



Points of Pride

At the University of West Georgia, we are in the business of transforming lives, and we are focused on success. With so many advancements at UWG, our campus is constantly brimming with excitement. Through the Points of Pride, we celebrate these achievements and examine our success through the four major Strategic Imperatives of our Strategic Plan – Student Success, Academic Success, Partnership Success and Operational Success. Congratulations to all those who have strived for excellence and have achieved it!

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ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Faculty members Dr. Muriel Cormican and Dr. Ana Zapata-Calle, in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in the College of Arts and Humanities (COAH), have recently seen their work published in “Women’s Film Authorship in Neoliberal Times: Revisiting Feminism and German Cinema and Gender” and “Chasqui,” respectively.
- Dr. Julia Chibbaro and Dr. Christy Land, of the Department of Communication Sciences and Professional Counseling in the College of Education (COE), have received \$6,449 from the American School Counselor Association to survey school counselors in the southeast to determine whether student-to-counselor ratio affects counselors’ leadership activity participation.
- Two faculty members in the Department of Theatre in COAH, Alan Yeong and Joseph Monaghan, won Suzi Bass Awards for their design work in Atlanta theater. Yeong received an award for Best Costume Design for his work on “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” and Monaghan won an award for Best Lighting Design for “Angels in America.” The awards are an Atlanta-based Tony Awards-style gala to celebrate the city’s top theater artists and designers.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS (CONTINUED)

- Dr. Larry Schor, professor of psychology in the College of Social Sciences (COSS), and Stuart Pearson, graduate of the master's degree program in psychology, have received a \$5,000 grant from ClusterBusters, the world's largest Cluster Headache advocacy organization. This grant is to continue data analysis of a research project they have been leading for several years, which has resulted in presentations and poster sessions both nationally and internationally.
- Dr. Brian Mosier and Dr. Brent Heidorn, of the Department of Sport Management, Wellness and

Physical Education in COE, were recognized for their work in the field at the 2018 Georgia Health, Physical Education, Research, and Dance Association conference. Mosier received the Robert W. Moore Professional Recognition Award, given to a member who exemplifies the leadership qualities demonstrated by Robert W. Moore. Heidorn received the Kim Thompson Honor Award, the highest award presented by GAHPERD, which recognizes an



individual whose service to the state association has been exemplary, sustaining and far-reaching.

- Dr. Jeff Zamostny, a faculty member in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in COAH, published an article in the inaugural issue of a Spanish journal, "Mediodía." The journal is published by Editorial Renacimiento in Seville, Spain, and the editorial board includes specialists in early twentieth-century Hispanic literature and culture from across Spain and Latin America.
- Dr. Dena Kniess, assistant professor of counselor education and college student affairs in COE, received the Joe Buck Service Award at the 2018 Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA) Conference. The award is given to a current SACSA member who has demonstrated commitment to SACSA and is viewed by colleagues as a role model, mentor and unsung hero of the association.
- The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in COAH hosted the 33rd Conference in the Humanities, with the theme of "Intersectionalities/Interconnections/Liminalities." The conference brought together scholars from across the nation to investigate the theme from multiple perspectives in the humanities. COAH faculty from art, English, foreign languages and literatures, history and philosophy presented original research and participated in lively and productive exchanges about the past, present and future of the humanities.

PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

- Cassie Robinson, College of Education alumna, was named the president-elect for the Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.
- Deirdre Haywood-Rouse, UWG's director of diversity education and community initiatives, was recently presented the 2018 Woman of the Year award by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Alliance Board.
- Rachel Groce, a College of Education alumna and kindergarten teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary in Summerville, Georgia, was named the 2018 Teacher of the Year for Chattooga County School System.



OPERATIONAL SUCCESS

- Tricia Durrough, assistant director of UWG's Center for Business Excellence, earned her master's degree in instructional technology in December 2018. Durrough has utilized her education, experience and wisdom in developing a plethora of training aids for assisting UWG employees to better understand the continual improvements in business processes and compliance-related issues not only at UWG but throughout the University System of Georgia.

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