



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.

September 2016

Student Success

Tim Guiney was named assistant superintendent in Clayton County for the School Improvement Cluster. He will oversee 17 schools, including elementary, middle, and high schools. Tim received his master's and specialist degrees at UWG and is now in the School Improvement doctoral program.

Communication Science and Professional Counseling student **Samina Sattar** has been selected to be a participant in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP) class of 2016. She competed with 214 applicants for one of only 40 slots.

Burt Parker, a College of Education graduate student, has been awarded the Goen-Sloan Scholarship. This scholarship is named for two former GAIT Leaders, the late Marsha Goen, GAIT past president, and retired director of membership, Mary Jean Sloan.

Debra Malone '98 was selected by her colleagues from the Georgia Association of Middle School Principals to represent Georgia as the National Association of Elementary School Principals National Outstanding Middle Level Assistant Principal of the Year. Debra is the assistant principal at Cartersville Middle School in Cartersville, Ga.



Academic Success

Dr. Susana Velez, assistant professor in the Richards College of Business, won the Interpretive Challenge for fall 2016, sponsored by Interpretive Simulations. Because of Susana's work, one team in her strategic management class will win \$1,000 in scholarship funding.

Associate Professor in the College of Education **Dr. Jeff Johnson** has been accepted to present "Teaching Fluid Dynamics" at the SHAPE America Southern District Convention held January 2017 in Baton Rouge, La.

Educational Technology and Foundations Professor **Danilo Baylen** has been selected by The Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT) board as the GAIT/AECT Leadership Development recipient. The recognition comes with an award of a \$500 stipend to support attendance and participation at the 2017 AECT Summer Leadership Meeting.

Partnership Success

Dr. Tami Ogletree, associate professor and area coordinator for language and literacy, has received \$16,000 from the Georgia Department of Education. Her project, which focuses on two local schools, will use the Cherokee Rose Writing Project model to provide professional education and development for K-12 ELA teachers.

A \$61,000 grant from the **National Park Service** will give two University of West Georgia Public History program students an opportunity to work for the South Florida Collections Management Center (SFCMC) in the Everglades National Park this fall.

UWG's Assistant Professor of Physics **Dr. Nicholas Sterling** was awarded a \$8,900 grant from NASA through the Georgia Space Grant Consortium. The grant will be used to purchase new equipment for UWG's Observatory, including a high-resolution spectrometer for solar observations and a webcam that will be used to display the Sun's spectrum and images.

UWG's **Jill Hendricks**, patient advocate and associate director of Health Services received \$12,313 from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety to continue UWG's partnership with GOHS for 14 consecutive years. The program provides alcohol and highway safety education to UWG students, high school students and people in our service area.

Operational Success

Mayor Walt Hollingsworth and the City Council proclaimed September 17, 2016, as University of West Georgia Day.

In an AJC article titled, "This is how much alumni at Georgia colleges make on average," based on data-driven salary profile database PayScale, **UWG** ranked ninth in the state with undergraduate alumni making \$45,800 in early career and \$72,000 midcareer.



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