

# Digest

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*A newsletter for North Georgia College & State University*

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"North Georgia cadets outperformed their peers from the all of the other senior military colleges," Col. Michael Pyott, professor of military science, said. "Of the senior military colleges, the next highest on the Order of Merit List was a cadet from VMI at 36."

The annual list ranks cadets in more than 270 Army ROTC programs, based on performances at the Army's Leadership Development Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Wash., physical fitness, campus leadership performance, and academic achievement.

North Georgia College & State University is one of only six senior military colleges in the nation. Others include the Citadel, Norwich University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Military Institute, and Virginia Tech. North Georgia is also designated by the state legislature as The Military College of Georgia and as a Leadership Institution for civilian and military students by the Board of Regents.

Cadets' rankings on the list play a role in determining their military assignments, such as aviation, infantry, military police, and other branches. Those who rank in the top 10 percent are guaranteed their first choice in duty assignments and graduate as Distinguished Military Graduates, one of the highest honors an ROTC student may achieve.

The six North Georgia cadets who placed in the top 10 percent are Cadet Capt. Jessica Carlock, commander of F Company; Cadet Lt. Col. Kevin Ahearn, commander of 2nd Battalion; Cadet Capt. Justin Middleton; Cadet 1st Lt. Colin Slep; Cadet Lt. Col. Nathan Turk, commander of 1st Battalion; and Cadet Capt. Mackenzie Eason, commander of B Company.

An additional eight cadets from North Georgia ranked in the top 20 percent of the list, which qualifies them to graduate as Distinguished Military Graduates. Those cadets are: Jordan Gomolak, Brittany Kall, Ryan King, Michael Echevarria, Jarrett Nieves, Andrew Powell, Ashlie Shrewsbury, and Zach Bailey.

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In speaking about her role as brigade commander, "I was interested in the opportunity to lead and manage at a higher level, and, other than dispelling preconceived notions about gender, it's about getting the job done for the betterment of the 700-plus member Corps."



Shrewsbury is from Taylorsville, Ga., where she attended Woodland High School's International Baccalaureate program, a rigorous academic program that encourages an international perspective. In addition to her native English, the 23-year-old now speaks Spanish, German and Russian and is looking at a bright future as a military linguist.

"Ashlie's no-nonsense style of leadership is complemented by her superb focus on academics," said Col. Tom Palmer, commandant. "She has assumed command of an extremely capable ROTC brigade, and she will make it even better."

This fall, Shrewsbury earned additional honors by ranking in the top 20 percent of all Army ROTC cadets in the nation. The Army's annual National Order of Merit List, this year, evaluated more than 4700 cadets on the basis of performance at the Army's Leadership Development Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Wash., physical fitness, campus leadership performance, and academic achievement. Because of her achievement, she will graduate as a Distinguished Military Graduate, one of the highest honors an ROTC student may earn.

Shrewsbury has attended North Georgia as a Georgia Military Scholar and as part of her studies was able to attend and graduate from the Defense Language Institute in Monterrey, Calif., where she studied Russian. She has also studied German and Russian at the Partner Language Training Center, Europe (PLTCE), which provides intensive language training for about 400 military and civilian linguists each year.

Currently a Spanish major, she will graduate and commission as a military officer later this year. Her long-term goals include earning a doctoral degree in cultural archeology, specializing in native Indian cultures in Central or South America. She plans to continue her studies in German and Russian, as well, and aspires to be a multilingual professor at the college level.

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The Cottrell Speaker Series is coordinated by Dick McNeill, former vice-president with Coca-Cola, who has joined the business school this fall as an adjunct faculty member and has been aggressively recruiting senior business executives to share their experiences with students.

"We are excited to have them share their perspectives and experiences on marketing in today's

complex and increasingly competitive marketplace," McNeill said.

Smith, who will be speaking on Tuesday, Sept. 29, joined Rollins, Inc. in 2002 as vice president of sales and marketing for Orkin Pest Control. As chief marketing officer for Rollins, Smith has responsibility for all aspects of marketing for all companies in the Rollins portfolio. Prior to joining Rollins Smith held executive marketing positions with The Coca-Cola Company, The Marriott Corporation, The Campbell Soup Company, and the National Football League.

Speakers for the remainder of the series are:

October 8 – Will Wade, senior vice president of First Citizens Bank

October 22 – Henry Ferris, director of merchandise marketing for Home Depot

October 29 – Jennifer Martin, global brand communications for Delta Airlines

November 3 – Chuck Bengochea, president & CEO of Honey Baked Ham

November 10 – Bill Kelly, senior vice president of marketing with Coca-Cola Brands

November 17 – Kevin Tanner, a North Georgia graduate who is county manger for Dawson County

December 1 – Jerry Wilson, senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company

All sessions will be held in the Library-Technology Center's Special Collections Room from 9:30 to 11 a. m.

## Students become certified tutors



The Learning Support Program is pleased to announce the first tutors to be certified Level I/Regular Tutor via the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). Students Andrea Hayes, Michelle Harrison, Dusti Nisbet, and Ashley Winsor began training in Fall Semester 2008 that involved a minimum of 10 hours of workshops and presentations and 25 hours of actual tutoring experience.

These same tutors are part of a group of 19 peer tutors employed by North Georgia's Office of Learning Support and the Commandant's Office. Training for the new

tutors will begin later this semester and last through the spring semester.

Tutors are available to assist students in the following subjects: business courses, Chinese, English, French, German, history, Korean, math, science courses, and Spanish. Peer tutors are hired based on their GPA, class status, and/or faculty recommendation.

Please congratulate Andrea, Ashley, Dusti, and Michelle when you see them on campus! For more information regarding the tutoring program, contact Melissa Lach in Learning Support, [mjlach@ngcsu.edu](mailto:mjlach@ngcsu.edu), 222 Barnes Hall, 706-864-1433.

*Tutors: In the picture are Andrea Hayes and Michelle Harrison. Not pictured are Dusti Nisbet and Ashley Winsor; Dr. Pat Donat, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; Todd Campbell, Coordinator of Learning Support; Melissa Lach, Administrative Specialist of Learning Support*

## Take note...

### Staff Council elects new officers

The Staff Council at North Georgia recently elected Deborah Adams, of the Office of Continuing Education, as vice president and president-elect. Jared Goodall, of the Center for Global Engagement, is now president of Staff Council. The next Staff Council meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 2:30 p.m. in room A of the Hoag Student Center, and all staff, faculty and administrators are invited to attend. Meeting minutes, as well as information on staff development funding, employee of the month, and scholarships are available on the [Staff Council Web page](#).

### Appalachian Studies Center partners with community

The Georgia Appalachian Studies Center at North Georgia College & State University is partnering with Dahlonega to promote the local farmers market and traditional mountain music.

The Dahlonega Farmers Market is open, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Tuesdays and Saturdays through Oct. 31 at Hancock Park near the downtown square. It is a great source for quality produce, locally grown and fresh picked from the garden. Shoppers will also find delicious jams, jellies, honey, dried flowers, and garden seeds.

The Appalachian Jam gives traditional mountain music players the chance to gather and celebrate the kind of music that has been performed in the Appalachian Mountains for generations. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments and gather at the Gold Museum downtown, 2-6 p.m., on Saturdays through Nov. 7, to jam with the scheduled musicians.

## Campus in Action

*North Georgia faculty and staff are invited to submit news of professional accomplishments for the Campus in Action section to [digest@ngcsu.edu](mailto:digest@ngcsu.edu).*