Student Pressure Saves HOPE Cuts
Barnes Backs Down on Plan to Reduce Fees

By Kerrie Mathews
Staff Writer

The president of the Student Government Association at Gainesville College said student petitions and a planned rally played an important role in forcing Gov. Roy Barnes to abandon plans to reduce HOPE payments for mandatory fees.

Cody Guined, SGA president at GC, said petitions that circulated on the GC campus and other colleges and universities around the state convinced Barnes to shelve his plan to remove activities fees from payments covered by HOPE.

Guined said a rally planned for Feb. 9 on the GC campus also contributed to the decision. The GC SGA had contacted student representatives from all 34 institutions in the University of Georgia system and invited them to attend the rally.

According to Guined, college students "understand what will, and will not affect us, and take it very personally when we feel something is going to impose on us." He added, "If another issue of this magnitude comes up, we're going to do the same thing."

Diversity Month Features Gospel

By Jay Way
Staff Writer

An African-American gospel chorus, a group discussion and other activities will highlight the celebration of Cultural Diversity Month and National Black History Month at Gainesville College.

On Feb. 18 at noon, The African American Gospel Chorus from the University of Alabama will perform in the auditorium of the Continuing Education/Performing Arts building. The chorus is a 45-person group that includes Gainesville native Corey Butts, a graduate of Gainesville High School.

On Feb. 28 at noon, a discussion will be held in the Lanier ABC room of the Student Activities building, where soul food will be served. The discussion will be led by Dexter M. Winnish, legal counsel for the Newton Florist Club and Greg Beutista, Assistant Director of El Puente in Gainesville.

All month during February, the GC library will display a collection of books written by black authors, plus books written about blacks and other minorities. In the Student Center, there will be a showcase of Beulah Rucker Museum artifacts.

Cyber Cafe Puts Computers in Student Center

Facility Designed for Registration, Checking E-mail

By Jessica Malcom
Staff Writer

A new addition to the Student Center is the Cyber Café, which opened in early January. The Cyber Café, which currently houses six computers, was created so that students could conveniently check their e-mail, register for classes, or do other work on the Gainesville College homepage.

Officials say, however, that the facility is not designed for students to write papers or browse the Internet.

Located by the Financial Aid office, the Cyber Café provides a warm atmosphere where students can have access to computers without taking up space or disturbing others in the ACTT Center.

Director of Student Activities Michelle S. Brown and Byron Drew, director of the library and the ACTT Center, formed a committee with several others to plan and design the Cyber Café, as well as the other renovations in the Student Center.

"It was just an idea I'd had," Brown said. "I've always wanted to have computers in the Student Center." Brown added that, since coffee-houses are a popular hangout these days, gourmet coffee will soon be available in the café.

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Committee member Brenda Adams said the committee was "hoping to establish a more homely environment," not only with the café, but with the other new additions as well.

The Student Center now features couches and small tables for students to relax in as they study or chat with friends. As of now, there are no further plans for renovations to the Student Center, though Brown says that she'd like to keep improving. She also adds that she hopes all students will find it enjoyable, and that comments and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.

College to Hire 'Eminent Scholar'

By Jeannie McElroy
Staff Writer

Gainesville College has been designated as the first two-year college in the University System of Georgia to offer an Eminent Scholar faculty chair in history. A nationwide search is being conducted to fill this prestigious position for Fall Semester 2000.

The Eminent Scholar of History will teach at the college, as well as conduct historical research; serve as a resource for development and implementation of educational programs for the entire community; and function as college liaison to the community and other educational institutions.

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The BSU Council for the Spring Semester includes Kent Jones, Campus Minister, Chris Brown, Tommy Johnson, Nick Martin, Lori McCance, Kasey Murphy, Casey Reed, Julie Soles, and Matt Williams. The BSU went to Gatlinburg on Jan. 28-30. They are also planning to attend 722 in Alpharetta. The theme for January was New Beginnings.

SIFE Begins Tutoring at South Hall

SIFE members will begin tutoring at South Hall Middle on Monday-Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. Students may sign up to work as much as their schedule will permit. Club members will also teach Junior Achievement classes dealing with economic concepts. From 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Feb. 26, they will assist with the Scout Advance-O-Rama. They will teach a class for the American Business Merit Badge. On March 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in ACAD III, they will volunteer for VITA (IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program).

SGA to Hold Parking Ticket Raffle

The Student Government Association will begin a parking ticket raffle sale soon. The money will go towards the Summer Scholars Program. SGA will also sponsor a number of other events during the semester, including Magic Candle Art on Feb. 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Center; Star Flix Totally Interactive Video on Feb. 14 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Student Center; and Casino Day on Feb. 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Center.

Math Club holds First Meeting

The Math Club started the new semester with pizza. Dr. Hebda gave a lecture on "The Four-Color Theorem" on Jan. 19.

BSU Opens New Year with Ski Trip

Club Briefs

The Math Club is also planning to hold a lesson on "The Four-Color Theorem" on Jan. 19.

Koffman was hopeful about the addition of the Art Club to Gainesville's student body. "We're really excited," she said. "I think this is a long-needed club at Gainesville. We've got a large group of people interested here, and this is only the jumping-off point."
Young Scientists on Campus

After-school Program Focuses on Technology
By Jennifer Ponders Staff Writer
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Gainesville Theatre Alliance to Stage ‘Crucible’ Feb. 22-27

By Summer LaPann
Staff Writer

On February 22-27 the Gainesville Theatre Alliance will turn Brenau University’s Pearce Auditorium into Salem, Mass., for the production of Arthur Miller’s “The Crucible.” Set in 1692, the play deals with witchcraft and who shall die for practicing such a sinister crime. “The Crucible” highlights the dramatic interaction between a number of honest and determined characters, and a range of unethically and bewildered characters as well. “The Crucible” represents a special performance for GTA, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this season. The group performed “The Crucible” as part of its first season, in 1979-80. Directed by Lisa Adler, Artistic Director of Atlanta’s Horizon Theatre, the play will be performed with the help of 18 actors from both Gainesville College and Brenau University.

According to Jim Hammond, GTA Artistic Director, “One of the most remarkable plays of the twentieth century, ‘The Crucible’ is an explosive drama about the Salem witch trials of 1692, when children’s lies led to 19 executions. This gripping historical play is also a timely parable of our contemporary society where reputations and lives can be destroyed by a mere rumor.”

Hammond starred in GTA’s first performance of “The Crucible” as Governor Danforth. Hammond’s wife, Gay Hammond, was also in the first production, playing the part of Abigail Williams.

Gainesville College students can see the play at no charge on February 23 and 24, with all other nights priced at $3 per ticket. Show times for “The Crucible” are at 7:30 every night, with the exception of the Feb. 27 performance, at 2:30 p.m. Every-one is invited to experience the mayhem caused in this small town, along with the challenge of figuring out who is guilty or innocent.

Mini Movie Reviews

GIRL INTERRUPTED

‘Girl Interrupted’ is a drama based on the autobiography of Susanna Kaysen, who, in her late teens, was confined to a mental institution for attempting to kill herself by chasing a bottle of aspirin with a bottle of vodka. Winona Ryder stars as Susanna, Befriended by Lisa (Angelina Jolie), a manipulative sociopath, Susanna revolts against the hospital’s diagnosis of her illness. After seeing death firsthand, though, Susanna turns from rebellious to cooperative in order to live and get the help she needs to survive. This film makes you appreciate your mental stability.

-- Jessica Desprez

THE GREEN MILE

Set in a 1930’s Southern prison, Paul Edgecomb (Tom Hanks) is a cellblock guard on death row who develops a friendship with John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan), an inmate on the “green mile.” Coffey has a miraculous secret and finds a friend in Warden Edgecomb. Hanks and Duncan use a vast array of emotions to portray the sadness and futility of death with the love and respect of friendship in one of the best films of the year. From beginning to end, “The Green Mile” takes you through a journey of emotions you never knew could be so strong. Bring some Kleenex; you’ll need it.

--Laurel Anci

‘Hoi Polloi’ Wins 1st Again

By Jay Ray
Staff Writer

‘Hoi Polloi,’ the student literary magazine of Gainesville College, earned a first-place American Scholastic Press Association award for the fourth year in a row. The award was in the category for junior/community colleges with 2,501 or more students.

The editor for the 1999 edition of the magazine, which features formal and informal essays written by GC students, was Melissa Burns. The faculty advisor was Robert Croft.

The 2000 edition of ‘Hoi Polloi’ will debut Feb. 24 at The Lanier Writers Conference in the Performing Arts building.

Figueroa’s El Maguey a Mexican Feast

By Michelle Rice
Special to The Compass

El Maguey is one of many Mexican restaurants in Gainesville, and it is my favorite.

Owner Alfredo Figueroa started working there as a waiter, and he has moved from manager to part-owner to sole proprietor in eight years. He has tripled the size of the restaurant.

The food is consistently excellent, the service is impeccable, and it is a must try on my restaurant list.

The menu is extensive and offers a wide variety to satisfy anyone’s appetite, including a kid’s menu, vegetarian dishes, 30 different combinations, 22 Especialidades de la Casa (house specialties), and daily specials.

My dinner companions and I started out with some appetizers and the bottomless basket of chips and salsa. (I always ask for the hotter version.) The Southwestern Chorizo is very much like a Manhattan clam chowder, but with shrimp instead of clams. It had roasted corn, grilled shrimp, and calabacitas (zucchini). We also had a daily special, Caldo de Pollo, as an appetizer. This is a truly authentic Mexican soup, with chicken, peppers, cilantro, onions, rice, and with a little spicy kick. Yummy! Appetizers average about $5.

My party had the toughest time deciding what to have out of the 61 various combinations and specialties. Our waiter was helpful and pointed out some of the most popular dishes: #28, #51 and #35. (You’ll have to come to find out what they are.)

Jack had the vegetarian dish of Enchiladas Rancheras. It was three specially prepared cheese enchiladas topped with cheese and onions, melted cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and sour cream.

‘Hoi Polloi’ and salsa re the freshest I’ve seen and made from scratch. Figueroa boasts that “There is nothing frozen and nothing out of a can — everything is homemade.” Combinations average $6.25, and house specialties average $8.25. Good food at a good price!
Amaki Exhibit Opens in Art Gallery

Cultural Diversity Month

Historical Songs of the Culture, Feb. 18 at noon in the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Building Auditorium. The African-American Gospel Chorus from the University of Alabama will perform.

Diversity and Education, Feb. 28 at noon in the Student Activities Building. Lanier ABC, a group discussion led by Dester M. Wimbish, legal counsel for the Newtown Florist Club and Greg Bautista, Assistant Director of El Puerto in Gainesville.

John Harrison Horsch Library Collection of Books Written by Black Authors will be on display through Feb. 29.

Events in the Student Center, through Feb. 29
- Artworks from the Brulah Rucker Museum
- Stamp Collection
- Display of Dolls
- Black History 89 Test
- History of the Newtown Florist Club and the Newtown Community (Feb 15-29)

Art


Gainesville College Student Art Exhibit shows April 19- June 2. Opening Reception April 24 at 6 p.m. in the GC Art Gallery.

Music

Big Band Show, March 9-11, at 7:30 p.m. in The Ed Cabell Theatre, in the GC Continuing Education Building / Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 770-718-3865.

Spring Concert, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the GC Continuing Education Building Performing Arts Center featuring a Jazz Band, Chorale, and Chamber Winds. Free admission and open to the public.

Theatre


"The Crucible" showing Feb. 22-27 in the Pearce-Auditorium at Brenau University Box office for single ticket sales opens in February. Tickets are $13 for adults, $11 for seniors, and $7 for students. For tickets call the box office at 770-718-3624.

"Godspell" showing April 18-30 in the Ed Cabell Theatre at Gainesville College. Box office ticket sales for single tickets open April 3. Prices range from $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, and $10 for students. For tickets call the box office at 770-718-3624.

Sports

Bowling Tournament, Feb. 14-18
Blood Drive, March 1 in the Gym.
Intramural State Basketball Tournament, March 3

Speakers/Workshops

Good Study Habits Workshop, Feb. 2 at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center.
John Fair, Feb. 15 in the Student Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Test Anxiety Workshop, Feb. 16 at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center.
Time Management Workshop, Feb. 21 at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center.
Lanier Writers Conference, Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m - 3 p.m., Continuing Education/Fine Arts Building.
Resume Writing Workshop, March 1 at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center.
Interviewing Workshop, March 8 at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center.

Colloquium Series, March 14 "The Temple Bombing" with Melissa Fay Greene at 10 a.m. in the Continuing Education 108 on March 14.

Understanding Your Dreams Workshop, March 15 at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center.
Preparing for Regents' Test, March 16 at 1 p.m. or 5 p.m. in Academic III Conference Room.
Transferring Workshop at noon or 5:15 p.m. in the PACE Center on Mar. 22.
Dr. Jack Lavin, April 26 at noon in Continuing Education 108.

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Job & Transfer Fair, Feb. 15 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Student Center.
Celebrate Culture, Feb. 16 at noon in the Student Center.
Prose Fair, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. - noon in Lanier ABC.
Casino Day, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.
Tax Preparation (free tax preparation for evening students by Price Waterhouse CPA's), Feb. 29 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Cyber Cafe.
Stress Breakers, March 1 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center.
Pong Tournament, March 8 at noon in the Student Center Game Room.
Career Fair, March 15 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center.
St. Patrick's Day Celebration, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Amaki Amaki's works are currently on display in GC Art Gallery.

Sand Volleyball Tournament, March 22 at noon at the Beach Pit.
Beach Party, March 23 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center.
Five Person Soccer Tournament, April 4 at 11 a.m. on the Soccer Field with the track.
Spring Fling, April 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. outside the Student Center.
Earth Day, April 12 at noon in the Student Center.
Honors Day, April 19 at noon in the Gym.
Panakey Study Break, April 19 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center.
The Big Final 8-Ball Tournament, April 25 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Game Room.

Academics

Midpoint of Full Session classes, March 1.
Regents' Test Application deadline on March 3.
Regents' Test, March 22, 23 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and March 24 at 2:30 p.m. All tests in Continuing Education 108/109/110.
Spring Break Week begins March 26.

Graduation, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Georgia Mountain Center.

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Ray-Lynn Snowden

Okay! So I'm a lawyer—the profession people love to hate! But if you know me, you know teaching is my first love, and it must agree with me since I have been teaching communication since 1982. Because of this union of law and communication, I am tuned into people's rights as well as their communication abilities.

Everyone has heard of Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights, but have you ever thought of Communication Rights? Much like the Bill of Rights to our U.S. Constitution, let me introduce you to Manuel J. Smith's "Bill of Assertive Rights" which may serve as a framework for modern communication attitude and practice. (This is your prime assertive right. The other nine rights listed here are derived from this one and serve to elaborate on it more fully.)

1. You have the right to judge your own behavior, thoughts, and emotions, and to take responsibility for their initiation and consequences upon yourself. (This is your prime assertive right. The other nine rights listed here are derived from this one and serve to elaborate on it more fully.)

2. You have the right to offer no reasons or excuses for justifying your behavior.

3. You have the right to judge if you are responsible for finding solutions to other people's problems.

4. You have the right to change your mind.

5. You have the right to make mistakes—and to be responsible for them.

6. You have the right to say, "I don't know."

7. You have the right to be independent of the goodwill of others before coping with them.

8. You have the right to be logical in making decisions.

9. You have the right to say, "I don't understand."

10. You have the right to say, "I don't care."

Accompanying these Assertive Rights is a corresponding set of rights I would like to introduce to you. Although author Norma Carr-Ruffino titles this list, "Everywoman's Bill of Rights," I think the principles of these rights apply across a broad spectrum of humanity. What do you think?

*Everywoman's Bill of Rights*

1. The right to be treated with respect.
2. The right to have and express your own feelings and opinions.
3. The right to be listened to and taken seriously.
4. The right to set your own priorities.
5. The right to ask for what you want.
6. The right to get what you pay for.
7. The right to ask for information from professionals (doctors, lawyers, counselors).
8. The right to choose not to assert yourself.

Are you aware of the Communication Rights you practice? Are they fair to you as well as being fair to others?

Ask yourself, do others in your life violate your rights? Significant others? What can be done about it? You don't need a lawyer to assert your Communication Rights... you just need to be aware of these rights and to adopt them as your personal rights and principles. Then practice them. Communicate always with these rights in mind.

I firmly believe these rights can change your life for the better—and the best part of that empowering transformation is you didn't need a lawyer to speak for you or tell you what to do (and then take your money)! YOU did it!

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**GC Should Offer On-Campus Day Care**

By Tracy Wade

Special to The Compass

Gainesville College is a community college whose purpose is to educate all members of our community. The college is helping thousands of people get a higher education. Our college, however, is failing to help those who need it the most, the family. Gainesville College should help families by offering on-campus day care. The benefits to the school, the family and the current non-traditional student are limitless.

I believe enrollment from non-traditional students would increase dramatically if GC offered day care on campus. Non-traditional students, those who have been out of school for five years, make up about 33 percent of the student body. I suspect that for many non-traditional students, a break so long could be due to children. As a mother of three toddlers, I have learned the hard way the value of an education. I want to provide a comfortable life for my kids by working in a rewarding and lucrative career. I want to be able to save for their college education. Most importantly, my goal is to be an educated woman in the twenty-first century. How could I possibly go back to school? What would I do with the kids all day?

On-campus child care would benefit the school and the students. Without on-campus day care, parents who attend Gainesville College most likely pay some form of child care at an inconvenient location. These parents would pay the same amount for a more convenient location and easier access to their children, thus increasing enrollment of the student parents. The school would benefit by providing a more hands-on working experience to early childhood education majors.

Strengthening of busy families is another reward of on-campus day care. Parents could also work in the center, either voluntarily or in place of their child's tutoring. If children were kept on campus they could share in lunch time with their parents, allowing parents to spend more time with their children would encourage solidarity in today's families and promote the importance of the family unit. Parents would also be closer and accessible in the event of an emergency.

According to Pat Nodine, who coordinates child care for a number of schools, colleges and businesses in northeast Georgia, "All we need are the numbers. Only 3% of the Gainesville student population have shown interest in on-campus day care. Recently more interest has come from Lanier Tech and Brenau University." Her suggestion is to combine all three schools and form one facility: "The expense is so great; more than $250,000 for every 65 children. The schools would still have to subsidize the budget; however, if the demand was there, Gainesville College would seriously consider it."

As Pat said, "All we need are the numbers." As a mother, I encourage you to express the importance of on-campus day care to the dean.


Centuries Great Sports Moments

I'd like to reminisce on the great sports moments of the 20th century. Sit back and think about your most memorable sports moment as you read along. Did any of them include names such as Michael Jordan, Hank Aaron, Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Mark McGwire, Babe Ruth, Larry Bird, Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle, Wilt Chamberlain, Joe Montana or Jerry Rice?

How about the Atlanta Braves, New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, Dallas Cowboys, Boston Celtics or the Chicago Bulls. Do any of those teams ring a bell?

Let's even mention the local legendary programs of the East Hall Vikings, Gainesville Red Elephants and any other legendary high school program around Georgia.

Most of you are asking, what about Georgia or Georgia Tech? True, there have been many wonderful moments in both historic programs, many of which came against each other, with the most recent moment on Nov. 27, 1999. Tech eventually beat the Dawgs in overtime off a controversial call.

I'd like to share my most memorable sports moment with you. It was a game seven of the 1992 National League Championship Series. The game pitted the Atlanta Braves against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

I can still see the limping Sid Bream churning his huge legs and ailing knees around the bases at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium to score the winning run. Wow! What a moment that was!

Now, I'd like to take time to talk to the faculty members of Gainesville College and see what they remember.

"I've got to name two," said Dan Cabaniss, Assistant Professor of English. "The first was in 1972, when Joe Frazier knocked Muhammad Ali down for the first time in Ali's career in the 15th round of their heavyweight championship fight.

"The second was the 1975 World Series, when Carlton Fisk hit his game-winning home run in the sixth game and the (Boston) Red Sox beat the (Cincinnati) Reds. I was a student in Boston at the time and had the good fortune to have a standing-room-only ticket for the game."

Sallie Duhling, Head of the Humanities Division, said she also had two. "It was Herschel Walker's first year at the University of Georgia, the Dawgs were behind - see 14-0 at the half, and Walker ran all over a Tennessee linebacker to score the game-winning touchdown. That was the first exciting thing I saw from Walker," said Duhling.

She also cited Sid Bream scoring the winning run to win the 1992 National League Championship and send the Braves to the World Series.

Bo Wilson is Sports Editor of The Compass.

Intramural Programs Under Way

By Jon Krueger

With the second semester well underway, Coach Jimmy Kirkland now turns his attention to intramural sports. Kirkland hopes to offer interested students a wide variety of activities to participate in this spring, including badminton, tennis, volleyball, bowling, fishing, and basketball.

Kirkland is focusing early on starting basketball. "Right now we're trying to get basketball off the ground," Kirkland stated. According to Kirkland, "basketball will start as soon as we get the first few rosters in."

Kirkland's schedule for the other sports is as follows: badminton and bowling will begin in late February. Tennis, golf, and fishing will begin later in the semester.

Volleyball, which includes two men's and two women's teams, will start in either late February or early March.

Basketball and volleyball will begin at noon, and all other activities will be held later in the day.

Kirkland wants interested students to know that "the best way to find out about intramurals is to look on the bulletin boards in the gym and the Student Center."

Taking Aim

Ryan Holland lines up a shot during a recent game of pool in the Student Center Game Room. There will be a Nine Ball Tournament Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Game Room. The "Big Final 6-Ball Tournament" will be held on April 25 at 11 a.m., also in the Student Center Game Room.

SORBA Sponsors Trips For Kids

Kerry Banks

The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA), headquartered at Gainesville College, has become one of the first national organizations to sponsor Trips for Kids.

Trips for Kids is an association that helps disadvantaged children experience the outdoors on bicycles. It was founded by Marilyn Price in Marion, Ca.

GT, Trek, Biketown USA, and Woody's Mountain Bikes of Helen have all donated to the cause. GT contributed five new bikes to begin the program.

Along with these new bikes, a new workshop and bike storage facility will be built near the college's trails. SORBA also plans to offer scholarships to disadvantaged children so they can participate in the Elachee summer adventure camps. These programs will begin in March of 2000.

Trips For Kids is a tax-exempt organization, and is looking for financial donations and support. If you are interested in the program, contact Tom Sauret at (770) 718-3674.

Fall Dean's List Announced

The Dean's List for Fall 1999 was announced on December 21, 1999. Twenty-seven students were named to the list. They are as follows: Shelby Cox, Mindy Moore, Donna Whiting, Amy Kessler, Gary Martin, David Tithaw, James Ford, Emily Carter, Kathleen Flowers, Arnold Harden, Linda Henderson, Justin Lowman, Beverly Liff, Sarah Lowman, Claire Nagel, Amanda Teasley, Jessica Aiken, Cary Greer, Dava Galvond, Nicholas Smith, Collette Atsegbehu, Scott Nanney, Meredith Foust, Jennifer Sullivan, Amber Arnold, Adam Pethel, and Amanda Wilmont.

To be named to the Dean's List a student must attain a 3.5 grade point average or higher with a minimum of 15 credit hours.

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