

CORRELL *Scholars* PROGRAM



2018 - 2019

Year in Review
Report



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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Correll:

With the commencement of our fifth year of the Correll Scholars Program, the Correll Scholars are having a transformative influence on the academic and social environment of East Georgia State College! As the result of your great and thoughtful giving, our cadre of young people are now finishing undergraduate programs, beginning graduate school, and returning to our region to serve their fellow citizens.

Our Scholars are a truly diverse and engaged group of young people. Each year we have been blessed with students who have accepted the Correll vision of diligent study and service to the region. As the program continues to grow and develop, we are able recruit more and more students who are prepared to accept the program's challenge.

In our fast-paced world, filled with distractions unlike those ever witnessed before, the Correll Scholars are afforded the time to reflect more deeply on the challenges that are ahead of them. As these testimonials indicate, our Scholars are poised to assume significant roles in advancing our region. Thank you.



Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Lee Cheek, Jr." in a cursive style.

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Overview

The Correll Scholars Program was established in 2014 and began Fall semester 2015 to recognize and prepare exceptionally promising students as future community leaders in our region.

- Awards are \$5,000 per student, renewable annually, for a maximum of four years. Twenty scholarships will be awarded each year.
- Students must attend East Georgia State College's Swainsboro Campus.
- Correll Scholars who meet eligibility requirements and continue their studies as a junior or senior in a baccalaureate degree program at EGSC will be given first consideration for subsequent year awards.
- Students must attain qualifying enrollment status to receive subsequent year funding: "sophomore" for year two, "junior" for year three, and "senior" for year four.

Application Process

The Application process is designed to identify students who demonstrate the talent, motivation, and potential to transform themselves and their community.

- Completion of EGSC Admissions Application (Automatic Non-Resident Waiver) and college acceptance
- Completion of the Correll Scholars Program Application
- Submission of an essay, "How will you use your education to transform your community?" (1000 word maximum) (included in online submission)
- Interview

Selection of Scholars

Each spring, new applicants will participate in the "Correll Scholars Selection Day" for interviews with faculty, staff, community leaders, and donors. Scholars will be selected based upon committee approval.

Criteria

SCHOLARSHIP

- GPA, SAT, ACT scores
- Challenging course load
- General knowledge beyond field of study
- Ability to think critically

LEADERSHIP

- Ability to make an impact and influence others
- Focus on the global society
- Excellence in communication
- Motivation to excel
- Strong character

SERVICE

- Demonstrated strength in coaching, tutoring, and mentoring
- Nonprofit work experience
- Demonstrated commitment to others

Rigorous Program Standards

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Complete at least 26 credit hours in freshman year to maintain eligibility for sophomore year.
- Participate in a one-hour-credit course each semester that focuses on issues and challenges facing our region and work collaboratively to design solutions for those challenges.
- Actively participate in tutoring and mentoring of local high school students at the Fulford Center.
- Attain the Service Seal of Distinction.



2018 - 2019 Correll Scholars



Student Name

Griffin Beall
Jonathan Brand
Hali Brown
Anita Cerpovicz
Fiza Chhipa
Olivia Christian
Addie Collins
Abigail Cowart
Jana Crews
Lexie Cross
Justin Hackle
Markasia Heath
Cameron Kea
Tyronica Kelsey
Mary Evans Key
Rebecca Mason
Taiara Moye
Kaylee Palmer
Duranté Payne
Dustin Rogers
Erin Rowland
Kelsey Sellers
Reese Stalvey
Eli Walker
Ashanti Whitehead

Hometown

Soperton
Swainsboro
Swainsboro
Statesboro
Wrightsville
Swainsboro
Rocky Ford
Garfield
Waco
Swainsboro
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Twin City
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Swainsboro
Soperton
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High School

Trentlen County High School
Columbus High School
Richmond Academy
Trinity Christian School
Johnson County High School
Shiloh High School
Screven County High School
Emanuel County Institute
Mt. Zion High School
Emanuel County Institute
Swainsboro High School
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Trentlen County High School
Swainsboro High School
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Emanuel County Institute
Brunswick High School
Habersham Central High School
Jenkins County High School

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Student Name

Cameron Chalker
Makayla Conner
Jazzmyn Cox
Jillian Edenfield
Susanna Hall
Niaya Harris
Katie Hill
Shawn Smith
Carley Stapleton
Chase Thompson
Jordan Wells
William Cole Wilkes

Hometown

Waynesboro
Sardis
Swainsboro
Kite
Bartow
Metter
Millen
Reidsville
Wrightsville
Sylvania
Columbus
Lyons

High School

Burke County High School
Burke County High School
Swainsboro High School
Swainsboro High School
Thomas Jefferson Academy
Metter High School
Edmund Burke Academy
Tattnall County High School
Johnson County High School
Screven County High School
Northside High School
Toombs County High School

Bobcat Buddies Mentoring Program

Correll Scholars mentored/tutored selected Swainsboro Elementary School 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students from September 18, 2018 through November 29, 2018 during fall semester and January 15, 2019 through March 28, 2019 during spring semester.

The twenty Swainsboro Elementary students who participated in the program were selected by teachers, administrators, and the school counselor.

Students Served

3rd grade	6 students
4th grade	3 students
5th grade	11 students

*"I feel this is a safe place for her, and she is comfortable going to any of the staff to voice any concerns that she has."
- Parent Survey Comment*

*"My child's attitude is better; that's a great thing to love about it."
- Parent Survey Comment*

Total Mentoring & Tutoring Hours

1113 hours

Surveys were completed by teachers and parents at the end of each semester. Following are the highlights.

From parents:

- 100% rated the overall program either good or excellent
- 100% rated the program content either good or excellent

From teachers:

- 100% of the teachers involved in the program indicated students benefitted from the experience.

General parent comments centered on wanting more than two days a week for tutoring!

*"This program has helped him find a much better understanding about school work."
- Parent Survey Comment*

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Information About **COSP1101**

**East Georgia State College
Correll Scholars Program Seminar
Tuesdays 8:00 am - 8:50 am • COSP 1101
(CRN:80100)
Fall 2018/One Credit Hour**

I. Professor: H. Lee Cheek, Jr., Ph.D.

II. Office location: Academic Building, C-277

Office Phone:(478)289-2048

E-mail address: lcheek@ega.edu

Office Hours:0800-1700 daily

- EGSC's official mode of communication is via email. Therefore, check your EGSC and D2L email daily.

III. Course Description:

"The introductory course in the Correll Scholars Program that is premised upon introducing first year scholars to the value and importance of service to the local community and the State of Georgia, as well as surveying the many facets of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of the State of Georgia (Catalog of East Georgia State College, 2017-2018, p. 74)."

IV. Prerequisites: Selection by EGSC as a Correll Scholar.

V. Textbooks TEXTS:

- McGregory, Jerrilyn. *Wiregrass Country, Folklife in the South* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1997).

ISBN: 0878059261

- Early, Lawrence. *Looking for Longleaf: The Fall and Rise of an American Forest* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

ISBN: 0807856991

- Storr, Will. *Selfie: How We Became so Self-Obsessed and What It's Doing to Us* (New York, New York: Overlook Press 2018)

ISBN: 978-1-4683-1589-9

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- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia.
- Demonstrate ability to compare and contrast the local region with other regions in the South, other areas in the country, and other parts of the world.
- Demonstrate ability to critically evaluate information.
- Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in oral and written forms.
- Demonstrate successful participation in active learning through service.
- Demonstrate ability to create a comprehensive portfolio of learning experience in Correll Scholars Program.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Understand the value of service to the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia.
- Recognize that service to others is a natural and necessary response to the world around us.
- Have insight into appropriate forms of service-its source, its meaning, and its impact on both the performer and the recipient.
- Understand how they can use their chosen vocation to serve others.

VII. and VIII.: Evaluation and Grading

Specific Course Assignments: Will vary from semester to semester.

Quizzes/Tests

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GRADING SCALE

Grades for the semester will follow the USG scale:

- 1 - Weekly quizzes and blog entries on readings and handouts: 45%**
- 2 - Final Paper integrating learning and service(Due 30 Nov.): 45%**
- 3 - Final Exam 10%**

The grading scale:

- A = 100 – 90**
- B = 89 – 80**
- C = 79 – 70**
- D = 69 – 60**
- F = 59 - 0**

ASSIGNMENTS AND DUE DATES

IX. Attendance Policy

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the course notes from a classmate. I will not copy and hand out my lecture notes, except in extreme circumstances documented by a medical or other agreed upon official documentation. Classroom attendance is important as it supplements the text readings. Excessive absences will hurt your understanding of the material, comprehension of what is expected in assignments, and your grade.

XI. Plagiarism & Academic Dishonesty

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See also VII. and VIII. above.

XII. ADA Statement

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XIII. Course Withdrawal Policy Statement:

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a Financial Aid representative to discuss their personal financial aid situation. More information regarding withdrawal from courses can be found in the EGSC catalog at <http://www.ega.edu/policy/egsc-catalog.pdf>

XIV. Campus Emergency Policy

a. In the event the fire alarm is sounded, everyone must evacuate the building at once and in a calm and orderly fashion, using the nearest exit. In the event of a severe weather warning everyone must proceed immediately to the nearest designated shelter area which are marked by a small tornado symbol. All severe weather shelter locations are posted on the EGSC website. Each student should, on the first day of class, determine the location of the nearest exit and the nearest designated shelter area for each of his or her classrooms. If you have difficulties locating either ask your instructor to assist you.

b. The Connect-ED system is a communication service that enables East Georgia State College administrators and security personnel to quickly contact all East Georgia State College students, faculty and staff with personalized voice and text messages that contain emergency-related campus information (e.g., campus closing, campus threat, health scare, etc.) With Connect-ED, East Georgia State College students can be reached and provided with vital instructions anywhere, anytime, through their cell phones, home phones, e-mail, TTY/TDD receiving devices, or other text-receiving devices. (<http://www.ega.edu/connect-ed.pdf>)

XV. Additional Course Requirements

XVI. Outline of Topics and Course Calendar

**1 - Week One: 8/14/18: Introduction to Course and Service Learning
(Bobcat Buddies)
Readings: Course Syllabus and Handouts**

**2 - Week Two: 8/21/18: Convocation and Selfie Readings: CC
Dr. Lee Cheek**

**3 - Week Three: 8/28/18: Historical Setting of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens
region of Georgia/Service Opportunities
Readings: WC/12 and 2
Dr. John Derden**

Labor Day Holiday – No Classes 9/03/18

**4 - Week Four: 9/04/18: Historical Setting of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens
region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.
Readings: WC/3,4
Dr. John Derden**

**5 - Week Five: 9/11/18: Chess and Critical Thinking
Professor Mike Lisenby
9/13/18: College Convocation. Plan to attend**

- 6 - Week Six: 9/18/18: Politics and Government in the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.**
Readings: Handouts
Professor Brett Larson
- 7 - Week Seven: 09/25/18: Religion and Community Organizations in the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.**
Readings: WC/5
Dr. Lee Cheek
- 8 - Week Eight: 10/02/18: Literature of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.**
Readings: WC/6
Dr. Carmine Palumbo
- 9 - Week Nine: 10/09/18: Demographics of the Wiregrass Region**
Professor David Strickland and Dr. Harry Vogel
- 10 - Week Ten: 10/16/18: Art and Cultural Enrichment in the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.**
Readings: WC/8 and 9
Professor Desmal Purcell
- 11 - Week Eleven: 10/23/18: Physical Environment of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.**
Readings: LL/1 and 2 and 3
Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp
- 12 - Week Twelve: 10/30/2018: Session with President Boehmer**
President Bob Boehmer
- 13 - Week Thirteen: 11/06/18: How to Be a Scholar**
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Deborah Vess
- 14 - Week Fourteen: 11/13/18: Ecology of the Wiregrass/Pine Barrens region of Georgia/Service Opportunities.**
Readings: LL/4 and 5
Dr. Breana Simmons
- Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes): 11/22/18-11/23/18**
- 15 - Week Fifteen: 11/27/18: Exam**
Group Social/Service to Community Discussion Gathering
- Final Exams December 3-7**

Information About **COSP1102**

**East Georgia State College
Correll Scholars Program Seminar on State Regional Issues
Tuesdays: 8:00 am - 8:50 am • COSP 1102
(CRN:20280)
Spring 2019/One Credit Hour**

I. Professor: H. Lee Cheek, Jr., Ph.D.

II. Office location: School of Social Sciences, C-274

Office Phone: (478) 289-2048

E-mail address: lcheek@ega.edu

Office Hours: Monday - 1600-1800; Tuesday - 0900-0930, 1100-1200;

Wednesday - 0800-1200, 1400-1500; Thursday - 0900-0930, 1100-1200;

Friday - Out of Office

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III. Course Description:

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IV. Prerequisite: Successful completion of COSP 1101.

V. Textbooks

-COSP 1102 Reader.

- Early, Lawrence. *Looking for Longleaf: The Fall and Rise of an American Forest* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

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- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the Georgia and the Southeast.
- Demonstrate ability to compare and contrast Georgia with other regions in the Southeast.
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Final Exam - 40 points

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2 - Week Two: (22 Jan. 2019) Historical Setting of Georgia and the Southeast in the United States
Dr. John Derden

3 - Week Three: (29 Jan. 2019) Historical Setting of Georgia and Southeast/Service Opportunities.
Dr. John Derden

4 - Week Four: (5 February 2019) Politics and Government of Georgia and the Southeast/Service Opportunities.
Dr. Brett Larson

5 - Week Five: (12 February 2019) Meeting with Dr. Boehmer (tentative).

6 - Week Six: (19 February 2019) Social Demographics of Georgia and the Southeast
Professor David Strickland

7 - Week Seven: (26 February 2019) The Business and Economic Environment in Georgia
Professor Mike Lisenby

8 - Week Eight: (5 March 2019) Literature of Georgia and the Southeast/Service Opportunities
Dr. Carmine Palumbo

- 9 - Week Nine: (12 March 2019) Art and Cultural Enrichment in Georgia and the Southeast/Service Opportunities.
Professor Desmal Purcell**
- 10 - Week Ten: (18-22 March 2019; no class) Spring Break**
- 11 - Week Eleven: (26 March 2019) Strategic Planning
Dr. Lee Cheek**
- 12 - Week Twelve: (2 April 2019) Physical Environment of Georgia and the Southeast/Service Opportunities.
Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp**
- 13 - Week Thirteen: (9 April 2019) Ecology of Georgia and the Southeast/
Service Opportunities.
Dr. Breana Simmons**
- 14 - Week Fourteen: (16 April 2019) Study Tour**
- 15 - Week Fifteen: (23 April 2019) Final Exam**



Information About **COSP2101**

**East Georgia State College
Correll Scholars Program Seminar on National and International Issues
Thursdays: 8:00 am - 8:50 am • COSP 2101
(CRN:80101)
Fall 2018/One Credit Hour**

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IV. Prerequisite: Successful completion of COSP 1101 and 1102.

V. Textbooks

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XV. Additional Course Requirements

XVI. Outline of Topics and Course Calendar

- 1 - Week One (8/16/18): Introduction to Course.**
- 2 - Week Two (8/23/18): Civility in Global Affairs.**
Dr. Lee Cheek
- 3 - Week Three (8/30/18): Historical Setting of Humanitarianism in Global Affairs.**
Dr. Lee Cheek
- 4 - Week Four (9/06/18): International Relations Today.**
Dr. Lee Cheek
- 5 - Week Five (9/13/18): Threats to the International Order.**
Dr. Brett Larson
13 September EGSC Convocation – Plan to attend.
- 6 - Week Six (9/20/18): Social Demographics of America and the World.**
Professor David Strickland
- 7 - Week Seven (09/27/18): Domestic and International Religion and Community Organizations.**
Dr. Lee Cheek
- 8 - Week Eight (10/04/18): Meeting with the President**
President Bob Boehmer
- 9 - Week Nine (10/11/18): Art and Cultural Enrichment in America and the**

World.

Professor Desmal Purcell

**10 - Week Ten (10/18/18): Leading Contemporary American and Global Writers.
Dr. Carmine Palumbo**

**11 - Week Eleven (10/25/18): Business and Industry in the World Economy.
Professor Mike Lisenby**

**12 - Week Twelve (11/01/18): Physical Environment of American and the World.
Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp**

**13 - Week Thirteen (11/08/18): International Issues in Ecology.
Dr. Breana Simmons**

14 - Week Fourteen (11/15/18): Final Papers Due

Thanksgiving Break 11/22/18-11/23/18

15 - Week Fifteen (11/29/18): Reassessing Storr

16 - Week Sixteen (December 3 – 7): Final Exams



Information About **COSP2102**

**East Georgia State College
Correll Scholars Program Practicum
Thursdays: 8:00 am - 8:50 am • COSP 2102
(CRN:20281)
Spring 2019/One Credit Hour**

I. Professor: H. Lee Cheek, Jr., Ph.D.

II. Office location: School of Social Sciences, C-274

Office Phone: (478)289-2048

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Office Hours: Monday - 1600-1800; Tuesday - 0900-0930, 1100-1200;

Wednesday - 0800-1200, 1400-1500; Thursday - 0900-0930, 1100-1200;

Friday - Out of Office

III . Course Description:

"This final course in the Correll Scholars Programs provides the student with the opportunity to observe the practice of service learning, academic research, and professional development by providing a structured and extended on-campus experience related to a student's career interests. During the course, students are expected to integrate classroom knowledge with work experience, develop practical career-related skills and training, explore a career before graduation, and obtain work experience and professional attributes for future employment. To complete this course, students must work a total of 50 hours with an EGSC faculty member and complete three learning modules on D2L and a final research summary paper. Practicum assignments are subject to the approval of the Director of the Correll Scholars Program." (Catalog of East Georgia State College, 2018-2019, p. 83).

IV. Prerequisite: Successful completion of COSP 1101, 1102, and 2101.

V. Textbooks

-COSP 2102 Reader.

-Cress, Christine. *Learning Through Serving: A Student Guidebook for Service-Learning Across the Disciplines* (Sterling, Virginia: Stylus Publishing, 2005).

VI. Course Learning Outcomes with Linkages to General Education Student Learning Outcomes

The Correll Scholars Program is a new initiative at East Georgia State College. This one-credit hour course (to be offered each year), along with required service-learning experiences, are intended to introduce Correll Scholars to the importance of service and civic and cultural awareness in our region, nation,

and world, through an integrative curriculum that challenges them to think critically about all of these concerns. Each week, the Correll Scholars will interact with some of EGSC's senior faculty on a variety of topics.

By combining an introduction to service with an academic seminar, Correll Scholars have the unique opportunity to contextualize the knowledge acquired within the classroom with their individual service-learning experiences. Through class discussions, reading, and reflection, scholars will also be able to connect the relevance of service-learning work to the course objectives and their broad academic fields of study.

Working to enhance the quality and breadth of the undergraduate education for our Correll Scholars, this course strives to achieve the following goals:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key developments in the modern world.
- Demonstrate ability to compare and contrast America with other countries in our global community.
- Demonstrate ability to critically evaluate information.
- Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in oral and written forms.
- Demonstrate successful participation in active learning through service.
- Demonstrate ability to create a comprehensive portfolio of learning experience in Correll Scholars Program.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Gain an understanding of research by working with a faculty member on a specific project.
- Integrate classroom knowledge with real-life work experience through a combination of practical experience and scholarly research.
- Evaluate the successful or failure of your practicum experience through empirical and qualitative means.
- Learn career-related skills that will assist students in gaining future employment.

VII. and VIII.: Evaluation and Grading Tests/Quizzes

Quizzes are based on assigned reading, lectures, and any additional material passed out or assigned. It is important to both read the material and listen attentively in class.

Missed Test or Late Assignment

Making up a missed test or turning in an assignment late will be allowed only in special circumstances and if accompanied by official documentation. Let me know prior to the deadline or quiz date if there is a genuine conflict or crisis. Please discuss all concerns about completing course requirements or conflicting life situations with me. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Academic Integrity is expected. Cheating and plagiarism will result in failure of the test or assignment and possible consequences from the College.

What to Bring to Class

Your personage, a writing instrument, textbooks, and writing paper.

Disruptive Behaviors in Class

Students who exhibit behaviors that are considered to obstruct or disrupt this class or its learning activities will be considered under the Board of Regents Policy on Disruptive Behavior. Behaviors which are considered to be inappropriate in this classroom include sleeping, eating, coming in late, interrupting others, talking out of turn, inappropriate behavior during group work, texting, verbal behavior that is disrespectful of other students or the faculty member, or other behaviors that may be disruptive. Students who exhibit such behavior may be temporarily dismissed from the class by the instructor and may be subject to disciplinary procedures outlined in the EGSC Student Handbook.

GRADING SCALE

Grades for the semester will follow the USG scale:

The grading scale:

A = 100 - 90

B = 89 - 80

C = 79 - 70

D = 69 - 60

F = 59 - 0

GRADING SCHEME

- 1 - Three learning modules on D2L. Each learning module consists of two assignments: 50 Points**
- 2 - Research Summary Paper: 50 Points**

IX. Attendance Policy

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the course notes from a classmate. Excessive absences will hurt your understanding of the material, comprehension of what is expected in assignments, and your grade.

XI. Plagiarism & Academic Dishonesty (please see EGSC student Handbook.)

See also VII. and VIII. above.

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- 1 - Week One (01/17/19): Introduction to Course I**
- 2 - Week Two (01/24/19): Introduction to Course II**
- 3 - Week Three (01/31/19): Practicum Plan Development**
- 4 - Week Four (02/07/19): Learning Module I Due**
- 5 - Week Five (02/14/19): Practicum**
- 6 - Week Six (02/21/19): Practicum**
- 7 - Week Seven (02/28/19): Practicum**
- 8 - Week Eight (03/07/19): Learning Module II Due**
- 9 - Week Nine (03/14/19): Practicum**
- 10 - Week Ten (03/21/19): Spring Break 03/18 – 03/22**
- 11 - Week Eleven (03/28/19): Practicum**
- 12 - Week Twelve (04/04/19): Practicum**
- 13 - Week Thirteen (04/11/19): Learning Module III Due**
- 14 - Week Fourteen (04/18/19): Practicum**
- 15 - Week Fifteen (04/25/19): Practicum**
- 16 - Week Sixteen (05/02/19): Research Summary Presentation**

Student Comments



Cameron Chalker

Thank you for another year at East Georgia State College. It's been a wild and hectic semester this spring, with the usual mix of classwork, job demands, and all kinds of applications for scholarships and other colleges. Over spring break, I was able to take advantage of an invaluable research opportunity to travel to Costa Rica. We were lodged at the University of Georgia's Costa Rica campus, and every morning promised a beautiful mountainside view of jungles and river valleys strewn with boulders. The trails we hiked through contained innumerable species of plants and animals, and each outing presented a chance to observe something new: a miniature red deer, massive ants, a tree of trumpet-shaped flowers, or wild hydrangea bushes of deep lavender-blue. This is only one of the many opportunities presented to me this semester that I have used to showcase the leadership principles expected of myself as a Correll Scholar.

We Scholars are East Georgia State College's foremost movers and shakers, and though I cannot speak for myself, I know others in the programs will accomplish great things in their lives, wherever they may go. Because of your generosity, we have the chance to assist other students inside and outside the classroom. While I work as a tutor on campus, I see other Corrells leading study groups. During our first semester, we mentored local elementary students as part of the Bobcat Buddies Program. Elsewhere, Corrells who have already transferred are already emerging as exemplary students at their institutions. At EGSC events, Correll Scholars speak to the student body. In the newspaper, Corrells are recognized for their achievements. Outside, in the community, Correll Scholars lead service projects and donate their time to worthy causes.

Through it all though, I'm glad to have had your generosity support my fellow scholars and myself. Without financial shortages to worry about, it has been much easier to focus on our educational responsibilities. This semester has been especially difficult, and unfortunately I will not be continuing my education at East Georgia. I have been offered a chance to continue my undergraduate education at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, and although it is far from the community that has been supportive of me in the last two years, I earnestly believe that the opportunities presented by an institution of its caliber will be beneficial for me and the people I am to meet there.



Jazzmyn Cox

These past two years have been spectacular! The Correll Scholars Program has opened many doors for me at East Georgia State College (EGSC) and in my community. There is no other college that I would have wanted to receive my undergraduate degree.

EGSC class sizes are small enough that I can have a true connection with my professors and classmates. The college is close enough in proximity that I can still help my family when needed. The EGSC staff has shown me—time and time again—how much they desire to see me succeed not only in school, but also in life in general. The campus brings a family-like atmosphere set by the faculty and students. Dr. Lee Cheek and Ms. Kimberly Page (just to name a few) have been wonderful as I have grown to be the leader that the Correll Scholars Program believed I could be.

Dr. Cheek and Ms. Page are phenomenal program advocates and incredible people, in general. In short, I would have been lost without them. They always made me and my fellow Correll Scholars as top priorities and treated us as if we were children of their own. The opportunities that have been opened to me are priceless and seemingly without end.

One of the most important side benefits this program has brought has been amazing new friendships. The friendship I am particularly grateful for is a fellow Correll Scholar, Cameron Chalker. Our friendship has helped to make my college experience truly astonishing. Without him, there would have been many more days when I would have just been “going through the motions of work and learning”. He helped me to understand there is more to life than school and work; we are supposed to have fun too! It has been an amazing experience establishing friendships between myself and the first-year and second-year scholars. Together, we have been on trips, learned interesting things about both the state of Georgia and the local Wiregrass Region, and gained an understanding of different ideas from each other. We make each other better and inspire each other to do our very best. I am blessed to have been chosen to sit and learn with/from these amazing Correll Scholars.

One of the many privileges, the Correll Scholars Program has given me is my internship at the Edenfield House, a bed and breakfast in Swainsboro, GA. Amazing is one of the best ways to describe this place and its owner, Aaron Correll. I have had the opportunity to speak to and learn from successful people from around the world... right here in the small town of Swainsboro, GA. While under my internship at the Edenfield house, I had the opportunity to take a young German woman, Julia, to the historic downtown of Savannah for a day trip. She was blown away by our culture and rich history of the South. What really surprised me was rather than seeing Historic River Street, she wanted to see the quirky things about American culture like Forest Gump’s Bench. She was amazed by the American flags everywhere and the fact that we take tips off credit cards. I was stunned by how articulate she was in English and her warm, bubbly personality. I would have never had such a great experience without the Correll Scholars Program wanting me to expand my cultural awareness of not only the region I live in, also but internationally. I will cherish the memories that have been afforded for me in and out of school.

A major reason why many people do not attend college is because it can be such a tremendous financial burden. Thanks to the Correll Scholars Program, I have been able to get my two-year degree debt free. This tremendous program—coupled with common sense and an extremely frugal lifestyle—I was able to start and fully fund my freshly-minted individual retirement account (IRA) at the end of 2018. None of this future-building success would have been possible without this fantastic scholarship opportunity.

With all the good things that come from life, there are always lessons to be learned. Goodness, have I had to learn a couple of lessons within the last two years! While I was growing up, I never really had much time to “be a kid.” I was required to shed youth and work to help my family stay afloat. I grew up fast; there was no time for me to think about the person I wanted to be. I was worried more about where my family would live month to month. I went to school, then work, then home to take care of my disabled mom and younger brother, only to repeat that routine the very next day. I didn’t have the luxury to hang out with friends and simply experience life. The idea of having fun was quite foreign to me. Upon entering EGSC and adding many of the Correll Scholars as friends, I was challenged to sort and sift through numerous ways to better manage my time. It took me outside of my comfort zone and I am grateful for it. Great things are rarely born within comfort zones. I feel that this challenge has added yet another layer of preparedness for my future endeavors.

When the award letters come out each year, I am struck by a strong sense of appreciation for attending a college that I otherwise would not be able to afford. In sum, I am immeasurably grateful for the Correll Scholars Program and am immensely aware it is the singular catalyst for my degree completion at EGSC. As I move forward into my studies and subsequent career, I will never forget how your kindness brought improvement throughout my life these last two years. Thank you, Mr. Pete and Mrs. Ada Lee, for your kindness, for believing in me and for investing so much in my education/future. I will always be thankful to both of you, but more importantly, I will also seek ways to better the lives of the young people who surround me.



Jillian Edenfield

I hope that this year has treated your family well. Your contribution to my education has made my year that much easier. I appreciate the financial security you offered to me and my family. For a second year, I was able to attend East Georgia State College with peace of mind. I thank you for making my purchasing of class materials and courses a breeze. By having these requirements met with your help, the worry some students feel was nonexistent for me. Overall, the Correll Scholarship made it easier to focus on my course work.

The Correll Scholarship has also provided me with a new group of friends and advisors. In my time at East Georgia, I have met new people who have helped me seek progress in my scholastic endeavors. Without these relationships and support, obstacles I faced would have been harder to overcome. I believe the Correll Scholarship is to thank for these indispensable resources.

Because the Correll Scholarship has been so rewarding, I have made the decision to continue my education at EGSC. My hard work has paid off, as I will be graduating with my Associate's degree. It is my wish that this serves as a reward to your family too. Although this is an accomplishment, I look forward to furthering my education by pursuing a Bachelor's in Biology degree at EGSC. With the help of your generous donation, I hope I will soon receive another diploma.

There is no way to possibly convey the gratitude felt by my family to yours in this short letter. I enjoy giving you this brief insight into my life as a student. It is comforting to know that you care about my journey. The Correll Scholarship has changed my life for the better, so thank you for taking a chance on me. I cannot wait to see what the upcoming year holds for me as a Correll Scholar.



Susanna Hall

I owe much appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Correll. Without them, my undergraduate experience would not be near what it has been. As a Correll Scholar, the financial burden of pursuing a college degree has been lifted. Aside from the blessing this scholarship is financially, I have had doors opened to me that I know would not have been otherwise. I have had the opportunity to meet with state and national representatives at the Eggs and Issues breakfasts to learn about both the issues and progresses of our government. As an aspiring doctor, I find much interest in learning about healthcare on national, state, and local levels. I found much hope in the discussions about the improvements made in rural healthcare. As a small-town girl (more like middle-of-nowhere girl), I am fully aware of how underserved rural areas can be in terms of health care. That is exactly why I hope to attend Mercer University School of Medicine to earn my doctorate in medicine. Their mission is to educate "physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia." My passion is to serve the families of rural counties such as Emanuel, Jefferson, and Johnson. I have been greatly encouraged in hearing how our politicians aim to make quality health care more accessible in rural Georgia.

Another highlight in my second year as a Correll Scholar has been the practicum. Not often do people have the opportunity to walk around a beautiful, historic city such as Savannah with two of the most brilliant historians—Dr. Cheek and Dr. Durden. The whole experience was absolutely amazing. As we navigated on foot through the squares of downtown Savannah, we got to walk under the most beautiful oaks trees on the planet as well as have a rich history lesson. After an amazing lunch at Moon River, we made our way to Fort Pulaski. I had not been to this historic site since fourth grade—so to have the opportunity to go again was great. We also had an amazing tour guide, Ranger Niles, whose enthusiasm made the experience even more enjoyable. I enjoyed it so much that the next day I jokingly told my organic chemistry professor that I had decided to change my major from biology to history.

Aside from all of the fun trips and events, the people are what make the experience as a Correll Scholar the best. Unfortunately, due to my class schedule, I have not been able to be part of many Correll class sessions, which means that I have not been amongst my classmates as much as I would hope. However, I do enjoy every moment I do get to spend with them. With not getting to be in class, I really appreciate Dr. Boehmer and Mrs. Joyce opening their house to us for a Correll social each year. It gives the opportunity for all Correll Scholars to be together and fellowship. Speaking of Dr. Boehmer, I am so grateful for how much he cares about the students and the support he gives us. I am also thankful for all of the friendships I have made in my classes. I am not sure that I could make it through organic chemistry without some of them! East Georgia also has some of the best professors a student could ask for. In the best way, Dr. Brasher really aided in redefining my view of studying literature. I was not fond of literature classes in high school, but I enjoyed his class so much that when I found out he had a book club for students, I found it necessary to join. I can always count on a good, solid challenge in Dr. Cadle's biology classes as well as Dr. Cerpovicz's organic chemistry classes, and Dr. Chevalier has been such a great help every step of the way in pursuing my biology degree. I must also highlight how crucial Ms. Kimberly Page and Dr. Cheek have been in my time at East Georgia. I will never be able to thank them enough for the constant encouragement and support they give.

This semester has not been the easiest, but I am glad hasn't. I am at college to be challenged intellectually and to build my critical thinking skills, which is crucial in being a successful doctor. In all of its difficulties, this semester has taught me the importance of rest. As my schedule is only set to get busier and busier, I have found it important to take moments to rest—even if it is only a few minutes between classes.

So, thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Correll, for it all. As I finish up my junior year and prepare to embark on my final two semesters in pursuit of my biology degree, I know that I would not have the experiences that I have mentioned above without you both. Philippians 1:3 really puts into perspective my gratitude for both of you. I hope you have an amazing and restful summer!



Niaya Harris

I am writing to you today to inform you of my endeavors here at East Georgia State College including the award I was given by you all. I'd like to start off by thanking you for the Correll scholarship for these past 2 years. I'm so grateful that I was chosen to represent the both of you throughout my school, community, and family. I am honored to tell you that will be furthering my academic career at Georgia Southern University in the fall to pursue my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Thank you for believing in me both years.

Your support towards my academics has meant everything to me and more. Thank you for having Dr. Cheek check in on us regularly and make sure things are okay. This scholarship has given me so many advantages. It has helped me financially more than anything. My number one goal in life was to not make my parents pay for my schooling, and this opportunity made that possible; I have gone 2 years debt free thanks to the both of you. I have also been given the privilege to broaden my knowledge and take more courses than I would have been able to take without the scholarship. Your support financially and physically encourages me to continue succeeding and striving for nothing but the best.

Because of the Correll scholarship, I now see the world from a totally different perspective. I have learned that although I may not always be able to change those around me, I can be the change in the situation or environment instead. I have also learned the true definition of civility. I now view everything from a whole new lens than I did before and appreciate life a lot more now. I am now motivated to lead even more, work harder, and look at things from someone else's view instead of my own. I even gained the courage to apply for the Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship and I won. This program has taught me to go beyond measures to broaden my knowledge and educational opportunities.

This semester has been a breeze compared to the last one. I took 3 education classes directed towards my major, the Correll class of course, and an online earth science course. I think this semester has been a breeze for me because I got to intern for a minimum of 60 hours at my local high school; it was a life-changing and knowledgeable experience for me regarding the teaching field. My grades are looking very good, my work ethic has increased even more, and I have finally gained the inner confidence in myself and my academic endeavors that I had hidden all along inside of me. I will not be graduating this spring because I changed my major at the last minute but am on track to return from GSU and do so in December.

I'd like to thank you again for all that you've done for me and my peers during our duration at EGSC. I look forward to gathering all that I've learned from the Correll Scholar program and taking it on with me to GSU in the fall. I may be leaving, but I'll always be a Correll Scholar at heart. Thank you for allowing me to reach out to those in need of something in a certain area and serve as a mentor for them as well; this experience has called me to become a teacher myself. Bobcat Buddies was a great program and allowed me to do what I love best. I hope the both of you continue having a very blessed year and I look forward to coming back and visiting soon.



Katie Hill

Thank you so much for everything you have done. The Correll Scholarship has helped mold me into the person I am today. Because of your generous donation, I have learned so much about my community, made lifelong friends, and I've been able to impact the lives of others. The Correll Scholarship has given me many opportunities to give back. I was able to give back to my community by tutoring the Swainsboro Elementary students within my first year of being a Correll scholar. I really enjoyed seeing the students grow as well as excel in their studies. This year, I had the opportunity to do an internship with a speech therapist. Through this internship, I gained so much experience. In addition, it helped me finalize my decision to pursue a career in speech-language therapy. I am so excited to be continuing my education as a speech-language therapist at Valdosta State University after I graduate from East Georgia State College. The Correll Scholarship has really meant the world to me. It's so difficult to put into words how much this scholarship has impacted my life. Because of the Correll Scholarship, I have discovered both my strengths and weaknesses. I discovered that I love working one on one with young students and helping them achieve their goals. I also discovered that I frequently struggle with procrastination, but I have been taking the proper steps to improve this weakness. This semester has been one of the most difficult, but also one of the best semesters I've had throughout my college career. I have had multiple academic challenges throughout this year, but I have been able to overcome them. One of my biggest academic struggles has been pre-calculus. I have struggled a lot through this class, because math is a really big struggle for me, but I am so thankful to say that it's almost over. Everyone that I have met through the Correll scholarship program I have grown so close to. We are all very different from each other but we all care for each other just like family. The friends that I made through this program have helped me make it through tough times that I thought I would never overcome. I will always be best friends with everyone I've met through this program. I never thought that just a single scholarship could provide me with so much opportunity and bring me so close to people I thought I would never be friends with. The Correll Scholarship has and always will have a huge impact on my life. It allowed me to see where my strengths and weaknesses lie, and because of that I have discovered what career I want to pursue with my life. Mr. and Mrs. Correll, I just want to say another huge thank you for everything. If it wasn't for everything y'all do, I would probably nowhere close to the becoming the person I am today. I am so thankful that East Georgia is blessed to have such wonderful people like y'all to contribute to our education and help us follow our dreams.



Carley Stapleton

There are not enough words to express how grateful I am for the Correll Scholarship and East Georgia State College, both have had a crucial impact on my life that I will forever cherish. I could not have asked for a better college experience, than the past two years as a Correll Scholar. Throughout my time here at East Georgia, I have cried, laughed, and gained the friendship of some very special people, all thanks to this once-in-a-lifetime scholarship.

By being awarded this generous scholarship, it has lightened the financial burden that tags along with pursuing a higher education. Being able to attend an intuition with no cost has

been a complete blessing. Over the past two years, I have learned so much, both academically and about myself. Many obstacles have been hurled my way, but never fear, I overcame them.

I have been given numerous opportunities to further myself as a person. Last year, as a first year Correll Scholar, tutoring the local elementary students was a blessing in disguise. It gave me so many memories that I will cherish forever. This year, being a second year Correll Scholar, I had to do an internship, and who better to intern under than the great Mrs. Jean Schwabe. I have learned so much from Mrs. Jean and the Fulford Center this past year. Being able to help with school field trips and luncheons has provided me with many life skills that I will forever hold on to!

Having some of my closest friends along my side through this journey we like to call life, is a true blessing. I like to describe my fellow Corrells as sunshine on a cloudy day. If you are having a bad day, it does not matter who you call on, they will always be there waiting with an empty shoulder to lean on. I honestly believe that is because we could not be any more different from each other. Every one of us is unique in our own way. We all have a plan, and such a positive outlook on life that we cannot help but radiate an everlasting impression on others.

Over the past couple of months, transferring has crossed my mind, but in all honesty, I do not want to leave. I know there comes a time for a new chapter to be written, but I believe my time here at East Georgia State College is not over. I have decided to further my education, by obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from my favorite college EGSC.

The support and affection the Corrells have for East Georgia State College has made a huge impact on staff, faculty, students, and the community. Being able to come and get a high-quality education from this prestigious "small-town college" would not be possible without the Correll's support. Seeing the impact and the number of lives the Correll's have touched, is nothing more than inspiring. I only hope that I can be half the person that Mr. Pete and Mrs. Ada Lee are.

I am extremely thankful for the Corrells' belief in and support to my educational success. I am so fortunate to have such a strong support system here at East Georgia State College. It's a true honor to have the title of Correll Scholar associated with my name. I thank you, a million times over, from the bottom of my heart. ***cue the tears***



Ashanti Whitehead

First off, I want to thank this Correll program for pushing myself to become better. I always thought that I had a limit to my success, but I realized that my success is limitless! Being a Correll helped me recognize that I should strive for greatness no matter how challenging it may be. This scholarship is important to me because not only does it help me financially, but I feel like it changed my perspective in life. I can do whatever I put my mind to. Many people doubted me by thinking I wasn't capable of handling 16+ credits and maintaining

an outside, but I proved not only to them but to myself that I can do whatever I put my mind to.

Now I am still maintaining 16+ hour credits, working at an outside job, and now starting my own jewelry business. I realized that I like challenges, and I also like to overcome those challenges. I also feel like I became academically successful because even though there were rough patches in my academic journey, I still finished off strong with A's and B's. I feel like I stepped into college scared of what life was going to throw my way. Now I am at the end of my first year of college and have transitioned into a fearless young woman. I am ready to take on whatever the world has in store for me.

"What are the biggest challenges you faced your first year of college?"

I get asked this question numerous times, but my biggest challenge was maintaining everything all at once. I would find myself in situations when two or three assignments were due at 12 that night, but I didn't get off till 10. I would get stressed and feel like I wasn't capable of doing everything like I thought I was. I would become overstressed and sad, but I had to realize that I was too strong to give up on anything. I figured out the proper way to juggle everything without becoming stressed or feeling like it was too much. Another challenge I faced was becoming distracted. At one point in time, I allowed someone to distract me from my goal. I stopped investing time into my school work and started investing more of my time into them. When I found myself in a situation, I realized it was time to get back on track. I know that if I want to become a nurse one day, I am going to have to learn how to handle situations when they occur.

I hope this scholarship continues to better students and show them that no matter how hard it may get, they can accomplish any goal they have their mind set on. I wish nothing but the best for this scholarship and it may continue to strive for greatness. I hope it continues to allow students to challenge themselves, and become great as they are destined to be. Again, thank you for this life-changing experience. I am forever grateful, and I can't wait for you guys to see what I am capable of.



William Cole Wilkes

As my second and last year as a Correll scholar comes to an end I can't help but be sad. My time as a Correll scholar has been a time full of fun memories and friends. The people that this program has introduced me to have been people that have become some of my closest friend and will most likely be my friend's forever. I am also eternally grateful for all that this program has done for me. When I first heard about this scholarship that all that I thought of it as ..." a scholarship" ... Little did I know but soon did I find out that the Correll scholarship program is so much more. Not only has it introduced me to some lifelong friends, but it has made me a better student and leader in my own community.

This program has pushed me too my limits and drove me to do better in my academics and it has been this drive that pushed me to become the top scholar at East Georgia State College. Not to brag but this means that I have the highest-grade point average at East Georgia State College and this is all thanks to the high standards that this program has held me up to. I was put through the fire and came out stronger, so to speak. The study techniques that I have learned have become vital tools that I will take with me for the rest of my life. It has taught me how to be a leader by setting a good example on how a leader truly acts not only on a college campus but in a community.

The Correll program has also presented me with some excellent role models. For example, the creator of the program, Dr. Cheek. Dr. Cheek has been clearly shown himself to be the best person for the job. Throughout my time as a Correll scholar he has been there for me every step of the way. He has offered support and help in everything and not just school related problems. Even when he would be drowning in paper and things to do he would always make time for us. As I look back on my time in the program that is something that I will always be grateful for. The feeling of importance is something that makes this program truly one of a kind.

As I college student I can honestly say that we don't often get treated with the utmost respect or even given the time of day. So, when given this opportunity to be a Correll scholar I graciously accepted. If it wasn't for the program there is no telling what might have become of my school career. Looking back on my time there isn't a single thing that I would change about it. It has been such a wonderful yet trying experience that I am oh so thankful for. I would also like to say that once my time at East Georgia is over I will be attending Georgia Southern University to pursue a degree in electrical engineering, in the hope that I may one day get a job at Plant Vogtle and do my part in supplying people with power. I hope that the Correll scholarship will continue to do for other people that it has done for me.



Griffin Beall

Thank you for your unlimited generosity and your continual giving to East Georgia State College and the Correll Scholars program. I am so thankful that I get to represent such a profound scholarship at East Georgia State College. Also, this scholarship really helps my family financially so that I can already start saving up money to further my education after my four years at East Georgia. This scholarship has proved beneficial to so many young scholars and encourages me to work even harder in all of my classes. I don't think I will ever be able to thank you enough for all the opportunities and memories this scholarship has provided me so far through my freshman year of college.

Throughout my first year of college, I have learned how important it is to work ahead of time and to strive for excellence in every class. College has been a lot tougher than high school and it took some time for me to get used to the fast pace of college work. My freshman year has really tested my work ethic and I have had to fight through many new challenges that have arose throughout the past two semesters. Through determination and diligent work I was able to excel in all of my classes. Looking ahead to my next years at East Georgia State College, I am excited for all classes I am going to take and the chance to improve as a young scholar.

Along with being a Correll scholar, I have also been blessed with other roles of leadership at East Georgia State College. This past semester I have had the honor of being the President of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at East Georgia. I'm extremely excited with opportunities made available through BCM and the great things we can do on campus. We have plans to expand the BCM group next semester so it will become a relevant organization once again. I have also become an active member in the East Georgia State College Chess Club. I have always liked chess, but at the beginning of the fall semester I realized my love for the game. I thoroughly enjoyed discovering new tactics about chess a developing new relationships and friendships through the club. I am looking forward to what I will experience with these two clubs in the next few years.

Out of all of my first year college memories and moments, the most significant is me realizing what I want to pursue as a profession. When I first went into college I was planning on being some type of doctor, but I always knew that being a doctor wasn't really what I wanted to do. I have always loved to teach and mentoring other students and I feel that I am called to teach high school students. I want to inspire students to believe in themselves and to never give up. Just as you have done for so many young scholars, I want to provide students with motivation to work hard in school and to strive for success. Thank you so much for my scholarship because without you I wouldn't be where I am at today. You have inspired me to do my best in everything and I promise I will not let you down!



Jonathan Brand

First I would like to thank you both for everything you do for East Georgia State College. You bring an opportunity to receive an education for many people, because of your generous donations to the students. I personally am very thankful for the scholarship that you have given me. Without this scholarship, I would not be in the position I am in financially. My class of Correll scholars have become family to me. Everyone is so friendly and always a joy to be around. I am on the baseball team at East Georgia and coming into school I thought my only friends would be the guys on the team. However, because of this opportunity, I have made a whole new set of friends and I would not have, without your generous scholarship. Throughout these past two semesters, I have had some great successes. First academically I received a 4.0 GPA last semester. I also was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. These two things helped me receive a \$15,000 scholarship for the school I am transferring to.

That being said, next year I will be attending Miami University (Ohio). I received a baseball scholarship to join their team and have decided to take it. The baseball scholarship along with the academic scholarship that I have received will help my family very much financially. On the baseball field, I have also had many successes. First being receiving a scholarship to play at a division one school. I am playing pretty well this year. I have been both pitching and hitting for the team and I am doing well in both. However, with these successes I have had some challenges. The first semester, I did not have that many challenges academically. I found my classes challenging however I did very well in them. The second semester however has been more challenging.

This semester I am taking a very challenging biology class. This class has required me to find new ways to study. I am proud to say that I have found those new ways of studying, and I believe I will receive a good grade in the class. Also, this semester, I have had to learn how to manage my time which has been a challenge. With it being baseball season, I've had to miss class from time to time for games. However, I've found the long bus rides make a great time to get some studying done! I have made the time to meet with my professors in order to catch up on the missed work. They have been very helpful in overcoming these challenges that the spring has given me.

In the next season of my life I hope that I can take everything that has been given to me and give it to others. I have learned many life lessons through the Correll program, especially through the Bobcat Buddies program. Those kids have taught me more than I could have taught them. I hope to bring the joy that those kids showed to me to everywhere I go. I wish nothing but the best for you Mr. and Mrs. Correll. Once again, I would like to thank you for everything you have done for me and the rest of my Correll Scholar class.



Hali Brown

My name is Hali Brown I am from Augusta, Georgia. I graduated from Richmond Academy. After dozens of tries with scholarships I gave up but on June of 2018 I received a call from Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmer with the best news ever! Thank you for the scholarship, this scholarship is the biggest blessing to me to get through college! I am honored to be your choice for this award. It has given support to my family and I have been able to further my career in college to become the best person I can be in life. This scholarship is one of the key motivations to my success in college.

I am very proud to say I am maintaining all requirements for the scholarship, just struggling with two classes but besides those two I am in good shape and will pass my finals! My challenges are math and chemistry, but I just need to work on the subject harder.

Tutoring with the kids on Tuesday and Thursday was fun, they really are intelligent students. The kids didn't open up much at first, but once they got use to me they were the best group I ever tutored!

Visiting Savannah was the most fun trip I have ever been on! We toured the civil rights museum, walked around the city, visited the first ever Girl Scout's house, and ate at an organic restaurant called Moon River Brewing. The food was amazing.

East Georgia State College has been a great first college experience for me. There are small classrooms with a lot of learning opportunities. I was able to focus with few distractions. The community is very safe and the teachers are great. I really do appreciate all of the people involved with the scholarship that helped me reach my goals! Without the ACE, Dr. Cheek, and other staff members I think I would have failed. East Georgia makes me feel so comfortable with myself. The people here understand my struggles and care!

Another challenge I faced was my first time having roommates. At first I was shy because I get real nervous around people, but now my roommates make me feel at home. The dorms are also beautiful as well. I am majoring in Art to become a fashion designer or art director. I love fashion and art and I believe I would be a good celebrity fashion designer! I have a great creative mind and want to put my mind to use to better this world. If this career choice doesn't work out I will try to go into the culinary arts. I love to cook and create recipes with whatever is in the kitchen.

Thank you for the opportunity to further my career and to become who I really want to be in life! Thank you once again for choosing me for this scholarship!



Anita Cerpovicz

Thank you so much for your generous donation to not just my future, but to the future of all the students in the Correll program. The Correll Scholarship is truly the best thing to happen to East Georgia State College, and I am forever grateful. Receiving the Correll Scholarship has been such a blessing in my life. It has greatly relieved the financial stress that going to college puts on many individuals.

Being called a Correll Scholar is such a high and rewarding honor that I am truly grateful to have. Coming into the Correll Program, my fellow classmates were all strangers, and I had no idea what to expect. I knew of the high standards that the program places on each student, but other than that I was kind of in the dark. I had met Dr. Cheek during my interview, and he seemed like a cool guy, but I didn't really know what he was really like. I remember on the first day of class Dr. Cheek came in with so much energy and enthusiasm I thought he was just really wired up on countless cups of coffee because it's hard waking up for an 8am class. But I quickly came to the realization that that was his normal state, and I found that to be such a blessing. Dr. Cheek wants all of us to succeed, and he's filled with so much energy every day that it's hard to not have some of that enthusiasm flow over and spread throughout the classroom. Dr. Cheek really is a blessing to this program, and I feel that he is the best person to lead this program.

The Correll Program has introduced me to so many people that I probably wouldn't have met without being a member of this amazing program. My fellow classmates that were strangers at the beginning of the year are no longer strangers, and it's been such a fun journey so far.

Participating in the Bobcat Buddies program and tutoring the elementary school kids was very eye-opening. I was more used to tutoring kids my own age, so I really had to use different tactics when it came to the elementary school kids, but it was a very educational experience that I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate in.

Being a Correll Scholar is a rewarding and challenging experience. It's academically challenging, but I like it that way. What's the point of college if you're not being academically challenged in some way?

The Correll Scholars Program is truly one of a kind. I love the community service that the program requires, and I am forever grateful for the many people that I have met along my journey so far. Mr. and Mrs. Correll, you guys are a student's hero. Your investment into my future and the future of all the Correll students is forever appreciated. Everyone needs people to guide them and push them into the future, and I feel like that is what this program does. It guides us, and pushes us, to become the best people we can be in order to hopefully become great leaders in whatever we end up doing with our lives.

So, thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I am looking forward to my next three years at East Georgia State College and all that the Correll Program has to offer.



Fiza Chhipa

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity of receiving the Correll Scholarship. I was very pleased and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of this Scholarship.

Let me tell you about myself, I am currently majoring in Biology with an emphasis Anatomy and Physiology. I plan to pursue a career in Pediatrics with the long-term goal of becoming a Pediatrician assisting people in under-represented areas. Thanks to your generous scholarship I am now one-step closer to achieving my goal. By awarding me the Correll Scholarship you have reduced my financial burden, which allows me to focus on my college work and not worry about how I am going to pay for college.

I hope that one day I will also be able to help struggling students. I would love to help them reach their goals in higher education by assisting them in the same way you are helping me. Honestly, one day I would like to meet you personally Mr. and Mrs. Correll. I could not thank you enough for what you have given to me and my parents. Growing up in a less privileged community has not only caused financial and academic challenges, but has helped me realize the value of a college education. Working as a volunteer in my community I have had the opportunity to help people to learn about community services available to them. I hope to be able to serve in a political position sometime in the future where I might have even more of an ability to help less fortunate and unrepresented social groups. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization. My lifelong dream of attending medical school is moving forward, thanks to generous educational scholarships like yours. My dream is becoming reality at East Georgia State College. The \$5000 award gives me an opportunity to earn skills that will serve the medical community following graduation. Without scholarship patrons willing to support medical education students, such as myself, would be unable to pursue advanced health care degrees. Your scholarship will help me earn credentials in Pediatric Medicine, which require special training and coursework.

My passion for medicine is matched only by my love for children, so my decision to specialize in Pediatrics comes from the heart. I am committed to my education and to the healthcare field, and one step closer to become a doctor.

I have truly enjoyed this year and the experience of being a Correll. I have grown and developed as an individual. I have started to open up and not to be shy. This year has been amazing and I cannot believe how much I have grown educationally and personally. I am also grateful for our "one of a kind", challenger, and fearless leader Dr. Lee Cheek! He not only guided me academically, but also mentally. I would like to give an enormous thanks to my Correll family not only for giving me opportunity to help me succeed in life, but also for being like my parents and providing me with so much love. This love meant everything to me! I have been blessed financially and gained leadership qualities. I was encouraged by my high school friends to come to East Georgia State College and become a part of East Georgia State College program. I will never forget my time spent in Swainsboro thanks to this amazing scholarship opportunity. I have truly grown through the Correll Scholarship program.

When I count my blessings, that God has given me I count the Scholarship Program in every moment. In every moment I am thankful for this program. May God bless you and your family with health, wealth, and much more happiness! Again, thank you for this opportunity and for your generosity.



Olivia Christian

I would like to start out by saying thank you for being such generous and good-hearted people. This was my first year in the Correll Program and I have learned so much and have benefited greatly as a student and a tutor. The works we read and the lectures we listened to everyday in class were truly eye opening. We learned so much about our world locally and globally. Tutoring those kids was an amazing experience that really allowed me to grow in my passion for mentoring youth. I am truly blessed to have you and Dr. Cheek looking out for me and my future.

Education is my top priority in life right now after God. Both my parents are immigrants who came from nothing but through hard work and the blessing of being able to get an education in America, they were able to create a good life for themselves and their children. They are living examples of how far getting an education can boost a person's standard of living. The Correll Scholarship is really important to me because it allows me to chase my dreams of getting an education so I can be able to give back to my community and family later on in life.

In the Correll Scholars classroom I learned about the Wiregrass Region of the southeast United States. The Wiregrass region spans from central Georgia to southeast Alabama and down into northern Florida. Wiregrass is often paired with the Longleaf Pine Tree. Historically the Longleaf Pine covered 90 million acres of North America. Only 3% of those acres are alive today. We also learned about the history of the Native Americans in this region that cared for the Longleaf-Wiregrass ecosystem by using burning techniques. Dr. Cheek brought speakers in to also teach us about the history of the music, literature, and art of the Wiregrass region.

Tutoring the children in Bobcat Buddies was a very inspirational experience. I learned just as much as I helped teach. We built bonds in Bobcat Buddies that will surely have a positive impact on the education of those children. We had full class multiplication practice, worked on individual homework, and worked on reading skills. My student's favorite thing to do after we finished homework was play hangman. I used her vocabulary words for the week and she said the extra practice in the form of a game helped her remember the words better for her quizzes.

Being a Correll Scholar is a blessing not only for the scholarship but also the experiences, comradery, and the title. We get the opportunity to hear lectures from some of the most interesting people on campus and learn things that most people have to pay to take an entire course over. We meet interesting elementary school children and get to help them along their own personal journey of finding themselves academically. Correll Scholars are truly a family unit. We meet together on our own to study, have discussions, and just hang out. Finally, the title of being a Correll Scholar opens many doors for you on and off campus. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Correll for the opportunity of being a Correll Scholar. I promise to live up to the standard and be an example for all students on campus.



Addie Collins

I would like to thank you both for your extreme generosity. The Correll scholarship has meant so much to me over this past year. Without this scholarship I would not have had as many of the opportunities that I was given. Dr. Cheek does such a wonderful job leading this program. He has so many interesting stories, and loves to share his experiences with us. All he wants for us is to succeed and he does all he can to make that possible. Mrs. Kim also does an amazing job. She makes sure that everything is taken care of, and solves problems as soon as they occur. The tutoring part of the scholarship was so amazing. I got to meet so many young kids and help them succeed in their education. My major is Early Childhood Education so I especially loved the tutoring. Helping them showed me a glimpse into my future career. It felt so amazing to see the students come with a big smile on their face ready to learn. Seeing them come in week after week with their grades getting better gives you such a sense of pride.

Last semester was really great for me. I got to take two classes that are built around my major. With those classes I got to start doing my practicum at my local elementary school. I got to do forty hours within the school system in the fall and twenty in the spring. I got placed with an amazing teacher named Erin Thames. She is the definition of what a great teacher is. The care she showed for each of her students is simply amazing. This was technically my second year in college because of the Dual Enrollment I did in high school. It went so much smoother than the whole last year went. During the last school year I was having some family struggles while trying to focus on doing well school. This year I made it my own personal goal to block out all of the noise and succeed for myself. I did just that, I made the Dean's List! I was so proud of myself because of all that I had overcome to get to this point in my life.

Just like everything in life, college has its challenges. This semester I am enrolled in a Life and Earth Science class with a brand new professor. It has been quite challenging because she is learning just like us. It is also kind of difficult because she lives in Florida and we live in Georgia. Though it has been difficult it has also been very interesting. She gave us the opportunity to build our own science lesson. She let you pick your own Georgia Performance Standard for any grade level K-5. It was really neat to get to perform some experiments for them. In elementary school it is harder to do experiments because it is one teacher trying to do it. I did my lesson over weather and did experiments that involved rain and a blizzard. They really enjoyed the experiment that showed how rain flows from the clouds. It was a fun experience to show them something they never get to see.

This is my last semester at East Georgia State College and I have really enjoyed my experience here. I have met so many people and learned so much from my professors. Without the Correll program none of this would have been possible. Thank you both for all that you do to sponsor this program. It really takes away some of the stress when coming into college and worrying about the financial aspect. I will continue my education at Georgia Southern University with a major in Elementary Education and I plan to get my masters. I am very excited about this new experience. This is such an amazing program and offers experience like no other scholarship does. It builds so many amazing relationships between students and professors as well. This scholarship is truly a blessing and I am very thankful for all that it has done for me.



Makayla Conner

I remember when I was a senior in high school, I really did not know where I wanted to go to college, but I did know that I wanted to go somewhere far away. My parents, however, had other plans. During that time my sister was attending East Georgia as a Correll Scholar and my parents wanted me to do the same. They kept pushing me and pushing me to apply for the scholarship, but I was determined not to go to East Georgia. Eventually, I gave in and applied, and to my surprise I got it. And that honestly was the best decision I have ever made. I wasn't really sure as to why God wanted me to go to East Georgia but now, I know. I am so thankful and happy that I was blessed with the opportunity to be a Correll Scholar.

At the start of the school year I felt so excited to be starting my last semester here at East Georgia but also a little sad to be leaving all the people and memories I have made here. But above those, I felt so grateful to have been able a part of the Correll Scholar Program. This program has been such a blessing to me financially and socially. Without this scholarship attending college would have been a strain on my family – both of my older sisters are still in college too. Being a part of this program has also given me so many opportunities to meet new people and gain many experiences. At the beginning of my college career, I was very timid, and I really didn't like talking to people I hadn't previously known. That has all changed since I've been a Correll. Now I love meeting new people and I have become so confident in myself as a person. I am so sad to see this chapter of my life coming to an end, but I am so anxious to see what the future must hold.

I can honestly say that my sophomore year has been more difficult, academically, than my freshman year. This year I took both of my science classes that I needed to graduate, and I decided to take chemistry. Needless to say, I have been in the library almost every day studying and have spent many afternoons in a study group. Even though this class has been a struggle for me, I have met some pretty cool people and I have gained more effective studying habits. One of the coolest things about this class was that many of the new freshman Corrells were in there with me. My freshman year, I only knew one or two of the sophomore Corrells, so I really liked getting know them.

Since I already knew many of the first-year Corrells, it made our Practicum experience even more fun. This year we went to the beautiful Savannah and it was the perfect day for sightseeing. We went to the Civil Rights Museum, visited Fort Pulaski and had some really good food! This trip was so much fun and educational – I learned a lot about Savannah's history and about my fellow Corrells. This trip was bittersweet. It was the last thing that I ever did with my Correll class. That's the hardest challenge I've had to face this year: leaving. I have grown so close to my fellow Corrells and it is going to be hard to not see them every day next semester. We really have become like a little family. East Georgia may be ready to let me go, but I'm not ready to let go of East Georgia.

I am so heartbroken to see my time as Correll come to an end, but I will forever be thankful for all the things it has taught me and all the many memories and opportunities it has given me. A big thank you to Dr. Cheek for always making us smile and for believing in us, even when we didn't believe in ourselves. And to Mr. and Mrs. Correll, I could never fully express how thankful and grateful I am for your generosity to provide this scholarship.



Abigail Cowart

Thank you so much for this opportunity. I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness and your generosity. Because of you and your generosity, I was given this honor that I will look back upon and cherish forever. This scholarship has been the best part of attending East Georgia State College. I am so proud to tell people that I am a part of the Correll Scholars Program and see the looks on their faces. This is truly a respected and esteemed program. I will always remember the day I received my congratulatory email and the excitement my parents and I shared.

To me, the most important part of this scholarship is the high academic and involvement standards. Being held accountable for my grades by someone other than myself really pushed me to put my best work forward. Dr. Cheek and Ms. Kim are so helpful to us all, and they are a vital part of this program. It is very evident that they want everyone to succeed in their endeavors, and they are very much appreciated for everything they do. They always seem to know exactly what to do, and they keep this program running like a well-oiled machine.

Helping the children from a local elementary school with their schoolwork and giving them advice was such an awesome adventure. I never knew what they were going to say or do, and watching their individual personalities come out more and more was amazing to see. I am going to miss their bright smiles and the goofy answers they would come up with the we would all play Mad Lib.

This past spring and fall semesters have been very successful academically. I made an A in all of my classes, and I made the Dean's List for the fall semester. I have decided to attend Georgia Southern University in the fall, and I hope to attend the nursing school at Georgia Southern next spring. In the future, after I graduate from nursing school, I hope to work as a pediatric nurse in a hospital. I have always known that I wanted to help heal those around me. God revealed to me that I would do this through saving children and giving their families peace of mind.

Again, I am so grateful for this past year. Because of you, twenty people in my Correll class did not have to worry about expenses; we were able to focus on our grades and on our futures. It is heartbreaking to know that I will not be part of this again next year- it has been an amazing experience. Thank you so much for all you do for our community, our college, and our program. I wish you and the program all the best.



Jana Crews

My Correll Experience was one of the most amazing things ever. I have truly learned a lot from this experience. It has taught me a lot of very important things in life. Coming out of high school, I graduated at the top of my class which gave me a head start among other students coming into East Georgia with me. I was informed in high school by my softball coach that if I came to East Georgia that I could qualify to be a Correll Scholar. She told me that I would receive \$5,000 towards my tuition each year if they chose me out of 40 incoming freshman that also applied for the scholarship. That money that I would receive would help me and my parents out a lot knowing that I would be paying less out of pocket for school. Along the way I also met some amazing people who I never thought I would run into and become friends with. I got to help out little kids and get to know them and help them do great in school. I also got to have a better understanding of people and this program.

When I first went to the Correll interviews there were so many people there! Little did I know that one day I would be sitting in a classroom being friends with each one of them. The Correll class was like another family to me except for I had two families the Correll program and the softball program. I just thought I had a lot of friends while playing softball until I went to the Correll class and everyone was welcoming. Most of my friendships at East Georgia are from my Correll class. I not only met students I got to meet some pretty amazing adults among the way as well. Each and everyone of the adults that are a part of the Correll program have helped shape me into a better person.

The bobcat buddies program was a very fun experience for me. I worked with kids in high school but not like the way I worked with these kids. I felt for these kids because I was once in that same position as them. So I knew what it was like needing help with homework. When getting to know the kids you have to actually get to know them and figure out what is the best way for them to learn. Once you figure that out it becomes easier to get the kids to actually do their work. Working with these kids was very funny because kids have no filter so they say whatever come to their mind! I also enjoyed working with the kids because you get to know them better and have a better understanding about them.

Getting into this program you would think that people would just be like... "Oh I'm a Correll and I'm smarter than you". This was not really the case because every single student that was in our Correll class remained humble and didn't brag about being a Correll. Being in this program it taught me a lot and the most important thing it taught me was that you don't have to be a Correll Scholar to consider yourself smarter or better than someone. You just have to be willing to put forth all your effort to become successful. The Bobcat Buddies program helped me grow as a person and wish that I had this program when I was in school. Back when I was their age it was just me my mom or dad and tons of tears because I struggled in school when I was younger.

I am so thankful to have this opportunity to be in the Correll program. It truly has taught me more than enough that I need to know to grow into an amazing adult.



Lexie Cross

The Correll Scholarship has been the greatest blessing in my life thus far and would not be possible without a few very special people. I would first like to say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Correll for donating money to fund the scholarship. Without your constant support, many lives, including mine, would not be able to achieve the life they wish to have. I personally would like to thank, Elizabeth Gilmer for personally informing me that I received the scholarship. It was truly one of the happiest moments in my life. Also, I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Cheek and Ms. Page for mentoring me for the past year. These special people have made a huge impact on my life that I will be forever thankful for.

The Correll Scholarship has been a true blessing that I am so grateful for. The Scholarship has played an important role in my life. Coming from a single income family, money has always been an issue financially and academically. However, because of the Correll Scholarship, I will be able to finish my Associates Degree debt free! Also, some of my scholarship funds will allow me to continue my education by working towards a higher degree. This gift has given me financial freedom and eased the burden on my family.

Not only has the Correll Scholarship helped me financially and academically, but it has helped me grow in ways I could not imagine. The scholarship has shown me ways to connect with faculty, mentors, and other scholars. The numerous amounts of relationships with other people that have been made will last for a lifetime. I know I can count on these special people in the future because of the tight bond that was created through the Correll Scholarship. The Correll Scholarship has also allowed me to grow academically. The scholarship has provided me ways to get ahead of others in achieving academic success. I have achieved interpersonal success by pushing myself to my limits to reach personal goals in my academic career. I know I would not be able to be who I am today without the constant help and reassurance of others in helping me reach my goals.

Although the Correll Scholarship has provided me lots of happy memories, I can also say that it has brought me challenges as well. These past two semesters have been a constant rollercoaster filled with good and bad times. At moments, I have felt defeated and overwhelmed by trying to balance my personal life and my academic career. But most of the time, I felt as if I have everything figured out and at least most of my life together. I would not be able to overcome these challenges without the help of all my mentors and friends.

I know my time at East Georgia State College will be ending soon but I know that I will make the last few moments here count. The Correll Scholarship has prepared me for my future academic success. I plan to apply to pharmacy school within the next year or two and focus on my future academic career. After graduate school, I plan to return home and use my degree to better the community and to give back to help others academically. The Correll Scholarship has been an important part of my life that I will be forever grateful for.



Justin Hackle

I want to start by thanking you for your generosity and opportunity. There aren't many people in this world that strive to see young people succeed in life and to further their education, and for that I have so much respect. In this short amount of time the scholarship has been really important to me. It has given me the education I need to be my most successful self. The Correll scholarship has helped me grow as a young man wanting to be the best that I can be. I have gained a lot of new friends and met a lot of people who are continuing to make my college experience more enjoyable.

Part of that experience being the endless hours of studying, late nights stayed up working on assignments. It takes a lot of hard work to be good at college, I think no one is good at college it takes hard work and dedication. Good grades are not given to you they are earned through the hard work and tears through the semester and I know the Correll Scholarship program has taught me that. I am thankful for the staff at EGSC for being there for me, encouraging me, and helping me get through the lowest of my lows that I have experienced within my first year of college.

I think if I didn't have this scholarship I wouldn't have had the support group that I needed. I faced many challenges within my first two semesters of college, in the first semester I thought the challenge was the school work and the hard work but I was wrong this semester. I have had to deal with the murder of my brother and sister and I didn't know how to deal with that. I couldn't think... I couldn't focus in class... it was a real hard time for me. I got through that with love of my foster family, friends, Dr. Cheek, and the rest of the staff at EGSC who helped me through it. I know I am meant for good things and my future is bright and I cannot wait for another two semesters of being a Correll Scholar.

This program is a program meant for success and development of young ladies and gentlemen. The way the program has helped me develop is unreal I never would have thought I would be where I am at today. I look back and reflect on my past and imagine how I never would have believed I would be in college or even doing okay in college. It helped me realize that not only that I get to choose my future but the label you are born with isn't the label you have to have your whole life. I plan to keep striving and bettering myself. Words cannot express how thankful I am. Y'all are a true blessing to me and I know my fellow Corrells feel the exact same way I do. Thank you so much!



Cameron Kea

I want to start out by thanking you for allowing me to continue my career in obtaining a college education. You have helped me out so much, and the experience that I am learning from the college will not be forgotten. My first semester at East Georgia State College was an exciting experience even though it was strenuous at times. I learned so much from the professors and the courses that I have taken over the last several months. My second semester has been an exciting semester as well, learning many new things. I made the Dean's list my first semester and I have the chance to do it again in this second semester. I have gotten closer to many of the students in my classes. It is an honor to hang out with the other Correll Scholars, they are definitely some of the brightest students at the college. I have become friends with many of the other Corrells over the past year. One of the exciting things that we did recently was going on the Correll Practicum trip to Savannah, GA. It was a really neat experience learning about the history that took place in that city and in the state of Georgia. The trip also allowed me to meet the other Correll students that are in their second year of college. The Correll Scholars were also invited to the annual "Boehmer-Fest" which I attended and was able to spend time with other students, and I was able to meet many professors from the college. I am looking forward to my third semester at East Georgia State College now and all that it has to offer.

The Bobcat Buddies Program has been a really great learning experience for me. It is a blessing to be able to help kids that do not have it so easy and are having trouble in school. The kids that I have tutored have hopefully learned a lot from me, because they have definitely taught me so much. I tried to be the best possible tutor that I could, whether it had to do with work ethic or personality. Though I may never see any of those kids again, I hope that I left a positive impact on them!

I am very honored to have received the Correll Scholarship. I believe that this scholarship offers a wonderful experience which I will be able to take with me in life and it will hopefully allow me to be able to give back to the community one day. The memories that I am making as a Correll scholar will never be forgotten, and they are memories that I will always cherish. I am thankful for the opportunity to represent the Correll Scholars program and hope to do so with the best of my ability. I just want to thank you again for everything. Words cannot describe how much this scholarship means to me.



Tyronica Kelsey

When at first I did not receive the Correll scholarship; I was heartbroken. I thought my interview process had gone great. I was happy and told everyone that I thought I had it, but after a few days East Georgia had sent out an email of a list of students who had been awarded the scholarship and I was not on that list. I was upset, but I knew that everything happens for a reason, so I was alright after a few days. A few weeks after graduation I had got a call that I was to meet someone at the East Georgia State College. I did not know what they wanted with me. After I arrived

at EGSC, I was told that I would receive the Correll Scholarship! I was in disbelief. How could this have happened? I was overjoyed! This scholarship would help me achieve my goals.

College seemed like a challenge for me. This year has been filled with a lot of ups and downs. I did not know how being a full-time student would affect me. I think being from Swainsboro helped transition from high school to college. I was not prepared for all the studying I would have to do, because I never really had to do it before. I think having the scholarship has helped me think about how important studying could be.

The Correll Scholarship has benefited me in many ways. I would not be able to afford college without it. It has helped me to realize that community is just as important as school. If you give back to your community the community will give back to you. This is one of the biggest lessons I have learned this year. I am forever grateful to have be an awarded this scholarship.

Thank you so much for your help. This scholarship does a lot to help me pay for school. It has also helped me make friends that I will have for life. The Correll Scholarship has given me plenty of opportunities to help out my community by tutoring kids at the Fulford Center. It has been challenging to keep up with having 16 to 17 hours, but I have learned that it will benefit me in the long run. The Correll scholarship helps me stay motivated.

Your scholarship will help me achieve my dream of becoming an ER Nurse. Being able to take 16 to 17 hours helps me to graduate next spring. Next fall I plan to attend Georgia State in Atlanta to keep pursuing my nursing degree. I will have the chance to help people and give back to my community like you have done for many years. I plan to make a difference in the world just like you have made a difference in my life. This scholarship has been a big blessing in my life and I can say that it has been wonderful. Again, thank you so much for what you have done for me and many others.



Mary Evans Key

Thank you so much for giving East Georgia State College students the opportunity to receive this scholarship. I want to especially thank you for giving me the opportunity for it. The scholarship has helped my family out so much. Paying for college has always been something my parents and I have worried about, but since I got the Correll Scholarship that has been the least of our worries. Because of you I have been able to work while I am going to school not to pay for my school now but to save money for when I transfer to another college to finish my education. Being a Correll scholar has helped me so much, and I cannot tell

you thank you enough.

Receiving this scholarship has been very important to me, and it has helped me meet so many new people. I have become friends with a lot of the other people in the Correll Program also. We meet to help each other with homework and study for tests. If I wouldn't have become a Correll Scholar then I would not have met these amazing people. Having this scholarship has opened so many doors to so many great people. Dr. Cheek has been one of those people. He is really a good mentor for us Correll Scholars, and we are truly blessed to have him in our lives to push us and have those high expectations for us. He always gives us encouraging words and great advice. So, this scholarship has been very important to me and it has helped me meet lots of people who are important to me now.

In my first year of college I feel like I have had a lot of success. I count one of my successes as just being able to adjust to the differences from high school to college. At first it was a real struggle, but I finally started to get the hang of it. I think it has helped me to become a more responsible person. Another thing I am very proud of is getting on the Dean's list for my good grades in the first semester. I also count being halfway to my Associates degree in Early Childhood Education as a success.

There have been a few challenges for me in my first year, but I think they are challenges that most people face in their first year also. One of the major challenges for me was just the adjustment from high school to college. Having to be more dependent on myself for learning and doing all my assignments correctly and on time without the push of the high school teachers was hard for me at first. After the first few weeks of class I started figuring it out. Another challenge I feel like I overcame was learning how to not procrastinate.

Once again, I am truly thankful for your contributions to East Georgia State College, to me, and to all the other Correll Scholars. This scholarship has made me a better person and changed my life for the better. Thank you so much and best wishes!



Rebecca Mason

My name is Rebecca Mason and I am a first-year, second generation Correll Scholarship recipient. At East Georgia I am actively involved on campus, I am currently the Student Government Association President as well as an EGSC Student Ambassador, I am a member of Student Leadership, I am a CHOICE program peer mentor, and I played on the Women's basketball team. With the generosity of your scholarship, I have been able to broaden my horizons and enlightened myself to new opportunities.

Throughout my first-year as a Correll, I have been able to tutor young elementary school children in the school district I grew up in. The program "Bobcat Buddies" organized through this scholarship has had a personal impact on myself as I get the opportunity to reach out into my own community where I know help is needed.

Growing up in Emanuel county and attending the Swainsboro school system and having an opportunity to impact those kids' lives has also impacted me. Without this scholarship, I would not have had this chance to meet and help brighten the future of this community. During my first semester, I was placed on the Dean's List for my academic achievement and I also received the "All-American NJCAA academic-team award" for having the highest GPA on the women's basketball team. However, this semester has not been as well as the previous as I have faced many challenges. Becoming the President of a club, and managing 17 hours of classes, and playing a sport can get really hard at times. Trying to manage my time and assignments has been a challenge. However, I have managed to accomplish just about everything. Earlier this semester, I graduated from the Student Leadership committee, where East Georgia State College partnered with UGA in the REAL Colors leadership academy. This experience to gather and learn more about myself as leader has impacted my future decisions on my career path. I am currently a Business major and I will graduate in the Fall of 2019 with my associates in Business Administration. I will later transfer to University of Georgia or the University of South Florida and major in Business Finance and Marketing. My hope for the future is to venture into interior design and marketing and focus on the real estate market. With everything I have going on, the Correll scholarship keeps me humble. I am constantly running all over campus helping to serve the needs of the student body as best as I can as President of SGA. The Correll scholarship has been able to remind me to be thankful for every opportunity I have been given. I am so glad I was able to continue my life-long motto, "lead by serving others" through this scholarship. Thank you for everything you have done for me, my fellow and future Correll scholars, this community, and East Georgia State College.



Tiara Moye

It is such an honor to be writing to you today. This journey as a Freshman at East Georgia State College has been a blast. I have been challenged and pushed to my full potential all this year. The first thing I want to do is thank you for accepting me as a Correll Scholar. My eyes have been opened and I am more motivated to continue in college because of it.

Back in June of 2018, I could remember being really uncertain about college. Even though I had received the Correll scholarship I was still in fear of the unknown. After orientation, I felt better but I was still not sure. I saw the requirements of the scholarship and I was definitely feeling defeated. I consulted with my friends and family about my problems. They all said the exact same thing. Everyone said that I wouldn't have been chosen if I couldn't handle it. I took that idea and I ran with it. I am so thankful that I did!

The start of this journey was waking up on Tuesday before 8 am to get ready for class. Often times I wanted to cry due to lack of sleep but that class is worth it. Dr. Cheek always kept things lively in the class. We learned many things about our surrounding area in Georgia. I probably would've never known these things about Georgia if I wasn't in this program. Did you guys know that the little county of Emanuel and surrounding areas are considered to be an ecologist dream? According to Dr. Simmons, Georgia alone is a place with a lot of plant and animal diversity. That was so cool to me. Aside from the ecological standpoint, we also learned much more about politics and art in Georgia making it an awesome place to live.

Next was the tutoring of children in need. I have an undying love for children. At the beginning of the semester, it was hard to break ground with these children. By the end of the semester, it felt like they were my own. It was a joy to see the growth of learning in these children. Whether it was watching a child's eye twinkle when they got a question right or even seeing kids get excited about Mrs. Schwabe wacky mad-libs tutoring was great. The whole experience was a blessing. I realized that these kids look up to me and I was inspired because of it.

Lastly, I am so thankful for the support system between Dr. Cheek and others. I would have been lost without them. They never left me stranded. I was always guided and pushed. The Correll advisors are perfect. I am so grateful for them. It has been a good first year because of them. Often times, I find as freshman we are lost in our first year. The Correll advisors made freshman year as smooth as possible. In the beginning, I was a doubter. I was scared. Now I am fearless. I feel that I can take on anything. I am so thankful for this experience.



Kaylee Palmer

I remember the exact day I received the email from Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmer letting me know I would have the chance to be interviewed to be a Correll scholar. When I did meet with the committee, I thought my interviewers one hundred percent hated me and was absolutely amazed when I found out I was chosen to be a part of the program! I was incredibly nervous throughout the entire application process; I knew the scholarship was a big deal because of the monetary value but I had no idea then that the Correll program gives you so much more than money.

I have the utmost gratitude to Mrs. Ada Lee and Mr. Pete Correll for everything they have done for not only myself but the other scholars as well. You have to have a huge heart to use your own hard-earned

money to take care of college freshmen you don't even personally know simply because you believe in the work done within the program and the power of a good education. I always had the dream to go to college, and this scholarship has taken away the ever-present question and burden of how I was going to afford it. It changed everything. I hope, with this year, that you have seen each one of us strive to earn the gift you've so generously given us, and that we've made you proud. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the honor of choosing me.

When I started my first semester at East Georgia State College, I genuinely had no idea what to expect. In high school, I never participated in the dual enrollment program, so it was a huge adjustment going from having a couple of high school classes to a full-time college course load. It could be trying at times, but my advisors and my peers helped me more than they know. Our weekly seminars served as an anchor for me: a consistent meeting each week with the people who would keep me grounded was just what I needed. An added bonus to the seminar was getting to listen to lectures from a variety of professors in different subjects as the weeks went by. We got to learn about history, art, literature, ecology, and government (just to name a few) in the Wiregrass region and Georgia over the course of the year.

I have to say that Dr. Cheek is the perfect advisor and overseer for the Correll program. He has the exact ideal army-sergeant:joke-teller:extraordinary-educator ratio. He has so much passion for and energy going into the program and I want him to know how much I personally appreciate it. Of course, he can be intimidating at times, but overall, he proves, again and again, to be incredibly encouraging and supportive of each one of our educational and personal journeys. He believes in me more than I do myself. Dr. Cheek pushes us to be the best we can be as we are a representation of the program and what it stands for and he continues to let us know how important that really is.

Another person that I know I believe to be a great asset to the Correll program is Mrs. Jean Schwabe (also known as an actual ray of sunshine). There is no one better to run the Sudie Fulford center and the Bobcat Buddy program than Mrs. Jean. What is really special about Mrs. Jean is that she is genuinely caring about all of us: the Correll scholars and the elementary students. She solves any problem or altercation with grace and a smile, and she never has an ill word to say about anyone. The elementary students could really test my patience occasionally; sometimes it would take days for them to actually open their mind and listen to the words you're speaking to them. Nothing compares to the feeling when they finally learned and understood the material and knew they were better for it. As the mentor, all you really want is for your student to care, and I feel like that was achieved.

I appreciate every moment of this first-year college experience: every time I challenged myself, every time I succeeded, and every time I fell short. Correll scholars should stand apart from the crowd, be leaders, and set the example for others to follow. Reflecting on this year, I see that it has taught me to count on my advisors, count on my peers, and, most importantly, to count on myself. The Correll program has allowed me to presently improve myself in areas I didn't even know I was lacking in, and now I can look forward to the future. Thank you for allowing this to even be possible.



Duranté Payne

First, I would like to say thank you very much. You have provided a plethora of support, love, and care. I am very grateful for the opportunity to not only be part of your program, but thankful for the opportunity to say thanks for your assistance throughout my first semester. I have grown as a person and even became an impactful person to those around me.

Throughout this semester, I have had the privilege of taking great courses and having great professors to broaden my knowledge. The Correll scholars class allowed me to learn about my surroundings, regional issues, and state issues. Mentorship helped me personally to stay aware of my duties and responsibilities to the program despite the technical difficulties I faced. I learned in my business class how to interact and communicate effectively in a corporation or workplace environment. I have under-taken many responsibilities; however, being in the Correll program has assisted me to be able to complete my objectives. I have learned a variety of things this semester.

My spring semester has been full of challenges from my tough schedule, to being in many programs on campus. The new student leadership program has developed me to prepare for the future by being able to lead and assist others in the workplace. I've also learned that succeeding doesn't really come individually but it is a team effort. The African American Male Initiative (AAMI) has developed me as a man. This program guides me on a personal note to not only lead others but be an example so people can follow. The AAMI program also helped me to take initiative in any and everything I partake in. All of these programs have been of great benefit to me as an individual and continues to help me grow daily.

My first semester was a great experience. I met many people that helped me throughout college and even met people who were not so much into college, which allowed me to see what steps to take in order to not let myself become too discouraged so I can't complete my assignments. I completed the first semester with a 3.82 GPA. This was very difficult because I had 17 credit hours through my seven classes. Now, this spring semester has been complicated due to me taking four core classes. However, I thank God I have managed to still have a great GPA and perhaps could make Dean's List again by the end of this semester. Though I have been very busy this semester, I continue to strive when I think about how the Correll's kept going the extra mile just to get the job done.

Overall, the community service learning has made an impact on me than I ever could have imagined. One act of service that we mostly participate in is the "Bobcat Buddy" tutoring and service project. This is a positive service learning because it allows me to be a beneficial, impactful individual towards my buddy and other individuals also. Overall, I'm glad to be a part of this program and help someone in the community, as in the same way you provided me with an opportunity. Words can't describe how much I appreciate this scholarship.



Dustin Rogers

I cannot tell you enough how much the Correll Scholarship means to me. Your willingness to donate the money to the college for the Correll Scholarship is unbelievably kind and generous. The program has not only helped me out financially but socially. With my older brother being at Georgia Southern University the cost for him to attend there has already put a strain on my family's financial state. In a couple of years, I will be attending the University of Georgia's Pharmacy School, so having the Correll Scholarship now is a tremendous help on saving money for the University of Georgia. I also have two younger siblings that will be attending college somewhere and I hope they will choose East Georgia and take advantage of this great opportunity to be a Correll Scholar as I have. Without having the Correll

Scholarship and all of the perks and responsibilities that come with it, my first year of college would not have been anything that it has been. This first year of College has been one to remember, I have met numerous friends through the Correll program, first second and third year Corrells. The Correll program is like a web that runs through the college campus and all the Correll scholars are connected through that web and it is amazing!

The first semester of this year was kind of slow considering we were all new at the whole college thing and did not really know that many people. However, throughout the first semester and the Bobcat Buddies program my class of Corrells started to get closer and start to learn more about each other and gain each other's friendship and trust. By the end of the first semester I had so many new friends. Then Christmas break came along and we all went back home and were kind of distant, we made new friends and did not know each other well enough to hang out outside of school. Now I was never one to look forward to coming back to school after a break and get back working, but this semester I was ready for it. I knew that I would see all the new friends I made last semester when I got back. Throughout this semester our friendships were strengthened greatly, in fact some of the best friends I have ever had have come out of my Correll class.

The Bobcat buddies program is a wonderful opportunity for both the Correll and the students that we tutored. As I mentioned earlier, that is the place that my class of Corrells got closer to each other. Our group of kids was very small, we had at least two Corrells per kid every day, which I believe was useful in getting to know our fellow Corrells, we got to know how we each think and our strengths and weaknesses. I can't imagine how Bobcat Buddies would have gone without Mrs. Jean there, she is the beating heart and soul of Bobcat buddies. Without her I don't see how it would be possible. When we arrive she already has everything ready to go so that when the kids get there we are ready to roll. She has such a kind and gentle heart that is perfect for working with the kids. There would be days that some of us Corrells would get frustrated with the kids for not wanting to do their work, but seeing her work with the kids was inspiration enough to get the kids where they need to be with their school work.

The Correll program could not get any better than it is right now, the people in charge and the activities involved in it are great. Dr. Cheek is the perfect professor to take lead on the Correll Program, he is always energetic and he is always there for you. Unlike most professors Dr. Cheek takes the opportunity to get to know all of his students on a personal level through Correll program, which I believe to be a huge part of the program. Oh, and Mrs. Kim, I don't know how many times I've been by her office to ask for help with scheduling and classes, and let me tell you what, she is a life saver.

This first year of college has been the best year of school ever. I have met some awesome new friends and have had great experiences and learning opportunities. I have grown as a student and as a person all thanks to the Correll Scholarship. If it wasn't for your generosity my College experience would not have been much of an experience at all. My class schedule and those of some of my fellow Corrells have revolved around each other making time to hang out with each other. So again, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart, because without this program I would not be the person I am today.



Erin Rowland

I am genuinely grateful for the dedication you both have for the students of this college. I, like many of the other students, have benefitted from the wonderful opportunities that the Correll program has given us. The local history curriculum, tutoring program, and the Correll practicum allowed us to gain well-rounded skills to help those in our communities. The guidance of Dr. Lee Cheek, Mrs. Jean Schwabe, and Mrs. Kim Page has helped us form the plan we need to further our education while at East Georgia State College and at other institutions.

The scholarship has assisted me financially in my efforts to complete my pharmacy prerequisites. I am planning to obtain my PharmD at the University of Georgia. I am so thankful for the security that the scholarship has given me. While at East Georgia State College, I have been taking classes that work towards the pharmacy prerequisites. I will hopefully finish at East Georgia during the fall semester of 2020.

I have continued academic success this semester but not without challenges. The courses I have taken have challenged my prior knowledge, and it has furthered my understanding of previous concepts in math and science. I learned to balance school, work, and homelife. Stress became a hurdle I had to overcome this semester. Learning to give the appropriate amount of time to activities I participated in proved to be a challenge. I had to give equal amounts of time to working hard and giving myself time to relax. The support system that surrounds me allowed me to make the time for work and leisure. My teachers, fellow students, and family supported and encouraged me to do my best in everything I did.

The Correll practicum that we participated in was a great opportunity for all the Correll students and associated faculty to come together in a non-classroom setting. We visited historic Savannah. We left early enough in the morning to be at the Civil Rights museum when it opened. The museum had exhibits featuring history of Civil Rights events that took place around the country and events that took place specifically in Savannah. After the museum, we toured some of the squares in Savannah and visited the Catholic Church. Sadly, we were not able to see the inside, because we respected their privacy during Mass. The architecture of the church was beautiful. The last place we visited was Fort Pulaski. The tour was guided, and it was very interesting. Everyone enjoyed the trip.

Once again, thank you both so much for your generosity. You both continue to put so much back into this college and community. We are lucky to have benefactors that care about the continual progress of the college and the students. The Correll program has made a large impact on myself. I could not imagine what my college experience would be like without meeting the wonderful people involved with the program and the lessons I have learned. Thank you both for all that you do.



Kelsey Sellers

Initially, I would like to start off by simply saying Thank You, without you both, getting a college education would be super stressful. Because of you I have now successfully finished two semesters of college and will return to East Georgia State College for Fall 2019. I am so grateful to be a Correll Scholar because not only does it allow me to get the education I want and need, I have also got to meet and grow a relationship with a lot of nice, genuine people. The two of you have truly been a blessing in my life. There are not enough words to explain how much all

of this means to me.

Furthermore, I would like to let you know that tutoring at the Fulford Center was great. I met a lot of good, kind children that were eager to learn. Thank you for that experience. Time went by too fast, but we had a blast every day. It felt so good to give back just a little of what I have been given. I am truly blessed.

This semester has showed me how blessed I am. I have gone through many challenges this semester. I took six class, including the Correll class, and this semester was nothing like my last. Last semester was a breeze, and I loved every minute of it. This semester, however, is another story. I faced many challenges and fought hard to keep my head above water, but that's what college is all about right? I am pleased to say that I made it and came out stronger than ever. That's where the blessing comes to place, without the hardship and breakdowns there's nothing to grow from. Again, thank you, because without you, I wouldn't be able to have these breakdowns to rise and grow stronger from.

Although, I haven't taken all my finals yet, I am confident I will come out on top. I have been blessed with amazing professor that have helped my any chance I need. They had faith in me even when I didn't have any in myself. I am eager to end this semester and return in the fall as a Correll Scholar. It is such a privilege to be able to tell people that. It's such a great feeling!

Again, I would like to say thank you for all you have and continue to do for me. You have blessed me far more than I deserve. I appreciate everything. Because of you, I have been able to complete a whole year of college with a lot less worry and stress. I am so thankful for the both of you. I hope that the summer treats you both well and it's the best one yet. I look forward to writing you letters in the fall. Also, our scholarship trip was so much fun. Dr. Cheek and Miss Kim made it so exciting for us!



Reese Stalvey

My name is Reese Stalvey. I live in Camden county, but I am from Brunswick High. This allowed me to be familiar with your name through the College of Coastal Georgia. I am very thankful for this program and for the scholarship you have created. This scholarship has allowed me to come to East Georgia with little worry about money for college. However, this scholarship is more than just money to me. Having this opportunity has opened my eyes to the world and has taught me so much more than I could've ever imagined it would. Between softball, classes, and the Correll scholarship this year.

Through my busy schedule this year I've learned how to prioritize my responsibilities and become better at time management. One of my favorite things that I was involved in through the Correll Scholarship was working with the bobcat buddies. Seeing the kids twice a week and being able to help them not only with their school work but also helping them emotionally. I did not get to see them as much because of my softball games second semester but I still loved going on the days I could.

My favorite experience through bobcat buddies happened last semester. Last semester Rebecca and I became really close to the two girls we helped in Bobcat Buddies. We basically became their big sisters over that semester. As we got close to Thanksgiving, they invited Rebecca and I to go to their school Thanksgiving lunch. They explained that none of their family was able to come and that they really wanted us to be there if we could. I know when I was in Elementary school, I always loved it when anyone would come eat lunch with me. Rebecca and I decided to go eat with them. Seeing them so excited and happy to see us made me realize how much of an impact we make in these kids' lives. They looked up to us and it makes me so happy I was able to have this opportunity to impact these kids in that way. That day not only impacted their life but mine also. I will never forget the how doing the little things changed my kid's life forever.

My biggest challenge this year was just working around my many schedules and figuring out what to put first. It definitely tested my limits this last semester, but I was able to make it work. This semester I was able to make all A's and B's. I also had a pretty good softball season this semester I've hit 2 homeruns so far and have a .326 batting average. I started this season off catching the first game and playing third the second game. About mid-way through the season my coach moved me to playing third full time and I have been starting there ever since. It has been a struggle mentally and physically to play there since I haven't played there much before I came here.

Through Correll I have been able to learn little things that can't be taught, such as patience, understanding, and how to treat kids. I am so thankful I was able to be part of this opportunity and meet some of the best people I know. This scholarship was truly a blessing in more ways than I could ever imagine.

Again, I want to thank you so much this opportunity.



Chase Thompson

As a shy person, college has helped me open up and become more friendly. I started off at a little school like East Georgia because I did not know what to expect because I have always been a small-town type of guy. I begged my parents into allowing me to come to this school and the reason I was able to convince them was because of the Correll Scholarship. It has opened my eyes to seeing many new things and meeting many new people. I am transferring to Georgia Southern University to enroll next fall and I believe EGSC has prepared me for GSU.

I did not know what I wanted to be going into my freshman year of college which is not good in the long run because I have wasted classes. I started out being a Biology major in my freshman year of college and that did not end up that well. I did great in all my classes (besides Biology) so I immediately knew that I did not want to do that anymore. I did very well my Spring semester of my freshman year but I still did not know what I wanted to be. So, over the summer I changed my major to Business/Accounting which I figured I would like because I love numbers. That was the worst mistake I have ever made because I did not do good in that class and I allowed it to affect my other classes so I did not have a good Sophomore fall semester. I knew that I always enjoyed working with kids because I really enjoyed the "Bobcat Buddies" and I enjoy coaching at the Recreation Department in my town. I decided to change my major to Education in my Sophomore Spring semester which is what I am in right now and really enjoy it. I enjoy all the classes that I am in and it shows because I have all A's right now!

There have been a few challenges besides the Accounting and Biology classes I took while I was in college. Being committed to things such as coaching and my church has caused me to miss a few Correll activities. I tried to attend as many activities and classes that I could which is also hard because I live an hour and 20 minutes away from the school. I do not advise anyone to commute to a school that far away because of fuel expenses. The class at 8 o'clock caused me problems due to some personal reasons and the fact that I had to leave my house at 6:30 in the morning when just the day before I would get home late from class. In the long run; it was worth it because it taught me commitment and responsibility so I cannot complain too much.

It has been an honor to be a part of the Correll Scholarship and I know that the incoming group of freshmen that are going to be Corrells will enjoy their time as one just like I did. Being a Correll Scholar allows other students and professors to look at me and the other Corrells as the higher class. I was glad for two years to be considered one. I was held at higher standards which has pushed me into becoming a better student. I am probably one of very few who can say that they have taken 66 credits in 4 semesters. So, I expect the incoming Corrells to keep the tradition going and be very successful students.

Lastly, I just want to thank you for offering this great Scholarship to students at East Georgia State College. I am humbled to say that I was a "Correll". It has helped me become a better person in so many ways. I would also like to thank Dr. Cheek. He is a great advisor, professor and man. I have enjoyed being around him for two years now. He has made being a Correll interesting. He has always kept me in line academically which I am thankful for. Thank you so much for the opportunity.



Eli Walker

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Correll Scholarship Program. This program has allowed for me to expand my knowledge in many different ways. I have been fortunate to have a significant head start on my pursuit of higher education. Through the Correll Scholarship, I have not only been able to expand my knowledge, but I have also been able to further develop my leadership skills in ways that will help me succeed in my chosen career and help me be a contributing member of my community.

The Correll Scholarship Program has increased my awareness of the different avenues that are available for community involvement and service. I have been able to develop valuable experience in interpersonal relationship skills while broadening my understanding of my local community and state. I have truly enjoyed the richness of working with different people of all ages and backgrounds. This will be invaluable as I move forward in life. One specific opportunity that taught me a tremendous amount was the time I spent in the Bobcat Buddy tutoring program. I truly enjoyed the energy and excitement of the fourth and fifth graders as they came to the Fulford Center after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This semester, I was able to work with several different students. In many ways, the students were very similar. In other ways, they talked and communicated differently and they learned concepts differently. I enjoyed the challenge of approaching different students with different methods to help them with their school work. It was very rewarding to see their excitement when they mastered learning challenges through the tutoring that we provided.

Because of the high standards that are required by the Correll Scholarship, I have been successful in the courses that I have taken at East Georgia. I have been able to expand my knowledge, learn new concepts and ideas, and achieve academic success. My classes at East Georgia State College have been rigorous and challenging, but I feel certain that my professors have prepared me with the necessary skills and discipline to help me obtain my future academic goals. The academic foundation that I have received as a Correll Scholar has been both broad and deep. I have been able to complete all of my core classes at East Georgia State College, and I am now preparing to transfer to Georgia Southern University for the Fall Semester.

At Georgia Southern, I will study civil engineering. I plan to pursue civil engineering to help with community infrastructure and to be able to positively change the community. Using the knowledge and the degree that I will obtain, I hope to be able to help people and I hope to shape and change the community around me. The area of civil engineering that I am going to pursue will help me positively affect the infrastructure of the communities where I will be working. I hope to improve the quality of people's lives as they work and live in and around our state. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity!

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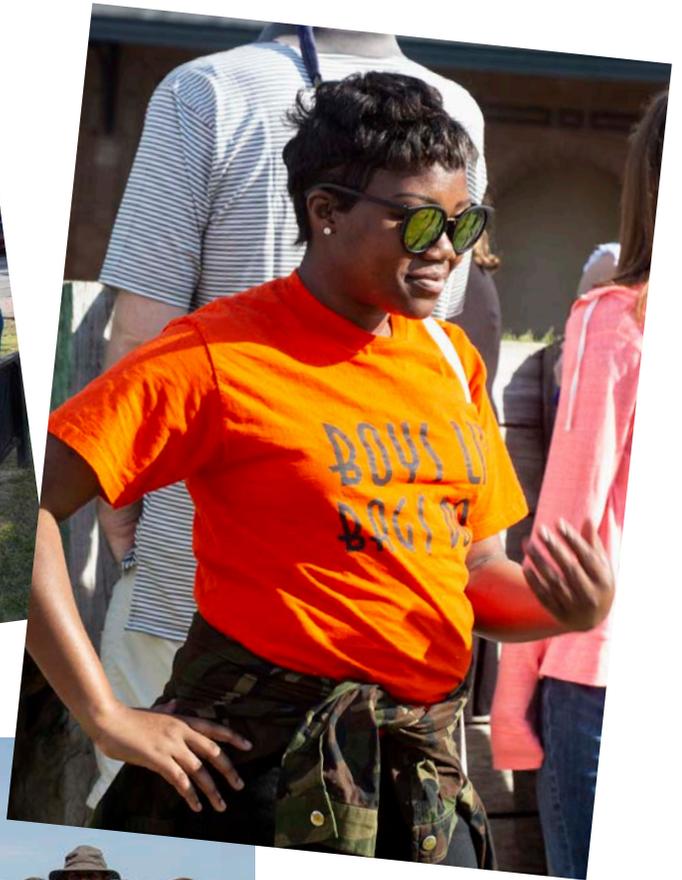


Field Trip Overview

CORRELL SCHOLARS TRIP TO SAVANNAH April 24, 2019

- 7:30 a.m.** Depart EGSC Swainsboro at Luck Flanders Gambrell Cener (Flagpole)
- 9:30 a.m.** Arrive and Park at MLK Jr. Blvd. Walk
- 10:00 a.m.** RMG Civil Rights Museum
460 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- 11:15 a.m.** Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home
207 E. Charlton Street
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch – Moon River Brewing Company
21 W. Bay Street
- 2:15 p.m.** Fort Pulaski National Monument
US Hwy 80
Tour Guide: Head Ranger Weinstein
- 4 - 5:30 p.m.** Travel by bus to EGSC









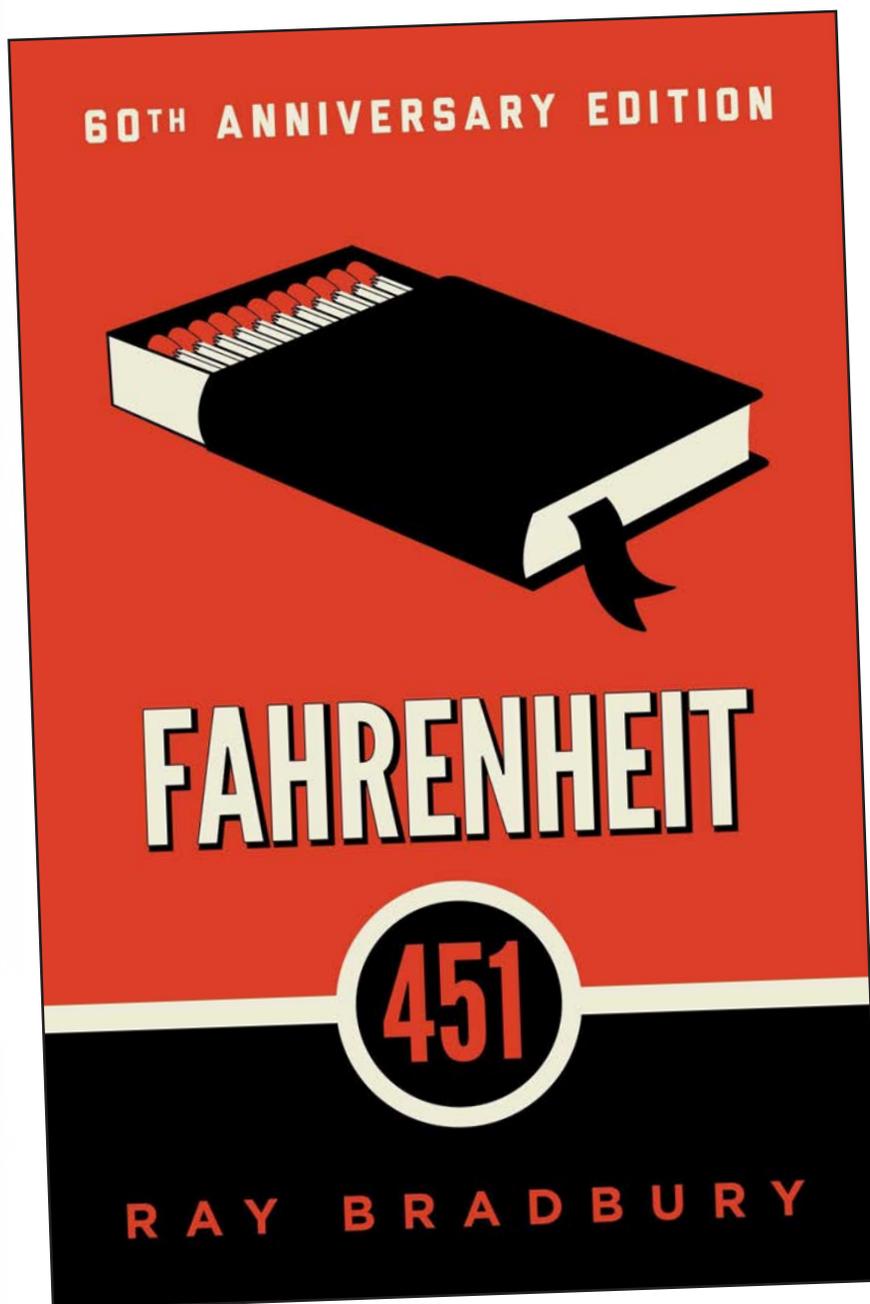
Financial Report

\$200,000	Scholarships
\$2,268	Spring Practicum/Summer Reading
\$202,268	Total Expenses
\$200,000	Scholarship Pledge Payment
\$2,260	Income from college initiatives for spring practicum/summer reading
\$17,307	Funds available from students transferring early, miscellaneous income/donations, net gains on investments
\$997	Funds remaining in college initiatives for spring practicum/summer reading
\$800,000	Balance as of June 30, 2019 on pledge



Summer Reading Program

Each Summer, we select a primary text for our Correll Scholars that is purchased and given to all Scholars. The text is integrated into our Correll courses. Our text for the upcoming Summer is Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury.



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