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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**MG Peter Boylan**  
*President*

Georgia Military College is one of the very few institutions in the United States that has the dual focus of developing the intellect and also elevating character as essential to a true education. Over time, though, we have come to realize that health in mind and spirit should be complemented by health in body. We are all aware of the insidiousness of the problems associated with obesity—and thus, too, diabetes—in Georgia. Therefore, next on our facilities master plan is the construction of a facility dedicated to securing the optimum health of our students, faculty, and community.

The Cordell Center was constructed in 1964 to accommodate 450 cadets. It was a wonderful addition to GMC in that period. Today, however, we are closing in on 2,000 students on this campus, rendering the facility totally inadequate to instruct and train young people in healthy living. This does not even consider that the members of the faculty and staff, as role models for these students, are essentially precluded from using the facility. There is simply not sufficient space available to meet the demands of physical education classes and to support athletic endeavors.

For these compelling reasons, we have undertaken the construction of an athletic facility that will abut the Cordell Center and provide additional space essential to the mission of this institution. Over time, we have improved the academic, housing, and administrative facilities and it is now appropriate for us to improve our facilities that will directly impact the health and welfare of our students.

As always, I appreciate your support of this initiative. It is an essential step into our future.

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

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# GMC Announces New \$17 Million Health and Wellness Center

*Renovated, expanded Cordell Center to benefit students, Milledgeville community*

The year is 1964. America is on the brink of nuclear war with Cuba and the Soviet Union. A new oral vaccine is ready to save millions from the scourges of polio. In theaters, “West Side Story” draws crowds, while the small screen spotlights rookie Johnny Carson on “The Tonight Show.” The average household income is \$5,556.00. And microwaves, personal computers, cell phones and the Internet are nothing but future figments of imagination.

With these national events unfolding as backdrop, GMC leaders open the Cordell Events Center. As the Center’s doors open for the first time, GMC proudly offers the school’s 500 students a new 60,000-square-foot health and wellness facility.

Fast-forward 50 years. In so many previously unfathomable ways, the world is a different place. And GMC is no exception, the campus having undergone a transformation that has elevated it to one of the most highly regarded community colleges in the nation, today serving almost 2,000 students at its Milledgeville campus alone.

But at the Cordell Center, which hasn’t undergone any major

upgrades since 1964, time has stood still. What was once a modern facility is now worn, cramped and sorely outdated. For 50 years, the center has served GMC well. But today’s students need and deserve better.

## Tight Quarters, Tired Bones

Visit the Cordell Events Center during the school year and you’ll immediately see the problem. Prep school students fill the building to capacity each school day, attending required PE and military science courses. GMC’s middle school, high school and college collectively have six basketball teams, three cheerleading teams, two wrestling teams and a wide variety of clubs, all of which need space for meeting, practice and competition. Add the occasional college fair, blood drive or fundraising event to displace regular student activities, and “we’re stacked on top of each other,” said Bert Williams, GMC Athletic Director. “And if there’s inclement weather and our outdoor activities need to move inside, that throws our already complicated schedule into a total tailspin.”

With only one full-sized gym to serve nine grade levels, GMC offers neither a full slate of college PE classes, nor indoor college sports or intramurals. Fitness opportunities for staff, faculty and community members in the center are non-existent, nor is there



room for a student union or gathering place. “The facility just doesn’t work anymore,” Williams said.

Space isn’t the center’s only limiting factor. The building’s skeleton wasn’t designed for a weight lifting area, so support structures for the current weight room are less than ideal. The 50-year-old dressing facilities call for upgrades and adequate locker rooms.

Maintenance is also an ongoing problem at Cordell, requiring constant vigilance and repair, from roof to foundation. “Plainly put, our physical fitness facilities

hinder us from creating an environment conducive to the holistic development of our students’ intellect, character and health,” said Peter J. Boylan, GMC President. “What was once a modestly modern facility intended for 500 students is now a detriment to a student body four times larger, plus the staff and faculty who support them. And it certainly doesn’t serve as a recruitment draw.”

## Building Healthier Futures

The good news is this: by preserving and renovating the

existing Cordell Events Center, and with the addition of an entirely new facility, GMC will give its students a modernized new home for health and wellness.

Phase 1 of the Healthy and Wellness Center will break ground this fall, with completion anticipated in late 2013. Comprised of approximately 60,000-square-feet on three levels, it will include:

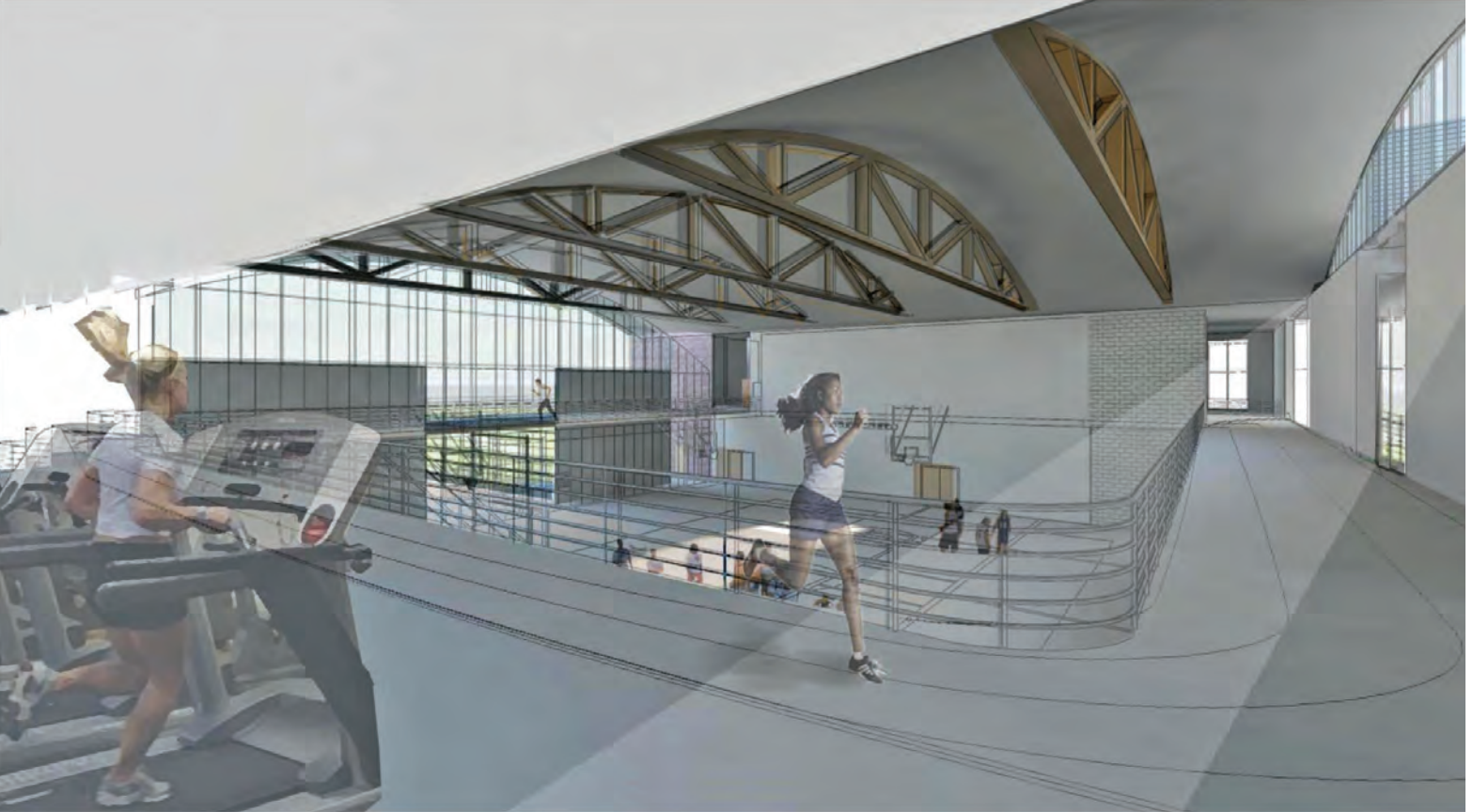
- Renovation and repurposing of the existing Cordell Events Center
- Five rooms for health and wellness instruction
- An athletic healthcare and training lab
- Three dedicated spaces for weight and cardio training, totaling more than 9,000 square feet
- An elevated walking/running track
- Two multi-use courts
- Locker rooms to support all prep school students
- Staff offices
- Band room/practice areas

Phase 2, on the agenda for the future, will include:

The addition of an 80,000-square-foot convocation center, as well as additional instruction spaces, physical training spaces and offices to support instruction.

“The new Health and Wellness Center will truly make GMC a healthier—and more attractive—destination for students and for the Middle Georgia community,” said General Boylan. “The facility will also underscore the vital message that GMC is a thriving academic institution that cares about our students’ intellect, character, and health. In short, the Center will help GMC provide the health activity students, faculty, staff, and the community want and need.”





## Shaping Lives

“You’d have to be living in a cave to be unaware of health concerns for our young people today,” Williams said. And he’s right. Georgia ranks second in the nation for childhood obesity, putting these children at higher risk for diabetes, heart disease, stroke and various types of cancer, not to mention shortened lifespans.

“GMC aims to combat the alarming health trends among Georgia’s youth and enable young people to develop the sound, fit bodies they need to live longer, more productive lives,” said General Boylan. “And we’re constructing the new Health and Wellness Center with this end goal specifically in mind.”

In fact, GMC is partnering with Oconee Regional Medical center to address the issues of obesity and to improve health through local wellness programs, technical assistance and training, leadership, and more. In addition, GMC is initiating various types of health screenings, including Health Risk Assessments and an initial student health

baseline, with results monitored to demonstrate program effectiveness.

As someone who works on the front lines of fitness, Williams wholeheartedly endorses the school’s stand on wellness. “If we can instruct kids how to have a healthy lifestyle and get them in the habit of being active, they’ll learn to become healthier for life,” he said. “With the new Health and Wellness Center, we’ll be able to help students, faculty, staff and community members get in shape and stay in shape. We’ll screen for health issues and take aggressive measures to prevent them. We’ll be well positioned to help improve people’s quality of life, as well as to reduce their future healthcare costs.”





## Stepping Up

Funds for the \$17 million Health and Wellness Center come from a combination of state allocations, institutional funds and private philanthropy. “We already have \$14 million in place, which leaves us to raise \$3 million in private donations,” said General Boylan. “We’re asking supporters to help us with about 18 percent of the total project, which is really all that stands between the vision and the reality.”

From Williams’ perspective, that reality is close enough to envision quite clearly. “This is a well-planned, much-needed facility whose time has finally come, so it’s very exciting to feel the positive momentum,” he said. “Now, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.”



# PREP STUDENTS PLACE TOPS IN NATION, SECOND IN WORLD AT “ODYSSEY OF THE MIND” COMPETITION

***Emily Fairbrass knew just how wrong things could go during the competition.***

As a GMC teacher and Odyssey of the Mind coach for years, she'd seen it firsthand—technical failures, stage fright, prop malfunctions—and those memories weren't calming her already-edgy nerves. For nine months, her seven-student Odyssey of the Mind team had worked countless hours, winning regional and state competitions to

compete here at World Finals. Now, it came down to eight minutes on stage, performing a skit whose scene-stealer was a moving, emoting vehicle of the team's own creation. “Before they went on, I told them how proud I was of their hard work, their extraordinary intelligence and their creative brilliance,” she said. “No matter what the outcome, I wanted them to know they'd succeeded.”





Their performance was outstanding, but with 800 teams—46 teams in their division and category alone—competition was intense. “As judges announced other schools for 6th, 5th and 4th places, we sadly assumed we’d placed lower,” Emily said. “So when they named GMC as the number one team in the nation—and second in the world—we were simply dumbfounded. Stunned. We looked at each other with mouths agape. And then the laughter and the hugging and the tears let loose.”

## Beginning The Journey

The team’s journey to that moment in May actually began back in September, with coaches Emily Fairbrass and Clay McElheny guiding a brainstorming session in Zell Miller Hall’s “Odyssey Room.” Most team members had already participated in annual Odyssey competi-

tions (GMC has had middle school and high school teams since 2006), so they knew the drill. Teams around the globe would receive a list of challenges, from constructing mechanical devices to interpreting literary classics. Each team’s mission: select one challenge for competition. Apply critical thinking skills, creativity and teamwork to solve the challenge. Adhere to dozens of detailed parameters and a budget. GMC’s team selected the “Ooh-motion Vehicle” challenge, directing them to create a vehicle required to encounter three situations along a journey. The vehicle must display a different human emotion at each encounter, including one that would prompt it to move backwards. The team would also be judged on presentation of their vehicle’s journey.

As always, this competition would be no Sunday drive.

“I brought Odyssey to GMC because I’d seen its tremendous value at other schools,” Emily explained. “It pushes students to create,

explore, tap remote parts of their brain. It drives self confidence, team work and work ethic. It’s a huge commitment, but the rewards are even greater.”

## Creating the Roadmap

Initially, the team met twice weekly with Emily and Clay to work on their project. “Based on the list of emotions Odyssey provided, we decided our car would express sorrow, fear, surprise and anger. We spent several meetings brainstorming and researching situations that might cause our car to feel that way,” said Emily.

Soon, the group added weekend meetings—often five to eight hours long—writing dialogue for their skit, composing songs, designing costumes, even scouring junk yards for vehicle parts. Their storyline came to life as clever and quirky riff on the children’s cartoon, “Dora

the Explorer,” following the travails of a child’s toys (played by students) and an old shoe (played by the vehicle) who encounter a threatening vacuum hose.

The vehicle itself used both human and battery-powered propulsion to move forward and backward. But the real genius was inside the driver’s helmet: a system of electrical switches allowing the driver to steer with slight head movements—leaving his hands free to dramatize the vehicle’s interactions and emotions.

## On Top of the World

Following their regional and state wins, the team didn’t rest on their accomplish-

ments. Instead, they worked to improve their project in preparation for the World Finals at Iowa State University.

Packed into two minivans and a rental truck, the team headed out on the 18-hour drive. “At that point, the kids had really become a family, with almost a sixth sense about each others’ thoughts and needs.

**“Having small children come up to you and tell you they want to make sure they watch our team perform is incredibly humbling. Our team has become a family and I have become more confident and creative than I ever believed possible. This past year has been magical.”**

~HALEY SPIRES, GMC ODYSSEY TEAM MEMBER





**“Every year presents a new challenge, but also an opportunity to further develop my problem-solving and engineering skills, and ability to think quickly and decisively on my feet.”**

**—ELLIOT FAIRBRASS, GMC ODYSSEY TEAM MEMBER**

Despite the pressures, they were wonderfully easy going and supportive of one another during the entire trip,” Emily recalls.

As part of the competition, all teams had to solve a new mini-problem in front of judges, testing their ability to think on their feet. Next, with all their vehicle’s screws turned, pulleys pulled, costumes sewn and vocal chords warmed, they took the stage—and their place in Odyssey history.

Not only did Team GMC take home top national and second place international honors, they earned the prestigious Ranatra Fusca Creative Award for the design and engineering of the vehicle’s steering mechanism. “This award represents the essence of the Odyssey of the Mind,” explained a contest representative. “It’s presented to (those) who exhibit exceptional creativity, either through some aspect of their solution or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution.”

For Team GMC, the nine-month journey to the winner’s circle was the

experience of a lifetime.

## **Epilogue**

As the vans pulled back onto GMC’s campus, the happy-but-road-weary troop was met by a parking lot full of family and friends, waving posters and cheering madly for their team. After the last crate was unloaded, Emily asked her students to make one more stop. “We’re going to end this story where it all started,” she announced. “In the Odyssey Room in Zell Miller!”

There, Emily reminded the team of how far they’d come and grown together. And how deeply proud she was. “It honestly was the best year ever,” she said. “And after a few weeks of rest over the summer, I look forward to beginning the journey all over again!”

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**“Through Odyssey, I’ve learned to work within a budget and manage money...it has pushed me personally to go outside my comfort zone. The skills I’ve gained...have prepared all of us for quick thinking and problem solving in our adult future.”**

**— SARAH POOLE, GMC ODYSSEY TEAM MEMBER**

# MACON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

## *Performs at GMC*

**G**eorgia Military College and Georgia College partnered for the seventh year to present The Macon Symphony Orchestra, on Friday, March 30 in The Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Georgia Military College. The concert featured Robert Treviño, conductor, named among the Rising Stars of 2009 by *Symphony Magazine*, and Julia Siciliano, guest artist and award-winning concert pianist.

The evening's Great Acts included Dvorak - *Carnival Overture*, Wagner - *Overture to Die Meistersinger*, Shostakovich - *Piano Concerto No. 2*, and Sibelius - *Symphony No.2*.

Sponsors who graciously contributed to this evening include:

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Mark and Julie Strom





*Steinway Concert Series brings*  
**EMILE PANDOLFI**



The Georgia Military College Steinway Concert Series presented Emile Pandolfi on Thursday, April 12 in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. Accompanying Pandolfi was vocalist Dana Russell.

Unique to the world of piano, Pandolfi applies his life-long classical education to his arrangements of songs by Lloyd-Webber, Rogers & Hammerstein, and Mancini. The result is an emotional experience that keeps his fans coming back for more. With sales of his CDs of show tunes and pop standards approaching three million, he is ranked as one of today's best-selling pianists in the alternative music industry.

Following the concert, the Monty Cole Jazz Quartet entertained guests during an outdoor reception on Grant Parade.





The Steinway Concert Series is designed to bring outstanding musical and artistic performances to GMC and the surrounding community.

Supporting the arts at GMC by becoming a member of the Steinway Society ensures the continuation of these performances throughout the year.

*Please Join Us*

To join the Steinway Society, contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 445-0202 or visit [www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org) for more information.

**All members for each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) will enjoy...**

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- Premier reserved seating at Steinway Series concerts
- Four complimentary tickets to all Steinway Series concerts
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## *Bill Craig Memorial Pheasant Hunt and Auction*

Endowment honors Bill Craig's dedication to GMC

The 2012 event was very successful with roughly 40 alumni and friends participating and approximately \$19,000 contributed to the *William R. "Bill" Craig Scholarship Endowment*. The event included quail hunting in the morning, a pheasant hunt in the afternoon and an auction at the end of the day. Some auction items included an African Safari, vacation in Costa Rica, football signed by a player from the World Champion New York Giants, and other items. "We hope to find the same kind of auction items in 2013," commented event organizer Henry Craig.

The scholarship enables the recipient to attend GMC Prep School over a four-year period (grades 9-12). The first recipient is Ashley Vinson, a rising sophomore at GMC Prep whose favorite area of study is biology.

The 2013 Bill Craig Memorial Pheasant Hunt and Auction will be held March 2, 2013. A \$500 charitable contribution (tax deductible) to the *William R. "Bill" Craig Scholarship Endowment* will reserve your spot. For additional information, please contact Henry Craig at 478.363.1849 or [henrycraig1@charter.net](mailto:henrycraig1@charter.net), or Dean Grant at 478.457.5579 or [dean@grantfinancialgroup.com](mailto:dean@grantfinancialgroup.com).

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Gifts may be made online at [www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org) or checks to the GMC Foundation and noted for the *William R. "Bill" Craig Scholarship Endowment* may be mailed to the GMC Foundation, 201 E. Greene St., Milledgeville, GA 31061. For further details, call 478-445-0202.



# GEORGIA GIVES DAY: GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

*December 6, 2012*



The GMC Foundation is excited to be a participant in the new Georgia Gives Initiative – an effort to empower nonprofits to deliver greater impact and enhanced services in our communities by increasing individual philanthropic giving in Georgia and raising awareness of the state’s nonprofit sector. Georgia Gives is a statewide initiative that focuses the attention of the public on the work and worth of nonprofits.

Georgia Gives Day inspires individuals to donate to participating nonprofits through a website with the goal of raising as much money as possible in a 24-hour period.

Georgia Gives Day will take place on December 6, 2012. [GAGives.org](http://GAGives.org) makes donating easy by organizing nonprofits on one website, providing key facts about these charities and facilitating online donations by credit card or echeck.

So, on December 6, log on to [www.GAGives.org](http://www.GAGives.org), find the **GMC Foundation** and GIVE...no matter where you live!

DON'T MISS THE FUN! SURROUND YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES. YOU'LL KEEP THEM A LIFETIME.



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# ALUMNI WEEKEND BEGINS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19!

View photos from previous Alumni Weekends at <http://gmcpr.smugmug.com/Alumni>



# ALUMNI WEEKEND!

OCTOBER 19-20, 2012

# GMC ALUMNI WEEKEND BEGINS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19!

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

### Online *Recall* previews

#### *Sibley-Cone Library*

Preview the online yearbook collection (1945–1965); see the military uniform exhibit representing the years from 1898-1975; and enjoy the recently redone Special Collections.

9:30 AM

### Golf Tournament

#### *Milledgeville Country Club (MCC)*

Reservations to play must be made by contacting the GMC Advancement Office at 478-445-0202 no later than Wednesday, October 17. Players must sign in with Joe Mobley, alumni board host, at the MCC golf shop no later than 9:30 AM on Friday, October 19, with tournament play to begin at 10:00 AM. The registration fee (\$45), which includes green fees, cart, and box lunch, must be paid by cash or check – no credit cards – to the MCC upon arrival. Format will be a four-person scramble (best shot). Make your own team, or we can place you on a team. All players will receive a prize at the end of play. \$10 of the registration fee will go toward the purchase of engraved pavers in memory of alumni of GMC.

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### Old Capitol Museum

#### *Complimentary for the weekend*

Located on the ground floor of the Old Capitol Building, Georgia's Old Capitol Museum relates the story of Milledgeville and the Oconee River valley from prehistory into the twentieth century. In addition to an outstanding collection of Native American artifacts, nine galleries recount the founding of the frontier capital, the years Milledgeville served as the antebellum and Civil War capital of Georgia, the turbulence of Reconstruction in the South, and the founding of Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College (later GMC). Stop by the museum for a cool look at Milledgeville history!

1:30 PM

### Alumni Weekend Registration Opens

*Information Technology Building at South Gate entrance to Old Capitol Square*

2:00 – 3:30 PM

### Academic Complex Tours

#### *Atrium*

Prep School girls' trio performs.

Refreshments

### Tours of Baugh Barracks

### Ruark Athletic Complex

### Craig and Couch Fields

Shuttle leaves from South Gate.

Refreshments

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

### Usery Hall Tours

#### *2nd floor "bridge"*

Prep School barbershop quartet performs.

Refreshments

5:30 PM

### Social/Dinner/Dance

#### *Main Tent/South Gate*

Enjoy our traditional steak and chicken dinner with entertainment provided by the GMC JC Chamber Singers during the social and dancing music by *The Grapevine Band* in a return performance.

Cash bar

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

### Ruark Athletic Complex

The Southeastern Air-Rifle Conference competes at GMC's rifle range. Colleges participating include Clemson, North Georgia College and State University, The Citadel, North Carolina State, Wofford, University of North Carolina and Georgia Military College.

9:30 AM

### Alumni Weekend Registration Opens

*Information Technology Building at South Gate Entrance to Old Capitol Square*

10:30 AM

### Alumni Parade/Awards Presentation

#### *Grant Parade*

The 134th Corps of Cadets invites you to attend and join in the parade as a member of the alumni platoon. Alumni Awards will be presented by MG Peter Boylan as a part of this year's program.

11:30 AM

### Social/Tail Gate Party

#### *Main Tent/South Gate*

All alumni are invited to gather and reminisce while enjoying barbeque and all the trimmings. Musical entertainment provided by Georgia Guitar Duo.

Cash bar

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Old Capitol Museum

*Complimentary for the weekend*

1:00 PM

### Gold Brigade (50th) Reunion

*Sibley- Cone Library*

Refreshments

### Other reunions

1:00 – 3:00 PM

### Usery Hall Tours

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### Online *Recall* previews

*Sibley-Cone Library*

1:00 PM

### JC Pre-Game Show

*Davenport Field*

2:00 PM

### JC Football Game

### GMC vs. Atlanta Sports Academy

*Davenport Field*

5:30 PM

### Health and Wellness Center

### Groundbreaking

*Adjacent to Cordell Events Center*

6:00 – 7:00 PM

### Social/Heavy hors d'oeuvres

*Academic Complex Atrium*

Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages while you mix and mingle with classmates.

7:30 PM

### Mac Frampton and his band performing

### *Yesterday Once More*

*Goldstein Center*

*Yesterday Once More* is fast paced, invested with creative arrangements, sparkling with authentic Seventies wardrobe, brimming with energy. But most importantly, *Yesterday Once More* brings love back to the stage, reliving a time too precious to forget: those happy days when legendary performers knew how to deliver "the songs that make the whole world sing!"

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE-For additional details, please call Earlene Hamilton, Alumni Development Coordinator, at 478-445-0205.

ALUMNI WEEKEND ATTRACTIONS!



Social/Dinner/Dance  
**The Grapevine**  
Friday, Oct 19, 5:30 pm



Social/Tail Gate Party  
**Georgia Guitar Duo**  
Saturday, Oct 20, 11:30 am

2012 ALUMNI  
WEEKEND REUNIONS

**15th - HS 1997**

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**25th - HS 1987**

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**"The Silver Brigade"**

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**55th - HS 1957**

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For advance tickets, call:

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT (478) 445-0202

General Admission: \$10 | Students: \$5

Tickets also available at the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts on the evening of the concert.



**Honoring GMC Graduates from the Greatest Generation — Alumni Weekend 2012**

Plans are underway for an exciting dinner in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. MG Peter J. Boylan would like to honor GMC Cadets from the World War II era. This dinner will be a special time to catch up with old friends and come back to see what's new on campus. We hope that you will make every effort to attend. Additional information will be mailed from the Office of Advancement. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sally Thrower at (478) 445-0208.



# '60s Era Reunion | 2012 Band Company Reunion

On the first weekend in June, GMC alumni, spouses, and friends from near and far gathered once again in Milledgeville to celebrate good times and rekindle relationships. Reunion coordinator Charles Wilcher provided the traditional lake lot cook-out for lunch, followed by an afternoon of golfing, touring, and just “goofing off” for attendees before they reconvened for the evening dinner and dance.

Music was provided by the Easy Touch Dee-Jays, with the entertaining addition of Wiley and the Wyletts for several numbers, and several songs performed solo by Charles, himself. Class members laughed, danced, ate, danced, and laughed some more over the course of the evening.

As usual, all had a good time and memories added more to the list from which stories are always told.



Band Company class agent Terry Johnson and “cohorts” on the road again through South Carolina to promote their annual reunion during Alumni Weekend.

**A) Dess Smith, Terry Johnson, Willis Waddell, Dean Mills, Gene Greasy, Larry Guy and Cliff Owdom** (Greenville, S.C.)

**B) Dean Mills, Cliff Owdom, John Woodruff, Terry Johnson and Dess Smith** (Florence, S.C.)

**C) Terry Johnson, John Holsenback, Dess Smith, Jack Riley, Al Fuchs, Dean Mills and Cliff Owdom** (Charleston, S.C.)



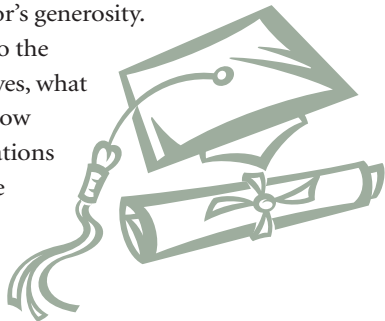
## The Scholarship Advantage

Three easy ways to help deserving GMC Prep School students

For five hundred students in grades six through twelve, GMC Prep School is a special place to prepare for college. Here, dedicated teachers impart more than just the three “R’s”. “They infuse the curriculum with critical thinking skills and character development, producing high caliber students who live by the words, “Duty, Honor, Country,” said LTC Pam Grant, Assistant Principal. For these students, GMC Prep School represents the route to a brighter future.

But not all families who see the value of exceptional education for their children can provide it. Many have been hard hit by the economy. Some are single parents (widowed or divorced), who simply can’t afford tuition. Others face unexpected hardships that threaten their financial ability to continue attending a tuition-driven school. “There are several ways people can help open doors for these worthy students,” said Grant. “In fact, if not for the availability of our donor-funded scholarships, these kids’ lives could go down a much different path.”

Students who receive scholarships repeatedly show that they value their GMC education. “They work hard, earn good grades, participate in extracurriculars and volunteer in the community,” Grant said. “Students receiving support are also very thankful for their donor’s generosity. They write personal notes to the donor, telling about their lives, what GMC means to them and how appreciative they are. Donations to our scholarship funds are literally life changing.”



Want to help deserving students achieve their goals and dreams? Here’s how:

**Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program.** Georgia taxpayers can redirect some or all of their state income tax payments to the GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Access to Learning) fund and designate GMC Prep School as the recipient. GOAL donors receive income tax credit against their Georgia income taxes for the amount of their contribution. GOAL donations go into a scholarship fund that meets tuition needs for newly-enrolling students during their first year of enrollment and for each year thereafter, provided they continue to meet the necessary academic requirements. To learn more, visit [www.goalscholarship.org](http://www.goalscholarship.org) or contact Fern Langston at 478-387-4851.

**GMC Foundation Prep School Scholarship Fund.** Contributions to this scholarship fund provide assistance to deserving students who have financial needs that can’t be met through other funding sources. Any student who has been accepted to GMC may apply and donations are tax deductible. For more information, email Marsha Grimes, Director of Advancement Services, at [mgrimes@gmc.cc.ga.us](mailto:mgrimes@gmc.cc.ga.us). Make a secure gift online at [www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org).

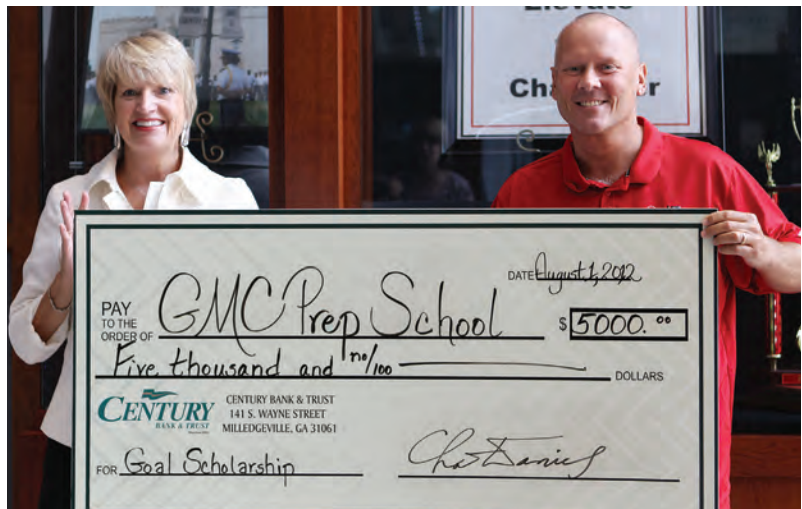
**Usery Assistance Fund.** Your tax-deductible gift to this GMC Foundation fund established by Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Usery, Jr. will help already-enrolled prep school students whose families have encountered unforeseen financial hardship. Your donation could help enable students to clear past financial obligations to the institution, allowing them to apply for scholarships. For more information, call LTC Pam Grant at 478-387-4850. Make a secure gift online at [www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org).

## Century Bank and Trust contributes to Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program

Century Bank and Trust recently contributed \$5,000 to support the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program at Georgia Military College Prep School.

Ms. Nancy Buchanan, Public Relations and Marketing Officer for Century Bank and Trust presented the donation to COL John Thornton, GMC Prep School Principal.

The Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program provides children throughout Georgia with Greater Opportunities for Access to Learning (“GOAL”). A qualified student scholarship organization, GOAL provides scholarships to students across Georgia to attend the private K-12 schools of their parents’ choice.





Share the Legacy — Share the Dream  
**Alumni Scholarship Fund**

*1879 Circle Alumni Scholarship*

## SHARE THE LEGACY, SHARE THE DREAM

### *Funding Scholarships for the Children and Grandchildren of our Alumni*

When it comes to the bottom line, paying for life's more immediate necessities leaves little left for school.

For so many, even the children and grandchildren of GMC alumni, the expense of a prep school or college education can be prohibitive.

With your gift, bright, motivated learners will be able to fulfill their dreams and uphold their family's proud GMC legacy.

## PASS ON THE POSSIBILITY

### *by joining the circle and widening our reach*

The 1879 Circle--designated for the year the school was founded--provides GMC scholarships to deserving students who are children and/or grandchildren of our alumni.

One hundred percent of every donation goes to provide GMC scholarships that continue a family tradition of excellence at GMC. We award these scholarships annually to students who've proven the aptitude for academic success but require financial assistance to reach their full potential. Through the commitment of alumni and friends, the 1879 Circle Alumni Scholarship has grown from \$1,000 in 2004 to more than \$70,000 today. Your donation will help us to maintain the growth of the fund.

Join us in making a difference in lives for years to come.

Gifts may be made by cash or check made payable to the GMC FOUNDATION and designated for the 1879 Circle. A number of 1879 Circle members have chosen to lead the way through automatic checking account deduction, a convenient way to offer monthly support.

## MAKE YOUR MARK

### *by paving the way for the future of others*

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.

Contributors can honor the special people in their lives through an inscription of their choice on each paver which will flank the main entrance of the barracks.

Sponsors will receive a 4" by 8" personalized paver with each tax-deductible gift of \$100. Each gift will support the 1879 Circle Alumni Scholarship.

Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card to the GMC Foundation by calling 478-445-0202.

## REMEMBER YOUR REUNION

### *and help reunions become reality for more students today*

When you're back on campus, soaking up both the familiar and improved sights of your beloved GMC, picture how much a visit like this will mean to a scholarship student in the coming decades. Picture yourself as the link in the chain between yesterday's GMC students and today's generation. And picture how much more likely they will be to give back and keep the chain growing because you set the example.

If you lead, they will follow.

And then pass it down the line.

To contribute online to the Alumni Scholarship Fund visit:  
[www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org).

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

[www.gmcfoundation.org](http://www.gmcfoundation.org)

- Learn about the foundation
- Learn how to give to your passion
- See your investment at work
- Stay in touch

## Georgia Military College Competes in NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championships

GMC's Robert McKenna took first place in the ROTC Air Rifle Category at the 2012 NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Club Championships, hosted by the United States Army Marksmanship Unit March 13-16 at Fort Benning, Ga. GMC competed for the first time and was the only junior college participating.

Robert McKenna, a Coast Guard Prep Cadet, led the Bulldogs in the standing position with scores of 91, 93, and 90,93,93,89 for a total of 549. Team members were Brett Losey, also a Coast Guard Prep Cadet, with scores of 90, 85, 94,89,87,93 total of 538. Cadet Jara Charleton shot a 90, 91, and 83,90,92,90 for a total of 536. Cadet Markeshia Burton shot an 83, 80, and 90,89,90,92 for a total of 524.

Michael Robertson was the only commuter student from Georgia Military College who qualified for the NRA National Championships. His scores were 87, 89, and 95,90,90,86 for a total of 537.

"The year went by so fast," said Coach Joseph Henao. "I'm really proud of Robert and the team; they worked hard all year and it showed at the end."

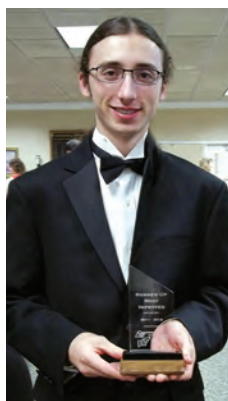
"Shooting at Ft. Benning would have been an experience that I would have treasured when I was younger," said Coach Mary Ellen Eaton. "I am excited about the team's being able to shoot at the home of champions."

The NRA Intercollegiate Club Rifle Championships are shot by NRA College Rifle Clubs, Varsity Rifle Teams, ROTC Teams and independent shooters who all must qualify in the NRA Intercollegiate Rifle Sectionals. A Smallbore Championship and Air Rifle Championship are shot with scores combining for overall individual and team aggregates.

"Our goal is to boost the level of awareness, interest and support in collegiate rifle programs across the nation," said Tori Croft, National Manager of the NRA Collegiate & Schools Program. "Each year the championships have been better than the last. I couldn't be more excited about the future."



(L-R) **Bretty Losey, Mary Ellen Eaton** and **Robert McKenna**



**Michael Robertson**

## Jenna Bethea Brings Home the Silver Medal

The silver medal came home with Jenna Bethea, from the Three-Position Air Rifle State Championships held at the Pool International Shooting Complex 10 Meter Range, at Ft. Benning, Ga. on April 14, 2012.

There were fifteen teams and eight individual shooters competing during the course of the day.

In the prone and kneeling positions the shooters had to shoot from tables. Usually these positions are shot on the floor of the range. Jenna had practiced many hours in her home range at Georgia Military College and scored a 98 prone, 95 standing and a 97 kneeling for a total score of 290, out of a possible 300. She had the second highest score of the day, which qualified her as one of the eight top shooters. The top eight shooters compete in a final shoot off that consists of ten shots in the standing position. Jenna shot a 9.1, 9.5, 9.3, 10.2, 10, 9.8, 8.7, 9.5, 9.3 and a 10 for a final score of 95.4. Combined with her 290, she had a total of 385.4, which gave her second place in the State of Georgia for GHSA Riflery.

According to Mr. Larry Pendergrass, Match Director, this is the first time Georgia Military College has won a medal in Georgia High School Association Riflery.



Jenna Bethea and Rifle Team Coach SGM Shedina McCabe



## Ken Wheat Scholarship Recipients



Through the support of alumnus Ken Wheat (HS '68) of Columbia, S.C., GMC JC athletes recently received scholarships for the summer term. Pictured are (Front row L-R): **Octavious Brown, Phillip Moore** (Second row L-R): **Milton Carter, Kristopher Hurley and Caleb Clayton Mobley**

### 2012 Junior College FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

8/30	<b>Chattahoochee Tech</b>
9/8	<b>Snow College</b>
9/15	at <b>Dean College</b>
9/22	at <b>Arkansas Baptist College</b>
9/29	at <b>Iowa Western Community College</b>
10/6	<b>Hargrave Military Academy</b>
10/13	at <b>Nassau Community College</b>
10/20	<b>Atlanta Sports Academy</b>
11/3	at <b>Chattahoochee Tech</b>
11/11	at <b>Lackawana College</b>
12/1	<b>NJCAA Bowl Game - TBA</b>

## GMC Announces Mason Cup Award Recipient

GMC Junior College student, Stephen Amerson, was presented the 2012 Mason Cup Award during the President's Day Parade. A graduate of the Milledgeville campus, Amerson is pursuing a full-time career as a professional golfer.

The Mason Cup is an annual award named for Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Mason, Sr., of Milledgeville, who established an endowment fund in 2001 to support the GMC junior college golf program. The inscription on the cup, which Mr. Mason authored, reads, "Golf and life will put your character to the test. Smile at the lie, have faith, achieve by effort, be determined and surpass the test." In the photo, Stephen Amerson (left) is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Mason.



## GMC Holds Eleventh Annual Military Tattoo

Major General Peter J. Boylan, President, and the Board of Trustees of Georgia Military College hosted the school's eleventh annual Military Tattoo on Friday, April 20.

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 eleventh annual Military Tattoo featured the John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes and Drums Band, the GMC Color Guard and the GMC Marching Band. In addition, Emily Fairbrass was recognized as



GMC's Prep Teacher of the Year, John Griffin was recognized as GMC's Prep Character Educator of the Year, Edward Shelor was recognized as GMC's Junior College Educator of the Year, Shirley Siegel (GMC-Warner Robins) was recognized as GMC's Junior College Character Educator of the Year, and Dianne Wilcox (GMC-Warner Robins) was recognized as this year's recipient of the Vulcan Materials Award for Teaching Excellence.

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.



**Emily Fairbrass and Dudley Rowe,**  
*Chairman of the GMC Foundation*



**John Griffin and Randy New,**  
*Chairman of the GMC Board of Trustees*



**Edward Shelor and MG Peter Boylan,**  
*President of Georgia Military College*



**Dianne Wilcox and MG Peter Boylan,**  
*President of Georgia Military College*



**Shirley Siegel and MG Peter Boylan,**  
*President of Georgia Military College*



## Georgia Military College Columbus Celebrates Groundbreaking for New Campus



Faculty, staff, and community representatives gathered at 7300 Blackmon Road June 14 to break ground on a \$5 million campus for GMC's Columbus campus.

The new building will provide students with advanced technologies such as a campus-wide, state-of-the-art wireless mesh network, Promethean smart boards, and virtual desktop services.

Instructional enhancements extend beyond technology. Classrooms will be outfitted so they may be easily reconfigured to support various active learning strategies being used by GMC faculty, including traditional, hybrid, and online course work.

Georgia Military College President Major General Peter J. Boylan spoke at the groundbreaking, inspiring the crowd with the story of how GMC Columbus had grown and changed. "We have people here who dream the impossible, and then see it through," Boylan said.

Also speaking at the groundbreaking were Columbus Campus Director Ron Hundley, the Student Government Association President Matthew Williams and Councilman Gary Allen of District 6.

Melinda Barreras, a business major from Columbus, said "I feel blessed to be a part of this college with its forward thinking and momentum. The potential for growth is great with this new campus."

Barreras added, "This was my first time getting to shovel groundbreaking dirt. I am honored."

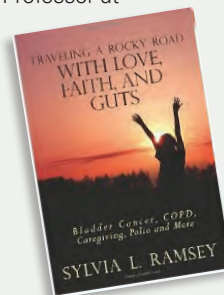
GMC Columbus plans to begin offering classes at the new campus in January 2013.



(L-R) **Pete Hart**, MG **Peter Boylan**, **Ron Hundley**, Director, **Tracie Price**, Assistant Director, **Ashley Chism**, Chamber Representative, **Stephanie Allen**, GMC Staff, **Matthew Williams**, SGA President, **Dr. Jerry Hicks**, Professor, **Gary Allen**, Councilman, **Bud Allen**, Developer

## quick notes

**Sylvia Ramsey**, Professor at GMC-Augusta has authored a book, *Traveling a Rocky Road with Love, Faith and Guts: Bladder Cancer, COPD, Caregiving, Polio and More.*



Read more about Sylvia through her blog, <http://love-faith-and-guts.blogspot.com/>.

Prep School Economics Instructor **Patti Rogers'** prep school stock market team won The Stock Market Game, sponsored by the Georgia Council on Economic Studies. Team members included **Danielle Hollis**, **Brooke Williams**, **Tyler Cummings** and **Ayres Wimberly**. The team started the game with \$100,000 and ended with a portfolio value of \$122,971.27, making a profit of \$24,303.52.

GMC-Warner Robins was selected the "**Best**" College/University in Warner Robins and surrounding areas by the readers of the local newspapers (*The Telegraph*, *Sun News*, *Robins Rev-Up*).

The Georgia Military College Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Alpha Omicron Epsilon, has been elected the Georgia Regional Presidential Chapter for the 2012-2013 term and will plan and host the Georgia Regional PTK Spring Convention in March 2013 at Georgia Military College's campus in Milledgeville.





## Georgia Military College Class of 2012

*Commencement speaker — The Honorable Alisha Thomas Morgan, Georgia House of Representatives*

The Honorable Alisha Thomas Morgan, Georgia House of Representatives (District 39) presented the commencement address to nearly 200 Georgia Military College graduates on Friday, June 1, on Grant Parade. In addition to those from the Milledgeville campus, graduates from the Madison, Sandersville, and Columbus campuses participated in the commencement ceremony.

Ms. Morgan made history at age 23 by becoming the first African-American to represent Cobb County in the Georgia House of Representatives. Now 33, she is serving in her fifth term and remains one of the youngest and most vocal female members of the entire Georgia General Assembly.



During the ceremony, **2LT Nicholas Trouy** was presented an award for excellence in leadership for serving as the Regimental Commander for the 133rd Corps of Cadets.

GMC Foundation scholarship recipient **Miranda W. Smith**, will attend Mercer University, to major in food service and organizational management. She plans to open a business for the elderly and aging.



## Prep School Class of 2012

Graduation for the GMC Preparatory School Class of 2012 was held on Friday, May 25 on Grant Parade. LTC (Retired) Stephen Simpson, a 1968 graduate of GMC High School, presented the commencement address.

The COL Joseph F. Muldrow Salutatorian Award was presented to Jennifer Michelle Brown.

The Bettie Z. Farr Valedictorian Award was presented to Leanna Elise Harbor.

The GMC High School Class of 1953 Award is presented annually to one senior who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement and to one member of the GMC prep school faculty who has demonstrated teaching excellence. Mr. John Williams presented the Class of 1953 Scholarship, a \$500 award, to



**Leanna Elise Harbor**  
*Valedictorian / Class of 1953 Award*



**Jennifer Michelle Brown**  
*Salutatorian*



**Rem Tolentino**  
*W. J. Usery, Jr. Award for Excellence*

Leanna Elise Harbor, and the Class of 1953 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, a \$500 award, to Johnny Griffin.

Rem Tolentino was the 2012 recipient of the W. J. Usery, Jr. Award for Excellence, which is a \$500 cash award presented annually to the senior who exemplifies the ideals of the academic,

military, and citizenship pursuits at Georgia Military College Prep School.

Immediately after the presentation of diplomas, Ms. Merel Harrison, GMC High School Class of 1973, Junior College Class of 1974 and President of the Georgia Military College Alumni Association, welcomed the members of the graduating class into the Alumni Association.



**Stephen Simpson** is presented with an illustration of Usery Hall by **W.J. Usery, Jr.** and **John Thornton**



## COMMISSIONING



Twenty-one GMC Junior College cadets received their commissioning into the U.S. Army as second lieutenants on Friday, June 1, in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. They are **Elvia Aguilera, Matias Ampuer-O'Connor, Roger Beaver, Kentice Brockington, Andrew Davidson, Joshua Henderson, Jack Kiblinger, Charles Lummus, Julia Mack, Eulalia Mendez, Camilo Perez, Cameron Phillips, Gregory Sigmon, Oscar Simmons, Matthew Slover, Gerald Spencer, Adrian Torres, Nicholas Trouy, Quintin Weekly, Willie Williams,** and **Kirk Young.**

The speaker was COL Ray Lacey, Chief of Staff, First Army Division West and 1982 graduate of GMC Junior College.

GMC's Early Commissioning Program, one of only five such programs in the nation, is a demanding program in which cadets develop the skills necessary to be leaders in the United States Army within a period of two years.



## Donations made to Will Robinson Scholarship and Alumni Scholarship Funds

Capt. Christopher Spires and Mrs. Suzanne Ratliff, Co-Chairpersons of the Annual Will Robinson Memorial Run, recently presented the Georgia Military College Foundation with a check in the amount of \$4,000 for the Will Robinson Scholarship and the Alumni Scholarship Fund.



**Ms. Earlene Hamilton, GMC Alumni Development Coordinator, Capt. Christopher Spires, and Mrs. Suzanne Ratliff**

This special event has been held since 1996 to support several local charities and to honor a fallen hero, Deputy Will Robinson, who was killed in the line of duty, December 17, 1995. Will Robinson was a 1987 graduate of GMC Prep School.

The next Will Robinson Memorial Run will be held Saturday, November 17, 2012.

**'53 Dr. Henry "Hank" Falvey** (HS 1953) has recently received the title of *Honorary Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer* (Hon.D.WRE) from the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers in recognition of his professional achievements in the field of Hydraulic Engineering. He is one of only twenty-eight individuals so honored. Details are available at: <http://www.aawre.org>

**'58 Coach Roy Head** (JC 1958) was honored on May 10, 2012 by the Jenkins County, (Ga.) Board of Education for his dedication as both a teacher and a coach through the naming of the Jenkins High School football stadium – Roy Head Stadium, Home of the War Eagles. Coach Head began his career at Jenkins High School in 1960 while completing his requirements for student



teaching, after which he served as an assistant football coach that school year. He returned to Jenkins in 1964 to lead the War Eagles as head football coach until 1968 when he took a break in his teaching and coaching career. In 1973, Head came back again as head football coach and served in that position until 1985. He remained in the school system, serving as agricultural teacher until his retirement in 1995. Those who know Head describe him as someone who was devoted to his career and the students of Jenkins County.

**'71 Victor Dawson** (HS 1971) is Founder and President of Summit Group International, a global product sourcing company focused primarily on countries in Asia and Latin America, and he is the Chairman and CEO of Conation Global, based in Hong Kong, a company that teaches and coaches groups of business owners and entrepreneurs in China on success principles to develop a mature business. Dawson is also the CEO of Cuddle Clones, a business startup in Louisville, KY, that makes plush pets that look exactly like your pet. And he is involved as a partner in three other companies involved in LED lighting, apparel, and real estate development. Dawson holds an undergraduate degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech in Atlanta and an Executive MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a member of the Board of Directors of CBMC (Christian Business Men's Connection), Agape Global Holdings in

Hong Kong and a charitable organization in Denver, Kenzi's Kids and Dolls for Daughters. Victor lives in Denver, Colorado with his wife of 38 years, Nan. They have two adult children and a grandson.

**'80 Scott** (HS 1980) and **Karen Williams Seagraves** (HS 1978) are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Zachary Lee Seagraves to Laura Beth Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Curtis Lane of Glen Allen, Virginia. Zach's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Felton Seagraves and Mrs. Gloria Williams and the late Mr. Jimmy Williams, all of Milledgeville. Laura graduated from Deep Run High School and from Auburn University summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics, Actuarial Science. Zach is a 2008 Georgia Military College Prep graduate and will graduate from Auburn University in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry Engineering and be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. A December wedding in Auburn, Alabama, is planned.



**'82 COL Francisco A. Espallat** (JC 1982) has been nominated to get his first star. He is named to become Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Director (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Defense Logistics Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va. Espallat is currently Project Manager, Combined Arms Tactical Trainers (Army Guard and Reserve), at Program Executive Office-Simulation, Training and Instrumentation in Orlando, Fla.

**'85 LTC Charles "Buck" Bennett** (JC 1985) has been selected as the winner of the 2012 Wonder Bread Heroes Program, which celebrates ordinary Americans making extraordinary contributions to their families, communities, and country. (Wonder® bread has been one of America's most popular breads since 1921.) Bennett was selected from 2,003 nominations submitted as part of the program which, for the second year, benefits the USO and its mission to lift the spirits of our nation's troops and their families. As the program winner, he was given the opportunity to direct the \$50,000 donation in his name among any of four different USO programs. Bennett chose to divide the funding equally among them. The programs focus on either keeping families connected during deployment or helping children cope with the stresses of military life. During his interview, Bennett said, "Everything I do is not because I

**Benjamin H. Underwood** (JC 1962) Talbott Recovery co-founder and CEO, was awarded the *Georgia Hospital Association's (GHA) Gold Honor Award of Excellence* during the GHA Annual Membership Meeting held in Atlanta, Ga. on February 22, 2012. This is the most prestigious award bestowed upon a chief executive officer by GHA, one whose selection criteria merits an individual of such accomplishments that only six awards have been presented in the past. Nominations originate from the Past Chairmen/Past President's Roundtable and then presented to the GHA Board for approval. Recipients of this award have met the



following criteria:

- Advancement of the art and science of hospital administration.
- Contributions in administrative methods and practices.
- Service in local, state, regional and/or national organizations in the hospital field.
- Furtherance of good public relations for his/her hospital, the GHA and the health care industry as a whole.

Underwood has been a distinguished leader in the field of behavioral health and addiction treatment for more than four decades.



have to, but because I want to. For someone to think what I'm doing is special humbles me greatly. It is especially touching that my wife thought so much of me to nominate me for this prestigious recognition. The USO has supported me on two deployments so I appreciate just how wonderful the organization is and am so grateful for this opportunity to give back, thanks to Wonder@ bread."

**'88 COL Bernard R. Lindstrom** (JC 1988), who was "pinned" as Colonel on October 1, 2011, has graduated from the US Army War College, which is a United States Army school located in Carlisle, Pa., on the 500 acre campus of the historic Carlisle Barracks. As the Army's most senior military educational institution, it provides a function similar to that of the Naval War College and Air War College, each an academic institution administered by a sister service of the United States Military, and trains colonels or lieutenant colonels who are board selected for admission. Lindstrom shared of his experience at the War College that his "time at the war college was simply 'awesome' because it provided the tools for leading large organizations in volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous environments." He is slated to assume command of the Pittsburgh District, US Army Corps of Engineers in January, 2013.

**'89 Travis A. Strickland** (HS 1989) and his wife, Allison, welcomed their daughter, Ella Vann, born on November 29, 2011.



**'90 LTC Bernard Warrington** (JC 1990) is deployed again to Kandahar, Afghanistan as Deputy Commander (DCO), 45th Sustainment Brigade through January 2013. As an update, he relinquished Battalion command on June 10, 2011 and was reassigned as DCO, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and then redeployed within six months of reassignment. Presently, the 45th Sustainment Brigade provides logistics to US and Coalition Forces in Regional Commands South, Southwest and West, Afghanistan. His wife of 17 years, TaMeKii (formerly of Conyers, Ga.), and their two children, Naomi (age 14) and

Nigel (age 11), are in Hawaii "making the best of it all" in his absence. Wife TaMeKii is a GS Education Counselor (M.Ed., Education & Counseling) at the Schofield Barracks Education Center. Daughter Naomi begins 9th grade and son Nigel 7th grade shortly. Warrington also shared that this is the fifth successful operating year of their 501(c)3 Non-Profit, *Faith To Change, Inc.*, www.faith2change.com and he is expecting his second book, *Facing Challenges, Committing to Change* to be published and available in print and electronically via Amazon, and Barnes & Noble this fall. Warrington also sends a message to his classmates: "Fellow GMC ECP Classmates of 1990...yes, it's unbelievable that it has been 22 years since our graduation from GMC. Wow!! For many of us, time was instrumental in our personal development as husbands, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters and individuals. Whereas on the other hand, time also allowed each of us to experience the sweetness of life's peaks and the acrimony of life's valleys professionally. All the same, time was and remains influential in our holistic growth. For me, it was necessary in developing 'my seven essentials': humility, grace in communications, a sense of urgency, fellowship, leadership, a desire for continual self-improvement/learning and purpose. The foundational development and inculcation of 'my seven essentials' were forged at home, St. Croix, USVI, and at GMC. I am most grateful for my GMC experience! Nevertheless, as we look to life beyond 22 years, I admonish us to maintain balance of body, mind and spirit by keeping God first, loving our families and remembering your friends in word and deed as we walk-out life's purpose beyond measure."

**'91 LTC Lawrence "LJ" Baker** (JC 1991) assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Benning on June 6, 2012. Baker is a three-time company commander and has also served as an Executive Officer, an Operations Officer, and a Grounds Plans Officer in various locations both here and abroad, including a combat deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His last assignment before assuming command at Ft. Benning was to the Mission Command Training



Program, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. as the Chief Observer Trainer of Operations Group-B and the Mission Command Warfighting Function Chief with primary duty to assist in the preparation of deploying Brigade Combat Teams. He married the former Clarinda Bree Johnson on November 13, 1993. They have four children.

**'92 Michael "Mick" Cancio** (JC 1992) and Melissa Scherwinski met in July 2009 at a group bike ride in Daytona Beach, Florida training for their first triathlon and have been inseparable ever since.



They became engaged last September in one of the most romantic places on earth - Paris, France. Their engagement culminated in a storybook wedding in Key West, Florida on July 14, 2012. The couple exchanged vows at sunset, beachside at Casa Marina's East Beach. Pictured (L-R) : "When all was said and done" - Silvia, Mick, Melissa, and Leo Cancio beachside.

**'97** Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hitchcock (**Kyle Collins** HS 1997) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace Hitchcock, born November 27, 2011. The Hitchcocks have two other children, Abbie Kate (age 7) and Canon (age 5). They reside in Milledgeville.



**'98 Sara Daugherty** (HS 1998) graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 2008 and has been a member of Gage, Spencer & Fleming Law Firm, 410 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. since the fall of 2008.

'98 Clarke Central High School social studies department co-chair **Ashley Goodrich Witt** (HS1998) has been named a 2012 C-SPAN Fellow. As one of three selected for the prestigious honor, Witt will travel to Washington, DC for four weeks this summer and will work closely with C-SPAN's education department. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Ashley received her bachelor's and master's degrees in social science education, with an undergraduate minor in dance. She has been a social studies teacher at Clarke Central for six years, where she has taught Advanced Placement world history, government, and U.S. history. In 2009, Witt was awarded the Frieda M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award by the Foundation of Excellence for Public Education in Clarke County. She and Allen Witt of Trion, Ga. married on Sept. 4, 2011.



'99 **Anthony Nana Kwamu** (JC 1999) attended the IBOLC (Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course).

'02 **Timothy Daugherty** (HS 2002) is a manager at Time Warner Corp., New York, N.Y., and is currently working on an MBA at New York University.

**Braxton T. Cotton** (JC 2002) has been appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal as the executive director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, effective July 16, 2012. As executive director, he will oversee and administer tens of millions of dollars in federal criminal justice and victim services grants, and will serve as an adviser to the governor on issues that directly impact the criminal justice system of Georgia. Cotton has served in the

Georgia State Patrol since 2007. Prior to his service within the GSP, he worked as deputy sheriff and as a detective in the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department in Milledgeville, where he won the 2004 Officer of the Year Award. In 2003, the Baldwin County Solicitor's Office selected him for the Meritorious Service Award. Cotton has also completed various training levels in the U.S. Army, where he has served as a brigade assistant as well as platoon leader. During his time in the U.S. Army, he was awarded with the Army Achievement Medal. He received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Georgia Military College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Saint Leo University (Ft. McPherson) and is currently studying to obtain his master's in public policy. He and his wife, Danielle, have two children. They reside in Atlanta, Ga.

'03 **Scott Sumbles** (JC 2003) and his wife Emily just celebrated the birth of their second child, Samuel Brentley Sumbles, on June 14, 2012. He was born at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Ark.



'11 **Joseph McAlister** (HS 2011), a standout GMC Prep athlete who displayed his athletic abilities on the football, basketball, and soccer teams, will attend Valdosta State University this fall as a sophomore and will play as a kicker and punter for the Blazer football team. Before McAlister became a Blazer, he played collegiate club basketball at Macon State College as a freshman in the 2011 – 2012 season. He led the team in points scored and rebounds during the season and was recognized at the end of the season with a leadership award.



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**Sybil Hawkins Fowler**  
(HS 1933)  
May 6, 2012

**Col. Dan McHenry Hicky USAF (Ret.)**  
(JC 1934)  
July 5, 2010

**Fermor Robinson Hargrove, Jr.**  
(HS 1936, JC 1938)  
April 6, 2012

**Harold I. Goodrich**  
(HS 1943, JC 1947)  
March 21, 2012

**Eugene Breedlove Veal**  
(HS 1946, JC 1948)  
May 19, 2012

**Walter L. Eason**  
(JC 1947)  
March 8, 2004

**Malcom J. "Mac" Marchman**  
(JC 1947)  
April 26, 2012

**Freddie Haas Wood**  
(HS 1948, JC 1950)  
April 8, 2012

**Usher Thomaston "Bill" Davis, Jr.**  
(JC 1948)  
May 18, 2012

**Olin B. King**  
(HS 1950, JC 1951)  
June 16, 2012

**Dr. Van Tyler Burnett, DVM**  
(JC 1950)  
January 12, 2012

**Jose Borro**  
(HS 1951)  
May 27, 2011

**Roy S. Alford, III**  
(HS 1954)  
November 2, 2011

**Ray Frost Fleming, Jr.**  
(HS 1955, JC 1956)  
April 16, 2012

**Jerry Cole Holland**  
(HS 1960)  
April 21, 2012

**Luis D. Yrigoyen**  
(HS 1961, JC 1963)  
October 2, 2011

**Bill Gordon Lamb**  
(JC 1961)

**William Gene Miller**  
(HS 1962)  
April 28, 2012

**John Spence Keppy**  
(HS 1970, JC 1972)  
May 23, 2011

**Tom Bartlett**  
(HS 1973)

**Clarence E. Davis, Jr.**  
(HS 1978, JC 1985)  
1996

**Daniel Wayne Davis**  
(JC 1979)  
April 27, 2012

**Jimmy Ware Bentley, Jr.**  
(HS 1980)  
April 4, 2012

**Jerry G. Hughes**  
(JC 1981)  
September 26, 2011

**Carolyn V. Henderson**  
(JC 1983)  
August 25, 2011

**Gene Shealy Williamson**  
(GMC Friend)  
March 19, 2012

**COL Paul N. Simon USA (Ret.)**  
(Former Faculty)  
April 3, 2012

**May Tennille Donnelly**  
(Former Employee & GMC Friend)  
May 28, 2012

**Randale Johnson**  
(GMC Friend)  
June 21, 2012



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