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The rate of change around higher education is becoming faster with every passing year. Albert Einstein said, “The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.” You can be the change, or adapt to change, but change is inevitable.

The last two years have been transformative for Georgia Southwestern State University. During this time, the campus community and countless stakeholders have played an active role in determining the future for the Institution. The University strategic plan marks a new beginning with a vision towards being a progressive and inclusive University that serves as a vibrant center of learning, culture and economic development for Southwest Georgia and beyond.

We have been blessed to experience record enrollment growth over the last two years. While we have navigated the difficulties that come with increased demands for limited resources, it is this enrollment growth that has provided critical resources and sustained the Institution. In the short-term, we have emerged from this period as a stronger and more visible University, worthy of our classification among other state universities and proud of our 110-year legacy. New academic programs are under development. Strategies aimed at supporting student retention and completion are making national headlines and our academic programs continue to be ranked among the nation’s best.

We look forward to welcoming Georgia Southwestern’s incoming president Dr. Neal Weaver to campus, and I am confident that he will continue to strengthen the University’s place as a leader in the state.

In years to come, this growth and visibility will benefit the entire campus community and help support economic prosperity for the region. As our new mission statement affirms, the University is a collegial community that values collaboration and community engagement with an emphasis on faculty, staff and student interactions.

By nature, a mission statement should summarize the aims, culture and values of an organization. Collaboration, community and collegiality truly describe Georgia Southwestern. I have been fortunate to be part of such a place, building friendships that will last.

At Georgia Southwestern, we call this being “Part of the Storm.” It has been a sincere pleasure for me to serve this great University and I am honored to have been Part of the Storm.

Dr. Charles E. Patterson
Interim President
As the president of the Alumni Association, it is and has been an honor to represent such an energetic group of volunteers. Without our alumni, GSW would not be one of the state’s greatest assets. Daily, you show the world your excellence professionally and personally. This is done by giving your time, abilities and hopefully, monetary donations.

My hope is that you and future alumni will stay connected with GSW. Show your support for our great Alma Mater by taking part in as many alumni events as possible, keep the office of Alumni Affairs abreast of your professional and personal growth, and contribute to the Alumni Association Scholarship fund annually.

Update your profile: the GSW alumni network is only as strong as those who support its efforts. To keep in touch with this great institution of ours, update your information with the Alumni Association.

All leaders should enter their role with a vision, and my vision is to expand the great footprint of GSW’s Alumni Association. To make this happen we will need energetic alumni to chime in and offer their time and efforts to make this association one that pulls together all of the products of our great institution. Creating this pool of greatness will allow our institution to move into the future with a stronger and further reaching base. So when the opportunity to take part in a branch of the Alumni Association presents itself, please capture that moment, and I am sure you will not regret the efforts.

Sincerely,

President, GSW Alumni Association
Neal Weaver named GSW president

The Board of Regents named Dr. Neal Weaver president of Georgia Southwestern just prior to press time. Weaver assumed his new position on July 15, 2017. He was previously the vice president for university advancement and innovation at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La.

Prior to joining Nicholls State, Weaver served West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) in Canyon as vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the WTAMU Foundation. Weaver holds a doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. He earned an MBA from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant and a bachelor of arts in speech/communications from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell. He and his wife, Kristi, have three children.

GSW goes mobile

Two new low-to-no-cost rental programs are kicking into gear on Georgia Southwestern State University’s campus thanks to community partnerships with RDR Car, Truck & Van Rentals and the City of Americus. Mike Shattles, owner of RDR, delivered the GSW rental car – a Toyota Corolla – to campus Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The rental car will be parked in a designated space on campus, and students who are interested in renting the vehicle will be able to reserve it on RDR’s website. To rent a vehicle, GSW students must have a valid driver’s license, be 21 years old, or 19 - 21 with parental consent and insurance validation, and have a GSW student ID. With a generous donation of 10 bikes from the City of Americus, GSW rolled out a new bike share program for students through the university’s Fitness Center.

A ceremonial “bike transfer” from the City of Americus to GSW took place on Sept. 21.

With the program, bikes, along with a helmet and lock, can be checked out for the day at the GSW Fitness Center free of charge.
BRIAN ADLER, PH. D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs, Brian Adler, Ph. D., has announced that he will retire on June 1, 2017. Adler has served in this role since June 2008. He came to GSW from Valdosta State University in 2005 where he was dean of the Graduate School.

ADLER RETIRES

DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2017

Georgia Southwestern celebrates ‘Day at the Capitol’ March 2: Georgia Southwestern held its second “GSW Day at the Capitol” March 13 to meet with the local legislative delegation and spread the word to the Georgia General Assembly about the good things happening on campus and in Southwest Georgia. Approximately 30 students, faculty and staff members attended the “Day.” During the event, the School of Business and the Department of Psychology and Sociology highlighted their involvement with the USG’s eMajor initiative. The School of Nursing and GSW’s Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving educated visitors regarding a proposed program in long-term care management. In a show of collaboration with the University System, GSW shared the South Wing of the Capitol with Valdosta State University.
CHEMISTRY LAB DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF BILL WYSOCHANSKY

During a special ceremony Friday, April 21, Georgia Southwestern State University’s Analytical Chemistry Laboratory was named in memory of the late William “Bill” Wysochansky, Ph.D. The ceremony took place just outside of the lab, which is located on the third floor of the Joseph C. Roney Building - Room 315. Wysochansky died in February of 2015. He retired from GSW in 2006 after serving nearly 30 years as a professor of chemistry, while serving as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for some of those years. He also served as the Faculty Advisor for theEta Alpha Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Delta Pi Chapter of Chi Phi Fraternity.

During the ceremony, Wysochansky’s widow, Mary Wysochansky Foegelle, presented a check to complete an endowed scholarship for nursing and chemistry students at Georgia Southwestern.

GSW HOLDS SCREENING FOR FIRST FEATURE FILM ‘WHICH WAY THERE’ AT RYLANDER THEATER

Georgia Southwestern State University’s first feature film, “Which Way There,” was screened at the Rylander Theater in Americus April 14. Nearly 200 people were in attendance.

“This production was a great example of not only the work of our faculty and students but also a demonstration of collaboration between the University and the community in support of the burgeoning film industry in the state,” said GSW Interim President Dr. Charles Patterson.

The film – completed in 2016 – was directed by Dr. Joey Watson, assistant professor of Theater, Communication and Media Arts at Georgia Southwestern. The lead role was played by Natalie Donner, an Atlanta-based actress. Joanna Miller, a writer from Los Angeles, co-wrote the screenplay with Watson. Both Donner and Miller are former students of Watson.

“Our students got exposed to and learned about the grind of a working film set,” Watson added. “The film marks a tremendous leap forward for our department and program. I am proud of how the film has turned out and all of the work that has been dedicated to it. We can build upon this a great deal as we begin prepping the next one.”
At the entrance to the Wheatley Administration Building, the University added a new and unique welcome to visitors of campus. A new plaza was constructed that surrounds the flagpole which includes a set of hedges that spell “GSW.” On the back side of the hedge within the brick-paved plaza, President Jimmy Carter’s signature in cement is on display with a plaque that reads: “On February 13, 1942, four freshmen identified as possessing strong leadership skills etched their names in the wet cement of the newly constructed driveway of the Wheatley Building: Bill Davis (DeSoto), John McCrea (Atlanta), Bob Logan (Quitman) and Jimmy Carter (Plains).

Jimmy Carter would later become the 76th Governor of Georgia and the 39th President of the United States. In 2014, the cement etching was removed from the driveway to preserve it for future generations of Georgia Southwestern State University students.”
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GSW
UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES BIG DAY WITH SERVICE

110 YEARS OF HISTORY

The story begins in 1906. On Nov. 23 of that year, the lead headline for the Americus Times-Recorder read “Sumter is the Winner,” having been named the county for Georgia’s Third District Agricultural and Mechanical School. This was made possible by the Perry Bill, which was signed into law August 18, 1906. It provided for establishment of “A & M” schools in all 11 Georgia congressional districts. And as the name suggested, what is now Georgia Southwestern resided in the third district.

A dozen years later, the Wheatley Administration building – GSW’s signature structure – was constructed. A new name was given by the state in 1932 – Georgia Southwestern College – and again in 1996 – “State University.” Bachelor’s degrees were granted, then master’s degrees. Meanwhile, some
of the most notable public servants in our nation's history – Jimmy Carter, Rosalynn Carter and Griffin Bell – traversed the campus grounds.

**110 HOURS OF CELEBRATION**

Now, 11 decades after its beginning, the mission remains the same – to educate…and to serve.

In celebrating their big birthday during a week last fall, the GSW students, faculty and staff feel like they are the winners, living and learning in a community that places importance on service to others.

Dubbed “110 Hours of Celebration” the week-long schedule included “110 Minutes of Fitness,” a special blood drive, and the signature event was “110 Minutes of Service” on Friday, Nov. 4. Approximately 250 faculty, staff and students dispersed throughout the community and on campus, to participate in service projects.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR 110 MORE**

“Culminating a week of activities celebrating Georgia Southwestern’s 110-year history, we took part in ‘110 Minutes of Service,’” said GSW Interim President Charles Patterson. “Capping off an exciting week with service to our community is a fitting tribute. We are thankful to our service partners, and we are proud to be a part of Americus and Sumter County.”

Service partners included the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, the Boys and Girls Club of Americus/Sumter County, the Sumter Humane Society, Sumter County Recreation Department, the Fuller Center for Housing, Furlow Charter School, Southwest Georgia Children’s Alliance, and Americus Main Street.

Feedback from the service partners was very positive.

“They worked very well with what we asked them to do,” said Ginger Pinckard of Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. “We enjoyed having the group work with us, and every item from the food drive (144 bags of canned goods and the 144 bags of dry goods) will be a blessing to someone.”

“Furlow Charter School appreciates the faculty, staff and students who donated 110 (+) minutes of their time preparing garden beds for our scholars and advisors,” said Furlow Charter School Assistant Principal Jason Williams. “Georgia Southwestern’s involvement in the education of our scholars shows the importance of GSW’s past, present, and future presence in Americus and Sumter County.”
A NIGHT TO SHINE
GSW STUDENTS SHARE A SPECIAL NIGHT WITH LOCAL SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

By: Megan Dolan
Imagine: flashing lights, a red carpet rolled out as far as the eye can see surrounded by innumerable cheering and applauding onlookers there for the sole purpose of gleefully greeting you upon arrival, cameras flickering as hundreds of pictures are taken, cosmetologists and shoe-shiners on stand-by—it sounds like the set-up of a Hollywood event, but it’s not. It’s something much bigger.

Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, the Night to Shine event is hosted on an annual basis with its sole purpose being to give to those with special needs aged 16 and up the opportunity to experience something that they might not otherwise have the chance not to—their very own prom night. This is the second year the event was held in Americus.

It’s a night of fun, a night of excitement, and a night of being able to just be who they are. Spanning 48 states and seven countries, over 100,000 people were able to partake in the various Night to Shine dances held this year alone—all of which occurred the weekend before Valentine’s Day on February 10. 140 of these participants were from Americus, GA.

First introduced to the community by Dr. Valerie Moates in 2016—a Hurricane Club member and optometrist at the local Regional Eye Center—and held at First Baptist Church, the night saw participants ranging in age from 16 up into their seventies, with this being the first event that some had ever been officially invited to.

“I am so proud of our churches and community coming together to share God’s love with our special needs population and allow them to feel like kings and queens—exactly the way God sees them,” Moates said. “It is actually a celebration of life! That each life matters! And I cannot say enough about the support of GSW and the students who came— they shined in all of that reflected love that was in the room!”

The night saw an outpouring of participation and support both from church members and from the community at large. Police officers, medical professionals, the Boy Scouts, cosmetologists both local and not, church members, and other volunteers all came together to make this night both possible and the best it could be. A large helping of those volunteers were from Georgia Southwestern.

Since the School of Education hosts the Area 11 Special Olympics, they naturally embraced the opportunity to reach out to the community and help in every way they could. An outpouring of students signed up to participate—between 100 and 120 (many of whom were GSW student athletes) that had been requested. In total, 150 event volunteers (faculty, staff

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and students) were from GSW.

These students filled roles such as being “buddies”—partners assigned to each participant who came—setting up before the event, acting as paparazzi, and helping those who came to get out of their limousines.

Mike Leeder, GSW athletic director and one of many event supervisors took note of how the students carried themselves throughout the night, expressing how proud he was.

“Without a doubt, this is the best thing the university has been a part of in the 14 years I’ve been here, by far,” Leeder said. “Nothing comes close.”

This sentiment was echoed by Katherine Barnetson, senior lecturer in special education. She served as a floater at the event, making rounds as the night went on and ensuring that everyone was having a good time. According to Barnetson, all of the volunteers, especially the students involved, were a tremendous help.

“They were phenomenal,” said Barnetson. “Every participant at the event was treated like royalty by our volunteers.”

One student who participated in the event was Ashleigh Owens, a junior from Macon who runs for the Cross Country team. Owens served as one of many buddies at the event. She has served as a “buddy” for two years now.

“I have enjoyed Night to Shine both years,” Owens said. “It is such a rewarding night! My buddy and I played games, spent time in the ‘quiet room,’ and we enjoyed the prom part of the evening. Night to Shine is an incredible experience!”

This was also the second year participating for Mitch Holloway, a redshirt junior on the baseball team from Plains.

“Night to Shine was an awesome event once again this year,” said Holloway. “My guest and I had a wonderful time singing, dancing and experiencing the prom atmosphere together. Most of all, it is one of the best nights because I get to see hundreds of people filled with excitement. I know they will cherish it forever, just as I will.”

As for Moates, speaking not only as a member of the community, but also a parent with a daughter with Down Syndrome, doing this event was something that she felt she “was supposed to do,” and she was glad to see the support and participation from all sides.

“As a parent, it is hard to put into words what this event means,” said Moates. “This event is almost as special for the parents/caregivers as it is for the guests. One mom said to me, through happy tears, ‘this is the first thing my child has ever been invited to - she’s never even been invited to a birthday party.’ It is nice for all parents to see their children celebrated.”

Americus has been chosen to host Night to Shine again in 2018 on February 9. Potential volunteers are encouraged to visit the group’s Facebook page or contact First Baptist Church (229) 924-9035.
GSW alumnus Alf Tuggle commits his life and his career to the Boy Scouts and serving others.
By Alison Cantrell

From the time they join their troops, young Boy Scouts learn and live by the Scout Oath, a line from which states, “To help other people at all times.” Retired assistant chief scout, executive/chief financial officer and GSW alumnus Robert Alf Tuggle has certainly upheld this oath in his career and life.

Tuggle spent nearly four decades working with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and giving away his free time to various other community organizations. He has without a doubt led a long life of service and commitment to helping others.

**A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE**

Tuggle’s first experience with the Boy Scouts began when he joined the local troop in his small hometown of Monticello, Ga. as a young boy.

“Although my time as a youth member was limited, it was significant in my life. My experience can be summed up in a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico when I was 14,” Tuggle said. “It was a life changing experience for me as it still is today for tens of thousands of young men each year. Little did I know in 1968 that Philmont and the other BSA high adventure bases would be part of my responsibility one day.”

A retired assistant chief scout, executive/chief financial officer and GSW alumnus, Robert Alf Tuggle has certainly upheld his oath in his career and life.

**BECOMING A LEADER**

Tuggle considers Georgia Southwestern his first home away from Monticello. While at GSW, he embraced college life and the opportunities it afforded him.

“The opportunities I had to serve in leadership and volunteer work began me on a life of not-for-profit leadership,” Tuggle explained. “Joining Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and serving in many officer positions allowed me to develop skills in leadership, planning and financial responsibility, all things that would serve me well in my chosen career of service in the Boy Scouts of America.”

Aside from his time with Pi Kappa Phi, Tuggle was involved on campus in many other ways. He served on the Student Government Association, was a basketball cheerleader and worked part-time for the university’s maintenance department to pay his way through school. He graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in education.

Tuggle went on to become an admissions counselor at Georgia Southwestern for a year.

“Again, GSW gave me an opportunity, this time to get started in the
working world. I traveled throughout the state talking to prospective students and guidance counselors about the benefits of Georgia Southwestern.”

A DEDICATED CAREER

Later, Tuggle would learn from a supervisor about an opportunity to work for the Boy Scouts of America. He took it, and in June of 1976, he began a career of service that would last for 37 years and take him to the top of the organization’s leadership. Tuggle began his career as a professional scout in Tifton, Ga. where he worked with volunteers in five rural counties for three years. He then moved to the Atlanta Area Council of the BSA for six years.

Over the next 20 years, Tuggle served as scout executive on three different area Boy Scout councils. He began with the Chattahoochee Council in Columbus, Ga. in 1985. He worked in Columbus for five years and then moved his family out of Georgia for the first time to serve as executive on the Heart of Virginia Council in Richmond, Va., where he stayed for 14 years. In 2005, he began serving on the Greater Pittsburgh Council in Pennsylvania.

Tuggle accomplished much during his time as a scout executive, especially during his tenure with the Heart of Virginia Council.

Under his direction as scout executive, the Heart of Virginia Council saw huge success. Membership grew tremendously by nearly 7,000 scouts. Under Tuggle, the Heart of Virginia Council also built a $5.1 million Cub Scout camp and implemented $2 million in renovations to other camp properties. This was made possible by a very successful $10 million fundraising campaign led by Tuggle.

After two years with the Greater Pittsburgh Council, Tuggle was asked to be on the national staff of the BSA as one of four regional directors. He moved back to Georgia and took on the role of director of the Southern Region.

Two more years and another move later, Tuggle accepted the position as assistant chief scout executive for the BSA at the national headquarters in Irving, Texas. In this role, Tuggle oversaw various departments, including Human Resources, Resources and Strategy, Marketing and Professional Development. In 2012, Tuggle was also given the role of chief financial officer along with oversight of the departments of Treasurer, Controller, High Adventure, Supply Group and Administration.

Tuggle retired from his position as assistant chief scout executive and chief financial officer in January 2014.

“What drove me to a career in Scouting is not as important as what kept me for 37 years. Serving an organization that has proven to be the best developer of young men has been a privilege,” explained Tuggle. “The excitement of working with top community and business leaders to ensure a
scouting program is available has been very rewarding.”

SERVING OTHERS

Outside of scouting, Tuggle continues his service through volunteer work and working with various other organizations.

“A career in Scouting demands a lot of evening and weekend work; however, I found time to be involved in our church and other civic organizations,” he said.

Tuggle was a Rotary Club member for 29 years and served on the boards of several organizations, including the United Way, the National Human Services Assembly in Washington D.C. and the National Leadership Alliance. He was also presented the Governor’s Award for Volunteering Excellence in 1993 by Former Governor of Virginia L. Douglass Wilder.

Among Tuggle’s other recognitions are the Baden-Powell Fellowship Award, which was presented to him by King Gustav IV of Sweden at a dinner in Madrid, Spain in 2011; the Bronze Pelican awarded to him by the Catholic Church and the Torch Award presented to him by the United Methodist Church, both for his service to youth; and a listing on the Pi Kappa Phi website as a “Notable Pi Kappa Phi.”

When asked what he would consider to be the highlights of his career, Tuggle humbly replied, “Among the proudest might be the 4,500 young men who obtained the Eagle Scout Award while I was their scout executive.”

Some of the brightest moments of his career are not any successes of his own but rather the successes of others that he had the privilege to witness.

Tuggle has been married his to college sweetheart Marianne Simmons, a GSW alumna, for 38 years. They have two sons, Brad of Norfolk, Va. and Matthew of Dallas. They also have two grandsons, Boyd and Charlie.

Tuggle modestly considers himself as “a guy from a small town that happened to do well,” and he feels fortunate to have done so.

GSW by the Numbers

- GSW has $80.4 million impact on region
- GSW ranked #2 in the nation by GradSource.com for “Best Online Master’s Programs in Computer Science”
- GSW ranked 6th most affordable college in the nation (and best tuition) by rankings.com
- Greatvaluecolleges.net ranked Georgia Southwestern 23rd out of the 100 Most Affordable Small Colleges East of the Mississippi
- GSW is ranked 40th out of the 100 Most Affordable Small Colleges in the U.S. by bestvalueschools.com
- GSW ranks 2nd nationally among the “50 Most Affordable Small Colleges for an HR Degree 2016” by humanresourcesmba.net
- GSW’s Master of Science in nursing program is ranked 45th out of the 50 best graduate nursing programs in America by www.topmastersinhealthcare.com
- Georgia Southwestern’s online Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting has been named the 14th best degree program in the nation by online-accounting-degrees.net. The list recognizes the top Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accredited schools across the nation
- GSW named 2017 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media
- GSW ranked 7th among the Top 50 Most Affordable Online MBA Programs by topmanagementdegrees.com
- GSW’s School of Nursing ranks #44 on AffordableCollegesOnline.com’s list of the Best Online Accelerated Nursing Programs
For the first time, GSW honored alumni from each college/school on campus. The event, which recognized five Outstanding Alumni Award recipients, took place Feb. 19, 2016. The 2016 GSW Outstanding Alumni Award recipients were: (pictured left to right) Brigadier Gen. Thomas Carden, Jr., '92, College of Arts and Sciences; Royce Hackett, '01, School of Computing and Mathematics; Interim President Charles Patterson; Shelley Spires, '98, School of Business Administration; Alf Tuggle, '76, School of Education; and Patricia Starck, '59, School of Nursing (not pictured).

Kathleen Tucker of Americus was named the Leewynn J. Finklea Outstanding Alumni Award recipient at GSW’s Spring Alumni Event April 9, 2016. The Finklea Award, named in honor of the university’s first alumni director, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service to campus life, the alumni association or the university.

Stephen Snyder, left, of Americus was named the 2016 Outstanding Staff Member Award recipient at GSW’s Spring Alumni Event April 9, 2016. Outstanding Staff Member Award was developed to recognize members of GSW staff who have tirelessly assisted alumni above the call of duty. This award is not an annual award, but rather only as merited by the Alumni Association Board.
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One full payment of $1,000 (individual) or $1,250 (jointly)

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Bill and Jane Finney  
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Len Hicks, III  
Chris Hicks  
Karen Dillard Holloway  
Billy King  
Jimmy Lunsford  
Mary Marshall  
Larry Moore  
Jerry Newman  
Jimmy and Marianne Peel  
Jeryl Pinnell, Jr.

Liz Ruf  
Ken Stafford  
Larry Sumner  
Samuel Thames  
Dave and Kathleen Tucker  
Alf and Marianne Tuggle

Alpha Chi Omega sisters Kathy (Wood) Smallridge, Tina (Austin) Hanley and Lauri (Jackson) English at their Reunion held in August 2016.

Division winners proudly display medals from the 2nd Annual Homecoming Fun Run and Walk held on February 5, 2017. This event is sponsored by and benefits GSW Alumni Association sponsored student scholarships.

The Southwestern Sweetheart Alumni Reunion was held on February 4, 2017. This love-themed event honored alumni couples who met or married while at GSW. Couples were invited to share their sweetheart stories and all guests enjoyed a special evening that included dinner, dancing and dessert.

At the “Southwestern Sweethearts” event, Sparky Reeves, president emeritus at South Georgia Technical College (SGTC), received one of Georgia Southwestern’s top alumni honors, the Aeolian Award. The award recognizes GSW alumni who have distinguished themselves in their profession and through service.

Mark Grimes, D.B.A., associate professor of business, was named GSW’s 2017 Professor of the Year Award recipient at the 2017 Honors and Recognition Ceremony April 24, 2017. Developed in 1980, the Professor of the Year Award is sponsored by the Georgia Southwestern Alumni Association and chosen by graduating seniors.
1906 SOCIETY
Alumni who have contributed $1000 or more, cumulatively, to GSW

ESTEEMED ($15,000+)

Newton Allen
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Susan Beger
William Belford
Brenda Browning
Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter
Daphne Chambless
Charles Crisp
Mike and Carol Denham
Gateway and Cindy Dudley
Mary Foegelle
Sandra Gillis
Kay Dee Green
Thomas Holman
Sam and Reba Hunter
Billy King
Glynn Mathis
Larry Moore
Jerry Newman
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Claude Rhyne
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Andrea Thomas
William Tietjen
William Weldon
Michael Weston
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Wes and Jean Wheeler
Howard Hendley
Cody and Sharon King
Marty and Paula McDonald
Stick Miller
C. Fred Overby
Eliza Parker
Jennifer Parks
Benny Phillips
Charles Sheffield
Gregory Slappey
Patricia Starck
Calvin and Ginger Starlin
Ty and Carla Turner
Lettie Watford

FOUNDING ($1,000-$4,999)

Sam Adams
James Akins
Herbert Allen
William Anderson
Sharon Anderson
Ben and Michelle Andrews
Lynn Ansley
H. Stephen Austin
Raymond Baggarly
Ray and Janis Baldwin
David Bales
Ichabod Balkcom
Katherine Barnetson
Alma Beckham
Timothy Bellury
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Marvin Benson
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Louise Blanks
Eshonda Blue
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Hoyt Ray Burrow
Robert Busby
Everett Byrd
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Carlos Camp
Marilyn Campbell
Joel Carter
William Chappell
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Sue Childers
Russ Childers
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Janice Cliett
Gary Clinkscales
Jo Collins
Reginald Comer
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Joseph Cook
Patricia Cook
Gloria Coppinger

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Clyde and Dell Bridges
Don Carter
Lou Chase
Royce Hackett
Greg and Deborah Hawver
John and Gaye Hayes
Dan Helms
Hulme Kinnebrew
Mary Marshall
Doug and Yolanda Moses
Mark Pace
Jerry Perkins
Jack Perry
William Peterson
George Pritchard
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George Sessions
Scott Sheffield
Deborah Standridge
Molly Thomas
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Wes and Kay Wicker
James Yawn
John Zolkowski

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Lula Hatcher
Deborah Haynes
Michelle Haywood
William Heys
Len Hicks
Mary Hill
Virginia Hinton
Judith Hodnett
Fred Holland
Karen Holloway
Emory Holloway
Edward Holmes
David Jenkins
Jean Johnson
Jeff Joiner
Wally Joiner
Frank Joiner
Robert Jones
Freida Jones
Richard Jones
Ruth Jones
Melvin Kinslow
Rance Kirkland
Dawn Knapp
Mildred Lapeza
Joel Lightner
Sammy Long
Tyler Long
James Lunsford
Alan Mackey
Danny MacQuirter
Richard Maddox
Theodore Maloof
Martha McBurney
Martha McFarland
Barbara McLendon
Patricia Mescher
Carolyn Miller
Daniel Minick
W. Moon
Eva Mosteller
Allen Mountjoy
Johnny Muljibhai
Nimmish Muljibhai
Deborah Mullis
Roger Myers
Cecil Myers
J. Frank Myers
James Norton
Alexander Palamiotis
Paula Paquette
Emory and Lynde Parker
Gary Peacock
Jimmy and Marianne Peel
Tom Perdue
John Peterman
Sheila Phillips
Irvin Pinnell
Barbara Pope
Robert Poupard
Robert Powell
Howard Rainey
Sparky and Allene Reeves
James Reid
Candy Riccardi
John Rockhill
Donald Roland
Tucker Rush
Randal Sanders
Jonathan Scott
Ronald Scott
Brennnon Sewell
Arvind Shah
Jane Sibler
Bonnie Simmons
Sue Sisson
Rhonda Slocumb
Sybil Smith
Steven Snell
Stephen and Leah Snyder
Donnie Spence
James Stafford
Stephen Stanfield
Cecil Strickland
Charles Strickland
Neil Suggs
Helen Summey
R. Larry Sumner
Milton Sutherlin
Samuel Thames
Miranda Thomas
Mark and Tina Todd
Donja Tripp
Kathleen Tucker
Robert Tucker
Alf and Marianne Tuggle
Ray Turner
Norma Turton
Marcus Tyler
Lori Urbani
Daniel Wall
Eddie and Betty Ann Ward
Sandra Wardell
Charles Warren
Tonya Watson
Hugh Watts
Walter Weaver
Darrell Weldon
Thomas Wheeler
David and Elizabeth Whitaker
Betty Whittier
Thomas Wichman
Reba Wiggins
Michael Williamson
Alton Wilson
Susan Woods
Russell Wynn
Gwen Yakots
Ryan Young
CLASS NOTES

GSW

1940s

1946 Anita (Speir) Vesey would like to hear from her classmates. Please contact the alumni office for her phone number if you wish to chat about the “old days.”

1947 Joseph Wiley Carter Reid (“Toby”) is a retired executive textile executive who lives in Dalton. He grew up in Plains and enjoys reminiscing about his days at GSW.

1950s

1950 Olin McClung retired from General Electric after 40 years of service. Olin and his wife live in Flowery Branch and have been married 59 years. They enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

1954 Billie (Tillman) Davis and her husband Gordon are retired and living in Austell, GA.

1960s

1969 Duke Blackburn was reappointed by Governor Deal to the Board of Corrections in July 2015.

1970s

1971 Allen Brown was recently elected Mayor of Hinesville, GA. He and his wife Debbie have one daughter.

1974 Patricia (Moncus) Shannon has 2 sons, Patrick and Chase, and lives in Preston.


1979 Valerie (Ryan) Duff was recently hired as Principal for Furlow Charter School in Americus, after coming out of retirement to serve as interim principal in 2015. She has been an educator for over 30 years.

1980s

1983 Richard Culp, is a physician in Pensacola, FL.

1984 Donald Gilman is an agricultural educator at Lee County High School. He was the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Teacher of the Year in 2008. He and his wife, Kim, have a daughter.

1984 Lynde (Liggin) Parker was chosen as the 2015 Teacher of the Year at Sumter County Primary School in Americus, GA.

1986 Brenda (McWilliams) Lester is married to Jerome and works for the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.
1987
Lisa (Bailey) Holloway has been a Special Education teacher for 29 years. She currently works at Schley County Middle High School. Her youngest son is pitcher for the GSW Hurricane Baseball Team. Her oldest is currently a graduate assistant at Georgia Southern. She has been the organist at First Baptist Church in Americus for 17 years.

LeAnne Smith is the Federal Programs Director, Assistant Principal and Curriculum Director for Webster County Schools. Her daughter, Kelly, is majoring at GSW in Nursing.

1989
Bo Drinkard is a Decision Support Analyst with Hospital Corporation of America.

Ezekial McWilliams resides in Dublin with his wife and children, where he is self-employed as a counselor.

1990s

1990
Ty Turner was recently elected to the Georgia Bankers Association Board of Directors.

1991
David Horne was recently hired by Delta Data in Columbus, GA as a product developer in the area of fee management.

Rob Martin is a business consultant in the Albany office of the University of Georgia’s Small Business Development Center.

Donny Wall was recently promoted to President of Bill Brown Sales, a leading lighting component sales agency. He and his family reside in Peachtree City.

1994
Robin (Ellis) Bell was recently named Accounting Director at South Georgia Technical College.

Steven Theus was recently hired as the site manager for Fort Frederica National Monument.

1995
Mary (Lewis) Chavers was awarded the 2015 Teacher of the Year at Rosewood Elementary in the Indian River School District.

Allison (Ball) Inhulsen recently published a children’s picture book, Lillie’s First Sleepover, whose characters are based on one of her granddaughters.

David Wicker is an EMT and Lieutenant with the Glynn County Fire Department.

Bill Bodrey was promoted to GBI Special Agent in Charge of the Region 5 Office in Statesboro, GA. Bodrey is also a Certified Bomb Technician.

1996
Scott Justus was recently reappointed to the Professional Standards Commission by Governor Nathan Deal. He and his wife, Dawn, have 2 children and reside in Gainesville where he is the principal of West Hall High School.

Karen Reynolds-Chen is a Special Education Teacher and Department Chair at Ortig Middle School in Washington.

Natasha Mitchell lives in Sanford, Florida and is a Freshman Academic Advisor.

1999
Casey (White) Moore recently accepted a position with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Office of Community Development.

2000s

2000
Katie (Mulholland) Peppers was recently selected as Principal of Twin Oaks Elementary.

David Peppers is Human Resources Manager at Imerys. Greg Williams and his wife celebrated 10 years of marriage and have three daughters. He is the Head Baseball Coach at Cook High School.
2001
Jana (Brown) Griffis was named the 2016 Worth County Primary School Teacher of the Year. She is married to John and has two sons.

Matt Loper and Allison Hagler were married on March 12, 2016.

2003
Nathaniel Crawford is a luxury real estate agent in Pompano Beach, FL.

Santita Coon played basketball while at GSW and is now a middle school educator and coach.

2004
Lindsey (Cannon) Padgett has joined the law firm of Lee Durham LLC. Her practice will focus on Social Security law including SSI and disability insurance.

Marcus Shaw was named the Albany Herald’s Boys Basketball Coach of the Year for 2017. Shaw’s Calhoun County Cougars won the Georgia Class A public state championship versus Wilkinson County earlier this year.

2005
Deitra (Stanley) Wright is a Physical Therapist and lives in McDonough, GA.

Keri Reynolds was recently promoted to retail credit manager at SWGA Farm Credit. Keri and her husband Matt reside in Bainbridge and have three sons.

2009
Jeremy Sapp was recently promoted to supervisor of healthcare practice accounts in the accounting firm of Draffin and Tucker in Albany, GA.

Jessie (Mathison) Street recently married and now lives in Sandy Springs, where she is a Special Education teacher.

Sedrick Swan is the Recreation Operations manager for the Macon Bibb County Parks and Recreation department.

Jason Williams was recently selected as Assistant Principal of Furlow Charter School in Americus. In 2016, he was selected as Webster County Star Teacher.

2010s

2010
Kari Holloway debuted her novel “Cracked But Never Broken” in winter 2016 along with a sequel, “Behind the Lens,” in early 2017. She also has written a fantasy series, “Devil’s Playground,” that is also scheduled for release in 2017.

Tanisha Jones has a 3 year old son, John Gabriel, who will soon be playing t-ball with his local county recreation department.
Jami (Griffith) Welch is married to Josh and they have a daughter. Jami is a math teacher at Marion County High School.

2011
Joanna Phelps married Albert Bruderer in November 2015.

2013
Ryan House is employed in the Department of Community Health, State of GA.

Melinda Vansant recently joined Arledge and Associates Accounting as an audit specialist.

2015
In 2015, Jaha Dukureh was awarded a Points of Light award and L’Oréal Paris named her one of its Women of Worth to recognize her advocacy for women’s rights in third world countries. In 2016, she was named to the TIME 100 list of most influential people in America.

Kierra Sparks was recently named Student Affairs Assistant at South GA Technical College.

IN MEMORIAM

Don Carter, ‘36
Sea Island, GA

Claude Rhyne, ‘39
Americus, GA

Elizabeth (Duff) Williams, ‘39
Albany, GA

David McCorkle, ‘41
Rome, GA

Mary Ann
(Parker) Underwood, ‘42
Anderson, SC

Theresa (Sibley) Watkins, ‘45
Fayetteville, GA

Allie (Moree) Stuart, ‘46
Albany, GA

Clyde Armour, ‘48
Columbus, GA

Elaine (Elmore) Herlovich, ‘48
Fitzgerald, GA

Angelina
(Coptsias) Hancock, ‘49
Americus, GA

Bobby Herlovich, ‘54
Punta Gorda, FL

William Anderson, ‘56
Rockwell, NC

James McMullen, ‘58
Columbus, GA

Loron Coxwell, ‘68
Sylvester, GA

Addie (Hucks) Gurr, ‘68
Blairsville, GA

Claude Hammond, ‘69
North Augusta, SC

Lovie Blackwell, ‘71
Warwick, GA

Thomas Davis, ‘72
Lilburn, GA

John Purvis, ‘73
Dublin, GA

Riley Michael
“Mickey” Garnto, ‘74
Kite, GA

Robert Nobles, ‘75
Rochelle, GA

Roy Rountree, ‘75
Middleburg, FL

Boyce “Tuck” Rush, ‘91
Americus, GA

Betty Brantley, ‘92
Fitzgerald, GA
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Barry & Tami Blount
Paul & Eshonda Blue
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Jimmie & Joyce Buchanan
W C Brewer Corporation, DBA
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Everett L. Byrd
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Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter
Center for Educational Adventure, LLC
Chambliss, Sheppard, Roland & Associates
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Clinic Drug Store, Inc.
Harland “Bud” & Anne Cofer
Ann Cofer
The Ryan Coleman Foundation
Larry & Jane Comer Foundation
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Courtesy Ford

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Jimmy & Marianne Peel
William J. & Brook Peterson
Lee & Faith Pinnell
Betty Pope
Edward & JoAnn Pope
Kerri K. Post
Glenn Robins
Randy Roderick & Associates, Inc.
Roman Oven
Rotary Club of Americus
Reda & Kelly Rowell
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SB&T Bank
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Georgia Foundation
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Arrow Exterminators, Inc
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Harold L. Hall
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Pfizer United Way Campaign
PharmaCentra, LLC
Phoebe Sumter Medical Center, Inc
Precision Automotive
R & S Sports, Inc.
JoAnn Sheridan
Studio 8 Design
Summit Systems
Tape Specialists of Georgia
Molly T. Thomas
Torbert Electric, Inc.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Jones T. Wright

Tower Club
($250 - $499)
Adkins Rental Holdings, LLC
After Hours Care of Americus, Inc.
Americus Living LLC
Lynn Bailey
Mary A. & Steven Barrett
James C. & Vicki Birdsong
Kendall A. & Connie Blanchard
Robert I. & Kathleen Bolton
John S. & Shirley Bretch
Kathryn Cade
Annette & Jeff Carter
Century 21 Americus Realty, Inc.
Chandler-Morgan Eyeworks LLC
Coca-Cola
Country’s Barbecue
Ronald E. & Suzann Culpepper
Christian B. Dane
Bryan P. Davis
Glenn & Anita Davis
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Denham, Edwards & Foshee
Insurance
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Riccardi D.M.D
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Dentistry, PC
Minnick Interiors, Inc.
Ronald R. & Mary Nix
Old Hodges Auto Sales, LLC
Parrish Construction Group, Inc
RDR
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Thomas E. & Ruth Shemwell
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Southern Land & Realty
Doug Stinson
Cecil G. Strickland
Sunbelt Ford of Americus
Milton G. Sutherlin
The Longstreet Clinic, PC
The Maze
George R. & Shay Torbert
Vivint
**Tower Club**  
($250 - $499)

James L. Watkins  
James W. Whaley  
Richard A. & Ginny Whaley  
Jason A. Wicker  
Philip J. Wise  
Russell A. & Valerie Wynn  
Alex & Alla Yemelyanov  
Zaxby’s

Mike Cheokas  
William D. & Janet Childs  
Christ Chapel Church  
Charles A. & Hazel Clark  
Kimberly Comer  
Bryan J. & Monika Conley  
Suzanne H. Conner  
Janice Connor  
Lisa Cooper  
Sandra Coptsias  
Creative Printing Inc.  
David W. Cripe  
Crook’s Paint Center  
Miles H. & Monica Crowe  
Joshua J. Curtin  
Jeff & Karen Dale  
Michelle Dalva  
Sandra S. Davis  
Sharyn L. & Frank Davis  
Warren L. Davis  
Patrick J. Dempsey  
Dorado Design & Construction Inc.  
Octavia A. & Dominic Dorsey  
Larry R. & Cathy Doyle  
Jack Dukes  
L Eugene Dunmon  
Dennis A. & Mara Durham  
Early Bloomers Garden Club  
Leisa R. & Rennie Easom  
East Georgia State College Foundation, Inc.  
Easterlin Pecan Co., Inc.  
Judy & Wayne Exley  
Farmers Seed & Feed  
Mosalah M. Fathi  
Kim W. & Raul Fernandez  
Paul & Wanda Ferrier  
John M. & Lynda Fields  
Erwin & Roberta Ford  
James C. Franklin  
Bobby J. & Alyce Frederick  
Greg Frichione  
Earl T. & Kathleen Futch  
Donald G. & Judy Gallops  
Earl & Barbara Gammage  
Jeffrey L. & Selina Gaston  
Schley & Karen Gatewood  
Gatewood, Skipper & Rambo, P.C.  
George’s Men’s Wear  
Giddens Auto Parts  
Tom Giddens  
Dennis L. Gore

**Century Club**  
($100 - $249)

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William A. & Katherine Anderson  
James D. & Martha Arrington  
Charles H. & Helen Auer  
Raymond L. & Susan Baggarly  
Sherrrell Bailey  
Deborah F. & Ichabod Balkcom  
David & Carolyn Barlow  
James E. & Shelley Barron  
John W. Bates  
Laura Bauer  
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Marvin R. & Mildred Benson  
William H. Bieler  
Darcy Bragg  
Kelly Britsky  
James C. & Robin Brown  
Brunson, Wilkerson, Bowden & Assoc, P.C.  
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Marilyn B. Campbell  
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Mike Cheokas  
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Christ Chapel Church  
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Tommy & Natasha Harris  
Letha Hartley  
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Mitchell & Jan Hatfield  
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Allen Kingly  
Kinnebrew Company  
John D. Kolata
On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Americus Police Officer Nicholas Smarr and Georgia Southwestern State University Public Safety Officer Jody Smith responded to a domestic violence call that tragically took their lives. The officers were best friends and had graduated from high school and the police academy together. Officer Smarr passed away on December 7, and Officer Smith passed away on December 8, 2016.

In the wake of this tragedy, GSW hosted a prayer vigil lead by GSW’s Sigma Chi Fraternity in honor and memory of fallen Americus Police Officer Nicholas Smarr and GSW Officer Jody Smith. GSW also hosted the funerals of Officers Smarr and Smith, which were attended by thousands of law enforcement officers from Georgia and across the United States.

On April 27, 2017 the University renamed the Public Safety building the “Nicholas Smarr and Jody Smith Memorial Building.”
The officers were best friends and had graduated from high school and the police academy together.
Save the Date!
February 17, 2018

Georgia Southwestern alumni and friends, you spent four (or more) of your best years on campus learning, developing bonds that last and building a reputation based on community and academic excellence for many generations. And to our friends that did not attend, thank you for your stewardship. We are all Hurricanes. Be Part of our Community. Be Part of Southwestern. Be Part of the Storm.