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WHO WILL BE THE NEXT UWG PRESIDENT?

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UWG is currently searching for its next University President through the Presidential Search and Screen Committee (PSSC) and the Board of Regents.

The presidential vacancy comes after former President Kyle Marrero finished his tenure at UWG on April 1, 2019, due to being named the President of Georgia Southern University on Jan. 17, 2019.

In the event of a presidential vacancy, the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia consults with the Chair of the Board of Regents to decide whether or not to conduct a national search, according to usg.edu. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board chair Don L. Waters decided that a search should be conducted and appointed by the institutional search committee that is the PSSC.

The PSSC has 16 members and is comprised of faculty, staff, students, alumni, the UWG Foundation and community stakeholders. The committee has the authority to submit three-to-five unranked names to the Regents' Special Committee for consideration.

"The university seeks a student-centered,

visionary leader to further UWG's trajectory and build on its most recent strategic plan that focuses on student success, academic success, successful partnerships and operational success," according to the PSSC.

PSSC chair, Dr. Sharmistha Basu-Dutt says that there are various ways to provide input to the committee, such as through the presidential search website or through listening sessions.

"The website will be updated frequently to keep the campus informed about the search," said Dutt. Most of the listening sessions have already taken place, however, the last session will be Monday, Sept. 16 at the UWG Newnan campus from 5-6 p.m. in Room 133.

Those that were unable to attend listening sessions can still contribute in various ways through the presidential search website: <https://www.westga.edu/administration/president/presidential-search/index.php>

"The full Presidential Leadership Profile has been posted on our website, and we are asking for your help to direct all interested parties toward our nomination form,"



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ALUMNI ARTISTS RETURN
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA



Photo Credit: Stephanie Smith

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UWG is currently hosting the Sixth Biennial Alumni Art Exhibition, which showcases the talents of former student artists and will be open to the public until Sept. 26.

The university has four galleries on campus administered by the Department of Art, all located in the Bobick Gallery in the university’s Humanities building. Stephanie Smith, the art gallery director, has devoted a lot of time to make sure that the exhibit is a successful one.

The exhibit was made to give alumni artists a place to network with other local artists and other students and occurs every two years. There is exceptional quality in the work of each artist in the gallery. There are exactly 49 artists showcased in the exhibit which allows for variety in each piece.

The top pieces to look for include some talented artists, such as Tiffany Hilton’s “Entanglement” Watercolor and Ink Drawing, Jessica Hill’s mixed media tapestry “Black Mermaids, Black Unicorns: Unrepressed Dreams of a Gullah Girl”, Melissa Crawford’s oil painting “My Children by the Creek”, Jimmy Rhea’s sculpture “Bridge over shit creek” and Jasmine Williams’ woodcut “Down”.

Each of these artists have won awards because they think outside the box and have great regard to detail. No two pieces have ever been the same and that has added to the quality of the content on display. The Department

of Art hopes that students will make time to take advantage until its last showing day, Sep. 26th.

“We hope they see the breadth and quality of the work and talent that was originally nurtured at UWG. To celebrate the success of our alumni, and show the success of artists and creative individuals and establish connections between current students and alumni,” says Smith.

Any of the students who have decided to visit the exhibits during their college careers have talked highly of the alumni artists and the talent that they bring back to their Alma Mater.

It is a fun time for current students and past students to meet and learn about the different ways to produce art for the public or just in a creative aspect.

“We invite a different Juror every year so their selection always produces a varied range of work. Andrea Stone (BA ’78), Art Educator and patron of the arts, selected a range of work that highlights the skills of the individual artists,” says Smith.

The exhibit is still in session and Smith is excited for its last two and a half weeks. Students are encouraged to see these alumni bring their passions to life as they study to reach similar goals. The Sixth Biennial Alumni Art Exhibition is a sure way to find great artists in the area and has offered so many opportunities for former UWG students.

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#FIRSTYEARPROBLEMS: A FRESHMAN PERSPECTIVE



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Friends and Family Day will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21st when the West Georgia Wolves go up against the Albany State Golden Rams in the first home game of the season at 7 p.m. at University Stadium. This event will include various family-fun activities sched-uled throughout the day as well as during the football game itself.

Friends and family members will have access to several events at the Stadium. Some of the activities during the halftime promotion of the game include a punt, pass and kick competition. The return of the Chick-Fil-A “Kicking for Chicken” competition will take place during the second quarter. This fan-favorite prize-winning game is to accurately kick a 25-yard field goal. Some past prize winners have won a free Chick-Fil-A chicken nugget tray along with other delicious cuisines.

Matt Cooke, who is the Assistant Athletic Director for Events, Marketing and Media Services, is the person in charge of the first Friends and Family event at the University. The Athletics Department has provided every residential freshman a free ticket along with two extra tickets for their friends and family. They can also opt for a package deal costing between \$15-\$20 which includes lunch at East Com-mons dining hall along with tailgating activities and tickets for the game. Over 500 people have



Photo Credit: Sam Okodua

already registered in advance which is looking to be a great success.

“With help from Housing and Residence Life and the New Student Programs we hope this event becomes an annual tradition,” said Cooke.

The goal of Friends and Family Day is to make this a yearly tradition with a growing fanbase each year while bringing students and athletes together, along with their friends and family in order to engage in fun activities throughout the day.

“We want people to realize that the athletes are going through the same challenges in the classroom that every day students are, and we want people to reach out and see that these athletes are more like a friend rather than an athlete,” said Cooke.

The main attraction will take place when the bright lights turn on, the sky begins to darken, and the Wolves run out on the field to the screaming fans at University Stadium.

Because Albany State is a rival school West Georgia will be facing the Golden Rams in a highly competitive game for both teams on Saturday’s matchup. The game begins at 7 p.m. be sure to come early to enjoy all the pregame activ-ities.

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UWG FOOTBALL PREPARES FOR HOME OPENER

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STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR INTRODUCES NEW T-SHIRT BRAND AT UWG



Photo Credit: Victor President

Arvon Bacon

Contributing Writer

Victor President, UWG student and former victim of heart disease, has channeled his past agony into an entrepreneurship. President advertises his Money Lovers shirts as a way to promote the idea of a dreamers mindset, and how substantial that is to starting a busi-ness.

President has has always had a vision of striating his own brand from the times of being a youth seeing his older brother wearing designer brands.

“I chose the idea of Money Lovers, because money is dear to our hearts,” said President. “The reason the heart is on the right is due to my nine open heart surgeries, and Money Lovers is in red letters because you will give blood, sweat and tears to achieve what you are striving for.”

President has two feature items in black and white with his signature logo. The logo has red lettering that says “Money Lovers,” and at the cornerstone of the logo is a money green heart. Alike to some designers, Presidents logo originated from hand drawn sketches.

“My mom and girlfriend drew the official design for my brand, but the origin of the design came from the Comme des Garçons brand,” said President. “I believe that good quality is the best way to spearhead my brand, and that’s what I’m doing by using a better quality shirt to impede the fading and shrinking process that shirts go through with multiple washes.”

Like most of the great ideas people have they often do not come while we are thinking hard but in leisure times of relation, and Presi-dent was no different.

“The idea of starting my own clothing line came to me last spring while eating at Z-6 for the weekly Fried Chicken Wednesday,” said President. “Like other entrepreneurs, I got tired of working my nine to 5 job, and began brainstorming ways to convert my passions into an extra source of income.”

President knows that the road to success will be a long one, but reflecting on the lessons of his upbringing such as of walking by faith and not by fear and never forgetting where he comes from, will make the journey less stressful.

“For future plans, I want to give back to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, since they played such a big role in mine and my family’s life; hosting all of my nine open-heart surgeries,” said President. “Giving back would be the least I could do for someone that gave me my normal life back.”

Researching consumers to see what they would like to purchase helps the brand expand to new customers, as well as pleasing old ones.

“Look out for upcoming merchandise, we are in the works of designing breast cancer shirts and the highly anticipated tie-dye shirts,” said President.

To get in contact and to stay up to date with President’s brand, follow the brands page on Instagram at moneylovers.

ROME-BASED CAKE JAM SET FOR ROOFTOP PERFORMANCE ON THE SQUARE

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Local indie band Cake Jam will be making their debut in Carrollton on Sep. 27 with a free concert on Nama Asian Fusion’s rooftop venue on Adamson Square. The concert will begin at 10:30 p.m .and last until 1:00 a.m.

Cake Jam is a band based in Rome, GA who mostly plays in the Rome and Atlanta area. The band consists of lead singer and social media manager Justin Matthew, bassist Trey Paul, guitarist Austin Arasmith and drummer Henry Abshire.

The band came together in May of 2018 when Paul and Arasmith came together due to their shared interest in new-age indie music. This led to the initial creation of Cake Jam, but the band really started gaining momentum when Matthew was added as the lead singer in March of 2019. Matthew focused on spreading the word of Cake Jam through social media such as Instagram and Twitter. The band’s social media took on a more interactive role with their fans, getting people more involved and interested in Cake Jam.

“Finding Justin was a blessing in disguise. He really took on a huge role being the front man and taking our social media to an entirely new level,” said guitarist Arasmith.

The band plays three to four shows a month, frequently hitting venues such as Smith’s Olde Bar in Atlanta and Schroeder’s New Deli in Rome. Their shows

are full of energy and excitement.

“We’re all really excited to play out first college town gig. This is our first show where we are hitting the market we really want to hit- college kids,” said Paul. “We’re planning to go on tour next fall hitting college towns up the East coast, so playing this show in Carroll-ton is a good first step.”

While the band does cover some classic rock and indie songs, they also perform their own songs that can be found on streaming sites such as Apple Music and Spotify. Their two most popular singles, Crab Cakes and Some Feelin’ have become two crowd favorites at the Cake Jam shows. The band also has a five song EP called A Longing for Cake coming out later in the fall.

“We have a good bit of original songs we like to perform, but we do play some covers that the crowd will know and be able to sing along to,” said Paul. “We try to be diverse in the covers we include in our shows- some classic rock, 90’s alternative, and some new age to have a good mix of genres.”

The full service dining area is open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner, and people coming to enjoy the music can stop by earlier to enjoy some of Carrollton’s best Asian cuisine. The second floor bar will also be open for the event, as well as a full service bar on the rooftop during the concert. The Nama rooftop is a great space for live music and will have plenty of seating for people to come and enjoy Cake Jam’s debut in Carrollton.

PREVIEW OF THE LIP N’ SIP AT THE BCM



Photo Credit:Allison Lee

Allison Lee

Contributing Writer

UWG is home to the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. The Minister of the BCM is Bill Grissett and the President of the student-led ministry is Nicholas Dedman. This ministry has been on campus since the 1960s and was established by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

Their mission is to make disciples and to be a student-led ministry. That is why they have a worship team, a discipleship program, and an outreach program led by students. They have also had students from over 21 different countries and 18 states come to visit them.

The BCM hosts a number of events such as the Lip n’ Sip that occurred on Aug. 29, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. At the Lip n’ Sip, they had a lip sync battle, snacks and let UWG students mingle. They did a Disney-themed lip sync battle last year and they host a regular open mic called The Blend. They did just that at the Lip n’ Sip by making the event lively and relaxing.

The main focus of the event was to make the BCM feel welcoming to students. There are many facilities and groups scattered about the BCM that make it more accommodating to students as well.

All UWG students can participate in worship and mission trips with the BCM. There are many options for groups to join and places to travel to in the ministry. Kenzie Dinatale went on a mission trip with the BCM

where she went to elementary schools and clinics to teach students. Her group taught basic bible songs and good hygiene to children.

“Being around a different culture was awesome,” said Dinatale.

Another student named Liz Nobles visited South Korea for one month and India for a second month during her mission trip.

“I feel like I learned so much,” said Nobles. “Living with different families helped me to see how that culture lived and impacted my beliefs.”

In South Korea, she visited schools and churches. In India, she worked at a Hindi-speaking children’s center. Both countries were open, giving, comforting and friendly to her group of missionaries.

“Our main purpose was to make Christ known and to meet new people,” said Nobles.

The BCM welcomes all who wish to come under their roof and learn about what they can do as students. They have worship services at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and their regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and then they are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

“If a leader is here, we stay open later,” said Campus Minister Bill Grissett. “Many people don’t know you can just stop in throughout the day, but they can.”

SAILING THE WORLD ONE MILE AT A TIME



Photo Credit: Emily Conklin

Emily Conklin

Contributing Writer

Riley Whitelum and Elayna Carausu are an Australian couple who are the captain and first mate of a 40-foot catamaran boat known as Sailing La Vagabonde.

They have been sailing together since 2014 cleaning up the oceans, documenting their progress and allowing those who are not able to travel to see the world through their computer.

Despite having no sailing experience and both having quit their jobs on a whim to sail the world simply because they wanted to experience life in a different way, they were unsure as to how they would get by. Luckily for them, Elayna picked up a camera to make videos so her family could know she was still safe, and soon they became famous on YouTube.

“We now have over one million subscribers on our YouTube channel, which allows us to continue to sail and travel to all of these wonderful places,” said Carausu. “So far we have crossed the Mediterranean, Atlantic, Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean.”

Having the ability to travel all over the world has allowed Whitelum and Carausu to see many incredible things.

“The darkest, creepiest, rolling cloud brought a surprising 41 knots of wind. Luckily the sun hadn’t set, and we spotted it with our eyes, which made us look at the radars,” said Elayna. “Thankfully we had enough time to take three reefes in the mainsail and ride it out.”

Whitelum and Carausu have experienced their boat breaking down in the middle of the ocean and having to wait for the wind to carry them to shore. They have also had the painful experience of dragging anchor and crashing into either the shore or into another boat that is anchored near them.

“Our fingers are crossed for the people and critters of the Bahamas and Florida,” said Carausu. “We’ve managed to sail our boat north well out of the way so that we are safe and sound, but it is still so sad. We have loads of information on how people can help them and who is the best group to donate supplies and or money to on our YouTube channel.”

Whitelum and Carausu have sailed around the Bahamas for the last couple of months and even called it their home on multiple occasions throughout their most recent videos, so the late events in Abaco have really impacted them. They are personally working on getting supplies and raising money for all who are in need in the Bahamas. Whitelum and Carausu are hoping to make it back to the Bahamas soon to help in any way that they can on land.

“I cannot believe what is happening and my heart aches for the people who have lost loved ones, had houses take away from them and who are currently living a nightmare,” said Elayna. “I want nothing more than to support those who are in need, but I know that I can support them more efficiently by sending supplies and using our platform to help Abaco and all of those who are in need.”

BEING A WORKING COLLEGE STUDENT: FINDING A JOB THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE

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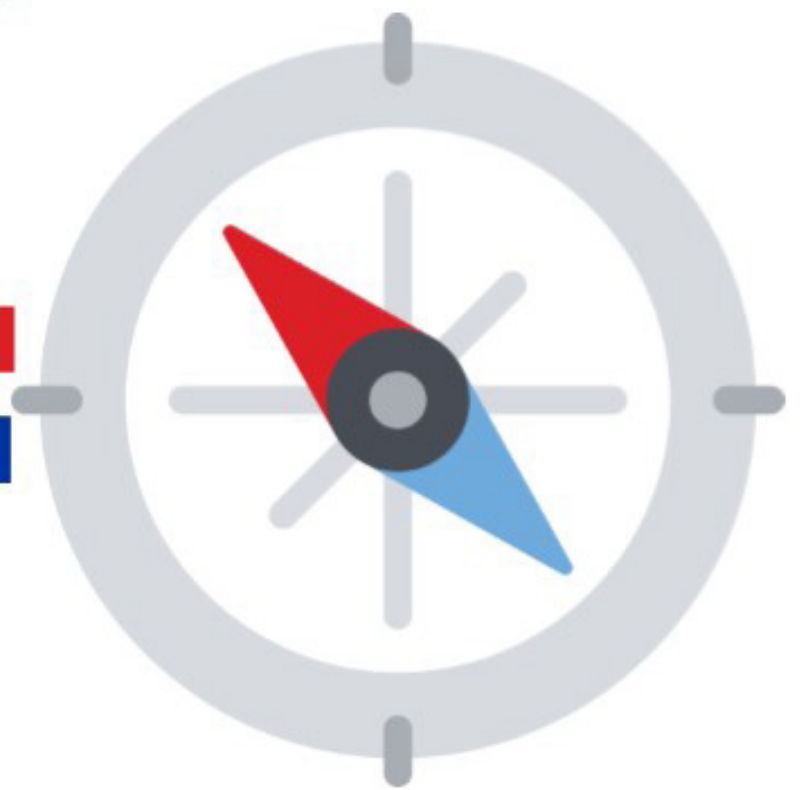


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Katelynn Johnson

Contributing Writer

Being a working college adult is tough. Knowing which jobs offer flexibility and great pay can be very beneficial.

Ali Jones has been working at Sunset Hills Country Club for over a year now, while going to college full time. Sunset Hills supports many college students by employing them part time. Serving is only one of many jobs available to working college adults at the club. “Serving is not always easy, but they do work around my classes which is nice,” says Jones. “It also gives me enough money to support myself.”

Jones has been working at Sunset Hills Country Club for over a year now, while going to college full time. Sunset Hills supports many college students by employing them part time. Serving is only one of many jobs available to working college adults at the club. Internships are also great opportunities for full time college students. Most internships are offered to upperclassmen, with some giving the opportunity to acquire college credit for working. Internships are major-specific, so finding one that corresponds to major requirements has many benefits.

“My internship with Southwire was amazing,” says Bailey Musick, a graduate of UWG. “It helped me make a little money, and gain the experience I needed to get a job.”

Musick currently works as a business analyst in Atlanta. She worked as an intern for Southwire her junior and senior year, which helped provide her with funds and

experience to not only make it through college, but land a full-time job after graduation.

Even on campus jobs can serve the same purpose. Most of these positions are considered as student assistants and some offer competitive pay. These positions are available to any level undergraduate, most focusing on area-specific majors. Positions like these are perfect for any college student, because they work around your schedule, and you do not have to leave campus to go to work.

“I am the student assistant for physical fitness on Valdosta State University’s campus,” says Brittany Stephens, a sophomore at VSU.

“They work around my classes and it gives me a little extra income.”

Stephens has been a student assistant since her 2019 fall semester began. She is majoring in physical education and plans to keep working in this position until she graduates. Student assistant positions offer great flexibility, and experience. Many college students are currently employed by Universities around the state. This helps provide students with the financial security needed to get through each semester.

There are many jobs available to working college students who offer flexibility and financial comfort. Paying bills by oneself in college is mitigating, but having a little extra cash to buy that favorite coffee is self dependence. college is mitigating, but having a little extra cash to buy that favorite coffee is self dependence.



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