

Georgia Highlands College
46th Annual Honors Assembly
April 19, 2018

PROGRAM

Welcome

Dr. Don Green
President, Georgia Highlands College

Instructions

Mr. John Spranza
Director of Student Life

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Excellence 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
Associate Professor of Accounting

Recipient – Kaden D. Cochran

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 five of the six required classes and be performing well in the sixth business class if taking it during the spring semester.

Presented by Annette Maddox
Associate Professor of Accounting

Recipient – Emily Onofrey

Warren Akin IV Award for Excellence in English Studies

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

Presented by Leslie Johnston and Frank Minor
Assistant Professor and Professor of English

Recipients – Heather Teague and Nick Whitmire

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 Cindy Wheeler
Professor of English

Recipient – Joshua Mabry

The Best of Freshman Composition Student Essays

Awarded to the best three essays submitted in ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102, as judged by a committee of English Faculty.

Presented by Mackleen Desravines

Instructor of English

**Recipients – 3rd Carolyn Shields
2nd Deanna Villar
1st Autumn Strange**

Jim McKeel Human Service Achievement Award

For students who have demonstrated a commitment to the field of human service; is involved in volunteer experiences; and demonstrates a genuine care for the community.

Presented by Dr. Susan Claxton
Director of Human Services program
Recipient – Meghan Guice

Dr. Margaret Davis Award for Mathematics

Presented annually to the student who has been outstanding in their upper-level mathematics courses during the academic year.

Presented by Dr. Margaret Davis
Retired Professor of Mathematics
Recipient – Spencer Carroll

Outstanding Computer Science Student of the Year

Presented to the student who has achieved excellence in the study of computer science and demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills, haven taken at minimum, the Intro to Computer Science sequence. The selected student does not have to be following the Computer Science Pathway.

Presented by Mohan Naidu
Professor of Computer Science
Recipient – David A. Kindred

Excellence in Allied Health Sciences

For recognition of an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in the allied health field and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological science courses, including but not limited to Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Medical Microbiology, and Principles of Nutrition. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Presented by Brandy Rogers
Instructor of Biology
Recipient – Taylor Voraphongphibul

Excellence in Biological Sciences

To recognize an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of biology and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological sciences courses, including but limited to Principles of Biology I and II, Foundations of Biology, General Zoology, and Principles of Nutrition. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Presented by Jason Christian
Instructor of Biology
Recipient – Lindsey Gard

Excellence in Natural Sciences

To recognize an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of science and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple science courses, including but not limited to Principles of Biology I and II, Principles of Chemistry I and II, and Physics I and II. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Presented by Lisa Branson
Assistant Professor of Biology

Recipient – Macy Hollis

Excellence in Geology

To recognize an outstanding student who demonstrates academic excellence in physical and historical geology.

Presented by Billy Morris

Professor of Geology

Recipient – Rodney R. Dillard

Outstanding Honors Student

To recognize a student(s) for completing outstanding work in the GHC Honors Program.

Presented by Christina Wolfe

Assistant Professor of Sociology & Honors Program Director

Recipients – Haydn P. McCary Turner, Andrew Soule, and Rita Perkinson

NURSING AWARDS

Excellence in Bedside Care

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

Presented by Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN

Director of the ASN Program

Recipient – Jordan Kyle Osteen

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing

For the highest cumulative and graduating GPA by a GHC nursing student.

Presented by Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN

Director of the ASN Program

Recipients – Theresa Luise Arthen and Parveen Jaya Tekwani

ACES Award

The graduating student identified by the nursing faculty as the student who most embodies the core values of the nursing program - Accountability, Caring, Excellence and Scholarship

Presented by Rebecca Maddox, MN, RN

Director of the ASN Program

Recipient – Leighann Lott Dougherty

Striving Towards ACES

The first-year nursing student, identified by the faculty, who has demonstrated the most advancement toward embodying the core values of the nursing program – Accountability, Caring, Excellence and Scholarship

Presented by Debbie Amason

Associate Professor of Nursing

Recipients – Miranda Miller Grizzle, Julie Ann Hak, Amy LaRee Liles, and Cary Lewis Morgan

Excellence in Professional Nursing

For outstanding academic achievement and leadership potential in a graduating BSN student. The purpose and criteria of this award is to recognize a deserving student not only for an outstanding GPA but also for the quality of work displayed in online course

Presented by Dr. Sheila Kaylor

RN-BSN Program Director & Assistant Professor of Nursing

Recipient – Jennie Reakirt

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Male Scholar Athlete

For the male student athlete that has maintained the highest GPA of at least 3 semesters by a GHC male student-athlete.

Presented by Phil Gaffney

Director of Athletics

Recipient - Andrew Wilson

Female Scholar Athlete

For the female student athlete that has maintained the highest GPA of at least 3 semesters by a GHC female student-athlete.

Presented by Phil Gaffney

Director of Athletics

Recipients – Kateryna Pazzaglia Khomenko

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award

The Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award honors students who, in spite of disability, are making achievements in intellectual, social and cultural endeavors or students who enhance disability awareness in the Georgia Highlands College community through such involvement as participation in campus organizations and activities and volunteer services.

Presented by Angie Wheelus

Director of Student Support Services

Recipients – Atiyya Clayton and Christopher Anderson

GHAME Student Achievement Award

Recognizes two first-year 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 Mr. James Lee

President, 100 Black Men of Rome-Northwest Georgia

Recipients – Xavier Freeman and Jalen Hill

Creative Writing Club Distinguished Leadership and Service Award

Recognizing the exemplary contributions of a GHC student to the Creative Writing Club. Recipients must be an active participant in the Club, though not necessarily in an elected or appointed leadership position; develop, initiate, coordinate, and complete Club projects; demonstrate cooperative and encouraging interactions with fellow students, faculty, and staff; promote GHC and the Creative Writing Club to the GHC community and beyond; and elevate the position and heighten awareness of creative writing throughout GHC and the surrounding community.

Presented by Jeff Kozee

Assistant Professor of English

Recipient – David Pulliam

Old Red Kimono Creative Writing Awards

Top three prizes are awarded for the best three poems or short stories submitted to the Old Red Kimono by current GHC students; submissions are judged by English faculty.

Presented by Dr. Nancy Applegate

Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

**Recipients – 3rd Nya Roden
2nd Keanua Cochran
1st Hayley Dowell**

Old Red Kimono Art Awards

Top three prizes are awarded for the best three pieces of original artwork submitted to the Old Red Kimono by current GHC students; submissions are judged by Art faculty.

Presented by Dr. Nancy Applegate

Faculty Advisor for the Old Red Kimono

**Recipients – 3rd Shaina Jacobs
2nd Anna Holly
1st Phoebe Faile**

Excellence in Contributions to Student Government Association

Presented to the SGA member or members that provided significant support and contributions to the Student Government Association during the current academic year. Award winners are not required to hold an executive leadership role within the SGA.

Presented by John Spranza

Director of Student Life

Recipients – David Hill and Danielle Griesemer

Georgia General Assembly's Board of Regents Academic Excellence Recognition Award

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

Presented by Dr. Don Green

President

Recipient – Brandi Rhodes

All-USA Georgia 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. Don Green

President

Recipients – Aicha Bah, Alexandra Deaton, Tabitha Boyd, and Margaret Gardner

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

GHC Emerging Leaders 2018

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

Presented by John Spranza and Clifton Puckett

Department of Student Life

**Recipients –
Ronald Altamirano
Chris Anderson**

Alex Ayers
Aicha Bah
Isaiah Carson
Maria Cisneros
Steven Dawson
Alexandra Deaton
William Evans
Aaron Green
Danielle Griesemer
Destyni Herbert
Antonio Hernandez
Samston Jean
Stephanie Jordan-Cain
LaTonya Kilgore
Tacory Lane
Kaylan Mitchell
Minh Nguyen
Erin Peterson
Jennifer Petty
Shasha Sharon
Georgia Steele
Brittany Trawick
BreAnna White
Tekirah 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 of Student Affairs

2017-2018 Nominees

Alexandra Deaton
Khyle Sorhaindo
Georgia Steele

Recipient(s) To Be Announced – Alexandra Deaton

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 of Student Affairs

2017-2018 Nominees

Kaleigh Alexa Camp
Tadamien Curry
William Evans
Jo Anne Francis
Donielle Fussell
Octavius Landon
Khyle Sorhaindo
Brittany Trawick

Recipient(s) To Be Announced - William Evans and Brittany Trawick

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. Don Green

President

2017-2018 Nominees:

Aicha Bah

Elijah Bransford

David Hill

Cassandra Jones

LaTonya Kilgore

Octavius Landon

Marcelino Mejia-Lopez

David Pulliam

Georgia Steele

Recipient(s) To Be Announced – Aicha Bah and Octavius Landon

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John Spranza

Director of Student Life

Thank you for attending Honors Night 2018!

SPECIAL THANKS

Department of Student Life staff: John Spranza, Lyric Sprinkle, Clifton Puckett, and Megan Simmons

The Clarence Brown Conference Center staff

The Season Events catering

All the Faculty and Staff of Georgia Highlands College

All the Parents and Families of Our Students!