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## EGSC remembers life, legacy of two benefactors

East Georgia State College is sad to announce the passing of two benefactors that left remarkable legacies at the college. David Henry Gambrell and A.D. Pete Correll were both men who generously gave to EGSC. David Gambrell passed away May 6, 2021, at his home. Pete Correll passed away Tuesday, May 25 at the age of 80.

### About David Gambrell:

The summer after attending law school graduation, David Gambrell met Luck Flanders of Swainsboro, Georgia at the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, and the following year they married and spent an extraordinary 62 years together until Luck's death in 2015.

David began his legal career as an associate partner at King and Spalding in Atlanta. In 1963, he co-founded the firm that became Gambrell and Stolz, which merged in 2007 with what is now Baker Donelson. During his long professional career, David was elected to serve as President of the Atlanta Bar Association (1965-66) and President of the State Bar of Geor-



LUCK AND DAVID GAMBRELL

gia ((1967-68). He was awarded the State Bar's Distinguished Service Award (2002), The Atlanta Bar's Leadership Award (2007), and the Outstanding Service Award of the American Bar Association Foundation in 2012.

David made time for civic life as well. Among the Boards and Commissions where he dedicated time and expertise were The Atlanta Legal Aid Society, The Atlanta Mission, Habitat for Humanity, The Carter Center, and The Buckhead Coalition.

In the 1960s and 1970s, David was active in political life, helping then-State Senator Jimmy Carter in his gubernatorial races, and serving as Chair of the Georgia Democratic Party in 1970. In 1971, he was appoint-

ed by then-Governor Carter to fill the unexpired term of US Senator Richard B. Russell. While in Washington, David led the successful effort to pass a \$250 million loan guarantee to keep the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation from bankruptcy. At the time, Lockheed was a major Georgia employer and critical to the state's economy.

Not being re-elected to the Senate, David returned to his law practice in Atlanta and took the opportunity to spend more time with family, friends and his interests, which included history and genealogy. His lifelong curiosity about family history led him to remote towns around the world. All of this culminated in his book, Georgia Girl, which focused on the life and times of

his ancestor Ann Grace in the years leading up to the Civil War.

David visited all 159 counties in Georgia and maintained friendships statewide. He spent many hours hunting and fishing in his adopted stomping grounds in Emanuel and Jefferson Counties, and thoroughly enjoyed bringing home wild turkeys to cook for Thanksgiving at Cooter Creek Farm. He also had an agrarian streak that inspired him to cultivate his side yard in Atlanta, startling visitors with urban cornrows and grapevines. For a while, he kept bees, and later made wine in his Buckhead Atlanta kitchen.

David and Luck made contributions to the

founding and continued growth and success of EGSC. In 1971 they donated the land for the college that is now a thriving hub of education and opportunity in Southeast Georgia. The couple most recently established Need-based Scholarships at EGSC in 2013.

#### **About Pete Correll:**

Pete Correll and his wife Ada Lee Correll believed that the key to success in the future is in providing an educated work force that is capable of seizing on the job opportunities of tomorrow's businesses.

In 2010 the couple partnered with EGSC to gift the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center to the college as a gift in hon-

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ADA LEE AND PETE CORRELL

## Groover awarded Alumni Association Scholarship

The East Georgia State College Alumni Association is proud to announce the recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship, Hunter Groover. He is a sophomore Biology major from Pembroke, Georgia. He has earned a 4.0 GPA.

To qualify for the Alumni Scholarship, a student must have a family member who previously attended EGSC.

In Hunter's case, his relative is his sister, April Groover, EGSC Class of 2016. We are so proud of Hunter!



#### EGSC remembers benefactors...

(From Front)

or of Ada Lee's mother Sudie Fulford. Pete and Ada Lee's vision was that the Fulford Center would serve as an educational and cultural hub to the Emanuel County area, filled with planetarium shows, workshops, exhibitions, classes and performances for people of all ages.

On the fifth anniversary of the Fulford Center, Pete and Ada Lee announced the Correll Foundation committed \$900,000 over the following five years to establish the Correll Scholars' Program at EGSC. The program, based on scholarship, leadership and service criteria, offers \$5,000 scholarships to 20 students on the EGSC Swainsboro Campus annually. The program recognizes and prepares exceptional students in the area as future community leaders.

Pete Correll was the Chairman of Atlanta Equity and Chairman Emeritus of Georgia-Pacific Corporation and served as an outside director on the boards Norfolk Southern Corp. and SunTrust Banks, Inc. He was Chairman of the Board of Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation and served on the boards of the Georgia Aquarium, Empower Software Solutions, LlC, Consumer Financial Services, LLC, Marshall Physician Services, LLC, and The Mother Nature Network, LLC.

Correll had also served as a board member, trustee or adviser for The Nature Conservancy, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Keep America Beautiful, the President's Council on Sustainable Development, Atlanta Symphony, Boy Scouts of America, the Institute of Paper Science and Technology, Grocery Manufacturers of America and The Carter Center. He was named one of Georgia Trend magazine's most influential Georgians and most respected business leaders; received the inaugural Louis C. Brown Vanguard Award from the Morehouse School of Medicine in 2009; and, along with Mrs. Correll, received the Association of Fundraising Professionals' top philanthropy honor, the Paschal Murray Award for Outstanding Philanthropist.

Correll is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ada Lee, his daughter, Elizabeth Correll Richards, his son, Alston, and five grandchildren.

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## Alumni Bobcat Cards available!

Anyone who attended East Georgia State College, East Georgia College, or Emanuel County Junior College is eligible for a free EGSC Alumni Bobcat Card. This card is good for discounts at area businesses. If you would like to receive your card, please email Karen Guthrie at kguthrie@ega.edu. Send her your request, and a headshot picture of yourself to go onto the card, as well as a complete address you would like the card to be mailed to. The card will look like a student ID card, but it will say alumni.

Participating area businesses are listed below.

#### **Swainsboro Locations**

- 1. Southern Traditions Floral and Gifts 20% off in store purchase
- 2. CPR Fitness and Tan Club \$5 off Tanning, \$5 off a month for membership
- 3. Lane Storage 10% off monthly charge for storage unit
- 4. Swainsboro Ford \$500 off any car purchase and 10% off an oil change
- 5. Medical Center Pharmacy 10% off, excluding medication
- 6. Wendy's 10% off
- 7. Ashley and Company Salon Free eyebrow wax with color service and \$10 men's haircuts
- 8. Berni's 10% off lunch entrees
- 9. Merle Norman Cosmetics Buy 2 or more products, get 10% off on Tuesday
- 10. Sonic 10% off
- 11. Dairy Queen 10% off, excluding \$6 meals and any specials
- 12. Plaza Pharmacy 10% off, excluding medication
- 13. Huddle House 10% off
- 14. Shop Rite Pharmacy 10% off, excluding medication
- 15. Exhale Salon 20% off haircutting services, 10% off spa services, and 15% off chemical services (Stylist Becky only for chemical services).
- 16. Taco Bell Free cinnamon twist with any order.
- 17. Zaxby's 10% off order on Mondays (No more than two discounts at a time given in drive thru. Groups larger than two must come inside to receive the discount)

#### **Statesboro Locations**

- 1. Superglass Windshield Repair \$10 off windshield repair. Call 912-764-2294
- 2. Pins and Needles Alterations Half price pants hemmed on Wednesday

## Brantley named recipient of Rachel Jane Frederick Friendship and Service Award Scholarship

The family of Rachel Jane Frederick, an East Georgia State College Alumni, awarded EGSC student Tiffany Brantley a scholarship in memory of Rachel. Applications for the \$500 EGSC Rachel Jane Frederick Friendship and Service Award were open to EGSC students from Emanuel and Johnson Counties. Frederick's parents, George and Jane, presented the award to Brantley at EGSC's campus Wednesday, May 19.

Tiffany Brantley is a 2012 Johnson County High School graduate. She continued her education at Middle Georgia State University where she became a registered nurse. In December she will graduate from EGSC with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Brantley would one day like to pursue a master's degree and teach nursing classes. She currently works at Fairview Park Hospital.

Brantley is originally from Johnson County and is the daughter of Tonya



RACHEL JANE FREDERICK



BRANTLEY (SECOND FROM LEFT) WITH, L-R, GEORGE AND JANE FREDERICK AND EGSC ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR KAREN GUTHRIE

Blunt and Barry Mixon. She is married to Mick Brantley, and they have a daughter named Harper.

Rachel Jane Frederick was a 2010 East Laurens High School graduate. She then attended East Georgia State College where she was an ambassador and was crowned Miss East Georgia State College in 2012. Later that year, she represented EGSC in the Miss Georgia Pageant in Columbus, Ga. During her time in the Miss Georgia Organization, she was very passionate about her platform. She chose American Red Cross blood donation to promote and educate people on during her year of service. Frederick graduated

from East Georgia State College in 2012 and decided to further her education at Armstrong Atlantic State University. She received her Bachelor of Science in 2014 and was pursuing a Master of Public Health. Frederick passed away in 2018 after an extended illness.

Frederick was always full of life and never met a stranger. Her family wanted to honor her by giving the EGSC Rachel Jane Frederick Friendship and Service Award to someone who is active in the community and someone who spends time helping others.

### Alumni Association welcomes the Spring 2021 graduating class

East Georgia State College recently held a virtual graduation ceremony for the Spring 2021 class. We welcomed 142 brand new graduates! We are so proud of them all!

Since 1973 when EGSC was first founded and known as Emanuel County Junior College, 47,114 people have attended our wonderful school. You can find our graduates in small towns, big cities, and doing great work wherever they are.

We wish this newest class happiness and success in whatever they do! Congratulations, Class of 2021!



## EGSC to resume pre-COVID-19 operations

The college will resume normal operations beginning Fall semester. Over the summer, college staff will work to move furniture, computers, and other equipment back to their original positions before social distancing measures were put into place. The Fulford Center will remove social distancing spacing beginning June 1, 2021. Anyone who has been vaccinated is not required to wear a face mask. If you have not been vaccinated, face masks are encouraged.

## ATTENTION ALUMNI! Your monthly newsletter could look like THIS!



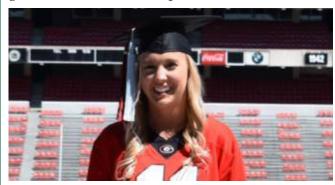
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## Celebrating our EGSC alumni who have earned further degrees

Often, our EGSC alumni have earned a degree here and go on to other schools to complete further degrees. These alumni have announced they have graduated, and we are so proud of them!



#### Miley Keyton - Class of 2018

Congratulations to Miley, our former Miss EGSC, on graduating Cum Laude from the University of Georgia witha Bachelor of Science in Special Education!



#### Yamin Chhipa

Way to go, Yamin, for graduating from Mercer University! He is well on his way to achieving his dreams.

#### Anjanice Cutno - Class of 2018

Congratulations, Anjanice, on earning her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from Albany State University!

Have you reached a milestone in your life lately? Have you graduated, gotten engaged or married, had a child, traveled, volunteered, started a new job....? Share your news with us!

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