



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

- Rosa Padilla, a Spanish major with a concentration on Spanish education in the College of Arts and Humanities (COAH), has been selected as a 2019 Fund for Education Abroad Scholar. The Fund for Education Abroad is a national organization that provides scholarship support for students who are underrepresented in the U.S. study abroad population. Padilla will be spending at least four weeks overseas on a study abroad program in Heredia, Costa Rica, this summer with UWG's faculty-led Spanish-immersion program.
- Each year, UWG's Graduate School showcases outstanding graduate students from each academic college in the Graduate Student Hall of Fame. Selected by their college, the student is honored with a canvas portrait which will be unveiled and displayed for one year. Inductees for 2019 include: Amy Yarbrough, Ed.D. nursing education; Bre'Ahn Heard, M.A. sociology; Drew Schulz, M.A. history; Jacalyn Butts, M.Ed. professional counseling; Jean Lee, Ed.D. school improvement; Kassandra Arts, M.S. biology; Katlyn Bradshaw, M.B.A. business administration; Meghen Bassel, Ed.S. media; Samantha Bowling, M.S.N. nursing.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Emily Hunt, lecturer in the Department of Music in COAH, had an article titled “Marching for our world: Local activism for global solidarity in the great speckled bird” published in World History Bulletin.
- The Xi Rho Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society recently hosted the 2019 Georgia Regional Phi Alpha Theta conference at UWG. The conference proved tremendously successful with more than 90 attendees from five states and 17 schools. The conference showcased some of the new scholarship trends and themes history students are exploring. The

conference, organized by Dr. Stephanie Chalifoux, Ms. Jan Ridgway and Dr. Colleen Vasconcellos of the Department of History, was sponsored and made possible by the Xi Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, the UWG Department of History, the COAH Dean’s Office, the UWG Graduate School and the Tanner Heath System School of Nursing.

- Dr. Rachel Seaman-Tullis, an assistant professor of special education in the



College of Education (COE), has received \$24,750 from the Georgia Council for Developmental Disabilities to continue Project Wolves at UWG. Project WOLVES is a postsecondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs).

- Dr. Morris Council, an assistant professor of special education in COE, received \$10,000 in grant funding and charitable donations to partner with the UWG African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Study Abroad Brazil Program. This trip took eight students to Salvador, Brazil, to further their understanding of how race, class, gender and geographic location intersect to affect educational and non-educational opportunities for Afro-Brazilians.
- UWG’s programs in COE placed sixth on Great Value Colleges’ list of the Top 9 Most Affordable Online Doctorates in Online Teaching for 2019. UWG was selected not only for the program’s affordability but also for the institution’s overall outstanding reputation, its faculty’s excellence, and the unerring commitment to providing non-traditional students a high-quality education and in doing so, giving them all the tools that they need to achieve their future career goals, the website states.

PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

- The university's "Go West" brand campaign has been featured in a public relations textbook published earlier this year. "Cases in Public Relations Strategy" features UWG's brand identity as a case study in its first chapter. Associate Vice President of University Communications and Marketing Jami Bower partnered with Dr. Amber Smallwood of UWG's Department of Mass Communications in the College of Social Sciences to complete the submission.
- Morgan Wagy, a COE alumna who's now a teacher at Lillian C. Poole Elementary School in Dallas, Georgia, was recognized as the school's Rookie Teacher of Year.

OPERATIONAL SUCCESS

- Jeremy Wildberger, web services specialist in University Communications and Marketing, obtained the International Association of Accessibility Professionals professional certification in accessibility core competencies (CPACC). IAAP certification differentiates employees with specialized skills and shows a strong commitment to being a leader on the issue of accessibility.



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