



# 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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## Student Success

**Caroline Phelps**, a College of Arts and Humanities (COAH) student, has been awarded the **Gilman Scholarship**, which is a national scholarship competition for students engaging in an immersive experience of at least three weeks overseas. Phelps will be participating in UWG's language and culture program in Heredia, Costa Rica.

**Nick Charles**, a College of Social Science (COSS) student, and **Tommy Jordan**, a COAH student, varsity members of UWG's debate team, qualified for the **National Debate tournament**. This is the 45th time in the last 46 years that UWG has qualified for this tournament. **Alex Cutts**, a Richards College of Business (RCOB) student, and **Joseph Dean**, a COSS student, won the novice division with a perfect record of 6-0.



**Jennifer Castleberry**, a Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON) student, had an abstract accepted for presentation at the respected National League for Nursing Education Summit. Castleberry's presentation, "**Addressing the Gender Continuum**," comes from a concept analysis developed from her first-semester theory course.

A paper written by **Michele Gerdes**, a (THSSON) student, was accepted for publication in the **Journal Nursing Science Quarterly**. Gerdes' paper was a concept analysis regarding academic rigor in nursing education.

## Academic Success

**Dr. Robert Lane**, professor and acting director of philosophy for the College of Arts and Humanities (COAH), published a book titled "**Peirce on Realism and Idealism**" on Cambridge University Press.

College of Education (COE) alumna **Jan Wilson Wilson**, a media specialist at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., recently was awarded the **2017 Hero of Collaboration** from the **School Library Journal**.

**Patrick Brady**, assistant professor for the College of Social Sciences (COSS), was honored with the **Victimology New Scholar Award** at the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in New Orleans.

An article written by **Sunil Hazari**, professor in the department of marketing in the Richards College of Business (RCOB), titled "**Investigating Social Media Consumption, Sports Enthusiasm, and Gender on Sponsorship Outcomes in Context of Rio Olympics**" has been accepted for publication in the international journal of sports marketing and sponsorship.

**Lizhong Peng**, assistant professor in RCOB, had his article, "**The Health Implications of Unconventional Natural Gas Development in Pennsylvania**," accepted for publication in Health Economics.

**Jimmy Hall**, a Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON) alumnus, recently had an article about nurse residency programs available to graduate nurses entering the workforce published in **American Nurse Today**. Hall, who earned his doctorate in nursing education from UWG, recently was promoted to director of clinical education programs for Hospital Corporation of America, the nation's largest health care corporation.

## Operational Success

Mastersprogramguide.com ranked the **College of Science and Mathematics (COSM) master's degree in computer science** 38th in the nation in best online master of computer science degree for 2018.

TheBestColleges.org ranked the College of Education's **(COE) master's degree in elementary education** 18th in the nation in best online master's degree in elementary education.



An article written by **Agnieszka Chwialkowska**, assistant professor in the Richards College of Business (RCOB), "**The Effectiveness of Brand-and Customer-Centric Content Strategies at Generating Shares, 'Likes', and Comments,**" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Promotion Management. Chwialkowska has also been selected as one of UWG's two nominees for the **Governor's Teaching Fellows Summer Program**.

Thanks to an **\$80,000 grant** from Kaiser Permanente, UWG's Tanner Health System School of Nursing (THSSON) now will be able to provide scholarships assistance to undergraduates and a consultant to assist nurse educators with their research and dissertations.

A historic run for **UWG baseball** - which included the team's best undefeated start in the modern era and Coach Skip Fite's **900th career win** - earned the Wolves the ninth spot in the first national regular season poll released by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America. The Wolves started the season with a 10-0 run, the team's top season-opening record in more than 50 years.

## Partnership Success

**Jill Hendricks**, associate director of health services and grant project director, and **Corey Hindman**, patient advocate, received a \$311,693 Victim of Crime Act grant from the **Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**.

UWG's **Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy** recently received a **\$25,000 grant** from the **Walmart Foundation** to create video modules for the center's financial literacy program. The program teaches students the basics of personal finance.



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