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MARKING A DECADE

Though it's hard to believe, Lewis Library (seen at left) will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in just a few weeks. The library and adjacent plaza have brought so much to our campus. Construction and renovation of other nearby facilities—not the least of which is the gleaming Hudson Lab Sciences Building—make for an impressive living and learning environment here on the Hill. Send your favorite high school senior by for a visit. I promise they'll be impressed.

—the Editor

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PHOTO: Lewis Library is celebrating its 10th anniversary on the Hill. Since its opening in January 2009, it has become the intellectual hub on campus. More than a place to find books, it is a teaching and learning facility. The silver LEED-certified building has approximately 336,000 print and electronic books, an extensive reference collection, a large DVD and CD collection and approximately 200 full-text databases for all academic disciplines. It also offers wireless technology throughout, group and private study spaces, SMART classroom technology, a media production suite, a writing and tutoring center with a 24-hour study area and a 50-seat auditorium with video-conferencing.

ON THE COVER: Six of the 14 international students on campus this year show off mementos from home. They are, clockwise from bottom left, Matias Vera from Paraguay, Pablo Amaris Montenegro from Panama, Jaida Rashad from The Bahamas, Shobhit Gupta from India, Jude McEvoy from Great Britain and Riku Murata from Japan. Shobhit is wearing a kurta pyjama, traditional clothing from India.

TRANSFORMATIONS

A year of adventure



by Dan McAlexander,
25th President of LaGrange College

January, perhaps, is not a month some people look forward to. However, after the glow of our campus holiday celebrations, the prospect of a new year and our accompanying Jan Term can brighten even the grayest winter day here on the Hill.

This year LaGrange students will be studying in destinations as diverse as Greece and Thailand, the Philippines and the Yucatan Peninsula. Since we began offering our \$2,500 travel voucher for a study-away experience in the junior or senior year, our participation rate of students who enjoy such a journey has risen to 72 percent.

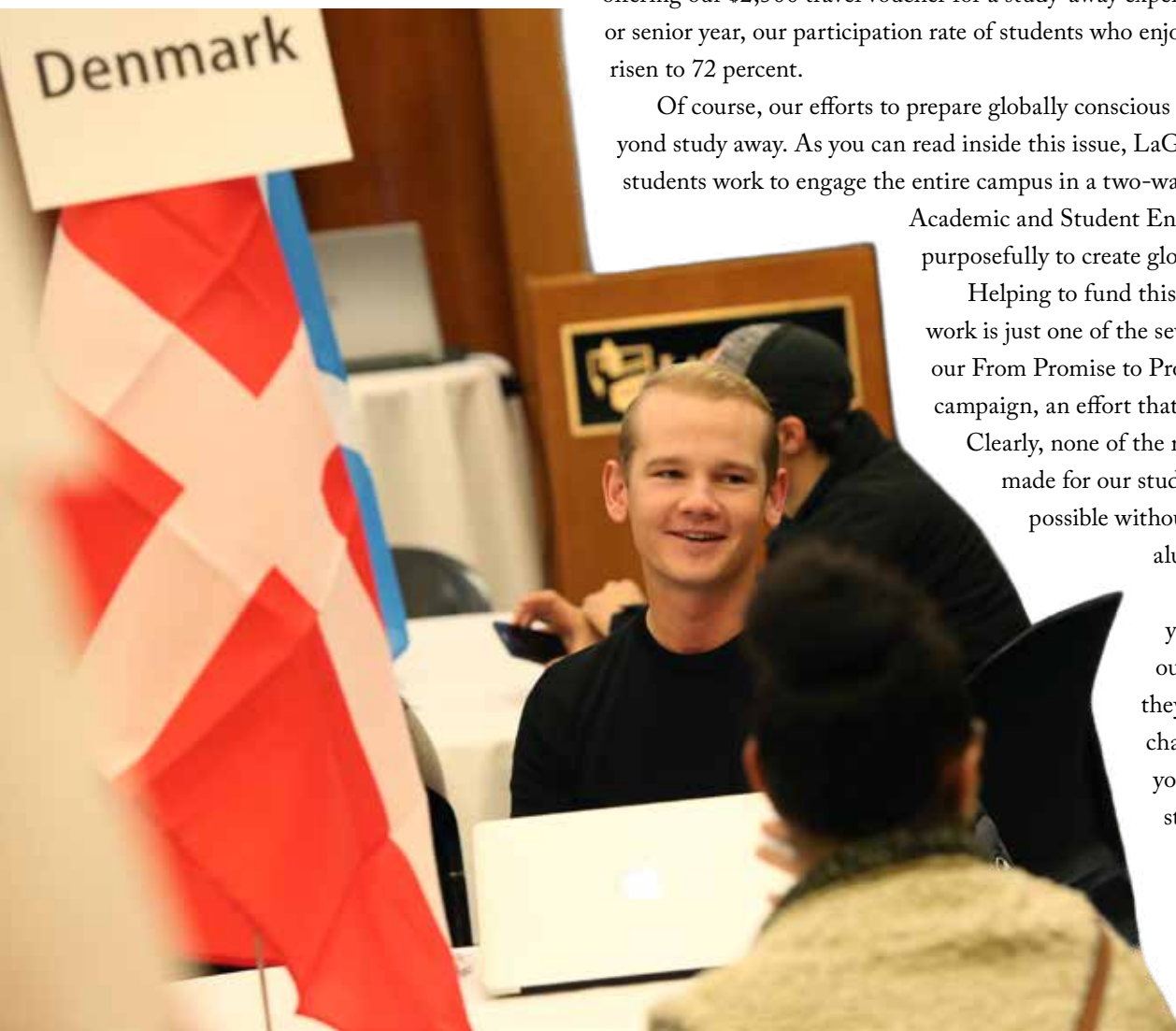
Of course, our efforts to prepare globally conscious students reach far beyond study away. As you can read inside this issue, LaGrange's international students work to engage the entire campus in a two-way exchange, and our

Academic and Student Engagement teams work purposefully to create global experiences.

Helping to fund this Global Engagement work is just one of the several components of our From Promise to Prominence fundraising campaign, an effort that is drawing to a close.

Clearly, none of the recent advancements made for our students would be possible without the support of our alumni and friends.

Thank you for your engagement on our students' behalf. As they experience a life-changing January, I wish you an equally bright start to your new year.





Festivities celebrate the season

It was “all aboard” for holiday fun at this year’s Christmas on the Hill.

New was a trackless train, complete with horn and working smokestack. Passengers enjoyed inflatable Christmas figures and lighted displays that lined the route around the Academic Quad.

Meanwhile, Santa and two live reindeer took their traditional places on the library plaza. The reindeer munched on hay as Santa posed for photographs with adults and children alike. Tables on the plaza and patio featured holiday crafts and cookie decorating, while an elaborate photo booth was set up next to the library. The event also featured Santa Sumo and Letters to Santa.

The evening concluded with caroling and the lighting of the campus Christmas tree.

Ryan Cook, Associate Dean of Campus Life, said he was pleased with how everything came together.

“Everywhere I looked, I saw smiling faces,” he said. “The train was a big hit.”

The addition of food vendors was also popular.

“People loved being able to buy pizza, drinks and snacks on site. That’s definitely something we want to build on for the future.”

With the addition of the Quad, more of the campus was used this year.

“It was nice that people could see more of the Hill while they enjoyed all the activities,” he said. “Building connections with our community is one of the reasons we do this every year. It’s become a favorite holiday tradition for a lot of people.”

New minor examines more than warfare

A new minor in Military History set to begin spring semester will not only focus on strategy and tactics, but also the dynamics of leadership, command and control, according to Dr. Kevin Shirley, Professor of History.

Courses will examine the interaction between warfare and diplomacy, economics and social and cultural forces.

“This is a great field of study for students heading into areas like business, law, education and coaching because it asks students to think critically about the relationship between strategy and tactics, political and military goals, and capabilities on and off the battlefield,” he said.



Students build beds for ‘Sleep in Heavenly Peace’

Professor Alvin Lingenfelter’s Transformational Leadership class recently teamed with the Troup County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit that builds beds for children who don’t have one of their own.

“Their motto is ‘No child sleeps on the floor in our town,’” said senior Tyler Martin.

Junior Servant Scholar Michael Bleimeyer, who is working with the local chapter as his service site, teamed with Lingenfelter’s students to raise awareness, materials and funds for the organization, while Martin helped schedule a week of events to educate the campus on the issue.

“We set up a table on the plaza where students could sign up for the build and donate to the organization,” she said. “We also had a sleep-in on the library plaza to demonstrate that children across the country and in LaGrange don’t have a bed to sleep in and end up on the floor, on a couch or in a parent’s bed.”

Sleep in Heavenly Peace volunteers and students came together Nov. 10 for a “build day,” constructing 30



beds for children in the community.

Greg Watts, founder of the organization’s Troup chapter, said working with the students has been a joy.

“The Transformational Leadership class and Michael have spearheaded this project,” he said. “They held fundraising drives and had me come to campus to speak to students. They also

organized the volunteers for the build.”

He said the group had a great time planning and working with the students.

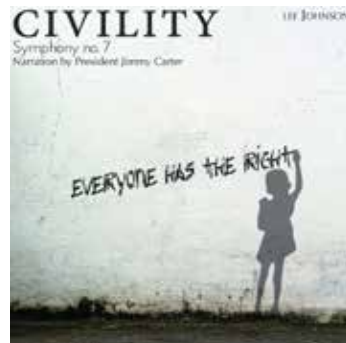
“Their eagerness to serve and push forward with plans has been very encouraging,” he said. “We are very grateful.”

Professor’s symphony celebrates ‘Civility’

Lee Johnson, Coordinator of the Digital Creative Media and Film Program and Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Music, recently had his “Civility: Symphony No. 7” released digitally.

The piece features former President Jimmy Carter reading the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948 that sets out fundamental human rights to be universally protected.

“I actually wrote the piece in the early 2000s, but it is still so relevant today,” Johnson said. “Interestingly enough, civility is one of the core values of LaGrange College and is a cornerstone of who we are as an institution.”



Musical Theatre prepares students for stage

"Wow!" was a common reaction to LaGrange Theatre's fall musical, "Crazy for You." With its large cast of actors and singers, electrifying choreography and elaborate scenery and costumes, audience members were blown away.

The collaboration between Music and Theatre Arts began in 2007 when Professor Kim Barber Knoll, Director of Theatre Arts, and Dr. Toni Anderson, head of the Music program, joined forces to stage the musical, "She Loves Me."

"We've been producing musicals, both large and small, ever since," said Knoll.

The popularity of Musical Theatre as a major and career path has taken off in the last 10 years, she said.

"That precipitated our choice to create the Musical Theatre major in 2014. We began with five majors – today, we have 21 students in the degree program."

Knoll said Musical Theatre is unique in that Music and Theatre work closely together on all elements – productions, audition preparation, curriculum and course instruction.

"This collaboration assures every component of the process receives the attention and focus that it deserves," she said. "Our music, theatre and

musical theatre faculty are all working professionals, which brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our program."

It also takes a lot of teamwork across the Music and Theatre Arts areas.

"Students train in all areas of performance – singing, acting and dance," said Knoll.

"They also take core courses in Theatre Arts and Music to ensure that they are well-rounded," Dr. Anderson said. "We train them to be as versatile and as marketable as possible. In fact, 14 students in the program worked professionally around the country this summer."

It's that teamwork, mutual respect and standard of excellence that make the program work, Knoll said. And this year, they've added another team member.

"Tim Fitz-Gerald joined us in the fall, and he is a terrific addition with a myriad of professional experience," Knoll said. "His work on Broadway, national tours and in professional theaters across the country brings a great skill set to our students."

Fitz-Gerald appeared with Hugh



Jackman in "The Boy from Oz" and in the national tour of "Wicked."

He said joining the faculty at LaGrange College has been a dream come true.

"I am motivated every day by my students and my fellow faculty members," he said. "Their dedication to the students and the college is awe-inspiring."

Marcia Brown, Fine and Performing Arts Department Chair, said the new degree solidifies the collaborative bond between the two programs.

"The Musical Theatre degree merged seamlessly with our thriving Music and Theatre Arts programs," she said.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Linda McMullen, Associate Professor of Management, successfully defended her dissertation, "Howard Thurman's Journey to Community: A Study of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples 1943-1953," at Fielding

Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California.

Assistant Professor of English Patricia Marchesi's second middle-grade novel, "Shelby & Shauna Kitt and the Alterax Buttons," won a Children's Literary Classics gold award in the following categories: middle grade science-fiction and upper middle-

grade fantasy.

Dr. Elizabeth Appleby, Associate Professor of French, gave a presentation called "Using Technology to Increase Motivation and Broaden Perspectives" at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages conference in New Orleans on Nov. 16.



Library exhibit looks at global health issues

Lewis Library hosted a touring exhibit in September examining advances in global health.

Developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health, “Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health” looked at a revolution in global health that is taking place in villages and towns around the world.

Library Director Charlene Baxter said the staff had been discussing bringing exhibitions to the library, and thought this particular one would be appropriate.

“It touches on timeless and timely topics that are relevant to our students and our mission – things like global engagement, nursing and service around the world, such as the Jan Term service trips to the Philippines and Costa Rica,” she said.

Election focus of campus events

Political Science sponsored several programs this election season, beginning with a discussion about 9/11 where students presented research they had conducted on terrorism. Later that month, a voter registration was held.

In October, Randy Robertson (R) and Valerie Haskins (D), candidates for State Senate District 29, were featured in a debate. Also visiting campus were candidates Sarah Riggs Amico (Lieutenant Governor) and Janice Laws (State Insurance Commissioner).

Students presented a program Nov. 1 on the proposed Constitutional amendments and referendums that were on the ballot.

The following day, State Representatives Bob Trammel (D) and Vance Smith (R) were on campus to talk about party politics, the 2018 election and areas of bipartisan unity.



Giving Tuesday raises funds, visibility



More than 200 donors participated in this year’s Giving Tuesday campaign, according to Anabeth Ivey, LaGrange College Fund Gift Officer.

“As of Dec. 6, we received 166 gifts from 201 donors, and 122 of them were alumni,” she said. “It was inspiring to see our LaGrange College family and the city of LaGrange come together to support the work of so many amazing nonprofit agencies in our community.”

The college’s drive netted more than \$36,000 for the LaGrange College Fund and featured live Facebook posts from Courtyard by Marriott, Your Pie and Wild Leap Brewery throughout the day.

Giving Tuesday is an international philanthropic event held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

Statue marks 50 years of campus connection

For 50 years, a statue of John Wesley has gazed benevolently over the campus, a daily reminder of the Methodist values cherished and shared by the institution.

Today, the statue stands in front of the Chapel. However, over the years it also has been located on the Academic Quad and in front of Banks Hall.

Marshall Daugherty (1916-1991), chairman of the art department at Mercer University, created the sculpture in 1968 at the request of then-President Waights G. Henry Jr. Daugherty had been commissioned by the North and South Georgia conferences of the United Methodist Church to create a nine-foot bronze statue

of Wesley to be placed in Reynolds Square in Savannah. It is believed the college's sculpture was a half-size prototype of the Savannah statue. It was installed on campus during Homecoming in November 1968.

The Rev. Dr. Adam Roberts, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life, said education has historically been a hallmark of Methodism.

"Wherever the Methodist church went, there were always schools," he said. "Our Wesley statue symbolizes that strong connection between the college and Methodism."

Dr. Roberts said the support of the North Georgia conference, the largest in the country, has been vital.

"Their commitment to higher education in general and faith-based higher education specifically allows us to continue to challenge the minds and inspire the souls of our students."

Wesley (1703-1791) was born at Epworth, England, the son of a Church of England clergyman. He graduated from Christ College, Oxford, and became a Fellow at Lincoln College. For two years, he was a missionary to Georgia, headquar-



tered in Savannah.

He was a prolific preacher and author, and his writings provided a core of standard doctrine and interpretation to guide the new Methodist movement. In 1784, he sent instructions to America for the formation of a separate Methodist church for the United States.

Daugherty's statue portrays Wesley as a young minister in Savannah, the artist said in a 1968 interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

"The bronze statue will be the John Wesley I have come to know by studying his life, his portraits and his work," Daugherty said. "There is a prophetic implication in the statue. Here is found not only the earnestness and dedication of Wesley's early years, but also the triumphant promulgation of the Word, the passion for perfection and the sure knowledge of the power of his ministry."



UNVEILING POSSIBILITIES

Dedications, updated 'wall' recognize campaign leaders

As students and faculty settle into their labs and classrooms in the new Hudson Lab Sciences and renovated Callaway Science buildings, some of those spaces are receiving new names.

A series of room dedications have been held to recognize donors who made the updated facilities possible.

Friends and former students of former chemistry professor Dr. Sue Duttera H'14 joined together to name an office in the Hudson building in her honor. Supporters gathered to unveil a plaque that speaks of her dedication to her students: "For those of us who were taught by her, we remember what a warm, capable, empowering and giving professor she was."

Another longtime professor was honored with the naming of a seminar room in his memory. Dr. A.M. Hicks, professor of chemistry from 1950-1986,

was celebrated at the naming, made possible by the gifts of Dr. Duttera and her husband, Dr. Julian Duttera.

Sue Duttera spoke at the naming ceremony, recalling warm memories of

recognition of gifts from The Charter Foundation, Inc.

The facility features a high-performance computer that enables students to run complex, resource-heavy calculations.

It also boasts a digital production studio that allows students and faculty to create audio and video content that can transport lessons to any destination.

October's Homecoming celebration was highlighted by the naming of the Morris Chemistry Laboratory, recognizing generous gifts from Nancy Mitchell Morris '60.

A LaGrange science alum, Morris became a research chemist, and spoke of the profound impact left by her years

on the Hill. Her peers attending the ceremony marveled at the technology present, reminiscing of their days in the old Dobbs building's laboratories.

Dr. Sue Duttera HA'14 and Alumni Association President Laura Dean '00 pause after the naming of the Duttera Office.



Pausing after unveiling the plaque for the Dr. A.M. Hicks Seminar Room are, from left, President McAlexander, Dr. Hicks' wife, Catherine Hicks '39; and Dr. Duttera.



President McAlexander, right, congratulates Robert "Bob" Johnson, President of The Charter Foundation, Inc., after the naming of the Charter Computational Mathematics Lab.



Joining with Nancy Mitchell Morris '60, far right, in touring the new Morris Chemistry Laboratory are, from left, Judy Greer '57, H'07, Carolyn Bradley '57 and Gerald Becham '60.

her friend and colleague.

A lab of a different variety was spotlighted during an August ceremony. The Charter Computational Mathematics Lab in the Callaway Science Building was named in

Time is running out. The From Promise to Prominence fundraising campaign officially closes at the end of this calendar year, and the opportunity to be included on the effort's signature "wall" will come to a close.

Focal point

One of the unique features of the new Hudson Lab Sciences Building are glass walls spaced throughout the structure that students use as dry-erase boards. You'll often find classmates gathered in the corridors around a formula or anatomy diagram drawn onto the large panels.

A glass wall of a far more permanent nature, however, is the focal point of the entryway on the building's first floor. It features the names of all those donors who have contributed a minimum of \$2,020 to the From Promise to Prominence Campaign etched onto its surface.

"We're pleased at how many people have chosen to make a difference in the lives of LaGrange students by taking part in the campaign at this level," said Rebecca Roth Nicks, Vice President for External Relations. "This beautiful new building is visible evidence of the impact being made."

And while the lab sciences building is complete, other campaign initiatives remain to be funded. Three campaign priorities have goals yet to be fulfilled:

LaGrange College Fund: meeting current student financial need

Global Engagement Endowment: building global citizens

Servant Scholars Endowment: preparing the next generation of servant-leaders

'Etched into history'

The \$2,020 level was inspired by the college's Vision 2020 strategic plan, and cumulative gifts across the campaign quality donors for the recognition.

"We are holding some spaces open for those who would like to have their names etched in the college's history as a part of this effort," Nicks said. "A dedication of the finished wall is planned for February."



THE DEADLINE IS NEARLY HERE for alumni and friends wishing to be included on the impressive donor wall inside the new Hudson Lab Sciences Building. Gifts that total \$2,020 and are made before the end of the calendar year will be etched onto the glass wall.

Join with others to ensure that young men and women can continue to do great things on the Hill—and beyond

For more information:

Contact the Development Office at 706-880-8039.

To make a campaign gift:

Use the enclosed envelope or visit lagrange.edu/prominence.

Expanding the world

International students add flavor to college experience

by Debby Baker



When Jude McEvoy, a student at Queens College in Belfast, Northern Ireland, applied for a study-abroad program called Study USA, he was not given a choice of colleges.

“The program places students in American liberal arts colleges based on their tastes and interests,” he says. “I wanted to be close to Atlanta and to have an authentic American experience. They placed me at LaGrange College, and it has been everything I’ve wanted, and more.”

Jude is studying business during his year on campus.

“The aim is to learn American business practices so I can take a different perspective back to the United Kingdom,” he says.

The London native is one of 14 international students on campus this year. Some will be here for only one semester, others for a year and others for the full four years. Some are athletes while others are preparing for future careers. But they all have one thing in common – they are all grateful for the opportunity to study on the Hill.

Coming to America

Shobhit Gupta is a first-year student and golfer from India. He plans to be at LC all four years and hopes to become a pro golfer.

He says he was searching for a college where he could play golf. After putting out feelers, he was contacted by Lee Richter, Head Golf Coach.

“Coming to LaGrange was the best decision for me,” he says. “I really like the other players on our team, and everyone here is so nice.”

Although he misses India – especially the food – he says he is excited

about the chance for growth at an American college.

“The opportunities here are so much better,” he says. “The experience of being away from home matures you so much.”

Jaida Rashad, a sophomore from The Bahamas, agrees.

“I’ve grown up so much,” she says.

“Even my parents comment on how different I am.”

Jaida, a business administration major, says she was attracted to LaGrange after a family vacation to Atlanta.

“We were there in the fall and I had never seen anything like that,” she says. “At home, we have evergreens.”

During this year’s Language and Culture Fair, Edgar Hernandez from Mexico teaches students how to play *loteria*, a form of Mexican bingo. He read out a work in Spanish, and the players had to find the corresponding image on their cards.





First-year student Harris Meek talks with Michele Raphoon, Coordinator of the Office of Global Engagement, about a \$2,500 travel voucher offered to those who enroll as first-time, full-time students to be used during their junior or senior year for an Interim Term or May Away trip.

The bright colors of the fall leaves were so beautiful. I told my parents then that I wanted to come to college in Georgia.”

She is working toward a master’s in health administration and a Ph.D. in public health, focusing on infectious disease and disease prevention. Although she plans to stay in the U.S. for a while, ultimately she wants to return to The Bahamas.

“The sacrifice of leaving home is worth it if I can get a better job and go back home to help my people.”

Michele Raphoon, Coordinator of the Office of Global Engagement, says the foreign students offer so much to their classmates, campus and community.

“They are an important part of internationalizing the campus because they offer our students a chance to learn and understand another culture, its values, history and language, without traveling to another county.”

Global engagement

The Global Engagement program is designed to transform the learning experience of the college’s students by enlarging their world to the size of the globe, says Dr. Karen Aubry, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

“By exposing our students to other cultures and to a worldwide mindset, we foster in them compassion and understanding beyond the norm in college-age Americans,” she says. “We

give them a perspective that will make them more knowledgeable and aware of global affairs, and make them personally more competitive in a global market.”

Dr. Carol Yin, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Professor of Mathematics, says the experience makes a lasting impression on everyone.

“On the National Survey of Student Engagement, our students say that LC provides activities and opportunities that focus on global and international topics at higher levels than students at peer institutions do,” she says. “That contributes to an overall greater and more meaningful college experience.”

Passport to the world

Another part of the Global Engagement focus offers a \$2,500 travel voucher to those who enroll as first-time, full-time students. It can be redeemed during a junior or senior year for an Interim Term or May Away trip. A \$2,000 travel scholarship is also available for transfer students.

Since the voucher program was launched in 2011, participation in study-away opportunities has risen more than 24 percent, Dr. Yin says.

“Our participation rate before the vouchers was 58 percent,” she says. “Our most recent three-year average, after the vouchers, is 72 percent.”

The college’s study-away program also allows students to live, study, volunteer or work in more than 50 countries, Raphoon says.

“They can take advantage of exchanges, internships, LC faculty-led courses during the Interim Term and May Away Term, and semester and yearlong programs offered by our affiliates and partners,” she says.

At home on the Hill

Students from different countries often have an easy transition to life on the Hill, Raphoon says.

“Most of them request American roommates so they can learn our language and culture more quickly,” she says. “They get to know each other quickly through dorm life, on the athletic field, on the stage or in the classroom. By about a month or six weeks into the semester, I see them less and less because they are making friends who are helping them find their way around campus. Some even get invited to a friend’s home for an

American holiday like Thanksgiving.”

Jaida from The Bahamas credits Raphoon, as well as faculty and staff, with making her experiences enjoyable.

“Everyone is so kind,” she says. “I was touched by how concerned everyone was when hurricanes threatened the Bahamas. They wanted to know if my family needed assistance, if I needed any help getting in touch with them. Everyone here really cares about you.”

Goodwill ambassadors

During a joint interview, both Jaida and Shobhit say they plan to use a travel voucher for a future Interim Term or May Away course.

“My parents were really into summer vacations so we traveled all

over the world,” Shobhit says. “But I’m looking forward to going somewhere different – maybe The Bahamas.”

Jaida applauded his choice and began offering tips for a trip to her home country.

“You must go scuba diving,” she says, “and try our fruit soda called Junkanoo Punch.”

At that point, Shobhit turned a bit wistful.

“I really miss the food,” he says. “I brought an extra suitcase from home that I had half filled with snacks. I’ve already eaten a lot of it.”

But then his face brightened.

“But that’s OK,” he says. “I’m going home for Christmas and I can bring back more food to share with my new friends here at LaGrange.” ■

International students hosted an International Coffee, Tea and Dessert reception during International Education Week. The event featured coffee from Mexico, green tea, Yorkshire tea, British apple pie with custard, Indian sweets, Chinese snacks and cookies from Mexico and Peru.



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**THINGS
WE LOVED
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by Debby Baker



PRESIDENT'S 50TH REUNION RECEPTION/DINNER

The Class of 1968 turned out in full force for its 50th reunion reception in Edmondson Parlor and dinner in the Bailey Room.

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TOM DUCKETT GOLF TOURNAMENT

A full slate of teams participated in this year's 35th tournament, which raises funds for the Panther Club. It also marked what would have been Tom Duckett's 50th class reunion.



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FLASHBACK FRIDAY PARTY

A large crowd turned out for the fun at Wild Leap Brewery downtown to enjoy friends, food and music from Stoney Dennis '07, Cougar Love and The Reasons Why. Reasons Why band members include Ronnie Everitt '94, John Stewart, James Furgerson '89, Ken Posey and Pi Kappa Phi alumni Sam Thrower '75, Russ Everitt '74 and Greg Gregory '73, M'76. The event was emceed by Carol Cain '82.

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HOMECOMING ROYALTY/ 2008 FOOTBALL CHAMPS

Bianey Diaz of Griffin and Shamar Slappy of Cochran were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during Saturday's halftime activities. Also recognized were members of the 2008 conference championship football team.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

This year's Shackelford winners – Bill Gambill '67, Dr. Alex Harris '02, Layne Williams '74 and Dr. Stephanie Gordy '98 – and the Outstanding Young Alumnus, Dr. Ben Williamson '09, were honored during the annual alumni awards luncheon Friday.

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ALUMNI RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Honorary alumni Dr. Robert Copeland, Kirby McCartney and Dr. Brenda Thomas were celebrated, as well the 2018 Sports Hall of Fame inductees Kristina Rosenow Johnson '05, M'06, Michael Sims '08 and Amanda Boley Smelsky '05.

JAZZ CONCERT

JT Wildman South presented a jazz concert Friday in Beason Recital Hall at West Side. Pictured are Randy Hoexter, piano (teaches jazz piano and composition at LC); Jim Wildman, trombone; Tim Wildman, trumpet; and Billy Thornton, bass.



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RED AND BLACK REUNION ROW

No amount of rain could dampen the enthusiasm of alumni and friends as they celebrated at numerous tailgates and gatherings. Jack Morman '89, M'95 served as master of ceremonies, a disc jockey provided music and Nigel Walker '04, M '06, Ed.S.'11 sang his original fight song, "Pounce with Me." The Panther marching band and cheerleaders revved up the crowd before the football game.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Memorial Service gave everyone time to reflect on the lives and legacies of those in the college community who had passed away since Homecoming 2017.



SCIENCE'S OPEN HOUSE/LAB DEDICATION

A chemistry lab in the Ida Callaway Hudson Lab Sciences Building was dedicated as the Morris Chemistry Laboratory, named in honor of Nancy Mitchell Morris '60 for her generous support of the college.



CROSS COUNTRY: The LC men's and women's cross country teams ran their first season under new coach Jasen Jonus. Freshman Holly Moreland was the top runner for the women. Moreland earned USA South Honorable Mention honors with a 28th-place finish out of 114 runners in the conference championship meet. Freshman Bryan Storie was the men's top runner during the season. Storie was eighth at the West Georgia Invitational and missed by a tenth a second of a spot at the USA South Championships of a third-team spot on the all-conference roster.

FOOTBALL: The Panthers finished the 2018 season 3-7 under first-year coach Earl Chambers. LC placed three players on the USA South All-Conference teams for the first time since the 2014 season. Senior receiver Marcus Campbell was a first-team selection for the second-straight year. He is third on the school's career receiving yards list with 1,946 and tied for third in receptions with 147. This season, Campbell was second in the conference in receptions (55), receiving yards (781) and receiving touchdowns (7). Sophomore receiver Tyler Benjamin and junior offensive lineman Akeem Patterson were named to the all-conference second team. Benjamin had 27 catches for 509 yards and four touchdowns. Peterson is a two-year starter, starting all 10 games this season at right tackle.

VOLLEYBALL: The Panthers went 10-12 overall and 8-6 in USA South play, while advancing to the USA South Tournament for the third-straight year. Junior middle blocker Jazzlyn Kenner and senior outside hitter Mimi Loftus were selected to the USA South All-Conference teams, the first time LC has had two players on the all-conference teams since joining the conference. Kenner became the first Panther selected to the All-Conference first team, along with being on the West Division first team. She led the team with 247 kills, a .330 attack percentage and 87 total blocks. Kenner is currently fifth on the school's career total blocks list with 276. Loftus was second to Kenner on the team with a career-high 164 kills. She also set season career highs for digs (98) and service aces (8).

WOMEN'S SOCCER: The Panthers went 4-9-2 during the 2018 season, winning more games than in the two prior seasons. LC came within a coin flip tie-breaker of advancing to the USA South Tournament. The top three scorers on the team were all freshmen. Zoe Watts led the team with seven goals and tied for 16th in the USA South in goals scored. Dynasty Burchett followed Watts with five goals, and Sydney Dailey finished with three. Watts, Burchett and Dailey were each named USA South Rookie of the Week during the season. The Panthers' 19-player roster had 15 freshmen on it.

MEN'S SOCCER: See story on this page.



Soccer scores record season

The LaGrange College men's soccer team had its most successful season since 1993. The 2018 Panthers went 10-9 under first-year coach Ryan Dickson, advancing to the USA South Tournament for the second-straight year.

The Panthers' 10 wins tied for the second most in the program's history and produced the first winning season since 1993.

The LC team featured a mix of youth and senior leadership. Freshman Jude McEvoy led the squad and was tied for third in the USA South with 12 goals. He also had three assists and a team-leading 27 points. McEvoy also had a team best five game-winning goals. He was named to the USA South All-Conference second team.

Joining McEvoy on the all-conference team was senior midfielder Qua Tucker, who was a third-team selection. He played in 18 games and had two goals and an assist. This is the first time LC has placed two players on the all-conference teams since joining the USA South in 2012.

Senior goalkeeper Cory Aycock had 81 saves and three shutouts during the season. He finished his LC career fourth on the school's career list with 196 saves and tied for first with six career shutouts.

The future is bright for the Panthers. They return 21 off their roster for the 2019 season.

Classnotes

PASS IT ON

It's often said that word-of-mouth is the most effective form of marketing. Messages passed person-to-person, from trusted friends and family, make up the most believable communications we experience in our media-saturated culture. As alumni and friends, take that to heart as you encounter those searching for a college experience. You are likely the most influential voice they'll hear.



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DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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1960s

1964 Dr. Alain G. de Sarran of Odenton, Maryland, retired from a career with the Foreign Commercial Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Commerce, after 37 years of federal-government service.

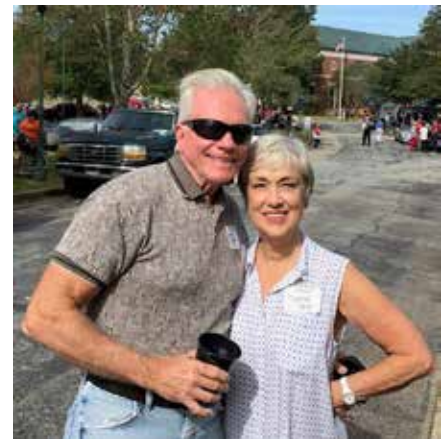
1969 Marc Cochran of Snellville retired from Liberty Mutual Insurance after 43 years and is a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association of Georgia.



Catherine Werner Hicks '39 celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 15. Her family hosted a birthday party in the Dickson Assembly Room, Mabry Gipson Student Center in Turner Hall. President Dan McAlexander presented Mrs. Hicks with a photo memento of her special moments on the Hill.

Community College.

1982 Dr. Hajime Otani of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and professor of psychology at Central Michigan University, coauthored and edited "Handbook of Research Methods in Human Memory" with his colleague, Bennett Schwartz, professor of psychology at Florida International,



Kaycie Ketchum Still '70 of Gulf Shores, Alabama, enjoyed reminiscing with a former 1970 summer theatre pal Doug Smith '72 at Homecoming 2017.

and other scientists prominent in their field of study. This undertaking took three years and represents an important contribution, organizing the best methodology for research on human memory.

1986 Amy Smith Simonton of Sharpsburg is a high school art teacher at Trinity Christian School.

1987 Tracy Nunnally of DeKalb, Illinois, is a professor, technical director and design and technology area head for Northern Illinois University School of Theatre and Dance. He owns Vertigo, a flying

1970s

1974 Judy Jordan Johnson of McDonough has been named Georgia Recreation and Park volunteer of the year.

1981 Lee Crowe of San Clarita, California, is an animator in Los Angeles. This year she worked on "Curious George" for PBS/Universal Television, "Scooby Doo, Guess Who?" for Warner Brothers Television, and a to-be-announced animation project for the Zanuck Co., while continuing to teach animation at California State University Northridge and Glendale

* This issue's Classnotes are from information received through November 28, 2018. (Unless otherwise noted, geographic locations refer to Georgia.)



An impromptu Summer Theatre 1970 reunion was held at Homecoming 2017 with Mary May Witte '72 of Lakeland, Florida; Kaycie Ketchum Still '70 of Gulf Shores, Alabama; and Mary Lou Schmidt Compton '71 of Tampa, Florida.

effects company used within the entertainment industry.

1990s

1994 Chris and Michelle Krekling Crawford '92 of Hayesville, North Carolina, are developing Crawford Acres, a vineyard and winery. It will be open to the public by 2022.

1994 Felecia Moore M'94 is Archives Manager for Suber Archives in Lewis Library.

1995 Denise Maio Lange of Dallas, Texas, completed her master of arts in communications from the University of Central Missouri, and is the creative director of Pleasant Street Creative.

2000s

2000 Niki Watts of LaGrange is the principal at Troup High School.

2002 The Rev. Dr. Alex Harris of Tampa, Florida, received his doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

2003 Paul Tripp Penn III M'03 of LaGrange was named president of board of trustees for both the Callaway Foundation, Inc., and the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation.

2004 Tara M. Carpio of Cedartown is owner and trainer with Tara Carpio Arabians, LLC.

2004 Ashley Coates of Ellijay is the network administrator for Gilmer County schools.

2004 Brandi Wood Cook M'11, Ed.S'15 of Newnan is a teacher in the Coweta County School System.

2004 Tiffany Cordero Clark of LaGrange is the school counselor at Long Cane Middle School.

2007 Antoine Maddox of San Jose, California, is a project manager at Apple.

2009 Dialleo Burks M'11 of LaGrange is assistant coach for the Tennessee Titans.

2009 Justin L. Joyner M'11 of Carrollton is entering his ninth year at Mt. Zion High School, where he is the defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, strength and conditioning coach and head track and field coach.

2009 Lindsey Dias Mickle of Covington is a first-grade teacher at Peachtree Academy Private School in Rockdale County.

2009 Eric L. Miller of Decatur is in his second season at Carlton J. Kell High School as the wide receivers coach.

2009 Rad Mitchell of Columbus is an exceptional education teacher at

Carol Howington Cain '82 of LaGrange made five appearances as Rosie the Riveter in seven days in November to honor veterans and women workers who supported them on the home front.



David 'DJ' Jackson '85 of Seminole, Florida (third from left), and his Geezer Hoops team won the gold medal in their age group at the Huntsman World Games in St. George, Utah, in October.

Shaw High School, where he is head volleyball, head swim and assistant baseball coach.

2009 Justin C. Pair of Barnesville is the director of training and Information Technology with Shane's Rib Shack Corporate. He has been with the brand since 2002.

2009 Kyle M. Storey of Carrollton is a sales manager at Southwire Co.

2010s

2010 Jeremy C. Davis of Midland is a medical social worker with Kindred Hospice in Columbus.

2010 Tripp Duke III of Jacksonville, Florida, is working commercial real estate throughout Northeast Florida.

2010 Nick R. Langley of Ellenwood is a Ph.D. candidate in the developmental psychology program at Georgia State University. He teaches and conducts research.

2010 Jeremy Pickens M'14 of Auburn, Alabama, teaches math and coaches football and wrestling for Opelika High School.

2010 Colt F. Shope of Easley, South Carolina, is a nurse manager for Greenville Health Systems.

Three named honorary alumni

LaGrange College welcomed Dr. Robert Copeland, Kirby McCartney and Dr. Brenda Thomas as honorary alumni during the annual Homecoming alumni recognition breakfast.

Dr. Copeland of LaGrange earned a bachelor's degree in science at Auburn University and his medical degree with honors from the University of Alabama. He did his post-doctoral training at Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and was a visiting fellow with Royal Free Hospital in London, England.

After finishing his post-doctoral training in internal medicine and serving a clinical and research fellowship in cardiovascular diseases, Dr. Copeland came to LaGrange in 1967 to work at Clark-Holder Clinic.

He founded the Georgia Heart Clinic in 1972, and became a clinical professor of medicine at both Emory and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He directed the Callaway Fellow in Cardiology for 17 years and had an active research program in partnership with UAB.

Along with Dr. Tom Gore, he co-founded Troup Cares Free Medical Clinic in LaGrange. He is a Rotarian and a former deacon at First Presbyterian Church.

McCartney of Hogansville is a graduate of Hogansville High School and attended some classes at LaGrange College.

She recently retired from the college after serving 35 years in Student Life – 13 years as a house mother. She also worked at Mt. Carmel Christian



Honorary alumni recognized during Homecoming were Kirby McCartney, Dr. Robert Copeland and Dr. Brenda Thomas.

School in Decatur for 10 years.

After moving back to Hogansville, she was youth director at First Baptist Church for several years.

While at LaGrange College, she received the Stellar Service Award that is presented to the staff member selected by staff, faculty and students in recognition of their outstanding customer service, commitment to teamwork and demonstrated support of the college's mission and core values.

Dr. Thomas of Clearwater, Florida, earned her bachelor's degree in English from Samford University, her master's in English at Auburn University and a doctorate in English from Georgia State University.

She specialized in Renaissance poetry and prose and Restoration and

18th century literature.

She began her teaching career at Troup High School and continued teaching English at LaGrange Academy after completing her master's degree at Auburn. She came to LaGrange College in 1974 as an adjunct professor of English, and after completing her Ph.D., became Professor of English, serving two terms as English Department Chair and one term as Humanities Chair.

During her tenure, Dr. Thomas developed three Interim Term travel courses to England and Ireland and was content developer for the Master of Arts of Teaching graduate program. She also was named a Governor's Teaching Fellow in 2009. She retired from the college in 2011.



Sports Hall of Fame cites three

Kristina Rosenow '04, Amanda Boley '04 and Michael Sims '08 were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities in October.

Rosenow, a volleyball player, was a four-time Great South Athletic Conference All-Conference first-team selection. She was the team's Most Valuable Player all four years and was the team captain her senior year.

She was a United States Collegiate Athletic Association All-American as a junior and senior, and earned GSAC All-Academic honors three straight years.

Rosenow graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Management and also received her Master of Arts in Teaching from LaGrange College.

Boley, who also played volleyball for the Panthers, was a three-time Great South Athletic Conference All-Conference first-team selection. She served as a team captain and

co-captain, and was a United States Collegiate Athletic Association All-American Honorable Mention selection as a senior.

She graduated from LaGrange College with a bachelor's degree in Business Management.

Sims, a Panther baseball player, was a first-team NCAA All-American as a senior and a third-team selection as a junior. He was named to the second team D3Baseball.com All-American team as a senior. Sims was the Great South Athletic Conference Player of the Year as a senior and selected to the All-Conference team three times.

He was the team's Most Valuable Player three years in a row and served as a team captain twice. The Georgia Dugout Club selected Sims as its Player of the Year his junior and senior years.

Sims graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology from LaGrange College.

2010 Raukisha Ray Talley of Smyrna works for the Department of Interior as a National Park Service Ranger within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park of Tennessee.

2010 Mario A. Wallace of Clarkston works for the State of Georgia.

2010 Jake P. White M'11 of Fulton, Missouri, is the defensive coordinator at Westminster College.

2011 Drew L. Carter M'13 of Dalton is serving as the quarterback coach at Pepperell High School in Lindale.

2011 Ben N. Crumbley M'13 of Nashville, Tennessee, is the donor services manager at The Upper Room, a religious nonprofit organization which has been providing daily devotionals, program ministries and other publications and resources around the world for the last 85 years.

2011 Tim E. Hill of Jacksonville, Florida, is a team leader for Ati Movers LLC and a self-contracted brand ambassador.

2011 Joy Kafrouni Langley of Ellenwood graduated with her doctorate of pharmacology from Mercer University School of Pharmacy. She is a pharmacist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

2012 H. Speer Burdette III HA'12 of LaGrange announced his retirement as president of the boards of trustees of both the Callaway Foundation, Inc., and the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation.

2012 Will "Woody" Duke of Atlanta is a sales professional for BSN Sports and has six years of experience in the sporting goods industry.

2012 Chris A. Prewett M'14 of Canton is the defensive coordinator and math teacher at Roswell High School in North Fulton County.

2012 Benjamin J. Pruitt from Dawsonville is deployed to Japan and is serving on the USS Bonhomme Richard in the 3rd Fleet area of Operations with the U.S. Navy.

2012 Kyle Sanders M'14 of Lithia Springs is in his fourth year at Robert



Enjoying a 1980s tailgate at Homecoming are front row, left to right, Allison McCoy Batchelor '88, former LC Athletic Director Phil Williamson, Kent Moore '89; and back row, Rick Smith '85, Scott Quinn '89, Greg Aldridge '88 and Jaimie Davis '88.

S. Alexander High School as the defensive line coach and outside linebackers coach.

2013 Taylor Jake Adcock of Woodstock is a geologist with GEI Consultants.

2013 Hill Daniel Jr. of LaGrange works for the Troup County Felony Adult Drug Court.

2014 Josh R. Clinton of Alpharetta is a software developer for American Megatrends Inc. in Norcross.

2014 Jessica Mayfield Ed. S'14 of LaGrange is the district academic coach for Troup County school system.

2015 Alex Rodriguez of Suwannee is an adjunct professor of film composition at New York University.

2015 Marius Truitt M'15, Ed. S'17 of LaGrange is the technology coordinator for Troup County school system.

2016 Abigail Catherine Bowen of LaGrange finished her master of arts in political science from Georgia State University. Her article, "Are Third Party Candidates Spoilers?" co-written with Jud Thornton, was published in U.S. News and World Report.

2016 Will D. Cofield of LaGrange is a seventh/eighth-grade teacher with Odyssey Charter School in Newnan.

2016 Alexander Hughes of LaGrange was awarded a Daughters of the

WILLIAMSON NAMED OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUM

Dr. Benjamin Howard Williamson '09 of Yorkville, New York, is the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. He was honored during this year's Homecoming activities.

Williamson earned a bachelor's in Chemistry from LaGrange College and a doctorate in pharmacy (medicinal chemistry) from the University of Iowa.

He is an assistant professor of chemistry at Utica College in Utica, New York.

He also researches synthetic organic chemistry method development, the design and synthesis of small-molecule pharmaceuticals and the synthesis of molecule auxiliaries to be used in peptide ligation.



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BRAVES HONOR GRADUATE

The Atlanta Braves recently presented Katie Hearn '12 with the 2018 Walter Banks Award, given annually to a game-day staff member who exemplifies extraordinary customer service. Hearn has been working with the Braves organization since 2015, first serving as a game-day staff member before starting in the digital marketing department in 2016 as a trainee. She became a full-time staff member in November 2016, but shortly afterward, Hearn began to lose her vision. She enrolled in training to help with mobility and daily living skills, and has now rejoined the Braves office.

Accomplished alumni honored by college

Outstanding alumni were recognized this weekend during LaGrange College's Homecoming festivities.

Winners of the Shackelford Alumni Achievement Award are Bill Gambill '67 of Cartersville; Dr. Stephanie Gordy '98 of Houston, Texas; the Rev. Dr. Alex Harris '02 of Tampa, Florida; and Layne Williams '74 of Marietta.

Gambill earned his bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education at LaGrange College, a master's in education administration and supervision from Auburn University and has done post-graduate work at Florida State University.



Bill Gambill '67

He is retired from the Georgia Department of Education as deputy state superintendent of schools. As deputy superintendent for finance and technology, he had the primary responsibility for an \$8 billion budget that included the dissemination of all state and federal funds to local school systems and the financial operation of all offices within the Georgia Department of Education.

Dr. Gordy graduated summa cum laude from LaGrange College with a degree in Biology, and earned her medical degree from Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon. She did her internship and residency in general

surgery at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah and a fellowship in surgical

critical care at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. She is double boarded in general surgery and surgical critical care.

She practices acute care surgery at Ben Taub Hospital, one of the busiest Level 1 trauma centers in the country. She is the director of Baylor College of Medicine's surgery sub-internship and the associate director of the surgery clerkship.

Rev. Harris earned his bachelor's degree in Human Services/Sociology and Psychology at LaGrange College, a master's in social work

in community organizing and strategic planning from Boston University School of Social Work in Massachusetts, a master's in theological studies in ethics from Boston University School of Theology, extended graduate credits in adolescent counseling from Harvard University Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a



Dr. Stephanie Gordy '98

doctorate in educational organization leadership and curriculum from Nova Southeastern University, Fischer School of Education in Miami, Florida.

He is cofounder and chief operating officer for the Arts Conservatory for Teens in Tampa, Florida. He also is principal owner of Three Oak Doors Enterprise, a company for music publishing, licensing and creative consulting, as well as a part-time professor of humanities and founder of the Teen Arts, Culture and Careers Festival at University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Williams earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from LaGrange College.

He has been golf administrator and senior director for rules and competitions for the Georgia State Golf Association since 1987,

responsible for conducting state golf championships and national qualifying events for amateur golf in the state of Georgia.

Williams won the 2001 GAMMA Award for best essay for an article submitted to Golf Georgia magazine. He also won the United States Golf Association's Ike Granger Award in 2015 for distinguished service and leadership, and was inducted into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame in 2016.



Layne Williams '74



the Rev. Dr. Alex Harris '02



Greg Lyle Preast '95 of Grovetown was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in September 2018 by Gov. Matthew Bevin of Kentucky. Dating back to the War of 1812, this honor is bestowed upon individuals who have performed exceptional service to their community, state or nation.

American Revolution scholarship given by the LaGrange chapter to pursue his graduate studies at University of Alabama in library sciences.

2016 Sabrina Leverette of LaGrange will pursue her juris doctorate at John Marshall.

Denzel Robinson '14 and his wife, Kaniecia, welcomed a daughter, Kayva Leigh, on January 18, 2018.



Josh '14 and Heather Clinton and their dog, Elsa.

2016 Anna Howington McNamee of LaGrange is teaching sixth-grade social studies at Gardner Newman Middle School.

2016 Shelby A. Stephen M'19 of LaGrange, a language arts teacher at Manchester Middle School, was recognized with a PRIDE award.

2017 Amanda Sugermeyer of LaGrange is the marketing assistant for Sweetland Amphitheatre.

2018 Ashleigh E. Newton of LaGrange is a seventh-grade science teacher at Manchester Middle School. She was recently recognized with a PRIDE award.

2018 Jalen Smith of LaGrange won first place in upper level musical

Paul Herring Wetherington II '00 and his wife, Ruth, welcomed a son, Jack Robert, on July 10, 2018. He joins brother, Luke, and sister, Abby.



Dr. Shelly Mathews Blanton '99 recently visited campus with her son, Smith.

theatre men at the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition in Las Vegas.

2018 Cheyenne St. Germain of Newnan is a behavior data analyst at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

2018 Lydia Lee Subat of Slidell, Louisiana, is with Professional Sports Publications of Atlanta. She works with the NFL, NBA, NHL and PGA Golf.

Births

To Paul Herring Wetherington II '00 and his wife, Ruth, a son, Jack Robert, on July 10, 2018

To Jennifer Pirrman Shaw '05 and her husband, Brad, a son, Evan Bradley, on October 25, 2018

To Amanda Boley Smelsky '05 and her husband, Aaron, a daughter, Quinn, on November 8, 2018

To Bill '08, M'09 and Brittany Hopson Stikes '09, a daughter, Avery, on July 13, 2018

To Trey '08 and Ashley Fitzpatrick Jenkins '08, a son, William Hamrick, on July 28, 2018

To Jase '08, M'09 and Brantley Cole Crenshaw M'17, a son, Bennett Coleman, on August 9, 2018

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Over the years, places and people change, but some things remain constant. The lessons learned and time shared with peers on the Hill continue to be a cornerstone of what makes LaGrange College a special place for so many.

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To Lindsey Dias Mickle '09 and her husband, Chris, a son, Oliver, on July 23, 2018

To Anna Adams Stanfield '09, M'10 and her husband, Joe, a son, Jackson, on November 2, 2018

To Chase '10 and Leora E. Hall '11, a daughter, Gemma, on March 2018

To Lauren Riddle '10 and her husband, JP, a daughter, Margaux Mireille, on September 4, 2018

To Tripp Duke '10 and his wife,

Ashley Elise Davis '00 married Chris Harman on August 26, 2017.



Whitney, a son, Edward "Ward" Franklin IV on October 17, 2018

To Christian '10 and his wife, Sky Coody Johnson, a daughter, Margo Sutherland, on December 13, 2017

To Jake '10, M'11 and his wife, Julie Moses White, a son, Bronson, on December 11, 2017

To Ben '11, M'13 and Krystal Clark Crumbley '11, M'13, a daughter, Tatum, in May 2017

To Jake '13 and Emily Worthey Adcock '14, a son, Thomas Wright, on January 26, 2018

To Denzel Robinson '14 and his wife, Kanieceya, a daughter, Kayva Leigh, on January 18, 2018

To Caleb '15 and Hayley LaFontaine Cunningham '14, M'16, a daughter, Addison Ann, on July 17, 2018

To Jessica Bearden Thompson '15 and her husband, Collin, a son, Grant Eason, on October 11, 2018.

Celebrating the marriage of Ashley Elise Davis '00 to Dr. Christopher Harman are, front row, left to right, Kelly Cooper Doughnan '98, Fiona Waters Westmoreland '00, Daphne Mobley Johnston '99, Ashley Davis Harman '00, Suzanne Deriso Dunn '99, Tennille Gaskins Madrid '00, Maranda Jernigan Andrews '99 and Elizabeth Tomko Bridges '99; back row, Karen Jackson, Bonnie Hawes Miller '99, '01, Mary Donahue and Jill Hegwood.



Weddings

Gretta Howard Wright '86, M'93 to Randy Milan on July 27, 2018

Ashley Elise Davis '00 to Chris Harman on August 26, 2017

Matthew Paul Montgomery '07, M'09 to Casey Elizabeth Dugas '12, M'14 on July 14, 2018

Jake P. White '10, M'11 to Julie Moses on March 31, 2016

Brandon L. Maddox '11 to Rachel Ross on April 7, 2018

Heather Purser '12 to James Truman Smith on June 9, 2018

Taylor Jake Adcock '13 to Emily Claire Worthey '14 on April 30, 2016

Josh R. Clinton '14 to Heather DeBerry on April 21, 2018

Elissa Morman '15 to Martin Lawson on November 10, 2018

Jasen Kyle Jonus M'16 to Kelsey Hunter Phillips Connell '14 on September 8, 2018

Reece Powell '16 to Hillary MacLeod Vogel '15 on October 27, 2018

Ryan Dickson M'17 to Jeannie Huey M'17 on July 18, 2018

Heather Purser Smith '12 married James Truman Smith on June 9, 2018.





Hannah Elise Fairchild '18 to Jon Livingston on October 20, 2018

Mikaylee Kiana Smith '18 to Breckin R. Lewis on November 24, 2018

Engagements

Kallie Alissa Brook '17 to Tommy Scott on July 11, 2018; wedding June 8, 2019

In Memoriam

Mrs. Francis Miller Mathis '45
Mrs. Lucy Blanchard Singleton '46
Miss Carol Jean Barrow '50
Mrs. Hazel "Frankie" Cole Turner '50
Mr. Judson Leon Green III '59
Mrs. Betty Allen Hatchell White '62
Mrs. Mary Melson Maher '68
Mrs. Janice Holbrook Kraemer '70
Mr. John J. Jasak '72
Mrs. Linda Joyce Hook Lee '73
Mrs. Victoria Lynn Lasater Womble '73

Mrs. Catherine Taylor Dugan '75
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The Rev. Edward Alton Burrell '79
Ms. Donna Elaine Drake '79
Mrs. Mavis Lark Moore '83
Mr. David Alan Fowler '85
Dr. Ronald E. McGaughey '88
Mrs. Patricia "Micki" Leiby '89
Mr. Frederick D. Hoppe Jr. HA'15
Mrs. Marie Turner Moshell HA'17
Mrs. Wylene Strickland Herndon, retired staff
The Rev. Dr. William M. Holt, former trustee



MARIE TURNER MOSHELL

Marie Turner Moshell, a longtime college board member, died July 31 in Columbus. She earned an associate degree in recreation from Columbus College and worked as a recreation specialist at Bradley Center Hospital.

She was named an Honorary Alumna in 2017, and served on the board solicitation committee for Defining Moment: The LaGrange College Campaign for Distinction. The Moshell Learning Center in the Frank and Laura Lewis Library is named in memory of her late husband.

She was a volunteer with St. Luke United Methodist Church, St. Francis Women's Hospital Advisory Committee and the Alzheimer's Association.



FREDERICK D. HOPPE JR.

Frederick D. Hoppe Jr., founder and owner of National Management Resources Corp., died Nov. 12 at his home in Sharpsburg.

National has provided maintenance management and additional services for more than 30 years, and currently partners with 33 institutions across the country, including LaGrange College.

Mr. Hoppe served on the college's Leadership Council for many years, and served as a priority committee chairman for the group that focused on LEED certification and sustainable development.

A member of the LaGrange Rotary Club, he was named a Murphy Fellow in recognition of his contribution to the club and its Walter Y. Murphy Scholarship.



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"Churchill and Morocco"
Duncan Sandys, great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill
10 a.m., Dickson Assembly Room

FEBRUARY 25

"Closer to thee than the vein in your neck – Islam and Morocco"
Dr. Kevin Shirley, Professor of History
10 a.m., Dickson Assembly Room

MARCH 25

"Art in Morocco"
Dr. Dorothy M. Joiner, Lovick P. Corn Professor of Art History
10 a.m., Dickson Assembly Room

APRIL 22

"Moving in Morocco"
Dr. Caleb Williams, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science
10 a.m., Dickson Assembly Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 5

Piano recital by visiting artist
Hyunjung Chung
4:30 p.m., Callaway Auditorium

FEBRUARY 12

Faculty recital, Dr. Mitch Turner
4:30 p.m., Beason Recital Hall

FEBRUARY 23

Preview Day

FEBRUARY 26

"The Story of Lee Johnson:
Celebrating his 30 years at LC"
7 p.m., Beason Recital Hall

MARCH 1-3

Azalea Storytelling Festival
Callaway Auditorium

MARCH 9

Choral Festival Concert
4 p.m., Callaway Auditorium

MARCH 23

Preview Day

MARCH 20-24

"August: Osage County"
7 p.m., March 20-23; 2:30 p.m., March 24; Price Theater

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New rocking chairs promote conversation



When Brian Carlisle, new Vice President of Student Engagement and Dean of Students, first arrived on campus this summer, he was struck by the beauty and architectural significance of Smith Hall.

However, something seemed to be missing.

“I imagined what it would look like with rocking chairs,” he said. “So I quickly set out to find a way to acquire some.”

While chatting with the Rev. Dr. Adam Roberts, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life, Carlisle learned of a grant that was given to Roberts by the United Methodist Church.

“We used some of those funds to purchase the rocking chairs, and we installed small plaques on the chairs to show appreciation to the church for the funds,” Carlisle said.

Since then, Carlisle has held two Porch Chats, inviting students to stop by the porch of Smith Hall to enjoy the chairs and talk. He said he was pleased with the outcome.

“Several students and faculty stopped by for a visit,” he said. “I think the porch chats are important for two reasons – it gives students an opportunity to meet their Dean of Students in a casual setting, and it provides a comfortable space for students to talk about improvements my team and I can make to the student life experience.”

Caitlyn Deal, Student Government Association president, joined Carlisle for the chats, and said she was excited about the possibilities that can come from such interactions.

Carlisle hopes to sponsor at least one porch chat each semester.