



ALUMNI EGSC

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Homecoming King and Queen

East Georgia State College held their annual Homecoming Casino Night and Formal on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center. This event was the highlight of Homecoming Week, which included events such as a performance by Hypnotist Chris Jones, a blood drive, Arrive Alive Tour and more for everyone to enjoy.

The 2017 Homecoming Court was made up of Brannon Braddock and Kayla Davis representing Phi Theta Kappa, Morgan Scott and Maurice Sutton representing the International Club, Naomi Mason representing the EGSC Student Ambassadors, Mikella Hansley and Craig Conyers representing the Student Government Association, Kinsey Burgess representing EGSC Men's Basketball, Leari-Jenee Jones and Phil Booker representing the Criminal Justice Club, Jasmine Fann and Brandyn Snyder representing Bobcat Cheerleading, Shunseere Kent representing EGSC Women's Basketball, Myranda Hand representing EGSC Softball and Maya Wilson representing the Robert Feline Playmakers.

Bobcat Cheerleading's Brandyn Snyder was voted Homecoming King, while Mikella Hansley of the Student Government Association won Homecoming Queen. Congratulations to them and all of the members of this year's Homecoming Court.



Alumni Spotlight - Lisa Fields Bertoch



Lisa received an associate of art degree from East Georgia College (EGC) in 1993. While at EGC, she served as Sophomore representative for the Student Government Association. Lisa completed a bachelor of business administration from Georgia College & State University (GCSU) in 1997.

She is employed at Yeomans & Associates Insurance Agency with locations in both Swainsboro & Louisville, Georgia, where she currently serves as Vice-President, Agency Manager and a producing property & casualty agent. She started working part time at Yeomans & Associates while attending EGC and then moved into full time duties managing the agency while also attending GCSU. Last June, was her 25 year anniversary with the agency.

Lisa is also a member of First Baptist Church of Swainsboro where she teaches 1st-3rd grade Sunday School and Girls in Action Missions.

Lisa said "Attending East Georgia was the perfect transition from high school into becoming an adult for me. I had to work two part time jobs in order to go to college full time and afford to pay for tuition and books. Looking back now I am so thankful for all of the professors and staff members who invested their time into my life while attending. I now have the opportunity to serve several of them in my business. The extra effort of encouraging me to "keep going" or "you can do better" on a paper you worked so hard on (full of notes in red showing your errors) was just what I needed. I certainly did not see it that way back then, but those precious moments helped challenge me to become a better student. The ability to obtain a college degree from East Georgia College is something I am so very proud of. It was hard. It was a privilege. It was an honor. It was worth it! East Georgia will always hold a special place in my heart and be HOME for me."

Keyton named Miss EGSC 2017

On Saturday, February 4, 2017, six young women competed for the title of Miss East Georgia State College 2017. They competed in the categories of Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, On Stage Questions, Talent and Evening Gown, with preliminary interview competition happening earlier that day. The theme of this year's scholarship pageant was "Once Upon a Time," and the fairy tale theme carried throughout the competition.

This year's Miss EGSC is Miley Keyton, 18, of Swainsboro. She is the daughter of Lyn and Pam Keyton. Her platform is Turning Disabilities into Possibilities, and, for her talent, she performed a tap routine. She is a freshman and plans to attain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, then go on to work in the NICU with newborns or be a travel nurse. In addition to being named Miss EGSC, Keyton also tied for the Evening Gown competition winner and was awarded the Rachel Jane Frederick Interview Award.

First Runner-Up was Alexis Brooke McBroom, 18, of Swainsboro. She is the daughter of Tonya Morel and Dwayne McBroom. Her platform was Autism Awareness and, for her talent, she performed a dramatic monologue. McBroom tied for the Evening Gown competition winner and was named the Talent competition winner.

Second Runner Up was Madison Payne, 18, of Canton. She is the daughter of Wendy and Jay Simpson and Van and Brandi Payne. Her platform was Helping Underprivileged Children and, for her talent, she played acoustic guitar. Payne was also the People's Choice award winner, collecting the most money during the first part of the competition.

Other winners included MyKera Brown, 18, of Augusta, who was named Miss Congeniality. She is the daughter of Mia Brown and Kendrick Davis. Her platform was The Three E's of Life: Educate, Elevate and Empower.

Congratulations to all participants in this year's amazing Miss EGSC Scholarship Pageant!



Pictured Left to Right:
Alexis McBroom, Miley Keyton and Madison Payne

Alumni Updates



Harley Strickland is a native of Claxton, Georgia, and a 2013 graduate of Pinewood Christian Academy. She is the 21-year-old daughter of Jo Ann Strickland and the late Keith Strickland. Harley is a senior at Georgia Southern University where she is studying broadcast journalism and public relations. She is a member of the Dean's List, the President's List, and Georgia Southern Student Media. After graduation, Harley plans to become a local broadcast news reporter for our area.

Harley began her journey in the Miss America Organization in 2014 with the title of Miss East Georgia State College. After claiming her first title, she competed at the Miss Georgia pageant two more times with the title of Miss Coastal Empire and Miss Georgia Southern University.

Harley is very involved with her platform of hospice care. She began volunteering and educating individuals on the importance of hospice when she was 14 years old. When choosing a platform, she knew hospice would be her choice because of her love for the patients she had volunteered with.

When Harley isn't competing in pageants, she is modeling with Halo Models and Talent or traveling the United States with Allure Bridals modeling pageant, prom and bridal gowns. Not only does she enjoy modeling formal gowns, but she also enjoys selling gowns at Frills by Scott in Statesboro, Georgia. In her spare time, Harley enjoys going to the beach, traveling, target shooting, hunting and fishing.



Matt Donaldson attended East Georgia State College from 2008-2010. During his time at EGSC, he was active with the Student Ambassadors program. After East Georgia, Matt transferred to Georgia Southern University and completed his degree in Finance.

Matt started working with Durden Banking Company, Inc. during his high school days at Emanuel County Institute and continued working throughout college. After completing his degree at Georgia Southern University, he accepted a full

time position with the Durden Banking Company. Currently, Matt serves in the position of Controller.

In 2016, Matt graduated from Georgia Banking School, Georgia Academy for Economic Development, and Leadership Emanuel. Matt is a founding member of the East Georgia State College Alumni Association and currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors. Matt also serves as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Twin City, Board Member of the Development Authority of Twin City, President of the Emanuel County Institute School Council, Treasurer of the Adam Brinson Historical Society, and President of the Friends of George L. Smith State Park.



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Upcoming Events

Graduation

Spring Commencement

May 5, 2017

7:00 PM

East Georgia State College Gymnasium

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni and Friends Gala

Saturday, October 7, 2017

6 PM

Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center

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