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HISTORIC IN EVERY SENSE

Costumes of all kinds filled campus earlier this year—and it wasn't Halloween. High school and middle school students from across Georgia were on hand for the state National History Day competition (page 4). Historic outfits and projects seemed fitting at Georgia's oldest private college. And it's also fitting that current students, like Grammy winner David "Swagg R'Cellious" Harris '08 (back cover), are still making history today.

—the Editor

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PHOTO: Perfect for a sunny afternoon walk or a scenic jog, a large portion of the community trail known as the Thread now winds through campus. A 12-foot-wide path designed for walking, running and biking, the trail ultimately will provide 26 miles of connectivity within the city of LaGrange. The college section currently begins at the corner of Panther Way and Broad Street and moves toward Price Theater, then runs between Price and Lamar Dodd Art Center and continues behind Cleaveland Field, ending back on Panther Way at the entrance to the ballfield.

ON THE COVER: Undergraduate research is thriving on the LaGrange campus, evidenced by the more than 30 students who were accepted to present at this year's National Conference on Undergraduate Research. In the photo, Melanie Prater '20 explains her psychology-related project at the conference. Page 8.

TRANSFORMATIONS

Moving ahead boldly



by Dan McAlexander,
25th President of LaGrange College

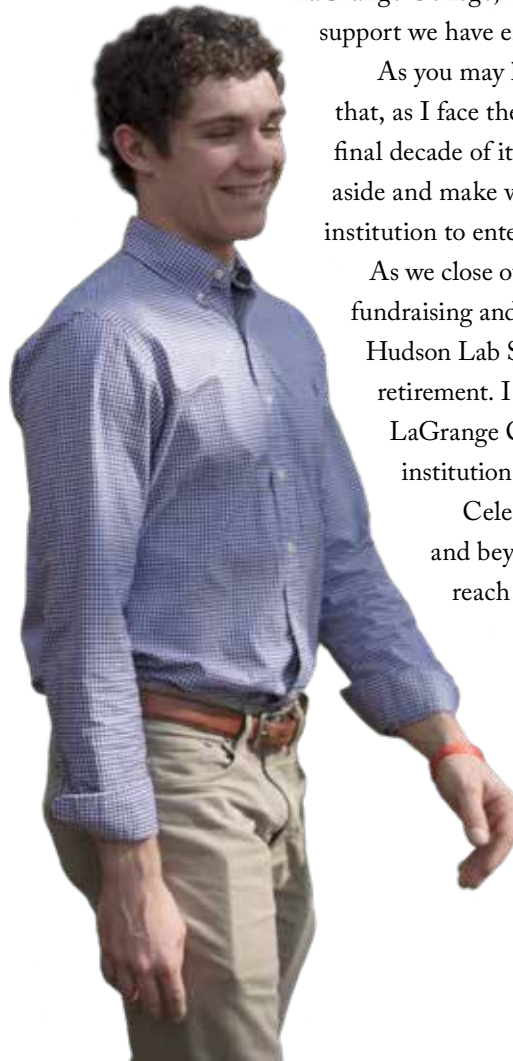
I remember vividly when I first encountered LaGrange College. Touring the campus (during an incognito pre-interview visit), I was struck by the beauty and history of this place. Later, after I had an opportunity to meet the LaGrange faculty and staff, I knew that this was truly a special institution.

It seems surprising that Celeste and I have had the privilege of serving here for more than 10 years. While working with all of you to build an even stronger LaGrange College, I could not be more grateful for the support we have enjoyed.

As you may have heard, however, I have decided that, as I face the age of 67 and the college enters the final decade of its second century, it is time for me to step aside and make way for a new leader who will prepare the institution to enter its third century.

As we close out a successful strategic plan and a fruitful fundraising and building program, highlighted by the Hudson Lab Sciences Building, the time is right for my retirement. I am confident that the future is bright for LaGrange College and that a new leader will help the institution move ahead boldly.

Celeste and I look forward to this next year and beyond as we watch LC—and its students—reach even greater heights.



First African American graduate shares experiences

Sharing a message of encouragement and hope, the college's first African American graduate returned to campus for Homecoming 2019.

Verona Brown Hill '69 met with students, faculty and staff in Lewis Library, sharing memories of her time on the Hill. She also was recognized by the Board of Trustees at this year's alumni awards luncheon.

"I am proud of the education I got at LaGrange College and the career it prepared me for," she said. "All of you can do the same – you are bright lights and you can do anything you want to do."

Hill is a native of LaGrange and attended the Medical Center School of Nursing in Columbus for one year, then enrolled at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

She moved back to LaGrange in 1968 when her husband was deployed to Vietnam.

"I got up one morning and decided I was going to finish my degree at LaGrange College," she said.

So Hill visited the campus for the



first time and met with the dean. It went well.

"When I walked out of his office, I had been accepted at the college, received financial aid and was signed up for classes," she said. "I skipped out of his office that day."

After graduation, she went to work as a social worker for Muscogee County Aid to Families with Dependent Children in Columbus. Once her husband was out of the service, they moved to DeKalb County where she was the only African American case worker in the office.

She credits LaGrange College for preparing her for a career she loved.

"All I ever wanted to do was help people, and to earn a living where I was proud of what I was doing," she said. "This college gave me the opportunity to do what I wanted to do with my life."

She then looked at the group of students gathered around her.

"Look at you," she said. "I am so proud of you all. You'll be offered all kinds of opportunities here – never let opportunities pass you by. Grab hold of them and see where they might lead."

NATIONAL 'TREE CAMPUS' DISTINCTION EARNED

LaGrange College has been designated a tree campus by Tree Campus USA, a program run by the Arbor Day Foundation.

A national nonprofit organization, the foundation advocates for the conservation of trees and educates the public on the importance of respecting and treasuring trees.

"Tree Campus USA is a national program to honor colleges for successful forest management and for engaging students in tree-related service-learning projects," said Dr. Elizabeth Appleby, Chair of the college's Sustainability Council.





The Rev. Dr. Adam Roberts, left, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life at LaGrange College, was presented the Francis Asbury Award during the college's baccalaureate service May 17. The honor, given by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering the church's ministries in higher education at the local, district or annual conference level. The Rev. Michael McCord, right, executive director of the Georgia United Methodist Commission on Higher Education and Collegiate Ministry, said Roberts' selection was a natural one. "Adam embodies the historic mission of the United Methodist Church and the Bishop Francis Asbury Award."

State History Day competition hosted

The state contest of National History Day was held for the first time at LaGrange College on April 13.

Nearly 600 students from across the state qualified to participate, and roughly 2,000 parents, teachers and competitors were on campus for the event.

Dr. Kevin Shirley, Professor of History and co-affiliate coordinator for NHD in Georgia, said he was proud of how the campus came together to welcome the participants.

"We used most of the college's facilities, from Callaway Auditorium and West Side to Callaway Academic Building and Smith Hall," he said. "We had over 100 volunteer judges on campus, some of them for the first time."

The college also improved its visibility by hosting the competition.

"The state contest brought some of Georgia's best and brightest middle- and high-school students to this campus for the day," he said. "The event was the culmination of a decade's worth of hard work in which we built a powerful mentoring and education program, all coming from LaGrange College."

The NHD Mentoring Program was created to provide direct support to Georgia students and teachers through National History Day activities. It also reached students from around the country.

"Over the years, we have worked with students and teachers from Georgia, the Southeast and even points beyond, some from as far away as the Seattle area," Dr. Shirley said. "National History Day is a program that has the ability to transform the students who participate."



U.S. News ranks college in top 5

LaGrange College has been named a leading school in the South, according to annual rankings released by U.S. News & World Report.

The institution has been rated as a top-five school among 122 Regional Colleges in the South, placing fifth on this year's list. It is the only Georgia school in the top 20.

In addition, LaGrange was named a "best value," described by the publication as "a great school at a great price."

It also earned high marks for undergraduate teaching (tied for fourth) and social mobility (23rd).

Factors considered in the top schools ranking include outcomes (graduation and retention rates, and social mobility), faculty resources (class size and faculty salary), expert opinion of peer institution leaders, financial resources, student excellence (standardized test scores and high school class standing) and alumni giving.

In designating a school as a "best value," the magazine takes into account a school's academic quality and the net

cost of attendance for a student who received the average level of need-based financial aid. Only those schools ranked in the top half of their ranking categories were considered for the best value list.

The best undergraduate teaching rankings focused on "schools where faculty and administrators are committed to teaching undergraduate students in a high-quality manner," the magazine reported.

College presidents, provosts and admissions deans who participate in an annual peer assessment survey were asked to nominate up to 15 schools in their ranking category with a strength in undergraduate teaching. LaGrange tied with Flagler College in Florida for fourth place. It was the only Georgia school in that designation's top 10.

New this year, the social mobil-



ity list measures how well schools performed in graduating students who received Pell Grants (federal aid reserved for the nation's neediest students).

"We are thrilled to see our commitment to student success being recognized as one of the best," said college President Dan McAlexander. "We take seriously our mission to prepare our students to become successful, responsible citizens who aspire to lives of integrity and moral courage – and it's gratifying to see that acknowledged."

POLICE TRUSTBUILDING PARTNERS MEET

Law enforcement agencies from around the state gathered at Price Theater in August for the inaugural Georgia Police-Community Trust Initiative. Its purpose was to help groups address historical harm to racial minorities, and to improve relationships between police and the community.

"There is a powerful movement that is happening across the nations between minority communities and law enforcement, and I am pleased that it is making a stop today in LaGrange, Georgia," said state Attorney General Chris Carr. "It is actually more accurate to say it is being led from LaGrange, Georgia."

The Troup County Racial Trustbuilding Initiative was formed in 2014. LaGrange College has hosted all of the group's training sessions.



New curriculum offers more to students

With the goal of offering students the best education possible – while utilizing modern tools and methods – the college introduced a new general education curriculum called Ethos in fall 2018.

“Just like any educational program or curriculum, a general education curriculum should be re-examined periodically,” said Dr. Jon Ernstberger, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Director of General Education. “By 2014, the Core Curriculum had been in use for 15 years here and had been through more than one revision. It was time.”

One of the highlights of the new program, called Ethos, is the Ethos Portfolio.

“This e-portfolio is created online for each student, and includes specific results from Ethos and Senior Capstone courses – allowing them to showcase their work to family, friends and employers,” Dr. Ernstberger said. “We use it internally to measure whether students are achieving the desired learning outcomes, and those results will influence adjustments to our courses.”

It can include papers, posters, video files, audio files, pieces of written code or software, presentations and databases. These objects are used as evidence to show completion or progress through the academic career of a student. Ethos emphasizes high-impact learning practices and culminates with integrated, project-based senior capstone experiences unique to each student’s major area of study.

It also requires fewer credit hours



Dr. William Yin, Professor of Mathematics, works with students on a project. The new Ethos curriculum emphasizes high-impact learning practices such as working closely with professors on undergraduate research.

than the prior Core Curriculum.

“Academic programs will have strong representation in the general education process,” Dr. Ernstberger said. “This has been the most engaging thing for our faculty in a while. It represents a tremendous step forward in faculty leadership of the college’s curriculum.”

The process started in 2014 when then-Provost Dr. David Garrison issued a charge to an appointed General Education Research and Development committee to begin an investigation into modern research about general education, and to provide multiple frameworks for the faculty to consider.

Weighing research with regular conversations and feedback from faculty, staff, students and alumni, the

committee put together three possible frameworks and presented them to be voted on by the faculty in 2016. The new framework was approved by the faculty that fall.

In the spring of 2017, Dr. Karen Aubrey, Vice President of Academic Affairs, formed a task force to lead faculty in the implementation of Ethos.

“This program created the two-year Bridge Plan that has enabled the transition,” said Dr. Ernstberger.

Students who began classes at La-Grange College in Fall 2018 are under the Ethos curriculum, while those who started before Fall 2018 will continue with the Core Curriculum. The former curriculum should be phased out by Fall 2020.

Graduates urged to be compassionate

LaGrange Police Chief Lou Dekmar urged the Class of 2019 during this year's commencement ceremony to instill compassion and trust into everything they do.

He said a lack of trust in police institutions was consistent with his experience as police chief in LaGrange.

That truth was brought home a few years ago when one of his captains overheard a comment made by two elderly African American women as they toured the police station. They were looking at a historical photograph of police officers, and one whispered to the other, "They killed our people."

Troubled by those words, Dekmar began looking into the history of the LaGrange Police Department. That was when he learned of the lynching of Austin Callaway in 1940. His research found no record of a police investigation, no evidence that the police had mounted any kind of search for him

"My own failure to understand the



consequences of history and race had for years impaired our police department's ability to build trust in those communities most impacted by crime," he said. "I should have armed myself and our officers with the information – the history – and the tools needed to deal with the frustration, hostility and anger that would confront them in some quarters of our city. But in the words of Martin Luther King, "The time is always right to do right."

"There is no job or field devoted to addressing past harms," he said. "It must be done by people who care, from all walks of life, one community at a time. It requires people who sometimes share little in common ... but are still willing to work together. As different as each may be, they are united by a common purpose – to improve the future of their community."

Dekmar was presented an honorary doctorate during the ceremony.

WALLACE COACHES USA TEAM

Men's basketball Head Coach Kendal Wallace spent part of his summer coaching a Student Athlete World team that represented the United States in the 2019 United World Games, the largest youth tournament in Europe. The event was held in Italy, Austria and Germany in June.

Wallace, who led the U19 USA East squad, was one of seven coaches for the USA teams.

"Student Athlete World is a company that offers athletic-oriented trips overseas for kids ages 13-18," he said. "My responsibilities were to organize and oversee eight student-athletes and their families, approximately 24 people. It was an amazing trip."

This event is very similar to the Olympics, but for young athletes.

"There were countries from all over the world participating in this," Wallace said. "We played teams from Germany, Norway, England, China, Mongolia and Spain. And we even had time to sightsee along the way."





PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Undergraduate research shines on national stage

► KATIE STILL '20 WAS NERVOUS. VERY NERVOUS.

The Political Science major and History minor was preparing for an oral presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in April. Although she had spoken at conferences in Atlanta and Savannah last year, this was her first time on the national stage.

“It was humbling to be included among some of the brightest undergraduate minds in the country,” she says. “But it was also a bit overwhelming.”

Her jitters weren't helped when her professor, Dr. John Tures, introduced her to an old friend from graduate school.

“Dr. Shannon Blanton is the co-author of the textbook I had assigned to Katie, and is also the dean of the University at Alabama-Birmingham Honors College,” says Dr. Tures, Professor of Political Science. “I knew

she'd be interested in Katie's research.”

Dr. Blanton was indeed interested and attended Katie's presentation.

“It was nerve-wracking, to say the least, to be presenting in front of the author who inspired my research,” says Katie. “But she came up to me afterward and gave me some great advice and encouragement. That entire experience has made an indelible impact on my life.”

LaGrange College students were a major presence at the NCUR conference in Atlanta this spring, with more than 30 undergraduates chosen to present their works.

Participants had been invited from all over the country, as well as Canada and Panama.

“We had twice the number of projects accepted for the conference as most other schools in our region,” says Dr. Christi Hu, Associate Professor of Psychology and Coordinator of Undergraduate Research. “I was so pleased with how they represented the college and themselves.”

Why research?

In today's world, many reputable graduate schools require students to do research as undergraduates, says Dr. Hu. It is also a vital tool for students to put their scholarly work to use.

“By the time they are seniors, we have spent three years educating them,” she says. “In their senior year, we want them to put together what they've learned – to take all the abstract or isolated ideas and blend all those areas together. This is how the real world works.”

She tells her students, “There is a reason we taught you statistics. Now you know how to pull together your data and to speak professionally on what you know.”

The unsung heroes of undergraduate research are faculty mentors, according to Dr. Hu.

“They have a real passion for working with their students,” she says. “They do this on top of everything else they are contracted to do as professors at the college.”

In turn, Dr. Tures heaps praise on Dr. Hu.

“The incredible turnout and participation in NCUR did not happen without Christi Hu,” he says. “She really got things organized, encouraged us, set up photos and schedules. It wasn't just that we had a lot of participants, but the quality of the work of students, especially the art and posters, was outstanding.”

Dr. Karen Aubrey, Vice President for Academic Affairs, says she is especially proud of the college's focus on

Katie Still '20, left, and Mimi Loftus '19 were mentored in their undergraduate research by Dr. John Tures, Professor of Political Science.



undergraduate research and its impression on students.

“LaGrange College stands out in the degree of support and the emphasis given to those endeavors,” she says. “Our students successfully engage with projects as much or more than most any other school. It is one of our signature programs that has a lasting effect on student learning and academic engagement.”

Enhanced opportunities

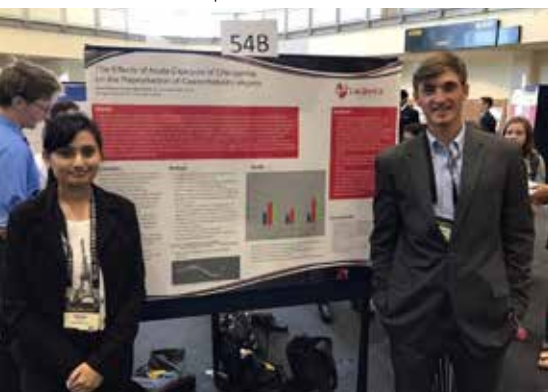
The new Ida Callaway Hudson Lab Sciences Building has been a mecca for young scientists. The facility includes a student research lab that features the latest technologies.

Carson Powell '19 says the labs opened a new world for her in the area of toxicology.

“Not only is the new lab science building a great learning environment, but we have better access to our professors and more contact with other students,” she says. “And the state-of-the-art equipment available to us is amazing.

“When I first came to LaGrange, I knew nothing about undergraduate research,” she says. “But because of what I've learned here, I've been able to

Tania Thakur '19 and Trevor McLemore '20 explored the effects a pesticide has on microscopic worms.



attend and present at state and national toxicology conferences in Georgia and Texas.”

Powell is attending Colorado State University to pursue her master's degree in toxicology.

And last year, the college was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the prestigious Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to fund a unique waterway exploration program.

The Chattahoochee River Research Program will bring together a selection of students from different fields of study. Using kayaks, they will travel down the Chattahoochee River along points from North Georgia to Florida while conducting research, filming a documentary and gathering ecological samples.

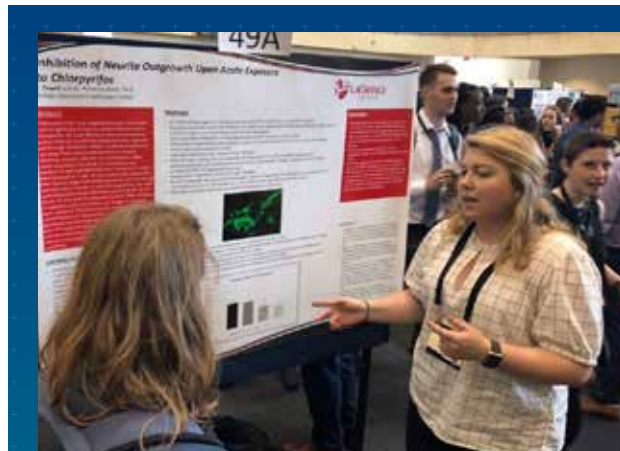
“Several students from each of the academic disciplines are working on undergraduate research projects looking at issues and topics related to the waterway from the perspective of their major,” says Dr. Mark Yates, Associate Professor of Biology and one of the coordinators of the project.

This will include at least four students from Biology, three students from Psychology, a student from History, and two students from Sociology, who will be conducting undergraduate research projects. Four Digital Creative Media and Film students will be working on a documentary about the project.

“The idea is to highlight the interdisciplinary aspect of research,” Dr. Yates says.

Firsthand experiences

Trevor McLemore '20 worked with Dr. Melinda Pomeroy-Black, Associate



Above, Carson Powell '19 explains her research. More than 30 LaGrange undergraduates presented at this year's National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Professor of Biology, on his NCUR project.

“My presentation was on the effects Chlorpyrifos (a pesticide) had on *C. elegans* (a microscopic worm),” he says. “Dr. Pomeroy-Black was a huge help in

guiding and supporting me. She walked me through a lot of the procedures, and taught me how to properly conduct research. She was always willing to help answer any questions and helped with any complications that occurred during my research.”



At top, Mimi Loftus, '19, discusses her research on racism in politics. She also had another project accepted for the conference that featured writer Kurt Vonnegut. Above, Alex Westrick '20 is a double major in English and Art. She created a portrait of Vonnegut based on his early novels.

Trevor also says his professor helped arrange his visit at NCUR, and taught him how to present his research in a formal and professional manner.

“This is not only a great way to get an understanding of your future endeavor,

but a wonderful experience that can help provide further expertise in both written and oral communication skills.”

Mimi Loftus '19 had not one, but two presentations accepted for NCUR this year.

“One was on racism in politics and

the other was on literature, specifically the writings of Kurt Vonnegut,” she says. “I was so lucky to have the support of two professors – Dr. John Tures and Dr. Justin Thurman (Associate Professor of English). They encouraged, challenged and critiqued everything and helped me go that extra mile.”

As Mimi illustrates, not all of the research was in the sciences. Several English students looked at the works of Kurt Vonnegut.

“Alexis Westrick is a junior English and Art double major,” says Dr. Thurman. “For her project on the early novels of Vonnegut, she created a fascinating portrait of the author.”

Kaylee Drake '19, a Theatre Arts major and Literature minor, put her design skills to work.

“Many people don't know that Vonnegut was a playwright and aspired to write for the stage and screen,” says Dr. Thurman. “Kaylee took it upon herself to design costumes for hypothetical stage productions of three of his short stories. She did an amazing job.”



Kaylee Drake '19, Theatre Arts major and Literature minor, discovered author Kurt Vonnegut wanted to be a playwright, so she designed costumes for three of his short stories as if they were going to be used in a play.

Impact

Dr. Blanton with UAB said she thoroughly enjoyed meeting LC students like Katie at this year's NCUR.

“Undergraduate research is an important experience for students, and I commend Katie for her presentation,” she says. “She did a great job of explaining her research, and it was clear that she had learned a lot from the experience of actually formulating a research question and following through with her own analysis.”

Experiential learning achieved through research is essential for preparing for graduate school or a career.

“A student will have more success in life when they are able to think critically and independently perform analytical assessment of some problem or issue,” she says.

Katie couldn't agree more.

“Something like NCUR not only looks great on a résumé, but it also gave me the confidence to strive and be better as a student – to invest more into research and generate new ideas,” she says. “Acceptance and presentation at NCUR validated my reasons for studying and showed me the power of possibility.”



Rain? What rain?

Homecoming fun not dampened by weather

Torrential rain couldn't dampen the spirit of Homecoming 2019.

It rained all day Saturday, making things a bit soggy. However, celebrations continued as alumni and friends gathered under the tents at Reunion Row at Callaway Auditorium.

"I was so happy to see the crowds on Saturday," said Martha Pirkle, Director of Alumni and Community Relations.

"The weather kept some people away, but the mood was celebratory and fun."

Fortunately, Friday's skies were clear for the Tom Duckett Golf Tournament.

"It was a beautiful day," said Mark Davis, Director of Development. "We had 36 teams playing at Highland Country Club, and everyone seemed to be having a great time."

Meanwhile, Friday events included an open house at Suber Archives, alumni awards luncheon hosted by the Board of Trustees (see stories on pages 14 and 15), Presidential 50th reunion for the Class of 1969 and Flashback Friday Party at Overlook Plaza at Wild Leap Brew Co.

"Everyone had such a great time Friday night," said Pirkle. "The food trucks were amazing, and Wild Leap



created Panther Pale Ale, a special beer especially for us. And to top it off, there was a glorious sunset."

Special Homecoming mugs were available for purchase, with portions of the proceeds going to the LaGrange College Fund.

Music throughout the evening was provided by Stoney Dennis, Mr. Terrific (Perrin Alford '86, Peter Alford '85, Rodney Nunis, and Bryant Pippin) and Southside of the Tracks.

Although heavy rain moved in early Saturday, all events went on as

planned. The 5K Fun Run and 1-Mile Walk kicked off festivities at 8 a.m., while Honorary Alumni Awards and Sports Hall of Fame inductees were acknowledged at the Alumni Recognition Breakfast. All the reunion classes in attendance were celebrated.

Following the annual men's alumni basketball game, the fun shifted to the Red and Black Reunion Row. Rain slickers, umbrellas and rain boots were the fashion accessories of the day, but the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. At halftime, junior Lincoln Anderson was named Homecoming Prince and junior Maddie Payne was crowned Homecoming Princess. Seniors Megan Garcia and Dorian Wonnum were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.

The weekend included LaGrange College Theatre's production of the British slapstick comedy "Noises Off" in Price. Sunday's Alumni and LaGrange College Community Memorial Service served as a touching end to the celebrations.





HEARN CELEBRATED AS 'OUTSTANDING'

Katie Hearn '12 of Atlanta was named this year's Outstanding Young Alumnae.

A native of Palmetto, Georgia, she graduated from Arlington Christian School in Fairburn before enrolling at LaGrange College, where she majored in Political Science and minored in English.

In 2015, she was hired by the Atlanta Braves as their first digital service representative, monitoring social media during games, assisting guests with issues and finding ways to make game days memorable for the fans. In 2016, she was named digital coordinator for the Braves.

But in 2017, she was diagnosed with pseudotumor cerebri, a rare disorder that took her sight. However, she underwent vocational and technology training that allowed her to return to her job with the Braves.

She received the Walter Banks Hospitality Award in 2018, an honor given annually to a member of the Braves staff who exemplifies a level of service consistent with longest-standing usher Walter Banks.

Three named honorary alumni

Becky Carter, Tim Taunton and Jerry Wilkinson were named honorary alumni during the annual Homecoming alumni recognition breakfast.

Carter of LaGrange is a graduate of LaGrange High School. She retired from LaGrange College in 2018 after 19 years of service.

At the college, she was a student accounts specialist working closely with families to come up with a plan to pay any balance owed after financial aid was applied to the student's account.

Before that, she worked in Troup County schools for 17 years as a secretary, a Title I teacher's aide at Berta Weathersbee, lead secretary at Hollis Hand Elementary School and bursar at LaGrange Academy.

Taunton of LaGrange earned his bachelor's in ceramics and painting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, participated in graduate studies at Arizona State University and holds a master of fine arts in ceramic sculpture from Louisiana State University.

He is retired professor emeritus in ceramics and sculpture at LaGrange

College, where he taught from 1984 through 2015.

At LaGrange, he received the Candler Professorship Award for 2012-14 and the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award for 2000-2001. In 2000, he was the visiting artist at the World Ceramic Biennial Workshop and Exhibition at the Yeo Joo Institute of Technology in South Korea.

Taunton has led workshops, lectures and demonstrations at local K-12 schools and served as a juror for the Creative Youth Art League. He also coached Little League Baseball in Troup County from 1992-96.

Wilkinson is founder and chairman of The Wilkinson Companies, a real estate advising and property management group. Since 1984, he has directed the operations and growth of the Wilkinson Companies and its subsidiaries, including properties in LaGrange.

He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Duke University and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School at the University of



From left, Becky Carter, Jerry Wilkinson and Tim Taunton

Pennsylvania. He also did postgraduate work at Harvard University. He holds a Certified Commercial Investment Member designation, writes for national publications and is a guest lecturer at various organizations and schools.

He was a member of the college's Board of Trustees from 2015 to 2019. In 2018, his family donated \$1 million to support the college's "From Promise to Prominence Campaign," helping fund what is now known as the Wilkinson Family Servant Scholars Program.

He currently serves on several boards including Apartment Life Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

Exceptional graduates recognized

The Rev. Dan Brown '76, Stuart C. Countess M'92, Dr. David L. Dycus '05 and Dr. Miriam C. Harris '00 were named Shackelford Alumni Achievement Award winners during Homecoming activities.

The honor recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions and in their communities.

Rev. Brown of Roswell is senior pastor at Dunwoody United Methodist Church.



the Rev. Dan Brown '76

He received his bachelor's degree in Social Work from LaGrange College and completed his Master of Divinity degree at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He has done extensive doctoral work at both McCormick Theological Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary.

He has served multiple churches in his career, including past pastoral appointments in the metro Atlanta area and in Augusta. Before coming to DUMC, he was District Superintendent of the Griffin and Atlanta-Roswell UMC Districts.

At the college, he served on the Board of Trustees from 2010-2018, and began a second term in 2019.

Countess of LaGrange is senior vice president and chief operating officer at Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia.

He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's

in Business Administration from LaGrange College.

Countess is a member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, where he serves on the Board of Governors and a member of the State Workforce Development Board.

At the college, he serves on the Leadership Council. He is an elder at First Presbyterian Church, board member of the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce and LaGrange Academy, and on the Board of Councilors for the Carter Center.

Dr. Dycus of Annapolis Junction, Maryland, earned a bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from LaGrange College and a master's degree and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Mississippi State University.

He earned his credentials as a certified canine rehabilitation practitioner through the University of Tennessee. He is an orthopedic staff surgeon at the Veterinary Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Group. He also is the co-founder and co-director of the Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute, an online learning



Stuart C. Countess M'92



Dr. David L. Dycus '05

platform.

He is on the Board of Trustees for the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and is a council member for the Association for Veterinary Orthopedic Research and Education.

Dr. Harris of Washington, D.C., is the assistant chief of procurement compliance service



Dr. Miriam C. Harris '00

(policy) at the U.S. Secret Service in Washington.

She earned a bachelor's in Business Administration/Management with a minor in Sociology from LaGrange, a master's in public administration (general business concentration) from Georgia College & State University and a doctorate in organization and management (general business specialization) from Capella University. She recently completed the Washington Executive Seminar with the Department of Homeland Security chief procurement officer executive development program.

Dr. Harris began her career with the federal government in the Outstanding Scholar Intern Program with the U.S. Air Force in Warner Robins, Georgia, as a contract specialist. In 2016, she launched her own business, Workforce Evolution, designed to inspire and enhance organizational inclusivity through transformational leadership development.



COMING IN SPRING 2020 LaGrange College will debut its two newest athletic teams for spring. The addition of men's lacrosse and beach volleyball gives the school 18 teams. Lacrosse is the fastest growing college team sport in the country according to the NCAA, and LC will now have both men's and women's teams. Brandon Sewell will head the men's lacrosse team. Beach volleyball will be coached by current volleyball coach Madison Machurek. A new venue for the sport will be constructed near the Allen Pavillion on the south end of campus. The NCAA reports beach volleyball has made the fastest transition from an emerging sport to a championship sport in NCAA history.



MEN'S BASKETBALL The Panthers were 17-9 overall during the 2018-19 season. They posted a 13-5 record in the USA South, setting a program record for conference wins. Seniors Jamison McCray, Jalen McCallum and Travis Thompson were named to USA South All-Conference teams. McCallum led all NCAA divisions in blocked shots per game. Thompson, along with seniors Elijah Adedoyin, Jack McCormack and Stephen Wagner were on the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court for academics.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LC finished 13-13, advancing to the USA South Tournament for the sixth-straight year. Senior Marilauren Farr was named to the USA South West Division first team. Farr finished as the program's career leader in rebounds with 729 and fourth with 1,152 career points. Fellow senior Riley Chlupacek was the team's representative on the All-Sportsmanship team.

BASEBALL See story on opposite page.

GOLF Sophomore Sam Rogers was named to the PING South All-Region team during the 2018-19 season. Rogers was joined on the USA South All-Conference second team by fellow sophomore Ben Womack. Freshman Mathias Andersen was an Honorable Men-

Benton wins Scalf Award

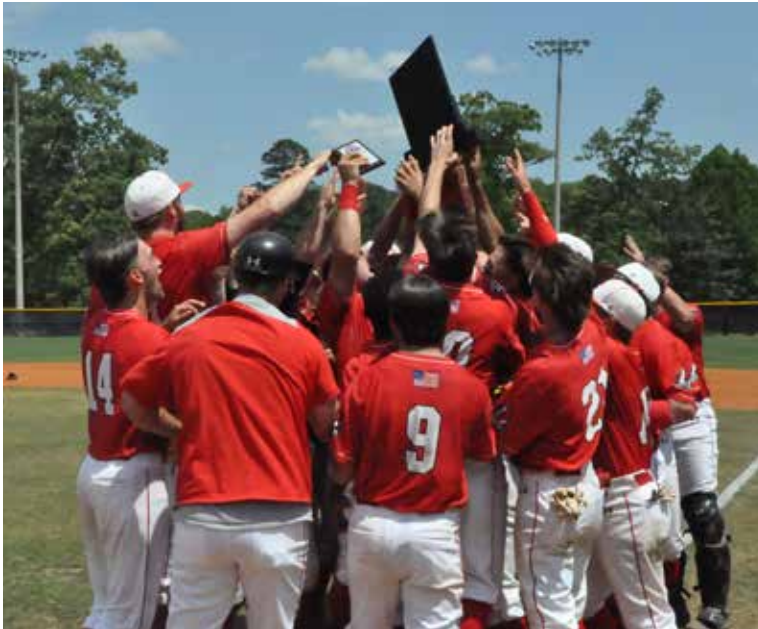
Men's tennis senior John Mitchell Benton has received the USA South Athletic Conference's most prestigious award. The Don Scalf Award honors one male and one female as Student-Athletes of the Year. Benton is the third LC student-athlete to receive the award, joining Logan Lanier (2017) and Cory Howard (2015).



Benton concluded his senior year this spring by receiving the Eagle Award, which is given to the top male and female student-athletes on campus. He was a four-year letterman on the Panther men's tennis team and was a USA South All-Conference first-team selection. Academically, Benton graduated with a 3.73 GPA while majoring in History with a minor in Coaching and Political Science. He was a three-time member of the USA South Academic All-Conference team, a three-time ITA Scholar-Athlete and the 2019 Phi Alpha Theta Sue Kafrouni Student of Year Award winner for highest graduating GPA in the History program.

Benton's campus activities included a three-year term as Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President, three years as a Residential Advisor and three years as Delta Tau Delta Recruitment Chair. He was an LC Circle K Member and LC Healthy Campus Task Force member. Additionally, Benton was a Sponsorship Coordinator for LC Campus Circle, working with young adults with disabilities who are out of high school, attempting to provide them with a collegiate experience. He also spent time with children with disabilities at Discovery Cottage and read to elementary school students.

To be eligible for the Don Scalf Award a student-athlete must be either a junior or senior, have participated in a USA South sport earning at least All-Conference recognition and have a minimum 3.00 GPA. The athletic directors vote for the award winner each spring at the conclusion of all conference schedules.



Baseball takes third-straight championship

The LaGrange College baseball team continued its winning ways in the 2019 season. The Panthers went 32-12, including a 17-5 mark in the USA South. They reached the 30+ wins plateau for a school record fourth-straight season and were ranked No. 25 in the final D3baseball.com Top 25 poll.

The Panthers became the first team to win three consecutive USA South Tournament championships. They swept through the tournament without a loss for a third-straight time, advancing to the NCAA Division III national tournament for the third year in a row. The Panthers would lose to eventual national runner-up Birmingham-Southern in the deciding game of the South Regional.

LaGrange was well represented on the USA South All-Conference teams. Senior Austin Fain was the conference Pitcher of the Year and a first-team selection. Junior designated hitter E.J. Churchich, sophomore outfielder McKinley Erves, freshman outfielder Joe Ruth, junior relief pitcher Spencer Douches and junior pitcher Richie Post joined Fain on the All-Conference teams. Junior catcher Austin McDade is the team's representative on the All-Sportsmanship team.

In addition, Fain was selected to the D3baseball.com All-South Region and ABCA/Rawlings South All-Region teams. Churchich was named to the D3baseball.com All-South Region team, while Ruth was on the ABCA/Rawlings South All-Region team.

The Panthers have won 132 games over the past four seasons and now rank 14th in NCAA Division III in wins over this span.

tion selection. Junior Nathan Garner earned Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America honors and was the team's representative on the All-Sportsmanship team.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE Senior Davida White received LC's Eagle Award, given annually to the outstanding male and female student-athlete. White led the team (1-10) with 49 goals. She set a school record and tied the USA South's record with 12 goals in a single game. Sophomore Sarah Gilbrook was on the USA South All-Conference third team. It was the second-straight year Gilbrook has earned conference honors.

SOFTBALL The Panthers were 16-17 overall and 7-9 in the USA South during the 2019 season. LC advanced to the USA South Tournament for the third time in a row and the sixth time in the past seven seasons. Junior shortstop Taylor Long and sophomore outfielder Brittany Todd were selected to the USA South West Division first team. Senior Sydney Hodorff was the team's representative on the All-Sportsmanship team. During the season, freshman Ansley Brown earned a USA South Rookie Pitcher of the Week award.



MEN'S TENNIS The Panthers went 11-4 during the 2019 season, including a program-best record of 10-2 in USA South play. The team qualified for the USA South Tournament for the second-straight year. Senior John Mitchell Benton received the USA South Athletic Conference's Don Scalf Award (see story on preceding page). He was a USA South All-Conference and West Division first-team selection. Junior Will Thompson and sophomore Kyle Kelley joined Mitchell on the West Division team.

WOMEN'S TENNIS LC was 7-9 overall and 4-4 in USA South play in 2019, advancing to the USA South Tournament for the second time in the past three years. Junior Jenna Eppes was a USA South West Division first-team selection for the second-straight year. As a team, LC earned an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Award for the sixth time in the past seven years. Eppes, sophomore Nicole Phillips and freshmen Callaway Cook, Ansley Moody and Makayla Red were ITA Scholar-Athletes.

Classnotes

GLOBAL IMPACT

When 3D Journeys began a decade ago, no one expected that by now we would have had nearly 5,000 alumni and friends attend lectures by LaGrange faculty—and have hosted travels excursions to such far-flung locales as Morocco, Croatia and Cuba. As we begin this 10th anniversary year, I encourage you to take part in the new lecture series if you can (page 29). If not, take your cue from LC students: Pick your own project to become more of a global citizen.



—MARTHA PIRKLE
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

P.S. Taking an international trip soon? Share a photo of you with us at alumni@lagrange.edu.



Alum Chums 1958: Marjorie Steis Bowling, Pat Quiqley Hagler, Mary Louise Dunagan Smith and Ellen Adams Norris



Maryzell Haskin Roberts '53, niece of Dan Manget (for whom the Manget Building is named), and members of her church from Tallahassee, Florida, visited and planted monkey grass and daylilies to help with erosion runoff and sustainable planting around the Manget Building.



Robert Woods '73, Ken Ackis '72, Wiley Bryant '72, and Bill Mims '71 reunite over lunch.

1960s

1968 The Rev. Dr. Winn Henderson of Sylva, North Carolina, published his 43rd book. The title is "The Definitive Guide to Recognizing and Avoiding Romantic Relationship Scammers & Catfishers." Complimentary copies available at winnhenderson.com

covers the firsthand account of his grandfather's medical unit in World War I. In April 2019, he reprinted and added 100 more accounts of history, along with research, including naval ship's manifest.

1975 Norman Wynne Sr. of LaGrange, and son, Ley Wynne, have been with LaGrange Police Department for more than a decade.

1983 Carol Andrews Fleming of Randleman, North Carolina, has published several books, "Hidden in your heART," "Art in the Kitchen," and "#hiddeninyourheart: A companion art journal."

1983 Ovit B. Foster of Marietta is the pastor of missions and singles at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church.

1983 Wayne Johnson of St. Simons was sworn in as chairman of the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority.

1970s

1970 J. Foreman Heard III of Sanford, Florida, is an examiner for Fidelity National Title.

1970 Thomas P. Nelson Jr. of Roseland, Virginia, authored and published the book "History of 318 Field Hospital." It

1980s

1982 Carol Howington Cain of LaGrange was honored at the eighth annual Art N' Bloom, the spring fundraiser for the LaGrange Art Museum.

1983 Dwayne L. Shattuck of Los Angeles, California, was named executive vice president of production for IVP Studios America. He oversees the production of all scripted television programming for IVP Studios in the U.S Market, and supports ITV Studio America's labels—

* This issue's Classnotes are from information received through November 4, 2019. (Unless otherwise noted, geographic locations refer to Georgia.)

Fox's "Hell's Kitchen," Netflix's "Queer Eye," Bravo's "Real Housewives of New Jersey," History Channel's "Alone," and HGTV's "Fixer Upper."

1984 Margaret D. Thomas of Windsor, Colorado, is the receptionist and building secretary for Weld RE- 4 school district administration office.

1986 Susan Pace Foster of Marietta is a library associate at the Cobb County public library.

1986 Katie Hatcher Best of Pine Mountain is the lead pharmacy technician at Kroger.

1987 Thelma Kathleen Ferry of Fanwood, New Jersey, has joined Columbus State University's College of Education and Health Professions. She will be bringing creative writing and illustrating programs to students in the Muscogee County school district.

1987 Donna Simpson of Bowdon is the lead counselor working for Carroll County Board of Education.

1988 Phillip B. Anglin of Westwego, Louisiana, is office manager of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and secretary to the Excumincal Interfaith Counsel.

1989 Dr. David M. Cason of Grand Fork, North Dakota, is an assistant professor at University of North Dakota.

1989 Timothy David Ellis of Ball Ground is teaching in the theatre and performance studies department at Kennesaw State University.

Martha "Mrs. Doc" Estes HA '13 of Forest City, North Carolina, celebrated her 90th birthday. She received well wishes from former students and friends.



1990s

1990 Kelly Arrington Hanners M'92 of LaGrange was named teacher of the month at Hogansville Elementary. She has been teaching for 29 years.

1991 Deborah Duclos Butler '10 of LaGrange is teaching nursing at LaGrange College.

1992 Stuart C. Countess M'92 of LaGrange is the senior vice president and chief operations officer, overseeing production operations at KIA Motors Manufacturing.

1993 Michele Striplin Bedingfield of LaGrange, director of Harmony House Domestic Violence Shelter, was chosen by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve on the state board for Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

1993 Byron K. Jones of LaGrange is a director on the board for the Georgia Association of School Business Officials.

1993 Betty Parmer Yarbrough of LaGrange is the accounting bookkeeper at Coldwell Banker Spinks Brown Durand Realtors.

1995 Leigh Tibbitts Bailey of LaGrange has been named Hogansville Elementary teacher of the month. She has been teaching for 24 years in Georgia. She also coaches high school volleyball.

1995 Marisa Greenstein of Atlanta is the district operations coordinator for the Southeast division of Vertiv, architects of continuity for digital infrastructure.

1995 Terry Jacobs of Hiram is a senior design manager for Game & Fish magazine. He is in charge of the design, layout and photography, as well as the design of new materials for the magazine's marketing initiatives. He coordinates content and design between the print magazine and digital versions. Among general hunting and fishing magazines, Game & Fish newsstand sales

Tennis courts named in honor of Greer

A LaGrange College alumna praised for her steadfast support and significant influence on athletics received a surprise honor in October with the naming of the Dr. M. Judith Greer Tennis Courts.

The naming was a gift from Greer's niece and nephew, Bill '74 and Becky '73 Manuel, who met at LaGrange College, with Bill Manuel calling it "a special place to us."

Greer started at LaGrange College in 1953, and began doing a work-study in physical education.

"This valuable experience actually became an internship for me as I learned, taught and became as efficient in sports as I could be," she said. "By helping with the intramural teams, play dates, sorority competitions and May Day, and continuing my interest in basketball by starting up a women's basketball team ... I began to see a



future for me in physical education."

Greer said her focus began to gravitate more toward tennis, and it "began to climb higher and higher on my sports-interest scale, almost replacing basketball as my game of choice."

"Most accurately, it can be said my love for tennis began here at LaGrange College," she said.

Greer would go on to take an appointment teaching physical education at Oxford College of Emory University, eventually specializing in directing the tennis programs there. She retired from Oxford in 1996.

WOOD RECOGNIZED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

James "Jim" M. Wood III '78 of Chamblee was honored with the Distinguished Service Alumni Award during this year's commencement ceremony.

He is retired as vice president of AT&T's technical field services Southeast.

He earned his bachelor's in Mathematics from LaGrange College and went on to get a master's in business administration from the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia.

Wood began his career as a systems analyst with Southern Railway, then served as a senior consultant with Anderson Consulting. He went on to work in financial/business planning and market analysis with Coca-Cola USA and Coca-Cola Enterprises. Wood then worked with Georgia-Pacific, where he established the Trade Marketing and Information Technology Strategy functions. He joined AT&T (BellSouth) in 1997 as assistant vice president of information technology strategy.

Although retired, he still serves as an adjunct instructor at Mercer Atlanta and as an executive coach at Emory University's Goizueta School of Business.

At LaGrange, he is a longtime supporter of the college. He served on the Board of Trustees and Leadership Council, and was presented the Walter Malcolm Shackelford Alumni Achievement Award in 2009.



Toshio Obato '79 of Japan returned with his family to LaGrange College for a visit.

2004 Sara Ayres of Atlanta is the lead consultant at Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP.

2004 Grey Bell of Woodstock is a partner with Hancock Askew & Company LLP.

2004 Stephanie Spence Brown of Cypress, Texas, is the vice president of finance and accounting for Comcast.

2004 Carole Ann Clarke Fields of Daphne, Alabama, is the director of talent development with Chick-fil-A for an operator who has multiple locations.

2004 Dr. Carrie Reif-Stice of Fortson completed her first-year as assistant professor at Columbus State University and graduated with a doctorate in communication studies from University of Southern Mississippi, where she won doctoral student of the year for the School of Communication.

2004 Nigel L. Walker M'06, Ed.S'11 of LaGrange completed his doctorate in education in curriculum and leadership from Columbus State University.

are the highest in the United States.

1996 Chris Carminucci of Scottsdale, Arizona, a scout for the Arizona Diamondbacks, received the inaugural Kevin Towers Pro Scouting Award.

1996 Suzanne Holcomb Gillespie of Canton is the director for Kids 'R' Kids.

1996 Osamu Kagawa of Tokyo, Japan, is the manager of Chugai Pharmaceutical Company, Ltd.

1996 Tammy M. McGhee '19 of LaGrange, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

1998 Dr. Antipas L. Harris of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is the president and dean of @jakesdivinity, a new launch by @bishopjakes in January 2020.

1998 Heather Ganas Patrick of Plant City, Florida, is an art teacher at Bryan Elementary.

1999 Jabe and Barbara Bradley Hilson

'01 were featured in the Atlanta Journal Constitution for their courageous journey into starting their own winery, Noble Wine Cellar.

2000s

2000 F.J. Fenn of Newnan is the executive director of Henry County Development Authority.

2000 Cory A. Hawthorne of Pike City, Alabama, is the executive director for the Department of Veteran Affairs Regional Benefits Office in Montgomery, Alabama.

2003 The Rev. Dr. Jessica E. Terrell of Eatonton is the district superintendent for the Rome-Carrollton district of the North Georgia Conference.

2003 Kelly L. Wren of Decatur is the gifted specialist at Decatur High School. She recently retired after 16 years of coaching to focus on her teaching.

Enjoying a Girls Weekend in Cape San Blas are, from left, Carol Kangieser Bryant '72, Joyce Denmark Sanderson '72, Mandy Turner Flowers '72 and Kristy Crenshaw Nix '72. Not pictured are Shearon Wiggins Glover '72 and Peggy Burch Rex '72.





The Rev. David Johnson '73 of Charleston, South Carolina, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro last September.

2010s

2010 Anna K. Brock M'10 of Milledgeville was named as a "20 under 40" honoree in the Milledgeville Scene magazine.

2010 Katie E. Daniel of LaGrange is an assistant athletic trainer at LaGrange College.

2010 Dr. Wesley L. Meares of Augusta received his tenure and promotion at Augusta University.

2010 Dr. Morgan D. Shields of Michigan is the legal counsel and director of Workers for Opportunity at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. She was a guest interviewer on the iHeart radio show "Michigan's Big Show," starring Michael Shiels.

2011 Chris Daniel M'12 of Jefferson is teaching at South Jackson Elementary in the Jackson County School System.

2011 John Carleton Hurd Ed.S'11 of LaGrange has joined Heard County High School as the band director.

2011 Brandon L. Maddox of San Ramon, California, is the senior executive for AML Limited Architectural Materials Lab.

2011 Jessica Reed Mobley M'11 of LaGrange is one of three finalist for teacher of the year for 2019. She has been teaching for 11 years.

2011 The Rev. Kaylen Thomas Short of Pine Mountain was ordained by the North Georgia Conference at the North Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference. He pastors at Pine Mountain First United Methodist Church.

2011 Amber Kelley Spratlin of LaGrange is the Electronic Resource Librarian at Frank and Laura Lewis Library at LaGrange College.

2011 Cameron X. Williams M'13 of Owensboro, Kentucky, is the head mens soccer coach for Brescia University.

2012 Katie Hearn of Atlanta is a digital accessible services coordinator for the Atlanta Braves. She was featured on the NBC "Today" show along with her service dog, Jack, discussing how she returned to her dream job after losing her sight to pseudotumor cerebri.

2012 Elissa Marks of Lawrenceville is the reading specialist teacher at Gwinnett County Public Schools.

2013 Jillian Lane Andrew M'13 of Newnan is the principal of Brook Elementary.

2013 Karley Hicks Huddleston M'13, Ed.S'18



Enjoying Panther Treks in Italy are, from left, Randall Allen '73; Kathy Rimmer Hagler '94; Cathy Martin; Kim Zipperer; Mary Long; Jennifer Miller Allgood '95; Cynthia Iverson; Ron Hunt M'08, Ed.S'11; Cathy Wright Hunt '81; and Dr. Joe Cafaro.

of LaGrange is employed as a teacher at Troup High School.

2013 Trevor Lane of LaGrange is the Assistant Director of the LaGrange College Fund.

2013 Lindsey Hull Perkins of LaGrange received her master's in nursing education and family nurse practitioner from Georgia Southwestern State University.

2013 Shantiviria C. Wilkinson M'15, Ed.S'19 of LaGrange is a teacher in the Troup County School System.

2014 Nate L. Crawford M'17 of LaGrange is the project manager for DASH, LLC.

2014 Katie Jones Massey M'14 of LaGrange was crowned queen of the mask in recognition of raising the most money for Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services at their annual King and Queen of the Mask fundraiser.

2014 Malorie Anne Stockwell M'14 of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, is the English language arts teacher at Hertsford Public Schools.

Members of the Class of 1984 and friends gathered at Beacon Brewery during Homecoming. They are, from left, Lisa Bonner Tunstall '84, Denise Roberts Wilson '84, Mark E Grantham '84, Betsy Langford Parker '84, Mike Wilson '84, Melody Ann Jackson '84, Dolores Gargus '83 and Kay Camacho Jones '84.



2005 Brent Gay of LaGrange, a certified registered nurse anesthetist from Southern Crescent Nurse Anesthesia in Newnan, addressed the graduating nursing students at the LaGrange College Department of Nursing 2019 Pinning Celebration.

2005 Jason D. Graham of LaGrange is the principal at Hollis Hand Elementary.

2005 Charles M. Wright of LaGrange, a certified registered nurse anesthetist from Southern Crescent Nurse Anesthesia in Newnan, addressed the graduating nursing students at the LaGrange College Department of Nursing 2019 Pinning Celebration.

2006 The Rev. Blair Tolbert of Carrollton is the lead pastor at Shiloh United Methodist Church.

2007 Stuart A. Miller M'08 of Auburn, Alabama, is the academic insight coordinator within the office of academic assessment at Auburn University.

2007 The Rev. Julia Mercer Norman of Macon is the minister of families and children at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

2007 Ben Podbielski of Birmingham, Alabama, was one of 90 people from 31 countries to graduate from MIT's bootcamp on technology and innovation in Tokyo, Japan.

2009 David "Swagg R'Celious" Harris of Medford, Connecticut, teaches music at Berklee School of Music. He is also executive producer and co-writer for Grammy Award-winning artist H.E.R. Harris was nominated for four 2020 Grammy awards.

2009 Krystle Jacks Miller of LaGrange is an operating room nurse at WellStar West Georgia.



Jillian Andrew M'13 was awarded the Outstanding Master's in Education award by LaGrange College Education Department. Pictured with her are Drs. Don and Sharon Livingston.

2015 Jalen J. Butler of Savannah is the assistant basketball coach of the Columbus State University mens basketball team.

2015 Sydney Dorsey of Acworth has been accepted into Army Officer Candidate School.

2015 Dr. Amber Holmes of Richmond, Kentucky, is a lecturer at the University of Kentucky.

2015 Angela M. Hutchins of Newnan celebrated the release of her EP, "Light."

2015 Jared Lovin of LaGrange has graduated from Georgia Tech with a Master of Science degree in Computer Science.

2015 Kelly Moates of Nicholson is executive director of Jackson County Habitat for Humanity.

2015 Lindsey Cole Robinson of LaGrange is working with Aspinwall Chiropractic Clinic. She graduated with her doctor of chiropractic degree from Life University.

2016 Drusilla Gibbs of Sandy Springs is an assistant veterinarian technician.

Hailey Housley, Deborah Autry '84, April Reyes and Jessica Trimble were inducted into Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Society for Educators Alpha Lambda Chapter in Calhoun, Georgia.



2016 Allison Coats Hunn M'19 of Sheridan, Wyoming, is the special events coordinator with Volunteers of America Northern Rockies.

2016 Alan D. Hunn M'19 of Sheridan, Wyoming, is a grant specialist with Volunteers of America Northern Rockies.

2016 Linda Jackson M'19 of LaGrange is a case manager at Pathways.

2016 Kristina B. Loncke of Hampton is enrolled in the School of Veterinary Medicine at St. George's University in Grenada.

2016 Christopher J. Luppens Jr. M'16, Ed.S'19 of Newnan is a teacher in the Coweta County School System.

2016 Anna Howington McNamee M'18 of LaGrange is a teacher in the Troup County School System.

2016 Shelby A. Stephen M'18 of LaGrange is a teacher in the Meriwether County School System.

2017 Anna Morman Andrews M'18 of LaGrange is a teacher and volleyball coach at Troup High School.

2017 Emily S. Arnold M'18 of Gulf Breeze, Florida, is a teacher at Holley Navarre Intermediate School and a volleyball coach at Gulf Breeze High School.

2017 Hank Barnes of Franklin has been accepted into Auburn University's Doctoral Chemistry Program, beginning Spring 2019.

2017 Meagan E. Cascone of Manchester is the executive director of President Theater.

2017 Kristi Lee Lanave M'17, Ed.S'18 of Moreland is employed as a teacher at East Coweta High School in Sharpsburg.

2018 Lauren McGlon Brening M'18 of Manchester is a teacher in the Troup County School System.

2018 Edgar Hernandez M'18 of Monterrey, Mexico, is a Spanish instructor through the Laurens Program at LaGrange College.

2018 Rebecca J. Key Ed.S '18 of Newnan is a teacher.

2018 Alana Brazell King of LaGrange is a relationship banker with Synovus Bank.

2018 Yolanda L. Lowe M'18 of Newnan is a teacher at West Georgia RESA.

2018 Petra M. Pollard Ed.S'18 of LaGrange is a teacher at Franklin Forest Elementary School.

2018 Santrice M. Robinson M'18 of

LaGrange is a teacher with Troup County School System.

2018 Jalen Smith of LaGrange is the chorus director at LaGrange High School.

2018 Stephanie N. Thomas M'18 of Columbus is a middle school teacher.

2018 Lindsay Harris Trinrud M'18 of LaGrange is a teacher in the Troup County School System.

2018 Bonny K. Woods of Savannah is a marketing associate for JOY Marketing in Richmond Hill.

2018 Michell A. Wright of LaGrange is a global lab manager for Interface Flooring.

2019 Elijah Adedoyin of Orlando, Florida, is a medical scribe at Piedmont Hospital in Newnan.

2019 Erin Brooke Addison of Hogansville is a manager at Stephens Exclusives in LaGrange.

2019 Robert L. Allen Jr. of Fort Valley is a teacher with the Peace Corps in the Republic of Moldova.

2019 Cory A. Aycok of Smyrna is a guest service manager at Hotel Indigo in Atlanta.

2019 Tyler Z. Baars of Moreland will continue his education.

2019 John Mitchell Benton of Cornelia is pursuing a master's of education degree in higher education administration at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

2019 Mary Grace Boyd of Columbus is doing a retail and merchandising internship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

2019 Ellie Boykin of Mobile, Alabama, worked with the Boy Scouts of America in New Mexico last summer and is pursuing a master of fine arts degree in

Dr. Rohit K. Avula '12 of LaGrange and his father, Dr. Jaiwant Avula, were both celebrated by Wellstar West Georgia for National CRNA week, Rohit as a certified registered nurse anesthetist and Dr. Avula for completing his 20th year as an anesthesiologist.





David M'14 and Jamie Thomas McGreal M'14 with their children, Carter and Riley

theatre performance at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

2019 Elijah M. Brague of Woodstock is a manager at Buffalo's Southwest Cafe.

2019 Benjamin L. Bram of Carrollton is a registered nurse at Tanner HealthSystems.

2019 Anna M. Britt of LaGrange is a sales professional at the University of Georgia's Georgia Center in Athens.

2019 Maia J. Britton of Roopville is employed in the customer service field in Columbus, Georgia.

2019 Austin W. Brown of Loganville is a staff accountant in Gainesville, Georgia.

2019 Juwan K. Brown of Orange Park, Florida, is an accountant at Behar, Reid, Melton & Brown certified public accounting firm in Columbus, Georgia.

2019 Sarah C. Brown of Hogansville has joined the education department of First Baptist Church of Tahoe in Tahoe City, California.

2019 Christy Bryant of Dallas is a registered nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

2019 Juanita Poole Chelcy of LaGrange, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered nurse

Dr. Vicki Pheil M'00 of LaGrange has been named vice-president of the board of directors for the Georgia Field Directors Association. She has been a member for 11 years, serving as secretary for nine of those years. She will serve in this role for two years, before transitioning into the role of president.



at WellStar West Georgia and plans to continue her education.

2019 Riley G. Chlupacek of Tiger plans to continue her education.

2019 Wendrich S. Clemonts of Greenville, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered charge nurse at WellStar West Georgia Twin Fountains Home.

2019 Keaton W. Coates of Dahlonega plans to continue his education.

2019 Rodnelle T. Clay M'19 of Albany is a soccer coach at Columbus High School. In addition, he plans to complete his personal training certificate.

2019 Melissa D. Cole of Valley, Alabama, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Brandon S. Collins of Hampton will continue his education.

2019 Phyllis Y. Cone Ed.S'18 of Carrollton is a teacher with Coweta County schools.

2019 Ashlynn P. Croft of LaGrange is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Celeste L. Crowe of McDonough is a self-employed contractor.

2019 Bianey G. Diaz of Griffin plans to continue her education.

2019 Sarah Dismukes of Pike Road, Alabama, will pursue a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

2019 Serah E. Dixon of West Point is a office manager and sales representative for Xpctit in LaGrange.

2019 Danielle A. Doverspike of Jonesboro is a teacher in Ahuachapan, El Salvador.

2019 Kaylee M. Drake of Carrollton is a costume designer/ wardrobe supervisor for Norwegian Cruise Line based in Tampa, Florida.

2019 Kara E. Estell of Suwannee is a nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

2019 Ashlynn Eubanks of Fayetteville is an arts and entertainment teacher in Atlanta.

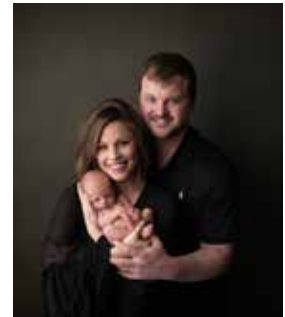
2019 Marilaura Farr of Dawson is a kindergarten teacher at Terrell Academy in Dawsonville.

2019 Alexandra Flippen of Luthersville plans to continue her education.

2019 Haley R. Flora of Fayetteville is a registered nurse at Piedmont Hospital in Fayetteville.

2019 Madison B. Fountain of Dacula works with Troup County schools as a seventh-

Alex K. Sapp '10, his wife, Brooke, and son, Cason



grade teacher at Gardner Newman Middle School.

2019 Michelle P. Freeman Ed.S'19 of Newnan is a teacher in the Coweta County School System.

2019 Sarah E. Gage of Taylorsville will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Kennesaw State University.

2019 John W. Gallagher of Nashville, Tennessee, plans to pursue a Master of Science degree in Strength and Conditioning at LaGrange College.

2019 Timothy J. Garnett of Savannah is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Alaina C. Germain of Douglasville, Georgia, is a member of the stage crew at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah.

2019 Callie R. Gibson of Hogansville is a registered nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

2019 John Dale Giefing of Columbus has been accepted into Candler Seminary at Emory. He is a pastor in charge appointed by the North Georgia Conference to the Caney Head Circuit in Roopville.

2019 Seth T. Golden of Valdosta presented his paper "At-Large Elections and the Under-Representation of Minorities in Local Government" at the Mercer

Elizabeth Story North '07 and her husband, John, visit Chefchaouen, a city in Morocco.





Ian '99 and wife, Cynthia Niknejad Welch '02, with daughter, Rahne.

Law Review School Symposium, "Contemporary Issues in Election Law." He was the only law student presenting while the rest were professors brought in from abroad and across the country, along with a former congressman. He is pursuing a juris doctorate degree.

2019 Lindsey Farrell Gore Ed.S'19 of Sharpsburg is a teacher with Coweta County schools in Newnan.

2019 Lauren H. Grace of LaGrange is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.



Janessa Millegan Sikora '14 of Dallas, Georgia, is a flight nurse at Hawaii Life Flight.

2019 Eli H. Grant of Hartwell is a properties master with the Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, Tennessee.

2019 Daniel A. Graves of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, is a physical therapy aide.

2019 Melanie A. Green of LaGrange is self-employed and plans to pursue a Master of Business Administration degree.

2019 Brian M. Gutherie M'19 of LaGrange plans to pursue a doctorate in strength and conditioning at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

2019 Nikkola M. Guzzi of Roswell is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 James T. Hale of Franklin will compete semi-professionally in archery tournaments.

2019 Hayley B. Hall of McDonough has

accepted an internship at Resurgens Orthopedics.

2019 Kelly J. Hall of Huntersville, North Carolina, is a lead team member with Pinnacle, Inc.

2019 Lexi S. Hall of Gatesville, Texas, is a medical scribe at Coryelle Memorial Hospital.

2019 Leigh Anne Hamlin of Fitzgerald performed as siren/singer during late summer/early fall at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Festival in Manheim, Pennsylvania.

2019 Carolyn A. Harkness of Jackson will pursue a master's degree in Strength and Conditioning at LaGrange College.

2019 Maegan A. Harrison of Bainbridge will pursue a Master's of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at LaGrange College.

2019 Christy Meacham Harry of LaGrange, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Daniel T. Haskell of Mobile, Alabama, will pursue a master's in accountancy at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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2019 Robert L. Heaberlin III, Ed.S'19 of Senoia is an assistant principal with Coweta County schools in Sharpsburg, Georgia.

2019 Sarah V. Hearn of Palmetto is a teacher in Newnan.

2019 Andrea L. Heflin of LaGrange is a graphic/web designer at Omni Advertising in Newnan.

2019 Richard L. Hendricks Jr. M'19 of Duluth is head strength and conditioning coach at Mount Pisgah Christian School in John's Creek, Georgia.

2019 Sarah R. Hersey of LaGrange, a RN-BSN graduate, is a cancer navigator at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Jacob T. Hester of LaGrange is a sales analyst at Southwire in Carrollton.

2019 Tishana S. Hines M'19 of LaGrange is a middle school teacher with Troup County schools.

2019 Sydney Hodorff of Taylorsville is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Strength and Conditioning at LaGrange College.

2019 Scott L. Hoffman of Alpharetta is a consumer engagement coordinator at Mountain Khakis in Atlanta.

2019 Rhett B. Hollon of Prattville, Alabama, is a sales associate with Senior Select in Atlanta.

2019 Kelton D. Hunt of Temple is a marketing assistant at the First and Goal Events and plans to continue his education.

2019 Kelly R. Jackson M'19 of Madison, Tennessee, is an executive director at a private family foundation in Nashville.

2019 Jaelynn W. James of Ricboro is a registered nurse at Piedmont Hospital.

2019 Austin B. Jones of Oxford plans to continue his education in sports management.

2019 Jonathon W. Jones of Griffin is an emergency room chief scribe at Piedmont Hospital.

2019 Hannah M. Kadel of Douglasville will pursue a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at LaGrange College.

2019 Michael J. Keel of Tallahassee plans to continue her education.

2019 Blake B. Konans of Box Springs plans to continue his education.

2019 Andrew P. Lewiski of Jacksonville,

Alabama, is an insurance salesman in LaGrange.

2019 Rachell R. Lovett of Newnan is a neonatal intensive care unit registered nurse at NorthCrest Medical Center in Springfield, Tennessee.

2019 Thomas C. Liney of Marietta is pursuing a master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at LaGrange College.

2019 Katelyn R. Little of Monroe is a registered nurse in the bone marrow transplant unit of Northside Hospital.

2019 Mary E. Loftus of Powell, Ohio, is pursuing a juris doctorate at Mercer

University in Macon, Georgia.

2019 Karen B. Loncke of Hampton is a consultant with Bridges & Associates in Atlanta, Georgia.

2019 C.J. Lord of LaGrange is a youth minister at St. James United Methodist Church and has been accepted into Candler Seminary at Emory.

2019 Leanna M. Luke of LaGrange is a registered nurse at Navicent Health in Macon.

2019 Jonathan C. Mann of Columbus is employed at Midtown Medical in Atlanta.

Two named to Sports Hall of Fame

Softball players Kim Woodard '07 and Amanda Daniel '08 were inducted into the LaGrange College Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities.

Woodard was the Great South Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 2007 and Freshman of the Year in 2004.

She was a four-time GSAC All-Conference selection, a two-time USCAA All-American and on the All-Atlantic Region teams three times.

Woodard graduated from LC with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a master's in Education in 2010. She was the softball graduate assistant coach for two years before becoming the Maryville College head coach for four years.

She serves as the special education self-contained ABA teacher at Martin Elementary School in Hall County (Georgia) and head junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach for softball at Cherokee Bluff High School.

Daniel was a three-year letterman as a pitcher, and was a three-time



Great South Athletic Conference All-Conference selection and on the GSAC All-Freshman team.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry and earned a master's in physician assistant studies from Medical College of Georgia in 2011. Daniel is employed as a physician assistant with the Athens Orthopedic Clinic in Athens, Georgia.

She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Physician Assistants in Orthopedic Surgery and the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants. Daniel has been a lecturer at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and had an article, "Managing the Aftermath of Prostate Cancer," published in the March 2011 issue of Clinical Advisor.

DEAL RECEIVES HENRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Caitlyn Deal was presented the 2019 Waights G. Henry Jr. Leadership Award during this year's Honors Day, earning a spot as a speaker at commencement ceremonies in May.

The award is the most prestigious honor given to a student by LaGrange College, and is based on scholarship, service and leadership.

Deal received a degree in Nonprofit Leadership with minors in Poverty Studies, Religion and Servant Leadership.



2019 Megan E. Marsho of John's Creek is employed at Beacon Brewery in LaGrange.

2019 Alivia C. Maxwell of LaGrange is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Jamison L. McCray of Ozark, Alabama, plans to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Teaching at LaGrange College.

2019 Jessica M. Morgan of LaGrange is an assistant librarian at the LaGrange Memorial Library.

2019 Hayley K. Morris of LaGrange is an Intensive Care Unit nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Justin L. Mosley of Carrollton is a senior telecommunications technician for The Southern Company in Atlanta.

2019 Ana-Sarai B. Mosqueda of Hogansville is a registered nurse at Newnan Piedmont Hospital.

2019 LeeAnn Mullis of LaGrange, a RN-BSN

graduate, is a clinical manager at Fresenius Kidney Care in Bremen.

2019 Elizabeth M. Nelson of LaGrange, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Caitlin M. Newell of Franklin is a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus.

2019 Jacob B. Odom of Arlington is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Brenau University.

2019 Hayley E. Olive of LaGrange is a nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 David R. Owens of Hawkinsville is an elementary school teacher at Pulaski Elementary.

2019 Sydney L. Parmer of LaGrange has moved to Honolulu, Hawaii.

2019 Carson L. Powell of McDonough is pursuing Master of Science in Toxicology

degree at Colorado State University.

2019 Thomas K. Prater of LaGrange has been accepted to the Master of Letters and Master of Fine Arts Shakespeare Studies program at Mary Baldwin University.

2019 Trinton K. Prater of LaGrange has been accepted at the University of Iowa and plans to pursue a master's degree in composition and music theory.

2019 Mallory M. Pressley of LaGrange is an endoscopy nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Breanna E. Pritchett of Ellijay is in human resources in Nashville, Tennessee.

2019 Daniel J. Provence II of Bainbridge is a marketing coordinator at Interface.

2019 Robert L. Randolph of Daphne, Alabama, will pursue a Master of Science degree in Strength and Conditioning at LaGrange College.

2019 Yuliana Sanchez Ramirez of LaGrange is a Pre-K teacher position at West Point Elementary.

2019 John E. Rivas M'19 of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a relationship manager at Family Stewardship Center.

2019 Ryan M. Ross of Tifton will pursue a Master of Science degree in Strength and Conditioning at LaGrange College.

2019 Molly A. Rowell M'19 of LaGrange plans to continue her education.

2019 Melissa L. Rowland of LaGrange is a registered nurse at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton.

2019 Lauren M. Sanders of Peachtree City is a kindergarten teacher at Carrollton Elementary.

2019 Austin R. Sapp of Butler plans to continue his education.

2019 Charles B. Shealy of Cordele is a teacher for Troup County School System.

2019 Jennifer L. Sholund M'19 of Hoover, Alabama, is a senior director of Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama.

2019 Jonathan C. Slade of McDonough plans to continue his education and will intern as an engineering consultant at J&A Engineering in Marietta.

2019 Nicole M. Spafford of LaGrange is an advocacy coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

2019 Celeste Spates of Hogansville has been accepted into the Master of Arts program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at LaGrange College.

3D Journeys travelers to Morocco enjoyed a memorable late-afternoon camel ride up the dunes of the Sahara Desert. Hosted by President Dan McAlexander and First Lady Celeste Myall, this ninth 3D Journeys travel experience allowed the LaGrange group to explore the culturally rich country of Morocco, where centuries of African and European influences have transformed ancient civilizations.





Kirk Slay '14 a former Servant Scholar was named teacher of the year at Franklin Forest Elementary School. Pictured with him are his parents, Dr. Jack Slay, Professor of English, and Lori Kirk Slay '09, and his wife, Emily.

2019 Jasmine W. St. Louis of Pine Mountain is a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus.

2019 Paula Gibbs Tant of Bowden is a registered nurse at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton.

2019 Dustin L. Tardy of Milner plans to continue his education.

2019 Tracey L. Tenney M'19 of Valley, Alabama, is a counselor at Counseling Services, Inc. in LaGrange.

2019 Tania Thakur of LaGrange plans to continue her education at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pennsylvania.

2019 Regina S. Thompson of McDonough is a nurse at Piedmont Henry.



Charlene Baxter, Director of Lewis Library, was applauded during her retirement reception from the college, where she had worked since 1976. Friends and coworkers praised Baxter for her professionalism, her kindness and her spirit. "There is a certain type of gentlewoman the South used to produce," said Dr. David Ahearn, Professor of Religion. "Charlene embodies that Southern graciousness."

2019 Will Wooten Jr. of LaGrange plans to continue his education.

2019 Evelyn P. Willmon of LaGrange is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Travis J. Thompson of Austell is a financial analyst at Havas Sports and Entertainment in Atlanta.

2019 Jilla Tombar M'19 of New Orleans, Louisiana, is a strategic partnership officer at Greater New Orleans Foundation.

2019 Shykell K. Toolsie of LaGrange is self-employed as a tutor and owner at Savings Kids Today.

2019 Nadia N. Townsend of LaGrange is a Waffle House manager.

2019 Lindsey Taylor Turner of Woodbury is a registered nurse at Piedmont Newnan Hospital.

2019 Emma L. Voss of Alpharetta plans to continue her education.

2019 Stephen P. Wagner of Cape Coral, Florida, plans to continue his education.

2019 Jennifer A. Walker of LaGrange, a RN-BSN graduate, is a registered nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Megan E. Wallace of Roanoke, Alabama, is a labor and delivery nurse at WellStar West Georgia.

2019 Andrew M. Washington Ed.S'19 of



Dr. Celia Hay, Professor and Chair of the Nursing Department, was recognized at a retirement reception this spring. President Dan McAlexander noted that Dr. Hay had touched the lives of more than 500 nurses during her 23 years at the college. Her areas of expertise included Leadership and Nursing History. She became the department chair in 2005, and has been a site visitor for the Accreditation Commission in Nursing Education.

Sharpsburg is a teacher in the Coweta County School System.

2019 Davida K. White of Snellville plans to continue her education.

2019 Brennen S. Wilkes of Blairsville is employed at Great Wolf Lodge.

Births

To Dan Waller '92 and his wife, Shanna, a son, Tucker Alan, on January 20, 2019

To Toby '97 and Nylsa Dunbar Smallwood '00, a daughter, River Sienna, on May 30, 2019

To Joe Bell '99 and his wife, Blair, a son, Noah Alexander, on May 20, 2019

To Jason Sherrer M'07, Ed.S'13 and his wife, Jenna, a daughter, Hayden Edward, on September 23, 2019

DR. EVELYN BARFIELD JORDAN

Dr. Evelyn Barfield Jordan, Professor Emeriti, died Dec. 4, 2018.



She was perhaps best known as co-founder of the Azalea Storytelling Festival with Joyce Morgan and the late Pat Gay. The event is held every March on campus.

Dr. Jordan earned degrees at Middle Georgia College, University of Georgia and Auburn University. She began teaching at LaGrange College in 1977 and retired in 2001.

She spent many years as a volunteer with American Cancer Society, Child Abuse Council, Lafayette Society for Performing Arts and the regional library. She also served as president of the LaGrange Women's Club. In 2013 she received the Chamber of Commerce Visionary Award.



Lauren Gledhill '12 wed Curtis Gann on Jan. 27, 2019.



Lucinda M. Person '03 and Jeffrey G. Muncy were married on July 20, 2019.



The Rev. Dr. Alex Harris '02 and his wife, Emily, celebrate their wedding on Dec. 30, 2018.

To Grant Miller '07 and his wife, Kacie, a daughter, Madison Blake, on March 30, 2019

To Brandi Shelnutt Turner M'07 and her husband, Brad, a son, Judson Wade, on August 14, 2019

To Kojo A. Cole-Kesse '08 and his wife, Aimee, a son, Cayman, on July 28, 2019

To Andrew '09 and Adrianna Brown Cantrell '08, a daughter, Charlotte Grace, on July 17, 2019

To Joshua Michael '10 and Joanna Clara Barrett Britt '11, a daughter, Evelyn Faye, on December 1, 2018

To Nick '10 and Joy Kafrouni Langley '07, a son, Oliver Flux, on January 25, 2019

To Alex K. Sapp '10 and his wife, Brooke, a son, Cason, on February 18, 2019

To Stephen L. Spivey Jr. '11 and his wife, Nicole, a daughter, Waverly, on August 28, 2019

To Glenn L. Gantner '11 and his wife, April, a son, Luca Silas, on January 16, 2019

To Chelsea Herring Titus '11 and her husband, Kyle, a son, Greyson, on September 9, 2019

To Kristen Woodard Oliver '11 and her husband, John, a daughter, Hazel Clark, on June 2019

To Kayla Paige Potts '13 and her husband, Ryan, a daughter, Riley Paige, on September 29, 2019

To Karley Hicks Huddleston M'13, Ed.S'18 and her husband, Bryan, a son, Brayson, in July 2019

To Josiah Sweet '13 and his wife, Kelly, a son, Paxton Roman Lee, on October 18, 2019

To Matthew Alan Hokanson '13 and his wife, Megan, a son, Nathan Levi, on May 8, 2019

To Joshua '15 and Hanna Patterson Ham

'13, a son, Dawson Tucker, on October 1, 2019

To Heather D. Miller '13, M'18 and her husband, Mikal McDaniels, a daughter, Lia Danae, November 1, 2019

To James '14 and Kelsey Ellison Prince '13, a son, James Uriah Prince III, on July 10, 2018

To Kirk Slay '14 and his wife, Emily, a son, Jack Matthew, on June 27, 2019

To Nate Crawford '14, M'17 and his wife, Allie, a daughter, Margo Ann, on February 24, 2019

To Abigail Martin Paige '14 and her husband, Brent, a daughter, Everley Davis, on February 16, 2019

To Wendell Clark M'17 and his wife, Sarah, a daughter, Harper Edith, on June 18, 2019

To Nina Mari Wyman '18 and Jack Bradford, a son, Robert Rushin, on August 26, 2019

Engagements

Phillip J. Tuck '12 and Alexis R. Marshall on October 13, 2019

Katie Leigh Anderson '14, M'17 to Zach Kent on August 4, 2019

Emily Faith Wiker '17 to Brandon Butts on August 4, 2019

Cheyenne St. Germaine '18 to Colley Pitts; wedding to be January 2020

Weddings

Julianne Murphy Fore '82 to Mark Huckstep on June 2, 2019

Dr. Joseph Barney '96 to Erin Benit on May 28, 2019

Blake Bennett Vaughn '05 to Lia Catherine Conrade on July 27, 2019

Elizabeth Ruth Story '07 to John North on March 30, 2019

Eric John Keels Ph.D '10 to Eliza Garrity Kelly on April 3, 2016

Amy Elizabeth Peek '13 to Lynch Major on March 24, 2019

John Lee Richter Jr. '13 to Kelsea Meacham '17 on August 2019

Elizabeth Megan Wing '13 to Henry Elwood on June 15, 2019

Katherine Kaydee Daniel '14 to Jarrett Garrett on November 3, 2018

Audrey Elizabeth Fortmann '14 to Matt Hardy on November 30, 2018

M. Kelly Moates '15 to Hana Moates on September 2018

DR. BROOKS SHELHORSE '67

Dr. Brooks Shelhorse '67, a longtime mathematics and computer science professor at LaGrange College, passed away Oct. 28, 2019, at Columbus Hospice.



A native of Columbus, he earned degrees from LaGrange College, Louisiana State University, Washington State, University of Evansville and Georgia State. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Dr. Shelhorse retired in 2014, after serving 43 years in the classroom.

Cara Lynn Thornton '15 to Zach Freeman on May 25, 2019

William Daniel Cofield '16 to Hannah Lewis on September 29, 2018

Alexis Dillard '16 to Stephen Coehlo '18 on December 8, 2018.

Justin Slay '16 to Carmen Brooke Findley '16, M'17 on December 30, 2018

Will Scruggs '16 to Amber Brianne Holmes '15 on October 19, 2019

Audrey Kate Chancellor '17 to Ryan Butz on December 27, 2018

Abbie Elizabeth Kennedy '18 to Hunter Milliman on June 1, 2019

Nina Mari Wyman '18 to Jack Bradford on April 21, 2019

In Memoriam

Mrs. Virginia Purgason Cloud '42
Mrs. Gwinell Lipps Swanson '42
Mrs. Mary Wells Allen '43
Mrs. Elizabeth Hallman Hopkins '43

Mrs. Mary Alice Rutland Brown '44
Mrs. Betty Griffin Tanner '45
Mrs. Edna Brannan Herrington '46
Mrs. Thelma Baumgardner Dunford Pagans '46
Mrs. Mary Louise Wise Campbell '46
Mrs. Mary Martin Harris '46, M'81
Mrs. Lillian Hill Knight '48
Mrs. Bettye Cox Reardon '49
Mrs. Juanita George Brightwell '49
Mrs. Audrey Rossey Halley '50
Mrs. Josie Smith Rangler '53
Mrs. Frankie Cole Blankenship '55
Mr. David Harris Smith '56
Mr. James Clay Bailey Jr. '56 MSGT, USAF
Mrs. Mary Campbell McLendon '58
Mrs. Betty Croom Bowen '59
Mrs. Dorothy Heath Jones '60
Mrs. Aurelia Jones Huguley '60
Mrs. Marian Chapman Seals '60
Mr. Larry W. Johnson '61
Mrs. Anne Mathews Cook '61
Mr. Jere Puckett Mitchell '63
Dr. Kenneth C. Eason '65

Mrs. Nancy Curtis Hamby Brown '66
Mrs. Beverly Castleberry Winsness '67
Mr. Carl Michael Duncan '67
Mrs. Athelia DeLay Richardson '70
Mr. Gary L. Massey '71
Mr. John M. Rodgers '72
Mrs. Karen Nicholson Hanes '72
Mrs. Sandra Davis Moncus '73, M'82
Mr. Benjamin Rosser Freeman IV '74
Mr. Michael Durand Fuller '77
Mr. Russell Webster Fackler '77
Mrs. Barbara Jessup Humphrey '79
Sgt. Mark V. Smith '81
Mr. William David McDaniel '83
Rev. Charles Scott Wilson-Parsons '83
Mr. Alan Keith Grimes '85
Mrs. Libba Mallory Oubre '86
Mrs. Kim Bennett Young '95
Mr. Anthony Embrey Alverson '99
Mrs. Tachell Sa'-me Johnson Harrison '15
Mr. Tolunte Decorian Anderson '17
Mr. Thomas Douglas -Leadership Council
Dr. Julian Duttera - Leadership Council
Mrs. Reaunette E. Vaughn- Faculty

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 19-23

"Urinetown"

7 p.m., 2:30 p.m., Price Theater
This Tony Award-winning musical imagines a future where water is so scarce that people have to pay to use public amenities. Funny and touchingly honest, it satirizes capitalism and social irresponsibility.

FEBRUARY 29

Winter Preview Day

MARCH 28

Spring Preview Day

MARCH 31-APRIL 3

"Twelfth Night"

7 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, Price Theater
Tangled knots of romance, shipwrecked twins, a lovesick duke and a self-important servant who becomes the ultimate fashion victim. This timeless tale shines with quick wit, captivating characters and one of Shakespeare's most dynamic heroines.

APRIL 16

Spring Concert: LaGrange College Singers



TRAVEL AND LEARN ABOUT "ALPS TO LAGOON: CULTURE AND CUISINE FROM LUCERNE TO VENICE"

JAN. 27 "LA DOLCE VITA AND THE FOOD OF NORTHERN ITALY"

Dr. Mary Ann Wilson, a retired English professor and former resident of Northern Italy

FEB. 24 "THE FIRST GOLDEN AGE OF VIOLINS AND VIRTUOSI"

Celeste Myall, violinist, conductor and 3D Journeys committee leader

MARCH 23 "A WINE TOUR OF ITALY"

Chase Hudson, owner of C'Sons, Mare Sol and Beacon Brewing Co.

April 27 "RATING THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE"

Dr. John Tures, Professor of Political Science at LaGrange College

Beginning at 10 a.m. (and ending at 11:15), the lectures will be held in the Dickson Assembly Room of Turner Hall.



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And the Grammy goes to ...

David “Swagg R’Celious” Harris, a 2008 Composition and Music Technologies graduate and already a Grammy winner, has been nominated for four 2020 Grammy awards for his work with the artist H.E.R.

He is up for Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Record of the Year and Best R&B album. Last year, he won a Grammy for Best R&B Album as a producer for H.E.R.

Harris said he was thrilled to be nominated again.

“It is such an honor to be recognized in back-to-back years,” he said. “It just goes to show what hard work and dedication can do.”

Since winning his Grammy last year, Harris has returned to campus to talk to and mentor music students. Only weeks after the 2019 ceremony, he spoke in Beason Recital Hall.

“I wanted to talk about my journey, transitioning from student

to professional,” he said. “But honestly, you are a professional now. If your goal and dreams are to become a professional musician, you have to adapt that mentality now.”

He urged the students to reach out and make connections with other musicians – and to stay true to themselves.

“Work hard at it, persevere through it and keep knocking down doors,” he said. “Pretty incredible things can happen if you really just apply yourself, and believe in yourself and take advantage of the opportunities around you.”

Harris also returned to campus during Homecoming for a hands-on session with music composition



David ‘Swagg R’Celious’ Harris ‘08 was joined by his wife, Deborah, at last year’s Grammy ceremony.

students. He listened to the students’ work, then gave them helpful critiques.

He was still smiling after the event.

“That was so much fun,” he said. “It was great to hear works from some excellent musicians. I hope they got as much from it as I did.”