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UNG Creates Leaders

In early May, we celebrated the graduation of some 1,800 students from the University of North Georgia. UNG is well known for our academic excellence, leadership development and affordability, and I am pleased to say that the value of a UNG degree continues to grow.

UNG is expanding opportunities to make students regionally and globally competitive, and I am very proud that this year we have nine Fulbright Scholars. This is one of several highly competitive national scholarships that can provide life-changing opportunities for our students, and our success this year places UNG among the top-producing institutions nationally for Fulbright Scholars.

Our commitment to providing students throughout the region with access to a high-quality, affordable education is further affirmed by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, which recognized UNG as one of only three public universities in Georgia on its 2017 national ranking of the "Best College Values."

As our graduates begin the next step of their journey, I am confident they are well equipped to become civic, professional and military leaders who will make a positive impact in communities throughout Georgia and around the globe.

On a sad note, 1st Lt. Weston Lee, a 2014 UNG graduate, lost his life on April 29 as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device while serving in Iraq. This was a heartbreaking reminder to our University community of the sacrifices made by those called to serve in the military. As one of only six senior military colleges in the nation, we remain proud to be a part of our students' preparation to become military officers.

Through times of joy and times of sadness, I am honored to serve as President of this great University, and I am grateful to our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who have created remarkable momentum for UNG. Together, we can be proud of the legacy of student success, academic excellence, and leadership development that are the hallmarks of the University of North Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonita Jacobs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bonita C. Jacobs
President
University of North Georgia

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“Pitch challenge” competition to help launch entrepreneurs



To learn more about the contest, visit go.ung.edu/startitupchallenge.

The newly renamed Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, a unit of UNG’s Mike Cottrell College of Business, will help new businesses take flight this summer through the StartItUp Pitch Challenge. The top contestant will receive \$10,000 to support a business venture. Second place will receive \$5,000, and third place will receive \$2,500.

The challenge calls for competitors to pitch their ideas for a new business, and is open to UNG students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as entrepreneurs within Lumpkin, Hall, Dawson, Forsyth, Gilmer, and Fannin counties. The Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation has partnered with MDD Holdings Inc., to offer prizes to the top pitches.

“This challenge is an excellent way for university constituents and community members to capitalize on those great business ideas that sometimes struggle to get off the ground,” said Dr. Ruben Boling, director for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. “By doing this, we are also sowing directly into the economic future of our region, and ensuring that northeast Georgia remains a strong hub for small businesses.”

The pitch challenge began May 22 and will culminate on Sept. 27 with the championship round; the end of the pitch challenge will be followed the next day with the beginning of the StartItUp Conference.

“After I graduated, I wanted to stay in the area and help address what I saw

as a lack of economic growth,” said Rajpal Sagoo, a UNG alumnus and president of MDD Holdings. “Students so often come up with great ideas while they are in college, but either can’t or don’t follow through on them. This challenge looked like a perfect opportunity to harness these ideas and stimulate economic growth in the area.”

On March 22, the Center for the Future of North Georgia became the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, marking a shift in the center’s priority to directly support students, small businesses and their owners in the region through unique initiatives and programming designed to spark and sustain the entrepreneurial spirit.

Presidential awards fund faculty and staff projects

More than \$250,000 will support various faculty and staff projects and initiatives in 2017 at UNG, marking the fourth year of the Presidential Initiative Awards program, instituted by UNG President Bonita C. Jacobs in 2013.

“Since launching this program, we have awarded nearly \$800,000 in support of more than 125 professional development, research and innovation projects across our campuses,” Jacobs said. “These awards are a key investment in UNG faculty and staff, and the knowledge and expertise gained, the improved practices, and the resulting initiatives have significantly enhanced the educational experience of our students.”

There are three types of awards available through the program:

- Presidential Semester Incentive Awards - recipients receive a full semester release from teaching and service, plus funding support of up to \$12,000 each
- Presidential Summer Incentive Awards - projects receive up to \$10,000 each to support research or scholarship and creative activities during the summer semester



Dr. Katayoun Mobasher, associate professor of geology and recipient of a 2017 Presidential Semester Incentive Award, examines a rock with a magnifying glass, an important process in studying geology that can prove difficult for students with visual disabilities. Using her award, she plans to remedy these challenges.

- Presidential Innovation Awards - projects receive up to \$5,000 each to support full-time faculty and staff members in collaborations or individual pursuits focused on innovations and partnerships.

The 2017 awards funded 31 projects across a wide range of disciplines, including a project through which Dr. Susan Hurley of the Department of Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Dr. Mark Griffin of the Department of Psychology are partnering with the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center to improve service to victims of child abuse.

“The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center provides a wonderful opportunity to coordinate efforts and promote collaboration between law enforcement, medical, judicial, and social service agencies during sexual abuse investigations involving children. This collaboration involves teamwork to ensure the children are interviewed only once rather than by each agency requiring testimony or evidence, and other steps are taken as well to reduce the trauma experienced by the victims,” Hurley said. “However, no facilities of this kind exist in Lumpkin or White counties, and

driving these children north to Blairsville to the closest South Enotah facility only worsens their trauma. We realized if we could create a facility here, we could share it with White County and provide a very important service.”

The group is now sharing UNG’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling Center with South Enotah. With the center’s existing technology, they can record interviews so they may be shared with other parties, while the center provides counseling to the children and their families.

Professor receives state's highest teaching award



Dr. Miriam Segura-Totten, biology professor, earned the state's top teaching award.

UNG biology professor Miriam Segura-Totten was selected as one of the 2017 recipients of the University System of Georgia's (USG) most prestigious teaching award, the Regent's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Segura-Totten was selected unanimously by the review committee based on her commitment to not only teach students but to nurture "engaged citizens."

"The committee felt her commitment was demonstrated in her creative assignments designed to promote critical thinking, and to contextualize science for non-science majors. They also noted a focus on retention of underrepresented students in STEM, history of scholarly approach to

teaching, and editorship of an undergraduate research journal as confirmation of her dedication," wrote Dr. Robert E. Anderson, interim executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for the Board of Regents of the USG.

Segura-Totten, who joined UNG in 2009, earned a bachelor's degree in molecular biology from Princeton University and a doctorate in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, she is fluent in both English and Spanish.

"As an educator, I have the opportunity to make a positive and lasting impact on students' lives. When I step into the classroom, I remind myself that my job is to teach, support, encourage,

and, hopefully, inspire," Segura-Totten said.

Segura-Totten also received the Distinguished Teaching Award from UNG's Center for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership. The award recognizes exceptional accomplishments and contributions in teaching over the course of a distinguished career and is one of the highest honors UNG bestows.

"Dr. Segura-Totten's distinguished teaching career exemplifies the innovation, value and reach of her work as an educator. Her many contributions to teaching in and beyond the classroom demonstrate the high standards and student-centered nature that guides her," said Dr. Tom Ormond, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Students stage international film festival

The Skyline International Film Festival (SIFF), sponsored by UNG's Department of Communication, Media and Journalism, returned to the Gainesville Campus, May 19-21, and featured films from UNG students and filmmakers from across the globe.

SIFF is a student-run festival that aims to educate and support up-and-coming filmmakers. For students in UNG's film program, the event also provides important hands-on experience in hosting a festival. Those attending got a behind-the-scenes perspective of film production and the opportunity to meet up-and-coming filmmakers through media panels and screenings.

"That part of the festival planning was a great opportunity for students, because it allowed them to participate in the festival selection process from the other side," said Dr. Jeff Marker, head of the Department of Communication, Media and Journalism at UNG. "Now, when they submit films to other festivals, they will have a sense of the quality of their competition and what selection committees are looking for."

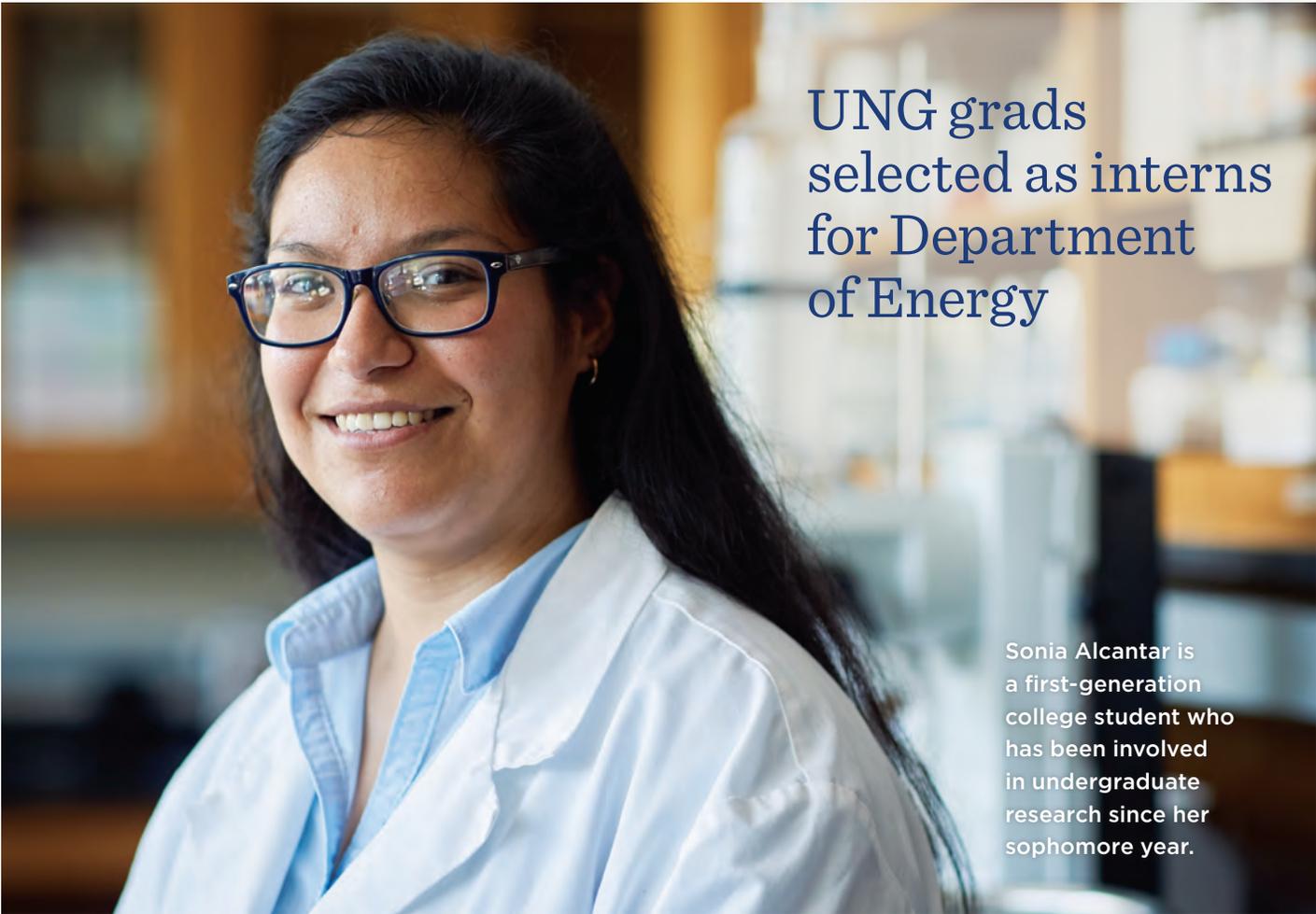
Of the more than 3,000 films submitted, the planners selected 53 for viewing during the three-day festival. All the films were viewed and rated by students, faculty and working filmmakers for selection.

"After volunteering for the festival last year, I knew that I wanted to take more of a leadership role in the planning process for 2017. We were in planning mode for this year's event since October," said Melissa Simpson, a

recent 2017 UNG graduate and an executive director for SIFF. "As a film and digital media major, I knew this event would allow me the opportunity to make great connections in the Georgia film community, as well as in the Georgia film festival scene. Working on this event gave me valuable experience in planning large-scale events."

Students in UNG's film program have access to state-of-the-art equipment.





UNG grads selected as interns for Department of Energy

Sonia Alcantar is a first-generation college student who has been involved in undergraduate research since her sophomore year.

Recent UNG graduates Katie McCullough, Kimberly Wright and Sonia Alcantar received internships with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to study at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) in Richland, Washington.

The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) provides research experience at DOE laboratories to college students on current programs or ones selected by the intern.

“The DOE SULI program is very competitive and highly respected. I am

exceedingly proud of the hard work these students have put into their undergraduate research over the years. They have clearly received impeccable mentorship from many in the biology department,” said Dr. Anastasia Lin, assistant dean of research and scholarship at UNG.

With a major in biology and a minor in chemistry, McCullough began her research during a UNG study abroad course focused on tropical reef ecology.

“In Belize we studied parrotfish. Afterwards, my student group presented our findings at several conferences and ultimately

received a UNG Faculty-Undergraduate Summer Engagement (FUSE) grant to continue our research,” McCullough said.

Alcantar is the first member of her family to graduate from a university. She has been involved with undergraduate research since her sophomore year, and graduated in December 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in biology.

“In addition to the spring 2017 SULI opportunity at PNNL, I was also selected as an intern for summer 2017,” Alcantar said. “My current research is being conducted in a boreal peatland forest in northern

Minnesota made up of black spruce.”

Wright also graduated in December 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in biology. During the internship, she is working to engineer microorganisms, particularly algae, to improve their feasibility as feedstock for the production of biofuels.

“Los Alamos National Laboratory was my top choice — I wasn’t expecting to get picked for the program, let alone receive my first choice. The experience has been great, and has helped me solidify my decision to go to graduate school,” Wright said.

Faculty and students research primates in Africa

Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya, Africa, will receive visitors from UNG this year thanks to a \$394,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support research on how primates adapt to changes in their environment.

Dr. David Patterson of UNG's Department of Biology is the co-principal investigator of the project, "Unlocking the hard tissue record of primate adaptability to environmental change," and will take students with him for several trips to the park.

"We encourage research at every level for our students, but to participate in a grant project of this magnitude from the National Science Foundation is a rare opportunity," said Dr. Mike Bodri, dean of UNG's College of Science & Mathematics. "This is the kind of experience that

students remember as catalysts that took them deeper into their research interests and chosen fields."

At Amboseli, Patterson and students will study plants that savanna baboons eat and examine skeletons

of baboons that died from natural causes within the Amboseli ecosystem.

The project is a combined effort between Patterson, Principal Investigator Dr. Shannon McFarlin of George

Washington University, Dr. Susan Alberts of Duke University, and Dr. Anna K. Behrensmeyer of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.



Dr. David Patterson is the co-principal investigator on a project that will enable him and students to travel to Africa to study the diets of savanna baboons.

Faculty selected as Governor's Teaching Fellows

UNG faculty members Drs. Michallene McDaniel, associate professor of sociology and human services, and Ken Martin, associate professor of Spanish, were Governor's Teaching Fellows for the 2016-17 year. The program has only 12 individuals each year, making McDaniel and Martin part of a select group of faculty.

The Governor's Teaching Fellows Program provides Georgia's

higher education faculty members with expanded opportunities for developing important teaching skills. Fellows are selected based on their teaching experience, their interest in continuing instructional and professional development, their ability to make a positive impact on their own campus.

McDaniel holds an associate degree in communications from Florida State University, a

bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of North Florida, a master's degree in sociology, a graduate certificate in women's studies, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Georgia.

Martin completed his master's degree in Spanish and Ph.D. in romance languages at the University of Georgia.

Planetarium events highlight solar eclipse

On Aug. 21, a total solar eclipse will temporarily darken portions of north Georgia, and UNG has events planned in advance to help viewers have a safe and educational experience.

“The upcoming solar eclipse is a big deal because it’s such a rare phenomenon. From parts of north Georgia, you will be able to see a total solar eclipse, which is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Dr. Lesley Simanton-Coogan, director of the George E. Coleman Sr. Planetarium at UNG and a lecturer in physics. “Any given location on Earth will only be in the path of a total solar eclipse roughly every 375 years. Even partial solar eclipses are not common, so the fact that most of the U.S. will be able to see at least part of the sun covered is giving rise to the nickname the Great American Eclipse.”

UNG has two events planned, a workshop for K-12 teachers and an educational event for the public the day before the eclipse – both events are free. Educators can attend a session at the Coleman Planetarium on Saturday, Aug. 12. In addition to a planetarium show, UNG faculty members will lead educators through eclipse-related activities that they can use in their classrooms and provide resources for safe eclipse viewing and additional astronomy information.

Seating in the planetarium is limited, so educators are encouraged to register by visiting the eclipse program website.

The public event on Sunday, Aug. 20 is a chance for community members and UNG students to learn about the eclipse, including a short planetarium show featuring real, close-up images of the sun. There also will be talks by UNG professors on eclipse-related topics such as the science, history and culture surrounding eclipses and the sun. Weather permitting, special telescopes will be set up for safe, direct



Dr. Lesley Simanton-Coogan, director of the George E. Coleman Sr. Planetarium at UNG and a lecturer in physics, sits in the planetarium with an image of the sun projected in the background.

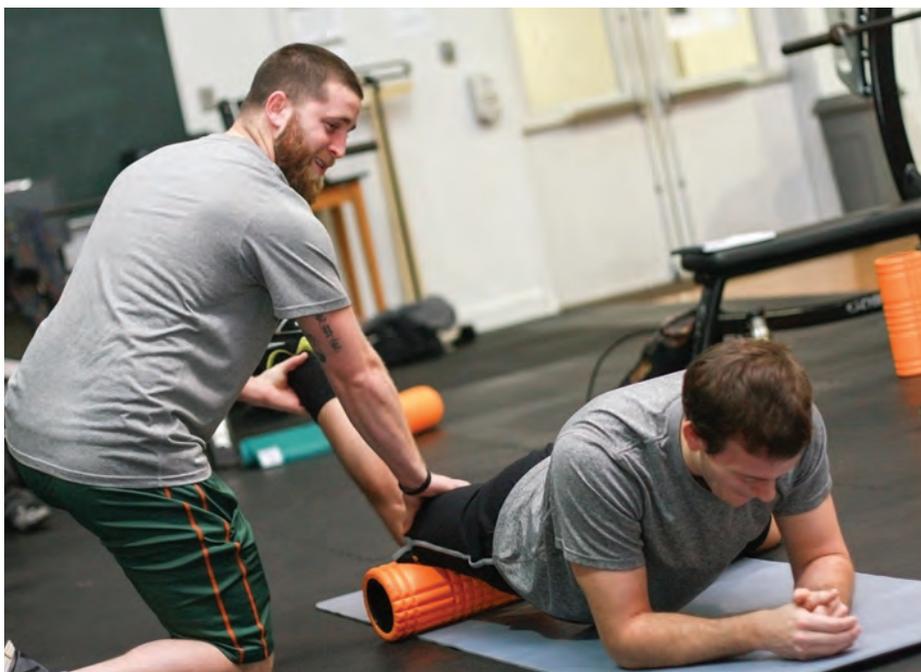
viewing of the sun. Eclipse glasses also will be given to guests to take with them and safely view the eclipse the following day.

People should attend this event on the day before the eclipse to prepare for the eclipse the next day, Simanton-Coogan said.

“The Great American Eclipse will occur on a Monday afternoon around 2:30 p.m., with the moment of totality lasting only a few minutes and only from certain parts of north Georgia, Simanton-Coogan said. “Learning about the eclipse ahead of time,

especially where to go to see the total eclipse, is the best way not to miss this brief and incredibly rare opportunity. It is also important to alert people to safe viewing practices before the event, as looking at the sun while it is partially covered is still dangerous to the eyes.”

From May 19 until the big event, the weekly planetarium shows at UNG will feature the film “Solar Superstorms.” The free, public shows begin each Friday at 8 p.m.; for information and directions, visit the planetarium website at ung.edu/planetarium.



Kinesiology Department in full swing

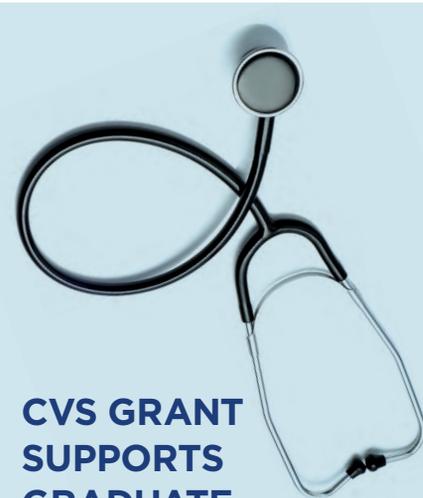
UNG's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation is now the Department of Kinesiology, a change reflecting a more streamlined approach to the degree programs offered within the department.

"Physical Education is an umbrella term for a number of related disciplines, such as physical education, exercise science, health education, athletic training, and many others," said Dr. Gary Preston, head of UNG's Department of Kinesiology. "Kinesiology is a more current, specific and well-recognized program name in the field of health and physical education."

Degrees offered now include:

- Bachelor of Science in kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise science
- Bachelor of Science in kinesiology with teacher certification in physical education
- Bachelor of Science in kinesiology with an emphasis in health and fitness
- Bachelor of Science in sports medicine

The department also offers associate and master's degrees, as well as a post-baccalaureate certificate program. To learn more, visit ung.edu/kinesiology.



CVS GRANT SUPPORTS GRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS

UNG received a \$5,000 scholarship grant from the CVS Health Foundation to assist graduate students in the Department of Nursing complete the Master of Science in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program.

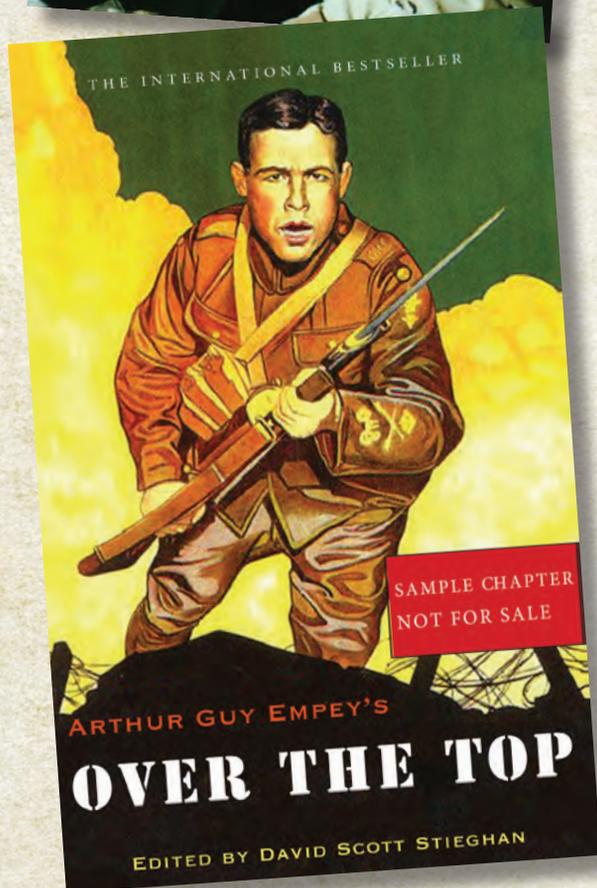
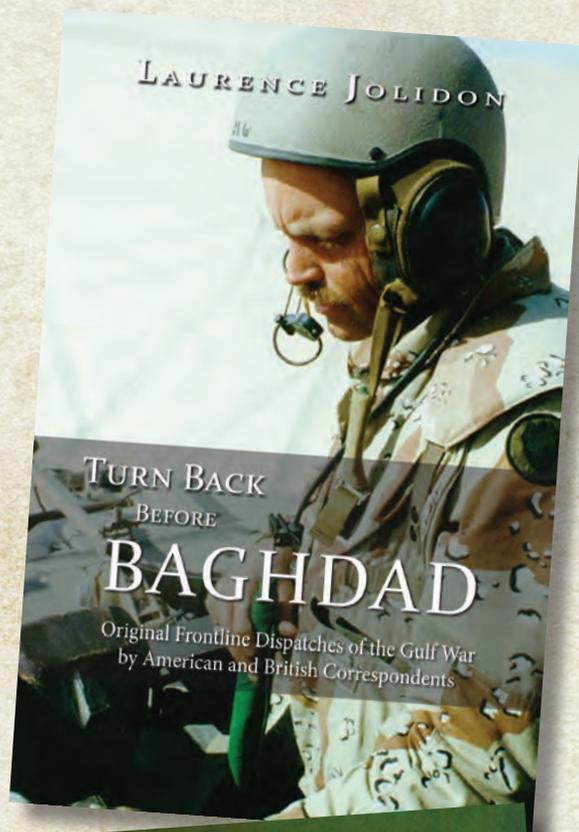
The grant will be used to award five \$1,000 scholarships to rural FNP students with financial needs, including bilingual students serving in primary care clinics in the Appalachian region of Georgia.

"This grant alleviates some of the pressure many of our students struggle with due to having to work full-time and manage family commitments, which can be financially challenging with the additional costs of returning to school," said Dr. Deb Dumphy, associate professor of nursing and graduate program coordinator at UNG.

The UNG FNP program was developed as a "rural health" program and all clinical courses focus on rural primary care. Many nursing students are currently serving in medically underserved north Georgia clinics.



UNG has earned a Tree Campus USA recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.



UNG Press publishes military titles

The UNG Press released two war and military titles this spring.

The first is a reprint of the World War I story “Over the Top,” which was originally released in 1917, just weeks after the war had begun, and became a New York Times bestseller. The UNG Press released the book on April 6, the centennial anniversary of when Congress declared war on Germany – officially entering the United States into the war.

“The book was heavily influential during its time. Interestingly, however, most people today are unfamiliar with the book, despite its fascinating story and readability. The UNG Press has partnered with Fort Benning’s Infantry Branch Historian, David Scott Stieghan, to edit and annotate this book and a few other WWI books as a part of our Doughboy Series within our WWI Centenary Book Series,” said Dr. BJ Robinson, director of the UNG Press.

The author, an American named Arthur Guy Empey, served in the British Army in the early days of World War I. After fighting in the trenches, he began writing short stories about his overseas military experience. An estimated one million copies were printed from May 1917 through November 1918.

Stieghan contextualizes the historical settings and environment for today’s readers. Since

1999, Stieghan has worked on 28 Armed Forces Radio and Television Service Military Heritage spots, eight shows for the History Channel, and 21 shows for the Military Channel as a technical advisor and subject matter expert.

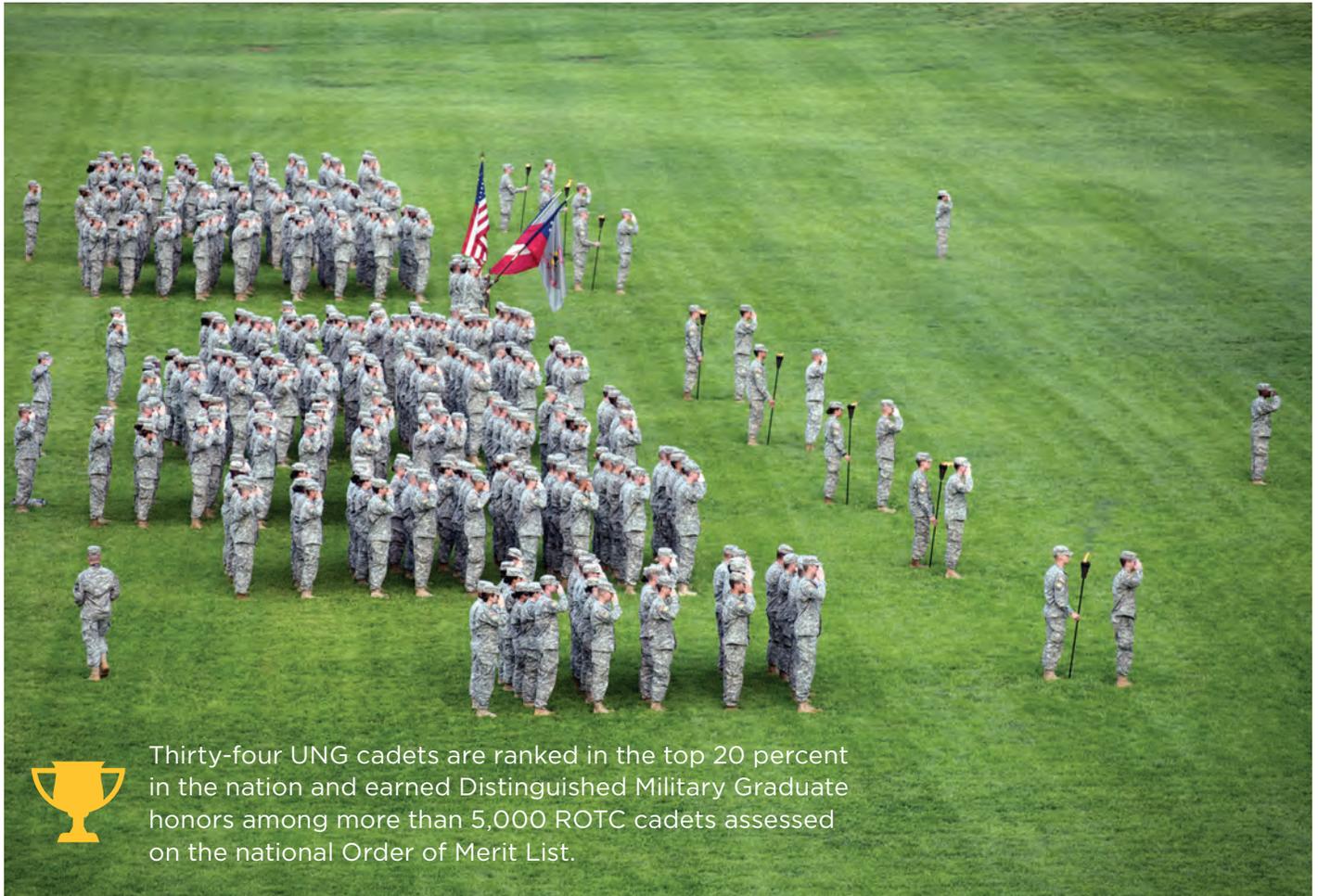
UNG Press released the second title, “Turn Back Before Baghdad: Original Frontline Dispatches of the Gulf War by American and British Correspondents,” on April 18.

Written by war correspondent Laurence Jolidon, the book is a compilation of eyewitness accounts of the unique moments the media pool captured during Operation Desert Storm.

For both the military and journalists, the media pool system was viewed with misgivings. It was seen by many as the best of several bad options for reporting the coming war to the world.

“This book is a must-read for any historian of the first Iraq War, or for any reader who is curious about how the press really covered the war,” Robinson said.

The UNG Press, a scholarly, peer-reviewed press, promotes education and research with a special emphasis on local and global cultures. The Press’ partnership with the university provides a learning environment for students to gain real life experiences in publishing and marketing.



Thirty-four UNG cadets are ranked in the top 20 percent in the nation and earned Distinguished Military Graduate honors among more than 5,000 ROTC cadets assessed on the national Order of Merit List.



Victoria Wilder (left) became the first female from UNG to commission into the Infantry when she graduated this spring.

UNG's military programs and the Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies were featured in Army Magazine, a publication of the Association of the United States Army, in February.



Sgt. 1st Class Jason Bent, a military science instructor at UNG, was selected as the top Army ROTC instructor in the country and to contend for Army Instructor of the Year.

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UNG wins NCAA DII National Award



UNG earned the national 2017 NCAA Division II Award of Excellence in recognition of its Operation Nighthawks of Honor initiative.

Through the initiative, each of the university's sports teams celebrates the men and women of the U.S. military who have bravely served or are serving the country, paying specific tribute to service members who have a distinct connection to UNG.

UNG President Bonita Jacobs, UNG Athletics Director Lindsay Reeves and student-athlete Hannah Peevy accepted the award in January at the

NCAA annual convention. The award includes a \$1,500 grand prize for future community engagement initiatives and a nationally televised football or basketball game during the 2017-18 season.

"Winning the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence speaks volumes of our student-athletes' commitment to service and their respect for those that have honorably served our country," Reeves said. "Operation Nighthawks of Honor is about recognizing those military service members from our university who gave everything, and supporting

our ROTC program as it trains the next generations of Army leaders."

Each sports team is assigned a UNG graduate or former student who was killed in action while serving the country, and commemorate the service members throughout their respective seasons. At the end of each season, memorabilia used to honor the fallen soldier is sold in an online auction, with all proceeds supporting the UNG Boar's Head Brigade Corps of Cadets Endowment Fund.

"It is so easy to take things for granted, freedom being one of them, but it's

Hannah Peevy, Lindsay Reeves and Dr. Bonita Jacobs accept the 2017 NCAA DII Award of Excellence from Steve Scott, Chair of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, at the NCAA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

important to realize we were not given our freedom. That freedom has been fought for by American heroes, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice," said Trevor Sams, a senior infielder for the Nighthawks baseball team.



BASEBALL CHAMPS

For the first time in program history, UNG's baseball team achieved the top rank in the nation in a Collegiate Baseball Division II Poll released in March. The team won the Peach Belt Conference championship and the NCAA DII Southeast Regional Championship.



SOCON CHAMPIONS

UNG claimed the 2017 Southern Conference Rifle Championship, and junior Ruthanne Conner won the league's Pinnacle Award and received the Air Rifle Athlete of the Year award.

MAKE-A-WISH

Since 2010, UNG has raised more than \$107,000 for Make-A-Wish. More than 10 wishes have been granted due to the efforts of UNG's student-athletes.



Annual gala celebrates \$1.7 million in scholarships



Mary Helen McGruder, chair of the UNG Foundation, (left) presents the check of \$1,784,210 to UNG President Bonita C. Jacobs.

The UNG Foundation awarded more than \$1.7 million in student scholarships during the 2016 fiscal year, a total celebrated at the university's fifth annual Scholarship Gala held March 3 in Gainesville, Georgia.

Honorary co-chairs of this year's event were Georgia's First Lady Sandra Deal and Dr. John and Mrs. Jane Hemmer, both university alumni.

Scholarship support for students has been a focus for UNG President Bonita C. Jacobs since her inauguration in 2013, during which the first Scholarship Gala was held. The UNG Foundation has raised a total of \$7.6 million for scholarships since 2012.

"Scholarships are essential for many students and one of my top priorities," Jacobs said. "Our alumni

and community partners have responded with remarkable generosity and contributions that are truly life-changing for our students. ... That support helps our students realize their full potential, which helps them become successful leaders."

Most UNG students receive some type of financial aid, from scholarships and grants to student loans, and the need for scholarships continues to rise.

Dr. Richard Oates, vice president of UNG's Gainesville Campus, noted 2017 marks the 50th year since the first graduates of then-Gainesville Junior College.

"Few of us could have imagined the growth this community would experience over the next 50 years to become a regional hub for business,

healthcare and education," Oates said. "Today, a part of the University of North Georgia, the Gainesville Campus serves more than 7,700 students and offers associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees and professional certificates in a wide range of programs to help meet the workforce needs of the region and the education goals of our students."

During the event, Jacobs presented the 2017 Presidential Leadership Award to Lessie Smithgall of Gainesville; Mrs. Deal introduced the award.

"The Presidential Leadership Award is reserved for those who have made an extraordinary mark on the lives of those at UNG and within its communities. Lessie Smithgall, this



UNG President Bonita Jacobs (left) shares a laugh with First Lady Sandra Deal and Gov. Nathan Deal. Mrs. Deal was one of the honorary co-chairs for this year's gala.

year's honoree, has done just that. Lessie personifies this award through her exemplary life accomplishments, her good works for the people of our community, and her boundless spirit," Deal said. "Lessie and her late husband, Charles, have left an enduring mark on our region through media, art and philanthropy. For UNG and its students, their legacy can be felt particularly through the Gainesville Theatre Alliance. With their invaluable support, this nationally acclaimed program has enriched our lives and the community."

Previous winners of the Presidential Leadership Award are retired Lt. Gen. James L. Terry, Mike Cottrell, Paul Stringer, George Coleman, Cumming Mayor H. Ford Gravitt, and retired Gen. Randy Mixon.

Bob and Wanda Swoszowski received the Summit Award, which recognizes significant contributions to scholarships at UNG over time. Their support of scholarships at UNG spans more than 35 years in support of educational achievement and excellence. In addition to UNG, the couple



Wanda and Bob Swoszowski received the Summit Award in recognition of more than 35 years of support to UNG.

have supported more than 30 non-profit organizations throughout the region through financial contributions and service to more than 15 boards and committees.



Lessie Smithgall (front, center) received the Presidential Leadership Award for many years of support for UNG and the Gainesville Theatre Alliance. Mrs. Smithgall is surrounded by (left to right): Pete Nesbitt, Richard Oates, Martha Nesbitt, Gov. Nathan Deal, First Lady Sandra Deal, President Bonita Jacobs, Wanda and Bob Swoszowski, Jane and John Hemmer.

Lamb leaves transformational gift to UNG

John Lamb attended the University of North Georgia for one year in 1946. Nearly 60 years later, he shared with UNG advancement staff Fred Link and Bruce Howerton, retired vice president for advancement, that that year was the “happiest time of his life.”

Lamb died in December 2016 and left his entire estate, appraised at \$1.2 million, to the UNG Foundation. The estate included 87 acres of land, a farm, more than 40 cattle, two donkeys, and two rabbits.

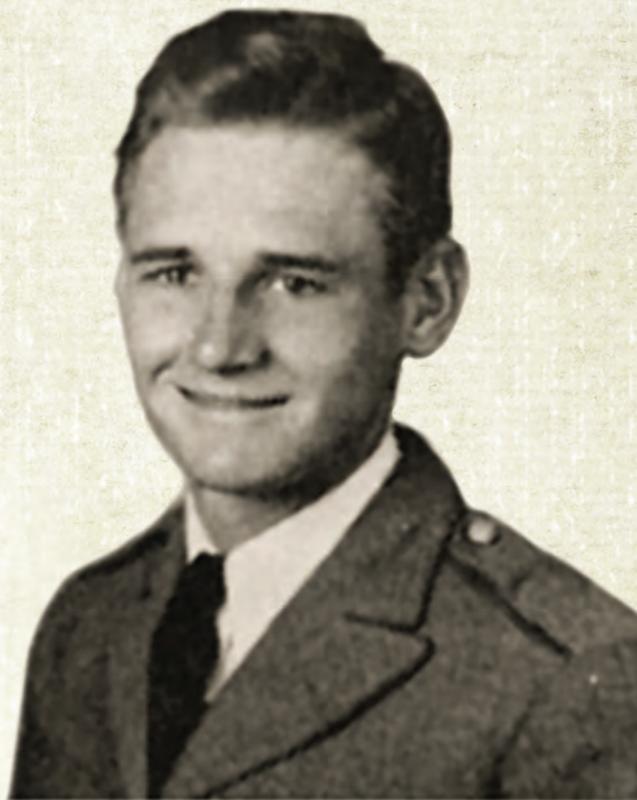
In his Will, Lamb appointed the UNG Foundation as the executor of his estate and left all of his property to the university to be used for capital improvements, including construction of new buildings, or

acquisition and/or renovation of existing buildings.

“John’s generosity will be transformational to UNG,” said Jeff Tarnowski, vice president for advancement. “The impact of his gift will be felt at UNG for generations to come.”

Lamb transferred to the University of Georgia after leaving UNG and earned a bachelor’s degree in agriculture. After he graduated, he commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army. He served two years active duty, including a 10-month tour in Korea as a tank platoon leader. He commanded and supervised 30 men and was honorably released at the end of his active duty tour as a 1st lieutenant.

Lamb’s post-military career included working as a



livestock buyer with White Provision Packing Company in Atlanta, a sales representative for International

Minerals and Chemical Corporation, and manager and operator of The Frontier Meat Company in Buford.

Parent and Family Association supports student needs

UNG’s Parent and Family Association (PFA) is providing \$40,000 in scholarships and resources to the university and its students for academic, recreational and service activities in 2017.

The PFA plans to give \$20,000 to the Center for Global Engagement to provide scholarships for students studying abroad

and participating in modern language programs, \$12,000 to support cadet scholarships, \$5,000 to support student scholarships in the Honors Program, and \$3,000 to support students and resources for UNG’s cyber security program.

Rebecca Lore, president of the PFA, has been involved with the process of funding and providing

scholarships during her time with the association.

“UNG has a variety of needs and providing scholarships is one of the many ways that the PFA can address them – the number of scholarships and their amounts depend on donations and memberships to the PFA,” Lore said.

Since 2014, the PFA has continued its mission to

support UNG and prepare its students for professional, civic and military leadership. The organization fosters relationships among parents, promotes communication between parents and the university, and supports university programs and goals, to enhance the college experience for students and their families.

One Gift. Your Gift.

In May, UNG awarded more than 1,800 degrees, culminating years of hard work by students.

Commencement reminds us how far these students have come. It also reminds us of the work that remains to be done. For each graduate walking, there is a freshman trying to make ends meet. For each first-generation graduate shattering expectations, there are high-school students uncertain if they will accomplish the same feat.

The One Gift. Your Gift. crowdfunding initiative is an effort to highlight the impact one person can make in the lives of UNG students. The percentage of alumni who give to their alma mater helps demonstrate graduate success and satisfaction. If you believe UNG to be the best university, show the world!

Our goal is to add 500 new gifts by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2017 and in the process raise more than \$25,000 for the general scholarship fund at UNG. Your participation toward this common goal, will help students graduate and unveil the pride and sense of community that exists across the UNG community - alumni, faculty, staff, families and friends.

Participate in the One Gift. Your Gift. initiative and show the world the impact UNG has had on so many throughout its history. Help celebrate these graduates with a gift to the future. Help us create new opportunities one gift at a time.

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Where I lead: **Serving my community**

What role do you play in community activism?

I have a deep commitment to assisting the local Latino community through volunteerism, political engagement and campus leadership. I currently serve as a volunteer for HoPe – a grassroots non-profit organization that offers leadership courses and scholarship assistance to local Hispanic high school students.

I am also actively involved with local political campaigns as well as on-campus initiatives that encourage students to vote and get involved in politics.

In what way have you brought that passion to campus?

At UNG, I facilitate classroom discussions on issues of diversity. Most recently, I completed the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials Institute for Leadership certificate.

What motivates you?

Like a lot of people from my generation, I have the desire to reach my highest potential through continuous and engaged learning. But I expect this to occur while engaging in higher theological, philosophical and political questions and ideas that moderate the way that I serve my community.

I agree with the known adage that service is the rent that we pay for living in this world, although I must add what we all know, that rent is higher depending on where one lives. For that reason, I feel an enormous debt for living in one of the greatest countries in history, the United States of America, and I am eager to give back where and when I can.

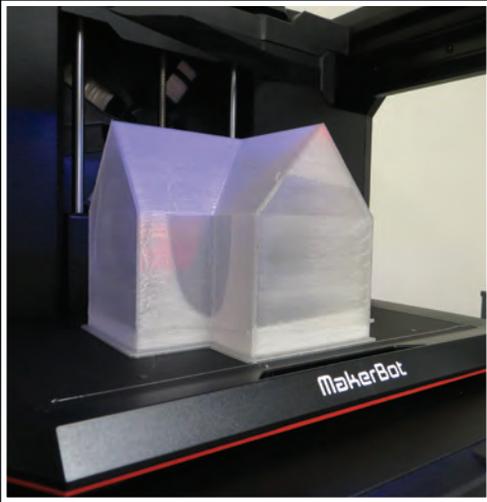


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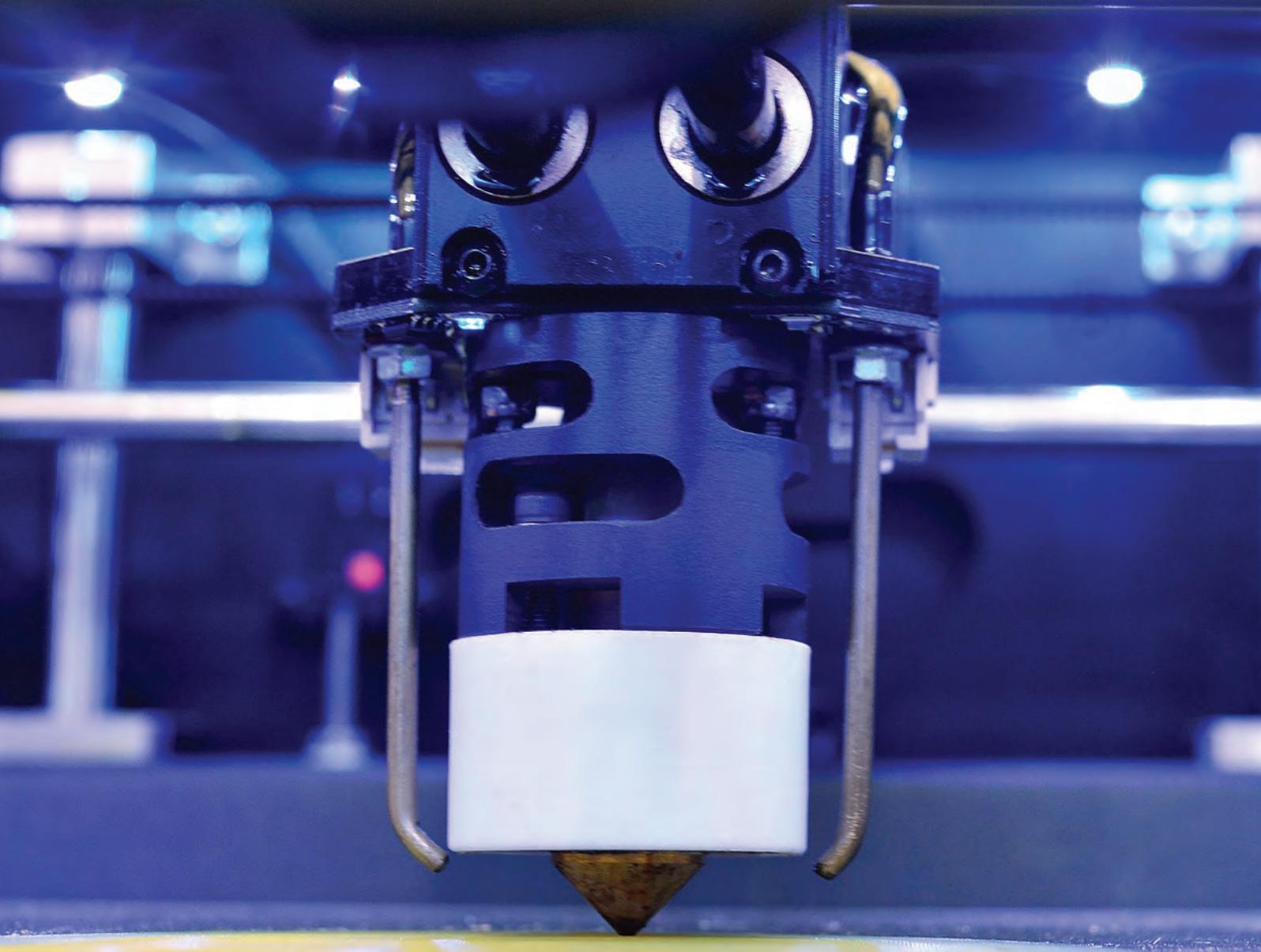
Cristian Ramos, a communications major with a concentration in organizational leadership, is a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow and one of only 273 student leaders selected for the award nationally. He was also awarded a scholarship to participate in the Leadership and the American Presidency Fall 2017 program through the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute - both programs are designed to recognize and reward students committed to public service and civic engagement.

Newman Civic Fellows are recognized for demonstrating leadership and problem-solving abilities in their communities.



NEW **3D** PRINTER LAB FUELS CREATIVITY

By Sylvia Carson





UNG is home to Georgia's first MakerBot Innovation Center, a specialized 3D printer lab that encourages students to conceptualize, create and produce new projects and products.

Earlier this year, UNG partnered with MakerBot, a global leader in desktop 3D printing, to open the learning and creation lab on the Dahunga Campus, the 15th of its kind in the country. The 32 pieces of equipment and technology are open to all majors and departments across the university.

"This lab will advance UNG's mission to foster

creative ideas and apply innovative thinking, and it will employ the latest in digital technology to help the university's students and the region's business and entrepreneurial community

develop successful ventures from anywhere in the world," said Dr. Pamela Sachant, head of the Department of Visual Arts. "Students and faculty from across multiple disciplines and fields of study will be able to utilize the equipment in this lab, bringing to life in a tangible way business projects, visual art pieces, science experiments, and even physics assignments."

UNG faculty members Drs. Jon Mehlferber, Department of Visual Arts, and Terrie Millard, Department of Physical Therapy, previously collaborated on a grant proposal

that used 3D printing to create low-cost assistive devices to aid disabled children in riding a bike.

Mehlferber and Millard called on students in visual arts, biology and physics to handle the design and construction of the devices, while physical therapy students offered advice and guidance on the types of objects to be produced.

The success of this project led to further grants and the professors were joined by other faculty, staff and students to develop more devices, including a special "saddle" (now patent pending), that makes it possible for disabled children to ride horses with minimal assistance.

"3D printing is an important medium for students to test their ideas and the MakerBot Innovation Center allows them to experiment more and feel more confident in taking risks. Over the past four months, students have printed more than 116

objects in the lab, quickly transforming UNG into a technologically advanced learning hub," Mehlferber said.

MakerBot reports that many leading universities around the world continue to implement MakerBot Innovation Centers to elevate access, entrepreneurship and multi-disciplinary collaboration on campus.

"Designed to elevate learning and promote cross-departmental collaboration, the MakerBot Innovation Center helps give students access to real-world design and development," said Lauren Goglick, general manager North America at MakerBot. "By bringing in a MakerBot Innovation Center and providing students access to 3D printing at an early stage, universities like UNG create an atmosphere of creativity and collaboration that spurs innovation and invention like never before."



Dr. Jon Mehlferber (left) assists students in the new Makerbot Innovation Center at UNG.

UNG scores record number of **FULBRIGHTERS**

By Michael Marshall '10

UNG set a new record this year with nine students selected as Fulbright finalists for 2017-2018, placing UNG among the top-producing institutions nationally for the U.S. Student Fulbright Program. Overall, 10 of the 14 applicants from UNG were selected as semifinalists for the prestigious Fulbright award, eight more than the previous year. One of the semifinalists has been named as an alternate, and will receive the award if other students for their country of study cannot accept.

“I am so pleased for our students,” said UNG President Bonita C. Jacobs. “These are life-changing opportunities, and their success is a testament to their academic achievement and leadership potential.”

The Fulbright Program operates in more than 160 countries and is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. Its goal is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other nations.



The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in more than 160 countries to recent graduates and graduate students.

With nine students selected as finalists this year, UNG is among the top-producing universities nationally for Fulbright Students.

“Our students continue to showcase their academic prowess by being selected for renowned national scholarships,” said Dr. Tom Ormond, UNG provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “The Fulbright Program selects just under 2,000 students across the nation each year, and for 10 of the semifinalists to come from UNG is a remarkable feat.”

The top-producing U.S. masters-granting universities had 3 to 11 awards in 2016-2107 and included Villanova University, Loyola Marymount and Western Kentucky. The official results for this year’s class will be published in February 2018.

For the 2017-18 cycle, more than 700 institutions put forward in excess of 10,000 student applications for the program. Students are typically in their final semesters of study when applying to the program. The National Screening Committee, composed of 457 senior faculty or field of study professionals, advanced 3,600 students as semi-finalists. From that group, about half became finalists and have the opportunity to travel abroad for 10 months of the 2017-18 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. The Fulbright award includes financial support for round-trip transportation to the host country and funding to cover room, board and incidental costs.

“This is an amazing opportunity for my personal, student and professional career,” said Faith Brown,

NICHOLAS ALLEN

Nicholas Allen, of Watkinsville, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in Senegal. A cadet and modern languages major in Arabic, Allen graduated and commissioned as an Army Military Intelligence officer in May 2017. Additionally, Allen has had the opportunity to study abroad through the Army’s Project Global Officer program. His long-term goal is to become a professional translator or enter the U.S. Foreign Service.



FAITH BROWN

Faith Brown, of Flowery Branch, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in Bulgaria. A communications major, Brown graduated from UNG in December 2016, and she plans to go to graduate school.



RACHAEL BRYANT

Rachael Bryant, of Dacula, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in South Korea. A psychology major, Bryant graduated from UNG in May 2016 and plans to teach English.



MITCHELL FARISS

Mitchell Fariss, of Milton, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in Germany. An international affairs major, Fariss will graduate from UNG in July. He plans to pursue an MBA and a career in international business, with plans to work in Germany.



the first student from UNG's Gainesville Campus to be selected as a finalist. "I intend to go to graduate school for multimedia studies when I return, and Fulbright is going to open so many doors to help make that possible. I am excited for the opportunity to travel abroad and to share my knowledge with the youth of Bulgaria, while they share their knowledge with me."

Gibson, who graduated in May, added a Korean minor to his studies even though it delayed his graduation. He serves in the U.S. Army Reserve as a combat photographer and works in UNG's Center for Language Education (CLE) as a teaching assistant. His work in CLE led him to teach English at Liaocheng University in China in summer 2016 on a Gilman scholarship.

"I met a Korean teacher during my exchange at Liaocheng, and we became good friends. I linked up with her along with CLE to study abroad at Sogang University in Korea, and became very interested in security studies involving North Korea," Gibson said. "This Fulbright trip back to South Korea will really help me refine my next steps in my career path."

For Allen, the Fulbright offers an opportunity to expand beyond his prior two study abroad experiences in Morocco.

After studying Arabic in summer 2014 at the American Language Institute in Fez, and studying French in fall 2016 at Al Akhawayn

University south of Fez, he wants to challenge himself in a new part of the world — Senegal.

“Going to Senegal will be completely unlike any experience I’ve had before,” Allen said. “I will spend 10 months teaching English to middle or high school students, and I’m really looking forward to the cultural exchange. Though I will serve four years in the Army Reserve after graduation, I also want to pursue a master’s degree in Arabic or Middle Eastern studies, and one day possibly work for the State Department as an interpreter or translator.”

Jacob Dietrich, ’15, was one of UNG’s first Fulbright recipients. With a bachelor’s degree in modern languages with a concentration in Arabic, Dietrich studied the impact of tourism on the Omani culture and economy in 2016. His experience in Oman was extended through an invitation to work with the Supreme Council for Planning in the country’s government.

“Nearing the end of my Fulbright grant, I had the opportunity to begin working for the Omani government within their Supreme Council for Planning as a member of a new economic diversification taskforce to help Oman broaden its economy past just oil and toward the three key sectors of tourism, manufacturing and logistics,” Dietrich said. “It was amazing getting to work with some of the highest-placed officials in the Omani government and to see how they recognize the

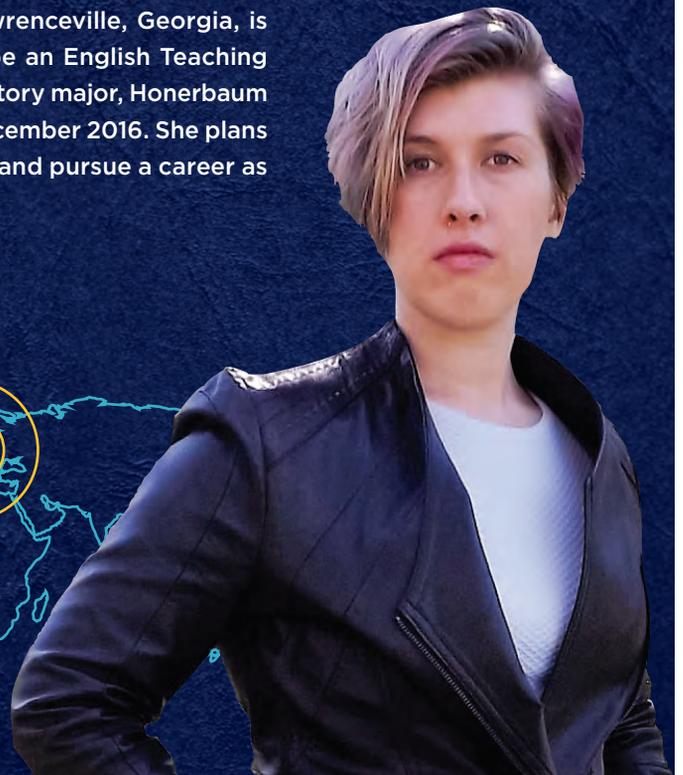
DARION GIBSON

Darion Gibson, of Fayetteville, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in South Korea. An international affairs major, Gibson initially entered UNG as a cadet. Through a Gilman Scholarship this past summer, he taught English in China. He graduated in May 2017 and he plans to teach English as a second language.



EMMA HONERBAUM

Emma Honerbaum, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, is currently an alternate to be an English Teaching Assistant in Germany. A history major, Honerbaum graduated from UNG in December 2016. She plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career as a historian and writer.



KATIE MCCULLOUGH

Katie McCullough, of Ringgold, Georgia, is a finalist selected to conduct research at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, where she will study the “Mechanisms of Yeast Antimicrobial Resistance.” A biology major and former UNG cadet, McCullough graduated in December 2016. She has been accepted into a graduate program at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



Fulbright name. The fellowship has definitely opened some international doors for me.”

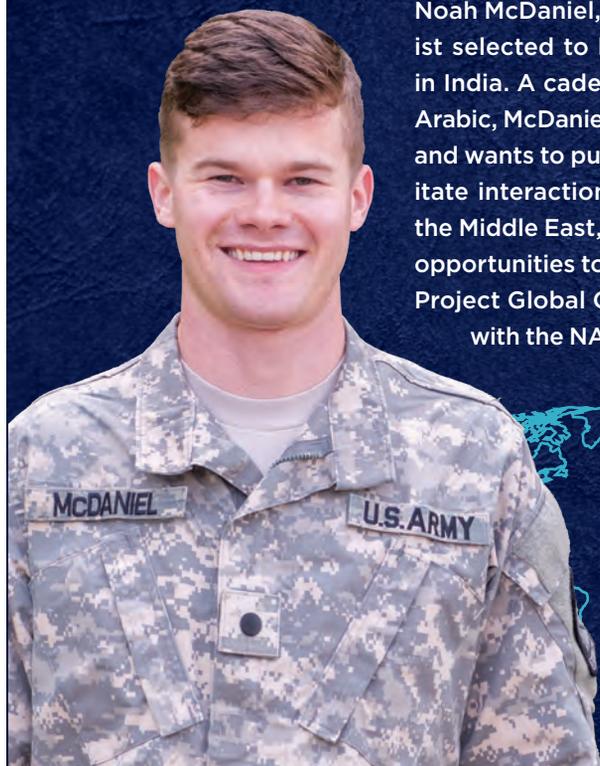
Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 360,000 participants — chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards grants to study, teach English, or conduct research overseas to students, artists and early career professionals in more than 100 fields of study.

In a related program, UNG Honors student Lindsey Smith was selected for the Fulbright Summer Institute to the United Kingdom. The program is sponsored by the U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission. Smith will spend three weeks this summer immersed in the culture and history of Scotland. She was one of only four U.S. students selected and one of 60 around the world. She is a sophomore psychology major who recently transferred from UNG’s Oconee Campus to the Gainesville Campus. While at the Oconee Campus, she was president of the Undergraduate Research Club, and she presented at multiple conferences.

“The number and quality of UNG students winning scholarships to study abroad demonstrates UNG’s continued commitment to developing global leaders. We are

NOAH MCDANIEL

Noah McDaniel, of Lexington, Kentucky, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in India. A cadet and modern languages major in Arabic, McDaniel graduated from UNG in May 2017, and wants to pursue a career in which he can facilitate interactions between the U.S. government, the Middle East, and South Asia. McDaniel has had opportunities to study abroad through the Army’s Project Global Officer program and an internship with the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy.



ANITA RENFROE

Anita Renfroe, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in Malaysia. A modern languages major in Arabic and former UNG cadet, Renfroe will graduate in July and plans to enter the U.S. Foreign Service. Renfroe has had opportunities to study abroad through the Army's Project Global Officer program, in Oman through the Gilman International Scholarship, and in Morocco through a David L. Boren Scholarship.



very proud of our students' hard work and determination, and we applaud the exceptional mentorship provided to them by both faculty and staff," said Anastasia Lin, associate professor and assistant dean of Student Research and Scholarship at UNG.

Fulbright opportunities are also available to faculty, and, for the second consecutive year, a faculty member from UNG's College of Education has been selected to participate in a Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad program. Dr. Lauren Johnson will be traveling to Chile this summer and subsequently completing a curriculum development project to be implemented in her courses at UNG.

In fall 2013, President Jacobs announced an initiative to prepare UNG students for nationally-competitive scholarships, such as the Fulbright. Since then, UNG students across the university have earned scholarships valued at more than \$800,000.

Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in government, science, the arts, business, philanthropy, education, and athletics. Fifty-seven Fulbright alumni from 14 countries have been awarded Nobel Prizes, 82 alumni have received Pulitzer Prizes, and 37 have served as heads of state or government.

DEZMONE VALENTINE

Dezmone Valentine, of Sharpsburg, Georgia, is a finalist selected to be an English Teaching Assistant in Estonia. A former UNG cadet, Valentine studied abroad through the Army's Project Global Officer program, also. A middle grades education major, Valentine graduated from UNG in May 2017 and plans to teach language in middle or high school.

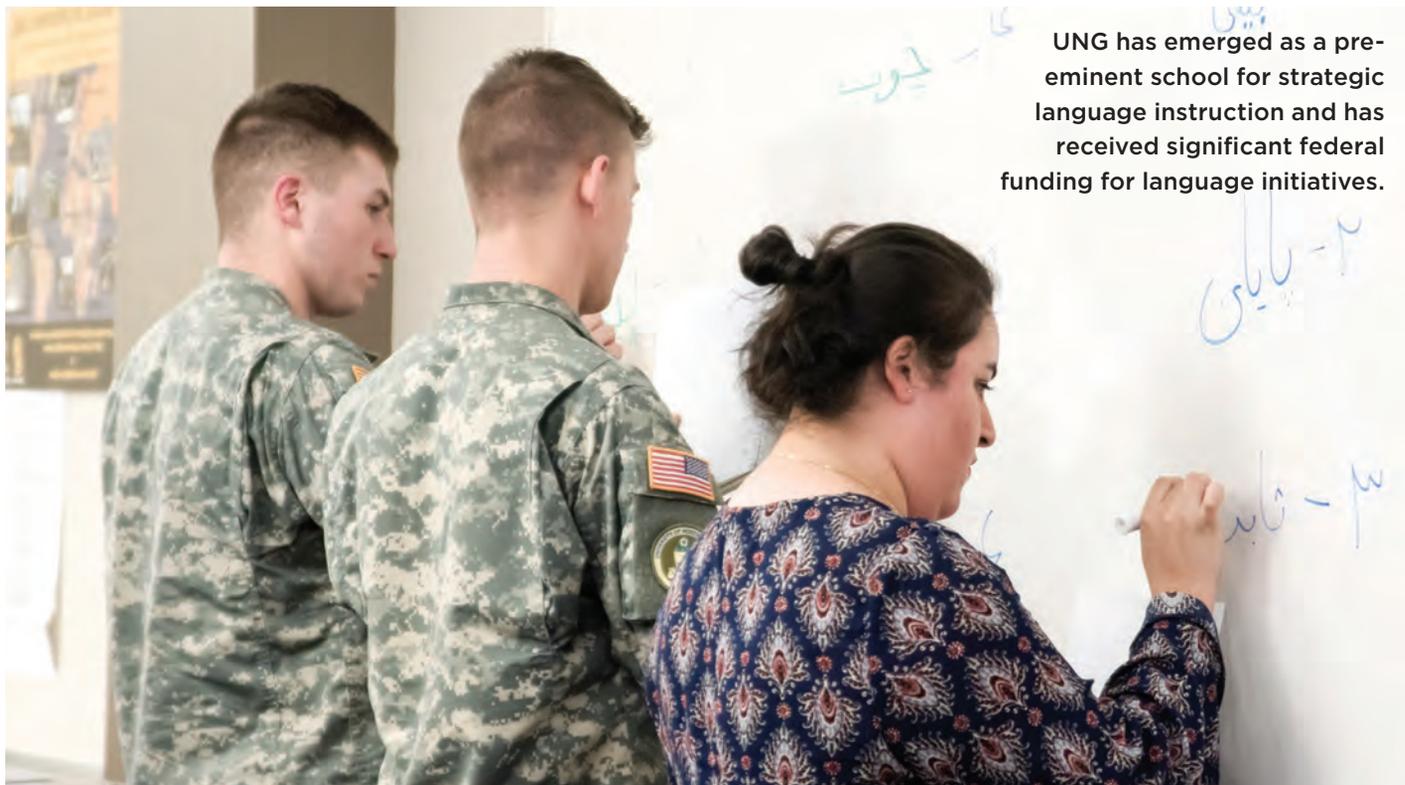




Language Lessons

BUILDING GLOBAL SKILLS

By Edie Rogers



UNG has emerged as a pre-eminent school for strategic language instruction and has received significant federal funding for language initiatives.

A report published by the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in February asserts that the ability to understand, speak, read, and write in world languages, in addition to English, is critical to success in business, research, and international relations. The report, *America's Languages: Investing in Language Education for the 21st Century*, also notes that business and military leaders have concerns about America's limited capacity in languages.

According to the report, almost 30 percent of the U.S. business executives who participated in a 2014 Coalition for International Education study reported missed opportunities abroad due to a lack of on-staff language skills, and nearly 40 percent reported that language barriers prevented them from fulfilling their international potential.

For the military and federal service agencies, increasing language proficiency is a priority for national security, diplomacy and economic competitiveness. The report notes that in response to the 9/11 attacks, the Federal Bureau of Investigations

increased the number of language experts on staff by 85 percent, and, in 2012, the U.S. Department of State increased the number of "language-designated positions" by 15 percent.

"Our internationalization efforts over the past several years have resulted in robust language and culture programs that are enhanced by our educational partnerships around the world," UNG President Bonita Jacobs said. "Our goal is to ensure our graduates are globally competitive and prepared to serve as professional, civic and military leaders."

UNG has language programs in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish – eight of which are included on the U.S. Department of Defense's strategic language list. Initial course offerings in Farsi and Portuguese are new this year.

"Every day, in Atlanta at the world's busiest airport and in Savannah at the fourth-largest port in the United States, the world arrives at our

doorstep and the volume of that traffic is steadily increasing," said Patrick Wallace, program specialist for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives with the Georgia Department of Education. "International businesses continue to move to our region and the cultural and linguistic diversity in our communities is also on the rise. These skills will only continue to be in demand in the coming years."

UNG has emerged as a pre-eminent school for strategic language instruction and has received significant federal funding for language initiatives. UNG's ROTC Chinese Language Flagship program, the only such program in the country, gives cadets the opportunity to pursue a major of their choice in conjunction with intensive Chinese language training and is supported by a \$1.2 million grant from the Defense Language National Security Education Office.

Cadet Gavin C. Greif of Dacula, Georgia, chose UNG because of the Flagship Program and is in the Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Courses in

12

languages

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minors



Hundreds of study abroad and exchange programs on five continents



Grants, scholarships and agreements with multiple federal programs



Learning a second or third language, once considered optional, has become increasingly essential to business and military leaders whose work involves international cooperation and the ability to understand adversaries as well as friends.

certificate program at UNG. He plans to teach in China after graduating.

“I never would’ve considered starting my career this way unless I had been a language major here at UNG, and I’m very excited,” Greif said. “I cannot express enough gratitude for all the time and hard work my teachers put in inside and outside of the classroom to ensure the quality education my classmates and I have experienced.”

At UNG, language programs stress several

important factors – faculty who are native speakers, instruction in both language and culture, and language immersion.

David Hagler of Grayson, Georgia, studied at Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua, China, for the 2016-17 academic year through the Flagship Program, and a Chinese Government Scholarship covers virtually all of his expenses.

“In the Chinese language, there are many dialects and accents, so having native speakers will

certainly broaden one’s listening ability – not to mention, the insight of how native speakers form natural sentences and express natural emotions,” Hagler said.

Many languages at UNG are taught in an intensive format that means a student takes two combined courses – Arabic 1001 and 1002, for instance – in one semester.

“We’re interested in producing verbally proficient students,” Dr. Brian Mann, head of UNG’s World Languages and Cultures

Division, said. “The more intense your learning experience is, the faster you will progress and the faster you will reach a level of proficiency in which you can really use the language.”

The growth of language programs has widened opportunities to study and intern abroad through partnerships around the world on five continents. Additionally, students studying languages at UNG continue to excel academically, earning numerous competitive national scholarships like Boren, Gilman International, Critical Language, and Freeman-Asia scholarships to further their studies abroad.

Most notably, of the nine UNG students selected as Fulbright Scholarship finalists this year, three are pursuing majors in modern languages, including Anita Renfroe, who started her language studies at UNG in the Federal Service Language Academy (FSLA) while in high school.

FSLA is a three-week summer program that combines intensive language courses with career counseling in the field of federal service. Like UNG’s college courses, FSLA has added students and languages since beginning in 2010. UNG also offers the Summer Language Institute that allows college students the opportunity to earn eight academic credit hours in six weeks.

Teresa Rose King took Japanese courses at UNG this spring via dual enrollment before graduating from high school in May. She has already decided to enter the new East Asian studies program at UNG, which is funded through a \$400,000 grant from the Japan Foundation.

“Japanese has been a very intensive course. I’ve had to fully immerse myself in the language both in class and at home. This has actually helped me to remember the concepts that we learn in class and how to properly apply them in real-life situations,” King said.

Dr. Marci Middleton, the University System of Georgia’s assistant vice chancellor for academic programs, said that it is becoming more advantageous for today’s college students to have knowledge of foreign language and cultures.

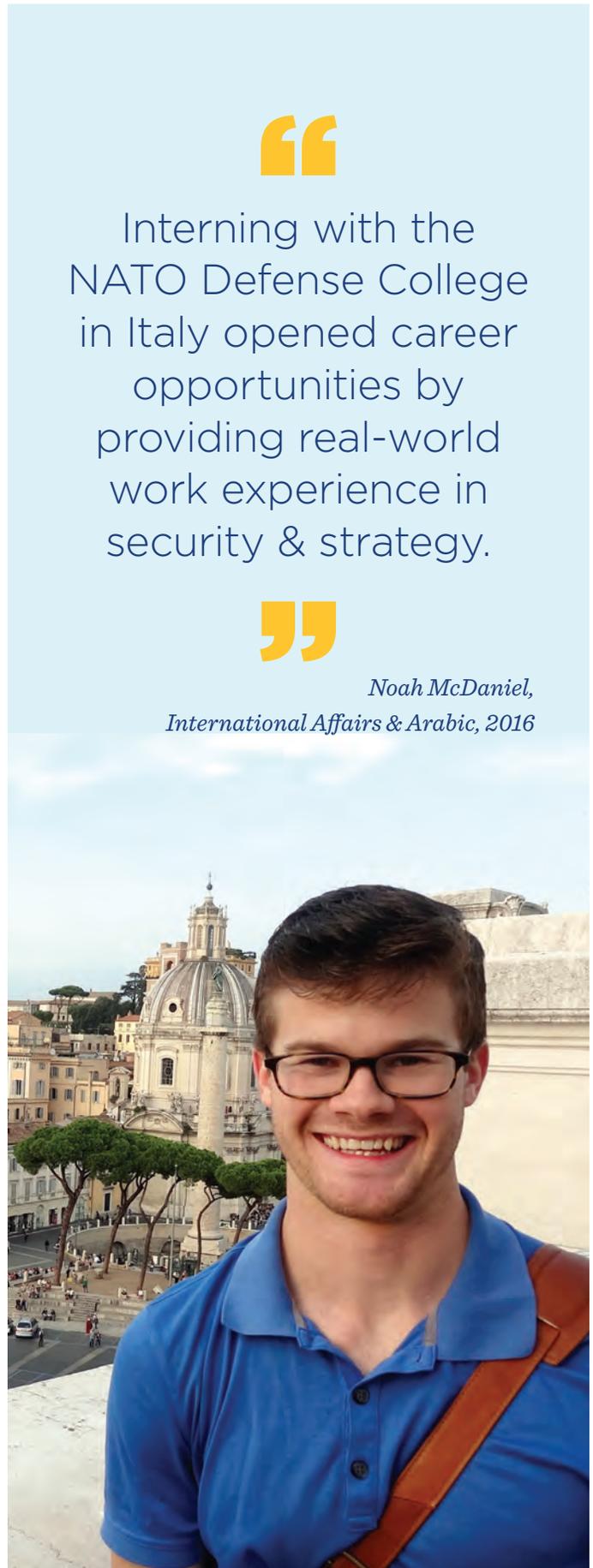
“Students will be working in a society with an increasingly global emphasis that will require enhanced communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, and creativity. Embedded within their knowledge base will be a need to understand cultures in terms of language, norms, artifacts, customs, and beliefs,” Middleton said.

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Interning with the NATO Defense College in Italy opened career opportunities by providing real-world work experience in security & strategy.

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Noah McDaniel,
International Affairs & Arabic, 2016



Where I lead: Sharing hope and inspiration

BIO

BETH BROWNLEE

Beth Brownlee is a 1979 graduate of UNG. A motivational speaker and cancer survivor, she has found that sharing inspiration and stories of hope are an incomparable way to give.

As co-founder of Trust Your Journey, an online company offering eco-friendly women's apparel, jewelry and accessories, Brownlee's vision is that her message and website will inspire people to be grateful for what they have and mindful of what they can become.





Where did you pick up the passion for athletics?

By all respects, I was a tomboy as a child. I grew up in Tucker, Georgia, with my younger sister and older brother. I was very close with my brother. When there was a football game in the yard and the kids lined up to be picked for the teams, my brother always picked me first. It was my brother who pushed me to bat left handed, even though I was right handed, which I believe made me an even better player than I would have been otherwise. Throughout high school and college, I played softball, basketball and participated in track & field. In college, I was offered a basketball scholarship in my third year and went on to major in physical education.

Where did life take you after you graduated from UNG?

After college, I taught high school and coached gymnastics and basketball. In 1982, I left teaching to take a sales position at The Athlete's Foot. I then became a sales rep for Reebok in 1985, with similar positions at Avia and Hind Apparel. I jumped into sales management at Asics in 1995.

In 1998, I landed at Columbia Sportswear, where I worked for eight years. I was a regional sales manager over Footwear and Apparel, and my career was heading upward. In 2004, I was promoted to director of U.S. Sales Apparel, and I just knew this was the pinnacle of my career.

What was the turning point?

Being diagnosed with breast cancer later in 2004 was a turning point in my life to say the least. Not only was I scared to death, I began to evaluate all that was important in my life. I was so sick but determined to make it. I knew from the beginning that I would not let cancer get me but I suppose there was always a lingering doubt, an uncertainty of what life would bring that hung heavy on my heart. One day during my treatment, a friend gave me a small token gift with the three words, Trust Your Journey inscribed on it. That was it. It all made sense and brought such comfort and peace to me. I had to believe and trust that this awful cancer would lead to good – someday, somehow. As my health has returned, the next step of my life was to share Trust Your Journey with all women. I felt such motivation and excitement at the thought of helping women around the world. Whether the challenge they face is big or small, Trust Your Journey has the ability to resonate, inspire and comfort. After 10 wonderful years developing Trust Your Journey, every day brings new inspiration from those lives we have touched.

Five enter UNG Athletics Hall of Fame

UNG welcomed five new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame on Feb. 4: Richard Coleman, Keisha Hall Cassese, Haines and Carolyn Hill, and Courtney McGuire.

“Welcoming a new class into our Athletics Hall of Fame is always special,” UNG Director of Athletics Lindsay Reeves said. “These remarkable individuals made lasting impacts in their athletic endeavors and communities; we are proud to give their names the recognition that they deserve.”

As a three-year captain for the UNG baseball team, Coleman, ‘56, was known for his character, leadership and generosity off the field. He was also a distinguished member of the Corps of Cadets, serving as a battalion commander and president of the NCO Club. His financial support helped create a home for the baseball and softball teams in the Coleman Field House, which opened in March 2014.

Hall Cassese, ‘02, was a two-time All-American, and the 10th player in program history to score more than 1,000 points during her career. She still holds two single-game records for free throws and steals. Under her leadership, UNG won 109 games, including a conference championship and national tournament appearance.

Haines Hill, ‘56, is a distinguished UNG

alumnus, serving his country as a colonel in the U.S. Army and serving UNG as commandant of the Corps of Cadets and professor of military science. Carolyn Hill, ‘56, formerly coached girls’ summer league softball in Alexandria, Virginia, and her love of giving back led to the creation of the Haines & Carolyn Hill Endowed Softball Scholarship. Later,

the pair made another generous contribution to support the program and establish the Haines & Carolyn Hill Softball Stadium — a driving force that led UNG to its first national championship in 2015.

McGuire, ‘10, was an NFCA All-American in 2009 and the second player in program history to be named to the NCAA

Division II Softball Championship All-Tournament Team. UNG went an impressive 175-41 in McGuire’s four years on campus, with her junior year marking UNG’s first Peach Belt Conference Championship and the program’s first trip to the NCAA DII Softball Championship.



The 2017 Class of the UNG Athletics Hall of Fame includes Haines and Carolyn Hill (Carolyn is not pictured), Keisha Hall Cassese, Courtney McGuire, and Richard Coleman.

Alumni Association recognizes achievement and leadership



Dr. Jim Crupi, '70, president and founder of Strategic Leadership Solutions, received the Alumni Hall of Fame Award from Mary Helen McGruder, '68.

Ten individuals were recognized during UNG's Alumni Weekend 2017 for outstanding leadership, service and excellence in their roles serving or attending the university.

This year's Alumni Hall of Fame Award was given to Dr. Jim Crupi, '70, president and founder of Strategic Leadership Solutions, for his

outstanding professional career and contributions to community service. Crupi is a member of the Board of Advisors for UNG's Institute for Leadership & Strategic Studies and a trustee of the UNG Foundation.

Nancy Clark, '54, president of the UNG Alumni Association Board of Directors, received the Golden Steeple Award for her long record of support and extraordinary contributions to UNG and the Alumni Association.

Bob Babich, '85, a member of the UNG Alumni Association Board of Directors, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his support of the university and excellence in his profession and community.

Capt. Shannon Vaughn, '07, received the Young Alumni Award for his excellent professional career and outstanding contributions to community service.



Nancy Clark, '54, received the Golden Steeple Award from Jimmy Anderson, '90.

Lt. Col. Bruce Gannaway, '98, received the Ralph Colley Spirit of North Georgia Award, which is given to an alumnus who has experienced adverse circumstances in his/her life and has risen above those circumstances to live an exemplary life. While conducting dismounted operations with his Cavalry Troop on Dec. 21, 2007, Gannaway was injured by an improvised explosive device and lost his left leg below the knee and suffered a severe injury to his left arm. Rather than taking a medical retirement, he requested to remain active duty, and subsequently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Comptroller for the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Dr. Donna Gessell, professor of English, and Dr. Ben Wynne, professor of history, received UNG Distinguished Professor Awards for excellence in teaching and service to students, the university and scholarly publication.

Cameron Harper, a senior nursing student, and Krystal Jemmott, a senior majoring in criminal justice, received the Paul M. Hutcherson Outstanding Student Award for demonstrating the highest ideals of citizenship through their accomplishments on campus or in home or community life.

Katelyn Shook, a freshman who plans to major in biology, received the Dot Strother Scholarship due to her demonstrated citizenship and leadership potential.

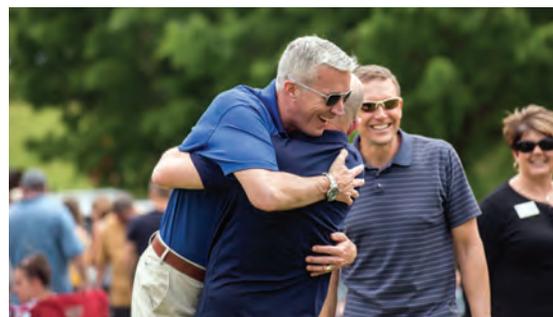


Lt. Col. Bruce Gannaway, '98, (right) received the Ralph Colley Spirit of North Georgia Award from Jim Brown, '94.

UNG Alumni Weekend 2017

Alumni from near and far participated in Alumni Weekend at UNG's Dahlonega Campus. New events included performances by UNG alumni Shawn Mullins, '90, Jay Drummonds, '91, and Wayne Baird, '89, and Dahlonega native Kurt Thomas.

Check out upcoming alumni events, including gatherings at cities around the U.S., at www.ungalumni.org.







Micaela Tierce and 17 other UNG students cleared trails and learned about land conservation at Cloudland Canyon State Park as an alternative spring break project supported by a UNG Presidential Innovation Award.

CLASSNOTES

1950s

Jim Minter, '51, is the 2017 recipient of the Erk Russell Spirit Award from the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in honor of his dedication and enthusiasm for covering sports in the state of Georgia. Minter was a sports writer and later executive editor of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. The award was presented on Feb. 25 at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame annual induction ceremony.

1960s

Correction

The Fall 2016 issue of UNG Magazine highlighted alumnus **Lt. Hoot Gibson**, who, in addition to the honors and decorations noted in that article, was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge. The omission was due to an incomplete resource, and we value the opportunity to share all of Lt. Gibson's honors.

1970s

The class of 1975 initiated a gift at its 40-year reunion to leave a lasting mark at the university. The class established two scholarships awarded annually to juniors at UNG's Dahlonega Campus, one cadet and one non-cadet, who are in good standing and who have demonstrated leadership. The class members are proud to announce that they have awarded scholarships every year since the scholarship's beginning, but they still need to achieve their endowment goal to continue making the annual awards. While 22 donors have raised \$85,000, the goal is to raise \$250,000 from 75 classmates. The class still needs \$165,000 from another 53 classmates. To give online, visit <https://unggive.org/give/2014-donation-form-2> and mark "other" and indicate "Class '75 Scholarship."

Bob Bolz, '78, is the new city manager for Dawsonville, Georgia. He previously served the Dawson County Sheriff's Office as a lieutenant, training director and director of the office of professional standards. Before that he worked for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

1980s

Laura Angel, '85, was promoted to vice president for advancement for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation. The CDC Foundation advances the mission of the CDC through effective philanthropy and public-private partnerships that protect the health, safety and security of America and the world.

Susan Carter, '83, was hired in March 2017 as the new chief financial officer for the Jefferson County Public Utility District.

Louie Stephen Williams Jr., '86, lives in Forsyth County and has been happily married to his soulmate, confidant, best friend Mary for more than 13 years. They have three 'fur babies' (cats). He is in Toastmasters in Cumming and the Forsyth County Lions Club, where he was president 2012-16 and currently serves the Georgia Lions District 18-I as a zone chair for six Lions Clubs in Forsyth, Dawson, Hall, and Lumpkin counties, and Buford (the Lake Lanier Lions Zone). One of his role models is fellow alumnus retired **Lt. Col. Bill Mundy, '51**, who has served his community in the Dahlonega Lions Club for decades.

He also wrote, "Enjoyed watching the video of fellow '86 alumnus **Brig. Gen. Ron Stephens, M.D.**, administering the commissioning oath to **2nd Lt. Nate Cutler, '16**. On that very day, I can envision Nate's dad, the late **Capt. Thornton Culter, '86**, smiling down from



Dr. Joseph Wood, '85, a physician board certified in internal medicine and endocrinology, diabetes

and metabolism, is the chief of virtual health for Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center (DDEAMC) at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He is the medical director responsible for the oversight and development of the DDEAMC Virtual Health Hub services throughout the Army's Regional Medical Command-Atlantic. His previous positions at DDEAMC were the

Chief Medical Information Officer and the Chief of Clinical Investigation Department with oversight of research facilities and regulatory oversight for research at Army facilities in the southeastern United States.

Col. Wood retired in 2015. He spent 30 years as an officer in the U.S. Army with various roles in clinical medicine, research and military operational

medicine. During Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-05, Dr. Wood was the chief of clinical operations for the Multinational Corps-Iraq where he was responsible for reviewing, recommending and/or establishing clinical policies, guidance, plans and standards in support of 135,000 soldiers in a combined joint operational headquarters engaged in combat operations in Iraq.

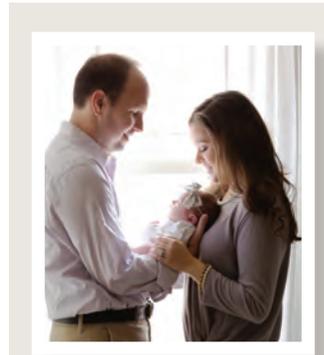
heaven and saying ‘Well done, son.’ Dr. Ron is and will be a great role model for Nate and my prayers are with Nate as he follows in Dr. Ron’s and Thornton’s footsteps as a great leader and servant to our great nation.”

1990s

Eric W. Norris, '90, a Superior Court judge of the Western Judicial Circuit in Georgia, was designated to serve in place of Justice Michael P. Boggs in the appeal of *DLT List, LLC et al. v. M7ven Supportive Housing & Development Group (S16G0646)* in January 2017. Gov. Nathan Deal appointed Judge Norris to the Superior Court of the Western Judicial Circuit in April 2016. The Western Circuit covers both Clarke and Oconee counties.

2000s

Melissa Gooch, '08, recently completed her master’s degree in education from the University of West Georgia. Melissa graduated with honors and a 4.0 GPA. She was inducted into Delta Epsilon Iota academic honor society and Kappa Delta Pi international honor society in education. She works at the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Information Technology Services as a business systems analyst IV with student services. Melissa and her husband, Kevin, have two children, Matthew and Meredith. Matthew recently joined the Georgia Army National Guard and aspires to attend UNG after completing coursework at Georgia Military College.



Elizabeth Hancock Pittard, '09, and her husband, Rick Pittard, had a baby on Oct. 31, 2016, and her name is Norah.

2010s

Congratulations to **Captain Michael Rose, '12**, for being named the “Best Ranger” – again. CPT Rose and teammate Master Sgt. Josh Horsager – both of the 75th Ranger Regiment -- beat out 53 other teams

for the title of Best Ranger. Michael Rose also won the 2014 competition when he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Ryan Sinteff, '12, is currently attending the critical care emergency nursing fellowship at Fort Sam in San Antonio.

Taylor Wood, '14, early childhood education, and **Jennifer Decker Wood, '14**, applied environmental spatial analysis, were married in May 2015. Taylor is currently working at Oakwood Elementary School as a math interventionist and Jennifer is working at an environmental and engineering consultant firm.



John Chakwin, '05, and **Jon DaSilva, '05**, reunited at Super Bowl LI in Houston. Chakwin and DaSilva are Homeland Security Investigations special agents and members of Special Response Teams based in New Orleans and Dallas. Chakwin and DaSilva assisted Houston Police Department SWAT with Super Bowl security and emergency response support.

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Jacob Dietrich, '15, has received a highly competitive Rangel Fellowship to continue toward his goal of working in the Foreign Service.

The Rangel Program selects only 30 fellows annually in a nationwide process and helps support them through two years of graduate study, internships and professional development activities, and entry into the Foreign Service. The program is a collaboration between Howard University and the U.S. State Department that seeks to prepare students for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. Fellows who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements receive appointments as Foreign Service Officers.

“The Rangel Fellowship provides me with a truly wonderful career opportunity serving in the Foreign Service,” Dietrich said. “I am

very excited and hope to serve in the Foreign Service as long as I can be a valuable asset to the Department of State. I eventually hope to be in a position to pursue political office in some form.”

Dietrich, originally from La Grange, Kentucky, was a member of UNG's Corps of Cadets and earned his bachelor's degree in modern language with a concentration in Arabic. While at

UNG, he traveled twice to Morocco and took his first trip to Oman in fall 2013 through Project Global Officer, which funds scholarships for future military officers to study strategic language and culture. Dietrich also

received a Boren scholarship, which provided a semester-long study abroad opportunity in Oman. Following graduation, Dietrich earned a prestigious Fulbright research fellowship through which he worked with the Supreme Council for Planning in the Omani government.

Dietrich noted that the Rangel Fellowship has already helped him achieve one of his personal goals – acceptance into Georgetown University.

“Attending Georgetown University has been a goal of mine since I became interested in International Affairs and the Middle East,” he said. “The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service is consistently ranked among the best schools in the world.”



Jacob Deitrich is serving as a Congressional intern in Washington, D.C., this summer and will begin a graduate program in security studies at Georgetown University this fall.



1ST LT. WESTON C. LEE

1st Lt. Weston C. Lee, a 2014 graduate of the University of North Georgia, died April 29, in Mosul, Iraq, from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated during a patrol.

“Lt. Lee made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country, and our hearts and thoughts are with his family and friends,” UNG President Bonita Jacobs said when the news was received.

Lee, 25, of Bluffton, Georgia, a paratrooper, was assigned to 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team,

82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He deployed to Iraq in December 2016; it was his first deployment.

Lee was “an extraordinary young man and officer. He was exactly the type of leader that our paratroopers deserve,” Col. Pat Work, the commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, said. “Our sincere condolences and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.”

Lee earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice at UNG and commissioned as a U.S. Army infantry officer from

UNG in December 2014. While at UNG, Lee also was involved in Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Student Government Association, the combat shooting team, and rugby.

Two fraternity brothers of Lee’s, Colin Marney and Nick Shaw, started a Go Fund Me account to solicit donations to establish a scholarship fund in Lee’s memory; additional proceeds will go to Lee’s family. Additionally, tax-deductible donations may be made through the UNG Foundation website to the 1LT Weston Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Marney called Lee a caring person who was “larger than life” and said Lee served as a role model for his fellow cadets and fraternity brothers.

“Weston was just one of the most competitive people we’ve ever met and he was just a winner all around. Everything he did he did 100 percent and we thought we’d establish something that rewarded people who followed that legacy – giving your all no matter what like

Weston did,” said Marney, who graduates and commissions into the U.S. Army’s armor branch on Friday, May 5. “The overwhelming success that we’ve seen with the Go Fund Me is a testament to his character and that people felt so strongly about him.”

Lee’s awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Service Ribbon. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Lee was interred in Arlington National Cemetery, on May 25.

Lee is the eighth graduate from the university killed while on active duty since 9/11. As is tradition, his name will join theirs on UNG’s Memorial Wall on the Dahlonega Campus and he will be honored during the April 2018 Memorial Retreat.



IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Mrs. Joy Freeman Allen, '45
December 28, 2016

Mr. Bobby Johnathan Baker, '99
February 6, 2017

Mr. William Lawrence Banks, '64 January 3, 2017

Mrs. Elizabeth Crouch Benefield, '65
March 28, 2017

MAJ (Ret.) Charles Daniel Bowdoin, '66
January 27, 2017

Mrs. Martha R. Chapman Boyles, '43
November 14, 2016

Mr. James Camp Brewer, '65
January 5, 2017

Mrs. Maynard Griggs Brown, '59
March 6, 2017

Ms. Britney Nicole Bearden Cardenas, '10
November 11, 2016

Mrs. Dimple Wyona Burch Casey, '50
November 29, 2016

Dr. Robert Mitchell Cates, '64
December 28, 2016

Dr. William Edwin Coleman, '44
April 3, 2017

Mr. Albert LeRoy Crittenden
March 28, 2017

Mr. Edward P. Cunningham, '41
March 14, 2017

Dr. Harry Sims Downs, '44
January 3, 2017

Mr. Roger Allen Dyer, '60
April 2, 2017

Lt Col Richard Holdon Eaves, '52
December 28, 2016

Dr. Claud Franklin Elliott, '76
January 7, 2017

Mr. Robert Ferguson, '78
November 4, 2016

Mr. Alison M. Fincher, '40
December 8, 2016

Dr. Robert David Freeman, '48
January 23, 2017

Mrs. Jimmie Frances Vandiver Glosson, '53
March 11, 2017

Dr. George David Gowder, '51
January 11, 2017

Mrs. Tandra Lynn Hall, '90
December 23, 2016

Mr. James Dillard Hawkins, '40
November 19, 2016

Mrs. Evelyn Arnold Hayes, '64
April 11, 2017

Mrs. Bess Anne Duncan Hodkinson, '57
January 18, 2017

Mr. Ben Terrell Johnson
January 4, 2017

Mr. G. Jerry King, '54
December 30, 2016

Mr. John Thomas Lamb, '50
December 10, 2016

Dr. Cortez Lawrence, '67
March 1, 2017

Mrs. Shirley H. Harrison Long
October 11, 2016

Mrs. Janice Hollis Loughrie, '72
March 10, 2017

Mr. Tom Wynne McLaughlin, '67
November 10, 2016

Mrs. Melinda Chapman Mewbourne, '53
December 26, 2016

Dr. Ernest Beckwith Mingledorff, '43
January 11, 2017

Mr. Julius Thomas "J.T." Morgan, '50 and former trustee
March 3, 2017

Mr. Harold Mote, '38
December 11, 2016

Mr. Thomas Bernard Mote, '67
January 10, 2017

Dr. Hamil Murray, '41
October 24, 2016

Mr. Arthur Lewis Nelson, '39
January 27, 2017

Mr. Ronald C. Norris, '63
December 5, 2016

LTC Ivan W. Parr, '56
March 23, 2017

COL (Ret.) Sheppard Hardy Phillips, '51
October 27, 2016

Mr. George W. Rachels, '59
January 27, 2017

Mrs. Nancy S. Smith Rachels, '58
February 4, 2017

Mrs. Sandra Lee Kalmbach Roper, '63
November 25, 2016

Mr. Dallas M. Ryle, '46
March 30, 2017

Mrs. Virginia Ann Hammond Sefzik, '67
September 6, 2016

Dr. James Lister Skinner, '60
December 27, 2016

Mr. William Earl Smart, '58
January 14, 2017

Mr. Stephen Ray Smith, '85
November 14, 2016

Ms. Linda Sheffield Smith, '96
February 16, 2017

Ms. Sharon Lynn Stone, '96
February 26, 2017

Mr. Thomas N. Stovall, '50
November 2, 2016

Mrs. Margaret Jane McShane Sutton
January 25, 2017

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October 26, 2016

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January 10, 2017

Mr. Eddie Benson Truelove, '76
January 17, 2017

COL William P. Tyson, '45
December 1, 2016

Mr. Glenn Edwin Walls, '52
October 28, 2016

Mrs. Emma Josephine Sims Weaver, '49
February 15, 2017

Mrs. Kathleen Billie Dobbs Wimpy, '40
January 25, 2017

Faculty, Staff and Friends

Dr. Claud Franklin Elliott, '76
January 7, 2017

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March 20, 2017

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January 2, 2017

Mrs. Doris Ann Freeman
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Dr. George Izzo
March 23, 2017

Ms. Cora Jarrells
December 22, 2016

Dr. Paul E. McClure
February 28, 2017

Dr. William Guy Oliver
March 1, 2017

Mr. Max F. Ward, former trustee
January 27, 2017

To honor a former classmate or mentor, consider making a gift in their memory to the UNG Foundation at unggive.org.

Graduate programs growing

This year, UNG launched two new graduate degrees and moved a third one entirely online.

“The curriculum of our graduate degrees is designed to meet the economic needs of the communities we serve,” said Dr. Tom Ormond, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at UNG. “Offering new degrees and new delivery mechanisms allows UNG to better respond to the educational needs of the community.”



Master of Science degree in Human Services Delivery and Administration (HSDA)

Beginning this fall, UNG will offer Georgia’s first and only master’s degree in Human Services Delivery and Administration (HSDA). The degree is geared toward graduates from sociology, psychology and social work disciplines. It will provide human services professionals the necessary training and degree to advance their career into management and supervisory positions, self-employment and/or prepare for licensure.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for social and community service managers is projected to increase by 27 percent until the year 2020, which is above the average growth rate projected for all occupations in the same timeframe. However, data from the Department of Labor indicates that there are a lack of workers with graduate degrees directly prepared for administrative positions in human services organizations.

“The master’s degree in HSDA is being offered at UNG in response to state and national needs. It will build off the success of the bachelor’s degree in HSDA offered at UNG since 2011,” said Dr. Sara Mason, department head of human services and sociology.

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

UNG’s master’s degree in public administration is designed to serve students who are currently employed in a public-service organization or are contemplating a new career in public and human services.

In fall 2017, the program will be fully online to accommodate the growing number of working professionals seeking to advance their careers.

Graduates with an MPA work in a variety of professional fields, including public policy, public affairs, public health administration, or criminal justice administration. Courses such as Politics and Bureaucracy, and Public Budgeting help students go beyond theory and gain real-world insight into how governments operate.

“Our graduate students juggle busy personal and professional lives, and we quickly found that offering course study online, as an alternate to face-to-face, provides them a greater degree of flexibility and convenience,” said Luisa Diaz-Kope, assistant professor and program coordinator.

Doctor of Education with a major in higher education leadership and practice (Ed.D)

The second doctoral program at UNG, a doctor of education degree with a major in higher education leadership and practice, was approved by the Board of Regents in March.

The 60-hour, online doctor of education program will begin in August and include coursework in the following three tracks: higher education, college teaching and research.

“The program will prepare individuals who have had leadership experiences already in K-12 programs and who now seek positions in educator preparation,” said Dr. Susan Brandenburg-Ayres, dean of UNG’s College of Education. “Candidates for the program might also be adjuncts with graduate degrees, student affairs professionals or educators with master’s or education specialist degrees.”

All programs will be available pending approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.



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Earning a graduate degree can open doors to personal growth, career advancement and greater financial reward. UNG offers many programs that are convenient for working professionals and several that are completely online.

- Business Administration
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Criminal Justice*
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- History
- International Affairs*
- Middle Grades Math and Science*
- Physical Education*
- Physical Therapy
- Public Administration*
- Teaching

Specialized certificate programs are available, also.

*online



The Gainesville Theater Alliance staged "Godspell" in February. Check out GTA's 2017-2018 season at ung.edu/gta.

Upcoming Events

This is a small selection of events open to the community. For event times and other details, as well as more event opportunities, please visit calendar.ung.edu.

JUNE

June 5-7

Women's Basketball Camp
Dahlonega Campus

June 6

Alumni Gathering
Brunswick, GA

June 7

Alumni Gathering
Savannah, GA

June 8

Alumni Gathering
Augusta, GA

June 8-10

Men's Basketball Camp
Dahlonega Campus

June 11-30

Federal Service Language
Academy Dahlonega Campus

June 20

Alumni Scholarship Celebration
Blue Ridge Campus

June 21-July 1

National Cyber Warrior Academy
Dahlonega Campus

JULY

July 9-28

Federal Service Language
Academy
Dahlonega Campus

July 29

Summer Commencement
Dahlonega Campus

AUGUST

August 13

FROG week begins
Dahlonega Campus

August 20

UNG Solar Eclipse Program
Dahlonega Campus, 1-5 p.m.

August 21

First Day of Classes – all campuses

August 26

Starlight Celebration and
Fireworks
Gainesville Campus, 5:30 p.m.
(Rain Date: September 9)

SEPTEMBER

September 11

9/11 Candlelight Memorial
Ceremony
Dahlonega Campus

September 16

UNG Invitational Cross Country
Gainesville Campus, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 29-October 1, 6 & 7

Gainesville Theatre Alliance
Jungle Book

OCTOBER

October 5

UNG Orchestra
Gloria Shott Performance Hall
Dahlonega Campus, 7:30 p.m.

October 5

Japan Foundation Lecture Series
Dahlonega Campus, Hoag Student
Center, 5 - 7 p.m.

October 6-7

Boar's Head Weekend
Dahlonega Campus

October 7

Family Day
Dahlonega Campus, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

October 12

UNG Wind Ensemble &
Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m.
(Location TBA)

October 17

UNG Jazz Band
Ed Cabell Theatre
Gainesville Campus, 7:30 p.m.

October 19

Admission Open House
Cumming Campus

October 21

Admission Open House
Oconee Campus

October 21-22

Gold Rush Weekend
Dahlonega Campus

October 26

UNG Chorale
First Baptist Church, Gainesville
7:30 p.m.

October 27

UNG Jazz Band
Gloria Shott Performance Hall
Dahlonega Campus, 7:30 p.m.

Starlight Tradition Continues!

Join us for the annual
Starlight celebration at
UNG's Gainesville Campus.

Saturday, Aug. 26*
Gates open at 5:30 p.m.
Fireworks at dark



***In the event of inclement weather
the rain date for Starlight is
Saturday, September 9.**



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