



# Newsletter

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## EGSC Alumnus accepted to medical school

Tanner Peebles, an alumnus of East Georgia State College, has been accepted into the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on the Moultrie Campus. Peebles plans to become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.



scholarship is to prepare exceptionally promising students to become future community leaders in our region."

Peebles graduated from EGSC with a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree in the Spring of 2020. He was a Correll Scholar at EGSC for four years.

"We are very proud of Tanner. He is a bright and very dedicated student. Tanner will be an outstanding medical doctor," said Dr. David Chevalier, interim Dean for the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. "Tanner is the poster child for the goal of the Correll Scholar Program. The goal of this

As part of the Bachelor of Sciences in Biology, Peebles performed two internships: the first at Emanuel Medical Center located in Swainsboro, Ga, and the second at Washington County Regional Medical Center in Sandersville, Ga. In addition, Peebles was a mem-

ber of the STEM Mega student club, TriBeta Biology Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Ambassadors Program, and was a member of the Student Government Association.

"Tanner was an excellent, highly engaged student who showed a great interest in medicine and its relationship to the classes he took," said Dr. Paul Cerpovicz. "As a member of the EGSC Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine (STEMM) Club, Tanner was involved with many community outreach events to help people of all ages better enjoy science, as well as understand and appreciate how important it is to our lives. He made my classes with him fun and enjoyable, and I wish him all the

luck with his medical career."

The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, a four-year medical school osteopathic program, was founded in 2019 to help grow the number of rural physicians in Georgia. Osteopathic medicine takes a holistic (full body) approach to treating illnesses and implementing lifestyle changes alongside prescribing medications.

In addition to prescribing medications, Osteopathic Physicians utilize Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) to help the body work together cohesively. OMM is taught as 300-400 additional hours of neuromusculoskeletal training and learning hands-on techniques to manipulate bones and muscles to

help relieve pain.

A Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine is a complete physician who is licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery in all 50 states. The whole-body approach to patients leads a majority of these doctors to practice family-oriented primary care.

Peebles plans to move to Moultrie to begin school in August. He will complete two years of course work followed by two more years of course work combined with clinical rotations. Peebles will be part of the class of 2025.

Following the completion of medical school, Peebles would like to attend a family or internal medicine residency (3-4 years). He would then like to return to a rural

area to help offset the deficit in healthcare in our area.

"I am beyond excited to continue my journey towards practicing medicine at PCOM-Moultrie. Much like East Georgia, PCOM-Moultrie is a rural college dedicated to educating students to help them one day use that education to improve their community," said Peebles. "I feel as though obtaining a D.O. degree at PCOM will help me treat patients in rural areas who would otherwise struggle to obtain access to quality healthcare. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to begin a lifetime of service and obtaining knowledge and I feel blessed to have continued support from my undergraduate college and community."

## Alumni Association to host gardening series

Even though Covid-19 has slowed our Alumni Association events, we are still doing things. Tune in to our East Georgia State College Alumni Association Facebook Live posts to get gardening tips, and later in the summer we will talk about how to put up those vegetables. I look forward to gardening with you!

## Don't miss our new Alumni Association Book Club!

The EGSC Alumni Association is starting a book club, and the first selection will be *Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Part coastal living and nature, part coming of age story, part murder mystery, it is a great book! We will have our discussion of this book on Thursday, May 20, 2021, to give everyone plenty of time to read it. We will have our book discussion through a Zoom meeting. If you would like to attend, just email me, Karen Guthrie, at [kguthrie@ega.edu](mailto:kguthrie@ega.edu) and tell me you want to attend and give me your email address. I will get you all signed up! This is a great read, I look forward to talking with you about it!

## EGSC debuts new "GoEast" campaign

East Georgia State College's marketing campaign has made a refreshing change, and soon, you'll see *Go East, Go Anywhere* everywhere!

This new branding will take the place of our previous *Let's Get*

*Associated* campaign and will serve to further EGSC's transfer mission by promoting our degree programs and each of our three locations, as well as online. There are many ways to Go East, and each one can be tai-

lored to exactly what a student needs to succeed.

We are excited to share this new page in EGSC's story with you, and look forward to sharing our new look with you in future campaigns!





# EGSC Alumni Association President Matt Donaldson named to Georgia Board of Education

Matt Donaldson, EGSC Alumni Association President and Mayor of Twin City, Georgia, has been named to the Georgia Board of Education. Recently Matt was invited to a breakfast at the Governor's Mansion where educational priorities for the students of Georgia was discussed. Matt presented the book *The Year We Stayed Home* by Dina Walden, a teacher at Twin City Elementary, to Georgia School Superintendent Richard Woods at the meeting. He later toured the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, a state school for deaf and blind students, where a new addition was recently approved.



## EGSC Alumna publishes book

In November, an East Georgia State College alumna published her first book. Mikella Hansley, an EGSC Alumna, said she was taken into a vision by God in April of 2018. In the vision, she was consumed by a large body of water, but she shot up quickly and powerfully. Because Mikella's grandmother had just passed, she thought the vision represented her overcoming the grief of her death. Little did she know that God was about to take her on a journey. She realized in 2019, that her books would not only align with her ministry, but also with her speaking career as a Christian motivational speaker.

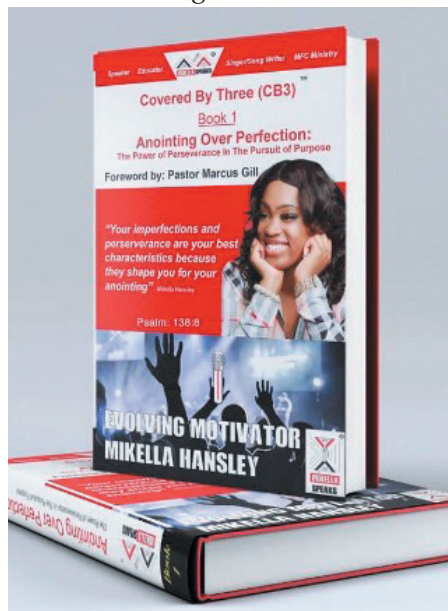


This book is dedicated to her grandmother Dora, and it is a 20-day guide (which includes quotes, scriptures, and activities in each chapter) based on her life journey and how she overcame hardships while being perfected at the same time. One thing she realized is that

we all have a gift, but what you are anointed to do will prevail over your imperfections.

*Anointing Over Perfection: The Power of Perseverance in Pursuit of Purpose* was inspired by her looking at all the mistakes she made in her life, feeling and being broken, and not feeling qualified to be used by God. She believes that she had to go through certain things, so the reader of this book wouldn't have to.

Mikella says that she realizes that, no matter what happens to her in life, or how she responds to what happens, God will not stop loving her, and He's going to use everything she went through and goes through for His glory.



## Alumnus decorates White House for Christmas for the second time

East Georgia State College alumnus Jim Roberts of Southern Traditions Floral and Gifts in Swainsboro Georgia has now decorated the White House for Christmas two years in a row: Christmas 2019 and 2020. He must have done such a great job the first time that they asked him back again! Jim also donated a beautiful wreath from his store to benefit the EGSC Alumni Association silent auction last year, which funded the EGSC Alumni Association Scholarship. Thank you, Jim, and we are so proud of you!



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