

FTV CHANNEL

Fayetteville Campus Newsletter

Dates of Note

- Jul 2-5 Campus Closed
- Jul 9 Withdrawal Deadline
- Jul 16 Classes End for In-Seat/Hybrid/Remote
- Jul 23 Classes End for Online (GOLC)
- Jul 23 Campus Closed
- Jul 29 Grades Available
- Jul 30 Campus Closed
- Aug 16 Quarter 1 Begins

Commencement Successfully Held for 2020-21 Graduates

The outdoor graduation ceremony at Brightmoor-Southern Grounds Amphitheatre proved to be successful despite the looming threat of inclement bad weather, and the difficulties imposed by the hot and humid temperatures. Out of the almost 400 graduates

representing the four campuses of GMC's Atlanta Metropolitan Region, 227 graduates participated in the ceremony. These included 139 graduates from Fairburn campus, 56 from Fayetteville campus, 25 from Stone Mountain campus, and 7 from Zebulon campus.

The commencement ceremony began at 6 pm with a welcome provided by Brigadier General Rock Donahue (U.S. Army, Ret), Executive Director of the Atlanta Metropolitan Region. The processional of graduates filed into the center, lead by the deans and faculty. Next, officers from the Fayette County Sheriff's Department served as the Honor Guard for the Presentation of Colors. The National Anthem was sung by student Luke Morgan of Zebulon campus (class of 2020), and the Invocation was given by GySgt Antonio Cummings, Chief Apostle, Kingdom L.I.F.E. Center in Fayetteville.



Family and friends watch proudly as the 2020-21 graduating class is lead into Brightmoor-Southern Grounds Amphitheatre.

Special recognitions of students, faculty and staff were provided. The Distinguished Graduating Students were acknowledged; these are students who not only have a strong academic record, but also have been outstanding in college activities. These included Jasharie Anderson from Fairburn, Edwyn Hernandez from Fayetteville, Jefferey Jackson from Stone Mountain, and Matthew Lassiter from Zebulon campus.

The Educators of the Year for 2020-21 were Dr. Matthew Maestas, representing the Fairburn/Stone Mountain campuses, and Dr. Tracey Makley, representing the Fayetteville/Zebulon campuses. The Adjunct Educators of the Year were Ms. Mona Swallow from Fairburn/Stone Mountain, and Mr. Moulare Kesse from Fayetteville/Zebulon. Kesse, who teaches economics classes, was also honored as the overall GMC Junior College Adjunct Educator winner for GMC. The recognized Employee of the Year was Ms. Theresa Gullatt, the Regional Library Associate.



Michelle Taylor Willis served as guest speaker.

Mr. Jody Yearwood, GMC's Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, next took the stage to introduce the guest speaker. Michelle Taylor Willis, Founder and CEO of Gagnant Media, spoke to the graduates on the subject of the importance of persistence, service to others, and honorable character. Willis is an award-winning entrepreneur, author, speaker, and master strategist.

The graduates then filed onto the stage for the receipt of their degrees from the deans, campus directors and executive director. The formal conferral of their degrees was given by Dr. Derek Stone, Associate Chief Academic Officer. Once graduates had returned to their seats, Mr. Edwin Amerman, President of the GMC Alumni

Association, spoke to the group and provided the official induction into the association. The final benediction was given by Apostle Cummings, followed by the recessional of faculty and students.

Graduates included a record high number of dual enrolled students with 93 receiving their associates degrees. There were 5 graduates who received bachelor of applied science degrees. A video of the ceremony is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raPr1V7KSWA>.



Despite the heat, large crowds came out to support the graduates.

Phi Theta Kappa Honors Members At Induction Ceremony

On May 19, the Beta Sigma Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its annual induction ceremony on the Fayetteville campus. Administrators, faculty, students, family, and friends gathered to applaud the chapter's induction of six new members: Claudeja Brutus, Dawn Kouwenhoven, Thomas Miles, Valencia Jackson, Alysa Cropper, and Asia Smith. The ceremony began with welcoming remarks given by Brigadier General Rock Donahue (U.S. Army, Ret), Executive Director of the Atlanta Metropolitan Region.



Tamara Young (L) receives 2021 All-Georgia Academic Team award from N. Josiah Pamoja, PTK Advisor.

His warm welcome was followed by guest speaker FeFe Handy, founder and president of the nonprofit children's literacy foundation Page Turners Make Great Learners, who spoke about the importance of believing in yourself as you "write" the story of your life ahead.



Guest Speaker FeFe Handy addresses PTK inductees.

After the six new PTK members were inducted, the chapter's former president, Edwyn Hernandez, inducted the chapter's new leaders into their roles: Valencia Jackson (president), Alysa Cropper (vice president), and Tamara Young (secretary). Dean N. Josiah Pamoja, one of the club's advisors, presented award medallions and certificates to Tamara Young and Mariana Ramirez-Rubio for their selection to the 2021 All-Georgia Academic Team for PTK. After Director Rock's closing remarks, the evening concluded with a pleasant reception.

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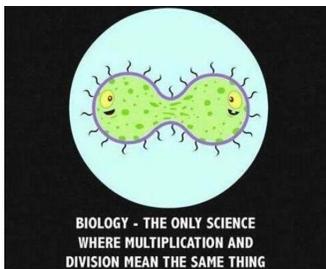


New Beta Sigma Chi members are inducted in formal ceremony on the Fayetteville campus on May 9.

Career Corner: Where Do I Go Next?

Associate of Science in Biology

Students majoring in Biology often are looking at careers in the fields of medicine, teaching or research. Our academic advisors recommend taking the steps of completing CHE121/122 (Principles of Chemistry) as the core sciences, along with BIO211/212 (Principles of Biology) and three 200-level sciences. Students must complete higher-level math courses such as MAT112 (Pre-calculus) and MAT200 (Statistics).



Before you are ready to transfer with your Associates' degree, our advising department recommends that you have "informational interviews" with professionals in the field to discover what track you prefer. For example, there are different pre-med programs such as tracks in chemistry, biology, or physics.

Explore the Occupational Outlook Handbook at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/> for in-depth information.

GMC Summer Hours—Campus Closed Dates

Campuses are closed at noon on Fridays on July 9, 16.

Campuses are closed all day on Fridays on July 2, 23, 30.

Campuses are closed on July 5 in honor of Independence Day.

Crowds Mingle at Fayette Chamber Night

