

THE FULFORD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



Pictured are Darlene Dickens, Kenny Griffin, Courtney Joiner, Monica Pace, Sharon Weatherford, Syvetta Young and Jean Schwabe. Not pictured: Ada Lee Correll, Dr. Alan Brasher, Elizabeth Kraus, Toni Terwilliger and Harley Smith.

FULFORD CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Alan Brasher
Ada Lee Correll
Darlene Dickens
Kenny Griffin

Courtney Joiner
Elizabeth Kraus
Monica Pace
Harley Smith

Toni Terwilliger
Sharon Weatherford
Syvetta Young

FULFORD CENTER STAFF

Harley Smith, *Coordinator of Communications and the Fulford Center*
Angie Williams, *EGSC Director of Event Planning and Scheduling*
Erin Youmans, *Magnolia Midlands GYSTC Coordinator*
Kim Hooks, *Part-Time STEM Teacher*

Phone: 478.289.2464
Fax: 478.289.2465
Email: hdsmith@ega.edu

NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Other times by appointment



JANUARY 2021

OUR MISSION

By providing an environment where learning opportunities take place and community relationships are enriched, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will develop individual capacity and improve the quality of life for Swainsboro and Emanuel County.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5---ServSafe Training
January 13---Middle Judicial CHINS Meeting
January 14---Gov. David Emanuel/Adam Brinson DAR Mtg

January 21--- First Bobcat Buddies Session of 2021
January 26--- Bobcat Buddies
January 28---Bobcat Buddies

OUR GOALS

Education
Civic Engagement
Hospitality



**HARLEY SMITH,
COORDINATOR**



Message from the Coordinator

Happy New Year! As we welcome a new year, we also celebrate the accomplishments of 2020! While there were many challenges the past year, there were many things to celebrate, too. The highlight of the year at the Fulford Center was the 10-year anniversary. In April, a virtual celebration was held to celebrate 10 wonderful years at the Fulford Center. We would have loved to have the Center full of new and familiar faces for an in-person event, but the virtual celebration was a big success. If you have not watched the 10-year celebration video, I would encourage you to do that. It is on the EGSC YouTube page and on the Fulford page on the EGSC website.

In March, the Fulford Center had to close temporarily because of COVID-19, but that did not completely stop the fun. Over the summer, Camp Invention was held virtually so kids in the area could still enjoy the camp, and, recently, events and meetings have been held at the Center. Slowly but surely, traffic is picking back up. Protective face coverings are to be worn in the building and social distancing rules have been put into place.

Another new change at the Fulford Center is its leader. You may have noticed a new face on the newsletter this week. Mrs. Jean Schwabe retired in December and I, Harley Smith, will now be leading the Fulford Center. I am so excited for this journey and I look forward to meeting all of you. Inside the newsletter, I included some information to help you get to know me!

Even with the challenges in 2020, the Fulford Center was able to welcome 1,963 guests for the year! Your support of the Fulford Center continues to be invaluable and I look forward to what 2021 has in store for all of us!

MEET HARLEY SMITH

Hello! My name is Harley Strickland Smith and I am the Coordinator of Communications and the Fulford Community Learning Center. I was recently named to this role, but I am no stranger to East Georgia State College. I actually began my college career at EGSC's Statesboro Campus in Fall of 2013. I quickly fell in love with the college when I became Miss EGSC. I later transferred to Georgia Southern University where I majored in journalism and public relations. After graduating I worked as a multimedia journalist at WTOG News in Savannah, Georgia, covering a variety of news stories about our local community. In July of 2019 I decided to come back to EGSC to take a job as the Communications Coordinator.

Last month I moved up to the Fulford Center to begin my new role. I will continue to fulfill the duties of communication coordinator, but I look forward to the new things I will be learning and doing at the Fulford Center. I am also thankful to Mrs. Jean Schwabe for her leadership at the Fulford Center. Over the past ten years she has welcomed so many visitors and made everyone feel at home as soon as they walked in the door – including me. When I think about the Fulford Center, I immediately think about Ms. Sudie Fulford, but I also think about Mrs. Jean. I never had the opportunity to meet Ms. Sudie but I think she would be thrilled at the way Mrs. Jean has led the Fulford Center. The center is such a happy and refreshing place to come and enjoy a meeting, event, or even a kid's camp. The Fulford Center feels this way because of Mrs. Jean's welcoming demeanor and personality. I hope the center continues to be that happy place that people can come to and enjoy. I'm excited for this new journey of leading the Fulford Center and building on the legacy that Ms. Sudie and Mrs. Jean have left.



FINAL TOTAL WELLNESS SESSION HELD FOR 2020

The final Total Wellness Series of 2020 was held Tuesday, November 17. The topic, *Secondary Trauma and Compassion Fatigue*, was an especially relevant topic as we approached the holiday season. CarePartners of Georgia was the sponsor of the final session.

FULFORD ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD

The Fulford Center Advisory Board held their meeting in December. The board reviewed some of the events that had been scheduled at the center and handled other board meeting agenda items. The board then surprised Jean Schwabe with words of their appreciation and a gift to thank her for her dedication to the Fulford Center. Thank you, Jean, for 10 wonderful years!