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## GHC student is set to perform at Rome Symphony

**By Stephanie Corona**  
Staff Writer

Ryan Kingsley, music student at GHC, will be performing with the Rome Symphony Orchestra on April 29 in downtown Rome. Kingsley will be performing the aria "Non piu andrai" from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

Kingsley is one of three winners of The Rome Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition held Feb. 15 at Shorter University.

Sam Baltzer, GHC professor of music and conductor of the Rome Symphony Orchestra said, "I was so pleased to see that Georgia Highlands had a student in the RSO Young Artist Competition. It's a sign of the growth of our music program."

Baltzer said, "When Ryan began his audition, I knew immediately that he would be a contender. He has a wonderful voice, and he also sang with expression and feeling. I'm very proud of Ryan and his teacher, Julie Carver. I look forward to conducting his performance. I hope the GHC community will come out to support Ryan."

Several colleges and universities showed up for the competition Kingsley stated, "The idea was nerve-racking. Two instrumental performances were selected and a single female and male were selected from the vocal performance."

Kingsley further explained that the performances were planned on a timely schedule so he did not have to stay at Shorter all day.

Kingsley stated, "My vocal

instructor Julie Carver focuses on execution of music through arias (mindset of character and their motives) and the recitatives (actions of the story)."

Carver has a degree from Shorter in Piano Performance and has been working with Ryan since August 2016.

Kingsley has been performing vocals since fifth grade. He has toured Italy, Vatican, Ukraine, Russia, the Czech Republic, Austria and Alaska several months at a time from 2005 until 2016.

In these countries, he performed several Mozart pieces and fragments from Italian composers with the Atlanta Boy's Choir.

Kingsley said, "Dealing with classicism and classical music, you deal a lot with French, Italian, and German."



Photo by Stephanie Corona

**Ryan Kingsley was the top male vocalist in this year's RSO Young Artist competition.**

## Highlands Happenings

### FCA hosts prayer walk at Floyd

**By Joshua Mabry**  
Managing Ed., Sports

According to Brooklyn Barron, a FCA Student Leader at GHC, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' huddle at GHC will host a prayer walk on April 21 at the Floyd campus.

The walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. and is open to all students, faculty and staff.

The huddle is also inviting churches from Rome and Cedartown to participate.

Participants of the walk are asked to sign in and write all of their prayer requests on an index card.

The exact route for the walk has yet to be determined. Refreshments will be provided for participants by

GHC. After the walk, there will be a scripture message and singing.

If rain is in the forecast on this day, the events will take place in the Lakeview Building.

Barron said, "We would like to remind everyone to wear comfortable clothing and footwear that day."

### ORK celebrates its spring issue

**By Karen Kinsey**  
Staff Writer

The Georgia Highlands student created and edited literary and art magazine, the Old Red Kimono (ORK), will be celebrating the release of the Spring 2017 issue.

A reception will take place at the Floyd campus on April 19. It will be held in the Lakeview Auditorium from

12:15-1:30 p.m.

Dates and times for receptions on other campuses will be announced later.

All students and staff are invited to attend the ORK receptions. The ORK magazine publishes student created art, fiction, poetry and photography.

For more information about ORK visit the Georgia Highlands webpage at [highlands.edu/site/ork](http://highlands.edu/site/ork) or ORK Facebook page, @oldredkimono.

### 45th Honors Night set for April 20

**By W. Steven Godfrey**  
Staff Writer

GHC's 45th annual Honors Night is taking place on Thursday, April 20. It'll be at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville at

6 p.m.

The Clarence Brown Conference Center is right across the street from the GHC Cartersville Campus.

The event begins with a reception where hors d'oeuvres will be served until 6:45 p.m., when the awards will begin.

Students will be receiving awards for excellence in academics and other areas.

Students who are being honored will be emailed prior to the event. All who are being honored and other students are encouraged to attend.

### PRIMO to benefit GHC students

**By Autumn Pritchard**  
Staff Writer

According to Jeannie Blakely, librarian at the Floyd campus, the University

System of Georgia is establishing a collaborative library system that will streamline access to library resources for students for all colleges in the USG.

This new system is called PRIMO and is designed to connect students with more ease to GHC library resources as well as resources from other USG schools.

Under the current system, students are required to have a PIN to log in to their library account.

With PRIMO, that will no longer be required. Instead, students will only need their GHC email and D2L password.

Once logged in, students will then be able to access electronic resource databases easier and also request books from other campuses and schools without having to have a PIN or know other passwords.



## Science sequence undergoes change

By Margaret Gardner  
Managing Ed., Design

Non-STEM majors no longer need to complete a science sequence as part of Area D requirements.

These majors can now combine two different science courses, with only one needing a lab to complete this requirement.

GHC's Division of Natural Science and Physical Education has introduced two new courses called Biology 1010 and Biology 1020, which do not have a lab component. These new courses will provide more options for completing the requirements in area D.

Professor of Biology Tom Harnden originally created Biology 1020 to address the problem of classes with labs being offered in only face-to-face formats.

**"The goal of the division is to address completion, student learning and affordability, and I believe we've addressed this issue."**

-Greg Ford  
Academic Dean

With the non-lab courses, science classes can now be provided in two formats, online and a combination of online and on campus.

This means a course can have its lecture on campus and lab online or lecture online and lab on campus.

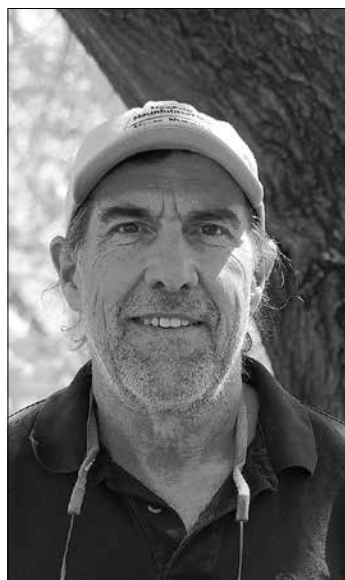


Photo by Margaret Gardner

**Billy Morris teaches Geology at the Floyd and Cartersville campuses.**

Another benefit of these science classes being offered online is a more customizable schedule for students.

According to Greg Ford, academic dean of natural sciences and physical education, students also have financial advantages through science classes that don't require a lab because they don't have to pay an extra cost associated with lab fees.

According to Professor of Geology Billy Morris, there was some "initial concern expressed amongst the science teachers because they were worried that students would only take the first class in a sequence, and they would not get to teach the second course, but so far it has worked out."

This new program has accomplished many of its goals, which include the improvement of completion rates for students.

Ford said, "The goal of the division is to address completion, student learning and affordability, and I believe we've addressed this issue."

## April is student financial aid month at all Georgia Highlands campuses

By Shawn Bunyard  
Staff Writer

April is Financial Aid Awareness Month at GHC; students will be educated on all the options available to pay for school.

FA offices across all campuses have tables set up with information on events and instructional flyers.

Plus, information is readily accessible through student emails, Flush Flash, GHC's social media pages and signs around campus.

Lisa Garrett, senior counselor of the Financial Aid department and head of the Cartersville activities, hopes that this month will provide a chance for students to see their options and choose which financial aid is best suited to their needs.

The goal is to make students aware of their eligibilities for various types of financial aid and how to acquire what they need.

First Friday FAFSA Day is

every month, but the kick-off for this month of events was on the 7th at Cartersville, Floyd and Paulding.

It provided an opportunity for students to finish the first step of receiving financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

This is a document advisers can help students to complete, and it must be submitted to the state each year aid is requested.

Students who electronically filed their FAFSAs or summer aid requests on that day were awarded a prize, and those who referred friends received an additional prize.

Spring Fling was another chance for students to receive help filing the FAFSA or to meet with advisers for questions.

Students who beat trivia and registered for other financial aid events won prizes. It was held on the 10th at Marietta, 11th at Douglasville, 12th at Floyd, 13th at Paulding and 17th at Cartersville.

Pizzas and prizes were served at lunch-time on the 13th at Floyd and will also be available the 18th at Cartersville, the 19th at Paulding, the 25th at Marietta and the 27th Douglasville.

Additional FAFSA Day events are scheduled for the remainder of April, providing entertainment and food, along with the benefit of learning how the most effective way to pay for college.

Ana Clayton, financial aid counselor, hopes that many students will see the presence of the FA staff.

She says that those who attend the events have the chance to interact with a department that normally stays behind office doors. She said, "We care about students and their success."

Clayton also said that the professional help offered to participating students is helpful for the short-term and also lets them know how their aid choices will impact them later in life.



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# Dean Watjen to step down at Paulding, Douglasville

By LaTonya Kilgore  
Staff Writer

Connie Watjen, dean of Douglasville and Paulding campuses, will be stepping down as dean to resume teaching English at the Cartersville and Douglasville campuses.

Donald Green, president of Georgia Highlands, said, "Connie decided to move back to faculty."

Green said Watjen's decision to move back to her previous position gave Highlands an opportunity to explore other options involving the organizational structure of leadership on the Paulding and Douglasville campuses.

Green stated that each campus will have a full-time dean that will be able to devote attention to a single campus. Green stated, "We believe this will help the college move forward."

Watjen said that as the Dean she lost the ability to interact with the students as much as she had previously, something she missed.

To help stay involved with students, Dean Watjen held



Photo by Matthew Franklin

Dean Connie Watjen

several events called "Conversations with Connie."

"I have a message to share with students" Watjen explained. "Too many students feel that when they see someone in leadership, they don't think they understand the challenges they face," she said.

Watjen understands. She

began college at the age of 28 as a single mother. She has experienced the difficulty of balancing work, school and family life, as well as financial difficulties.

She wants students to know that she understands and wants to support them and help.

## Flexible summer schedule provides student's options

By W. Steven Godfrey  
Staff Writer

There are three different kinds of summer classes available to GHC students: Maymester, full summer and June and July.

Maymester classes take place over a few brief weeks. The entire curriculum for a class that would normally take place over a full semester is condensed into a few short weeks.

Students meet for Maymester classes five days a week and for only three weeks. This type of class is recommended only for students who absolutely have to take it.

June and July classes are less condensed, but still require students to complete a full course's amount of work in a small period of time.

These classes meet four days a week instead of five and take place over the two months.

Students who need to take classes in a brief amount of time, but don't want the pressure of Maymester classes, should consider this option.

Bronson Long, associate

professor of history, said "If students go into a Maymester or June or July session class with the realization from the outset that the class will move fast and that they will have to buckle down and work hard, but only for a short time, they can do well."

Full summer classes still take place over a shorter amount of time than Fall or Spring semesters, but according to Long, they are less intense than June, July or Maymester classes.

They meet twice a week just like with fall and spring semesters.

According to Clayton Shifflett, academic adviser of Floyd, these are the most recommended for students who need to take classes over the summer.

Kelly Shane, associate professor of math, recently told the advising staff that the average GPA of students who take summer classes is higher than that of students in regular classes.

"This surprises them because of the pressure involved in taking classes in a shorter amount of time," said Shane.

## Priority registration for summer continues through April 28

By David Pullium  
Staff Writer

GHC's Director of Academic Success, Jennifer Hicks, stated that registration for the upcoming summer semester is currently underway.

Hicks reminded students to talk to an adviser, and that advisers are available on each campus to speak with students regarding registration and what to do if they have holds on their accounts.

Summer priority registration, only open to current students, runs through April 28.

The first fee payment dead-



Photo by Margaret Gardner  
Jennifer Hicks works in the Floyd Tutorial Center.

line is at 5 p.m. on May 1.

Students who have registered for summer classes, but neglected to pay, will see their schedules wiped out on May 3.

Registration for summer classes will re-open to all students from May 9 through May 30.

Students must pay their bill in full, or secure financial aid, by June 6 to ensure their summer course schedule.

For GHC students who rely on financial aid to cover costs associated with attending classes and procuring required materials, taking summer courses is not out of the

question.

Students who are interested in securing financial aid funds for summer classes should complete the Summer Semester 2017 Aid Request Form and submit it online.

This form can be found using the search feature on the GHC website.

The Summer Aid Request Form asks if students wish to receive loans, which may be helpful to those who do not qualify for HOPE Scholarship grants.

Once submitted, the request form goes to GHC's Financial Aid department for

review.

Then students can check their financial aid status through their SCORE account.

Kay Geibel, customer service representative at the Cartersville campus student advising Hub, said that "a lot of students" don't realize how crucial and necessary the Summer Semester Aid Request Form is in the process.

This form allows the GHC Financial Aid department to know "who wants loans and who does not want loans because students may not have money left over from Pell or HOPE," said Geibel.



# Academic advisers now at all GHC campuses

**By Morgan White**  
Staff Writer

Academic advisers are now available on all GHC campuses.

According to Laura Walton, the advising department was moved from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs about a year ago. A new department was created called the Academic Success Center, which includes tutoring, advising and early alert.

She said, "When the goal is for the student to be successful, this model is supposed to be the best. Jennifer Hicks, director of academic success, has taken things slowly, so when we put something in place it can be successful."

According to Josh Peterson of Cartersville, students can rely on academic advisers to

help with academic and career goals. He said, "Advising is important at every institution, particularly at Georgia Highlands. As advisers, we can help students create a long-term plan and inform them of their many options within the state of Georgia and beyond."

Peterson also said, "There has been a steady enrollment growth and recruitment effort that has demanded the need for additional advisers."

Jillian Petro of Cartersville hopes advisers can reach more students now that there are full-time advisers at every campus.

"Before, we had an adviser who was part-time at Paulding and part-time at Douglasville, so we always ran into the issue of them not being available when students needed them. But now we can have an



**Julia Areh**



**Yoursheko Owens**



**Josh Peterson**



**Laura Walton**



**Jillian Petro**

adviser on every campus. This way we can reach even more students when they are having an issue," said Petro.

Floyd campus also has Adviser Clayton Shiflett and Adviser Lesli Terrell-Payne, who is the online advising coordinator. Marietta's academic adviser is Alonda Sanders. Julia Areh is the Douglasville adviser. Paulding has Yoursheko Owens.



**Clayton Shiflett**



**Alonda Sanders**



**Lesli Terrell-Payne**

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# Two to retire from nursing department soon

## RNBSN director set to retire

By Joshua Lehto  
Staff Writer

Before working at Georgia Highlands, RNBSN Director Patricia Vincent worked as a nurse in Florida. She relocated to Georgia to be closer to her daughter and grandkids.

Upon moving, she began teaching at a technical school in Jasper, Ga., where she discovered she had a passion for teaching. After teaching in Jasper for a time, she was hired at Georgia Highlands in 2007. Now, after years of service, she is retiring.

Vincent said that her favorite part of her time at Highlands has been working with an amazing faculty and seeing students succeed. "When a student graduates, it makes it all worthwhile," said Vincent. Her career has always been about helping students. She believes that is Highlands' goal too.

One of her favorite memories while at Highlands was when a group of students had



Photo by Joshua Lehto

Patricia Vincent

to give an informative presentation about mental health to some patients. Some of the students were terrified to speak in front of a group of strangers, but Vincent said they overcame their fears and that was one of her proudest moments as an instructor.

Vincent said she is at her happiest when she is helping others, in any capacity. Some of her personal tips for happiness are to not take everything personally, remember everything is temporary and to take a step back and reevaluate situations from other perspectives. It is important to set goals and strive for success,

said Vincent. There needs to be a "step by step plan" to achieve success. She does not believe success happens by accident.

One word of advice Vincent tells students is that they need to make themselves marketable and that "just because you've earned a degree doesn't mean your education is over." She believes there is always a need to continue learning.

Vincent said she has greatly enjoyed her time at Highlands and appreciates the opportunity to have worked with such great staff and students.

## Cozby to leave after 12 years

By Joshua Lehto  
Staff Writer

Barbara Cozby, administrative assistant for the nursing department, has experienced many changes during her years at Georgia Highlands College. In 2005, her first year as a staff member, the school changed its name from Floyd College to Georgia Highlands, and that same year the Cartersville campus opened for the first time.

For 12 years, Cozby has been dedicated to serving the nursing students at Georgia Highlands.

She has spent her whole tenure at Heritage Hall, which has allowed her to see many nursing students come through the building and complete the program. She said seeing students succeed has brought a pride and joy to her work.

When asked what her favorite memory has been during her time at Highlands, Cozby replied, "I can truly say that would be the first pinning ceremony I attended for the graduating nursing students my first year. I had never seen anything like it. It was amazing and truly touched me and still does."

She said that every pinning ceremony is emotional and uplifting.

It still makes her "very proud" that in some small way she had "a hand in helping these students achieve their dream."

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Photo by Joshua Lehto

Barbara Cozby

Cozby said that the comradery and feeling of family are what have made working for Highlands such a joy.

She believes the most important element of being satisfied at a job is "to be happy in what you do." Cozby said she found that happiness at Highlands.

Cozby's journey at Highlands will end after this spring semester, but she plans to stay busy during her retirement.

While at Highlands she has been raising her twin granddaughters, who are now 10. Now she is going to devote most of her time to them and enjoy the outdoors. She said, "We bought a camper and a pontoon boat last year to get ready for this new chapter in my life, and I can't wait!"

## Gun Bill is on Gov. Deal's desk

By Moira Hale  
Staff Writer

In the early morning of Friday, March 31, the Georgia Senate passed House Bill 280, which would allow concealed gun carry on college campuses.

According to the Georgia General Assembly's website, it passed the Senate with a vote of 33 to 21, one person being excused.

From April 7, Deal has 40 days to sign the bill into law, veto it or let it become law without his signature. This would put his decision deadline around May 10.

According to the bill, concealed guns could not be carried at any day care facilities located on campus grounds or

in any faculty, staff and administrative offices related to disciplinary proceedings.

Another exclusion is barring guns from anywhere on campus where high school students attend classes.

The University System of Georgia as well as many students are against the bill becoming law.

On the other side, gun rights advocates are arguing that passing the bill would make campuses safer.

Those who are pro campus carry hope Deal does not veto the bill like he did last year's version. Advocates for the bill in the Georgia Legislature are hoping that the added exemptions are enough for the bill to pass the governor's scrutiny.

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# Georgia Highlands art professor illustrates new children's book

By Kayla Jameson  
Editor-in-chief

Professor of Art Brian Barr's illustrations will be published in a sequel for a children's book.

Barr was chosen by Harry Musselwhite to illustrate his book "Martin the Guitar," which was published in 2012. Barr has now finished illustrations for the sequel, "Martin the Guitar: On the Road."

The book is more of an adventure story than the first, and it follows Martin at a music festival after he was bought by a musician in the first book.

"The fun part of that was I got to draw slightly different environments and stuff like that. Because there was multiple scenes, where as in the first one it all took place in the same room," he said.

There is not currently a release date, but Barr hopes that it will be out by Christmas.

Although he has never had his work in a children's book



Photo by Kayla Jameson

**Brian Barr, illustrator of "Martin the Guitar," teaches art at Floyd campus.**

before this series, Barr has had some of his illustrations and artwork published previously.

This includes illustrations for the comic Jackdaw that is written by Kelly Shane, associate professor of math. The comic can be found at jackdaw-comic.com.

"I found something interesting with working on this and working on the comic book, I kind of enjoyed the challenge of somebody giving me a story and then me hav-

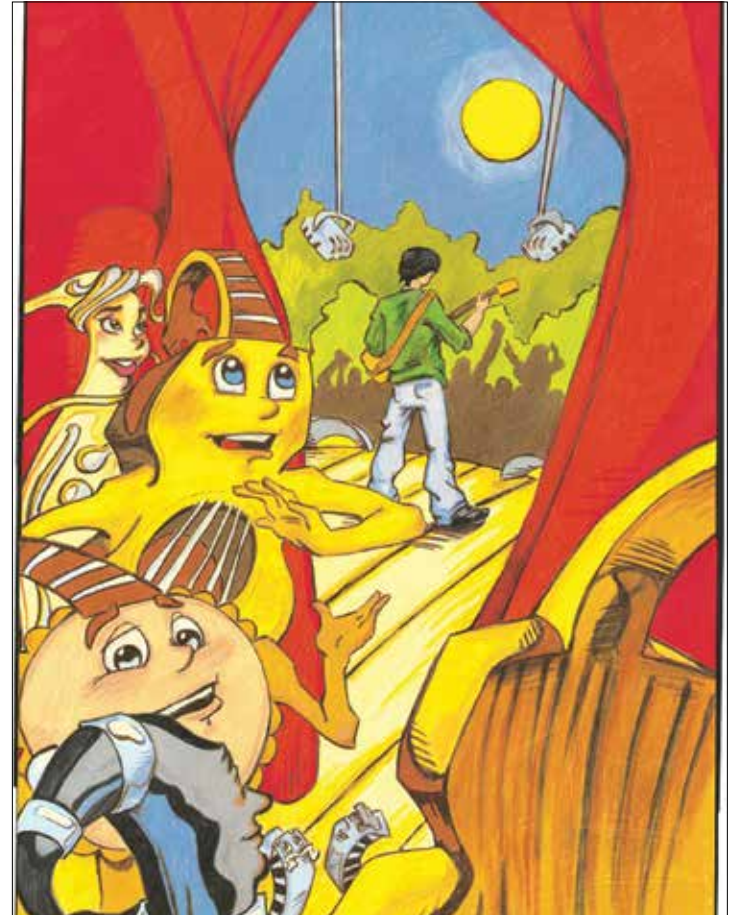
ing to figure out how to make it work," said Barr.

He continued, "I found that really rewarding, taking somebody else's idea and then finding a way to make it realized into a picture."

By grad school, Barr had decided that teaching the arts in college was something he was interested in pursuing, but art had always been an interest of his.

He said, "Pretty early on I started drawing as something that I did for fun and outside of class which is kind of why I was interested in doing the children's book because I did cartoons and stuff when I was a little kid."

Dean of Humanities Jon Hershey said, "I think it's vital for faculty members to be thoroughly involved with their subject area and to explore wherever that subject matter may take them. Whether it's academic research or a creative venue like 'Martin the Guitar.'"



Art by Brian Barr

**The front page of "Martin the Guitar: On the Road" is an example of Barr's illustrative style.**

## Creative Writing club at Cartersville provides students ways to share their creativity

By Andi Kuykendoll  
Staff Writer

The Creative Writing Club invites everyone to attend the last Poetry Night of the semester, which will be held April 26 at 7 p.m. at Southern Muggs Coffee shop in Cartersville.

**"The place was packed, and everyone was laughing and applauding and very attentive"**

**-Gunnar Ohberg  
Club President**

Every third Thursday of the month, the Creative Writing Club has a Poetry Night where writers perform a live reading of their poems or other writings at Southern Muggs.

Gunnar Ohberg, English major and president of The Creative Writing Club, said, "Poetry night is a lot of fun! Poetry night at Southern Muggs helped me get comfortable with sharing my stories in front of others."

He said that the most recent event on March 16 was "standing room only." Ohberg said, "The place was packed, and everyone was laughing and applauding and very attentive."

"The Creative Writing Club exists to give GHC students a community of writers with similar creative interests and diverse perspectives," said

Jeff Kozee, assistant professor of English and faculty adviser for the club.

"The main purposes of the club are to celebrate the craft of writing and encourage as-

piring writers to share their work," said Ohberg.

This semester, the Creative Writing Club meets Tuesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. on the Cartersville cam-

pus near the fireplace in the Student Center.

Students can share their work with the group for constructive feedback or to simply enjoy participating in discussions.

There are no fees or dues to participate in the club. Likewise, there are no restrictions or mandates relative to writing experience.

Any student with an interest is welcome to participate in meetings and events for the club.

For more information about the Creative Writing Club or Poetry Night at Southern Muggs Coffee shop in Cartersville, students may contact the faculty advisers for the Creative Writing Club: Jeff Kozee at jkozee@highlands.edu and Julie Kozee at jukozee@highlands.edu



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**Connor Henderson, a Georgia Highlands College alum, reads his work during Poetry Night.**



## Highlands students go to Costa Rica for spring break

By Diana Cortes  
Guest Writer

During spring break, nine GHC students and faculty had the opportunity to visit Costa Rica as part of the college's Study Abroad program. The program took place at the University of Georgia Costa Rica campus (UGACR). The focus of the trip was to learn about the sustainability efforts at UGACR.

Getting the opportunity to travel to a different country and explore another culture was overall an amazing experience. As a group, we agreed that Costa Rica is a beautiful country and that the efforts they are making at UGACR and countrywide in general make Costa Rica even more appealing.

On our first morning, we woke up bright and early to begin our first activity of the day: cow milking. This was a first for many of us and the great thing is that everyone in our group was very interactive and gave all the activities a try.

While we were on the farm, they showed us how they could convert animal waste to cooking fuel using the biodigester on campus.

Next, we had the opportunity to learn about the Carbon Offset Program which is in place to reduce the output of carbon dioxide and other gases to compensate for release of these gases elsewhere. As part of the carbon offset program, we had a UGA resident naturalist talk to us about the different sustainability efforts and encourage us to take care of our home.

We took part in packing dirt for the thousands of trees that have been planted on campus since 2015, which was an empowering and at the same time humbling experience.

On our fourth day, we paid a visit to the Monteverde Cloud Forest along with a guide that was experienced in the plants and array of birds in the area.

After extensive hiking and some bird calling, we were rewarded with sights of beautiful birds and even stayed for lunch and enjoyed our food surrounded by hummingbirds and coatis.

Some of the most exciting activities of the trip were a horseback riding tour and zip-lining through the cloud forest with an amazing view of the Arenal Volcano in the distance, which we also had the privilege of seeing firsthand after a beautiful hike.

After learning about the country and taking in the stunning scenery, the students spent an afternoon and an overnight visit with a Costa Rican family from the area.

While we were separated, we were in close proximity to the rest of our group. Some students had partners while with their families; however, I was with by myself with my family since I am a native Spanish speaker. Being by myself I felt like I could interact with them more and learn about their day-to-day lives or what they did for fun. My homestay

family was very welcoming and really made me feel comfortable. My family did not have much; they were a young couple with a child just starting out, but they were very happy and supportive of each other.

Finally, after long hikes, early mornings, great food and many eye opening experiences, we were able to unwind at the beautiful Baldi Hot Springs Hotel and Hotel Villas Playa Samara.

We watched wild horses prance through the sand, and I got to snorkel in the Pacific Ocean for the first time!

We spent our last moments in Costa Rica with days by the warm pool and evenings watching the gorgeous sunset as a group. The experience I had from being in such a nature-filled country with an encouraging group of people is unforgettable.

We all left saying, "Pura Vida!" which is the Costa Rican saying that we often heard on our trip. The phrase is associated with many English interpretations such as "pure life" (the literal translation), "take it easy," "all good," "hello," "good-bye" and many more. The point is that foreigners truly do not have a true grasp of the meaning of "Pura Vida" as they are not Costa Ricans themselves.

To me, Pura Vida means that no matter what your current situation is, life

for someone else can always be less fortunate than your own. So you need to consider that maybe...just maybe, your situation isn't all that bad and no matter how little or how much you have in life, we are all here together and life is short...so start living it "Pura Vida style."



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Community next to the UGA Campus



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UGA campus in Costa Rica



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From left Malcolm Reiter, Brady Reiter, Alexandra MacMurdo, Tekirah Williams, Diana Cortes, Morgan Marr, Caliope Miron, Jeniffer Salinas, Christina Wolfe, Curtis Gardner and Sergio Alvarez participate in the Costa Rica spring break trip.





## Graduation 2017

# Graduation, nurses' pinning set for May

**By Autumn Pritchard  
Staff Writer**

This year's graduation ceremony will take place on May 13 at 1 p.m. at The Forum in Rome.

A GHC alumnus, Joseph Johnson, will be the keynote speaker. He will be graduating with his medical degree in May and will then become president of The American Medical Student Association.

There will also be speakers from the USG Board of Regents and the GHC Alumni Association. In addition, SGA President Lucas Lester will speak at the ceremony.

Nursing students also have a pinning ceremony. Last year's ceremony took place on

the same day as graduation. This year's is being held on May 12 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cartersville at 6 p.m.

The pinning ceremony was started by Florence Nightingale, who was an English social reformer and is credited with being the founder of modern nursing.

The pin was designed after a medal was awarded to Nightingale by Queen Victoria in honor of the service and aid that Nightingale had given to the sick and wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

Professor of Nursing and Nursing Director Rebecca Maddox said that the pinning ceremony is "steeped in tradition and symbolism."

The director of the nursing program is the one to pin GHC's special nursing pin on each student.

Each graduate wears a white nursing uniform and carries the Nightingale lamp. The lamp is supposed to symbolize the lamp that Nightingale used when caring for the soldiers at night during the Crimean War.

The students walk in with the lamps lit, which symbolizes the knowledge they gained in the program, and walk out with them lit to symbolize the knowledge they will be taking out into the world.

Each student also recites the Nightingale pledge, which is a pledge to act with honor and integrity as a nurse.



Contributed

**Joseph Johnson will be the keynote speaker for this year's graduation ceremony.**

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Javier Alonso  
Josue Alonso  
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Lauren L. Anderson  
Samantha Jean Andrews  
Jordan Tyler Appel  
Calie Snow Appling  
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Miguel Angel Aviles  
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Stephanie Azua  
Tiana Tamera Bailey  
Amanda Marie Baker  
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Jonathan Lee Baughn  
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Riley Mark Benter  
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Kelsey Drew Bishop  
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Sandra Beth Blackston  
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Mary Elizabeth Borders  
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Cheryse Danielle Carter  
Troyce Wayne Carter  
Karla Jazmin Castilla  
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## GHC opened doors for graduate

By Natalie Pederson  
Guest Writer

GHC opened the doors to so many opportunities I would not have had otherwise. With GHC softball, I've been able to travel all over the state of Georgia, along with Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and even Texas. Playing softball here has let me travel all over the Southeast to play tournaments and games, along with other school activities which have been great experiences.

While playing softball is what initially brought me to GHC, my academic career here has also brought me many opportunities, such as attending the Leadership Conference at the University of Georgia, and joining Phi Theta Kappa.

Being a student-athlete at GHC, I've received nothing but endless support from my teammates, coaches and the staff and faculty.

With such a great atmosphere here, I've made long-lasting friendships with people from numerous different places and have had impacting teachers who have made me



Photo by Kaileb Webb

**After two years of playing softball for GHC, Pederson is graduating.**

more passionate about my major and career.

I've created a solid foundation for both my academic and softball career, which has allowed me opportunities at multiple universities to complete my education.

Attending and playing softball at GHC has been an unforgettable experience and an essential steppingstone for me.



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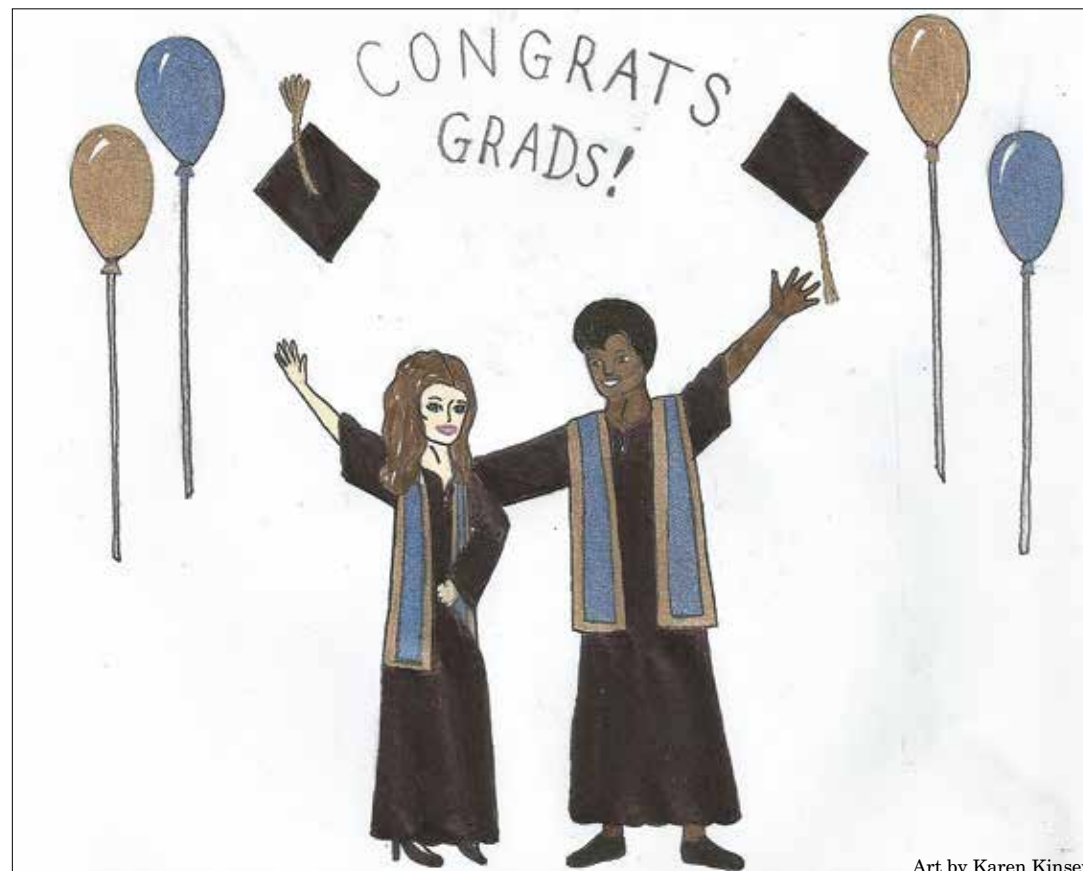
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Note: These applicants for graduation must complete all necessary requirements in order to graduate

## Marietta Poll: What are your plans for the future?



"Plans, I would like to possibly manage networks in the future, but nothing is set in stone. I may change my major to business perhaps. I feel it is most important to find something you enjoy rather than going where the money is."

-Ashton Williams  
Computer Science



"I plan on attending Georgia State University in the fall to pursue my goal of becoming a physical therapist. After getting my DPT degree and a promising career in this field, I plan to pursue my passion for fitness as a personal trainer on the side. For now, I'm just taking it one step at a time."

-Hilina Tesfaye  
Physical Therapy



"My goal is to be a salon owner, author and art enthusiast. Most importantly, I want to be a role model and mentor for other young men and women to look up to. Anything is achievable no matter where you start! Success is the best revenge."

- Chinelo Aghaji  
Business Management



**Kayla Jameson**  
Editor-in-chief

I have been a part of the Six Mile Post, be it as a staff writer or staff leader, for two years now, and it has been incredible. It has become an important part of my life that helped shape me into what I have become since high school.

I have put in a lot of time and work into this paper, but it's worth it all to see a complete product appear where there had been nothing but a few story ideas three weeks prior. There's something incredible about seeing bits and pieces of the final product come from here and there to become a completed newspaper.

This paper has allowed me to develop skills in editing, layout, problem-solving and general communications.

Our team has become something of a family, and I could never have made friends like them in any other place. We've become close in this past year, and I don't think any of us will ever forget a moment of it.

**Brittany Carroll**  
Ad Manager

Becoming the Ad Manager for the Six Mile Post was a fantastic opportunity.

This job allowed me to become close to the Georgia Highlands community. I met many new people through the business advertisements and gained experience in the office environment.

I was super nervous at first, but the other Six Mile Post personnel welcomed me with open arms and treated me like family. We are all gaining memories through friendship, while gaining knowledge and experience through the work itself.

In the end, it's all worthwhile when I see the finished paper and how amazing it turned out. I will always remember this experience and be thankful for all that I've learned from it.

**Joshua Mabry**  
Managing Ed., Sports

Working for the Six Mile Post as the managing sports editor has been a wonderful experience.

I have enjoyed getting to meet all of the basketball coaches and players and having an excuse to attend all of the home games.

I have also enjoyed gaining

journalism experience. I am interested in potentially majoring in Sports Communication, and this job has certainly given me a taste of that.

Also, I am thankful for the people that I worked with and all of the fun times that we had working on the paper together.

I believe that anyone should join the Six Mile Post because that person will learn so much more about GHC than they would have known and

will have a lot of fun along the way.

**Margaret Gardner**  
Managing Ed., Design

The Six Mile Post has been an incredible opportunity from the beginning. Any position, whether it be a staff writer or an editor, is an honor to hold in my opinion.

A person can gain so much experience from being on the

Six Mile Post. Being selected to fill the position of Managing Editor of Design has allowed me to forge great friendships and contacts.

You can achieve great success through this paper along with skills that can be used later on in life. If given the chance to apply for a position on the Six Mile Post, I highly suggest doing it because your efforts will not be wasted.

**Kacey Neese**  
Managing Ed., Online

Working with the Six Mile Post has given me several opportunities to continue my growth, not only as a student but as a person. I was able to work with software that I otherwise would have not had access to.

Learning the interview process and then subsequently utilizing it has made me feel more confident with social interactions in a business-like field. The experience I gained, though trying at times, was well worth the effort.

**Shannon Francis**  
Chief Photographer

It was an honor and a privilege to be a part of the team, which has shown an ample amount of professionalism and friendship.

As the chief of photography at the Six Mile Post, I've learned that the potential for improvement is limitless.

I believe by working with the SMP, I have improved my photography and communication skills. I worked with a team of photographers whose work spoke for themselves. Their help in covering various occasions and events from all the campuses IS greatly appreciated.

To those who are considering a career in journalism, photography or communication, I highly recommend you to apply to the SMP. The experience I had is just unforgettable, and I will always cherish it.

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**From left Joshua Mabry, Brittany Carroll, Margaret Gardner, Kacey Neese, Kayla Jameson, and Shannon Francis stand by Paris Lake on Floyd campus. Members of the SMP leadership team not pictured include Mary-Kate Billings and Joe Webster.**

## Lack of receptionist causes confusion

There are several staff positions at Georgia Highlands College that need to be filled in order to better serve our college community and visitors to our campus. Some of these staff positions are critically important and should be filled as soon as possible.

One of the needed positions is a receptionist at the front desk on the Floyd campus. When visitors walk into the McCorkle Administration Building, they are greeted by a huge empty desk with brochures, magazines and newspapers on it.

It would be much nicer to be greeted by a smiling face making them feel welcome. A receptionist is needed to help guide people in the right direction who are not at the college on a daily basis.

Prospective students may need to know where the Admissions Office and Business Office are. Students might need to know where their classes are located. No one should have

to wander around to find these important places.

A receptionist would also be able to answer phone calls. Sometimes, the administrators and their assistants are busy and cannot answer calls, leaving a potential student unserved. A receptionist would solve this problem.

Another staff position that needs to be filled at GHC is the administrative assistant for Student Life.

The Student Life Office works extremely hard to plan exciting events for students. These events offer opportunities where students can meet other students. In addition to planning events, the Student Life coordinators also have to do what an administrative assistant would normally do.

When a student walks into the Student Life Office at the Floyd campus, there

is no one to greet them at the front desk that can answer questions pertaining to Student Life at GHC.

The personal touch is important and helpful.

It is our hope that the receptionist position and Student Life administrative assistant position are filled to offer better customer service. Filling these positions will leave GHC looking better to students and visitors alike.



Art by Josh Jones

## Meme stars make major money by acting uneducated

Welcome to a society where meme stars can make six figure incomes.

According to Business Insider, memes have become a very lucrative side business.

With memes such as "Grumpy Cat" and the "How bout dat" girl, it is easy to see how entertaining memes can be.

But how do meme stars turn that into something profitable? With more and more exposure to social media outlets these would-be 15 minute famers become internet sensations accumulating a mass following of viewers.

The more followers these stars have, the more money they make; the "how bout dat" girl alone has over 1.8 million followers on Instagram.

Once a mini fandom has been acquired, these stars begin to be approached by companies; the likes of which resemble the trend of athletes' endorsements.

The meme stars then promote items on their own social media pages either through posts or videos.

That's not the only way these stars make money. According to Business Insider, Grumpy Cat is estimated to



### Editor's Box

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have made between 2k to 18k on YouTube.

This amount of money doesn't include merchandise or movies deals.

Just like any shooting star these memes burn out quickly. According to DigitalTrends, the average life span of a meme can be anywhere from a

month, like "Scumbag Steve," to around a year. The select few memes that outlive this life span experience a slow decline until they ultimately become irrelevant.

Until I become a meme superstar, you will have to catch me in the classroom. "How bout dat?"

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# Student reflects fondly on first year at GHC

Transferring colleges may seem a bit scary, and you might feel uncertain on what to expect during your first year at a new college. I personally feared the unknown when it came to switching to Georgia Highlands College, and I wasn't even sure what I wanted to major in at the time.

My first semester at GHC was excellent. I had professors who looked out for me and cared for my well-being in their classes. My professors didn't cut me any breaks, but they didn't leave me out to dry either.

I had professors like Kathleen Flowers and Steve Stug-

lin teach me about work ethic, and working hard for not only the grade you want, but the understanding you want as well.

New strategies on how to study, prioritize my time and simply prepare better were all learned at GHC in my first semester.

I ended up making the Dean's List my first semester at GHC, and I had never done that at my old college.

The opportunity to be a part of different clubs and organizations was also thrilling to me, and I enjoyed it so much. I joined the Six Mile Post and finally got to show-



## Pathway to GHC

By Breyuna Shorter  
Staff Writer

case my first love, which is writing.

Being a part of SMP not only got me writing more often, but inspired me to write my own novel.

I was also elected as an Emerging Leader and have been to the leadership conference at Kennesaw State University and the meetings,

which have changed my life drastically.

I fed the homeless, and gave back more than I ever had before alongside my sisters in the Woman 2 Woman Douglasville campus organization.

I have learned about leadership, friendship, work ethic and most of all I have learned

about myself.

I came into Georgia Highlands College uncertain about my future, but I'm only two semesters in and I've already declared my major, which is Business Administration with a focus in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

I can dream big now, and that is because my hope in myself has been restored. Georgia Highlands brought me out of my shell and into a community of people who care genuinely about seeing me make it to the next level. I am proud to represent that orange and blue. I'll be a Charger for life, and that's no matter where life takes me.

# Arts in the US get 'Trumped'

After weeks of leaks, speculation and Twitter rants from the POTUS, the Trump administration finally released its budget plan for 2017.

Amongst cuts to a myriad of federal agencies like the EPA, NASA and HUD, Trump also proposed completely eliminating federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, much to the chagrin of anyone with more than a dozen brain cells.

Make no mistake. Eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts is not a legitimate budget strategy, but a completely symbolic measure. In 2016, the NEA received 148 million dollars in funding from the federal government. This was a comparatively miniscule amount in comparison to other government expenditures.

To put it in perspective, taxpayers are paying 3 million dollars a week for the presi-

dent's weekend golf trips, and a million dollars a day to allow Melania Trump to continue to stay in New York instead of the White House. Who could blame her though?

With cutting out an agency that costs the taxpayer so little, the Trump administration is sending a message: there's no room for creativity and artistic expression in Trump's America, especially when a great deal of that art will be aimed squarely at him for the next four years.

These budget cuts come off as especially heinous with the administration's proposed increases to the defense budget.

This is considering the fact that America already possesses the second largest military in the world, and we aren't actively at war with anyone.

Ironically, these cuts will likely have the opposite of their intended effect, emboldening artists to take aim at a president who has attacked not only artists, but women, immigrants and minorities.

Hopefully this budget doesn't make it through Congress, but if it does, the arts will soldier on. Art tells the story of America better than any textbook, and it certainly won't be silenced by a megalomaniac with a bad spray tan.



## Soap Box

By Mathew Shankute  
Staff writer

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

**I have recently found a search engine that plants trees with money made from advertisement. It's completely free for its users, and every time something is searched, money is put towards planting trees.**

**Ecosia has helped plant over 7 million trees since it began in 2009. They publish their financing reports online so users can see the difference they're making.**

**I believe that all students and staff members should download the Ecosia extension onto Google and make it their primary search engine. Every search makes a difference.**

**I have helped plant almost 100 trees in the two months I have been using the extension, and I never plan to go back to another search engine!**

Alyssa Ranic  
Business  
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Agree? Disagree? Let us know at [6milepost.com](http://6milepost.com)




Photo by Shannon Francis

Steven Brundage performs magic trick.

## Spring fling has sprung at GHC

Steven Brundage is a professional magician who is most famous for his Rubik's Cube routine. He performed at GHC Floyd campus on April 12 as part of the Spring Fling activities.




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## Georgia Aquarium offers many options

By Margaret Gardner  
Managing Ed., Design

Atlanta is home to one of the biggest aquariums in the United States, the Georgia Aquarium.

The Georgia Aquarium offers a variety of attractions, which includes a waddle walk where penguins march in a line through the middle of the aquarium. They have other events that involve interactions and encounters with belugas, whale sharks and dolphin sessions, but an extra fee is required and reservations must be made in advance.

If someone is looking to gain knowledge about how the Georgia Aquarium works, all access backstage tours are provided at an extra expense. The Georgia Aquarium even offers kid experiences, such as being able to spend the night in the aquarium. Spots can be booked ahead of time to guarantee a space.

According to the Georgia Aquarium's website, the general public tends to purchase the basic admission tickets.

The ticket includes access to all public exhibits, presenta-

tions and galleries. The ticket prices are grouped into three categories with children costing \$29.96 each, adults \$35.95 each and seniors \$32.95 each. The best show that the ticket includes is the dolphin show.

The dolphin performance is a fun interactive event for people of all ages. It's a very energetic show put on by the trainers and their mammals. They provide fun quality entertainment to the audience that no one can ever forget.

The exhibit sessions are performed by the staff.

According to the coordinator of the Whale Shark Feeding Information Session, "Most often, the question I get asked is how long have you worked here?" His response was "I

don't work here, I play here; it is just that awesome." His response reveals how passionate the staff are about their positions at the Georgia Aquarium.

Other deals and annual yearly memberships can be bought. There are currently five different yearly memberships suggested that come with a number of benefits like discounts on birthday parties, special events and other activities. General tickets for a one-day pass can be bought either online or when you arrive at the Aquarium.

More information on activities, exhibits, ticket prices, discounts, animal or private tour rates can be found at <http://www.georgiaaquarium.org>.



Photo by Margaret Gardener

Jelly fish at Georgia Aquarium





# Kyvon Davenport receives Player of the Year award

By Joshua Mabry  
Managing Ed., Sports

Kyvon Davenport, a sophomore for the GHC Chargers from Gainesville, Ga., recently received the GCAA Conference Player of the Year award for the 2016-17 men's basketball season.

Davenport received this conference award because he averaged 17.1 points per game, 10.5 rebounds per game and 2.9 blocks per game. In addition to this, Davenport had 20 double-doubles during the regular season.

Davenport was presented his award on March 11 after the NJCAA Region 17 championship game.

Phil Gaffney, Davenport's head coach, said, "I am very proud of Kyvon winning the Player of the Year award. He is very deserving, and all his hard work has paid off."

Davenport started playing basketball when he was a freshman at East Hall High School in Gainesville. He said, "I only started playing because of my friends."

Davenport is finished play-

"I am very proud of Kyvon winning the Player of the Year award. He is very deserving, and all his hard work has paid off."

-Phil Gaffney,  
Men's Basketball  
Head Coach

ing basketball at GHC.

He plans to continue playing at the University of Memphis. He signed with the University of Memphis on April 12.

Gaffney said, "We are equally proud that he will be graduating and moving on to play at the four-year level."



Photo by Shannon Francis

## Kyvon Davenport

Davenport received other offers from some other colleges.

Some of the other offers that Davenport received came from East Tennessee State University, Arkansas State University and Tennessee Technological University.

Davenport said that he is undecided in his major.

Davenport said that when he is not playing basketball, he enjoys playing games and watching cartoons.

He also said that, oddly enough, he does not watch basketball games.

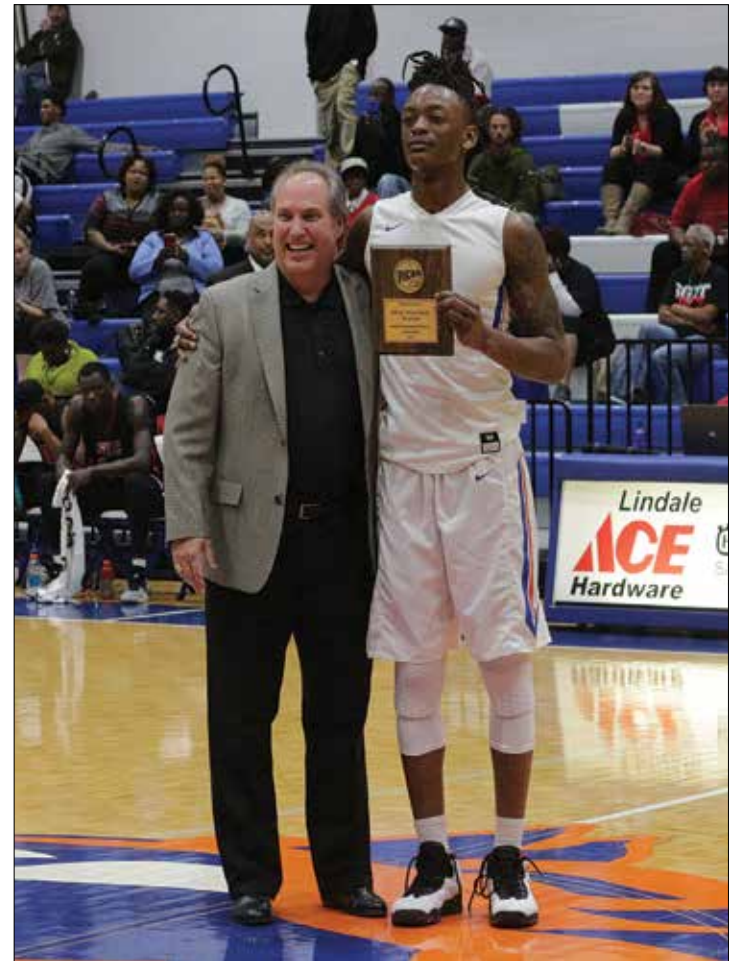


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**David Elder, GCAA conference commissioner, presents Kyvon Davenport with the Conference Player of the Year award after the Region 17 championship game on March 11. Davenport was also named a first team selection for NJCAA Region 17 Division 1. After two years with the Chargers, Davenport is now off to the Univ. of Memphis.**

# New Atlanta Braves stadium is a baseball lover's dream

The Atlanta Braves have a new home at SunTrust Park, and it is amazing. I had the honor of attending an exhibition game at the new park on March 31. This game was the first game ever played on this field.

The exhibition game was against the New York Yankees and was held mainly for Atlanta Braves "A-Listers," season ticket holders. Rome Braves season ticket holders were also invited.

The new stadium is a baseball lover's dream. When a person first arrives to the sta-

dium, he or she is greeted by The Battery Atlanta.

The Battery is a super nice entertainment district that is open year-round even when there is not a game taking place. I believe that The Battery is a nice addition to the new ballpark.

There are restaurants and shops to enjoy. This is a great place for fans to have fun prior to games.

Once a person walks into the gates he or she will see the beautiful stadium.

Watching the game was my favorite part of the new

stadium.

It was relaxing, and most seats in the house featured stellar views. In addition there is a fountain in centerfield that shoots water up when the Braves hit a home run. I think this is an interesting and fun feature.

Besides watching the game, my favorite part of the new ballpark was the Braves walk-through history museum.

The museum is a breathtaking facility that features Braves history, the World Series trophy and a Hank Aaron



## Mabry's Pitch

Joshua Mabry  
Managing Ed., Sports

statue with a fountain.

Although I loved my experience at SunTrust Park, there are a few concerns that I have.

The concourse, where everyone walks, is not nearly as wide as it was at Turner Field, the former home of the Braves.

I cannot imagine what it would be like to walk on that

concourse when a game is sold out.

There are also a few seats where the views of the field are obscured because of beams.

However, overall, the stadium is amazing. It will be awesome to get to watch the Braves have many successful years there.

## GCAA D1 baseball tournament to be hosted by GHC at LakePoint

By Corbin Turner  
Staff Writer

As the finale for a year across all sports, the GHC baseball team is the host school for the GCAA Conference Tournament.

Georgia Highlands is hosting the GCAA Conference Baseball Tournament at the LakePoint Sporting Community in Emerson, Ga.

According to David Mathis, assistant athletic director, LakePoint is “a world class facility with plenty of fields.”

GHC bid for the GCAA baseball tournament last year and received the opportunity to host the event for 2017.

Being able to host the tournament is beneficial to GHC because it enables the school to save money instead of paying for bus rentals, hotels, meals and other expenses.

Mathis said hosting the tournament will help recruiting due to the “exposure we get from other teams coming to



Photo by Daniel Smith

**Jake Lovvorn helped lead the GHC Chargers to a 6-1 win over South Georgia State on April 4 at LakePoint.**

the place where we play.”

All GCAA tournament games will be live streamed, not just GHC games.

The tournament takes

place May 10 to May 13.

GHC students, faculty and staff get in free with their GHC ID. Concessions will be available.

## Ping-Pong Champs!

Every spring semester, the Six Mile Post and GHC Intramurals cosponsor a Ping-Pong tournament at the Cartersville and Floyd campuses



Photo by Joshua Lehto

**Cray Spencer won the Cartersville campus Ping-Pong tournament.**



Photo by Kacey Neese

**Lucas Lester won the Floyd campus Ping-Pong tournament.**

## C'ville has spring intramurals

By Stephanie Corona  
Staff Writer

Clifton Puckett, coordinator for Student Life activities at the Cartersville campus, has coordinated the intramural events for spring semester.

Handball started on Jan. 31. Play lasted for three weeks and took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The formatting was six person teams, one as goalie and the rest as attackers.

The winner was the team who could score most goals with the soccer ball in 10 minutes.

There was also the 3v3 basketball intramural activity. The team that won was a team called THE Monstars. Regulation of the game was based on

call-own fouls and the winner was the team to make it to 21 points first.

There was also the Six Mile Post cosponsored Ping-Pong tournament.

The Cartersville victor was Cray Spencer, and regulation of the game was a bracket system with double elimination of the one who did not score 11 points.

In addition, there will be a pool tournament, foosball tournament and a Madden tournament on April 19 at Cartersville.

Events being considered for a time in April include flag football and dodgeball tournaments.

For more information, people can follow @ghc\_cra on Twitter.



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# Top-ranked Lady Chargers head into final GCAA games

**By Morgan White  
Staff Writer**

The Georgia Highlands Lady Chargers' softball team has earned a conference record of 15-7 and a 34-10 record overall.

The Lady Chargers have been led by infielder Brianna Fickes and pitcher Rebecca Meade.

Fickes sits at the top of the Georgia College Athletic Association in batting average with a .481 mark, and has also earned 61 RBI's, leading the GCAA in that category. Fickes also leads the GCAA with 18 home runs.

Meade is second in the GCAA for strikeouts with a total of 88 and second in saves with 4. Meade also has an ERA of 2.24, earning fourth in the

GCAA.

Pitcher Micayla McCoy places third in the GCAA with 15 wins. Outfielder Andria Booth ranks fourth in stolen bases with 28 steals.

Team performance is up according to Coach Melissa Wood. She said, "I think the team has performed very well this season. We have a record number of wins in a single season. We are now in first place in the conference with three teams left to play. We have not reached our full potential yet, and that is the most exciting thing."

The Lady Chargers' next game is an away game on Tuesday, April 18 against Cleveland State College in Cleveland, Tenn.

"Our hope is to peak at the right time, and post-season is

**"We have a record number of wins in a single season."**

**-Melissa Wood,  
Softball  
Head Coach**

just a few weeks away. This team is a lot of fun; we look forward to spending as much time as possible together. Our plan is to win a ring. We have two shots to do it, and I'm confident in how we play the game," Wood said.

## Sports Update

As of April 12, the Lady Chargers are 34-10 for the season.



Photo by Daniel Smith

**Rebecca Meade pitches against Georgia Military on March 30 at Stars Field in Cartersville.**

# GHC baseball charges toward the post-season

**By Joe Webster  
Asst. Sports Editor**

As the Georgia Highlands Chargers baseball club began to wrap up their first month of the 2017 campaign, a 6-8 record was not inspiring much optimism for the upcoming run of games.

But then, the Chargers won 11 consecutive games, dropped a single game and then swept Three Rivers Community College leading into conference play.

Conference play began on March 21.

Offensively, the Chargers have been led by infielder Jonathan White, infielder Brandon Bell and outfielder Bronco O'Brien.

White leads the team and currently holds the number 1 spot in the GCAA in batting average running a .398 mark for the season. White also has tallied 35 RBI's.

Bell sits at the top of the GCAA in home runs, with a mammoth seven homers and

sits with 33 RBI's.

O'Brien sits in the top 20 in batting average with a .325

mark, and is the speedster of the Georgia College Athletic Association with a league-

leading 19 stolen bases.

Colby Taylor and Matthew Norton are ranked high in the GCAA in wins, with both pitchers having 6 W's on the season. Both pitchers have superb earned run averages, with 2.47 and 2.09, respectively.

Relievers David Hussey and Britt Buckelew sit high up in the GCAA standings in saves. Hussey has had 3 saves while Buckelew has had 4.

The GCAA Tournament will be hosted at LakePoint Sporting Community May 10 through 13.

Check sixmilepost.com for updates on Georgia Highlands baseball.

## Sports Update

As of April 12, the GHC Chargers are 30-14 for the season after defeating Shorter 10-0.



Photo by Daniel Smith

**Matthew Vaccaro takes a swing during a recent game against South Georgia State.**



# One tournament loss doesn't ruin great season

By Joshua Mabry  
Managing Ed., Sports

The GHC Chargers' men's basketball team lost only one game during the 2016-17 regular season and became the NJCAA Region 17 champions for the third consecutive year. Because of the team's accomplishments, they made it to the NJCAA national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

The Chargers were the 3rd seed in the tournament and faced Motlow State during a second-round game on March 22. At this game, GHC fell 70-69.

Phil Gaffney, Chargers' head coach, said that he is "very disappointed" with how his team performed at this game. He said, "We didn't step up when we had to. We didn't play well, and we missed free throws."

Gaffney said, "You have to step up and play at the tournament. That's on the big stage. You've got to step up and play your best, and we didn't. When you don't, you go home."

Ty Cockfield, a sophomore for the Chargers, said that he is disappointed with how the

"We continued to fight through adversity and doubt to accomplish a goal or a dream not many of us ever thought we would accomplish."

-Ty Cockfield,  
Charger Guard



Photo by Daniel Smith

**The Chargers and their coaching staff display the team's trophy after winning the NJCAA Region 17 tournament.**

season ended for GHC. He said, "Seeing something you've

worked so hard for all summer and season come to an end is

never a good feeling."

Kyvon Davenport, also a

sophomore for the Chargers, said that even though his team lost the game, he is proud of his team. He said, "I feel like we gave it our all."

Gaffney said that the team had a great season despite the tournament loss. He said, "The two-year record for Kyvon Davenport and Tylik Evans is 66-3. If you're 66-3, that's awfully good. We've also been ranked in the top 5 in the country the majority of that time and that's unbelievable. You can't take that away."

Cockfield said he feels great about how GHC performed throughout the season. He said, "Not many teams win 30 plus games."

Cockfield said, "We continued to fight through adversity and doubt to accomplish a goal or a dream not many of us ever thought we would accomplish."

Davenport feels that the Chargers performed well during the 2016-17 season. He said, "I feel like we had a great season, and we accomplished a lot."



Photo by Kacey Neese

**Tylik Evans contributed 21 points in the 101-91 GHC win over South Georgia State in the NJCAA Region 17 semifinal game on March 10 in the Floyd campus gym.**



Photo by Daniel Smith

**Antonio Wade contributed 14 points in the Region 17 finals game on March 11.**