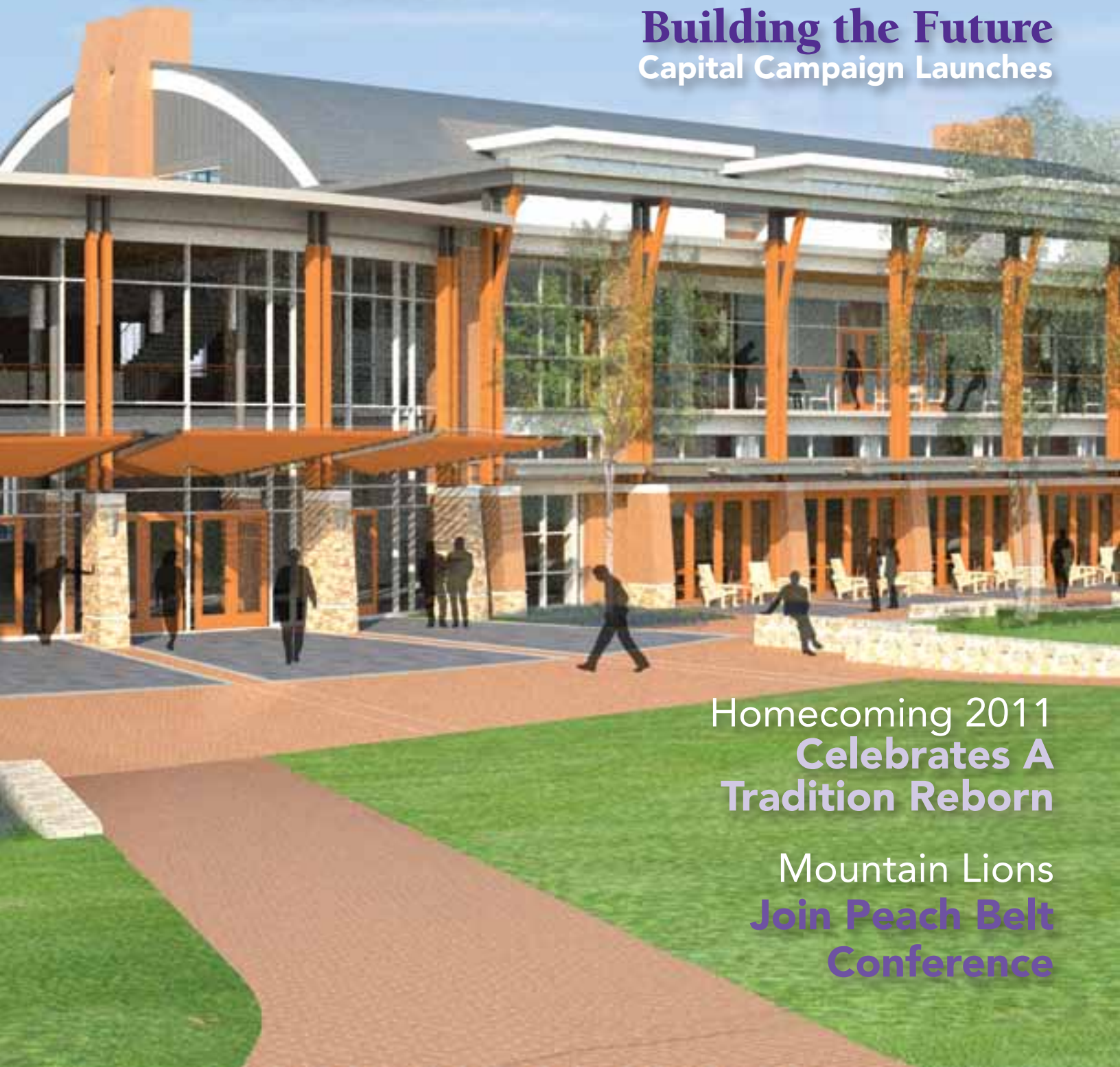


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Building the Future
Capital Campaign Launches



Homecoming 2011
Celebrates A
Tradition Reborn

Mountain Lions
Join Peach Belt
Conference



On the Cover and this Page

Young Harris College moves closer to breaking ground on the new \$44 million, 125,000-square-foot Rollins Campus Center that will combine an all-new student center, dining hall, banquet facility and 21st-century library into a single, state-of-the-art, three-level building. See story on page 12.

RENDERINGS: VMDO ARCHITECTS

Above

"Mountain Lion Pride" filled the cool November air at Young Harris College's new fall Homecoming weekend, and students, alumni and friends from the local community were bursting with purple-and-white spirit in a Saturday morning parade prior to men's and women's basketball home openers. See story on page 30.

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In the Name of Love

We speak constantly about the personal touch that defines a Young Harris College education, so it's no surprise, and no cliché, when I say "people matter" at YHC. The close friendships that develop on this campus are legendary, as are the bonds between faculty and students. But even when our classrooms and walkways are empty—on holidays or between semesters—the people and the names that make YHC special are very much alive.

On a stroll around campus, I see the tricycle tire tracks in the sidewalk where Charlie Parks Clegg rode as a toddler, and the bricks on the plaza tell innumerable stories of loved ones. Appleby Complex commands attention on the plaza, harkening back to a time when 1896 alumnus Scott Appleby was in command of the Board of Trustees and made generous gifts to help needy students. Today, "Maxwell" is a one-word reference to all things math and science at YHC, and trustee and benefactor Alvis Maxwell, '14, was almost a one-man champion of the College, providing 64 years of leadership. Inside Goolsby Center hang portraits of 1916 alumni Milton and Ophelia Goolsby, who translated their love for YHC into supporting the construction of this central academic facility.

The Maxwell and Goolsby hallways are dotted with names of more people who have loved this College, all of whom made gifts to name classrooms and assure that more students could continue to enjoy many beloved traditions and experiences.

Another name permeates all sectors of campus, from the O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium to the Rollins Wall, and now the Rollins Family, led by Wayne's granddaughter and YHC trustee Pam Rollins, is making an even greater impact by providing the lead gift for the soon-to-be-constructed Rollins Campus Center. It will include the College's first banquet hall, named for another generous Methodist, Charles Edwin Suber, who was persuaded to leave an estate gift to YHC by his pastor, Dr. Robert Ozment, '46. It will also include a much-needed larger library and a 21st-century student center.

YHC also needs more classroom and office space, and its classrooms need new furniture. We have added more residence halls for the students who want to be here, many of whom rely on scholarship assistance.

YHC recently launched a capital campaign to meet these needs so that a new generation can experience that same, timeless Young Harris spirit. You can help us fulfill these needs and bring more names to life for future students who will wander this hallowed ground. Consider naming a special place in the new Rollins Center for someone you love or endowing a scholarship to help a student, just as many alumni received help over the years.

People matter at YHC. The people who came before us cared enough to give so that we could experience that Young Harris spirit, and now, we have to be the people who love YHC enough to keep that spirit alive.

YHC

Cathy Cox '
 President



During the Capital Campaign kickoff event, YHC President Cathy Cox unveiled portraits to hang in the College's new library, to be named for Zell, '51, and Shirley Miller, '54. (See full story on page 8.)

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YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE NAMED 'College of Distinction'

This past year, Young Harris College was named to the prestigious 2011-2012 Colleges of Distinction as a leader in educational excellence. At its website, CollegesofDistinction.com, the organization offers an online guide that takes a fresh look at colleges and universities appealing to students' unique and varied interests. Based on the

opinions of guidance counselors, educators and admissions professionals, Colleges of Distinction honors colleges excelling in key



areas of educational quality.

"Schools selected as Colleges of Distinction create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country," Executive Editor of Colleges of Distinction Tyson Schritter said. "While each school is one of a kind, they all share a common theme: they are all a great place to get an education."

In order to qualify, Young Harris College was required to demonstrate excellence in the four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. Fewer than 250 colleges and universities in the nation were named to the 2011-2012 list, and YHC joins other distinguished institutions including

Agnes Scott College, Centre College, College of Charleston, Rhodes College, Sewanee: The University of the South and Southern Methodist University.

The goal of Colleges of Distinction is to provide students, counselors and parents with information about colleges and universities that excel in these four areas. Featured schools take a holistic approach to admissions, consistently excel in providing undergraduate education and have a truly national reputation.

» To learn more and to read YHC's profile in the online guide, visit collegesofdistinction.com.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE SELECTED TO PRESENT PRESTIGIOUS Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Awards

Young Harris College was recently selected to participate in the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation awards program, joining a small group of 60 distinguished colleges and universities, mostly in the Appalachian region of the Southeastern U.S., that bestow the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and Mary Mildred Sullivan Award upon graduating college seniors, alumni or community members each year who show remarkable character and integrity and who demonstrate a commitment to service to others.

"These institutions and their students embody the ideal of devoted service that the Sullivan Foundation values," Sullivan Foundation President Stephan McDavid said.

The Sullivan Awards were created nearly a century ago to honor the lives and service of their namesakes—a husband and wife in New York City

who lived lives of exemplary service to others in the late 1800s, making a name for themselves by standing up for humanitarian service and care to the South, which included Mary Mildred Sullivan's home state of Virginia.

Given annually by the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, the awards recognize men and women whose "nobility of character" and dedication to service sets them apart as examples for others. Previous award recipients include First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and noted children's television star "Mister" Fred Rogers.

"Young Harris College is honored to be named as a participating institution in the Algernon Sydney Sullivan and Mary Mildred Sullivan Awards," said Ron Roach, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, director of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Community Engagement and associate professor of

communication studies at YHC. "The Sullivan Foundation has a long and distinguished history at many of the finest colleges and universities across the Southeast, and its emphasis on integrity, character and service is a perfect match for the mission of YHC. It is fitting that these awards should occupy a central place in our annual commencement activities."

Award recipients will be honored each year at YHC's commencement ceremony and will receive a bronze medallion accompanied by a framed certificate.

This year's inaugural recipients will be included with full coverage of YHC's 2012 Commencement in the Fall/Winter 2012 issue of Echoes.





Senator Johnny Isakson

Isakson Speaks TO GRADUATES

United States Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., addressed the Class of 2012 during Young Harris College's Commencement ceremony on May 5.

Following his words of inspiration to the graduates, YHC President Cathy Cox awarded Isakson an honorary doctor of public service degree in recognition of his leadership and accomplishments.

Upon entering politics in 1974, he served 17 years in the Georgia Legislature and two years as chairman of the Georgia Board of Education. In 1999, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for the first of three terms before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2004. He was re-elected to the Senate in 2010.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, Isakson served in the Georgia Air National Guard from 1966 to 1972.

Look for full coverage of YHC's 2012 Commencement in the Fall/Winter 2012 issue of Echoes.

YHC President Cathy Cox presents an honorary degree to Sen. Johnny Isakson.



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE ADDS Three More Majors

In the fall of 2011, Young Harris College earned approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to add bachelor's degree programs in art and religious studies, replacing the associate degree programs previously offered in these subjects.

In addition, YHC received accreditation in spring of 2012 to introduce a new bachelor's degree program in psychology, growing the total number of baccalaureate majors offered to 16 in just four short years.

"We are excited to offer Young Harris College students these three new majors as we continue to build our array of academic offerings, said YHC President Cathy Cox. "Our current students have already shown great interest in these particular areas, and we believe these degree programs will help position YHC as an attractive option for even more prospective students as we continue to grow our enrollment toward 1,200."

All three new programs are available beginning in the Fall 2012 semester.

» For a complete list of academic programs offered at Young Harris College, visit yhc.edu/degrees or, from your smart phone, visit m.yhc.edu and select "Academics."

SEE WHAT'S NEW AT yhc.edu

Young Harris College launched a new, updated version of yhc.edu in May with many enhancements and new features.

"Explore YHC" gives prospective students and their families an in-depth look into the college experiences of actual YHC students and an opportunity to get familiar with campus

through a new interactive map, and site visitors can follow College-affiliated Twitter and Facebook updates directly on the homepage.

Upgrade to the latest version of your preferred web browser for optimum site performance.

YHC also offers a mobile site at m.yhc.edu for use on smart phones and other devices.



New Directions AT YHC

A new way-finding system was installed at Young Harris College in February, featuring purple and silver signs that identify campus buildings and departments. In addition, several large directories prominently display a campus map to assist prospective students and other campus visitors.





Dr. Gary L. Myers

Myers to Lead ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Gary L. Myers, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of English at Mississippi State University, has been named as the new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Young Harris College.

He holds a Ph.D. in English and creative writing from the University of Houston and earned his B.S. in education with an English major from the University of Nebraska and his M.F.A. in English and creative writing from the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop. He joined the Mississippi State University faculty in 1989 and has served in numerous roles, including director of The Institute for the Humanities, director of freshman English and director of creative writing. Prior to that, he served as chairman of English and assistant professor of English at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania.

He has published two award-winning books of poetry, titled *Lifetime Possessions* and *World Effects*, and his poems have appeared in numerous publications throughout the United States and Canada.

YHC selected Dr. Myers after conducting a national search, following the news that Associate Professor of Communication Studies Ron Roach, Ph.D., who held the position during the 2011-2012 academic year, has chosen to return to the classroom fulltime.

"Our search committee was extremely impressed with Dr. Myer's experience, personality and creative vision," said Young Harris College President Cathy Cox. "He has an abiding interest in and commitment to the liberal arts and higher education, along with a good perspective on what small colleges can do to enhance the student experience."



'GEORGIA'S POWER LIST' INCLUDES YHC Leaders



"Hank" Huckaby, '62

Young Harris College alumni and Board of Trustees members Henry "Hank" Huckaby, '62, and Jimmy C. Tallent, '70, were named to *Georgia Trend's* "100 Most Influential Georgians" in the magazine's January 2012 issue. The list, now in its 14th year, names individuals "who affect the lives and livelihood of all Georgians in one way or another."



Jimmy C. Tallent, '70

Huckaby's critical leadership as the new chancellor of the University System of Georgia "amid budget cuts and rising tuition hikes," was noted alongside Tallent's "phenomenal growth of United Community Bank" as the \$7.2-billion bank holding company's president and CEO, despite the real

estate fallout of recent years.

YHC President Cathy Cox was also included as one of the magazine's "Notable Georgians" for her continued leadership and influence in higher education and politics.



"Best in Show"

Young Harris College was recently awarded "Best in Show" and "Gold Winner" at the Higher Education Marketing Report's 27th Annual Educational Advertising Awards for its new admissions travel brochure "Dare to Explore More," which was first introduced in the fall of 2011. The single-sheet brochure unfolds multiple times to reveal a breathtaking aerial image of the YHC campus and the surrounding mountains.



Investing IN THE *Future*



Young Harris College President Cathy Cox

Young Harris launches most ambitious fund-raising campaign in the College's 126-year history to advance new four-year mission

More than a century after being founded on an earnest vision and unwavering faith, Young Harris College is making history once again as it enters an exciting new era with the launch of the *Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign this spring. By reaching its goal of \$55 million, the campaign will enable the College to complete its historic transformation from a two-year college to a world-class, four-year liberal arts college.

“Transformation is already evident on campus with record student enrollment, increased number and quality of faculty and staff, and beautiful, sustainable new facilities; yet more remains to be accomplished,” YHC President Cathy Cox said during the campaign’s “Celebration of Promise” kickoff event on March 29 at Atlanta’s Piedmont Driving Club. “Young Harris College needs a core facility for its academic and social life—a hub grounding and uniting the intellectual and social aspects of a thriving college campus. We must also build the College’s endowment to attract and enable the best and brightest students to enroll and to ensure that we can recruit, support and retain the best-credentialed faculty. These are the essential elements of our campaign.”

To date, the College has raised more than \$47 million toward its goal since the campaign began quietly a little more than two years ago. Campaign momentum continued to build prior to the kickoff event with the help of college leaders, the Board of Trustees, foundations and exemplary donors—like the O. Wayne Rollins Family, who was recognized with a special video tribute at the event.

“The Rollins Family has been an integral part of the history and growth of Young Harris College for more than four decades,” said President Cox. “When O. Wayne Rollins joined the Board of Trustees in 1970, he asked ‘What does the College need more than anything else?’ and then he systematically addressed the needs with generous support and leadership for more than two decades.”



YHC trustee Zell, '51, and Shirley Miller, '54, examine a rendering of the Rollins Campus Center.



Randall and Peggy Rollins and their daughters, YHC Capital Campaign Chair and trustee Pam Rollins and O. Wayne Rollins Foundation Executive Director Amy Rollins Kreisler, with her husband Dr. Nevin Kreisler, were among those representing the Rollins Family at the College’s campaign kickoff event, pictured here with YHC President Cathy Cox.



YHC President Cathy Cox and Capital Campaign Chair and trustee Pam Rollins give an update on campaign progress.



YHC Board of Trustees Chair Jerry Nix, with his wife, Cheryl, and YHC trustee emeritus Tom Glenn, with his wife, Lou, are key leaders in the College's fundraising efforts.



The audience included University System of Georgia Chancellor and YHC trustee Hank Huckaby, '62, with his wife, Amy, '62.

O. Wayne Rollins' granddaughter Pam R. Rollins has been named chair for the campaign.

"The Rollins legacy at Young Harris has lived on through Wayne and Grace Rollins' children and grandchildren. For the past 20 years, their granddaughter Pam Rollins has provided invaluable counsel and leadership as a member of the College's Board of Trustees and now as the chair of our capital campaign. She has enabled the campaign to springboard to record success," President Cox said.


Rollins set the pace for the campaign when she announced a \$22 million lead gift from the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation toward construction of the campus center—to be named the Rollins Campus Center.

"It is a great honor to serve as campaign chair during this historic transformation at Young Harris College, and it is a privilege to carry on the legacy of my grandparents, Orville Wayne and Grace Crum Rollins, to help the College continue to succeed and make a difference in the lives of its students," said Campaign Chair Pam Rollins. "I am pleased to announce a lead gift of \$22 million from the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation toward the construction of the new campus center, which will greatly enrich the student experience at Young Harris College, both academically and socially."

In celebrating the campaign launch, the Young Harris College Chamber Choir performed "Exultate Justi In Domino" by Andreas Hakenberger, "This Marriage" by Eric Whitacre and "Ain't Got Time to Die" by Hal Johnson.



Portraits by Georgia artist Steve Penley of Zell, '51, and Shirley Miller, '54, that were unveiled at the campaign kickoff event will be prominently displayed in the Zell and Shirley Miller Library inside the new Rollins Campus Center.



The Young Harris College Chamber Choir performed a variety of musical selections, led by Jeff Bauman, YHC professor of music and director of choral and vocal activities.

President Cox also recognized alumni and friends who have committed to being leaders during Young Harris College's transformation.

"Tonight we want to say a huge thank you to every one of you here for the contributions you've made to get us to the successful point we have reached in this campaign to date. You have contributed funds to the building of a new campus center, you have given scholarship funds that help every one of the students you have met tonight, you have made other gifts that will benefit our students for generations to come, and we thank you all."

President Cox continued, "We are especially thankful to the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation. They gave us the 'seed corn' to get our capital campaign started and made tonight's celebration dinner possible."

The College also unveiled portraits of YHC alumnus and trustee Zell Miller, '51, and alumna Shirley Miller, '54, painted by celebrated Georgia artist Steve Penley, which will hang prominently in the new Zell and Shirley Miller Library. (See *related story on page 12.*)

"We are proud to call the Millers part of our Young Harris College family and pleased to be able to pay tribute to them in this special way. There are no two Young Harris alumni more deserving of this honor," President Cox said.

Investing IN THE *Future* Campaign Progress

more than

\$47
MILLION



Goal \$55 million

» To learn more about the *Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign at YHC, visit yhc.edu/campaign.



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THE NEW *Heart* OF CAMPUS

The centerpiece of Young Harris College's master plan and the focal point of the *Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign is the construction of a \$44 million, 125,000-square-foot campus center designed to catapult the student experience at Young Harris College into the 21st century. Named for a \$22 million lead gift from the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation, the Rollins Campus Center will become the signature facility at Young Harris College—the social and intellectual heart of campus.

Located next to the Susan B. Harris Chapel—the College's oldest structure, this three-and-a-half-story glass, brick and stone building will create a new hub of bustling activity, uniting social and academic aspects of a thriving college campus, while optimizing the surrounding mountain views and maximizing outdoor space with numerous porches for inspiration and renewal.

The largest facility ever to be constructed on the YHC campus, the Rollins Campus Center will connect four distinct areas in a single, state-of-the-art structure: a 60,000-square-foot multi-purpose student center, an expanded dining hall boasting a wide variety of food stations, a 350-seat, versatile banquet facility and a 40,000-square-foot modern library—named for Young Harris' most famous son, Zell Miller, '51, and his remarkable wife, Shirley, '54.

The largest, most comprehensive facility in YHC's history, the Rollins Campus Center will provide the infrastructure for the College to accommodate growing student enrollment, enhance its academic offerings and complete its transformation to a vibrant, premier four-year liberal arts college.





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The Student Center

The new 60,000-square-foot student center will house student organizations, activities and services, including the Office of Student Development, in a versatile, loft-like space. For the first time ever, the campus will be able to provide dedicated office and meeting space for student media, Student Government Association, religious life, Greek organizations and other clubs. It will also include multiple lounge areas, informal meeting space, computer workstations and a convenience store. The Academic Success Center, which provides tutoring, academic counseling and disability services, and the Academic Advising Center, which offers academic and career advisement, will also be housed there.

The Grace Rollins Dining Hall

The 500-plus seating in the future dining hall will replace the College's current 270-seat space, but the Grace Rollins name will live on. Food stations with nutritious, customized made-to-order meals, plus grab-and-go options, will shorten wait times and enhance fellowship.



Grace Rollins Dining Hall

The Charles E. Suber Banquet Hall

The elegant 350-seat banquet hall will enable the College to host large group gatherings, alumni events, guest lectures and workshops. The multi-purpose space will feature a sound system, retractable screen and portable stage; plus a commercial catering kitchen will be adjacent to the room. The facility will become the largest in Towns County and will be available to the surrounding community for rental.



The Zell and Shirley Miller Library

As the College's academic programs and enrollment continue to expand, so must its library resources and study space. With 40,000 square feet, the Zell and Shirley Miller Library will more than double the College's existing physical space for its growing collection of academic resources that aid students in reaching their intellectual potential. In addition to designated space for permanent and special collections, the design calls for group study rooms, reading carrels, computer stations and a 24-hour study area.

Beyond that, the Zell and Shirley Miller Library will stand as an enduring legacy of this couple's contributions to Young Harris College, the State of Georgia and the nation. A prominently displayed exhibit will pay tribute to the Millers' inspiring story.



Above and left:
Zell and Shirley
Miller Library



PRESERVING THE *Young Harris Spirit*

Institutions of higher learning are shaped by their character, location, people and programs. Since its founding, Young Harris College has benefited from a highly recognizable combination of these traits. Perhaps that is why so many YHC alumni—and admirers—have sent their sons and daughters to the Enchanted Valley.

Over the years, YHC's emphasis on providing a superior liberal arts education has remained constant, and the College's close-knit, residential campus has proven to successfully build vital social skills and enhance academic success. While the contours of the campus and curriculum will continue to evolve over the coming decade in order to remain relevant in a modern world, the College's focus remains steadfast: to educate, inspire and empower.

So while its 10-year strategic plan calls for growing the student body to 1,200 and adding top-notch faculty to teach them across more than 20 major fields of study in exceptional, sustainable facilities, YHC's Board of Trustees and administration are committed to protecting, preserving and enhancing the place that generations of students call home.

Young Harris College will continue to be a "walkable" campus with glorious mountain views in every direction, a place with intimate classes that afford unexpectedly personalized attention, allowing students to bond with their professors and develop lifelong friendships with their peers. It will continue to provide the distinctive

high-quality education that it is renowned for, adhering to the Methodist tenets of a "warm heart and trained mind." This is the very nature of Young Harris College, past, present and future.

With a nod to the lone circuit-riding minister who founded the College more than a century ago, Young Harris is riding with excitement into the future, well-positioned to ascend to the ranks of the nation's top liberal arts colleges.



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Family TRADITION



O. Wayne and Grace C. Rollins



BY CANDICE DYER

The Rollins Wall at Young Harris College borders and showcases the front of campus like a sturdy gem-setting, and students have developed a tradition of “walking” it with impeccable balance for luck before finals. The O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium introduced state-of-the-art technology that reassures young scholars, with breathtaking evidence, that the sky really is the limit. Students eat meals at the Grace Rollins Dining Hall and sleep and forge lifelong friendships in the Rollins Residence Hall. And soon, everyone will converge in the new Rollins Campus Center, a sleek, modern 125,000-square-foot complex housing the books, food and fellowship that power student life and learning.

First-time visitors might assume, after glancing at the signage on these buildings, that Orville Wayne Rollins must be one of the College’s many accomplished and loyal alumni. Ironically, he did not attend college at Young Harris, or anywhere, for that matter. He was, by all accounts, a “life-long learner,” though, who never lost his bone-deep convictions about the power of education.

He delivered a rousing speech as valedictorian of the Class of 1930 at Ringgold High School, where he exhorted

his classmates: “Tonight we launch! Where shall we anchor? Our success will be according to how much effort we are willing to put into it.”

Rollins recited the speech from his photographic memory, which, along with his work ethic and innate shrewdness, had catapulted him to the head of the class; he was what people mean when they speak of a “quick study.” He could calculate long columns of numbers in his head, and when he wasn’t plowing and doing homework, Rollins was hanging

out at the courthouse, where the legal wrangling fascinated him like a spectator sport. Planning to enroll at Young Harris College and eventually become a lawyer, the young farmer-scholar radiated ambition and aspiration. So his stoic mother, usually not given to tears, broke down and cried a few weeks later when she told him, while he was recovering from appendix surgery in the hospital, “Wayne, there’s been a hailstorm. All our crops have been completely destroyed.”

There would be no money for college,

no law degree, because of one night of bad weather.

Although he must have felt devastated, Rollins had been brought up on the rags-to-riches stories of Horatio Alger and the faith of the Methodist Church. He strove that much harder, eventually building a business empire of legendary entrepreneurialism and far-reaching philanthropy. Rollins, the brainy country boy who never attended college, ultimately invested millions in higher education, a tradition that continues today with his descendants through the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation.

“When I came to Young Harris College in 2007, it didn’t take long to understand the strong influence of the O. Wayne Rollins Family on our campus, said YHC President Cathy Cox. “YHC would look—and feel—dramatically different without their contributions. If you take a stroll around campus, you will quickly see the evidence of more than four decades of support and leadership, and for that, we are very grateful.”

It is a testament to YHC’s transcendent appeal, as well as an object lesson in the power of a dream deferred, that this key benefactor for the College never took a single course here.

After that early setback, Rollins sold dairy products door-to-door and shoveled gravel for the county roads. He began dating a woman he met at a church revival, an independent redhead named Grace Crum of Howardsville. After an occasionally tempestuous courtship, they married on Easter Sunday of 1931, in Young Harris—in a ceremony conducted by Wayne’s uncle, Frank Rollins, who was a ministerial student at the College.

“Now that was a happy marriage to emulate,” said their granddaughter, Pam Rollins, who currently chairs YHC’s Board of Trustees Development Committee as well as the College’s *Investing*



Above: Wayne and Grace Rollins through the years

Below: Wayne and Grace Rollins with their children and grandchildren at their 50th wedding anniversary party in 1981.



in the Future Capital Campaign. “My grandparents genuinely enjoyed each other’s company. They held hands, and he always referred to her as his ‘sweetheart.’ It was a little unusual for their generation that she always drove the car, while he gave directions. Maybe the happy memory of their wedding in Young Harris contributed to his loyalty to the College.”

Lured by job opportunities, the young couple migrated north, where Wayne and his brother, John, purchased a radio station in Radford, Va. The business flourished, and they renamed the enterprise Rollins Broadcasting, which became one of the first companies to create programming for specific community markets. Soon, the brothers expanded into television, outdoor advertising and cable television markets.

In another gutsy move that made business history, Wayne took the company public in 1961 and three years later purchased the Atlanta-based Orkin Exterminating Company for \$62.4 million. The transaction stands as the first recorded leveraged buyout in U.S. history, setting a precedent for other industries. Rollins moved to Atlanta, and continued to diversify, venturing into residential security, lawn care, maid services, landscaping, wall-covering distribution and other projects. In time, Rollins Inc. became one of North America’s biggest pest-control conglomerates, and its founder from Ringgold was named to the *Forbes* list of “richest men.” Wayne fittingly received the Horatio Alger Award, along with John, making them the only brothers ever to have both earned the honor and putting them

in the same company as Ronald Regan, Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry Kissinger, Norman Vincent Peale and Colin Powell.

“I think it was those Horatio Alger stories that put the fire in his belly,” said Pam.

Still, the captain of the industry kept a modestly low profile and guided these large-scale mergers with small-town values.

“My grandfather operated during a time when deals were made by handshake and someone’s word actually meant something,” she continued. “If they said it, they meant it, and if they meant it, it happened. He never used a calculator—didn’t have to; he added everything up in his head. Plus, he could talk with anybody at every level. He had a rare gift for making something complicated seem accessible and easy to understand for everybody.”

Moreover, both Wayne and Grace believed in giving back. The beneficiaries of their foundation, established in 1967, have included Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health, Camp Sunshine for children with cancer, a United Nations campaign to fight mosquito bites, and several Georgia churches. Wayne established a scholarship fund at YHC, administered by his uncle, and in 1970, he joined the College’s board of trustees.

“First, he was interested in beautification, in updating and fixing up the buildings and grounds of the College and making it more attractive to students. So he was behind the Rollins Wall, as well as paving the parking lots and installing telephone lines underground,” recalled past board chair Paul Beckham, ’63. “He was also interested in the students themselves, establishing substantial scholarships that still help a large number of them today. He developed and financed the planetarium, which he believed, accurately, would serve as a recruiting tool as high school students came here on field trips.”

In the early 1990s, Young Harris College faced a looming deficit and closed one of its residence halls because of lagging enrollment numbers.

“The 1991-1992 academic year was particularly challenging for the College,” said Vice President for Enrollment Management and External Affairs Clint Hobbs, ’88. “Our new president at the time, Dr. Thomas Yow, took the helm of a college that was struggling with enrollment and finances. It appeared that our operating budget would finish in the red; however, literally days before his death, Wayne Rollins wrote a check for nearly \$100,000 so that the College could make budget. This is just one example of Wayne and Grace’s abundant generosity and the extent to which they were involved with and cared for Young Harris College. We haven’t been near the red since!”

Wayne proudly tended a patch of collards behind his Atlanta mansion right up until his death in 1991 and always remembered his roots. He must have reflected often on his early aspirations, aware that other rural children of limited means

O. Wayne
and Grace
C. Rollins



were aching to better themselves as he once did.

“Despite the fact that he never went to college, or maybe because of that fact, it was very important to him that he help people who otherwise couldn’t afford higher education,” said Pam. “He was a lifelong learner who believed in looking to the future and paying it forward to help the next generation coming up. I think he would be absolutely thrilled with the campus today, especially with its expansion as a four-year institution.”

Pam Rollins grew up in Atlanta, just a few minutes from her grandparents’ house, where she loved to play as a child. “They still had those Depression-era values,” she said. “They gardened and canned and preserved what they grew, always stocking up, just in case. I don’t remember either of them ever sitting still—they always worked at something.”

Pam earned a bachelor’s degree in family and community studies at Stephens College and became a civic leader and philanthropist, taking her grandfather’s place on YHC’s Board of Trustees in 1992 and continuing his tradition of straight talk and high-energy initiative.

In 2012, during YHC’s Commencement, she became the third member of the Rollins Family to receive the Young Harris College Medallion—the highest honor given by the College—for her extraordinary contributions and leadership, after her grandfather in 1984 and her grandmother in 1993.

“Pam is just like her father and grandfather in that you never have to wonder what’s on her mind because she’ll tell you,” said YHC Board of Trustees Chair Jerry Nix, with a chuckle. “She loves to laugh and have fun, but when it comes to fundraising for education, she takes her role very seriously and gets the job done. She’s a natural leader, just like Wayne.”

Determined to make certain that future generations of students could enjoy those educational experiences that her grandfather had desired, Pam recently announced a \$22 million lead gift from the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation toward YHC’s *Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign. The funds will support the construction of the Rollins Campus Center that will be home to



Pam R. Rollins stands in front of YHC’s LEED Silver-certified Enotah Hall.

a new 21st-century student center, a larger Grace Rollins Dining Hall, a new banquet facility and the state-of-the-art Zell and Shirley Miller Library.

“Young Harris graduates have an established track record of doing well wherever they end up,” Pam explained. “It’s a college that consistently produces outstanding people, but there still aren’t enough people out there who know about it. As part of our campaign, we’re approaching the people who know firsthand what a great institution it is, and then we’re trying to raise awareness among those who might not know, with the hope of recruiting some great students as well as raising funds.”

She likes to believe, as she works to help transform the College, that her grandfather, that valedictorian who was so determined to “launch” in 1930, would be pleased by this “anchor” in the north Georgia mountains.



Foundational Support

The second-largest gift that Young Harris College has received toward its \$55 million *Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign is a grant of \$5 million from Atlanta’s Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. The generous gift is designated to support construction of the \$44 million, 125,000-square-foot Rollins Campus Center. (See related story on page 12.)

The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation is an independent private foundation with a broad charter to support charitable, scientific and educational activities, including higher education.

A *Legacy* OF SERVICE A LIFE OF *Dedication*

BY JUDY LUNSFORD

When the \$44-million Rollins Campus Center opens at Young Harris College in the near future, the third-floor student activities loft will bear the name of Mary Ripley Warren. Designed to house student organizations and leadership offices, the Student Loft will be a tribute to the late Mrs. Warren who served more than a quarter century as a YHC trustee and who gave generously of her leadership, time and gifts to ensure a bright future for the College and the students it serves.

"Mary would appreciate having that area named for her," said her husband of 57 years. "She would be flattered. She enjoyed her years of work as a trustee at Young Harris."

A fourth-generation Atlantan, Mrs. Warren graduated from Henry Grady High School and attended Agnes Scott College. She married her high school sweetheart, William C. "Billy" Warren III, in 1953 after he completed his studies at Emory University. The couple had four sons and became both grandparents and great-grandparents.

Mrs. Warren and her husband enjoyed traveling and completing projects together. One of their favorite hobbies was building dollhouses.

"We completed more than 30 dollhouses," Mr. Warren shared. "We

would buy a kit and then complete it with our own touches. We would put in wallpaper. I always added electricity for the lights, and Mary would make rugs for the rooms. We liked to do projects together."

An avid and dedicated volunteer and advocate, Mrs. Warren was involved with many organizations throughout her life. The Junior League of Atlanta, Piedmont Garden Club, Children's Health Care Auxiliary, Sheltering Arms Day Care, the Frazier Center and Shepherd Spinal Center Auxiliary were only a few to which she gave her time and energy. With a family home on Cumberland Island, she served as chair of the Cumberland Island Historic Foundation. She had a significant role in securing the preservation of the barrier island and its natural habitats by working with the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

It was through Mrs. Warren's activities and leadership at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta that she became connected to Young Harris College. Fellow church member and



Mary Ripley Warren

YHC trustee William C. "Bill" Hatcher recommended her appointment to the Board of Trustees in 1985.

"Mary would take on just about anything you asked her to do," recalled Mr. Warren of his wife, his voice strong with pride and love. "She took her work very seriously. Mary was not a person just to serve on a board, to have her name on the list or to fill a seat. If anyone thought that, they had the wrong woman. She was smart, and she told you what she thought needed to be done."

During her distinguished 24-year tenure as a YHC trustee and two additional years as a trustee emeritus, Mrs. Warren worked with six college presidents and approved the construction, renovation or expansion of more than 10 buildings on campus. She voted for Young Harris to begin awarding baccalaureate degrees and witnessed the early stages of the College's successful transformation to a four-year institution.

Her leadership was respected and valued by her fellow trustees. She served on the Executive, Finance and Membership committees, and was chair



Mary Warren (center) chats with fellow Young Harris College trustees Florrie Funk and Alleen Bratton at a presidential inauguration in 1992.

of the Endowment, Student Affairs and Trusteeship committees.

"She loved being on the Endowment Committee, and she learned a lot," Mr. Warren said. "Before she was appointed to that committee, she didn't know much about endowment—she was not a money person. But she learned. That was good for her, and it was good for the College."

What she learned on the Endowment Committee she put into practice. In 1989, she established an endowed scholarship in honor of her father, Thomas A. Ripley Sr. The endowed scholarship has financially helped dozens of students over the past two decades. As part of her estate planning, she designated a \$1 million gift, which is benefiting both the endowed scholarship and the new Rollins Campus Center.

Mr. Warren, who served 21 years on the Board of Trustees of Emory University, would often drive his wife to the Young Harris campus for her board and committee meetings. Serving as trustees of two different institutions created a bit of friendly competition between the couple.

"I would talk about Emory, and she would talk about Young Harris. Finally we told each other that we didn't want to hear anymore," he laughed.

In 2007, Mrs. Warren was presented the College's highest honor, the Young Harris College Medallion, for her many years of outstanding service.

"She was very proud of that; it meant a lot to her," Mr. Warren said softly. Then he added with a chuckle, "She told me, 'That was more than you ever got from Emory.'"

One of her last responsibilities on the YHC Board of Trustees was serving on the 2008 Presidential Search Committee that recruited Cathy Cox.

"The presidential search was something she enjoyed doing," said Mr. Warren. "She said she had done something good for the College in helping to recruit Cathy. So she really liked that. That was probably one of the top things she did for the College."

At the November 2011 meeting of the Young Harris College Board of Trustees, a resolution was spread across the minutes expressing the Board's abiding appreciation of Mary Warren, who had passed away on March 29 that year.

Her legacy as a loyal and dedicated trustee and generous benefactor with an enduring commitment to Young Harris College's future will continue to touch the lives of students for generations to come.



The Young Harris College Board of Trustees presented a resolution to Mary's husband and children in recognition of her dedicated service as a trustee of the College. Pictured from left are Susan and Glenn Warren, Lynne and Bill Warren, YHC Board of Trustees Chair Jerry Nix, William C. (Billy) Warren III, YHC President Cathy Cox, and Tommy and Jenny Warren.



Investing IN THE *Future* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

History. Tribute. Legacy.

No offense to the Bard, but names hold a great measure of significance. For members of the Young Harris College family, the words "Clegg," "Maxwell," "Goolsby" and "Appleby" not only refer to notable persons in YHC's timeline, but more than that, they conjure up thoughts of personal experiences and memories made within their walls—walls that withstand generations of students passing through and stand as an enduring legacy of those for whom they are named.

A variety of naming opportunities inside the Rollins Campus Center are available at levels ranging from \$1,000 up to \$500,000. If you would like to boldly partner with Young Harris College in its new mission as a four-year, liberal arts college, you are invited to consider one of these naming opportunities. This form of giving is a lasting way to honor or memorialize a loved one or leave your own mark on Young Harris College for future generations. Opportunities include suites, collection spaces, study areas, lounges, offices and conference rooms within the Zell and Shirley Miller Library; suites, offices, classrooms and lounges in the student center; and porches, terraces, patios, dining rooms, board rooms, cafés and game rooms throughout other areas of the building.

If you prefer to support the campaign's endowment goal, you may want to consider naming an academic or extracurricular program like the Bonner Leaders service-learning program or YHC's exclusive Honors Program; a student scholarship, faculty professorship, departmental chair or prestigious lectureship; or a strategic initiative such as a comprehensive sustainability plan.

Contact the Office of Advancement at (706) 379-5173 for a copy of the *Gift and Naming Opportunities* booklet, which includes a complete list of opportunities that will spark your imagination through very tangible ways to support the College while also providing exceptional opportunities for special recognition.

PAYING IT FORWARD

YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL PAST PRESIDENT MATT ANDERSON LEARNS—AND LEADS—BY EXAMPLE

BY KRYSTIN DEAN

Every Young Harris College alumnus starts out as a student—a young mind that comes to the Enchanted Valley to grow, learn and blaze a trail for success. According to Matt Anderson, '03, it was only after graduation that he realized this success depended upon preserving that student experience for future alumni.

"I was able to enjoy my time at YHC because of the generosity and actions of the generations that came before me," Anderson said. "It's so important to have a 'pay it forward' mentality when it comes to giving back to YHC, and for alumni to guard the ability for future students to have the same great experiences we did."

Anderson remembers glancing through the pages of the College's annual *President's Giving Report* as a young alumnus and being surprised to see names of alumni who graduated as far back as the 1930s supporting current YHC students.

"Alumni who have come before me have set the example for giving to the College in all capacities," said Anderson, who is quick to point out that one of the most precious gifts an alumnus can give is his or her time.

After attending alumni events and developing instant connections with fellow alumni of all ages, Anderson was motivated to become more active as an alumnus. He began seeking out ways to



Matt Anderson, '03, with his wife Rachael at YHC Alumni Weekend

get plugged back in, and he soon learned about the Young Alumni Council.

"I left YHC in 2003, and when I would come back to campus for Homecoming in July, my decade's tent was always

empty. I realized there was a need to draw recent graduates back to YHC and grow the list of active young alumni," said Anderson, who served as president of the Young Alumni Council for the past two years. "This council includes a fun and dedicated group of individuals who care about the College and want to serve, all while having a good time."

Today, young alumni (defined as those who graduated within the last 15 years) make up 25 percent of the College's overall alumni body. Many of these graduates have experienced firsthand YHC's four-year transformation.

"The new facilities are a huge draw for high school students. I recently toured the Recreation and Fitness Center, and I would probably triple-major now just so I could stay a few extra years," Anderson said. "If new buildings and academic programs will further the College's success, bring them on. YHC's culture has been built upon solid rock and is strong enough to withstand any changing winds."

Anderson first heard about YHC from a highly persuasive recruiter—his father and YHC trustee Jon Anderson, '65, who still takes every opportunity possible to convince other parents to look at YHC for their children.

"I think that's something I inherited from my dad. My poor nieces constantly get to hear about YHC from their grandfather and their uncle now," he joked. "I also work with the youth at my church, and I always try to interject how great YHC is."

As for what makes YHC so great, Anderson says it's the sense of community that's immediately



established by placing students in the mountains far away from “big city distractions.”

“From walking the wall before finals, to Greek cheers on the plaza, to Chapel services each Wednesday, Young Harris has a strong campus culture,” he explained. “I always find I have similar stories and experiences to talk about with other alumni, no matter when they were in the valley.”

As a student, Anderson quickly found that, while classes were “tough,” they were also guided by professors who loved teaching and cared about the students.



This was illustrated one morning in April when he was struggling with “spring fever”—a condition known to plague numerous YHC students with recognizable symptoms like a heightened desire to fish, hike and swim.

“I remember getting a phone call from a professor before one of my early classes, urging me to shake off that spring fever and get to his class that started in 10 minutes,” Anderson recalled. “I don’t think any of my friends at other colleges had the same access to their professors that I did at Young Harris.”

During his sophomore year, Anderson converted one of the study rooms on

the second floor of the library into his “day dorm.” He put in countless hours to establish successful study habits that would carry over to his days at Kennesaw State University, where he earned a dual B.B.A. in accounting and management.

During his senior year at KSU, a fellow YHC alumnus, Brantley Barrow, ’74, gave Anderson the opportunity to intern in the accounting department at Hardin Construction in Atlanta.

“I owe a lot to my internship at Hardin, and the opportunity came about simply because of a Young Harris connection,” he said. “I am forever grateful and hope that one day I will be in a position to help another YHC graduate get his or her start.”

After graduation, Anderson worked for certified public accounting firm Carr, Riggs and Ingram for two years before becoming a senior accountant for Guardian Pharmacy in Atlanta.

“When I go into business meetings, I am able to talk about my years at YHC. A strong YHC translates to a

benefactors and advocates Dr. Harry Hill speak during a banquet at an alumni event. Inspired by Dr. Hill’s legacy of giving to YHC, Anderson decided at the time that he could give \$20 each month—which he continues to do today.

“My psyche isn’t geared towards writing checks over \$100 at a time, but I can handle having a smaller amount auto-drafted from my bank account every month. It’s much easier for me to do that instead of writing one bigger check at the end of the year,” he explained.

Anderson recognizes that gifts like his, no matter how big or small, allow the College to steadily flourish with each strong fiscal year. He dedicates his gifts to the Young Harris Annual Fund to support the day-to-day functions of the College, working to ensure that current students have meaningful experiences they will one day treasure as alumni.

“I have been shown for years about the importance of giving back and how to give back,” he said. “Now it is my turn to do the same.”



Matt Anderson’s former YHC classmates and friends showed up in force at his wedding in October 2011. Far left: Anderson with Weston Rikard, ’03; Middle, L-R: Robert Kessler, ’02, Katie Atcheson and husband Adam Atcheson, ’02, Daniel Brown, ’02, and wife Sherry Brown, Stephanie Davis Cannon, ’02, and husband David Cannon, ’02, Weston Rikard and wife Christy Rikard, and Matt Long, ’03; Below: Anderson with the Rikards and Cannons.

strong perception by the other person,” he said. “It is vital that YHC continue to recruit the top caliber of students that it has become known for, which will in turn provide continued longevity for the College’s success.”

Anderson first realized the importance of regular giving after hearing one of the College’s long-time



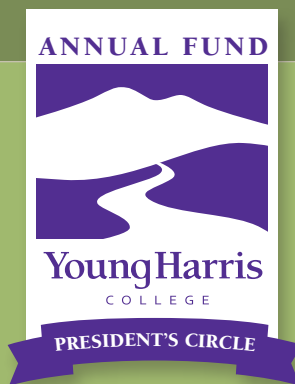
Make A Gift Every Year. Make A Difference Every Day.

Part of the *Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign goal of \$55 million includes a target of \$5 million to be raised in annual support.

The Young Harris Annual Fund turns individual gifts of all sizes into a collective source of support that creates outstanding opportunities for students and faculty and enhances many aspects of campus. Every year, thousands of gifts from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, students and foundations help shape the Young Harris College experience by making financial contributions that help fund scholarships, support great faculty, underwrite new academic programs and provide the essential annual income for Young Harris College.

Your generosity, \$5 or \$50,000, will join others to make a combined, immediate impact. Whether you provide one library book or an entire stocked laboratory, a soccer ball or a summer study abroad trip, a music stand or a music scholarship, every gift is an investment in the students at Young Harris College.

Beyond the Annual Fund, other yearly funds are available to benefit specific programs such as the Local Scholarship Campaign, which supports scholarships for local students attending YHC from surrounding and nearby counties, and Friends of the Arts, which supports programs and activities in the Division of Fine Arts.



Join the President's Circle.

The President's Circle is the new leadership program of the Young Harris Annual Fund. President's Circle members are alumni and friends who make a significant and outstanding impact on Young Harris College with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. It's as easy as giving 10 monthly installments of \$100 during the College's fiscal year (which runs July 1 to June 30).

Why make a gift each year?

Young Harris College counts on annual unrestricted gifts as the very foundation for all other giving. These gifts provide a vital margin of excellence, but they must be renewed each and every year.

Answer the Phone. Make a Connection.

One of the ways Young Harris College keeps in touch with alumni is through the annual Phonathon. The College's second Phonathon in many years ran a successful six-week campaign in the fall of 2011, beginning in October and wrapping up in November. More than 30 current YHC students called alumni during the evenings to update their contact information in the College's database, offer updates on campus events and news, and extend an invitation to support the College through an annual gift. With a goal of \$40,000, the Phonathon callers received 612 pledges from alumni that exceeded that amount. Students tried to contact more than 8,000 alumni during the six-week program and were very successful in updating addresses and other contact information. In addition, 225 gifts



(Front row, L-R) Tara Shiver, '12, Brittany Olsen, JeRee Dukes, Kendra Cowart; (back row, L-R) Victoria Neisler, '12, Emalyn Cork, Sarah Pinson, Luke Fincher, Allie Coker, Audrey Ashworth, Stacy Kammer, Ashley Davenport and Alex Chance had the opportunity to talk with alumni during Phonathon.

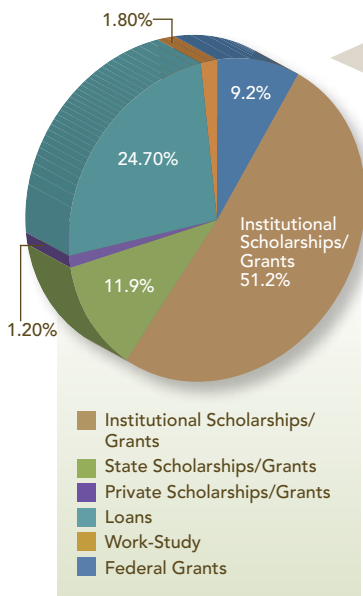
or pledges were received from first-time donors.

"Working the Phonathon was a great experience for me," said JeRee Dukes, a junior music major from Lincolnton. "The alumni I spoke with made me want to cherish my experiences here, and one day I hope to have students call me so I can share my memories of YHC with them!"

Next time you get a call from a YHC student, stay on the line—they can't wait to meet you!

What Do My Gift Dollars to Young Harris College Actually Do?

Young Harris College's top priority is providing sufficient financial aid to ensure that students of the highest caliber are able to attend YHC regardless of their financial circumstances. More than 90 percent of all students annually receive some form of financial aid. Your annual gifts to Young Harris College help provide an essential bridge between the College's operating budget and endowment and tuition revenues, which only cover about half of the costs involved in educating students.

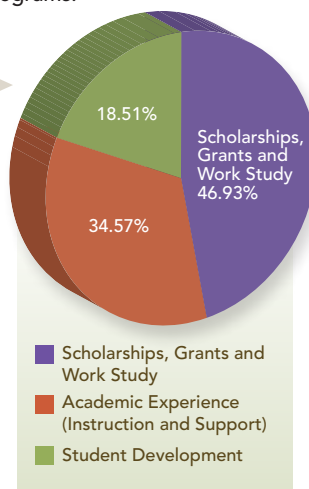


Generous Aid for YHC Students

More than half of the financial aid provided to YHC students is institutionally funded, and generous support of the Young Harris Annual Fund helps make this possible. Other financial aid options include loans, grants, external scholarships and work-study programs.

The Annual Fund at Work

Nearly half of the revenue received through the Young Harris Annual Fund supports student scholarships and financial aid, while the rest impacts the quality of a student's academic and student-life experience.



What Can You Make Possible?

\$25	helps freshmen discover programs, events, services and what it means to be a member of the YHC community by attending the two-day summer orientation program.
\$50	helps purchase biology lab equipment for teaching and student research.
\$75	helps supply the Department of Music with instruments and sheet music.
\$100	helps purchase computer software for the Center for Writing and Speaking, which helps students learn to excel in written and spoken communication assignments.
\$800	sends six students on the annual Spiritual Life Retreat.
\$1,000	provides scholarships to students like Hayden Verner , a biology major who plans to become a physician assistant.
\$1,500	helps bring quality guest speakers and lecturers to campus.
\$4,000	sends a student on a study abroad/travel seminar course to places like England, Italy and Russia.

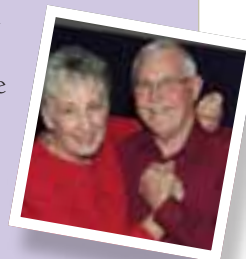


For more information about annual giving opportunities, contact Senior Director of Development Stacie Barrow at (404) 365-4871 or sbarrow@yhc.edu.

BIG Dance

Delivers Big Fun

The Swingin' Medallions returned to Young Harris College to headline the second annual Big Dance, hosted March 10 at the Recreation and Fitness Center by YHC's Board of Associates, the driving force behind the annual Local Scholarship Campaign. Board members sold 85 tables in an effort to raise scholarship dollars for local students. The fun-filled evening of good food, great fellowship and live music brought 700 guests to campus and raised more than \$10,000 in scholarship funds to benefit YHC students from Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Towns and Union counties in Georgia and Cherokee and Clay counties in North Carolina. **Plans are already underway to make next year's event even bigger and better, scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2013.**



Forever Young Harris

VIEWPOINT

Why I Give To Our Alma Mater

BY LYNNE GRADY, LPC, '88

Director of Counseling and Psychological Services

I'm probably not the only graduate who is nostalgic about the time I spent at Young Harris College. I gained so much more than an education; I learned how imperative it is to give back.

The term 'alma mater' is reason enough; however, if you need further motivation to give back, please consider that alumni play a considerable role in determining the future and continued development of our institution. Our gifts help support scholarships for deserving students who will gain an invaluable asset: a quality education. Our regular, annual contributions not only impact the operating budget that helps sustain programs and initiatives, but also go to improve the quality of education. As we contribute openly to

our prestigious institution, the value of our degree increases, as does the ability to procure funds from non-graduates and other foundations, organizations and philanthropists.

I contribute to Young Harris because I love this college, and I am grateful for the future that I would not have had otherwise. I learned from inspirational professors who lavished us with unbridled support and encouragement, and I also benefited from the positivity and intangible school spirit that radiated from the College community as a whole—it's something you take with you for the rest of your life. I choose to give something back in the hope that others may have the same experience.

Will someone else pay? Should only the



wealthy receive a college education? Was I more entitled to the benefits of a college education than our current generation of students?

Our financial gift to Young Harris College is our opportunity to share and propagate our values and dramatically impact society. It is a satisfying investment in people that will extend many lifetimes through Young Harris College's empowered graduates. I urge you to make educational philanthropy a rewarding part of your legacy. Let us harness our combined power to benefit others as we fund the fulfillment of student dreams.

A 1988 Young Harris College graduate, Lynne Grady joined the College staff in 1994. She is a licensed professional counselor in the State of Georgia, nationally certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors, and serves as director of counseling and psychological services at YHC. She served as co-chair of the 2011-2012 Purple and White Club, which recognizes Young Harris College faculty and staff who make gifts to the College each year. Grady is past president of the Georgia College Counseling Association and has served on the board of directors for S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.) for 15 years, including 10 years as president.

Why are alumni gifts important?

Alumni giving is an ongoing vote of support for Young Harris College. Foundations and college and university rankings consider alumni participation in annual giving as an indicator of the strength and quality of an institution. The amount of annual gifts is not as important as the **percentage** of alumni who give. A large percentage shows that alumni believe in what the College offers to its students.



The Class Scholarship Challenge

SOME CHALLENGES ARE WIN-WIN.

In the fall of 2011, the Young Harris College Alumni Association charged the Class Coordinators with organizing and leading an annual Class Scholarship Challenge. Each alumni class is challenged to raise \$1,000 or more each year for student scholarships. There is power in numbers, and if 100 members of a single class give just \$10, that class reaches its goal!

More than 90 percent of students receive some form of financial aid, not unlike most alumni who attended YHC—whether it was recently or a few more years ago. Contributing to scholarships is a rewarding way to “pay it forward” to the next generation.

As of June 15, the Class of 1962 was in the lead, followed by the Class of 1952, for the 2011-2012 Challenge. In July, the Class Coordinators begin work on the 2012-2013 Class Challenge.

For more information and the latest updates on the Class Scholarship Challenge, contact your Class Coordinator or the Office of Advancement at (800) 241-3754 or (706) 379-5173.

The Science of *Life*

BY PEGGY COZART

Upon entering the office of Associate Professor of Biology Linda G. Jones, Ph.D., at Young Harris College, one immediately gets the sense that science is, indeed, in her bones. Specimens large and small fill a display case, and there is a story to go with each one.

Front and center is the horse skull she collected as a graduate student in Tennessee. Most she found. Some were gifts. There is even the stuffed squirrel quietly keeping watch that her brother bagged and stored in the family fridge for years before sending it to the taxidermist.

In an academic life that has taken her all over the country, from South Carolina to the California coast and to many points in between, it is doubtful she could have dreamed up or plotted the career path that would bring her to Young Harris College in 2009.

Dr. Jones grew up in Florida in a tight-knit family that put a premium on education.

“My father graduated from Vanderbilt with a degree in chemistry and finally wound up farming with his dad in Florida,” she explained. “My mother was a math/chemistry double major, graduating

first in her class from Agnes Scott College. She taught math and chemistry in high school, and I was the

only one of my siblings who didn’t have her as a teacher!”

After graduating from Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., with a B.S. in biology, Dr. Jones earned both her M.A. in biology and her Ph.D. in pathology at her father’s alma mater, Vanderbilt University.

Early on she had the desire to teach, but first she would spend more than two decades doing academic research and post-doctoral work, studying everything from lung function in newborn babies to cellular structures in plants—all while taking teaching assignments on the side.

Though her career led her far from home, she maintains, “My whole family is very close,” and, in her words, she has proudly taken on the role of “the crazy aunt who has lived all over the U.S., in great places that they often visited.”

Dr. Jones was living and working in Missoula, Mont., and had just gone through a painful and unexpected divorce when she saw the hiring notice posted by YHC. “In a move to reinvent my life,” she decided to “see what was going on in the mountains of north Georgia.” She had known of Young Harris and the Georgia mountains since her youth, thanks to relatives who lived in neighboring towns.

“This is one of the most collegial places I’ve been. I’ve never been with a harder working group of people that are truly dedicated to the students.”





Now, Dr. Jones teaches upper-level courses ranging from Comparative Anatomy and Developmental Biology to

Parasitology and Animal Physiology, a course load that allows her to interact with nearly all of the science majors on campus. Additionally, she leads senior students in research projects and seminar classes and teaches the occasional adult learning class through the College's Institute for Continuing Learning.

With the move to a four-year program and with science enjoying something of a cultural renaissance, the biology program at YHC is in demand and growing. Additionally, Dr. Jones recently chaired a committee that put forth a proposal for an environmental science major which has been accepted by both the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

"Some of the most important and controversial issues of the 21st century revolve around climate change, natural resources and protection of the environment," she explained. "Programs in environmental science are now in great demand, especially as the job market around the world has rapidly

expanded to address these very topics. We hope that this major will prepare our students to be able to successfully compete for jobs or for positions in graduate programs and face these global challenges with knowledge and expertise. We think this major will increase the interest in Young Harris as a great place to

"As I get to know them and become aware of their aspirations, I want my students to succeed, and I will do my best to help them get to where they want to be."

get an undergraduate degree."

Her hopes are high for more research space and equipment acquisitions in order to help establish the reputation of Young Harris College as a first-class institution to get an undergraduate degree in the sciences.

"I feel like I'm contributing to what YHC is going to look like in the next few years," she said proudly.

Dr. Jones has settled comfortably into her Georgia mountain town and the lifestyle that comes with it. "I have not been disappointed at all," she said. Youthful and fit, she enjoys outdoor activities including hiking, gardening and birding—this past winter she had the good luck to

view a pair of rare whooping cranes that were wintering in the area.

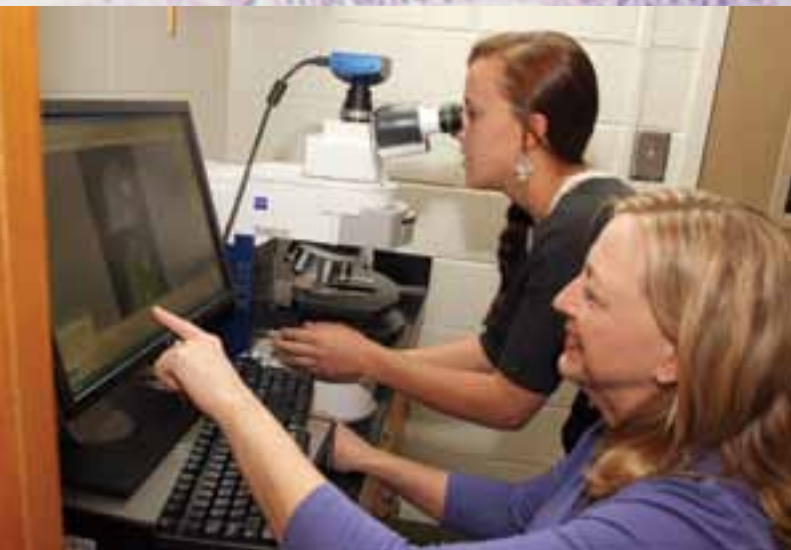
Artistic at her core, she has hopes of finding a choir to sing with and has joined a local writers group. In fact, she is set to have a poetry piece published in the literary quarterly *Appalachian Heritage* distributed by Berea College. Her poem, "Quilting Through Generations," tells the story of the quilts sewn by generations of the women in her family.

Of YHC itself, Dr. Jones said, "This is one of the most collegial places I've been. I've never been with a harder working group of people that are truly dedicated to the students."

She also places a high value on a liberal arts education. "With it comes a greater understanding of 'life, the universe and everything,' to quote from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. It gives one appreciation for all human endeavor, and makes us—hopefully—more tolerant of others' views and ways



Dr. Linda Jones assists students with research in the lab.



Dr. Linda Jones assists senior Kaylin Canup with using lab equipment for her research project.

and makes us better citizens of the world and universe,” Dr. Jones said. “At least, I like to think that.”

A consummate researcher with more than two decades of lab experience, Dr. Jones conveys the pride of a mother in the successes of her students. “In some ways, my students are like my children, which I don’t have,” she explained. “As I get to know them and become aware of their aspirations, I want my students to succeed, and I will do my best to help them get to where they want to be.”

Dr. Linda Jones and senior Lauren Martin review experiment results in the lab.



A Scientific Method

Dr. Linda Jones makes one thing clear, “I teach difficult things.” Noting that her biology students often go on to study in advanced programs, she added, “I’ll do whatever I can to help them learn it.”

Her willingness to lead her students into the world of scientific research was demonstrated this past March when Dr. Jones accompanied Young Harris College senior biology majors Kaylin Canup, of Commerce, and Lauren Martin, of Acworth, to the annual meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science at Kennesaw State University, where each presented work.

“I am always proud of my students who show an interest in science and are willing to work to learn more. Research is always a challenge, often fun like a puzzle and often

disappointing when problems appear and clear results aren’t to be had,” she said.

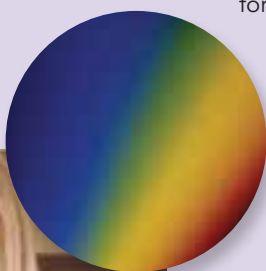
Canup and Martin, both YHC soccer players, have been planning and implementing their experiments for most of the past two years of their upper-level course work.

Canup, who is adding a minor in chemistry to her degree and plans to become a physician assistant, examined the effects of both lead and mercury on the development of the nervous system in zebrafish embryos. Both chemicals are known to have detrimental effects on neural development in humans. Her research found alterations in the timing of the formation of the lateral line—a sensory system in fish—in response to exposure to these neurotoxins.

Martin, who has been accepted into the Schools of Radiation and Imaging Technologies at Grady Health System in Atlanta, investigated how light exposure alters the amount of myelin basic protein (MBP) formed during development in zebrafish embryos. A higher incidence of multiple sclerosis has been correlated with human populations that live at high latitudes and thus have decreased exposure to sunlight, and she hoped to establish a link to the onset of MS and exposure to differing levels of light. Though she has repeated this experiment several times, the results are not yet conclusive.

Both students credit Dr. Jones’ skillful mentoring as instrumental in their drive to perform research and present their work. “Her experience has guided me through the ins and outs of this project and what we could do. I had never done any other type of research. This is my first big thing. I’m hoping to do more research work, either in MS or radiation,” said Martin.

Canup added, “I feel like Dr. Jones goes above and beyond and would not hesitate to help me out. She wants everybody to succeed and get where they want to go.”



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE CELEBRATES

Mountain Lion Pride AT FALL HOMECOMING



Mountain Lion Nation showed its true colors this past November when students, alumni, faculty, staff and fans decked out campus in purple and white for Young Harris College's new fall Homecoming. An old tradition was reborn as the inaugural event, held Nov. 11-12, 2011, kicked off with a Friday evening pep rally and bonfire on campus, followed by a morning parade, celebratory lunch and men's and women's basketball games on Saturday.

The YHC Alumni Association float, boasting an enthusiastic group of former basketball players and cheerleaders, was one of many highlights in the half-hour parade that weaved its way through campus. The sounds of horns, sirens and the YHC fight song performed live by the College's Wind Ensemble awoke some dreaming students and fired up even more students, alumni, fans and community friends who ventured out in the chilly morning hours to celebrate "Mountain Lion Pride" and welcome the beginning of basketball season.

Students and alumni gathered on the plaza in front of Enotah Hall to enjoy a pre-game celebratory lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers with a lively mix of party music before taking over the Recreation and Fitness Center to cheer on the Mountain Lions as both the women's and men's basketball teams scored their first victories of the season in the "Valley of Doom."



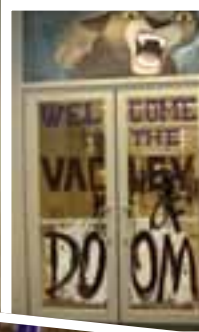


Former athletes and cheerleaders enjoyed a pre-game reception with Men's Basketball Head Coach Pete Herrmann to get the inside scoop on the games ahead that day and to learn more about progress made for the revived basketball program's second year.

YHC's women's basketball team defeated Reinhardt University 65-50, and the men's team bested Bryan College 76-61.

For students, the weekend was a culmination of week-long contests that included a trivia game, dance, spirit sign competition, car decorating challenge and lip sync battle. The winners of the Homecoming Week contests and the overall champions were announced during halftime of the women's game. Homecoming Court was presented and the Homecoming 2011 King and Queen were crowned at halftime of the men's game.

Throughout the weekend, school spirit was contagious for both young and old, and the excitement surrounding the establishment of a new tradition was palpable.



» Watch the Homecoming 2011 Highlights video online at yhc.edu/homecoming.

Young Harris College's pep band, Purple Reign, pumps up the crowd during the women's and men's basketball games in the Recreation and Fitness Center arena.



Former YHC basketball players (above) Clarence Denard, '53, Bill Lyle, '52, Bob Short, '51, (right) Ralph Johnson, '55, Bob Finch, '57, and Jack Lance, '57, enjoy a special alumni players reception prior to tip off of the first game.





Above: The arena inside the YHC Recreation and Fitness Center (better known as "The Valley of Doom") was packed for the women's and men's basketball games.

Right: The Student Government Association/Campus Activity Board team were named Homecoming Week Champions.



2011 Homecoming Week Champions

1st Place: Student Government Association/
Campus Activities Board

2nd Place: Sigma Beta Sigma (Susan Bs)

3rd Place: Alpha Xi/Gamma Psi

2011 Homecoming Court

King: Junior Nathan Hughes
of Young Harris, Ga.

Queen: Junior Rebekah Medford
of Powder Springs, Ga.

Court members:

Senior Victoria Neisler
of Commerce, Ga.

Senior Calle Wallace
of Hiawassee, Ga.

Junior Katheryn Woods
of Cleveland, Ga.

Sophomore Luke Fincher
of Cleveland, Ga.

Sophomore Daniel Sowell
of Atlanta, Ga.

Sophomore Alex Spiegel
of Young Harris, Ga.





Welcome
ALUMNI

SAVE THE DATE:
Homecoming 2012

November 16–17
FRI.–SAT.

- Pep rally and bonfire
- Parade
- Alumni athletes reception
- Basketball games

AND

Alumni Weekend 2013

April 19–21
FRI.–SUN.

- Half Century Club Dinner
- Alumni Awards
- Class Reunions
- Spring arts and athletics events

YHC WELCOMES New Four-Year Honor Societies

BY ALI NEESE, '12

Fifteen Young Harris College students were inducted as charter members of the Omega Tau chapter of the international communication studies honor society Lambda Pi Eta, established on campus this past academic year.

Open to communication studies majors and minors with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 with 60 credit hours completed and a 3.25 GPA for communication studies courses with 12 credit hours completed, the society aims to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement while stimulating interest in the communication studies discipline worldwide.

"We are proud to have a chapter of Lambda Pi Eta here at YHC," said Jennifer Hallett, Ph.D., assistant professor of communication studies and chair of the communication studies department. "Our outstanding students can join this honor society to show their commitment to the field as scholars of communication. More importantly, though, membership in Lambda Pi Eta is a commitment from the field of communication studies to its students."

Founded in 1985 and boasting more than 400 active chapters today, Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA) and a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.



Charter members of the Omega Tau chapter of international honor society Lambda Pi Eta include (L-R) President Ali Neese, a senior from Marietta, Co-Vice President Kelley Lyness, a senior from Watkinsville, junior Christelle Vereb of Hayesville, N.C., senior Megan Powell of Cleveland, Ga., Co-Vice President Miriam Torres, a senior from Roswell, junior Karen Resendiz Rodriguez of Springfield, Mo., Secretary Alexandra Franzini, a senior from Snellville, Treasurer Eric Hoppe, a senior from Alpharetta, and senior Kathleen Layton of White.



Charter members of the Alpha Sigma Omicron chapter of international English honor society Sigma Tau Delta include (front row, L-R) senior Allie Matulia of Fayetteville, senior Megan Gribble of Hiawassee, senior Amanda Noonan of Smyrna, senior Heidi Sherlock of Warne, N.C., (back row, L-R) junior Donald Bracewell of Alpharetta, senior Ivar Lazo of Lawrenceville, junior Kendra Cowart of Murrayville, senior Mayeli Medina of Dalton, senior Kiara Carchi of Waterbury, Conn., junior Brett Rogers of Blue Ridge, junior Naomi Hyde of Talking Rock, junior Emalyn Cork of Marietta, senior Linda Budd of Clarkesville, and senior Beth Sharpe of Sylvania.

"Lambda Pi Eta membership provides national recognition of students' academic achievement in the field and raises the bar for all of us involved in the study of communication. Invitation for membership is a special accolade, and the Department of Communication Studies is incredibly proud of our members in Omega Tau Chapter," Dr. Hallett added.

Additionally, 14 students were inducted as charter members of the Alpha Sigma Omicron chapter of the international English honor society Sigma Tau Delta this past fall. Membership is open to English majors and minors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, at least three semesters of coursework completed and a class rank in the highest 35 percent.

Since its founding in 1924, the society has aimed to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies and to recognize the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature. With more than 800 active chapters, the organization fosters literacy and promotes interest in literature and the English language.

The Alpha Sigma Omicron chapter of Sigma Tau Delta works in conjunction with the English Majors Organization (EMO) at Young Harris College and is co-advised by Assistant Professor of English Jennifer Gianfalla, Ph.D., and Assistant Professor of English Jennifer Hughes, Ph.D.

"We're happy to have an organization that recognizes the hard academic work of our talented majors," said Dr. Hughes. "We're excited that Sigma Tau Delta provides opportunities for its members, such as publication, internships and fellowship competitions, and I hope that the society will draw together students who are passionate about studying and creating literature and give them a venue to be celebrated and to be challenged."



It's a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out

YHC TAKES ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIP TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL RANCH

BY ALI NEESE, '12

YHC students and staff spend a night in Heifer International's Global Village, which simulates life in a developing community. Pictured from left are YHC Director of Campus Activities Rouseline Emmanuel, Ada Huang, Mary Calderon, YHC Campus Minister Rev. Dr. Tim Moore, Paige Jenkins, and Nadia Dean.

strives to end poverty and hunger in a sustainable fashion, believing that giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.

"The program combines interactive learning sessions that bring awareness of the great needs in the world with opportunities to give the gift of time and hard work," said Campus Minister and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Rev. Dr. Tim Moore. "The service activities offered by Heifer International not only allowed participants to give back, but also served as great educational tools and allowed us to connect what we believe with what we do."

The YHC group joined nearly 50 students from colleges and universities across the United States including Berry College, Florida State University, the College of Saint Rose and Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Ten Young Harris College students, faculty and staff members traveled to Little Rock, Ark., March 4-9, to participate in an alternative spring break trip facilitated by YHC's S.E.R.V.E. (Service, Education, Responsibility, Voice and Engagement) initiative. The group teamed up with Heifer International, a global nonprofit organization that



Above: YHC student Mary Calderon helps take care of the goats at Heifer Ranch.

Left: YHC students Brian Walker, Shannon Weaver, Tanner Pettit and Andrea Simmonds

Right: YHC student Tanner Pettit (right) helps another student at Heifer Ranch build a fire in the Global Village.





YHC students and staff gather with members of the Heifer Ranch staff.

In addition to learning about Heifer's model for developing programs to end poverty and hunger through sustainable means, students also met regularly for team-building and problem-solving exercises. The group also spent time completing service projects on Heifer Ranch, carrying out tasks like feeding animals, tending the garden and assisting with other general maintenance.

"Not only were students able to hear real facts about poverty and hunger, but they also experienced firsthand what some individuals have to go through on a daily basis to survive," said Director of Campus Activities Rouseline Emmanuel. "I don't think our students will ever forget their experience at Heifer Ranch, and will think twice about food waste in particular."

The mission of global nonprofit organization Heifer International is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Heifer Ranch offers experiential, hands-on, interactive learning programs, complete with gardens and animals, including water buffalo, camels, pigs, goats and more.



Left: YHC student Tanner Pettit learns how to use the foot pump on a well.

Below: Heifer Ranch's Global Village features seven Third World representative sites, including a slum, pictured here.





A London Eye

YHC'S 2012 WOODWARD SCHOLAR EXPERIENCES HISTORY IN THE MAKING

BY KYLE HUNEYCUTT

Earlier this year, junior biology major Mary Beth Maxwell, of Carrollton, was awarded the Beverly Barrow Woodward, '53, Endowed Scholarship, giving her the summer of a lifetime through a six-week study abroad program. Maxwell was able to explore her growing interest in healthcare systems while immersing herself in British history and culture.

Established by Len and Beverly Woodward of Rome, Ga., the scholarship is granted annually to one YHC student for an opportunity to study abroad in England.

In addition to learning about the similarities and differences in British and American healthcare systems, Maxwell visited several hospitals and observed



This is a neat view of the London Eye and Big Ben from London Bridge. We took a double decker bus tour around the whole city and got to see and visit all the major attractions.



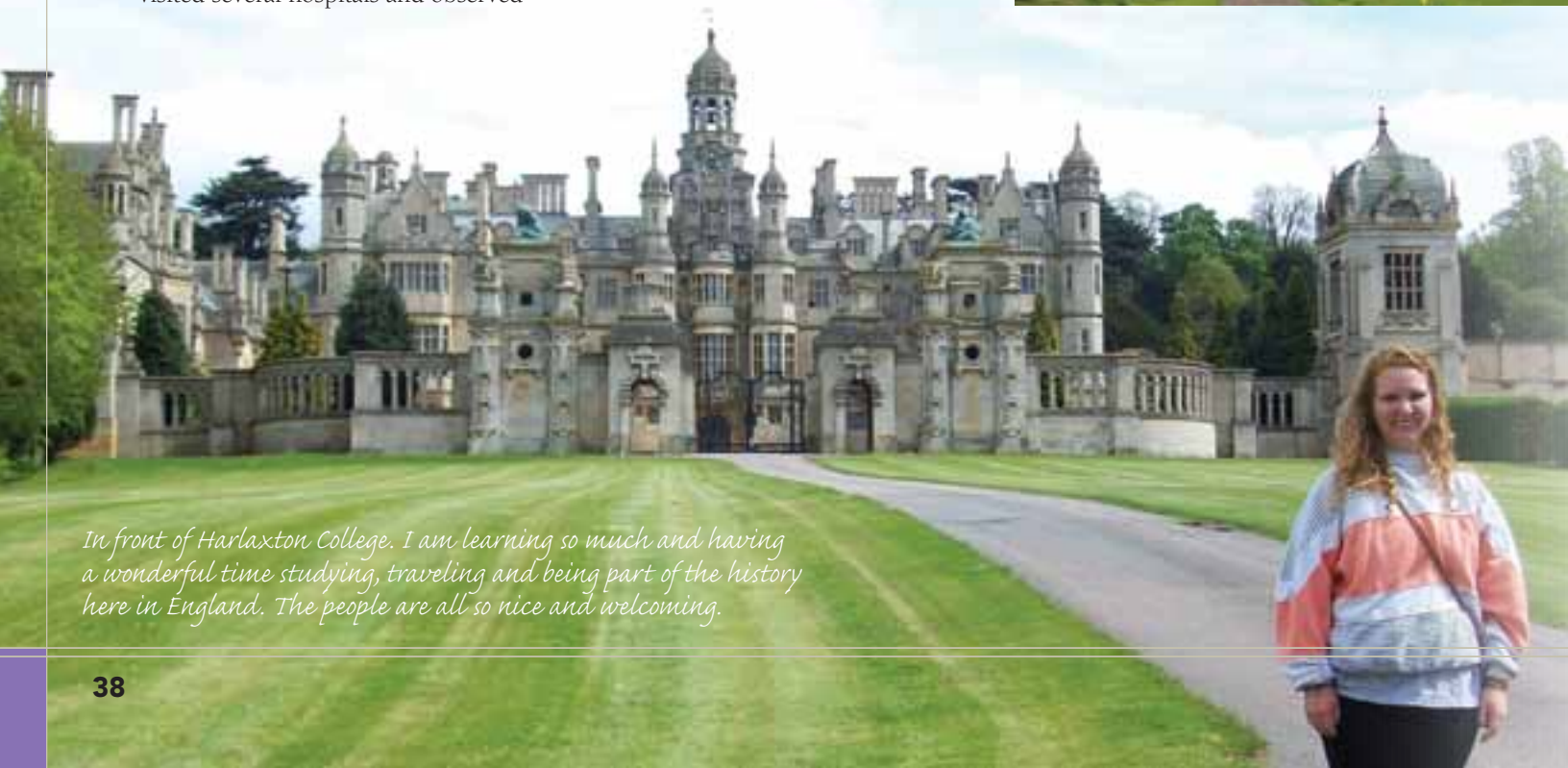
My classmates Kristen Ohmberger, Brittany Scheffeld and I are standing inside the Tower of London in front of Tower Bridge. We had a wonderful view of London!

the British healthcare system firsthand.

"I am gaining life experiences through studying abroad in England that I would not get anywhere else," said Maxwell. "Instead of learning through a textbook, I am seeing for myself the profession I have always dreamed of doing."

After graduation, Maxwell hopes to

Toured Church in Harlaxton village, located just down the street from the college. Built in the 1100s, there is so much history in this church.



In front of Harlaxton College. I am learning so much and having a wonderful time studying, traveling and being part of the history here in England. The people are all so nice and welcoming.



On the bluebell garden walk at Harlaxton College. The bluebells are so pretty and smell wonderful. They only bloom at a certain time of year and don't last long. People from all over England come to see these flowers.

pursue a career as a pediatrician. She is considering attending graduate school to study public health prior to enrolling in medical school because of her interest in using her medical skills to assist those living in Third World countries.

"Learning about the British healthcare system is very important to me as an aspiring medical student," Maxwell said. "I hope to travel and help people around the world with my degree, so it's important to be able to work in many different types of systems."

Maxwell traveled to Liberia last summer for a mission trip with her local church, assisting at an



We toured the Tower of London, and it was awesome to see all of the cobble and stone used to make the tower. This picture was taken where the guards stand, and I actually got to see the changing of the guard right after I took it.

orphanage and leading Bible school for children. She is also involved in YHC's religious life

program, and has

held many leadership roles on campus, including Inter-Religious Council junior representative, Student Government Association treasurer and junior representative, resident assistant and residence hall council vice president. She is also involved in Fellowship



Brittany, Kristen and I had a wonderful time touring Westminster Abbey, where we also got to listen to a priest speak. The ceilings, archways and stained-glass windows are magnificent.

of Christian Athletes, Aspiring Medical Professionals (AMP), Student Conduct Council and the Media Advisory Board, among other activities.

Maxwell began her six-week journey on May 11, enrolling in Harlaxton College, where she attended college-led excursions to cities throughout England such as London, York and Cambridge, as well as a weekend trip to Paris. Her time in England comes just as London is celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and preparing for the 2012 Summer Olympics—a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I am excited to be able to venture out and learn about different types of cultures," Maxwell said. "I feel so blessed and very honored to have received such a wonderful scholarship, and there are no words to express my gratitude and thanks to the Woodward and everyone who made this possible."



The city of London getting ready for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee taking place in early June. This is a huge celebration, because it marks 60 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. It is absolutely spectacular being here in England while history is taking place.

Harlaxton sunset over the archway here. I feel so blessed to get to see this wonderful view every night.



STUDENTS SELECTED FOR

Georgia All College Band and All College Chorus

Fifteen Young Harris College students were selected to perform in the 2012 Georgia All College Band and Georgia All College Chorus, comprised of student musicians representing colleges and universities throughout the state. The students performed during the Georgia Music Educators Association's (GMEA) Annual In Service Conference held in Savannah, Jan. 25-28.

Students selected for the All College Band include music education majors Rachel Bettis, flute, a freshman from Dawsonville, Natasha Harkins, clarinet, a freshman from Dawsonville, Adham Hamilton, bassoon, a freshman from Powder Springs, Chris Simms, alto saxophone, a senior from Cumming, Sally Petty, horn, a sophomore from Cumming, Jeff Stewart, trombone, a sophomore from Young Harris, and Patrick Young, tuba, a freshman from Dawsonville.

Students selected for the All College Chorus include sophomore music education major Megan Davis of Blairsville, freshman musical theatre and English major Caroline Dern of Ellijay, freshman music major Dakota Kellerman of Cartersville, freshman music major Judith Lyle of Clarksville, freshman religious studies major Ali McCollough of Augusta, freshman musical theatre major Ben Sims of Hiram, sophomore music major Brian Walker of Powder Springs, and senior music education major Jake Wentzek of Blairsville.



(L-R) Freshman Rachel Bettis of Dawsonville, Senior Instructor of Music and Director of Bands Mary Land, sophomore Sally Petty of Cumming, freshman Adham Hamilton of Powder Springs, Georgia All College Band Conductor Gary Green, senior Chris Simms of Cumming, freshman Natasha Harkins of Dawsonville, sophomore Jeff Stewart of Young Harris, and freshman Patrick Young of Dawsonville



(Front row, L-R) Sophomore Megan Davis of Blairsville, freshman Ali McCollough of Augusta, freshman Caroline Dern of Ellijay, freshman Judith Lyle of Clarksville, (back row, left to right) sophomore Will Skelton of Hayesville, N.C., sophomore Brian Walker of Powder Springs, freshman Ben Sims of Hiram, and senior Jake Wentzek of Blairsville

All College Band students were selected based on a recorded audition piece ranked by instrument-specific professors from Georgia colleges and universities. Students were selected to participate in the All College Chorus through director recommendation based on vocal ability, musical experience and intended field of study.

"In previous years, college band directors nominated students to be members of the All College Band, but this year every student's admission to the group was based solely on an audition," said YHC Senior Instructor of Music and Director of Bands Mary Land, who also currently serves as president of GMEA. "I am thrilled that seven YHC students earned membership into this elite ensemble. Our students worked hard to prepare for this amazing opportunity to perform with accomplished student musicians from every college and university in the state."

"I was elated when I found out I made the All College Band and was selected as second chair for flute, and I was so excited about our program this year," said Bettis. "We played *Ecstatic Waters*, one of my favorite pieces that I had made it a goal to perform one day. We also played *Lux Aurumque* by my favorite modern composer, Eric Whitacre, which was an extremely memorable experience."

High Demand for Village Apartments Prompts Expansion

BY KYLE HUNEYCUTT

Phase II of The Village, Young Harris College's new residential apartment community for upperclassmen, is on schedule to open in August for the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester, when enrollment is expected to break records for the sixth year in a row—this time surpassing 1,000 students.

The completion of Phase I added to campus eight three-story townhomes, each containing four private-bedroom apartments that give 148 students the opportunity to enjoy an independent living experience right in the middle of campus. Phase II will add five more houses, which will add another 100 beds just in time as demand for this residential option is growing.

"We had a large number of students choose The Village as their top housing preference at Housing Selection in April, and students that lived in The Village this past year selected it again," said Director of Residence Life Stuart Miller. "Overall, The Village received high

praise from our students—especially in the amenities provided in each apartment and the ability to have a single-occupancy bedroom."

Construction on Phase II began in fall of 2011 shortly after the opening of Phase I. Both phases have been designed and constructed to LEED Silver standards, and with the completion of Phase II, The Village will be positioned to become the third LEED-certified facility on YHC's campus.

"I know a lot of students are going to want to live in The Village since we get private bedrooms and huge porches with great views," said Aaron O'Tuel, a sophomore business and public policy major from Hartwell. "I was afraid they would run out of space for next year, but since they are building more, I'm not worried."

In addition to private bedrooms, The Village apartments have a living room, kitchen and front and back porches. Each apartment is equipped with a



On Campus

washer and dryer, and residents can also enjoy areas designated for grilling, abundant green space and majestic views of the mountains.

"The mountains make YHC special. It's nice to be able to look out my bedroom window and be reminded of why I came to Young Harris," said Jessie Ryals, a junior music major from Blairsville. "The Village provides us with so many great opportunities—a means of learning how to live independently and an opportunity to be a part of a beautiful community that was designed perfectly for this area."

SUMMER SCHOOL Gets Web Savvy

Following a highly positive response of last year's pilot program for online summer courses, Young Harris College will offer 10 online courses during this year's Summer Session, including Elementary Statistics, Communication Theory and American History.

"The online courses are a great solution for students who do not live in the area and must return home

for the summer to work or to meet other obligations," said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Keith DeFoor, Ph.D. "These students are able to return home but at the same time earn credit at YHC. The great majority of them had a positive experience last year, indicating that they would choose to take another online course at YHC in the future."

This summer's online courses were selected based on a review of past student enrollment in YHC's Summer Session, as well as a review of summer courses transferred from other schools

to ensure that students have the greatest opportunity to enroll in a course that will benefit their individual endeavors.

"Summer Session can benefit students in several ways," said Dr. DeFoor. "Taking a course at YHC during the summer has the potential to raise your GPA, unlike taking a course elsewhere and transferring it back to YHC—which only gives more credit hours. Also, many students benefit from being able to focus their efforts on only one or two courses over several weeks."

Serving, Leading, Transforming Lives

BY KYLE HUNEYCUTT

At Young Harris College, there are many ways for students to step up and be leaders for their fellow classmates and serve the community. For **Bekah Herum** and **Jake Davis**, the Bonner Leaders Program has given both of them the opportunity to serve others, and through the process, discover themselves.

"I have always desired to serve others," said Herum. "The Bonner Leaders Program has allowed me to do so, strengthening my leadership skills, as well as enabling me to assist the needs of our surrounding community."

Herum is a sophomore business and public policy major from Blairsville. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Delta Chi. As a second-year Bonner this past year, Herum has had the opportunity to participate in many activities and events on campus and in the community.

"My main site has been the Hinton Rural Life Center," she said. "For the past two years, I have expanded my knowledge about Appalachian culture and this has allowed me to meet so many special families and others who

share the same desire to serve in their community."

Junior history major Jake Davis, of Dalton, has also had the opportunity to work at the Hinton Rural Life Center. Both Davis and Herum have helped low-income families by assisting with house repair, and the experience has had a profound impact on both of them.

"Working with a specific family at the Hinton Center has made me aware of how many people are living in poverty and that a lot of people do not realize that it's happening all around us," Davis said. "Helping repair their home and seeing how grateful they were for the help truly changed my opinion of people in general and my worldview."

As a third-year Bonner Leader, Davis has had the privilege of volunteering for additional service projects, including working as activities director for the Towns County Family Connection program and a mentor/tutor for the Towns County Schools 21st Century Afterschool Program at Towns County Elementary. He also serves as head coach for the Towns County youth wrestling program.

"Through the Bonner Leaders program, I have had the superb opportunity to serve others, but



Bekah Herum assists in the office at Hinton Rural Life Center.

ultimately, through this service, I have been able to learn a tremendous amount about myself," said Davis. "I have enhanced my skills in time management, patience, active listening and communication, among others, and all of these skills have allowed me to excel, not only as a leader on campus, but also as a student inside the classroom."

At YHC, Davis is involved in the student ambassadors program, serves on the Bonner Leadership Council and cheers on the Mountain Lions as the



Bekah Herum



Jake Davis

"This journey has taught me numerous things about myself and my passion to help and inspire others, both on and off campus."

Unsurprisingly, Herum and Davis have big plans following graduation. After YHC, Davis plans to attend law school and possibly become a public defender, working for those who cannot afford legal assistance. Herum, although not completely sure of what her future has in store, is confident that she will be serving.

"I am going to go wherever God leads me. I have a passion for working with kids and serving others by being a good leader," Herum said. "I trust that God will lead me in a direction that encompasses these characteristics, and I can't wait to find out where that is."

The YHC campus community and the local-area students with whom Herum and Davis interact continually benefit from the examples they set, showing that being a servant and a leader is often a singular role, and many are sure to follow in their footsteps.

"I am looking forward to leaving a positive legacy for the Bonner Leaders

Program in the future," Davis said. "I am so grateful for the wonderful opportunity to have become a Bonner Leader, and I hope that after I graduate, the Bonner Leaders at YHC will continue to help serve others while learning about themselves as well."

Jake Davis tutors and mentors elementary students in the Towns County Schools 21st Century Afterschool Program.



College mascot, Luke, during basketball season.

Herum is also actively engaged in the community and on campus. Through her work at the Towns County Schools 21st Century Afterschool Program, she has helped fifth-grade students learn to excel in the classroom and in life and has led many fun activities for the students to enjoy. Like Davis, being a Bonner Leader has helped Herum on the road to self-discovery.

"The Bonner Leaders Program has undoubtedly challenged me to organize my time wisely, grow as a leader and expand my knowledge of the surrounding communities," she said.

Bonner Leaders at Young Harris College are a select group of students who represent the College through outreach work, relationship-building and shared experiences in learning and leadership at non-profit agencies throughout the local community. The program is sponsored by The Bonner Foundation, which engages students at approximately 80 colleges and universities nationwide in outreach that strengthens their communities, builds mutually beneficial partnerships and develops personal, vocational and professional strengths for learning and leadership. The program strives to transform the lives of its members, their campuses and communities and the world through community engagement and leadership.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE ACCEPTS INVITATION TO JOIN **Peach Belt Conference**

As of July 1, Young Harris College is officially the 14th member of the Peach Belt Conference. The PBC board invited YHC to join the league earlier this year, following a unanimous vote on Jan. 9. The invitation follows the College's acceptance into year-one candidacy in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II last summer.



ALABAMA

University of Montevallo

FLORIDA

Flagler College

GEORGIA

Armstrong Atlantic State University

Augusta State University

Clayton State University

Columbus State University

Georgia College & State University

Georgia Southwestern State University

North Georgia College & State University

Young Harris College

NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

SOUTH CAROLINA

Francis Marion University

Lander University

University of South Carolina—Aiken

"We took an in-depth look at Young Harris through the application process and came away impressed by the dedication of President Cox and her staff to making Young Harris a premier NCAA Division II athletics program," said PBC Board Chair Dr. Kendall Blanchard of Georgia Southwestern State University. "The vision they have and the groundwork that has been laid are outstanding. It is with pleasure that we invite Young Harris to the Peach Belt family."

Although YHC will only be in year two of its NCAA candidacy during the 2012-2013 season, the Mountain Lions will be immediately eligible for all regular-season championships without automatic bids to NCAA tournaments, and all other PBC awards, including all-conference and all-academic honors for its student-athletes. YHC will become eligible for participation in PBC championships which award automatic bids once it is a full-fledged member of Division II.

"Young Harris is a perfect fit for our conference," said PBC Commissioner David R. Brunk. "The commitment they have made to provide a quality academic and athletic experience for their student-athletes will enable them to be competitive in our league immediately."

YHC becomes the first new member of the Peach Belt since Flagler College and the University of Montevallo joined in 2009. North Georgia College & State University and Georgia Southwestern State University both joined the PBC in 2006 while making the transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Young Harris joins Flagler as the only private colleges in the Peach Belt. YHC's 1886 founding date makes it the third-oldest institution in the Peach Belt behind Lander University (1872) and North Georgia (1873).

"We are very excited that the Peach Belt wants Young Harris College to be a part of this prestigious Division II conference," said YHC President Cathy

Peach Belt Conference Commissioner David Brunk presents the conference banner to the Young Harris College student-athletes, coaches and administrators.



Cox. "The Mountain Lions look forward to competing against some of the best student-athletes in Division II athletics."

In 2010, President Cox brought in Director of Athletics Randy Dunn, who transitioned North Georgia from NAIA to NCAA Division II and Peach Belt Conference membership prior to arriving at YHC. Under Dunn's leadership, Young Harris College also reinstated its men's basketball program and established a women's intercollegiate basketball program in 2010 and announced the addition of men's and women's lacrosse and competitive cheerleading for 2012-2013.

Currently, the Mountain Lions field men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's tennis, all of which are PBC Championship sports.

"We are extremely honored to be given the opportunity to join the Peach Belt Conference, which is comprised of such an elite group of institutions," said Dunn. "Not only will this provide our student-athletes with the opportunity to compete at the highest levels of NCAA DII, it will also give our institution regional and national exposure."

Founded in 1991, the Peach Belt Conference is home to 30 NCAA Division II National Championships, including the 2011 women's basketball title won by Clayton State University. The addition of Young Harris College brings the number of member institutions to its highest in the conference's 21-year history.



Basketball Season

BRINGS GREAT SUCCESS FOR MOUNTAIN LIONS

The 2011-2012 season ended on a high note for both the Young Harris College men's and women's basketball teams.

The women's team finished their season on a 10-game win streak as they went 23-3, an 11-game improvement over last year's 11-13 record.

Young Harris was led by sophomore Ladondra Johnson, of Athens, as she averaged 17.2 points and 8.2 rebounds for the Mountain Lions, who had seven different players on roster that averaged at least five points a game. Sophomore Lauren Smith, of Colbert, nearly averaged in double figures as she scored 9.8 points a game while dishing out 150 assists.

"It was gratifying to see the success of our young ladies," said Women's Basketball Head Coach Brenda Paul. "Their effort in preparing for the season and their continued effort and intensity in each game showed maturity beyond their years."

The men's team completed their season with a six-game win streak as they finished at 22-4, which was a 17-game improvement over last season's 5-21 mark.

The Mountain Lions, who also reeled off a 12-game win streak midway through the season, had five players who averaged double figures per game—sophomore Frank

Adams (20.5), of Stone Mountain, sophomore Vince Martin (16.8), of

Marietta, junior Malcolm Jackson (14.4), of Atlanta, sophomore Steve Viterbo (12.0), of Melbourne, Australia, and sophomore Bryson Robertson (11.5), of Elberton. Adams also became the College's first 1,000-point scorer in the modern era this season—he currently has scored 1,097 points in his two seasons with the Mountain Lions—and was named to the Georgia Basketball Coaches Association's NCAA Division II All-State first team. Martin was named to the second team, while teammates

Jackson, Robertson and Viterbo were honorable mention selections.

"This has been a remarkable season," said Men's Basketball Head Coach Pete Herrmann, who was also honored as coach of the year by the Association. "This team has set the bar for the future with the number of wins and losses."

The Mountain Lions, who are gearing up for candidacy year two of their move to NCAA Division II, will play in the Peach Belt Conference this fall.



Ladondra Johnson



Frank Adams

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE Spring Sports Recap

Young Harris College athletics wrapped up a successful spring sports season as they completed candidacy year one of the NCAA Division II process and made preparations to join the Peach Belt Conference in July.

Baseball

The Mountain Lions finished the season with a 36-14 record, eight games better than a year ago. YHC counted wins over then-ranked No. 2 Francis Marion, No. 4 Columbus State and No. 10 Florida Southern. Nine players finished with batting averages over .300, led by sophomore David Atwood's .370 mark and junior Zack Bricknell at .364. Bricknell, of Woodstock, led the team with 57 RBI while Atwood, of Waynesville, N.C., had 56 and sophomore Jack Morrow, of Carneys Point, N.J., tallied 53. Bricknell paced the Mountain Lions with 12 home runs, while Morrow was next with 11, and sophomore Adam Moore, of Kennesaw, contributed nine more. Moore, junior Josh Rudnik, of Lawrenceville, and sophomores Tyler Isbell, of Toccoa, and Oliver Pratt, of Dacula, led Young Harris with five victories each on the mound, while sophomore Taylor Topping, of Virginia Beach, Va., and freshman Cody Beck, of Lexington, N.C., each registered four.



David Atwood

Softball

Young Harris College completed the year with a 26-21 record, an improvement of five-and-a-half games over last season. Freshman Sydnee Weaver, of Sylvania, led the Mountain Lions with a .381 batting average, making her one of four players to finish over .300, along with junior Kayla Jones (.353), of Covington, senior Emily Wilson (.336), of Snellville, and freshman Paige Sexton (.315), of Canton. Wilson led the team with six homers and 33 RBI. Senior Jennifer Watford, of Cedartown, drove in 23 runs while junior Jen Spradling, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Jones each connected on three home runs. Junior Victoria Sink, of Hoschton, was the top pitcher, winning 12 games and saving four others with a 2.07 ERA. She struck out 112 batters while walking just 17. Sophomore Katie-Jo Gentry, of Calhoun, added seven wins and had 86 strikeouts and sophomore Lisa Wilson, of Coconut Creek, Fla., contributed six wins.



Sydnee Weaver



Paige Sexton

Tennis

The Mountain Lions showed impressive gains after not recording a win last season. The women's team enjoyed an eight-match winning streak and finished the season 14-4. Freshman Charlotte Dawson, of Odessa, Texas, went 25-1 in singles and 22-2 in doubles while freshman Jane Plevako, of Astana, Kazakhstan, went 20-3 in singles and 23-2 in doubles to lead the way. The men's team finished 7-9, with sophomore Martin Harach, of Salta, Argentina, as the top singles player at 14-8, while junior Tom Gibaud, of Bournemouth, England, recorded a 12-7 mark. Harach also won 11 doubles matches followed by junior Keon Gottenbos, of Eindhoven, Netherlands, and sophomore Gabriel Oliveria, of Cotia, Brazil, with 10 each.



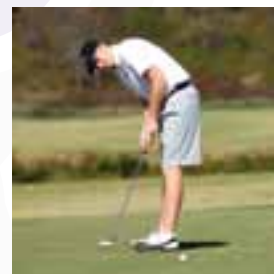
Charlotte Dawson



Martin Harach

Golf

The men's and women's golf teams each recorded five top-five finishes this season out of nine tournaments. Junior Matthew Peeler (78.8 scoring average), of Zebulon, senior Chase Hankla (77.1), of Valdosta, and junior Cameron Medina (78.9), of Bremen, each earned all-tournament accolades during the season for the men's team, while senior Courtney Moore (81.9), of Powder Springs, sophomore Rachel Mason (85.1), of Ringgold, and junior Kelsey McEntyre (84.8), of Hiram, did the same for the women's squad.



Chase Hankla



Kelsey McEntyre

A Winning Match

BY ALI NEESE, '12

From the moment you meet them, it is evident that Young Harris College men's and women's soccer goalies Wezly Barnard and Kelsey Cunningham have something special—both on and off the field.

"Kelsey and Wezly are positive role models on campus," said YHC Director of Athletics Randy Dunn. "They both have wonderful personalities, always greet others with a smile and earn the respect of their fellow classmates through their focus and commitment to doing their best at whatever they are involved in."

Long before arriving at YHC, soccer was a driving force in both of their lives. Cunningham, a senior communication studies major from Cumming, began playing soccer at age nine as a way to make friends. "I moved around a lot as a kid, so I wanted to get involved in a sport to have some kind of consistency in my life," she explained. "It was a good way to be competitive and to make friends regardless of where I lived."

Women's Soccer Head Coach Kathy Brown clearly remembers her first impression of the standout athlete.

"When I recruited Kelsey, I knew she was special, and it had nothing to do with her talent on the field. It was actually halftime, and I watched how she interacted with her teammates. She was talking, motivating, encouraging and giving them that extra push that they needed at that time," Brown recalled. "It was that moment when I knew we had to have her at YHC."

Barnard, a junior business and public policy major who came to YHC from Boksburg, South Africa, also began playing at a young age. "I have been playing soccer since I was seven years old. My family had been involved in the sport, and they got me interested," he reflected. "My dad was also a goalkeeper so it runs in the family."

According to Men's Soccer Head Coach Mark McKeever, that long history in the sport has paid off.

"Wezly is among the best I have ever worked with from the professional level to the development league and collegiate levels," he said. "He also brings great diversity to our campus. He has a great personality and gets a lot of respect from his peers and presents himself in a very professional manner."

Shortly after meeting through mutual friends on campus, Cunningham enlisted the help of the dapper foreigner in training for an upcoming tryout—and sparks immediately began flying as the Enchanted Valley worked its faithful magic.

"Being goalkeepers, we had a lot in common straight away," said Barnard, whose distinctive South African English is a striking contrast to Cunningham's

Southern drawl. "When Kelsey asked if I would help train her, it only took a couple of sessions for us to realize we liked each other."

The talented duo bonded quickly through their common interests. Now both serve as captains of their respective teams and challenge each other to do their best, while understanding the other's goals.

"We're both chasing a dream, and we know we aren't going to hold each other back," said Cunningham. "As goalies we can understand what the other one is going through. When he's out there playing, I know what he's thinking, and when I'm out there, he knows what's going through my mind."

The power couple also has served together as co-presidents of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council during the 2011-2012 academic year and as cadets



Wezly Barnard and Kelsey Cunningham at one of their favorite Young Harris spots, Cupid Falls

for the YHC Police Department. While some may worry that all this time spent together could lead to too much of a good thing, Cunningham and Barnard insist that is not the case.

"Soccer is our first love and our passion, and having it in common strengthens our relationship," said Cunningham.

Barnard maintains that their relationship has also helped him in his transition to American culture. "I still miss my family, but being with Kelsey has helped with that," he said. "We're proud of each other and enjoy working together. I sometimes think Kelsey knows me better than I do. We can easily turn a frustrating situation into a good laugh."

While Cunningham and Barnard are quite possibly each other's biggest fans, they are by far not their only fans.

"Kelsey is one of the most talented and well-rounded female soccer players to ever play at YHC. She commands respect both on and off the field from both her peers and the entire athletic department," said Brown. "Athletically, Kelsey is strong and technically



Wezly Barnard in soccer action

sound, making saves that most female goalkeepers simply cannot make. She has played a huge part in our program maintaining a winning record all the way through our transition to NCAA."

Cunningham's other half is also leaving his mark on the Mountain Lions.

"Wezly was the College's first student to be named to the Capitol One NCAA Division II Academic All-America Men's Soccer Third Team and was named YHC's Male Student Athlete of the Year for 2011 and 2012," said McKeever.

"This is a true reflection of the work he puts forth and the high standards he has set for himself. He is a great role model for younger students on campus who have ambitions to be in roles that require huge responsibility."

Both Cunningham and Barnard hope to carry what they have learned through soccer into their future. Cunningham wants to combine her knowledge and love of media communication and sports into her career, and Barnard anticipates pursuing a career in sports marketing. They each feel that their time at YHC has prepared them to

Kelsey Cunningham protecting the goal



chase those dreams.

"Attending YHC has prepared me well for the future, and my classes are giving me a good foundation to enter the real world. Engaging in a small community has helped me work well with people and form good relationships that will benefit me in the future," said Barnard.

"Being captain of the soccer team has challenged me to represent myself well on and off the field and kept me focused on achieving my goals."

Barnard will move closer to achieving one of his goals when he enters his final



season with the Mountain Lions in the fall.

"Wezly is a great leader, and I'm very thankful to have had the pleasure of coaching him for the past three years," said McKeever. "He is a major part of what we are trying to achieve as first-year members in the Peach Belt Conference. I hope his influence and ability will lead us to reach our potential as a team in the fall."

Brown is already missing Cunningham, who finished up her last season with the Mountain Lions in 2011 and will complete her degree in December.

"The program will not be the same without Kelsey," Brown said. "She is very funny! I can't tell you how many times my assistant coach and I have looked

at each other and said 'What will we do without her?' I know she will find great success in the future, and I'm thankful that I had an opportunity to get to know her as a part of my life."

Cunningham is confident about the road ahead.

"I feel extremely prepared and ready to continue on my path outside of Young Harris," she said. "The College has prepared me in so many ways and has given me more than I could ever have asked for. I not only grew academically, I grew as a person."

Of course, one of her greatest memories of YHC will be the "match" off the soccer field.

"I loved Young Harris before we met, but the best part for me now is that I get to share my experiences here with Wezly."

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE NAMES 2012

Athletes of the Year

In April, men's soccer goalkeeper Wezly Barnard, a junior from Boksburg, South Africa, and women's golfer Courtney Moore, a senior from Powder Springs, were honored as the 2012 Male and Female Athletes of the Year at the Young Harris College Department of Athletics annual Athletics Banquet.



Young Harris College President Cathy Cox (center) with Courtney Moore and Wezly Barnard

Barnard earned the award for the second consecutive year. He started 16 of the 17 matches he played for the Mountain Lions last fall. Barnard allowed just 24 goals in 1,527 minutes this season for a 1.41 goals against average, recording three shutouts for Young Harris. He tallied 77 saves for the Mountain Lions as he put together a .762 save percentage. Barnard, who also served as co-president of the College's Student-Athlete Advisory Council this past year, was named to the Capital One NCAA Division II Academic All-America® Men's Soccer Third Team in 2011 and has a 3.92 cumulative grade point average as a business and public policy major.

Moore led the Mountain Lions to five top-five finishes as a team and personally earned all-tournament honors at three events—Georgia Mountain Trophy, Chick-fil-A Collegiate Invitational and North Georgia Spring Invitational. She recorded three top-five and five top-10 finishes for the Mountain Lions during the season. She was the top Young Harris golfer with a 81.9 stroke average in nine events and amassed a .776 winning percentage (309-89 record) in head-to-head competition. Moore, who has been chair of the College's Honor Council, has a 3.64 cumulative grade point average as a biology major with a chemistry minor.





A Celebration for Bob and Gayle Nichols

More than 300 Young Harris College alumni and friends gathered on Saturday, April 28, to honor longtime, beloved YHC faculty and staff members Dr. Bob and Gayle Nichols and to dedicate the College's new \$1.8 million, state-of-the-art, 12-court tennis complex in their honor.



Friends and tennis colleagues congratulate Gayle and Bob Nichols.



Left: Gayle and Bob Nichols unveil the new tennis complex sign that bears their names.





Above: Guests enjoy an afternoon at Young Harris College's new Bob and Gayle Nichols Tennis Complex.

Below: Dr. Bob and Gayle Nichols were honored with a special dinner at YHC's Recreation and Fitness Center.



Many YHC alumni, tennis players and tennis campers know Dr. Bob Nichols and his wife, Gayle Nichols, as an integral part of their Young Harris College experience. Bob taught math, coached men's and women's tennis and served as director of academic advising, while Gayle served as the senior college counselor. They hosted their summer tennis camp at YHC for 14 years and retired in 2009 after more than 30 years of distinguished service to YHC.

The day began with a courtside lunch at the Bob and Gayle Nichols Tennis Complex, followed by a dedication ceremony at which the new sign bearing the Nichols' names was unveiled.



Above and left: Dr. Bob Nichols poses with the current Young Harris College women's and men's tennis teams.





Left: YHC President Cathy Cox, Dr. Bob Nichols, Gayle Nichols and Marlan Wilbanks, '81

Right: Marlan Wilbanks, '81, serves as master of ceremonies during the evening celebration.



Former YHC students, YHC tennis team alumni and past summer tennis campers arrived in force to honor a couple that has had a tremendous impact on their YHC experiences and their lives. Following the ceremony, the College's men's and women's tennis team gave a demonstration of the new courts, then others were able to try out the courts firsthand during a round robin tournament.

The celebration culminated Saturday evening with a reception and dinner in the Recreation and Fitness Center. Master of Ceremonies and YHC tennis team alumnus Marlan Wilbanks, '81, "roasted" Bob, Gayle and family before inviting YHC trustee emeritus Thomas K. "Tom" Glenn III and other guest speakers, to the stage to express their personal appreciation and gratitude to the Nicholls for their contributions to the College and their three decades of dedicated service.



Above: YHC trustee emeritus Tom Glenn speaks to guests during a special dinner celebration for Dr. Bob and Gayle Nichols.



Former tennis camp instructors and campers returned to celebrate the occasion.



Dr. Clay Dotson, former YHC president and academic dean emeritus, congratulates Dr. Bob Nichols.



Bob and Gayle Nichols Tennis Complex *Naming Opportunities*

Tennis Pavilion (3)	\$30,000
Individual Court (12)	\$15,000
Stadium Seating (4 sections)	\$15,000
Individually Named Seat (160 chairs)	\$500
Tennis Center Coaching Office (4)	\$10,000
Endowed Tennis Scholarship(a minimum of)	\$15,000

For more information about these naming opportunities or to support the Nichols' endowed scholarship fund at Young Harris College, contact Vice President for Advancement Jay Stroman at (706) 379-5173 or Director of Athletics Randy Dunn at (706) 379-5296.

MOUNTAIN LIONS ADD

Lacrosse and Competitive Cheerleading

Young Harris College is currently recruiting for its inaugural men's and women's lacrosse teams and its first-ever competitive cheerleading squad, both set to premiere in 2012-2013.

"As we continue our four-year transformation at Young Harris College, we are pleased to expand our athletics offerings," YHC President Cathy Cox said.

In February, Chase Carter joined the Department of Athletics as competitive



Chase Carter

cheerleading head coach and is charged with starting YHC's intercollegiate co-ed competitive cheerleading program that will begin this fall. He joins the Mountain Lions from Shorter University, where he spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach and led the Cheer Hawks to a runner-up finish at the 2011 NCA National Championship by a narrow .04 margin. Previously, he cheered for five years at North Carolina State University, once placing second in the Division I-A Large Coed division at NCA Nationals while also placing third twice and fourth twice.

"Competitive cheerleading will provide an opportunity to promote our college to broader audiences in new venues and will create a more enthusiastic and spirited collegiate environment," Director of Athletics Randy Dunn explained. "Chase has the knowledge, experience and passion to build a first-class program that will give our current students and prospective student-athletes the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level against other top colleges and universities



around the country."

The men's and women's lacrosse programs will begin play in the spring of 2013.

Kirk Rogers was hired in January as men's lacrosse head coach. He also comes to Young Harris from Shorter University, where he spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach for the Hawks' men's lacrosse program. He played collegiately at NCAA Division II Lees-McRae College, where he led the program to its first-ever postseason victory and only appearance in the final four of its conference tournament. Prior to coaching at Shorter, Rogers spent a year in the United Kingdom serving as a local development officer for the English Lacrosse Association and head coach at the University of Bath.

"Kirk's enthusiasm for the sport and commitment to develop a total student-athlete will be a perfect fit for YHC," said Dunn.

In May, Katie Illott was selected to join Young Harris College as women's lacrosse head coach after working as an assistant coach with the Mercyhurst University women's lacrosse program for the past two years, where she saw the Lakers advance to their first-ever appearance in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title match this past season. Prior to Mercyhurst, she played four years of lacrosse with Limestone College, where she helped the Saints to four straight Conference Carolinas' regular-season championships, three consecutive tournament championships and three NCAA Division II tournament

berths. She was named to the all-conference first team three times and was tabbed as an all-region honoree and a first-team All-American.

"Katie has a tremendous passion and commitment to building a first-class program, and her ability to recruit quality student-athletes will be of tremendous benefit as she grows the program at YHC," Dunn said.

According to the latest participation survey by U.S. Lacrosse, the sport's governing body, the number of NCAA lacrosse programs grew from 428 to 608 from 2000 to 2010, and the growth shows few signs of slowing. In 2011, 38 new varsity programs began play, and another 26 are set to come on board in 2012.

Data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows that lacrosse has the fastest percentage growth rates in the last five years in both boys' and girls' sports. Georgia, which currently has 75 high schools that have lacrosse teams, is one of 21 states with governing associations that sanction/recognize high school lacrosse.

"Lacrosse has been the fastest growing sport in the U.S. for the past five years," Dunn explained, "and YHC wants to be a leader in providing academic and athletic opportunities for student-athletes that want to compete at the collegiate level."



Kirk Rogers



Katie Illott

» Visit yhcatletics.com for more information about both of these new athletic programs.



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ACHIEVEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1930s

Eunice Erwin Brown, '36, moved to Montgomery, Ala., in 2009 and lives with her daughter, Charlene Cotton. She keeps up with YHC news and enjoys hearing from classmates and friends.

1950s

Sylvia McCoy Hutchinson, '58, professor emerita of reading education at the University of Georgia, served as speaker at UGA's Fall 2011 Graduate Commencement ceremony. Hutchinson earned her bachelor's and master's degrees, both in elementary education, and a Ph.D. in reading education at the university. After teaching at Southwest Texas State University for three years, Hutchinson returned to UGA as an assistant professor in 1978, where she remained until her retirement in 2002. Hutchinson continues to serve the university, working with the 20 Emeriti Scholars who mentor students in the Coca-Cola Foundation's First Generation Scholarship program on campus. In addition, she serves on boards of a variety of organizations, including the UGA Graduate Development program, the Education and Law Consortium, the Athens Tutorial Program and *Georgia Voyager* magazine.

1960s

William "Tom" Daugherty, '68, retired on May 31, 2010, after 40 years as a Baptist minister.

Sig J. Van Raan, Ph.D., '65, recently finished a 40-year career as a clinical and community mental health psychologist and has embarked on a new career as a researcher and writer. He is currently working on a novel about his parents' involvement in the Dutch resistance during the Nazi occupation of World War II. He and his wife have made New York City their winter residence, having lived in Cambridge, Mass., for the past 12 years, and spend their summers at Martha's Vineyard with their growing family of children, grandchildren and their assorted spouses. Life is good.

1970s

Brantley Barrow, '74, was named to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* "Who's Who in Commercial Real Estate" list for 2012, his third consecutive appearance on the annual list. He serves as chairman of Atlanta-based Hardin Construction Company and also serves as chair of the YHC Board of Trustees Finance Committee.

Sam A. Macfie, '78, produced a documentary titled *Playing It Down*, about African-American caddies and the 1961 integration of Macon's municipal golf course, that was screened at the Rome (Georgia) International Film Festival in September 2011.

Jimmy Tallent, '70, president and CEO of United Community Banks, Inc., headquartered in Blairsville, was named to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* "Who's Who" list of the top 100 business and government leaders guiding metro Atlanta's financial sector. United Community Bank is the third-largest bank holding company in Georgia and has banking offices in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. He also serves as a member of the YHC Board of Trustees.

1980s

Christopher Douglas Chambers, '83, retired from the U.S. Army on March 8, 2012. He is married and currently working at Fort Knox, Ky., as a federal employee for the Department of the Army. He is organizing the 30th reunion for the Class of 1983 next spring.

Chris Lintner, '88, has been promoted to Manager of SAP ERP Functional Systems for Aflac. Out of the 40,200 companies that run SAP, Aflac is in the Fortune 125. Aflac is headquartered in Columbus, Ga., and has office locations worldwide.

Robin Thomas Volker, '80, was ordained as a Unity minister on April 14, 2012, at Unity Spiritual Center in Delaware County, Ohio. As leader of Delaware's thriving Unity Spiritual
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Colonel (retired) Alvin B. Lee, '82, was recently selected as a new member of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service (SES), which is comprised of men and women charged with leading the continuing transformation of government. He serves as Regional Business Director for the Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission. Members of the SES serve in the key positions just below the top Presidential appointees and are the major link between these appointees and the rest of the Federal work force. Prior to this appointment, Lee served in leadership positions in the Corps' civil works and military programs, including Executive Director of the Civil Works Directorate at Corps headquarters, Commander of the New Orleans and Charleston districts and Deputy Commander of the Afghanistan Engineering District. He is a distinguished military graduate of Georgia Southern University and holds a master's degree in engineering management from St. Martin's University. He also served as a fellow in the Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellows Program. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. He is a recipient of the 2009 Society of American Military Engineers' Wheeler Award and the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment's Silver de Fleury medal and earned the Parachutist's Badge.



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Hull, Ga.

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Center, she teaches Unity's philosophy of positive thinking in popular weekly classes and Sunday morning services. She earned her ministerial license through the Association of Unity Churches International. She was then accepted into Unity's rigorous ministerial program at Unity School of Christianity in Lee's Summit, Mo., and recently completed her studies. She has served in various capacities in Unity churches and launched her speaking and teaching ministry when she pioneered a new Unity ministry in her hometown of Blairsville, Ga., in 2001. When she and her husband moved to Ohio in 2004, she immediately recognized a need in the Delaware community for a Unity ministry, and that fall, Unity in Community was born (now known as Unity Spiritual Center).

Trisha Yearwood, '84, premiered a new daytime television series called "Trisha's Southern Kitchen" April 14 on Food Network. The six-episode series invited viewers into the kitchen with Trisha for her favorite meals, nostalgic stories and visits from family and friends. Themed shows ranged from preparing traditional dishes from her childhood to planning a baby shower and a family reunion barbecue to offering tips on lightening up standard Southern recipes.

1990s

Bryan Bridges, '92, was recently promoted to Vice President of Marketing and Digital Media at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (www.kkr.com), a global asset management firm based in New

York. He also serves on the National Leadership Counsel of GLSEN, a non-profit organization that educates students to prevent bullying, and is an active member of his synagogue, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, where he volunteers teaching adult Hebrew literacy classes, serves as a lay leader, and was recently invited to join the board of directors. He and his partner live in the TriBeCa neighborhood of Manhattan.

Scott Chancey, '90, is sports editor for the *Index-Journal* in Greenwood, S.C., where he earned the daily newspaper its first-ever national award. The *Index-Journal's* preseason football section was recognized as one of the country's top 10 special sections for its circulation category. He also won a national award for sports writing in 2008 while with the *Albany Herald*.

Charles Edward "Roscoe" Heaton II, '99, graduated from the University of St. Thomas School of Law in May 2011 with a class rank of 31 out of 141. (Starting class size was 178.) He signed a contract with the Colorado State Public Defender in September 2010, pending Bar results, making him one of eight students with work contracts by graduation. He was named to the dean's list, earned a dean award, earned a "living of the mission of the school" award, and earned the "graduate student award for community engagement." He took the Colorado Bar Exam in July, passed and began work in October 2011 as a deputy state public defender for the State of Colorado in Brighton (Adams County office) and lives in downtown Denver.

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A Tribute to Congressman Edgar “Ed” Jenkins, ’51 1933–2012

U.S. Congressman and attorney Edgar Lanier “Ed” Jenkins, ’51, of Jasper, will always be remembered for the influential role he played in many pivotal events in America’s political history and his outstanding legacy of leadership and dedication to public service. The distinguished Young Harris College alumnus and trustee emeritus died Jan. 1, 2012.



Ed Jenkins, ’51

Born in 1933 in Towns County, Jenkins was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to serving in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1952 to 1955. He attended Young Harris College from 1949 to 1951 and completed his college studies on the G.I. Bill, graduating from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1959. He was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia that same year and, in 1962, became an Assistant U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia and then entered private law practice in Jasper in 1965. He was also a staff member and longtime confidante of Congressman Phil Landrum, also of Jasper.

Jenkins was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1976 and served with distinction for 16 years, in a coveted post on the influential Ways and Means Committee. His leadership on behalf of the textile, apparel and poultry industries, focusing on global fair trade, was a legislative highlight of his career, along with numerous tax revisions that reduced capital gains and inheritance taxes and insured equity for all taxpayers. His vigilance on behalf of small business owners repeatedly earned him the National Federation of Independent Business “Guardian of Small Business” award. He authored comprehensive soil and water conservation laws and wilderness protection statutes for the Chattahoochee National Forest.

He was the sole non-chair appointed to the Joint Committee that investigated the Iran-Contra Affair, which involved the unlawful sale of missiles to Iran, and he trekked around Pakistan and Afghanistan on trade missions with Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson.



YHC President Cathy Cox presents a resolution from the YHC Board of Trustees honoring Ed Jenkins, ’51, to his wife, Jo Jenkins, and daughter Amy Dotson, ’88.

He earned a reputation in Congress as a negotiator, working behind the scenes to effect compromises on major pieces of legislation, and the *Almanac of American Politics* described him as “one of the smartest operators on Capitol Hill.”

In honor of his service to the people of north Georgia, 23,000 acres of the Chattahoochee National Forest were designated the Ed Jenkins National Recreation Area.

Acknowledging his commitment to public education for all Georgians, Jenkins accepted an appointment to the University System of Georgia’s Board of Regents by his former YHC classmate and friend, then-Governor Zell Miller, ’51. He also served as a founding board member of Pickens Technical Institute.

Jenkins joined the Young Harris College Board of Trustees in 1988 and was voted a trustee emeritus in 1999. In 1990, he received the Young Harris College Medallion, the College’s highest honor, then delivered the Commencement address in 1992. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Career Achievement in 2011 by the YHC Alumni Association. He established three endowed scholarships at YHC to assist deserving students: the Ed Jenkins Scholarship, the Amy Jenkins Scholarship and the Pickens County Scholarship.

On April 13, 2012, during the spring meeting of the Young Harris College Board of Trustees, the board unanimously passed a resolution honoring Jenkins for his service and dedication as a loyal alumnus, a member of the Board of Trustees and a generous, enthusiastic supporter of the College. The resolution was presented to his wife, Jo Jenkins, and daughter Amy Dotson, ’88.

1990s (cont.)

Michelle Fuller Kilgo, '92, and her husband have four children ages 5, 8, 11 and 13. They have been accepted as missionary candidates by Things to Come Mission (TCM) and begin training in Wisconsin in the fall of 2012.

Scott Thompson, '93, has a new novel set to be published in fall of 2012 titled *Young Men Shall See*, a coming-of-age story that takes place in a small Georgia town in the late 1980s and follows the lives of several teenagers as they navigate their way through a changing world. It will be available in traditional book format in any bookstores or major online booksellers like Amazon.com as well as in eBook format for Kindle and Nook.

Elizabeth Wiles, '97, received the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in May 2011 from Georgia Campus—Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwannee, Ga. She has been accepted into an internal medicine residency position at Emory University's School of Medicine and, in three years, hopes to return to Blairsville to practice with her mother, Dr. Mary Beth Wiles.

2000s

T.J. Cochran, '01, was elected president of the Cherokee Arts Center Board of Directors in Canton, Ga., during the center's annual membership meeting in August 2011. In his new role, he plans to increase membership and revenue as well as increase partnerships with other community organizations. He also hopes to enhance the center's class and events offerings and work with the Cherokee County Board of Education to get more students involved.

Drew Dixon, '09, was recently named the coordinator of alumni relations and special events at Augusta State University, in Augusta, Ga. He credits lessons learned during his time at YHC for his success and would like to express his gratitude to Kelli Fell, Dr. Nathan Gray and Dr. Paul Arnold for their passion of human enrichment and commitment to Young Harris College.

Jason K. Norton, '02, joined national independent broker-dealer LPL Financial in July 2011 and operates his investment and financial advisory practice under the name Norton Financial, Inc., in historic downtown Villa Rica, Ga. In February 2012, he was recognized by LPL Financial as a top financial advisor and named to the prestigious LPL Financial Freedom Club. Norton previously worked for a regional broker-dealer for seven years where he consistently earned top honors in the company. Jason and his wife, Megan, '02, reside in Douglasville, Ga., with their two beautiful children, McKenzie and Landon.

Carlos Ocampo, '11, is currently in Cleveland, Ohio, working for the Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball team after graduating from YHC on Dec. 9, 2011, with a bachelor of science in business and public policy.

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IN MEMORIAM

Andrew C. Bain, '93
Jan. 12, 2012

Laura Barnes, '78
Feb. 23, 2012

Richard B. Bell
Former trustee
March 26, 2012

Frances A. Brown, '57
Nov. 4, 2011

David G. Floyd, '81
July 5, 2011

Martha Giles, '40
April 18, 2012

Betty J. Goode, '58
May 12, 2012

Dr. Morrill M. Hall, '37
Nov. 11, 2011

Alton R. Harris, '37
Feb. 20, 2012

Henry Hedden, '49
Retired longtime faculty member
Dec. 5, 2011

Dr. Loy G. Hicks Jr., '43
Sept. 25, 2011

John D. Hutton Jr., '93
Aug. 19, 2011

Hon. Edgar L. Jenkins, '51
Jan. 1, 2012

Jack Kendrick, '59
Oct. 21, 2011

Katherine Knight, '56
Dec. 10, 2011

Rev. W. Jack Lamb, '40
March 8, 2012

James H. Lawrence III, '93
Sept. 24, 2011

Markus Ledergerber, '83
Feb. 9, 2012

Isaac O. Maddox, '60
May 7, 2012

Dr. William C. Majure
Former staff member
Jan. 20, 2012

Leonard F. McConnell Jr., '40
Oct. 31, 2011

Rev. J.B. McNeil III, '49
Feb. 23, 2012

Martha B. Moorhead, '42
Nov. 23, 2011

Susan A. Muse, '69
March 1, 2012

John W. Nix, '60
Feb. 15, 2012

H.D. Paris Sr.
Friend of YHC
Nov. 22, 2011

Katherine Anne Paulk, '96
Nov. 13, 2011

Frances L. Roberts, '50
Nov. 16, 2011

Virginia Goldwire Shelley, '36
Jan. 17, 2012

Peggy Skeen, '70
Oct. 25, 2011

James A. Smithson, '53
April 30, 2012

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Nov. 4, 2011

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Nov. 30, 2011

Rogers H. Weaver Jr., '61
Nov. 16, 2011

Nora Donaline Witherspoon, '44
Jan. 30, 2012

Lila S. Youmans, '38
Oct. 4, 2011

Evelyn C. Young, '40
Sept. 20, 2011

Class Notes

ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES, BIRTHS & ANNIVERSARIES

1950s

Randy Arnold, '59, and **Margaret Ferrell Arnold**, '59, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 23, 2011.

1990s

Teresa Fitzpatrick Appling, '95, and **Michael Appling Jr.**, announce the birth of their first son, **Michael Samuel Appling III**, born on Aug. 19, 2011, in Athens, Ga. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Sheba Anderson Brown, '99, and her husband **Silas Brown**, along with their daughter, **Seylah**, announce the birth of their second child, **Samuel Lincoln Brown**, on April 25, 2011. Samuel was born at Union General Hospital in Blairsville, Ga., and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Sarah Siebert Sellars, '94, and **Barrett Sellars**, '94, would like to announce the birth of their second baby boy, **Graham Barrett**, on Oct. 18, 2011. He was welcomed home by big brother **Clayton**.



Three Young Harris College Class of 1997 alumnae and their children enjoy a very happy "First Birthday Party," complete with swimming. Pictured from left to right are **Eria Vali** with sons **Landyn**, 4, and **Gavin**, 6; **Jeannie**

Parker Beard with son **Brodie**, 1; and **Teisha Cooper-Drake** with daughters **Breanna**, 4, and birthday girl **Holly**, 1, on Feb. 19, 2012.

2000s



Ashley Gaetano, '06, and her husband, **Joshua**, are excited to announce the birth of their first son, **Cameron Joseph**, on Sept. 23, 2011. He

weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. They currently reside at U.S. Army Post Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.



Matthew "Scout" Holland, '06, married **Lauren Wells** on Oct. 7, 2011, at Perimeter Church Chapel in Johns Creek, Ga. They reside in Orlando, Fla.

Bridget Larsen, '00, and **Ryan Leverette**, '04, announce the birth of their daughter,

Juliet Eliana Leverette, on Sept. 11, 2011. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. The family resides in Athens, Ga.

Jason K. Norton, '02, and **Megan L. Norton**, '02, are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Landon Jay Norton**, on Sept. 1, 2011, at 4:25 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Big sister **McKenzie** is so proud of her little brother. The family resides in Douglasville, Ga.

Charles Byron Rafford Jr., '03, and his wife, **Autumn**, celebrated the birth of their first child, **Charles Byron "Tripp" Rafford III**, on Jan. 11, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Laura Shelnett, '05, accepted a marriage proposal from her YHC sweetheart, **Franklin Kennedy**, on Oct. 14, 2011. The were married on June 9, 2012, at Big Canoe in the north Georgia mountains.

Kirk Shook, '05, and **Miriam McMillan**, '02, were married on June 11, 2011, at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, Ga. They currently reside in Winterville, Ga.

Ryan Whitelaw, '01, and **Lindsay Gilbert Whitelaw**, '01, were blessed with the birth of their beautiful daughter, **Rachael Evelyn**, on Oct. 7, 2011. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Rachael was welcomed into the family by big brother **David**.

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Let's Face It!

Young Harris College is buzzing on Facebook with great conversations between alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends. Here's a little of what was overheard recently...

On Valentine's Day, we asked **what do you LOVE about YHC?**

Join the conversation at facebook.com/youngharriscollege and share your thoughts!

It's where I met my husband in the summer of 1986. Today is our 25th Valentine's Day together; our first was at YHC.

SUSAN DUTTWEILER CAMPBELL, '88

The lifelong friendships with the greatest folks and all the great memories that have always bonded us since the mid-70s! Still making many new great YHC friends that I didn't get to know back then. How awesome is that?

PATTY GARRETT-SMITH, '77

Everything... Truly an experience of a lifetime which changed my life forever. Wonderful memories of special people who were truly concerned about me as an individual and making a definite and positive mark in this world. My mark may be small but the impact was tremendous on me as a human being. God bless YHC.

BETTY ROBBINS, '69

The feeling I still get driving into the valley.

MELANIE MARTIN, '96

I agree with Melanie, it is an awesome feeling. Like the feeling of returning to a loving home or spending time with an old dear friend.

SUZANNE F. TAYLOR, '81

I love the willingness of our professors to go out of their way and help their students succeed!

KYLE HUNEYCUTT, '13

Did we get a good education there? Of course! But what it left us with after graduation

is much more fabulous memories about a time which many of us remember as one of the best times of our lives. And every time we meet someone new and find out that they went to YHC, there is an immediate bond, no matter how old they are or when they graduated, because nobody except those of us who were lucky enough to experience YHC can understand the magic that is there.

PAM JENSEN JONES, '75

Tuesday Traditions Trivia was a huge hit...

Back in the day, most students got to campus by taking the bus (often sending luggage by rail). In the late 1950s, students had to meet one specific requirement to be eligible to keep an automobile on campus – what was it?

Well, in '58, one had to be a sophomore to have a car on campus.

WAYNE TROUTMAN, '62

I couldn't afford a bus, we hitched a ride back and forth to Statham. Usually in the backseat of a '40 Ford Coupe.

BILL LYLE, '52

My buddy Max and I rode the Trailways bus from our home in Miami to Atlanta, then switched buses to one that looked just like this one. After a curvy ride it let us off right in front of the old admin building where we were greeted by Dr. Andrus. Our first time at YHC. This was September 1963.

RIK DEVOE, '65

(According to the 1958-1959 YHC Catalog, students with an average grade of C in all subjects were eligible to keep automobiles on campus. The following conditions also had to be met: vehicle registered with Dean's Office; evidence of insurance and driver's license; approval by parent or guardian in writing; and prescribed travel voucher provided by dormitory head with approval on it before leaving campus on each trip.)

Alumni Weekend... SIGN DAY!!! Susan Bs and Phi Deltas hang signs all over Appleby Center, the fountain, the wall to cheer on the Sig-Phi Chi football game.

MARSHA BEGIN LEWIS, '77

What is taking place in this snapshot—and, if you know what's going on, do you have any special memories to share?

Sign Day! Go Sigs!

PAUL DURFIELD, '91

This is the tradition of decorating the dorms before Phi Chi kicks Sigs [censored] in football.

ROB MURRAY, '75

Sign Day!!! Brings back memories of the Sigs kicking the [censored] out of Phi Chi in the annual football game.

CLAYTE SHEPPARD, '91



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