a significant contribution toward the advancement of diversity in higher education by increasing multicultural awareness through educational means such as presentations, discussion forums, papers, etc.

Presented by Dr. Sean Callahan

Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of Diversity Initiatives

Recipient – Justin Deal

Diversity Team Award

For a group of individuals (e.g., a student club, a specific course or class, an educational unit of the college, etc.) who demonstrate a significant contribution toward the advancement of diversity in higher education by collectively raising social consciousness regarding diversity through various educational means.

Presented by Dr. Sean Callahan

Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of Diversity Initiatives

Recipient – Equality Alliance

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

GHC Emerging Leaders 2014

For students completing the Emerging Leaders program during the spring semester.

Presented by Lyric Sprinkle

Student Life Coordinator – Douglasville and Paulding Campuses and Special Assistant to the Douglasville Campus Dean

Recipients –

Theresa Arthen

Kaylin Baker

Cheryse Carter

Holly Chaney

Ciara Crider

Justin Deal

Paige Dickinson

Jonathan Dozier

Jessica Dunn

Elucia Frederique

Ned Garnier

Ben Gibson

Victor Gonzalez

Makayla Graves

Andrew Gyebi

Timothy Henderson

Jacob Hutson

Demarrio James

Joseph Jones

Qwaunzee Jones

Charles Kane

Melodye Kenney

Marcelin Lauture

Kara Long

Preston Luk

David Martinez

Matt Massey
Amanda Niemann
Carmen Palmour
Roy Rios
Darion Rucker
Ednard Salvant
Naschely Santana
Robert Satterfield
Hillery Sawyer
William Scott
Jennifer Shirley
Justin Shooks
Malvin Showale
Kentrina Stephens
Jade Wells
Joseph Wheeler
Hilary Williams

Georgia Highlands College Steve Burns Service Award

For the student who has demonstrated a commitment and passion for serving others and contributing to the well-being of the community.

Presented by Dr. Todd Jones

Vice President for Student Affairs

2013-2014 Nominees –

Maxine Clark

Jessica Fisher

Ryan Jones

Annay Perez

Roderick Presswood

Awarded to –

Maxine Clark

Jessica Fisher

Georgia Highlands College Spirit Award

For the student who best demonstrates dedication to campus life, activity in school and community projects and promotes school spirit to fellow students, faculty and staff.

Presented by Dr. Todd Jones

Vice President for Student Affairs

2013-2014 Nominees –

Qwaunzee Jones

Caleb McCrary

Lindsay Parker

Jesse Stroup

Austin Wolfschlag

Awarded to –

Jesse Stroup

Austin Wolfschlag

Georgia Highlands College Leadership Award

For the student who best demonstrates the qualities of a positive leader, shows exemplary leadership on campus and in community activities while maintaining high academic standards.

Presented by Dr. Renva Watterson

Interim President
2013-2014 Nominees –
Johnny Ray Barnes
Justin Deal
Jessica Fisher
David Martinez
Tatiana Smithson
Pedro R. Zavala
Awarded to –
Tatiana Smithson
Justin Deal

Closing Announcements

Alexis Carter
Student Life Coordinator – Marietta Campus

Thank you for attending Honors Night 2014!

SPECIAL THANKS

Office of Student Affairs

Amanda West

Student Life Coordinators – Alexis Carter, John Spranza, Lyric Sprinkle, Megan Youngblood

All the faculty and staff of Georgia Highlands College

All the parents and families of our students