A Banner Year!

Evening College 2008 graduates
Bernadette Adams
Crystal Alexander
Tomeika Tenny Bray
Janice Brewer
Melissa Copeland
Beverly Ellison-Ward
Wihelkina Elston
Denise Foster
Tracy Hampton
Tamika Johnson
Shaneika Lindsey
Carol McKeever
Alonzo Moss
Theresa Miller
April Pittman
Shain Robinson
Susan Leahy Shaner
Nita Silver Mullins
Sarah K. Smith
Amy Snowberger
Alisia Stargill
Beverly Stenson
Beverly Thornton
John P. Wolfe
Timothy W. Reynolds
Bonnie Wood

In header above, Crystal Alexander and family; clockwise from top left: Research Scholars Heather, Kenya, and Yolanda with instructor, Charlene Hines; Carol, Denise, and Beverly at the 1st Methodist Church for Honors Day; Brian Borders, winner of the Zachary Taylor top business student award, with his family; instructor Barrientos with his wife, who was awarded her Master's degree; legacy graduate Shain Robinson; Nita Silver and Susan Shaner; the largest group of seniors ever to participate in Honors Day ceremony.
Noteworthy:

Named as **Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Scholars** (with a 3.9 GPA)

Senior: Katherine Meadows, Susan Shaner

Junior: Kathy Givins

Sophomore: Chris Drake

Freshman: Brandy Renfrow

Elected to **Who’s Who in American Colleges**: Susan Shaner

Selected as **Undergraduate Research Scholars**: Kathy Givins, Heather Hayes, Angela Jackson, Kenya Rainey, Susan Shaner, Yolanda Spence

Named by Business and Accountancy as both **Outstanding Senior in Business Administration (Evening)** and **the Zachary Taylor Jr. Award** Winner for Overall Outstanding (Day and Evening) student: Brian Borders

Named to **Dean’s List** (with a 3.6 or higher GPA)

**Seniors**: Crystal Alexander, Brian Borders, Denise Foster, Loren Hawkins, Scott Kimbrell, Katherine Meadows, Theresa Miller, Tim Reynolds, Deondra Rivers, Susan Shaner, Michelle Smith, Bonnie Wood

Junior: Kathy Givins, Jon Visbal

Sophomores: Chris Drake, Nekita Leonard, Diane Milligan, Ricky Smith, Greg Vanhoose

Freshmen: Sharonda Brown, Brandy Renfrow

Selected as **Junior Honor Marshal** for commencement:: Kathy Givins

Did you get your yearbook?

Thanks to Susan Shaner for spearheading this effort to include our community in this annual publication. Individual pictures are in the front, and the book ends with a section devoted just to us!

Copies on disc are available free of charge. Stop by the Evening College office and get yours.

Alpha Sigma Lambda

The annual induction ceremony of the Kappa Iota chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda Adult Honor Society was held in April at Sunny Gables. The following students, pictured left with their special faculty guests, represent our top academic achievers. They are: Loren Hawkins, Nekita Leonard, Susan Shaner, Ricky Smith, and Greg Vanhoose. They join current honor society members Crystal Alexander, Denise Foster, Kathy Givins, Scott Kimbrell, Katherine Meadows, Theresa Miller, Tim Reynolds, Deondra Rivers, Susan Shaner, Michelle Smith, Bonnie Wood. Congratulations!

Evening Student Advisory Council

Ricky Smith and Kathy Givins are your returning student Advisory Council members, charged with representing you to the Evening administration, being a voice to express your concerns, and a conduit for suggestions that you may have for our academic program.

The students, each representing a major program, were chosen last fall by the Evening College Director in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean based on academic achievement and leadership potential. The positions of May 2008 graduates will be filled when the new academic year begins, and an additional student will be added to bring the Council to 5 members (two business administration and two human development majors, and one liberal studies major).

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, and you hold at least sophomore status with a 3.2 earned cumulative GPA, please see Mrs. McMullen.
Human Development majors meet with Troup HR chief

Sixteen current students and recent graduates met with Mrs. Taryl Anderson, Chief Human Resource Officer for the Troup County School District, to hear first-hand how to plan for the transition from student to classroom teacher with a human development degree. The question: “Can I get a teaching job with this degree?” The answer: “Yes!”

Mrs. Anderson shared the necessary steps for employment eligibility in Troup County—a 2.5 cumulative GPA, passing score on the GACE Basic Skills Test (or exemption based on SAT/GRE/ACT scores), and a passing score on the appropriate GACE content test(s). Until those 3 conditions are met, graduates will not be considered for positions in Troup County. But once those conditions are satisfied, graduates are eligible for hiring and recommendation for a 5-year nonrenewable certificate. Mrs. Anderson stressed the fact that an additional requirement for her is a firm commitment that the candidate will complete, within a 5-year period, the schooling necessary to earn a clear renewable certificate in the State of Georgia (i.e., by presenting a letter of enrollment in an approved MAT program).

Students interested in teaching special education may complete the 1-year supervised internship through GA RESA and pass the GACE Professional Pedagogy Test to earn their certification. Students interested in teaching middle grades may pursue their M.A.T. here at LaGrange College. Students interested in teaching elementary education should seek a master’s program from one of the approved graduate programs as listed on the GA Professional Standards site (www.gapsce.com).

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Anne Cook (Principal of Ethel Kite Elementary School and LC adjunct instructor), provided strategies for a successful interview session and tips for completing the online teacher application at Teach Georgia.

The Alternative Certification Option document for Troup County, outlining basic requirements and highlighting advanced education options for teacher candidates, is available in the Evening College office.

It’s not all work... 

*Above:* Evening students gathered with family and friends in the Assembly Center for the first (but not the last!) holiday party.

*Above, right:* Students from Dr. Pat Callaways’ Music 112 class went to Atlanta in February to enjoy the opera, Cold Sassy Tree. *Pictured:* Teresa Bruce and Mary Walton

*Right:* Students who studied the life of Judge Horace T. Ward in history class, had the opportunity to meet the history-making justice recently at the Highland Country Club.
Servant leadership program

Three Evening students—Daphne Rivers, Theresa Miller, and Kenya Rainey—participated this spring as Seekers in the college Servant Leadership Program working with the Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown, chaplain. The students met regularly to study and explore the servant-leadership philosophy described as an “inward journey with self and others to equip an outward journey in committed service to the world.”

This fall, more students will have an opportunity to learn about the philosophy through Rev. Brown’s Fall Enrichment course, Exploring Servant Leadership, CRN 80025, that begins on November 17.

Fall 2008 Calendar events

September 2   Fair on the Square
September 3   Opening Convocation, Callaway Auditorium
September 4   Registration for new students
September 8   Fall Quarter begins
October 8, 9   Midterm examinations
October 13, 14 Fall Break
October 17-19   Homecoming Weekend
November 17   Fall Enrichment term begins
November 26-28 Thanksgiving