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*MG Peter Boylan*



**C**hanges continue to take place at this institution in the way we are going about building character and developing intellect in all of our students. While in no way diminishing these efforts to educate our 5500 commuter students, nonetheless, our history...the purpose of our institution...its mission...are exemplified in our corps of cadets. It is, in many respects, the cadets who define Georgia Military College.

Thus, we are thoroughly examining how it is that we are going about the business of educating our cadets. We must take the opportunity to build on our past and ensure that the training we provide this group of students is compatible with the future. We must strengthen our traditions by instituting programs that are more in line with how to develop character in a changed and changing world. To that end, we are looking at how we are going about the business of developing our cadets in mind, heart, and body...or, said another way, exploring our academic support system, our disciplinary system, and our physical training regimens. I expect that over the coming year we will begin implementing changes that will result in improved performance in all dimensions of cadet life...both in the college and the prep school.

On another note, Alumni Weekend is on the horizon and I hope that you will be able to join us. The on-going construction of the new prep school carries with it an air of excitement and anticipation. The building has a steel skeleton and the concrete floors have been poured. The mind's eye can already see the dramatic impact that this addition will have on the central part of the campus. Watching the campus and the cadets develop into what we believe about our country will, I'm sure, uplift you and make you proud of your heritage at this institution. I hope to see you in October....

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Boylan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Peter J. Boylan**  
Major General, USA (Ret.)  
President



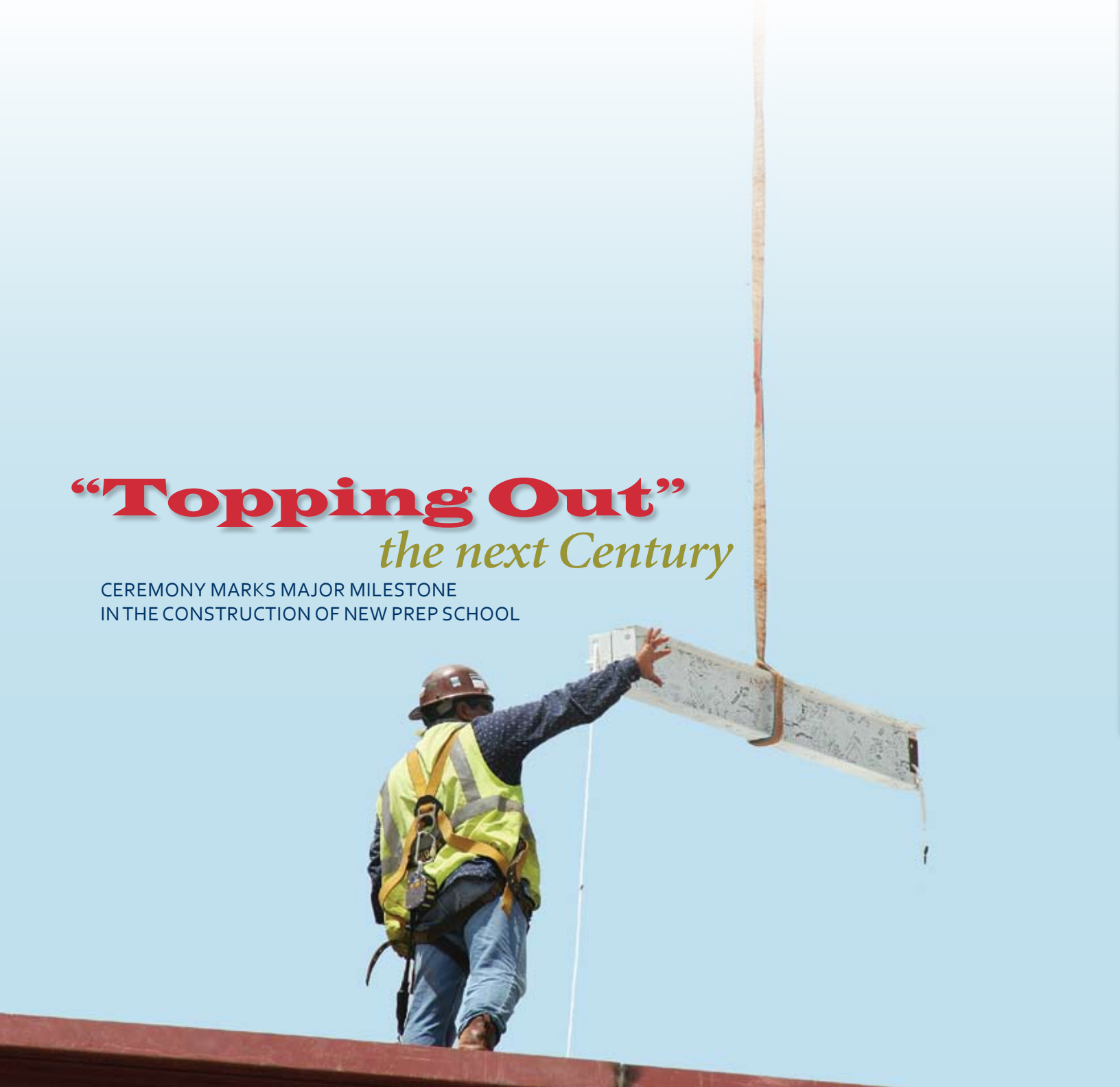
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# “Topping Out” *the next Century*

CEREMONY MARKS MAJOR MILESTONE  
IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PREP SCHOOL



**C**onstruction may be far from over, but GMC celebrated a major milestone recently as the final structural beam was hoisted to the top of its future prep school.

GMC faculty, students and honored guests joined with Skanska construction crews on July 31 to “top off” the newest addition to the campus. They took part in a long-standing tradition within the building industry during which workers gather to celebrate the moment that a rising beam symbolically “tops off” their hard work.

*“Extraordinary things happen in these historic buildings ...  
and this one will be no different.*

*This is where the next century will be educated.” -- W.J. Usery, Jr.*





Officials from Skanska pose with MG Boylan, Mr. Usery, and the GMC Prep School Color Guard before the ceremony begins. (kneeling) – MG Peter Boylan, Matt Jones, Project Director, and Matt Wade, Field Engineer; (standing) - Ricky Clayton, Site Superintendent; W.J. Usery, Jr.; Cadets Jalen Smith, Brad Etheridge, Wesley Zant and Jalessa Barksdale; Brad Goodwin, Project Manager; and Ryan Marsh, Project Engineer

On this day, the crowd gathered in front of the massive steel skeleton of Usery Hall, named for GMC alumnus and former U.S. Secretary of Labor W.J. Usery, Jr., who was on-hand for the event.

Before the crane was cranked and the cable hooked to the beam, Usery took a moment to thank the workers for a job well done. He commended them for their diligence and dedication to their trade, saying they should look back on their work and be proud, as will future generations of students.

“You should know,” he told them, “this is no ordinary building you have been working on. Extraordinary things happen in these historic buildings ... and this one will be no different. This is where

the next century will be educated.”

Once complete, the new 73,000-square-foot building will provide a centralized state-of-the-art learning facility for GMC’s entire preparatory school program. Classes are slated to begin at the new school in 2010, and according to project superintendent Ricky Clayton of Skanska, things are right on schedule.

But even after all the work there is done, Usery said in his remarks, construction will continue. “Inside these walls, educators will go on working, hoisting beams and welding the joints of a frame on which students will build their future.”

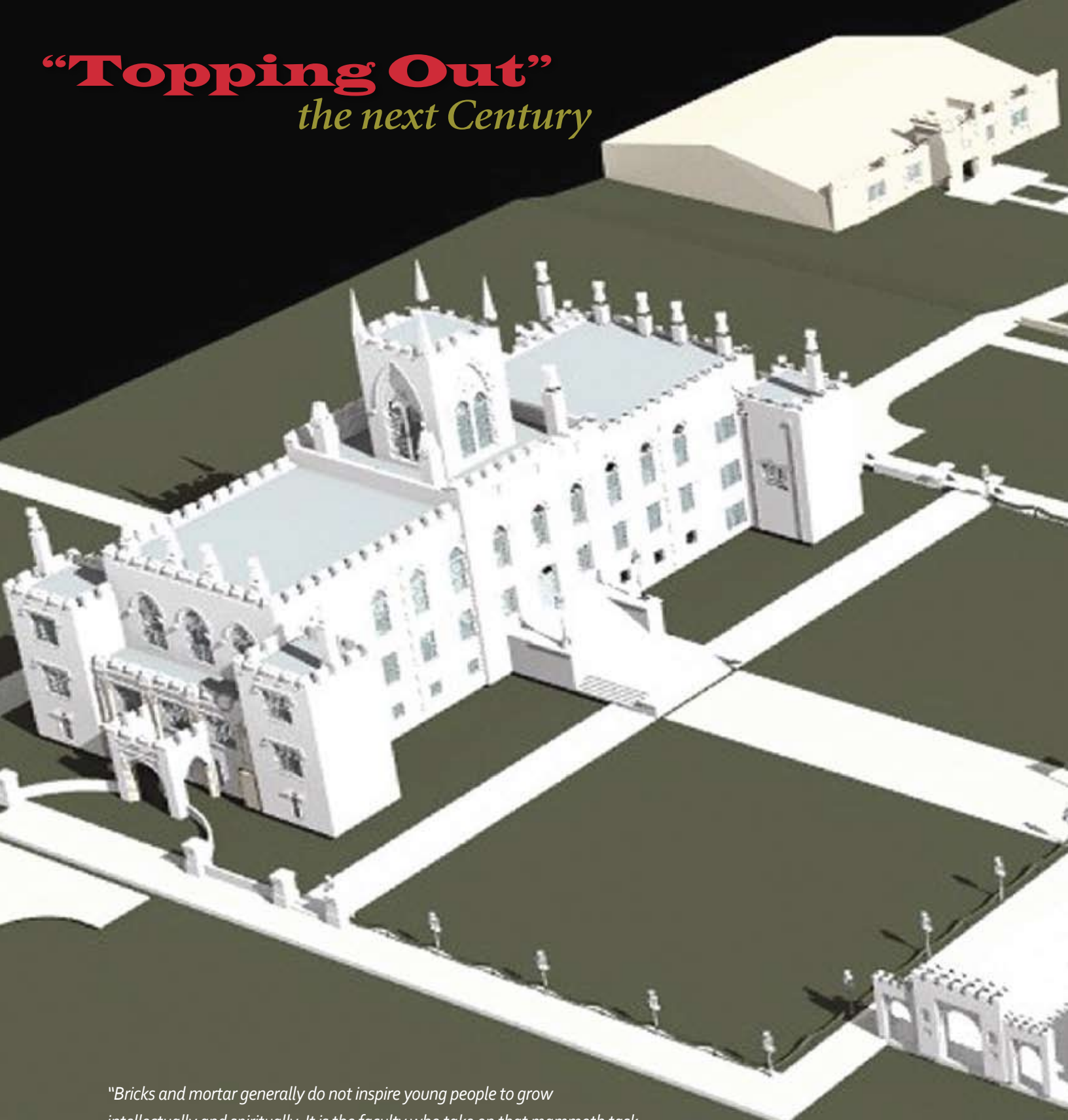


Mr. Usery celebrates with MAJ Larry Martin, Middle School Military Science Instructor.



Patsy Craig adds her name to the last steel beam before it takes its place at the top of Usery Hall.

# **“Topping Out”** *the next Century*



*"Bricks and mortar generally do not inspire young people to grow intellectually and spiritually. It is the faculty who take on that mammoth task, and we are fortunate to have a faculty whose imprints will direct our students over their lives. But I do not diminish the impact that quality facilities can have on the capability of our faculty to achieve their goal of elevating our students.*

*This new building...to be named Usery Hall...will stand as a beacon of excellence in education. Not only is it constructed to last a century, it is designed to promote faculty inspiration of young men and women. GMC can be, and is, very proud of this latest symbol of what we can do with excellence."*

— MG Peter J. Boylan, President  
Georgia Military College







Audrey Shakir, guest vocalist;  
Tyrone Jackson, piano

## joe gransden Jazzes up GMC



On a rainy day in June, inside the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts, a young man took the stage with his trumpet, and took the audience by surprise with his sound. He wore a simple black suit, nothing flashy, nothing fancy. It was reflective of the way he likes his jazz – classic and pure.

He seemed to channel the greats -- reviving glimpses of Chet Baker, Count Basie, Bennett and 'Ol Blue Eyes – and took listeners back to the day when jazz was king.

Joe Gransden, an Atlanta-based trumpeter and vocalist, brought his trio and a few special guests to jazz up GMC's recent "Summer Celebration." Their musical line-up was a cohesive mixture of both classic standards and original compositions.

First planned as an outdoor concert on Grant Parade, the performance was presented in part by Allied Arts. The weather may have driven it indoors, but it didn't drive away the excitement as guests filled the auditorium to hear the ensemble and its frontman who has fast become recognized and respected in today's jazz world.

Following the concert, guests made their way into the Atrium where they enjoyed an elegant and tasteful reception, catered by Southern Affairs. Here, they had a chance to mingle with the evening's performers and get an autograph from the musician who has become a jazz sensation.

A New York native, Gransden was born into a talented and musically-diverse family who nurtured his early ambitions to become a musician. Drawn to jazz, he immersed himself



Gransden returns for a  
Holiday Concert

Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee and dessert reception

Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts





in the music of the masters. After high school, he hit the road as a sideman for gigs with living greats like Barry White, Aretha Franklin, The Moody Blues and Kenny Rogers.

By the time he had his own spotlight, he had developed a sound that was all his own, sending a buzz through the modern jazz scene. His arrangements were fresh, his voice smooth and his trumpet mellow. He soon found a loyal following in New York and another in Atlanta, where he now lives with his wife, Charissa.

He's also found fans among a few celebrities. On a chance, he sent his work to Clint Eastwood knowing he and his wife were jazz lovers. He could hardly believe it when they invited him out to California to perform at one of their parties. Eastwood has described Gransden as a "young man with an old soul and classic voice." He introduced Gransden to Kenny G at another of his private parties, sparking a friendship that later led to joint performances and recordings.

Kenny G is currently producing Gransden's new CD, expected to be released by the end of the year, and hopefully in time for his next trip to Milledgeville.

Gransden will return with his "Smokin' 16-Piece Big Band" for a must-see Holiday Concert at GMC on Dec. 10 as part of the Steinway Concert Series.

Allied Arts is once again partnering with GMC to bring the performance to the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and a coffee and dessert reception with the artists will be held immediately following the performance.

For advance tickets, contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4840 or Milledgeville Allied Arts at (478) 452-3950. Tickets also will be available at the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts on the evening of the concert.

GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE AND  
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present

THE MACON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Adrian Gnam, Music Director and Conductor

# Young Stars of Tomorrow

Friday, March 12, 2010 ~ 7:00 PM

The Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts  
Georgia Military College

featuring

Anna Darnell, Clarinet

Ben Altman, Guitar

Jasmine Habersham, Soprano

DEBUSSY-*Premiere Rhapsody*

RODRIGO-*Concierto de Aranjuez*

MOZART-*Deh, vieni non Tardar*

GOUNOD-*Ah! Je veux vivre*

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV-*Scheherazade, Op. 35 in D Minor*

Tickets may be purchased by calling (478)387-4840.

General admission is \$20, and students with ID may attend at no charge.

Tickets also will be available at the door prior to the performance.

Anna Darnell



Ben Altman



Jasmine Habersham



## GMC Classrooms to get \$500,000 Technology Makeover

Georgia Military College (GMC) will soon equip Milledgeville junior college classrooms with state-of-the-art technology, thanks to a \$500,000 grant recently awarded to GMC by the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation.

The grant will be used to purchase and install modern interactive classroom teaching and student response systems designed to increase student engagement and enable teachers to deliver instruction in the most effective way.

Classroom conversions will begin in December 2009 and will be completed by July 2010. Conversion plans call for the transformation of 27 Milledgeville-campus junior college classrooms and two computer laboratories.

To complete the makeover, an innovative faculty exchange center will connect instructors at GMC learning centers across the state, enabling junior college faculty to use a shared system for training and planning.

"We are very excited about being able to incorporate this new technology into our classrooms," said Dr. Mike Holmes, GMC Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty. "It will greatly enhance student learning by providing the faculty and students with tools to increase engagement, improve critical thinking skills, and encourage deeper understanding of the subjects being

studied."

Classrooms will be equipped with the newest in whiteboard systems, the "Promethean ActivBoard." Using the "ActivBoard," instructors can quickly call up support for instruction such as maps, symbols, illustrations, student papers, and other materials. Instructors can also easily integrate video, slideshow presentations, Internet sources, and audio feeds into their lessons. As well, aligned learner response systems assist instructors in measuring student understanding of material.

While the impending arrival of the "ActivClassroom," with its whiteboards and learner response systems, signals that the traditional classroom has changed greatly since the days

of chalkboards, dusty erasers, and No. 2 pencils, GMC president Major General Peter Boylan says that GMC's emphasis on the fundamentals of academic excellence and character development has not changed.

"We are very grateful to the Woodruff Foundation for believing in what we do to elevate student academic achievement and character," said Boylan. "The Woodruff Foundation's support of our mission through award of this grant makes more certain eventual accomplishment of our mission, which is to produce educated, contributing citizens for our country."

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Dr. Mike Holmes

*GMC Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty*

## Giving to GMC just got easier...

The Georgia Military College Foundation has recently improved its website to include an Online Giving option for those wishing to support GMC through financial contributions.

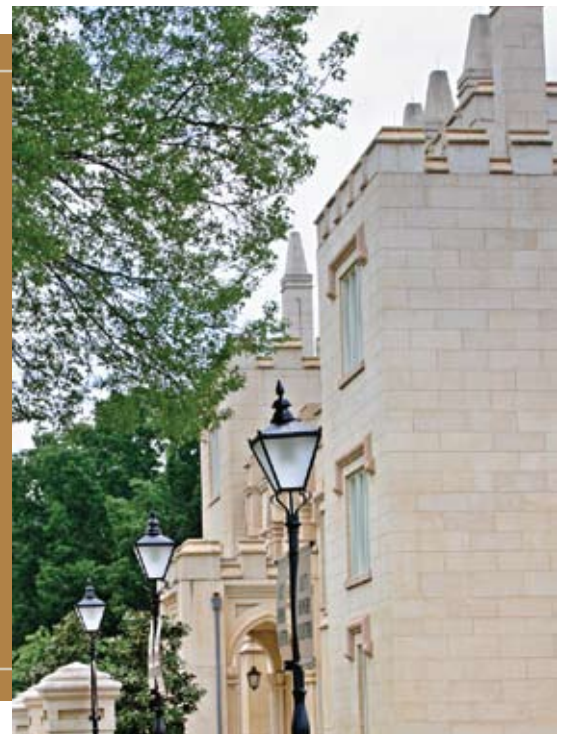
Online Giving provides a fast, easy and secure way to make a gift that will make a difference.

So save a stamp!

Log on to [www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org) and follow the link to the Online Giving Form located directly on the homepage.

All gifts are tax deductible and letters of acknowledgement will be provided for tax purposes. The information you provide will be encrypted, secure, and processed promptly.

For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 478-387-4840.





## 2009 Georgia Power Scholarship Recipients

The total effect of student assistance from the Georgia Power Foundation for Georgia Military College students cannot be overstated. Since 1999, awards from the GMC Georgia Power Scholarship Fund have assisted 34 students. But numbers do not tell the full story. The real impact is revealed by the students themselves who come to GMC from all parts of the state and who, thanks to the Foundation, will make important contributions to our state and our nation. We are proud to introduce the recipients for the 2009 school year.



**UCHEFUNA SINGLETON**  
ATLANTA CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - General Studies  
"I am pursuing an associate's degree and maintaining a 4.0 grade

point average, while working hard towards graduation in 2010. I am very grateful to the Georgia Power Foundation for awarding this scholarship to me. It means that I can continue on the path of academic success."



**TERESA BROWN**  
MILLEDGEVILLE CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - Pre-Nursing  
"This scholarship means so much to me. It not only helps me with my financial obligations, but it makes

me feel proud to have others believe in my dream of furthering my education. I also hope to inspire other non-traditional students to do the same."



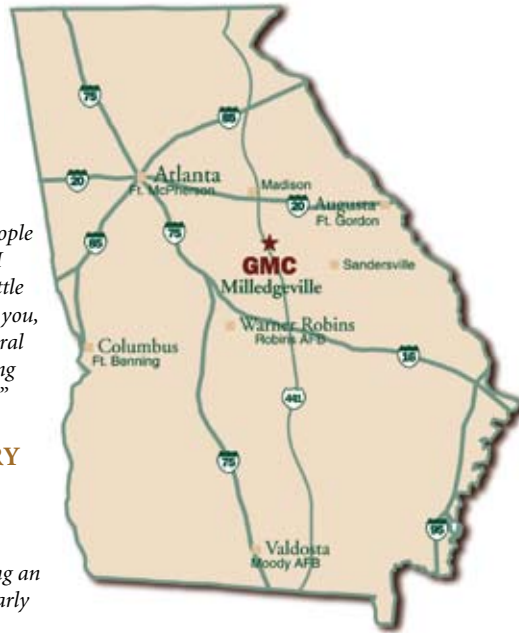
**DUSTIN HAYDEN**  
AUGUSTA CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - Medicine  
"As a student who works full-time and attends school full-time, the help

that you have provided was most welcome. I have striven to do my best while attending college and it is gratifying to be recognized for the hard work that went into my achievements."



**SHIRLENE BRUNSON**  
COLUMBUS CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - Behavioral Science  
"I was one of those people

who thought because I was young and a single parent and had little income, 'I can't do it,' but I'm here to tell you, 'Yes, you can do it.' My major is Behavioral Science, and I'm looking forward to helping change the lives of many unspoken voices."



**CANDANCE GALLEGOS**  
WARNER ROBINS CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - General Studies  
"Please allow me to express my deepest gratitude and say thank you for awarding me the Georgia

Power Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship means so much to me because it will relieve some stress from the tuition costs and bills on such a limited income."



**WHITNEY BERRY**  
VALDOSTA CAMPUS  
Sophomore  
Major - Education  
"I am currently seeking an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduating from GMC, I plan to further

my education to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's in Occupational Therapy. I am honored to have been chosen to receive the Georgia Power Scholarship. Words cannot express my appreciation to all who felt I was worthy of this scholarship. I would like to say thank you."



**JOY FENDER**  
VALDOSTA CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - Education  
"This scholarship will impact me tremendously. I currently live off the student loans that are

left after paying for my classes. Since I am a single mother of two that is hard, but I manage well. This scholarship will make things a little easier for me now."



**DANIELLE SUTTON**  
WARNER ROBINS CAMPUS  
Freshman  
Major - Business Administration  
"This scholarship is

more than just a kind donation. It is a reminder of the value of integrity and the importance of enthusiasm for opportunity. I am so very thankful for the aid of this gift. It will allow me to continue my venture into elevated knowledge. My promise to myself is to earn a college education. I appreciate your helping me keep my promise."

This year's cohort includes a future teacher, physician, nurse, and behavioral scientist. The generosity of the Georgia Power Foundation continues to enable GMC students to pursue their dreams and achieve success.

## Georgia Mining Foundation Annual Scholarship

Ms. Hannah Lloyd was recently awarded the Georgia Mining Foundation Annual Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a GMC Prep School senior planning to attend Georgia Military College in the fall of 2009. In order to qualify, the recipient must have demonstrated a positive attitude, self-discipline and an outstanding work ethic while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

Ms. Lloyd stated, "I am extremely grateful to have been chosen to receive the Georgia Mining Foundation Scholarship. I realize how hard it is financially to survive in college since tuition along with many other expenses add up over time. By attending GMC, I can live at home, rent books, and receive the HOPE Scholarship. GMC is an excellent and convenient school for continuing my secondary education, and the Georgia Mining Foundation Scholarship will help make this possible."



*Right, Hannah Lloyd*  
Georgia Mining Foundation Annual Scholarship  
2009-2010 Recipient  
*Left, COL John Thornton, GMC Principal*

## The Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship

GMC Junior College freshmen Holly Zant and William Peeler have been awarded The Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship for 2009-2010. This scholarship is awarded annually to individuals who have demonstrated financial need and who have shown drive and focus in their high school career.



*"As an alumnus of GMC Prep School I could not think of any better school to start off my college career than Georgia Military College. This scholarship will help me financially in getting the proper education to fulfill my goals and dreams of becoming a nurse. In an economy where most everybody is struggling to pay the bills, I am very appreciative of the opportunity to accept such a great scholarship."*

HOLLY ZANT



*"This scholarship will make a huge impact on my time at GMC. I have a passion for knowledge, and a desire for an excellent education, but unfortunately, a good education comes at a price. This scholarship will allow me to worry less about money and focus more on my studies. With this scholarship I will have peace of mind knowing that I am receiving a top notch education from a very fine institution."*

WILLIAM PEELER

## Milledgeville Thunder Rally Supports Scholarship for Fallen Heroes

David D. Settle, promoter of the Milledgeville Thunder Rally, recently presented a check to MG Peter Boylan, Georgia Military College President, for annual scholarships established in honor of GMC Cadets Army Spec. Daniel E. Gomez and Sgt. Chad M. Mercer. Both cadets were killed in action in 2005 while serving with the 48th Brigade Combat Team in Iraq.





# Opportunities for Support

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS CAN CONSIDER A VARIETY OF WAYS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

**STEINWAY SOCIETY** *Individuals donating at any level are welcomed as members of the Steinway Society. Members will be recognized at every opportunity and will be invited to all concerts. The names of new members will be added to the donor wall adjacent to the lower entrance to the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. Most importantly, contributions will help promote musical performances that are educational and enjoyable, enhancing the arts for GMC and the Middle Georgia area.*

**TAKE A SEAT CAMPAIGN** *The Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts is for use by the entire student body population and for the community at large. The 412-seat facility includes sound, electronic and lighting systems complete with catwalk, three stage drops and dressing rooms, all designed by a nationally recognized auditorium design company.*

*Individuals have the opportunity to Take a Seat and support GMC in a highly visible and lasting tribute to someone whose extraordinary contributions deserve recognition. The investment is affordable (\$150) and includes a professionally engraved brass plaque attached to a chair as a permanent testimony to the donor and/or the person being honored through this tribute.*

**BARRACKS PAVER CAMPAIGN** *Alumni, friends, and students of Georgia Military College are invited to make their mark on the GMC campus through the purchase of personally engraved pavers forming a beautiful, historic walkway that cadets take every day to their dorm rooms in the James E. Baugh Barracks. Sponsors can pay tribute to special people in their lives through an inscription of their choice on each paver. Each paver displaying a name and/or message will join many others in the Walk of Honor flanking the main entrance of the barracks.*

*Sponsors will receive a 4" x 8" personalized paver with a gift of \$100. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card to the GMC Foundation.*

**1879 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** *The 1879 Circle of Friends provides scholarships to deserving prep school as well as junior college students. One hundred percent of every donation goes to provide GMC scholarships for children and/or grandchildren of GMC alumni. The scholarships are awarded each year to students who have the potential for academic success and wish to attend GMC, but require financial assistance in order to do so.*

For more information, contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 387-4840 or visit [www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org) to make a gift online.





## GMC Holds Eighth Annual **MILITARY TATTOO**

Major General Peter J. Boylan, President, and the Board of Trustees of Georgia Military College hosted the school's eighth annual Military Tattoo on Friday, April 17.

**A** Military Tattoo is an outdoor military exercise given by troops as evening entertainment, and is a program steeped with history and tradition. Georgia Military College's eighth annual Military Tattoo featured the John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes and Drums Band, the GMC Color Guard and the GMC Marching Band. In addition, **MAJ Amy Lee** was recognized as GMC's Prep Teacher of the Year, **MAJ Linda Brown** was recognized as GMC's Prep Character Educator of the Year, **Ms. Pamela McKenzie-Rundle** was recognized as GMC's Junior College Educator of the Year, and **Mr. Rob Sherwood** was presented the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award.



**MAJ Amy Lee**



**Ms. Pamela McKenzie-Rundle**



**MAJ Linda Brown**



**Mr. Rob Sherwood**



The deeply moving ceremony concluded with the formal retirement of the Nation's Colors by a fourteen-member flag detail to mark the end of the day.



*The path that takes you away also brings you back*

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 5:00 PM **Ribbon cutting for the opening of the GMC exhibit ~ "Duty, Honor, Country"**  
*Old Capital Museum* – Complimentary champagne punch reception
- 6:00 PM–8:00 PM **BBQ Sneak Peak** ~ *Parking lot behind the Mary Vinson Library across from North Gate* -- A *Deep Roots* (formerly *Sweetwater*) Festival event in which one can sample three competition cook-off BBQ teams' ribs, accompanied by sides and a beverage. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Milledgeville Main Street. 478-414-4014. Limited availability.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 AM **Golf Tournament** ~ *Milledgeville Country Club (MCC)* -- Players must sign in at the MCC golf shop no later than 9:30 AM on Friday, October 23 with tournament play to begin at 10:00 AM. Fee (\$35) includes green fees, cart, and box lunch. Registration to play must be made by contacting the GMC Alumni Office at 478-387-4840 no later than Monday, October 19. Format will be a four-person scramble (best shot). Make your own team, or we can place you on a team. Prizes will be awarded at the end of play.
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Continuous Historic Slide Show** ~ *Sibley-Cone Library* – Refreshments
- 11:00 AM **Old Capital Museum** ~ Special gallery tour with the museum director
- 1:00 PM **Alumni Weekend Registration Opens** ~ *Tent at South Gate Entrance* to Old Capitol Square
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Old Capital Museum Tours** ~ ongoing
- 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **Baugh Barracks & Ruark Athletic Complex Tours** – Refreshments -- One-hour tours leaving on the half hour.
- 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **New Academic Building (NAB II) Tours** – Refreshments
- 2:00 PM **Old Capital Museum** ~ Special gallery tour with the museum director
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Coletti Book Signing** ~ *Sibley-Cone Library* – Written by Dr. George Coletti (HS 1957, JC 1959), the book is in two parts - Part One: **Stone Mountain the Granite Sentinel-Prelude to War**; Part Two: **Stone Mountain the Granite Sentinel-The War Rages On**. The historical novel is about Stone Mountain before, during, and after the Civil War with an abrupt ending on July 4, 1865. The story is contained entirely in Georgia and includes Milledgeville, Augusta, Savannah, Conyers, Oxford, Social Circle, Lithonia, Madison, Decatur and Atlanta. The fictitious family is the Jernigans from Stone Mountain who have twins, a boy and a girl. The Jernigans are the main characters in the book.
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Davidson Book Signing** ~ *Old Capital Museum* – Written by Milledgeville native and photographer Bailey Davidson (HS 1990), the book, **Milledgeville Then and Now**, is an historical photographic essay in which Davidson documents the evolution and transformation of the city of Milledgeville from a frontier capital to the modern, collegiate city that exists today. Divided into three chapters -- Homes, Downtown, and Places -- his book contains images dating as far back as the nineteenth century, many of which have been re-photographed from the same point of view.
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Wine & Cheese Reception** ~ *Old Capitol Building Rotunda* - complimentary
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Alumni Awards Presentations/GMC Alumni & Foundation Board Meetings/Oak Leaf Society Induction**  
*Legislative Chamber/Old Capitol Building* -- All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend.
- 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Social** ~ *Main Tent/South Gate* ~ Cash bar
- 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Dinner/Musical Entertainment** ~ *Main Tent* – All alumni and friends are invited to join alumni award recipients, Oak Leaf Society inductees, Alumni Board and Foundation Board members for an Italian feast catered by **The Willis House** and musical entertainment provided by **The Bob Huellemeier Orchestra**. ~ Cash Bar

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:30 AM **Registration Opens** ~ *Tent at South Gate Entrance* to Old Capitol Square
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Continuous Historic Slide Show** ~ *Sibley-Cone Library* - Refreshments
- 10:30 AM **Alumni Parade** ~ The 131st Corps of Cadets invites you to attend and join in the parade as a member of the Alumni Platoon.
- 11:30 AM **Tailgate Party** ~ *Main Tent/South Gate* – All alumni are invited to gather and reminisce while enjoying a lunch of BBQ and all the "fixins" catered by **Sticky Fingers** of Macon. Musical entertainment provided by the **Monty Cole Quintet**. ~Cash bar
- 1:00 PM **JC Pre-Game Show**
- 2:00 PM **JC Football Game** (Louisburg College)
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Continuous Historic Slide Show** ~ *Sibley-Cone Library* - Refreshments
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- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Social Hour** ~ *Main Tent/South Gate* ~ Cash bar
- 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM **Alumni Dinner/Dance** ~ *Main Tent* - All alumni are invited to gather and reminisce. Heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by **Pig in the Pit** of Milledgeville. Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy live entertainment by **The Grapevine** from Macon. ~ Cash bar





# ALUMNI REUNIONS 2009

## 10th - JC 1999

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
 Class Agent: Chad Rogers  
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## 15th - JC 1994

Celebrating with the JC Class of 1995  
 Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
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 SDNader@att.net

## 20th - HS 1989

Date - September 25 & 26  
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## 25th - HS & JC - The Silver Brigade

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
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## 30th - HS 1979

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
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## 50th - HS - The Gold Brigade

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
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 Jim Tillman  
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## 50th - JC - The Gold Brigade

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## 60's Band Company Reunion

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
 Class Agent: Terry "Falstaff" Johnson  
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## Early Commissioning Program Graduates

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24  
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Georgia Military College has launched an official page for alumni. We are excited about this new way of communicating. Come and share your memories, photos, or greetings!



The *Cadence* would like to keep your classmates up to date with your latest news. We want to hear if you have recently married, had a baby, received a promotion, retired, or accomplished some other noteworthy milestone. We also need to keep our records current, so if you have moved recently or are planning to move, please send in this form to: **Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: HS \_\_\_\_\_ JC \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share your recent news (i.e., birth, death, marriage, promotion, unusual vacation, seen a classmate, new job, back to school, recently moved, etc.)  
 If you include a photograph(s), please be sure to identify all people pictured.

The library is beginning the exciting process of digitizing GMC's yearbooks so they will be available on the GMC website. In preparation for that project the library is seeking Recall yearbooks from the following years: 1929-1944 and 1950 as well as Bulletins from 1949-1951 and 1954. In addition, any personal scrapbooks from this period would be especially appreciated. The library can scan and return any original materials you would prefer to keep. Please contact Jane Simpson at [jsimpson@gmc.cc.ga.us](mailto:jsimpson@gmc.cc.ga.us) if you have materials you would be willing to share.

*Pictured in the Pine Ridge Plantation dining room (left to right) are Earlene Hamilton, Danny Day, Joe Friar, David Holmes, Dr. Jim Hawk, Jimmy Holmes, Barry Adams, Luther Beason, COL Robert Alford, Cliff Owdom, Terry Johnson, Joe Mobley, and Elizabeth Sheppard.*

## Alumni Relations Continues Implementation of its Strategic Plan

Work continues toward building “centers of influence” made up of alumni and friends who advocate in their geographic area on behalf of the school and who promote GMC to prospective students as well as to potential new friends who will appreciate the school’s mission.

This year the “GMC Networking and News” crew has traveled to Pine Ridge Plantation in Edgefield, South Carolina to enjoy lunch with local alums from the Edgefield - Aiken areas, who voluntarily took the opportunity to share with the “crew” what attending GMC has meant to them. The next trip took the “crew” northwest into Huntsville, Alabama to the home of retired BG Don Broome and his wife Donna, who hosted a wonderful home-cooked informal buffet for northwest Alabama/southern Tennessee alumni and provided a welcoming gathering spot for visiting while enjoying the evening view of the valley spread out below. Early March saw members of the “crew” in Washington, D.C. enjoying dinner hosted by the Honorable Powell Moore at The Metropolitan Club while visiting with several local alumni and planning a larger reception for the D.C. area. Moving closer to home, an evening reception in Columbus at the downtown Marriott Hotel, located in the heart of the historic district, welcomed local alumni as well as soon-to-be-alumni from the 2009 GMC - Columbus graduating class.

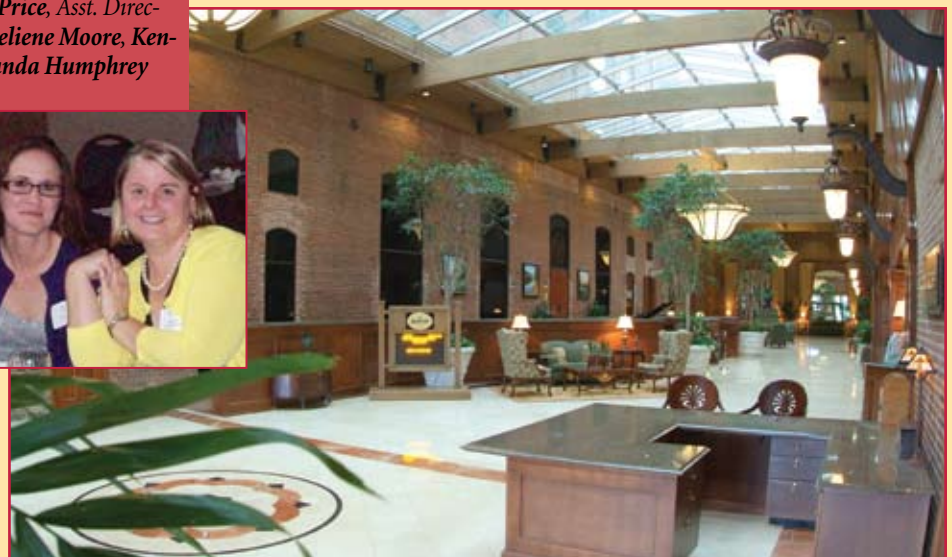


Traveling out of state once again, this time south to Florida, the “crew” next hosted a casual reception at Jacksonville’s famous Beach Diner, where GMC alums and friends had the place to themselves to feast on good food and tell even better stories on each other and those who failed to come to defend themselves! A dinner with the local Statesboro team at the newly-opened Holiday Inn and Conference Center wound up the spring’s Networking & News events.

Stay tuned for breaking news of a visit to your area!



*(far left) Recent graduate Kori Butts and her husband; (below) Teri Matthews, Enrollment Officer and Tracie Price, Asst. Director; Brock Gallops, Madeliene Moore, Kenneth Clements and Amanda Humphrey*





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JACKSONVILLE, FL

(top row L-R) Christopher Stasiak & Brandy Waters; W. Cannon Williams, Don Ellison, Diane & Mike Witherspoon; (2nd row) Elizabeth Sheppard, Ronald Dubs, Bill Swindle; MG Peter Boylan & Don Ellison; (3rd row) Jacques & Schame Thomas; Jean McLees, wife of James Thronwell McLees, & Betty Anne Williams, wife of W. Cannon Williams; (below) Lauren & James Bedford Hopkins



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(far left) Don and Donna Broome (hosted the event in their home); Joyce Farris, MG Peter Boylan, Maura McCabe; David Stamm; Fred Hughes; Maura McCabe & Inez Hawkins; Shelbie & Olin King; Irina & Monte Washburn



# HS Class of 1953 Award Fund

*reflects the spirit and commitment of long-time classmates*

Throughout the world, the year 1953 is remembered for its defining moments that made history. The Korean War ended. The polio vaccine was discovered. Hank Williams died and Jackie married JFK.

But throughout the GMC community, the year 1953 is remembered for its defining characters that made a difference.

That year, a special group of graduates went off to conquer their own corner of the world, armed with a solid education and strong core values attained at GMC. Fifty years later, they came back together, armed with a desire to give something back to the school that gave them their start.

Following their 50th reunion, members of the Class of '53 hatched an idea that would forever honor their class into posterity. They established The GMC High School Class of 1953 Award Fund with the hopes of encouraging students to conquer their own worlds and rewarding the teachers that help them.

Its mission would be two-fold: to support outstanding students and recognize teaching excellence by awarding a scholarship each year to a member of the high school senior class and a member of the high school faculty.

So far, four students and two faculty members have received awards in the amount of \$500 each from the Class of '53 Fund. This year, high school senior Haylee DeLoach and math instructor MAJ Linda Brown were selected as recipients of the award.

DeLoach is the daughter of Kim Carswell and Scott DeLoach of



*Sam Fowler, James Vinson, James Patterson, Charles Cheeves, William Curry*

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Milledgeville. She will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall.

Brown is the chair of the math department and the varsity soccer coach. In the coming year, she will be teaching AP Calculus, AP Statistics, Geometry and Advanced Math I.

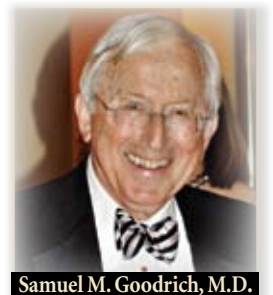
The awards are presented each year during the high school graduation ceremony by a member of the Class of '53, a descendant or otherwise designated alumnus. This year, the awards were presented by Ellen Goodrich in honor of her late husband, Dr. Samuel Goodrich.

Dr. Goodrich was instrumental in establishing the GMC High School Class of 1953 Award Fund and was also an active supporter of his medical class of 1961's endowment fund that is now worth almost \$1 million.

"Education was always important to him and he felt an obligation to support the schools he attended," said Ellen Goodrich. "He felt that education was something that could never be taken away from you. It was something that would help you throughout your entire life to achieve your goals."

Like Dr. Goodrich, several members of the Class of '53 support various other charities that are important to their lives. The difference, according to Commander William Curry, is the personal connection and immediate feedback the GMC scholarships afford its contributors.

"We wanted to create something in which we could have direct personal involvement," said Curry, who after graduating GMC, went



**Samuel M. Goodrich, M.D.**



*Linda Brown, Haylee DeLoach, Ellen Goodrich*



on to the Naval Academy and spent 20 years in the Navy before beginning another career in satellite communications. He now lives in Arkansas with his wife, Annette. "With this fund, you're able to see exactly what is happening with the money you give."

And this is why the Class of '53 chooses to go beyond just simply presenting a check to its recipients. Each year before graduation, the class hosts a dinner for the recipients and takes the time to get to know them and their families.

"There's a tremendous amount of satisfaction in meeting these outstanding people," said Curry. "We are continually impressed by the kids who are selected. They belie the current impression some people have that students today are not up to the standards of past. This is not true of GMC graduates."

For MAJ Linda Brown, attending this year's dinner was just as rewarding as accepting the award.

"While I was honored to be chosen for the faculty award and am certainly appreciative of their support, I really enjoyed being able to meet the class members in attendance at the dinner," said Brown. "It was wonderful getting to know them and sharing stories and memories of GMC."

The memories shared during this year's dinner were especially moving as classmates remembered and honored the lives of two they lost-- Dr. Samuel Goodrich and COL Robert Tredway.

After leaving GMC in 1953, Dr. Goodrich went on to pursue a medical career, graduating from the Medical College of Georgia and operating a successful practice in Milledgeville for 39 years.

Throughout his career, he served as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., as chief of staff at Baldwin County Hospital and as president of the Georgia State Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and was a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

COL Tredway went on to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point before

serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. His distinguished service earned him a Silver Star, four Bronze Star Medals and two Purple Hearts. For most of his career he was a helicopter pilot before retiring from the military to work as a project manager for SRA International, a consulting and management firm.

Tredway lived in Washington, D.C., and later served on the President's Emergency Mobilization Planning Board and was the Defense Department representative to the National Security Council. He was a founding member of the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association and, more recently, a co-founder of the West Point class of 1958 Wounded Warrior program.

"These men were outstanding citizens and are missed by us all," said Curry. "They both led exemplary lives and were people who were a pleasure to know."

Goodrich and Tredway worked to help leave a legacy reflective of their generous spirits and of their commitment to the future. They will be forever remembered by their families and communities, and through the Class of '53, they will be forever remembered by GMC and its students.

*"We wanted to create something in which we could have direct personal involvement. With this fund, you're able to see exactly what is happening with the money you give."*

~Commander William Curry



COL Robert N. Tredway, USA (Ret.)

## Outstanding Alumnus Builds a Legacy of Service and Leadership

**Mr. William Terrell (Terry) Baggett** embodies a spirit of leadership and service to others. He believes the foundation for his work ethic and sense of civic duty was established at GMC, where he attended junior college from 1956–1958, majoring in business and accounting.



After graduating from GMC, Mr. Baggett earned his bachelor's degree at North Georgia College & State University and his MBA from the University of Georgia. He then sustained a successful career at Bank of America, working in accounting, finance and treasury operations for 29 years. He retired from

his position as senior vice president of finance in treasury operations in 1993. Mr. Baggett credits the military environment and training at GMC for much of his business achievement. "It taught me discipline and how to manage my time and stay focused on what had to be done," he explains.

In addition to his civilian career, Mr. Baggett completed three decades of service in the U.S. Army. After two years of active duty, he accepted

a commission in the reserves, where he continued to advance until his retirement in 1990 as chief of staff of the 81st Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, Ga.

Since retirement, Mr. Baggett devotes much of his time to his family and their community. He and his wife, Laurie, raised three daughters in Douglasville, Ga., and now enjoy spending time with their four grandsons. Mr. Baggett is currently involved with the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, the Development Authority of Douglas County, the Leadership Douglas Program, the Rotary Club of Douglas County, the Boys & Girls Club and S.H.A.R.E. House.

Mr. Baggett has also remained an active GMC alumnus. In 2008, he was honored with GMC's Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments.

In appreciation for the college and its faculty, Mr. Baggett has instituted a bequest for the GMC Foundation that will benefit the Peter J. Boylan Chair of Ethics. "GMC has grown so much under General Boylan's leadership and vision," he praises. Through this gift in his will, Mr. Baggett will leave a legacy that will support the future growth of Georgia Military College.

*"It taught me discipline and how to manage my time and stay focused on what had to be done."*

## Commissioning



One journey came to an end while another began as 13 cadets in the Georgia Military College Early Commissioning Program were granted their commission into the United States Army.

Kevin Ackerman, Thomas Ayers, Robbie Baker, Vince Camacho, Alfranzo Davis, Bryan Deliso, Lucy Flippin, Ashley Gamble, Pancho Gonzales, Thierry Hart, Mary-Macy Jackson, Allen Mathews and Neal Noel earned the rank of 2nd Lieutenant by completing the

military aspect of the program and earning two-year degrees.

“The opportunity these cadets started two years ago was to get an education at a military junior college and to develop themselves and their leadership ability,” said COL Jay Hallam, Professor of Military Science. “It is a very rigorous course. They had to be self-motivated. I am proud that I could be here and I am proud to have been a part of what they accomplished.”

## Graduation

Georgia Military College hosted six graduation ceremonies this spring.

With the backdrop of an emerging new prep school, the Class of 2009 graduated from GMC Prep School on May 29, 2009. MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College, presented the commencement address.

GMC’s beautiful new campus at Fairburn held its ceremony on

Saturday, May 30, with State Representative Matt Ramsey giving the commencement speech.

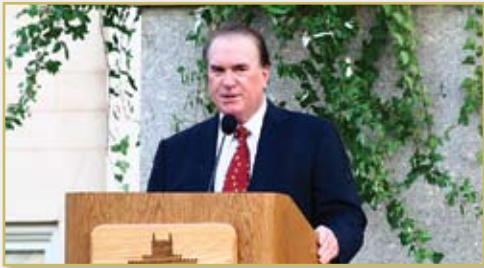
The Augusta campus held their commencement on June 3 at Alexander Hall on Fort Gordon. The commencement address was given by Mayor Pro Tem Alvin D. Mason, Augusta-Richmond County.

Graduates from the Milledgeville campus and Columbus campus walked across the steps of the historic Old Capitol to receive their





diplomas on June 12. The distinguished speaker was Mr. Joseph Leonard, former Chairman and CEO of AirTran Airways.



Graduation ceremonies for the Valdosta campus and the Warner Robins campus were held on June 13. Mr. Len Robbins, publisher, editor of the Clinch County News, and book-writing columnist for The Valdosta Daily Times and 23 other papers, spoke to Valdosta graduates in the Mathis Auditorium, while Mr. David Carpenter, Superintendent of Houston County School System, provided insight for the Warner Robins graduates in the Homer J. Walker Jr. Civic Center.



*"Graduates: I can honestly say to you tonight that your potential is unlimited. In this great country, brimming with freedom and opportunity, there is no limit to what you can achieve. Never forget that.*

*Many people of great accomplishment were told to quit.*

*The stage manager of the Grand Ole Opry told a young Elvis Presley to go back to driving a truck. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Walt Disney was once fired for 'lacking ideas.'*

*As adults, I think we're often limited more by our own sense of what's possible than anything else. So, when you're tempted to doubt yourself, don't. Because the world needs you out there dreaming and planning and building. There is always something new waiting to be created. After all, every tradition, every technology, every piece of art and music, every concept, every idea was once new.*

*And so-called expert opinion? Experts are wrong all the time.*

*In 1899, the head of the U.S. Patent Office declared, 'Everything that can be invented has been invented.'*

*In 1977, the founder of Digital Equipment Corporation said flatly, 'There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.'*

*In 1910, no less authority than Scientific American said, 'It is only a matter of time before any reasonable man realizes that airplanes are useless.'*

*So don't let the experts discourage you.*

*Success, according to Booker T. Washington, should be measured 'not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome.' By that yardstick, you are a success tonight.*

*In your time here at GMC, you have shown you can overcome adversity. You have been tested and found true and strong. And you are now more than ready to face whatever challenges tomorrow may bring. Persistence. Resilience. Perseverance."*

*- Mr. Joseph Leonard, Former Chairman and CEO, AirTran Airways  
Excerpt from Commencement Address*



# GMC Distinguished Graduating Students

## VALDOSTA

### Ammie Nicole Leonard

*Graduating 09SU with an A. S. in Business Administration*



Ammie Nicole Leonard came to Valdosta from her hometown of Austin, Tex. She did not, however, take the most direct route. Before coming to Valdosta, she lived in North Carolina and Japan. Ammie proudly served in the U.S Air Force for nine and a half years. That time included a five-month deployment to Iraq in 2006.

Ammie began attending Georgia Military College in fall 2007, and has maintained a 3.81 GPA. Ammie started with the beginning math courses, and successfully completed each one. College algebra was a challenge for her. Yet, when she found herself unable to master a particular skill, instead of giving up, she redoubled her efforts. She continued to attentively tackle her homework assignments; when she was not able to complete the problems, she brought them with her to class and asked for clarification. She did everything the instructor suggested to get a better understanding of college algebra. Ammie's persistence paid off, and she aced the final with a score of 96, which, in turn, resulted in an "A" in the course.

She has been an active member of Student Government and the Student Service League as well as PTK. Ammie is quite comfortable chairing any committee and always gets the job done. According to the Faculty Advisor for SGA, Ms. Bonnie Tindall, Ammie is a diligent worker, who brings a cheerleader like enthusiasm to everything she does. Ms. Donna Brzezienski, the Student Service League Faculty Advisor, believes that Aimee has been instrumental in the success of the numerous projects in which she has been involved, including the 2008 Fall Fling at the Valdosta campus, school supply drives for both Southeast and Dewar Elementary schools, new baby drives associated with LAMP's (Lowndes Association of Ministry to People), and New Horizon, which is a shelter for homeless women and children. In May, Ammie participated in Relay for Life, helping the GMC team sponsored by PTK raise money for the American Cancer Society.

In addition to being a college student, Ammie is a wife and mother with two sons, Justice and Kai. As a graduate of Georgia Military College, she is the first member of her family to graduate from college. She plans to continue her education by completing her Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at Valdosta State University. She is actively pursuing a modeling and acting career and has been selected for commercial work for HGTV.

## ATLANTA-FAIRBURN

### Nikacie Carmichael

Nikacie enrolled at Georgia Military College in January, 2007. She was hired as a math tutor in May of 2007. She stepped up and accepted an appointment as Vice President of the Student Government Association in 2008 after that position became vacant. Her positive attitude, concern for students, and academic excellence caught the attention of the Life Keys Coordinator, who asked her to become a Peer Leader. The same drive and ambition enabled her to be selected as a



Peer Resource Officer when the new Fairburn Campus was opened. Nikacie's academic achievements earned her the honor of an invitation to join the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and she later became President of the Beta Zeta Alpha Chapter in Atlanta. She will attend Georgia State University in the fall as a pre-med major.

## AUGUSTA-MARTINEZ

### Dustin R. Hayden



Dustin is a 2002 graduate of Lakeside High School in Martinez, Georgia with a Tech Prep Diploma. Due to family circumstances he went to work full-time after graduation in an electrical company that he continues to work for today. After a semester as a part-time student at Augusta State University, he left school until matriculating at GMC in August, 2007.

During this time he married his wife Stacy, and they had a son, Reynolds, now 2 1/2 years old. A fellow employee helped to energize him to return to college when he told Dustin that he was "too smart to continue to do this manual labor for the rest of his life."

At GMC, Dustin has continued to work full-time as an electrician while taking a full load of classes each quarter. Dustin chose GMC because of the ability it gave him to arrange his classes at times convenient for him.

He has achieved a 3.90 cumulative grade point average.

Dustin has been actively involved in the Medical College of Georgia's activities that provide support to the Children's Medical Center. These consist of the annual walkathon, Camp Rainbow, Camp Strong Heart, and the Safe Kids of East Central Georgia.

Dustin has been accepted to Augusta State University and plans to be a pre-med major.

## COLUMBUS

### Tujuana Lewis



Tujuana Lewis transferred to GMC-Columbus in the spring of 2006 and completed her Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice in the summer of 2009. Tujuana, a non-traditional aged student, has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.41 while caring for her family, working full-time and volunteering within the community. She has consistently exhibited the qualities and characteristics both inside and outside the classroom that exemplify the goals and aspirations of Georgia Military College: she is kind, courteous, studious, reliable, academically engaging and of strong character. Tujuana will receive a promotion as a result of her work at GMC and plans to continue her studies in Criminal Justice at Troy University with the ultimate goal of becoming a juvenile probation officer.



**WARNER ROBINS**

**Barbara Shaheen**  
*AS General Studies*

Barbara Shaheen is what colleges refer to as a “non-traditional student.” By definition, a non-traditional student did not attend college immediately after high school but decided to enroll after some years had passed. One of Ms. Shaheen’s life goals was to attend college and receive a degree. So, at the spry age of 77, she decided to achieve that goal. She enrolled at the Warner Robins campus of Georgia Military College in the spring of 2007. Two years later, she will be receiving an Associate of Science degree in General Studies.

While a student at GMC-Warner Robins, Ms. Shaheen shined academically. Professors loved to have her in their classes. She made the Dean’s List and will be graduating with a GPA over 3.0. She participated in numerous student activities including the annual GMC-WR golf scramble and Relay for Life, a cancer awareness organization. She was also a member of the Student Government Association.

In addition to her responsibilities as a college student, Ms. Shaheen is and has been for many years an active citizen in her community. Since moving to Warner Robins in 1964, her many accomplishments have included being a successful business woman and President of the Chamber of Commerce, and having a beautiful family consisting of a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Ms. Shaheen is obviously an excellent student and citizen, but, more

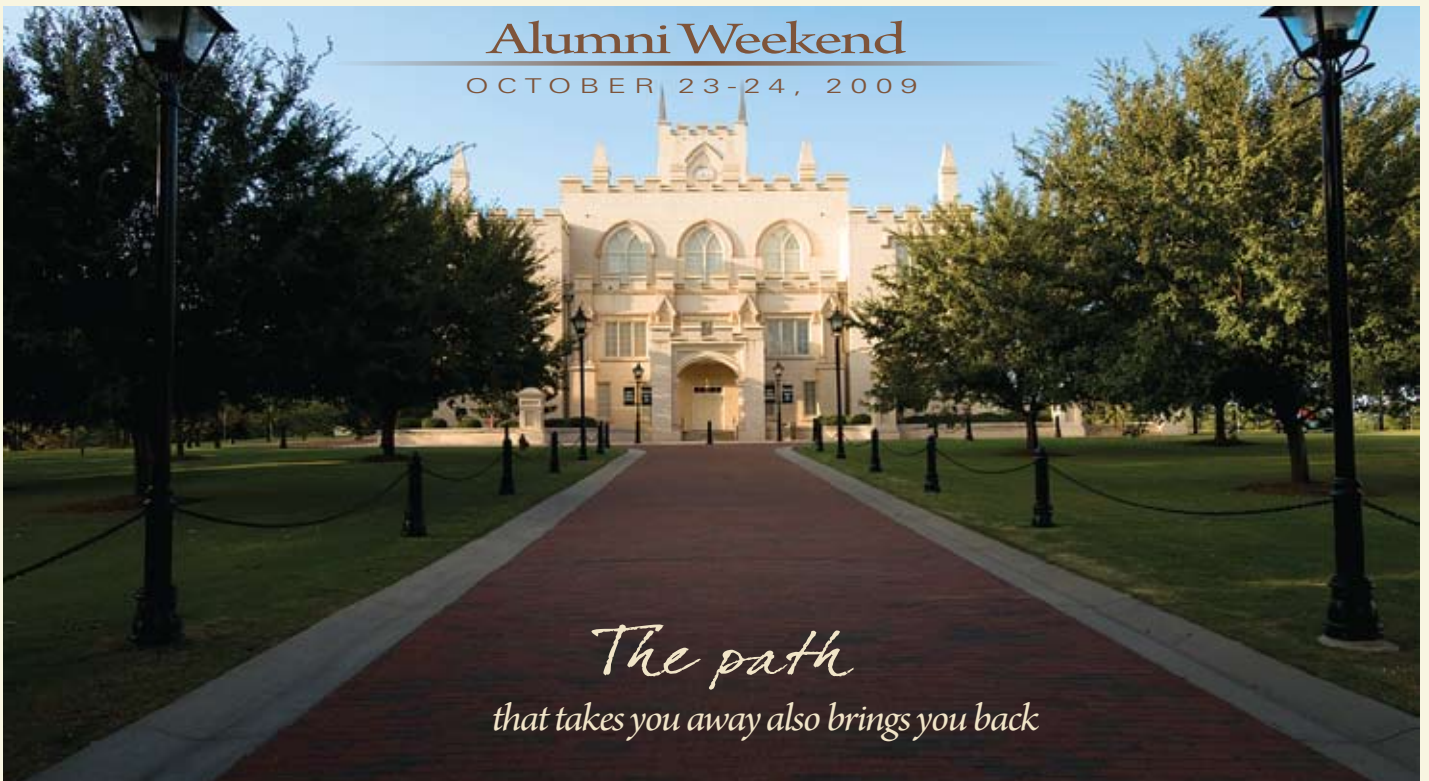


importantly, she is a great humanitarian. During her two years at GMC-Warner Robins, she has established and awarded three scholarships to her fellow students. Realizing the financial burden some of her classmates were facing, she decided to give back to those that had given to her. Her time at this school will never be forgotten by the faculty, staff, or students.

**MILLEDGEVILLE**

**Lisa McCollum**

Lisa McCollum is the Distinguished Graduating Student for the Milledgeville campus. While working for Georgia Military College full time in the Registrar’s Office, Lisa has managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA as a GMC student. She is always willing to help both students and faculty, all the while having a great deal of patience and displaying a professional demeanor at work, in class, and in volunteer capacities. On several occasions she has offered to be a driver for GMC field trips, such as the Georgia History Savannah field trip, using her own leave time to do so when necessary. Among her other philanthropic endeavors, she has been active in helping orphaned animals find good homes. Lisa is a talented artist who designed the artwork for the Georgia History Class t-shirts proudly worn by her fellow students. Lisa exemplifies everything that the Distinguished Graduating Student Award embodies.



**Alumni Weekend**

OCTOBER 23-24, 2009

*The path  
 that takes you away also brings you back*

# Odyssey of the Mind

## Prep students take 6th place in worldwide competition

In May, 700 student teams from around the world converged onto the Iowa State University campus to see which one was the most creative problem-solver during the Odyssey of the Mind world finals competition.

Among those teams were six GMC prep students - Katie Bershadsky, Tori Spivey, Sarah Poole, Colby Smith, Elliot Fairbrass and Liam Fairbrass -- who rose to the top, taking sixth place in their division.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students of all ages.

The students work in teams, learning valuable lessons of cooperation and respecting the ideas of others, in hopes of beating out other teams during this friendly competition. There is never one "right answer" at Odyssey of the Mind. To win, students must apply their knowledge, skills and talents creatively to catch the judges' attention.

"They give us a problem and we have to solve it in the most creative way possible," said Spivey. "There are so many different ways to solve it."

The teams are judged on how well they solve spontaneous problems on the spot and on the elaboration of their long-term problem solutions. Students are challenged with situations ranging from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

Throughout the year, thousands of teams from across the U.S. and from about 25 other countries compete on local and state levels to see who will make it to the Odyssey of the Mind world finals. GMC took first place in the state competition and for the first time in three years, was invited to the world finals.

The team took part in the Earth Trek division of the world finals competition and was charged with creating a vehicle that could travel through four separate environments.



Through trial and error, GMC students ultimately concocted a motorized car worthy of the challenge that earned them sixth place out of the 56 teams in their division, eight of which were from other countries.

*"They give us a problem and we have to solve it in the most creative way possible. There are so many different ways to solve it."*

*--Tori Spivey*

"We actually built three cars," said Liam Fairbrass. "One was hooked to a vacuum, similar to a hockey table. That one didn't work so hot. Then we built a hover craft, using a plastic bag and a hairdryer. But it melted the bag and wouldn't carry anything. The last one was a wooden, rectangular box with two screwdriver motors to run it. We used that one."

Team coach Emily Fairbrass said she is proud of the group's world-class accomplishment and is looking forward to next year's competition with hopes of making it to the world-finals once again.

This year's trip was made possible through the financial support of family, friends, alumni and various local businesses.

*These names represent contributions of \$250 or more toward the Earth Trek Team's trip to the World Finals.*

- Chris Alford, P.T.
- GMC Bulldog Club
- GMC Foundation
- Lord, Aeck & Sargent
- Oconee Regional Medical Center
- COL John Thornton
- Twin Lakes Physical Therapy
- Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr.
- Dress Down Day for GMC Prep and Junior College Faculty, Staff and Students





## GMC Prep Students Visit Washington, D.C.

Georgia Military College Prep School eighth grade students recently visited Washington, D.C.

The GMC Middle School Color Guard (C/SSG Aaron Brown, C/SGT Chobi Young, C/CPT Jostin Grimes, C/SGT T.J. Curtis and C/SGT Jordan Easterwood) presented the Colors at a Major League Baseball game between the Washington Nationals and the Atlanta Braves in Nationals Park.

C/CPT Elliot Fairbrass and C/MAJ Meg Gray joined US Representative John Barrow (D-GA) to lay a wreath in memory of former US Congressman Carl Vinson at the United States Navy Memorial. In his remarks, Representative Barrow commented on the ties that bind today's cadets to those who have gone before and to those yet to come, and how remarkable it is that those cadets gathered before him had the unique opportunity to honor one of the most important figures of the 20th century.

Pictured (left to right) during the wreath laying ceremony at the United States Memorial, the GMC Middle School Color Guard (C/SSG Aaron Brown, C/SGT Chobi Young, C/CPT Jostin Grimes, C/SGT T.J. Curtis and



C/SGT Jordan Easterwood) and C/MAJ Meg Gray and C/CPT Elliot Fairbrass.

Pictured laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery (left to right) C/CPT KeShawn Harris, C/SFC D.J. Clayton, C/CSM Kaitlyn Russ, and C/LTC Tori Spivey with SSG King of the 3rd Infantry, Old Guard.

GMC eight graders, Colby Smith and Meg Smith, made a rubbing of Deputy Will Robinson's name on the Peace Officer's Memorial. Will Robinson was a



1987 graduate of GMC High School and was killed in the line of duty on December 17, 1995.





## Change of Command



The Hallam Family

June 15 marked a shift in leadership in the Senior ROTC department at Georgia Military College, with **LTC Rob Purvis** taking over as Battalion Commander of the Old Capitol Guard battalion, replacing **LTC Jay Hallam**, who has transferred to Stuttgart, Germany.

"It is a great opportunity for me to provide the army with future officers," said Purvis. "It's always a challenge, moving into a new job and trying to figure it out, but Colonel Hallam has left me a great program. I think we're going to do well."

Purvis and his wife Michele have two children, Kaitie and Kyle.

Purvis began his military career in 1991 when he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Armor from Virginia Tech. From that point, Purvis was stationed all over the world, from Ft. Benning, Ga., to Ft. Hood, Texas, to a seven-month deployment in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A decorated soldier, Purvis has earned nearly 20 awards and decorations over his 18-year career. He said it is his career as a whole that has prepared him for this assignment.

"This is definitely a new thing for me, and I don't think any specific point in my career has prepared me for it," he said. "Instead, I believe it is the all-around experiences I have had, the places I've been, and the people I've met that have prepared me."

Hallam took the helm of the GMC JC ROTC department in 2006. Before his time at Georgia Military, he was stationed in locales such as South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Ft. Leavenworth.

He said his stay of three years at GMC was the longest of his career.

"Three years is a long time to stay one place in the army," he said. "That's one of the great things about the army – you get to do something different all the time. I've done this job the longest."

Hallam, along with his wife Paula and his two daughters, Rachel and Sara, now move on to Stuttgart, Germany. Hallam's new assignment is EUCOM HQs. He is excited about the opportunity, but he is saddened by his departure from GMC.

"There is an excitement of moving on and doing something new, but there's also a sadness of giving the reigns to someone else," he said. "But [Col. Purvis] is a great guy. He is a qualified combat veteran and an expert trainer. I know the unit is in good hands."

And those hands are ready to get started.

"I'm happy to be here," Purvis said. "I'm looking forward to working with Georgia Military College and Milledgeville. Let's go."



LTC Rob Purvis

## Jostin Grimes Places Third in State

Congratulations to GMC eighth grader Jostin Grimes who placed third in the state, among 4200 other middle school students, in the tenth annual Georgia Day Essay Contest. The contest was sponsored by the Georgia Voyager Magazine, the Brunswick and Golden Isles Visitors Bureau, and the Sea Island Company. This year's essay topic was "History in Your Own Backyard."

Jostin Grimes is pictured with **Kathy Cox**, Georgia Superintendent of Schools.



Congratulations to **Maya Mapp** who was surprised by **Mr. Frank Malloy** on May 8 during PE Class. Mr. Malloy traveled to GMC to tell Maya that she was chosen to be one of only ten 13WMAZ Junior Journalists for the coming school year. During the two-year program she will learn in the field with WMAZ reporters and report stories produced with WMAZ journalists. Periodically, Maya will be featured with her reports on 13WMAZ Eyewitness News at 5:00 p.m.

In addition to this honor, Maya was recently elected Vice President of the 4-H Northeast District Junior Board.



CHATting WITH CORVEY IRVIN:

## “It is kind of hard to believe”

MAY 1, 2009, BY TIM TUCKER, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION  
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Corvey Irvin was drafted 92 spots behind Matthew Stafford.

And I'm not sure Stafford, even with \$41.7 million guaranteed, could be any happier or prouder than Irvin.

While Stafford had been hailed as a future No. 1 NFL draft pick ever since high school - and you've got to hand it to Mel Kiper Jr. for making that prediction when Stafford was still at Highland Park High in Dallas - Irvin came from obscurity to be a third-round pick.

He wasn't recruited by any major colleges out of high school. ("I was an OK high school player," he maintains.) He transferred to Georgia after two years at Georgia Military College but didn't start any games his first year in Athens. And he probably wouldn't have started any in his second and final season, either, if not for his friend and fellow defensive tackle Jeff Owens blowing out a knee in the season opener.

That thrust Irvin into the Bulldogs' starting lineup, and next thing you know, he's at the Carolina Panthers' rookie camp, a third-round draft choice.

"It opened an opportunity for me; it paved my way through," Irvin told me on the phone, referring to Owens' injury. "I hated he got hurt, but everything happens for a reason."

Irvin said one of the first people he talked to after being drafted was ... Owens.

"He told me he was proud of me and told me hard work paid off for me and that I deserved it," Irvin said. "He said, 'Cherish every moment, and take nothing for granted. And be patient and humble.'"

The knee injury cost Owens what would have been his senior season and delayed his shot at the NFL. So he took a redshirt season and will return this fall to play as a fifth-year senior.

"He's recovering well," Irvin said of Owens. "He'll probably be better than ever. And he'll come out and have a wonderful season, and then he'll get drafted, too."

Meanwhile Irvin starts an NFL career that came out of nowhere. "It happened real fast; the NFL wasn't really on my mind [last season]," he said. "It is kind of hard to believe."

He passes the credit around, giving a big chunk of it to Georgia Military.

"Georgia Military taught me to be accountable, to have good character, to be loyal, to have time-management skills. Taught me how to be a man. Made me grow up and mature real quick.

"And when I went to Georgia, I took what I learned at GMC and applied it there."

Now, Irvin looks forward to crossing paths with Stafford in the NFL.

"I hope he goes to Detroit and turns [the Lions] around and goes 16-0. Or 15-1, losing when they play us."



## 2009 Ken Wheat Summer Scholarship Recipients

Clint Harvin, Gavin Whitfield, Leroy Vick, Ricardo Norman

## GMC JC Football Looks to Rebuild in 2009

The JC Bulldogs enter the 2009 season with a lot of new faces that are eager to assert themselves on the grid-iron and to add to the already impressive tradition and excellence of GMC JC Football. Only a handful of starters return from the 2008 campaign that brought another Top Ten finish and bowl berth for the Bulldogs, but they are a talented handful. Leading the way is the only returning full-time starter on Defense, Jakar Hamilton, who was a consensus 1st Team NJCAA All-American last year and is widely regarded as the top safety in the JUCO ranks. An exceptional class of talent, however, on defense is eager to come in and continue the dominance that is expected by the Bulldog "D." The GMC Offense has a bit more returning with four offensive lineman and standout tight end Antonio Danzy as well as running back Tobias Palmer who led all runners in yards per touch last year. Newcomers Chris Hart and Tony Guidugli will battle it out at QB while Chris Thomas is expected to lead the receiving corps. As with the defense, the offense had a number of very exciting signees, so 2009 looks to be a very successful rebuilding year!

## 2009 GEORGIA MILITARY JC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
August 29	Ellsworth CC	1:00 PM	Iowa Falls, Iowa
September 5	Navarro College	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, Ga.
September 12	Snow College	1:00 PM	Salt Lake City, Utah
September 19	Arkansas Baptist College	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, Ga.
September 26	NC Tech	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, Ga.
October 3	OPEN		
October 10	South Alabama	11:30 AM	Mobile, Ala.
October 15	VSU JV	6:00 PM	Milledgeville, Ga.
October 24	Louisburg College	2:00 PM	Milledgeville, Ga.
	ALUMNI WEEKEND		
October 31	OPEN - President's Weekend		
November 7	Erie Community College	1:00 PM	Buffalo, N.Y.
November 14	Lackawana College	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, Ga.
December 5	NJCAA BOWL GAME		

Game times are local and home contests played on historic Davenport Field.

**'42 Robert "Bob" H. Green** (HS 1942) attended the Topping Out Ceremony on July 31, 2009. His family named a classroom in the new prep school in his honor. *Pictured, l to r, Mr. Robert H. Green (HS 1942), Mr. Walter C. Green, II (HS 1979), Mrs. Robert (Janet) H. Green, and Mrs. Nannette Green Allen (HS 1976).*



**'54 John T. "Jake" Williams** (HS 1953, JC 1954) was presented his 50th year Masonic pen from the Grand Lodge of Georgia. The presentation was held at his home lodge # 276 in Harlem, Georgia.

**'57 Robert M. Joiner** (HS 1957) is author and publisher of a biography, *The Conversion of Samuel Harris - A Story of Change in Colonial Virginia*.

**'65 Harold L. Clack** (JC 1965) has retired from the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.

**'74 Garry Couch** (HS 1974), legendary head baseball coach for GMC Prep School, was honored for his 300th career victory as a baseball coach with a plaque that will reside at the GMC Prep baseball complex. *Couch is pictured with Randy New (HS 1971 & JC 1973), Chairman of GMC Board of Trustees, and Bill Craig (HS 1971), Chairman of GMC Foundation.*



**'80 Dr. William H. Prosser** (HS 1980) was presented a Pioneer in Space Award by the Robert E. Lee No. 115 chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy during Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies in Milledgeville. The award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to America's space program and who is a lineal descendant of Confederate soldiers or sailors. *Pictured, l to r, County Commission Chairman Bubba Williams, Nancy Kennedy, Prosser, and Milledgeville Mayor Richard Bentley.*



**'87 James Hodnett** (JC 1987) married Carol Shrewsbury on July 31, 2009. James is the Chief of Police for Georgia Military College. They are pictured with their children, Marae Hodnett (19), Hannah Shrewsbury (9) Patrick Hodnett (13) and Brandon Shrewsbury (13 ).



**'89 Bill Kennedy** (HS 1989) and his brother **Bucky Kennedy** (HS 1994) have both entered the wonderful world of fatherhood. Bill's son, Will, was born September 11, 2007, and Bucky's daughter, Bailey, was born February 9, 2009. They are pictured along with Bucky's wife, Crystal.



**'90 Brian Mangan** (JC 1990) has been appointed Principal of Mariner High School in Cape Coral, Florida as of June 2009.

**'91 R. Scott McKee** (JC 1991) took office as the 173rd Judicial District Attorney, Henderson County, Texas on January 1, 2009. He was elected District Attorney after winning the Republican primary in March of 2008.

**'94 Lee A. Wright, Jr.** (JC 1994) recently received his Master's in Education Administration from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**'98 Debra Higgs** (JC 1998) was promoted in March, 2009 to First Lieutenant. She recently completed the Multifunctional Logistician Captain's Career Course at Fort Lee, Virginia and will deploy as the Executive Officer of the GaARNG's Echo Co. 148th Forward Support Company to Afghanistan.

**'03 Wesley Tyler Garrard** (HS 2003), a member of the Seven Year Club, and Ingrid Diane Rudowske were married on May 24, 2009.





**'05 Gregory M Chapman** (JC 2005) and **Rebecca L. Sheppard** (JC 2006) were married on June 6, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Sandersville, Ga. and honeymooned in Hawaii. They reside in Atlanta, where Gregory is a Certified Public Accountant for Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC.



**'06 Jasper Brinkley** (JC 2006), linebacker, and Casper Brinkley's twin, was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the fifth round, with the 150th pick out of the University of South Carolina.

**'07 Corvey Irvin** (JC 2007) was selected by the Carolina Panthers in the third round, with the 93rd pick. Corvey is from Laney HS in Augusta and played defensive line for GMC and also the last two seasons for the University of Georgia (UGA), being selected Team Captain for UGA last season. He will join former GMC standout, Casper Brinkley (JC 2006), with the Panthers.

**Dylan Stephens** (JC 2007), has been promoted to Electronic Resources Librarian at GMC. Dylan is an Army veteran, and a graduate of both GMC and GCSU. He has worked for the last three years at GMC in the Sibley Cone Library as Library Technical Associate during evenings and weekends.

**Macoumba Kandji** (JC 2007), New York Red Bulls forward who attended GMC from 9/9/04 to 01/08/07, was voted Major League Soccer's Player of the Week for Week 8 of the 2009 season. The Major League Soccer Player of the Week is selected each week of the MLS regular season by a panel of journalists from the North American Soccer Reporters (NASR). The group consists of members of print, television, radio and online media.

Kandji, 23, from Dakar, Senegal is in his first full MLS season. The 6-foot-4-inch forward attended Georgia Military College before making his professional debut with the USL's Atlanta Silverbacks. He made his MLS debut while on loan from the Silverbacks on September 27, 2008. The Red Bulls purchased Kandji's rights during the offseason and placed him on their Senior Roster. This marks the first Player of the Week award for Kandji and first for a Red Bull player since Angel received the honor in Week 20 of the 2008 season.

**Jarius Wynn** (JC 2007), was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the sixth round, with the 183rd pick, specifically to play in the new 3-4 defense. Jarius was a standout Defensive Lineman for GMC and also for the UGA Bulldogs the last two seasons. He will join a former GMC Bulldog on the frozen tundra, Ray Guy Award winner Durant Brooks (8/2003 – 8/2005) who traded there last season. According to Pete Dougherty, Green Bay Press Gazette, "The Packers drafted Wynn to play the lowest-profile and to some degree grunt position in the 3-4, defensive end. In the new schemes defensive ends primarily are two-gappers, that is, they play head-up over the tackles and try to occupy them so the linebackers can make tackles in the running game. Wynn played both defensive end and tackle last year (three sacks, six hurries) and had the frame and power to convince the Packers he could play end in the 3-4. Wynn was a junior-college transfer whose time at a two-year school appeared to be of immense help. Rather than attend a conventional junior college, he went to Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga. The cadets had to abide by a rigid and full daily schedule that ran from formation at 5:45 a.m. to taps at 11:00 p.m. His two years there still show. When meeting with reporters in the Packers' locker room, he stood straight, looked each questioner directly in the eyes, and included 'sir' or 'ma'am' in his answers. 'The school taught me a lot of discipline, respect, honor,' he said. 'Just hard work.'"



**'08 MIDN 4/C Zach Seagraves** (HS 2008), now an Auburn University sophomore, was recently awarded the Grady F. "Buddy" Edwards Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship given annually by the NROTC Scholarship Board to a student with a background in community service and volunteerism who has an expressed financial need and maintains a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.



## ■ ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Georgia Military College alumni are scattered across the country, and even around the world. But no matter where their lives have led them, our alumni all share a common bond – and that's the place they started out.

That's why Georgia Military College is working on a new publication designed to help bring our alumni back together. The directory will include comprehensive biographical listings with contact information, career overviews, family highlights, and photos of our graduates. Plus, a special section about the school will help you reminisce as you read about our past and learn what's in store for the future.

To make sure our directory is as up-to-date as possible, our publisher, Harris Connect, which has had more than 40 years experience researching and publishing alumni and membership directories, will contact our alumni to verify that the information we will print is accurate and complete.

Please help us make this publication full of the latest information about you and your fellow alumni. It will be a fun and useful reference, as well as helpful in keeping people in touch with one another.

*Georgia Military College and the GMC Alumni Association  
extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these alumni and friends.*



IN MEMORY OF ALUMNUS,  
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OF GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

**TOMMY FULGHUM**

**O.T. "Tommy" Fulghum** graduated from both Georgia Military Prep School ('47) and Junior College ('49). He served as a member of the Georgia Military College Foundation for many years, and, an avid supporter of Georgia Military College, held membership in the Oak Leaf Society. An outstanding alumnus, he was the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in 1998.

Tommy Fulghum was a very innovative and successful businessman. He served as owner and Chairman of the Board of Fulghum Industries and Fulghum Fibres, Inc. for many years. Mr. Fulghum was very interested in civic and community matters. To his family, friends, and business associates, he was known as a man of his word and a man of honor.

**William D. Warthen** (JC 1941)  
January 16, 2009

**Marvin Austin Duckworth** (HS 1943)  
May 17, 2009

**George Mack Bird, Jr.** (HS 1945)  
May 20, 2009

**Calvin M. Puckett** (HS 1945)  
June 9, 2009

**Billy H. Moore** (HS 1948)  
March 7, 2009

**Dr. Wister Lawrence Ritchie, Jr.** (HS 1949, JC 1950)  
June 11, 2009

**Robert Kenneth Cleveland** (JC 1952)  
May 4, 2009

**John (Salty) Wesley Prince, Sr.** (JC 1959)  
November 19, 2008

**Fred Lamar Sims, Jr.** (JC 1961)  
February 14, 2009

**James M. Ennis** (JC 2005)  
November 6, 2008

**Dr. Louis Elwyn Fay, III** (former GMC faculty,  
Milledgeville campus)  
May 6, 2009

**Jaquavyn Smalls** (former GMC student)  
July 8, 2009

*The heart hath its own memory, like the mind.  
And in it are enshrined the precious keepsakes,  
into which is wrought the giver's loving thought.*

~ H.W. Longfellow



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