Fall 2012 Alumni Cash Scholarship Recipients

ALUMNI CASH AWARD SCHOLARSHIP
The Alumni Association Board of Directors offers cash scholarships to worthy students who show financial need. Contact the Alumni Office for application. This scholarship is awarded by Alumni Board of Directors.

Hollie Adkins - Junior - Nursing major from Americus
Sara Beth Bazemore – Freshman – Biology/ Pre-med major from Butler
Jennifer Deaver – Junior – Early Childhood Education major from Snellville
Landon DeVane – Senior – Music major from Americus
Kayla Johnson - Sophomore – Nursing major from Americus
Haley Jones – Junior – Exercise Science major from Americus
Leonard Jones – Senior - Exercise Science major from Camilla
Meagan McLeod – Senior - Early Childhood Education major from Albany
Reginald Miles – Sophomore – Computer Science major from Americus
Tony Miller – Senior – Political Science major from Hephzibah
Parker Phillips – Junior - Nursing major from Americus

Not pictured:
Paige Bragg

FY13
The Alumni Association offers an academic scholarship to a Georgia resident who has a GPA of 2.5 – 2.99 and is a sophomore, junior or senior in good standing. This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students only.

Ryan Johnson – Freshman – Exercise Science major from Americus
Landon DeVane – Senior – Music major from Americus
Obioha Ohayagha – Senior – Computer Engineering major from Hampton, Georgia
Ard Watson Scholarship

Fall 2012

The Ard Watson Scholarship Fund was created by his family to honor Mr. Watson, former Director of Clinical Labs at Sumter Regional Hospital, to encourage career development in nursing or other healthcare fields. Consideration is given to residents of Sumter County, Georgia, with a minimum GPA of 2.85. Selection is made by the School of Nursing.

Brandi St. John – Senior – Nursing major from Leslie, Georgia
Iris Argo Scholarship

This endowed scholarship is in memory of Dr. Iris Stewart Argo, an alumnus and Professor of English at GSW for more than thirty years. Dr. Argo was also an accomplished author. Recipients must be English majors with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Elizabeth McDermott – Senior – English major from Conyers, Georgia

FY 13
The BeBe Gibson Nursing Scholarship was established by Betsy and Henry Crisp in memory of Mrs. Crisp’s mother, BeBe Gibson. This scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman, a transfer student or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the School of Nursing at GSW. Preference is given to students with a minimum 3.0 GPA from Sumter, Lee & Clay counties in Georgia, or to non-traditional students who have established verifiable residency in such counties. The number, amount and recipients will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the School of Nursing at GSW.

Laura Gosa – Graduate student- MSN- RN- Education track from Leesburg, Georgia

FY 13
Established in 2005 by Daphne Ann Chambless in honor of her mother, the Daphne Cantrell Chambless Award criteria is for a Georgia Southwestern State University student pursuing a baccalaureate degree in any academic subject, has a record of academic excellence as demonstrated by a GPA of 3.0 and has achieved a level of a Junior or Senior.

Gwendolyn Detweiler – Senior- Psychology major from Thomasville, Georgia
Charles F. Crisp Scholarship  
Fall 2012

This endowment was established by family and friends in memory of Charles F. Crisp, former President of the Bank of Commerce and local business leader in Americus, Georgia. Recipient must be a resident of Georgia, an incoming freshman with a minimum SAT of 1000 and HS GPA of 3.0. Consideration is also given to students currently enrolled at GSW with a 3.0 GPA.

Kayleigh Goodwin- Junior – Fine Arts major from Albany  
Ryan Singley- Sophomore – Business Management major from Americus

Other recipients not pictured:  
Parker Phillips  
Kirsten Hilliard  
Travis Tuggle  
Joshua Worth

FY 13
Civitan Special Education Scholarship

The Civitan Club of Americus established this scholarship to support students majoring in special education at GSW. It is awarded to the student with the highest GPA.

Ja'lia Taylor – Senior- Special Education major from Smithville, Georgia
Denham Family Athletic Scholarship

The Denham Family Athletic Scholarship was endowed by Mike and Carol Denham to be used for a student athlete who has financial need, maintains a 2.0 GPA, maintains athletic eligibility and is a bona fide member of a recognized sports team at GSW. The recipient can be an incoming freshman, a transfer student or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at GSW and who is recognized as a student athlete.

Justin Lott – Senior – Biology major from Albany, Georgia

Honor Graduate Deerfield-Windsor
GISA State Baseball player of the year 2008
Ray Knight Award 2008

FY 13
Evan Bozof Scholarship

A pitcher on the GSW baseball team from 1996-1998, Evan Bozof passed away from meningococcal disease April 20, 1998. An athletic scholarship was endowed in Evan's name in March 2008. This scholarship is intended to support baseball at GSW. A GPA of 3.25 is required. It may be awarded to an incoming student, a transfer student from a junior college or a continuing GSW student who is a member in good standing of the GSW baseball team with a GPA 3.25.

Earl Dupree – Freshman – Exercise Science major from Centerville, Georgia
Tammy Lee Fortner Scholarship

The family of Tammy Lee Fortner in Columbus, Georgia, established this endowed Scholarship in memory of their daughter. Applicants must be majors of Fine Arts, Psychology or Sociology. Special consideration is given to students who demonstrate an interest or talent in the use of arts in human services such as art therapy, recreational therapy, occupational therapy, and music therapy.

Mario Pagan – Senior – Dramatic Arts major from Americus, Georgia
Kristin Pair – Senior – Music Education & Theater from Rincon, Georgia
Caitlin Segroves – Junior – Art major from Leesburg, Georgia
Olivia Shiver – Sophomore – Music major from Reynolds, Georgia
Taylor Trebotte – Sophomore – Art/Photography major from Peachtree City, Georgia
Jason Wallace – Junior – Dramatic Arts/ Performance major from Americus, Georgia
Mark Watford - Senior – Music & Mathematics major from Cordele, Georgia

Not Pictured:
Daina Rosario
Jesse Wade

FY 13
Frances Bagley Arenz Jones Scholarship

This Alumni Award is available to incoming freshmen who are Sumter County residents. Vicktor Jones established it to honor his wife, Frances Bagley Arenz, a 1939 graduate of GSW. Criteria include a HS GPA of 2.8 and no grades below C. Applicants are also considered for leadership qualities and participation in extra-curricular activities. This scholarship can be on-going as long as the criteria are met.

Scott Burgess – Senior Middle Grades Education major from Americus
Rob Rush – Freshman exercise Science major from Americus
Micah Whittaker – Freshman History major from Americus
Brandi St. John – Junior Nursing major from Americus

FY 13
Frances Wood Wilson Foundation Scholarship

The Frances Wood Wilson Foundation of Decatur, Georgia, provides assistance to worthy students with a GPA of 3.0 and who demonstrate leadership involvement in school activities. Selection is by the Director of Admissions.

Abby Harrod - Freshman pre-Med major from Americus, Georgia
Molly Johnson – Freshman Nursing major from Preston, Georgia
Haley Jones – Junior Exercise Science major from Americus, Georgia
Megan Pilcher – Sophomore Business Management major from Americus, Georgia
Kayla Womack - Freshman Physical Therapy major from Americus, Georgia
Lauren VanHorn – Freshman Pre-Pharmacy major from Ellaville, Georgia

Not pictured:

James Tubbs- Junior Business Management major from Smithville, Georgia

FY 13
Geology Scholarship

Kaley Basile – Junior – Geology major from Guyton, Georgia

FY 13
Glynn Mathis Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Glynn Mathis, an alumnus of GSW and a retired career educator in the State of Georgia. This scholarship is awarded to deserving students (undergraduate or graduate) showing financial need that meet admission standards or requirements at Georgia Southwestern and are pursuing a degree in Education and plan to teach. Preference is given to student athletes demonstrating academic proficiency and athletic skills in any of the intercollegiate sports offered at Georgia Southwestern.

Barrett Powell – Senior – Health & Physical Education major from Albany

FY 13
Goizueta Scholarship

The Goizueta foundation of Atlanta established a scholarship to provide need-based assistance annually to Latino students whose families currently reside in the United States.

William Batts- Freshman Chemical Engineering major from Rochelle, Georgia
Linda Esparza – Junior Exercise Science major from Lyons, Georgia
Felipe Howell – Junior Psychology major from Athens, Georgia
Sandra Lewis – Junior Sociology major from Americus, Georgia
Maggie Perez - Freshman Nursing major from Americus, Georgia
Luis Ponce – Junior Business Management major from Conyers, Georgia
Hannah Ruiz- Junior Theater major from Palmetto, Georgia

Not Pictured:
Alejandra Palacio- Junior Pre-Veterinary Medicine from Buford, Georgia
Miriam Rodriguez –Sophomore Nursing major from Perry, Georgia
Louisa Pedraza -
Ignacio Donnett –

FY 13
Griffin Bell Golf Scholarship

The Griffin Bell Golf Scholarship was established to honor the memory of former Attorney General Judge Griffin Bell. The scholarship is offered to an incoming student, transfer student or a continuing GSW student with a high school GPA of 3.0 who wishes to pursue a major in Business Administration with an emphasis on Professional Golf Management or who is recruited to play on the GSW Golf team.

Matt Mell – Freshman – Business major from Savannah, Georgia
J. P. Griffin – Senior – Management major from Glennville, Georgia
Tyler Gunnett – Senior – Mathematics major from Loganville, Georgia

Not Pictured:
Jon Donnelly – Junior – PGM major from Americus, Georgia
Patrick Hall
Jordan McCue
Wesley Myers
Travis Oestmann -
Nicholas Ray
Daniel Schuster
Marshall Voight

FY 13
Harold Holloway Scholarship

This scholarship cash award was established by the late Dr. Harold E. Holloway, a 1953 graduate of Schley County High School in Ellaville, Georgia. This award benefits Honor Graduates of Schley County High School who attend G SW. Awards are subject to availability of funds.

Audrey Davis – Freshman – Nursing major from Americus
Lauren Van Horn – Freshman – Pre Pharmacy major from Ellaville

Other recipients not pictured:
Austin Bentley
Jena Miller
Tori Roland

FY 13
The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia honored Dr. Herschel Smith, GSW’s first campus infirmary physician, by naming the GSW infirmary “The Herschel A. Smith Health Center.” Dr. Smith was instrumental in creating the nursing program at Georgia Southwestern. The award is offered to non-traditional nursing students of good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0.

Crystal Kilheffer – Senior Nursing major from Americus
James G. Deriso Scholarship

This memorial endowment was established by the family of James G. Deriso. Mr. Deriso, father of Mrs. Betty Pope, a former Chairperson of Georgia Southwestern Foundation’s Board of Trustees, was a successful businessman in Sumter County. Consideration is given to participation and leadership in campus activities and extracurricular activities. The scholarship criteria requires recipients to be junior or senior status, accepted into the School of Business, with a GPA of 3.0, and no more than one grade of “C” in upper division courses.

Ben Moody – Junior – Business Management major from Georgetown, Georgia

Zhenzhong Li – Senior – Accounting major from Shanghai GaoQiao China

Erik Haygood - Junior – Management major from Forsyth, Georgia

Eric Hyslop – Senior- Accounting major from Thomasville, Georgia

Recipient not pictured:

Donna McRae – Senior – Human Resource Management from Warner Robins, Georgia

FY 13
Jennie Strange Scholarship

This scholarship was the second endowed award established by alumnus Sam P. Stephens (1942), to honor his mother-in-law, Jennie Strange of Ellaville, Georgia. Criteria are based on financial needs of a deserving student. Scholarship is renewable.

Reginald Miles- Sophomore- Computer Science major from Albany, Georgia

FY 13
Jim Ray Athletic Scholarship

This endowment was established by the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray of Americus, Georgia, in memory of their son Jim. The recipient must be enrolled full-time and in good standing. Consideration will be given but not restricted to incoming freshmen. Preference is given to student athletes in the sport of golf.

Nate Gahman – Senior- Marketing major from Leesburg, Georgia

FY 13
Dr. James “Kirt” Myers, a dedicated GSW Administrator, teacher, coach, and father died tragically in an automobile accident in 2001. His family, friends, and students began this endowment to honor his memory for his contributions to GSW and the Americus community. The award is available to students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and who have been admitted to teacher education with a Special Education Major.

Amber DeLoach – Junior – Special Education major from Ellaville
Kiwanis Leadership Scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Americus established an endowed scholarship for students from Sumter County who display leadership qualities and have a minimum 2.85 GPA. Preference is given to former Key Club members or dependents of a member of the Americus Kiwanis Club. The amount and recipient(s) will be determined by the Kiwanis Club of Americus based on availability of funds.

Mark Watford – Senior- Music & Mathematics major from Cordele, Georgia

Haley Jones – Junior – Exercise Science major from Americus

Ryan Singley – Sophomore - Business Management major from Americus

Not Pictured:
Natasha Wood- Junior – Marketing major from Americus

FY 13
Loveda Powell McNair Memorial Scholarship

Brenda Hunter Browning, ASN, an alumnus of GSW’s School of Nursing (’64), established this scholarship in memory of her friend and former classmate. The recipient must be enrolled in the School of Nursing and a resident of the State of Georgia.

Yancey Clark – Senior – Nursing major from Covington, Georgia

FY 13
Lula Finch Stephens Scholarship

This endowed scholarship award was established by Sam P. Stephens of Anderson, South Carolina, Class of 1942, in memory of his mother who was from Americus, Georgia, and sent four of her children to GSW. Criteria are based on need. Scholarship is renewable.

Felicia Harris – Junior – Nursing major from Colquitt County

FY 13
Marshall Pryor Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established in memory of Robert Marshall Pryor by his family. The scholarship is available to residents of Sumter County, Georgia, who have financial need. Marshall Pryor, the grandson of the late Judge Thomas O. Marshall, Supreme Court Justice of the State of Georgia, demonstrated great courage in his fight to live and will always be an inspiration to his family and friends.

Richard Loper - Sophomore – History major from Americus
Derrick Walker – Sophomore – Music major from Americus
Catherine Sumner - Freshman – Special Education major from Blakely
Kaylynne Bobbitt- Senior – Special Education major from Ellaville
Jeffery Roberts – Junior – Computer Information Technology major from Leslie

Not pictured:
Brittany Daniel
Allison Wilson

FY 13
Mary G. Dupree Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Mary G. Dupree by the J. Frank Myers family. The purpose of the fund is to assist students in good standing in attaining a degree in teacher education.

Ashley Waller – Senior- Early Childhood Education major from Buena Vista

FY13
Mattie H. Marshall Scholarship

This memorial scholarship honors Mattie H. Marshall, mother of former Georgia Supreme Court Justice Tom Marshall, and is awarded to a worthy student who is a resident of the State of Georgia and has a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Felicia Harris – Junior – Nursing major from Colquitt County

Cynthia Johnson – Junior- English major w/ teacher certification from Cordele

Other recipients not pictured:

Kristy Handsom – Senior nursing major from Valdosta
Jessica Martin
Logan Winn

FY 13
McMillan I Scholarship

Frances Daniel, caregiver and friend of the late Kenneth (Tip) McMillan, GSW Class of 1959, shared his desire to assist students in obtaining higher education. She established two alumni endowed scholarships in his memory. Consideration is given to residents of the Ga. Sheriff’s Youth Homes, or of Colquitt County, Ga., who have financial need and meet admission standards. Selection is by a Special Committee chaired by Rudolph Patterson, Attorney and awarded by Director of Financial Aid.

Haley Hagin – Freshman- Early Childhood Education major from Doerun, Georgia
H. Phil Jones – Citizens Bank Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of H. Phil Jones, Jr., former president of the Citizens Bank of Americus. It is available to Sumter County or Webster County residents exhibiting financial need, those who show leadership qualities through extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports or volunteer work and is an “average” student with a 2.0-3.25 GPA.

Rolie Hancock – Sophomore – Exercise Science major – Marketing minor from Americus

Lawton Williams – Freshman - major undecided from Americus

FY 13
Pope Caregivers Fellowship

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) awards fellowships and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. These are available through a generous endowment to RCI from John and Betty Pope. Awards are given to GSW students who are studying in caregiving-related areas or are working on caregiving projects that address the mission of the RCI.

Kevin Amayo – Freshman- Biology major from Covington, Georgia
Cindy Barnes - Freshman – Nursing major from Lawrenceville, Georgia
Christina Beall – Freshman – Nursing major from Midland, Georgia
Will Ellerbee- Sophomore – Biology-Pre-med major from Thomaston, Georgia
Sara Gillis – Senior – Nursing major from Bonaire, Georgia
Ally Johnson – Freshman – Exercise Science major from Hinesville, Georgia
Danielle Martin – Senior – Nursing major from Gwinnett County, Georgia
Brandi Mixon – Junior – Nursing major from Cordele, Georgia
Sally Anne Russell – Sophomore- Nursing major from Americus
Rebecca Greenslade – Junior – Nursing major from Albany, Georgia
Miriam Rodriguez – Sophomore- Nursing major from Perry, Georgia

Not Pictured:
Priscilla Oglevie-
Kinsey Powell – Junior – Chemistry major form Buena Vista, Georgia

FY 13
Claude Rhyne, the brother of Margaret R. Wagener and Robert Rhyne, established this scholarship as a lasting tribute to their memory. This scholarship is to be awarded to a student admitted to the School of Education with a major emphasis on Special Education. Applicants must demonstrate a need and maintain a GPA of 2.5.

Cale Edwards- Senior - Special Education major from Watkinsville, Georgia
L. Rhyne, Ph.D. of Americus, GA, established this memorial scholarship to honor his wife. This scholarship is for a graduate student who is pursuing a Master’s degree in reading. If there is no graduate student who applies in this field of study, consideration will be given to a student or students in the Master’s Degree Program in Computer Science.

David Bradshaw – Graduate student- Computer Science from Leesburg
Roy Lee & Susan Smith Athletic Scholarship

According to the wishes of the donor as set forth in “A Contract Establishing the Roy Lee and Susan Smith Endowment Fund” the earnings from this fund will be made available for Athletic programs. That could include athletic scholarships, capital improvements to athletic facilities, and other uses that pertain to Athletic programs at Georgia Southwestern State University. The amount and usage will be determined as follows: All uses must comply with the mission statement of the Georgia Southwestern Foundation, with current IRS guidelines and must be approved by the President of the University and the Athletic Director of the University. Amount and usage is subject to available funds.

Jordan Miller – Junior- Nursing major from McDonough, Georgia

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This scholarship was established by the family of J. Emory Rylander, founder of The Tog Shop in Americus, Ga. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in the School of Nursing, possess high academic standards, and demonstrate commitment and good moral character at GSW and in the community.

Megan Bailey- Senior- Nursing major from Rome, Georgia
Anna Blount – Junior – Nursing major from Zebulon, Georgia
Jamie Burr – Junior – Nursing major from Peachtree City, Georgia
Angela Clark – Senior – Second degree in Nursing from Vienna, Georgia
Yancey Clark – Senior – Nursing major from Covington, Georgia
Tracey Daniels – Senior – Nursing (BSN) major from Sylvester, Georgia
Rebecca Greenslade – Junior – Nursing major from Leesburg, Georgia
Keithundra Houston – Senior – Nursing major from Macon, Georgia
Robin Jones – Junior – Nursing major from Decatur, Georgia
Crystal Kilheffer – Senior – Nursing major from Americus
Danielle Martin - Senior – Nursing major from Gwinnett County, Georgia
Deborah Obinwa- Freshman – Nursing major from Suwanee, Georgia
Shelbi Patterson – Senior – Nursing major from Americus
Holly Peacock – Senior – Nursing major from Albany, Georgia
Jayme Roseth - Graduate student, Master in Nursing from Americus

Pictured separately:
Amber Sloan- Junior – Nursing major from McDonough, Georgia
Shannon Peavy Knopes Nursing Scholarship

This Memorial Scholarship was created by Shannon’s parents as a lasting tribute to their daughter who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. The awards are in the amount of $500 per year and are available to second year nursing majors who are in good academic standing at GSW.

Megan Bailey- Senior – Nursing major from Rome, Georgia

FY 13
Henry King Stanford Scholarship

This Alumni scholarship was named in honor of Henry King Stanford, President of GSW from 1948 through 1950 and former President of Birmingham Southern, Ga. College and State University in Milledgeville, University of Miami, and University of Georgia. Criteria: in-coming freshman, minimum SAT of 1000, and 3.0 GPA.

Tiffany Parker – Junior- Health & Physical Education major from Americus
Hollie Adkins – Junior- Nursing major from Americus
Ryan Johnson – Freshman - Exercise Science major from Americus
Nikki Weir – Freshman- Nursing major from Americus

Not Pictured:
Rindy Rigby- Graduate Student in Business Administration from Oglethorpe, Georgia
Two Great Choices Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by Barbara and Earl Gammage (pictured above) to assist students who reside in Sumter County and recently graduated from a public or private high school located in Sumter County. This scholarship is awarded by the Director of Admissions. Recommendations from high school guidance counselors and principals will be considered.

Mark Watford - Senior - Music & Mathematics major from Cordele, Georgia
Franklin Smith - Junior – Business Management major from Americus
Wes Downs – Sophomore – Exercise Science major from Americus
Mollie McGowan – Senior – Exercise Science major from Americus

Not pictured:
Smit Patel- Junior- Pre-pharmacy major from Americus
Tatum Whitley -

FY 13
Wheeler-Parker Scholarship

The Wheeler/Parker Scholarship was established by Jean and Wes Wheeler as an endowment to honor the Parker and Wheeler families. The criterion gives consideration to students who have financial need and meet admission standards. This scholarship is shared by the School of Business and the School of Nursing.

Holly Peacock – Senior- Nursing Major from Albany, Ga.
Willy Mathis Athletic Scholarship

This scholarship was established by GSW to honor the memory of Willy Mathis, a member of the GSW basketball team in the 70’s and a committed alumnus. Willy passed away in 2007 after a battle with cancer. This scholarship is to be used for a basketball player who is an incoming freshman, a transfer student or a current student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at GSW.

Tyler Gunnett – Senior- Mathematics major from Loganville, Georgia

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