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East Georgia State College confers a record number of degrees

East Georgia State College held their 53rd Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, December 12, 2015. EGSC conferred a record number of degrees. Degrees were presented to 43 summer graduates, 101 fall graduates, and 6 reverse transfer graduates. Three Bachelor of Science degrees were also awarded. Graduates were from the Swainsboro campus and the Statesboro and Augusta campuses. Faculty and staff are proud of their graduates. The hard work that faculty, staff, and students exert has its rewards when students don a cap and gown and walk in the graduation ceremony.

EGSC President Robert Boehmer was proud to say that "This graduating class is the largest ever at EGSC." Dr. Boehmer commends those who earned their degrees because today's statistics show that education has not been a priority for our nation. He states, "Earning a college degree in the United States is really difficult and extraordinary. Right now only about one third of the adults in the United States have earned a college degree."

Dr. H. Lee Cheek, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at EGSC, was selected by the students to give the commencement address. Cheek gave astute advice to the graduates. The highlight was the reminder that "wrong roads won't lead to the right place." He spoke on how setting goals is easier than reaching them, and that ultimate purpose is

sistence or determination. "Try and think of what is most important to you and your family," he said. "We live in a society that says if you work harder, if you spend 80 hours a week, 60 hours a week, you'll be successful. That's not true. Your ultimate purpose is much more important than persistence or determination," he said. "Our society misleads us by telling us if we just work harder, everything will be cool. Unless you have an ultimate purpose guiding you and an ultimate set of principles that will sustain you, you will not be as successful. In America

in the last 20 years, there

has been a huge increase

in productivity, but that's

of no use unless it makes

American lives better. If

more important than per-

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EGSC CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATES LEAVE THE CEREMONY

it doesn't make the world that you'll inherit and your children will inherit better, and you don't have an ultimate purpose, you're wasting your time. The life you live, the pattern you give, your ulti-

mate purpose, is much more important than any single act of your life."

These students with degrees now have an advantage over those who don't have degrees. We wish them well as they push out into the world wellarmed with knowledge and skills. We extend our congratulations to those who graduated Fall 2015.

From the Study Abroad Director: Why study abroad?

by Dr. Carmine D. Palumbo, Director of Study

The terrorist attacks in Paris in November of last year were shocking. It was not the first time recently that we have seen masked men with assault rifles running wild on the streets of Paris, but the assault earlier in 2015 on the Charlie Hebdo newspaper seemed confined to one specific target; these were much different. A violent aggression against the city of Paris and all of her citizens, the targets included a concert hall where an American rock band was performing, the national sports stadium, and several restaurants and cafes.

For a Study Abroad Director, events like this are especially concerning. As reports came in from

media outlets all over the world, I scanned the television screens and internet sources for news of American students. Given that one target was a venue where the California band Eagles of Death Metal was playing, it seemed very likely that there would soon be reports of American college students, perhaps even students enrolled in programs run by my colleagues in the University System of Georgia, who would be counted among the victims. I waited and hoped this would not be the case. The email came the next day from the International Education Council Listserv: all study abroad students from Georgia were safe and accounted for.

Unfortunately, one student from California was not as lucky. Nohemi Gonzalez, a 23-year-old design major at California State University at Long Beach, was fulfilling her lifelong dream of studying in Paris when she was shot down in the street after stepping out of a cafe. What was most troubling about the circumstances of her death, from the point of view of someone who has been leading Study Abroad trips with students for almost twenty years, and who also has a trip planned that from all appearances Nohemi did everything right. She was not in a crowded area, by Paris standards anyway, had not made herself a target by identifying herself as an American, had not

draw attention to herself. She was having dinner in an obscure café in the 11th arrondissement, not exactly the heart of Paris. She was having a pleasant meal in a French café on a cool fall evening who hasn't dreamed of doing that?

Since the attacks, I have been asked on a number of occasions whether or not we were going to proceed with the Spring Break in Paris trip this year. My answer has been "yes." Inevitably, people want to know why. Why take students abroad when there is a chance that something terrible could happen? Why take that responsibility? The question is hard to answer, because there is always a possibility that something bad could happen. It is impossible to prevent every terrible eventuality, even in our day-to-day lives, but as I have considered the questions over time, I have become even more convinced.

Yes, EGSC students will travel to Paris this spring. We will stand outside the Bataclan Theatre where so many were killed and pay tribute. We will light a candle and say a prayer. We will pack our bags carefully, so as to remain light on our feet. We will pay attention to State Department warnings to avoid demonstrations and be vigilant in crowded areas. We will visit neighborhoods we know, and stay in hotels where we have stayed before. We will rely on the knowledge of our program directors. We will keep our wits about us and practice situational awareness. We will not draw attention to ourselves. We will be extra careful on the Metro and have a back-up plan if anyone gets lost. We will practice our language skills and watch the local news. We will know what to do in the case of

an emergency. So, yes, we will travel to Paris. We will go because we live in a big world that requests our participation. We will travel because there is so much to see. We will travel to fulfill lifelong dreams. We will travel because we are the Bobcat nation. We travel under our own flag, and we will not be deterred.

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for EGSC students to Paris over spring break, is

From The Atlanta Journal Constitution, Janel Davis

University System of Georgia has initiated a program "Credit When It's Due." The program helps administrators identify former students who have completed enough college credits to earn an associate's degree but have not received it. The reverse-transfer project is part of the state's Complete College Georgia goal to increase the number of residents with college credentials by 250,000 by 2020, and East Georgia State College is one of the pilot institutions for the program. Georgia Southern and Augusta University (formerly Georgia Regents University) are the other pilot institutions. Officials estimate that approximately 8,000 students may qualify for the retroactive associate degrees.

"Today there are thousands of Georgians who

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EGSC PRESIDENT DR. BOB BOEHMER SPEAKS TO GRADUATES **DURING FALL 2015 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

have invested some time in college without completion of enough courses to earn a bachelor's degree," said Barbara Brown, the University System of Georgia's assistant vice chancellor for transitional and general education. "The courses these students did complete, however, may qualify them for

their associate degree."

The program is funded through a grant from the Lumina Foundation. The University System is partnering with Parchment, an academic credentials management system, to help obtain students' consent to participate in the program, and it is requesting and sending students'

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academic records. Eligible students will be contacted by mail and encouraged to apply for an associate degree. Once applied, their records will be exchanged through Parchment and their completed courses verified. There is no cost to students.





DEADLINES

News items: February 5

Letters to the editor must be accompanied by the author's name, phone number and email address. All columns and letters to the editor are the opinion of the author. The views expressed in the Editorial section do not necessarily express those of the The Hoopee Bird.

EGSC STUDENT VOICES

George Orwell's 1984 on EGSC's campus

East Georgia State College chose George Orwell's novel 1984 as its 2015 convocation book. Convocation is a typical university or college program that fosters participation in intellectual life on campus. Schools select a novel that is relevant to the students' lives, culturally or politically. When students and faculty have a universal book or topic to discuss, a sense of community flourishes. 1984 was written in 1948 after World War II. Orwell's dystopian novel illustrates how tyrannical governments seize and keep control. To some Americans, it seems that Orwell's novel is more of a prophecy coming true rather than a work of fiction. For instance, "Big Brother is watching you" is

a common phrase we hear in our culture today. The phrase comes from Orwell's novel, and it refers to government surveillance. As East Georgia Students engaged in the college's intellectual community, they discussed the book's relevancy to our times. Vance Braddock of EGSC's Statesboro Campus wondered how Oceania's citizens became vulnerable to a tyrannical government, and he surmises that the answer may be found somewhere within gun control policies. For him, the novel was a warning of what could happen if Americans lost their right to defend themselves against tyranny.

Check our February issue for information about Convocation 2016!

Argument: Gun Control early Americans' ability government, with ma-

by Vance Braddock, **EGSC Statesboro**

While many may not realize it, we as a nation are on the fast track to a tyrannical government and a situation in which our voices do not matter. Our rights, freedom, and our safety are all in jeopardy of being lost. Many in the United States are against the second amendment, a required amendment for the preservation of the rest of our constitutional rights. George Orwell's novel, 1984, is a very real possibility for the future of our country without our individual right to possess firearms. It almost seems as if it is not a fictional novel, but a prophetical window into the destiny of the United

Since the end of the revolutionary war the United States has been a sovereign nation with the defeat of the British in 1783. The American right to own a firearm has been the backbone of our country's integrity and ideological system for nearly two and a half centuries. Not only has it just been a privilege in recent years, at one time, gun ownership was required. Adam Winkler states in The Secret History of Guns, "A 1792 federal law signed by President George Washington required that every man eligible for militia service, which meant most able-bodied white men between 16 and 60, own a gun and ammunition suitable for military service." The reasoning behind this was for the defense of the nation, from Native mainly Americans and in the event of a possible British attempt for recapture of the colonies. In some cases, immigrants were not even allowed to own land unless they owned early Americans' ability to possess hunting rifles and pistols, America may still be under heavy British oppression today.

While times may have changed, an American's individual need for ownership of a firearm or other projectile weapon still exists today. Many may argue that the constitution did not intend for the level of gun ownership we have now in this country; they may need to consider that it is exactly what the forefathers intended. Lawrence Hunter, Chairman of Revolution PAC, stated, "The Founders understood that the right to own and bear laws is as fundamental and as essential to maintaining liberty as are the rights of free speech, a free press, freedom of religion and the other protections against government encroachments on liberty delineated in the Bill of Rights." The architects of this country absolutely expected the citizens of this great nation to possess an array of firearms able to overthrow a totalitarian type government found in 1984. As it may be, assault weapons did not exist in the hands of the civilians in the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries; in comparison, the government did not possess these types of weapons either. The people in our country were intended to without a doubt, dismantle an oppressive government when that time should come. Without our firearms, we are just simply bringing knives to a gun fight.

Within the novel, 1984, George Orwell manages to capture a future within a totalitarian society where all rights have been revoked. The entire population of the super-state of Oceania lies in the hands of the

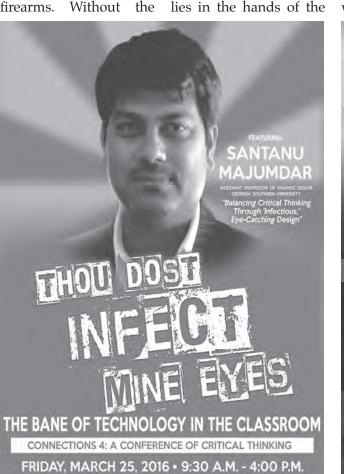
chine-like duties given to individual citizens at birth. I believe that Winston's lack of a freedom of speech, religion, and press are all due to his inability to possess a firearm. Also, if the proles within Oceania managed to own firearms they could form an uprising and overcome the atrocities committed daily by Big Brother and the Inner-Party. These instances in 1984, where Winston encounters awful experiences on a day to day basis could obviously be avoided; however, no one has the courage or resources to stand up for what is right. Possibly, by using the fear of continued mass shootings, the government in Oceania deceptively persuaded the citizens to give up their weapons to create a 'safer nation'. This is a likely situation we could be facing in America today, and could be dangerous to our nation's law-abiding citizens. Michael Snyder reports, "According to Gun Owners of America, the governments of the world slaughtered more than 170 million of their own people during the 20th century. The vast majority of those people had been disarmed by their own governments prior to being slaugh-

However, pro-gun control activists, such as Barrack Obama and Hillary Clinton, like to use mass shootings as an excuse to ban individual gun ownership. They claim that the reason we have mass shootings and murders is because of the country's belief in the second amendment right. But in fact, according to Simon Rogers, reporter of the Guardian News, "Mexico has some of the strictest gun control laws in the world and yet, in 2012,

Mexico had 11,309 gun murders (9.97 gun homicides per 100,000 people) compared to the United States that had 9,146 gun homicides (2.97 per 100,000 people)." What many pro-gun control activists fail to understand is that we cannot stop a madman with the intent to fatally injure innocent people without the use of equal or greater force. In light of the recent Isis attack in California, Sheriff Wayne Ivey of Brevard County, Florida said, "Let there be no mistake in what I'm about to say, The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. If you are a person who is legally licensed to carry a firearm, now is a time more than ever to realize that you and you alone very well might be the first line of defense for you [and] your family." Taking guns out of the stores will not prevent criminals from getting their hands on illegal weapons.

Overall, the connection to guns and the preservation of freedom is evident. Without our ability to uphold the constitution by force we will fall to the frightening truth of defenselessness. George Orwell clearly is an intelligent man who intended not to scare his audience but to warn us of the dangers of taking our government as our friend. As time moves onward we lose more and more of our privacy, rights, and privileges. As an owner of several firearms myself, I encourage all Americans to make the same movement in continuing our great nation's heritage. If we give up our protection, we give up all hope for a continuation of a liberat-

ed society.



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EVENTS AT EGSC

Jan 27......Women's Basketball game vs.
South Georgia Technical College
Gym, 5:30 p.m.

.....Men's Basketball game vs.
South Georgia Technical College
Gym, 7:30 p.m.

Jan 30..... Men's Basketball game vs. Georgia Gwinnett, Gym, 4:00 p.m.

Feb 3......Women's Basketball game vs. Central Georgia Technical College Gym, 5:30 p.m.

......Men's Basketball game vs.
Central Georgia Technical College
Gym, 7:30 p.m.

Feb 4......Last day to withdraw without academic penalty: All Campuses Feb 5......First Friday at The Morgan House

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Feb 6.....Women's Basketball game vs.

Georgia Highlands College Gym, 2:00 p.m.Men's Basketball game vs.

Georgia Highlands College
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Miss FGSC Scholarship Pages

......Miss EGSC Scholarship Pageant Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Feb 9.....Transfer Tuesday, Swainsboro, J503,

2:00 p.m.AAMI Black History Program Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Feb 11....Vision Series begins the semester with the McIntosh County Shouters Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.

Feb 13....2016 Science Olympiad Check in @ 7:00 a.m.

Feb 14... Valentine's Day!

Based on retail statistics, approx. 3% of pet owners will buy their pet a giftBaseball game vs. Spartanburg Methodist, Double Header, 1:00 p.m.

Feb 16....Baseball game vs. Thomas University JV Double Header, 1:00 p.m.

Feb 17....Women's Basketball game vs. Atlanta Metro State College, 5:30 p.m.Men's Basketball game vs.

Atlanta Metro State College, 7:30 p.m. Feb 20.....National History Day, 8:00 a.m.

.....Baseball game vs. Lancaster Double header, 1:00 p.m.

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Gordon State College, 4:00 p.m. Feb 21....Baseball game vs. USC Lancaster

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Feb 24....Baseball game vs. Florida State Jacksonville, 2:00 p.m.

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GRADUATE GETS A FIST BUMP FROM HER PROFESSOR

Building relationships of trust with

your professors

and stay off your phones

during class. Professors

notice who is present, who

is texting, who is listening

to music, who is talking in

class, who is disengaged

from learning. These stu-

dents who violate basic

classroom etiquette or

regularly skip class are

not likely to get glowing

While you're in class,

you need to participate.

Speak up. Ask and an-

swer questions. Engage

in discussions. Complete

your assignments. Show

that you've done the read-

ing. Don't complain about

the workload - this is col-

lege so you should expect

a reasonable workload

(roughly 5 to 8 hours of

homework per class, per

relationship of trust when

you stop by their offices.

Your professors are re-

quired to dedicate a few

hours to meet with their

students. Their office

hours are posted on their

doors and in their syllabi

so that you know when

to schedule an appoint-

ment or drop by to ask

for help, continue a class

discussion about a topic

that interested you, ask

for more learning resourc-

es or materials, or talk

about the class in general.

Know your professors' of-

fice hours and use them.

The earlier in the semester

you go, the better off your

grade will be at the end of

the semester. You should

not feel intimidated by

your professors; most of

them choose to teach be-

cause they are dedicat-

ed to students who want

to learn. Therefore, they

would gladly welcome

you to talk to them during

If you do use your pro-

fessors' office hours, as

you should, you need

to know to stay off your

phone. Silence it if you

need to. It is rude to an-

swer your non-emergen-

cy phone call while your

professor is trying to help

you. You should also

know not to enter the pro-

fessor's office if he or she

is already with a student.

Wait your turn. Show re-

spect for others and your

opinion than your class-

mates' or professor's, tell

them respectfully. Don't

be afraid to assert yourself

into a class discussion to

further the exploration of

ideas. Be prepared to offer

your reasoning methods

and push critical thinking

If you enjoyed a specific

discussion, class activity,

or homework assignment,

If you have a different

professor.

their office hours.

You can work on your

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their professors.

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by Margie E. Burke

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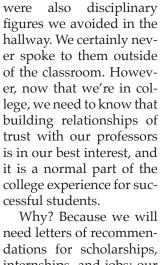
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When we were in high

school, most of us prob-

ably thought our teach-

ers were irrelevant to our

lives. To us, they seemed

to drone on and on about

something we think we

were supposed to learn,

but we're not quite sure

because we were texting

or talking. Our teachers

internships, and jobs; our professors are the best candidates at this stage in our life to write those letters. If you have built a good rapport with your professors, those letters are likely to brag in specific details about your leadership qualities, your self-discipline, your ability to accept accountability for your actions, your integrity, your ability to work well with others, your knack for innovation or creativity, your dedication to a job well-done, your ability to follow instructions and rules, your politeness, and your display of respect for others. In short, what your professors say about your performance as a student will help potential employers discern if you'd be a good colleague or a good fit for the company.

So how do we build a relationship of trust with your professors? First, we need to understand we are not building a buddy-type friendship with them but a professional relationship grounded in mutual respect and trust. Therefore, you should be honest in all things with your professor. Poorly managed your time? Don't kill off your grandmother or aunt and resurrect them only to kill them off again next semester. Your professors see through this. You'd be surprised at how many relatives "die" when a major assignment is due or right before a major test. Be honest with them about your situation; chances are many of them will be willing to work out a solution with you. The second step is like unto the first: Don't cheat. Do your own work. How can your professors recommend you for a job or a scholarship if they know or suspect that you lie and cheat? If your professors don't trust you, you cannot build a good rapport. However, before pro-

fessors can recognize that

you are a person of integ-

rity, they need to know

who you are. Thus, you

need to show up for class

tell your professor how it helped you learn. This will show that you are a conscientious student, and it will help your professor identify discussions and activities that have been successful. A profesthe time to acknowledge what they have learned and how they learned it. If you missed class, be

sure you read the syllabus so that you know what is expected of you or what can and cannot be made up. For example, professors may not allow you to make up class activities or quizzes under any circumstances, or they may require that you contact a classmate or come by their offices during office hours. You need to know what is expected of you before emailing the professor. While we are on the subject, don't email the professor "did I miss anything." Of course you did. You missed class. You missed out on learning what the professor meant for you to learn that day for a test, for your critical thinking development, and for your career skill development. You missed out on quite a bit. Instead, email your professor, "What did I miss? And how may I make it up?" No explanation necessary; save your excuses, especially if they are not true. Your professors will think highly of your honesty and initiative.

Prepare for disappoint-

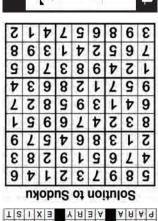
ment. If you have let your studies slide too far or have struggled alone too long, there is nothing your professor can do even if he or she likes you as a person. Professors don't give grades. They assess your learning and report the scores that measure your performance. Professors are obligated to be fair, which is why there are guidelines in the syllabus. Your professors use the syllabus to inform you what can and cannot be done, what may or may not happen. Therefore, begging and threatening will not get you anywhere. Taking accountability for your actions and failures will, however. Failure is part of life. Handling failure well speaks volumes about your character. For example, students who have failed a course, talked calmly with the professor about the areas that need improvement and asked for tips on how to improve, may still expect a good letter of recommendation. That letter may say something like your "dedication to success is impressive" because you "don't give up when the work gets hard" and you "accept accountability for your actions and problem solve in such a way that shows initiative and discipline." Who

failure does not disqualify you from asking for letters of recommendation if you have handled it properly and proven yourself as a person of initiative, dignity, and integrity. Good luck to you this semester! Give these tips sor will remember those your best "college try"! students who have taken

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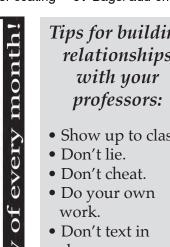
about them? The point is,







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Show up to class.

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Miss East Georgia State College Scholarship Pageant announces contestants

Georgia State College Scholarship Pageant will be held on February 6, 2016 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Luck F. Gambrell Auditorium. Nine contestants will compete for the crown in the categories of Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, On Stage Questions, Talent and Evening Gown. The theme for this year's scholarship pageant is "Frame the Moment," and will serve as a spectacular backdrop to the proceedings.

Contestants are:

Hailey Rials, 21, of Lyons is the daughter of Greg Rials and Jeanette Scott. Her platform is Mental Health Awareness. She is a senior biology major, and plans to graduate from EGSC with her B.S. in Biology before attending South University to earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She plans to become a pharmacist while continuing her education, then go into pharmaceutical research.

Jessica Dixon, 18, of Girard is the daughter of Michael and Pam Dixon. Her platform is Impact of the 4-H Program. She is a sophomore Biology major and plans to graduate from EGSC with her

The 2016 Miss East B.S. in Biology before attending the University of Georgia to pursue a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. She then plans to work with an equine clinic.

> MaNazja Davis, 19, of Uvalda is the daughter of Bennie and Remonica Davis. Her platform is the Sister to Sister Program. She is a freshman General Studies major and plans to major in physical therapy or educational counseling.

Alex Kangeter, 18, of Metter is the daughter of Rusty and Jan Kangeter. Her platform is the American Red Cross. She is a freshman Biology major and plans to earn her B.S. in Biology and become a veterinarian.

Keshauna Jones, 19, of Decatur is the daughter or Keith Jones, Stacey Jones and Marie Williams. Her platform is Domestic Violence Awareness. She is a freshman Communication Arts major and plans to become a reporter or a lawyer.

Yolanda Pittman, 18, of Carrollton is the daughter of O. C. Hunt, Jr. and Melody Hunt. Her platform is Supporting the Promotion of Colon Cancer. She is a freshman Criminal Justice major,

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

and plans to get her law degree and make her way from the smallest position in criminal justice to the top and head lawyer.

Lauren Kirksey, 18, of Baxley is the daughter of Kenny and Christa Kirksey. Her platform is the Lustgarten Foundation. She is a freshman Civil Engineering major, and plans to graduate with her degree and go on to work at Plant Hatch, a nuclear power plant near her hometown.

Darienne Coleman, 18, of Baxley is the daughter of Shelli and Brandon Dubberly and Luke Coleman. Her platform is Self Image. She is a freshman Nursing and Spanish major, and plans to travel around the country and sign on to different hospitals for weeks at a time after graduation, eventually doing mission work around the world in different hospitals.

Harley Paradice, 18, of Vidalia is the daughter of Todd and MaDonna Paradice. Her platform is Love the Skin You're In. She is a freshman General Studies major and plans to keep her professional options open but be successful in whatever she decides to pursue.

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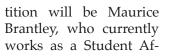




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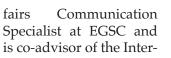


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Fall 2015 Dean's Honor and Merit Lists announced

The following students have been named to East Georgia State College's Fall Semester 2015 Dean's Honor and Dean's Merit Lists. To be named to the Dean's Honor List, a student must have a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher in 15 or more hours of course work. Students named to the Dean's Merit List must have a semester average of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 but less than 15 semester hours of course work.

Dean's Honor List: A'Ryan Gardner, Acacia Bynoe, Alejandro Roman-Roche, Alexis Anderson, Allyson Jones, Amber Chambers, Andrew Donaldson, Andrew Stocker, Anna Williams, Arielle Williamson, Ashley Francis, Ashlyn Bargeron, Ayla Amos, Barrett Pritchard, Benjamin Teston, Brett Davis, Brian Westberry, Brittany Burrell, Brittany Cabrol, Brittany Cooper, Brittany Wilkinson, Briunna Robinson, Brooke Nusall, Caitlan Coleman, Callie Thompson, Carolina Ocampo, Celeste Rodriguez-Teran, Cheyenne Prather, Chiara Benberry, Cierra Clark, Dalton Davis, Edie Ewing, Emily Hernandez, Gabriella Anthony, Graciela Pina, Gregory Richard, Heather Correll, Henry Sherrod, Jacob Thompson, James Mack, Janeen Jones, Jarret Henry, Jesse Little, Jessica Carter, Jessica Collman, Jordan Finch, Joseph Braddock, Joseph White, Joshua McCormack, Joshua Peeler, Kayla Bridges, Kelli Kirby, Keon Major, Kerry Vo, Kirsten Cliett, Krysta Castellano, Laurel Wynn, Lauren Griggs, Madison Wiggins, Maggie Bell, Mahnoor Spall, Marissa Garcia, Mary Dangerfield, Megan Beach, Myranda Hand, Nicholas Taylor, Railey Waddell, Ruby DeRouen, Sara Anne Wohltman,

Sarah Reynolds, Schuyler

Johnson, Sequoia Sinclair,

FALL 2015 Dean's Honor & Merit Lists

Shadae Tate, Stephen Gomez, Takiera Porter, Taylor Fiveash, Thang Lieu, Tiara McDuffie, Travis Branham, Valeria Mendoza, William Kaht, William Osborne and William Stanfield. **Dean's Merit List:** Abbie

Forehand, Akaria Stewart, Alexis Byrd, Alexis Ryder, Aleysha Torres, Allison Strange, Alyssa Wiggins, Amanda Sherrod, Andrew Stansell, Angelica Robertson, Anna Mackintosh, Anna Smith, Anthony Padgett, Antonia Young, April Parham, Ashley Bush, Ashley Cauley, Ashlyn Coto, Ashlyn Hunter, Asia Coleman, Audrey Shubeck, Austin Karp, Austin Oliver, Autumn Shirah, Billy Sutton, Blake Cravey, Brandon Page, Brandon Wheeler, Brea Mitchell, Brenley Hagan, Brian Keffer, Briana Johnson, Brianna Cone, Brielle Thomas, Britne McDuffie, Brittany Brown, Brittany Green, Caitlin Sherrod, Caitlin Smith, Cameron Braddy, Carl Barwick, Carlissa Partridge, Carmen Bigelow, Casey Renn, Cassidy Kicklighter, Cassonia Henley, Catherine Jayroe, Cenenta Simmons, Chandler Gibbs, Charity Newman, Charles Ambrose, Charles Shafer, Chayla Jackson, Christina Guerrero, Christine Ray, Christopher Hatcher, Christopher Walker, Ciana Lands, Claudia Hamilton, Conner Johnson, Connor Moore, Corman Castle, Courtney Hewitt, Courtney Mosley, Courtney Wilkes, Dakota Turner, Damon Knighten, Dana Bedgood, Dana Roberts,

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Phan, Debra Osborn, Derek Brown, Derek Simons, Destiny Willard, Devin Foskey, Dominique Price, Edgar Chavez, Elizabeth Gross, Elov Hernandez, Emily Shaw, Erica Strom, Erika Driggers, Etta Duncan, Faith Brickhouse, Floyd Sparks, Fontaine Thompson, Forrest Walsh, Frankia Ruffin, Gabrielle Hooker, Grace Pittman, Gregory Smiley, Hailey King, Hailey Rials, Haleigh Baker, Haley Edwards, Haley Griffin, Hampton Brown, Hannah Law, Hannah Miles, Harley Paradice, Haven Hutchinson, Hayden Proctor, Hillary Davis, Hunter Floyd, Hunter McCook, Ja'Kayla Mack, Jabriel Butler, Jaclyn Gibson, Jada Baker, Jada Thompson, Jaden Paschal, James Good, Jay Klingel, Jeffrey Jackson, Jenna Hazle, Jenna Paul, Jennifer Neal, Jerren Corbitt, Jesse Shuman, Jessica Arroyave, Jessica Ransom, Jessica Rodriguez, Joanna Herman, Jocelyn Carrll, Jodie Cobb, John Schaffer, John Young, Joi Daniels, Jonathan Langan, Jordan O'Connor, Jordan Robins, Joseph Lane, Joseph Stuckey, Joshua Smith, Joshua Smith, Juan Cardona, Justin Holland, Kaitlin Bruce, Kaitlin Hill, Kaitlin Warren, Kaitlyn Manning, Kara Peek, Kayla Grainger, Kayla Hewitt, Kelly Peel, Kelly Strojny, Kenyatta Nesbitt, Keri Lane, Kevin McBride, Khalil Tate, Khiara Lanier, Kimard Kinlaw, Kimberly Hamilton, Kimberly Russell, Kirstyn Morris, Kristan Kersey, Kristen Pritchett, Kristi Patterson, ton, Daniel Young, Danny Kwasi Hickson, Kyun-Dang, Dara Long, Davie geun Lee, Laura Hill,

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lege congratulate these hard-working, disciplined students who have put in the time and effort to excel. We are proud to see you succeed.



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For East Georgia State College's fourth annual Critical Thinking Conference this spring of 2016, in celebration of the anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, we welcome proposals that recognic technology as a "rascal," a "braggart vile," a "finical rogue," and as a "base, proud, shallow, beggart worsted-stocking knave." We welcome presentations about experiences where technology has posed a problem and has therefore created the need for critical thinking. We also welcome proposa on any other topics that deal with critical thinking in an educational setting.