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**Sweet Treats Stop**  
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**Late Night Food Event**  
*February 15, 9 - 10 p.m.*  
 Hamburgers and fries. Free to students and employees. *Food Court*

**BSM Weekly Luncheon Program**  
*Wednesdays through May 4 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
 Free lunch for students and employees.

**Litter Pick Up**  
*February 18, 12 - 1 p.m.*  
 Hosted by SGA. Meet in front of the BSM.

**Club Appreciation Day**  
*February 25, 11 - 1 p.m.*  
 Spread the word and recruit new members. Snacks and music provided. All clubs are asked to participate by planning a table activity and bringing a quarter- to half-page informational flyer. RSVP by February 18 to [miles@grayson.edu](mailto:miles@grayson.edu).  
*Life Center, 2nd Floor*

**"It's My Life" Student Leadership Series**  
*February 22 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.*  
 Community leaders are invited to discuss and share their philosophy on leadership in today's competitive work environment. *LA 101*

**Gym & Fitness Center**  
 Open to all students and staff with a college ID.  
*Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

**Student and Employee Spirit Day**  
*Every Friday*  
 Wear your GC attire with blue jeans and celebrate the Viking spirit.

**Ping Pong, 8-Ball, Foosball & Video Game Tournament**  
 Registration: February 15 to March 4 at the Recreation Counter. Tournament play begins March 14 and ends April 4. Personalized t-shirts awarded to winners in each category.

**Recreational Sports**  
 3-on-3 Basketball and 5-on-5 Soccer registration period: January 19 - February 12 at Recreation Counter.

**Viking Deadlines**  
*February 22, March 28, April 25.* All submissions may be sent to [jonesre@grayson.edu](mailto:jonesre@grayson.edu).

**Student Government Association**  
*First Mondays (monthly) 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.*  
*Viking Room, Life Center*

**Grayson Nursing Student Association**  
*Second Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.*  
*Viking Room, Life Center*

**HVACR Club**  
*First Thursdays 5:30 p.m. CTC*

# Alan McAdams: GC Professor of the Year

Logan Beauchamp  
 Staff Writer

It is not often we get a chance to recognize excellence within our ranks, much less reward it. This year we have the privilege of awarding Welding Director Alan McAdams the honor of "Professor of the Year."

Alan McAdams began teaching part-time at Grayson College in 2004 and became a full-time professor in 2006. Alan has an AAS in Welding Technologies and is a Certified Welding Inspector and Welding Educator through the American Welding Society. He has worked for Weber Aircraft, Mueller Construction and CM Trailers as a welder.

He moved to Grayson County in 1999 after living in Denton where he ran a property management company. McAdams has taken an active role in engaging his department in public service by creating welding art for the volunteer fire departments on both ends of the lake, The Special Olympics, CASA, TMC and the Women's Crisis center.

McAdams is married and has two adopted children, ages six and nine. He also serves as Chair of Advanced

Manufacturing, overseeing 4 active programs as well as developing a new one for the college. McAdams, when asked about receiving this honor said, "I am very surprised that I won. I had no idea that I was even nominated. In my years at the college, I have never missed or been late for a State of the College address. This time I was testing a potential new welding adjunct in the welding shop at the time my award was being announced."

McAdams seems by all measures to be a teacher who truly enjoys what he does. When asked his favorite part of his work he replied, "My favorite part of this job is being able to do two things that I truly enjoy, welding and teaching. I enjoy both of those so much that it really doesn't seem like a job at all. I think I'm doing those two for free. They pay me for the paper work and meetings. My experience with students lasts for the two years they spend here, but goes far beyond that. To this day, I hear from students that graduated 5-10 years ago."

He really does enjoy his work and plans to stay on as long the college will keep



Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

him. McAdams has a laundry list of people to thank for his success beginning with the faculty and staff of the welding program Doyle Roy, Chance Backest, and Gary Shannon. He states that everyone strives to make the program the best it can be. He also wants to thank the staff and fac-

ulty outside of the program including Dwayne Barber, Debra Boren, Chase Machen and so many others.

As well as caring about his students he counts his greatest achievement as graduation day.

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## MLK day celebrated with community-wide event

Rebecca Jones  
 Editor

On Monday, January 18, Grayson and Austin College, Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center and local Rotary clubs honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day with an annual celebration breakfast featuring keynote speaker Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College. The event united community members and local leaders bright and early in Mabee Hall on the Austin College campus in Sherman, Texas.



Dr. Michael Sorrell  
 Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

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## Your money is coming soon!

Jordan Thompson  
 Financial Aid Counselor

A common question that is heard a lot around the Financial Aid office is, "When will I receive my left over aid money?"

Well, to answer that question you must be sure that you have completed all steps necessary to be eligible for your requested aid. If you are unsure if you need to submit any additional documents you are encouraged to check your Campus Connect regularly for the most up to date information. Documents that have been successfully received will show as green and those that are still needed will show as red.

If you have applied for a

loan you will need to review your award package on Campus Connect. If the amounts match the amount you requested and if you still feel that you need to borrow the funds then you will need to accept them.

In order to receive your loans, you will see that you need to complete a Master Promissory Note as well as Entrance Counseling. These requirements must be completed by census date every semester in order to qualify for disbursement during the regular first disbursement.

Census date helps determine your eligibility based on your enrollment status.

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## MYVIKING THE TRANSITION OCCURS

Coming in February ...  
 Your student portal becomes MyViking

*MyViking will allow:*

- : 24/7 access**
- : easier management of ALL your student information**
- : self-service for students**  
*(reduces the need to wait in line)*
- : is personalized for each individual student**

The current portal and all student records will be offline Feb. 16-21.

Canvas and the website will still be available.

## MYVIKING OPENING FEB. 22!

GC is an equal opportunity institution.

- Paramedic Student Association**  
October 1, November 3, December 1, 12 - 1 p.m.  
Viking Room, Life Center
- Student Ambassadors**  
Third Mondays, 12 - 1 p.m.  
Viking Room, Life Center
- Men of Distinction**  
Thursdays, 12 - 1 p.m.  
CWL Seminar Room A
- Honors College Club**  
Thursdays, 12:15 - 1 p.m.  
Viking Room, Life Center
- DAAC**  
Fridays, 12:45 p.m. HS 202
- Cosmetology Club**  
Mondays bi-weekly  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. CTC
- Clay Club**  
First Thursdays, 5 - 6 p.m.  
Ceramic Room, Arts & Communications
- Phi Theta Kappa**  
Wednesdays  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. LA 207
- Psychology Club**  
Tuesdays, 12:15 - 12:50 p.m.  
CIS 202
- Delta Phi Delta (Art)**  
First Tuesdays, 12:15  
Arts & Communications  
Design Room
- LAE (Criminal Justice)**  
Tuesdays, 12:15. CRJ
- Sigma Kappa Delta & Writers Unlimited**  
Every other Friday,  
12 - 1 p.m.  
Library Study Room 5
- Veteran Student Association**  
First and third Wednesdays  
1 p.m. Veteran's Hub
- Welding Technologies Association**  
First and third Mondays  
12 - 1 p.m. CTC Break Room  
First and third Tuesdays  
12 - 1 p.m. South Campus
- Cultural Diversity Club**  
First and third Wednesdays  
1 - 2 p.m. Int'l Student Office
- Radiology Tech Club**  
The 15th of each month  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. HS 200
- Music Club**  
Every other Friday  
12 - 1 p.m. Band Hall, Arts & Communications
- Science Club**  
Every other Friday, 10 a.m.  
S 106
- Gay Straight Alliance**  
Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Bridge
- HALO (Hispanic-American Leadership Organization)**  
Second and fourth Tuesday  
12:20 - 12:45, LA 108
- Future Educators**  
Every other Tuesday  
12:20 - 12:50 p.m. CIS 200
- TIPPS (Culinary Arts)**  
Last Thursdays, 3 p.m.  
691 Restaurant
- Eta Sigma Delta**  
First Wednesdays, 2 p.m.  
Culinary Arts Building
- Film Club**  
TBA
- History Club**  
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.  
LA 207
- Veteran Nursing Student Association**  
First Mondays, 12 p.m.  
South Campus Skills Lab
- Sisters of Destiny**  
Thursdays, 2 p.m.  
Conference Room, Life Center
- FCA**  
Third Tuesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.  
Viking Residence Hall Lobby
- Dental Assisting Club**  
Wednesdays, 11:30 - 12 p.m.  
HS 205
- Gamers Guild**  
First Wednesdays, 12:15  
Arts & Communications  
Design Room
- Mu Alpha Theta**  
Date and time TBA
- Roteract**  
Second and fourth  
Wednesdays, 1 p.m.  
Viking Room, Life Center

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# Faculty and staff name McAdams "Professor of the Year"

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"These men and women come to Grayson seeking the opportunity to develop a new skill and hence improve their lives and the lives of their families," McAdams said, "I am so proud to watch each of them walk that stage and subsequently cash in on that skill with a new welding job. If you are serious about being a teacher, there is no greater achievement than that."

We can see that our "Professor of the Year" is someone with attitudes that the entire community could stand to emulate. It is my feeling, and those who have nominated Alan McAdams, that this award has found a worthy recipient. Congratulations, and keep leading the way! ♥



One more satisfied customer: McAdams presents welding certifications at December ceremony. Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

# GC helps host annual MLK, Jr. Day Celebration Breakfast

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A welcome from Reverend Robert Softly and Austin College President Marjorie Hass was followed by a recitation of the Rotary Four-Way Test, lead by Grayson and Austin College Roteract presidents Logan Beauchamp and Jack Kennady.



Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

The invocation by GC's own Reverend Charles Leslie moved the audience, which included GC President Jeremy McMillen, Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown and Republican County Sheriff candidate Tom Watt among others.

Austin College junior James Hemen gave an eloquent speech, an homage to leaders like King and W.E.B. Du Bois who paved the way to a more peaceable society.

The table settings in Mabee Hall also honored civil rights leaders throughout the world, providing photos and information on their contributions to the struggle for equality and human rights.

A few lively numbers from the Sherman Federated Choirs, directed by Ella Childs, had audience members clapping and singing aloud before keynote speaker Michael Sorrell took the stage. Sorrell, who has been president of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas, for nearly a decade, gave many thanks to Austin College administrators, who he credits for helping him turn Paul Quinn around when it was on the brink of ruin.

Scrapping his original speech, Sorrell focused instead on a few of its main themes, social justice and poverty, illustrated by recent events such as the inaccurate depiction of slavery in the children's book "A Birthday Cake for George Washington." "The portrayal of them was that they were just hap-



On the surprisingly snowy Saturday before MLK, Jr. Day, dozens gathered in the cold for the annual MLK parade including students, community members, political candidates and Sherman's new mayor, David Plyler. Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

py with the circumstances of their lives..." he said, "That's a lie."

Sorrell also discussed the ethos of his institution, which he hopes is consistent with the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. An attitude that emphasizes the needs of the community over that of the individual is key. That's why one of his greatest decisions as college president was to get rid of the football program and turn the field

into a community garden. "I don't hate football," Sorrell said with a laugh, "I hate hunger."

Sorrell is living proof that stewardship and service can make a real difference. "We become great by overcoming great obstacles," he concluded. While it is impossible to alter history, we can and should use it to shape our future. ♥

# International Qigong instructor to visit GC



Rebecca Jones Editor

On February 10, International Level III Advanced Qigong Instructor Daisy Lee will visit the GC campus to speak to Maria Silén's yoga class. The class takes place at 4:30 p.m. in the Arts & Communications building (room 100) and will be open to the class only.

Daisy Lee founded Radiant Lotus Women's Qigong and now travels the world "bridging the medical divide between western and eastern healthcare." She is known internationally for her acclaimed Qigong DVDs "Qigong Beginner's Practice," "Qigong for Detox" and "Qigong for Stress Relief."

Lee served as the US board member for the International Qigong Science Fed-

eration from 2007-2009. She now acts as president of Kahuna Valley, an educational non-profit in Hawaii that works to teach "health practices that develop mental focus, physical fitness and true self-confidence" to families.

Lee's website features videos and links, as well as client testimonials, that help to explain her mission. Many who practice with Daisy Lee attest that their health issues, both mental and physical, have been alleviated by the meditation and gentle techniques she teaches.

"Radiant Lotus Qigong is a living philosophy that invites practitioners to take personal responsibility for their health and well-being with the daily practice of gentle, non-invasive health exercises that renew the body, clear the mind and which has the potential to transform awareness."

Lee will also host three workshops February 13-16 in Sherman, Texas. For registration and/or more information: [sereneharvest.qigong.yoga@gmail.com](mailto:sereneharvest.qigong.yoga@gmail.com)

Join us in taking the Rotary Pledge!

Be a guest or become a member of GC's Rotaract Service Club.

**Our Meetings**

February 10th

February 24th

**Location:**

Viking Room (2nd floor of Life Center)

**Time:**

3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

All GC Students are welcome!



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Facebook Page: Grayson College Student Support Services

# Grayson College Bookstore helps students save big with rental and price match

Venus McGuire  
GC Bookstore Manager

ability and access commitment to students.”

Since Follett's rental program began five years ago, students across the nation have saved more than \$1 billion in course materials. For more information on rental, the price match program and other ways to save on course materials, visit the campus store or go to <http://www.grayson.bkstr.com>.

**About the GC Bookstore**  
Grayson College Bookstore is the official on-campus store for GC - offering products and services to students, faculty and the surrounding community both in-store and online via eFollett.com. The Grayson College Bookstore is located at 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, Texas, 75020 and is open 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday.

**About Follett Corporation**  
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Grayson College Bookstore is helping to make college more affordable for students this spring with two major cost-saving initiatives, text rental and price match.

## Text Rental

- Follett's text rental program is now the **largest** university textbook rental program.
- Last fall, Follett's text rental program saved students **\$100 million**.
- Rental texts offer **discounts of up to 80 percent** compared to purchasing new.
- Follett's **risk-free rental policies** allow highlighting, note taking and converting the rental to purchase.



## Price Match

- Follett has **expanded its Price Match program** across its campus store network to include Grayson College Bookstore.
- Price Match gives students confidence that Grayson College Bookstore is providing access to all required course materials at the lowest price possible.
- If students find course material that they purchased at the campus store advertised at a lower price from a competing retailer, they are **eligible to receive the difference** from the campus store.
- Price Match allows students to **apply price match funds** to supplies or other needed materials available the campus store.



## Driving Access and Affordability

- With more than **1,200** campus stores and **1,600** virtual stores, Follett's programs are making a big impact on college affordability and access for students nationwide.
- Follett offers the **largest inventory** of used books in the industry and a **huge rental library**.
- The combination of Follett's Text Rental and Price Match programs help **cut costs** and ensure **hassle-free access** to needed course materials.
- In total, Follett's text rental program has saved students nationwide **more than \$1 billion**



## LEARN MORE

To learn about cost-saving course material options, contact the store directly or visit [www.efollett.com](http://www.efollett.com).  
For more information on Follett campus store services, go to [www.follett.com/fms](http://www.follett.com/fms).

# Online tutoring for HIST 1301 and BIOL 2320 through Upswing

Jeffri Johnson Hodge  
*Coordinator of Tutoring and Disability Services*

Beginning late February 2016, Grayson College is piloting an online tutor program. Throughout the semester, students enrolled in HIST1301 and BIOL2320 will be able to access the Upswing Virtual Learning Center to connect 24/7 with tutors online. The college

has a customized portal in CANVAS which enables our students to meet with the college's own tutors online in addition to having access to Upswing Coaches.

Students experience collaborative learning through real-time audio, video, chat and a virtual whiteboard. They can quickly upload and share documents before or during sessions. Upswing prompts both the student

and coach for feedback after each session in order to provide insight into student understanding. Free face-to-face peer tutoring will still be available in the Tutoring Center on campus, but this new initiative will provide greater flexibility and options for GC students, particularly students in internet courses. Best of all - it's FREE! ♥

## WARNING

### Are you on Financial Aid Warning for Spring 2016?

- A student is placed in a Warning Status when they are not making Satisfactory Academic Progress for the previous semester but may still receive Title IV funds (Federal Student Aid).
  - No appeal is necessary while in this status.
  - You continue to receive aid for **ONE** semester
  - You have **ONE** semester to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.

### How to get off of Warning and back to Satisfactory Academic Progress for Fall 2016?

- Components of Satisfactory Academic Progress
  1. Students must have a GPA of at least 2.0.
  2. Students must successfully complete 67% of all hours attempted for Spring 2016
    - A. This percentage is found by dividing your cumulative earned hours by your cumulative attempted hours.

## Resume Building Tips

- Arrange resume sections by presenting your most marketable information first.
- Use brief, descriptive phrases instead of complete sentences.
- Select action verbs that identify your skills and experience.
- Do not use personal pronouns such as I, me, my, their.
- Focus on results, accomplishments and skills that demonstrate you have the qualifications to be successful on the job - don't just list daily tasks.
- Avoid repetitive phrases when describing your experience.
- Describe activities/clubs that employers may not be familiar with.
- Have several people review your resume to check for grammar errors.

**Assistance is available for: resume writing, cover letters, completing job applications, interview preparation, job leads & more!**

Contact: Gretchen Huff in Advising, 903-415-2544 or [huffg@grayson.edu](mailto:huffg@grayson.edu)

## Peer Tutoring is located in the Testing Center (SC 115)

**Tutors are trained and CRLA certified**

**Tutoring is scheduled by appointment. Sessions are one hour per week.**

**Tutoring Center hours:**  
M-Tr: 8 AM - 8 PM  
F: 8 AM - 4 PM

**To request a tutor come by or contact Jeffri Johnson Hodge at [hodgej@grayson.edu](mailto:hodgej@grayson.edu).**



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## Where is my financial aid money?

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Your awards are adjusted according to your enrollment status. Census date this semester is February 3, making the first disbursement February 26 for the full semester and 1st 8-week students. The disbursement for 2nd 8-week students is April 15.

Students also have the option to reduce or completely decline the loans. Declining your loans is as simple as accepting them on your Campus Connect. You also have the option of completely declining or reducing your loans by going to the Financial Aid office and requesting and completing a "Making changes in Financial Aid awards" form.

It is the function of the Financial Aid Office to verify eligibility and to authorize payment of funds, whereas it is the responsibility of the

Business Office of Grayson to disburse and record funds given to students. Checks will be mailed to you unless you have visited your Campus Connect and set up a direct deposit. We encourage you to check your demographic information well in advance of disbursement date to make sure your address is correct.

Students often want to know why the 'Disburseable Amount' for Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans shows zeros. You will not see an amount populate in this field until Grayson College receives the funds for the loans. These funds are not sent to Grayson College until very close to the disbursement date.

On the first disbursement, any Pell Grant refunds will be 'paid' to you as well as half of the semester's award in loans. The second dis-

bursement, which is March 25 this semester, will 'pay' the remaining half of the loan balance.

All students are encouraged to start budgeting before college, especially those of you on financial aid. There are many great tools provided by the Department of Education at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) and [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

All students who borrow loans are encouraged to start tracking their debt using [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov) while in school. NSLDS is also a great way to stay informed after a student completes their program or stops attending college.

If you have any question please feel free to stop by our office in the Administration Building located on the main campus, e-mail us at [financialaid@grayson.edu](mailto:financialaid@grayson.edu) or call us at 903-463-8794. ♥

# The server: a college-friendly job

Adrianna Peters  
Student

Meeting new people, finding opportunities to learn new job skills and having the flexibility to work the days you want: it sounds too good to be true. Being a server may be the perfect job college students are looking for. This is the buzz that restaurant employers want college students to find out.

## Flexibility

Maddie Gutierrez, a Collin College student and native Texan, stated, "Serving has made it possible for me and many of my friends to take a full load of classes and work at the same time." Gutierrez sampled working retail before trying serving and felt frustrated because her employers didn't cooperate with her college schedule. Her employment at Pluckers Restaurant now allows her to work weekends only and attend classes during the week.

Restaurant manager Liz Tyler noted, "We have a sys-

tem of scheduling that allows for our servers to give their availability...with also dropping or adding shifts when needed." Tyler understands that her employees might have other goals while working as servers and is supportive of anyone who is pursuing those goals, whether it be going to college or wanting to move up in the food industry.

Being a server allows for the flexibility that many students are seeking. Tyler stated, "When hiring servers, I look for qualities that include a friendly personality, motivation and dedication with being a responsible worker." Tyler added that she has been "impressed with many of her servers who are or have been college students, as they value the importance of working hard and being on time."

## Career Possibilities

Working in the food industry might not be perceived as having the potential to turn into a rewarding career, but Courtney Clark,

District Manager for Olive Garden, begs to differ. She encourages servers to check into the opportunities that

Clark and Tyler spoke about the qualities that restaurant managers see in hiring college students that

in an unstable financial position leading her to strategize about how she would pay for school. She spoke about the financial rewards of being a server, making an ample salary to support herself and pay for classes at the community college.

"Serving has really made it possible for me to pay for college, and I love the atmosphere that I work in." Gutierrez noted that she is earning a degree in music but that the skills she is learning a server will help her along the way to becoming a music teacher.

Being a server is a golden gem of a job that is overlooked by many when going to college, as they might think it holds little relevance to earning a degree. However, having the insight of people in the food industry is eye-opening to the value being a server may hold for those struggling to find a rewarding and flexible job while earning their degree. ♥



are within the food industry while earning a degree. Clark reiterated that earning a degree can lead to opportunities in food management. Clark started as a server at 18 years old with Olive Garden while going to college. She proceeded to earn her degree in Business Management, which led to opportunities for growth and major financial rewards.

make them an asset. Both agreed that motivation is a key factor, adding to their drive to get ahead in life.

## Financial Rewards

As many know, college can be costly to the student who has to pay for their own way. Gutierrez explained that paying for college herself was an expensive task. Gutierrez's parents divorced after high school and she was left

## Review: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2

Rebecca Cheek  
Student

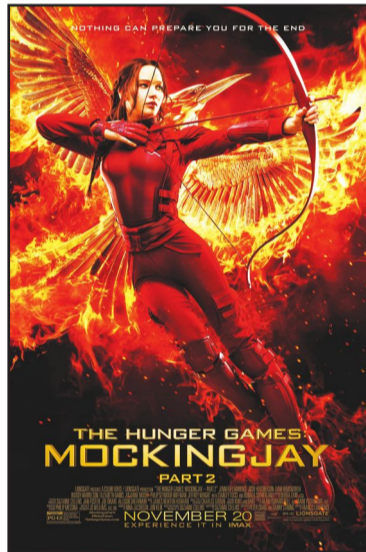
"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" was a great finish to a mediocre series. Compared to the rest of the series, this was a masterpiece for so many reasons. Overall, the movie achieved its goal of a long awaited grand finale.

In "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2," directed by Francis Lawrence, the movie continues with the rebellion of the twelve districts. Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) sets out on a long journey with Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutchinson), Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth) and others to finish the long time feud with President Snow (Donald Sutherland) to defeat the capitol of Panem.

The writing and dialogue of the movie was fantastic. They decided to follow along with the book series, written by Suzanne Collins, rather than what they've done with the rest of the series. Overall, I would say that the writing was amazing, inventive and unpredictable. The editing was also genius in the movie. The movie flowed from scene to scene beautifully. No one in the theater even noticed because they flowed so perfectly.

## Want to be part of something bigger than yourself?

Join the Science Club and get involved with projects on campus and around the area that serve our community. The club offers many outreach opportunities. Volunteer opportunities with the Sherman Museum and local schools are also available, including paid work (\$8-10/hr) with science summer camps later this year. Tutoring is also available upon request. Meets every other Friday at 10 a.m., S106.



Along with the editing, I'll say the costume design was spot on with the whole tone of the movie. Throughout the past, Panem has always been known for their crazy fashion schemes that leave nothing to the imagination. The clothes were always bright and colorful, even seeming like they defied gravity at times. But in this last movie the people of Panem are shocked and sad to be losing their homes. They still have the fanatical costumes, but with a subtlety of depression. In the movie you see less of their fashion and this really contributes to the hopeless tone of the movie.

This movie is a must watch. With the box office results, it's easy to see that there is no contest to it. This is the best adventure/sci-fi movie of 2015. I highly recommend it. ♥

## Free transition to health care class

Learn about the health care field while improving your basic skills in reading, writing, language, math and science. This class will help you develop the basic skills needed in the pursuit of a health care career. The course is geared toward, but not limited to, students seeking their GED, preparing for college entrance exams or for students needing to refresh their basic skills. The class is free and for students 17 years of age or older. This may be taken with a GED course or as a stand-alone course. Upon completion of the course, students are prepared to take the next step and pursue a health care career pathway! Classes will be held on the Main Campus Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and also on the South Campus in Van Alstyne on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You must register, so call 903-463-8784 by February 12. Classes will start February 15 through June 3 on the Main Campus and February 16 through June 2 on the South Campus. Call today for more details!

## Free academic support for certificate seeking students

Small group mentoring and instruction is available for students struggling with math, reading, writing or language and who are working on a one-year certificate. Students who are preparing for one-year programs such as welding, electricity, HVAC, EMS, LVN, police science or criminal justice pathways and are struggling with reading, writing, language or math can get help!

We provide small group academic support using your textbook. Class is designed to prepare you for success by layering basic skill instruction, study skill development, reading comprehension and test-taking strategies while using your course content to support progress in your credit class. Call now to learn more about these classes! 903-463-8784.

THE SCIENCE CLUB PRESENTS

## Purple Martin Nest Building Workshop

- ✦ Help create habitats for these migratory birds
- ✦ Leave an attractive mark on our campus
- ✦ Have fun with gourds!

Friday, February 19 @ 10 A.M.  
S106 (Science Bldg.)



RSVP: ParsonsP@grayson.edu

## SKD/Writers Unlimited Short Story Contest

ENTER TO WIN A CASH PRIZE!

### Phase One Rules:

1. Create a character map. Write your character's name in the center of your paper.
2. Write five things around your character you think are important about him/her. One should be about where the character lives. (Be careful not to pick something that will completely take over your character.)
3. Write 500 words detailing a walk home. Think about your character bubble and have your character notice very specific physical things along the way and show something about your character with an interior monologue.

Bring your work to our next meeting: Friday, February 12  
Library Study Room 5

# Grayson College Writing Center

Providing assistance with any and all writing assignments

Open Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Library 110)



Twenty-two universities were present Jan. 28 to share exciting opportunities with GC students. One of Virginia Thompson's Learning Frameworks students reflected, "I hope Grayson has this again when I get closer to graduation. I will probably have more questions."

# Grayson Theatre to perform play for young audiences

Robin Robinson  
*Professor of Theatre*

Grayson College had auditions for its first production of the New Year on Tuesday, January 19 in Cruce Stark Auditorium on the Grayson campus. Eighteen actors and fourteen crew were cast to produce the comedy, "Pirates! Theodore Thud and the Quest for Weird Beard," written by Joshua Mikel.

The Grayson Theatre department will present this play for young audiences on February 17, 18 and 19 at 10 a.m. and on February 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$1 for this 40 minute play.

"Theodore Thud and the Quest for Weird Beard" begins when a group of neighborhood kids are pretending to be pirates, and one of them (Theodore, played



Ashley Coffman and Tyler Burns paint the false proscenium for *Pirates!* Photo credit: Robin Robinson

by Luke Brown) accidentally falls into a giant sinkhole. From there Theodore encounters the zany world of pirates when Harriet the Ghost (Jordan Curry), Cap-

tain Cramp Hand (Anatole "Cornbread" Santalyole), Mr. Clunky Bones (Alex Watson) and the notorious Weird Beard (Jesse Alsup) all lead him on a perilous

journey. Several sophomore theatre majors are in charge of the design of this production. Holden Webster has designed a versatile and color-

ful set while Bryce Dansby is in charge of the light design. Lydia Foster has designed the costumes with the assistance of freshman Caitlin Pohland. Jorge Amador is in charge of sound design and Katie Gaskill is the stage manager.

Audience members are welcome to bring cameras and take pictures after the play with the actors and their children. This is a show for the whole family, and GC Theatre welcomes "kids" of all ages. For more information, contact the GC Theatre department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu. Reservations are not necessary since this will be performed in Cruce Stark Auditorium. ♥

## DECLARATION OF AN IDENTITY WITH CONVICTION - THE TATTOO ART SHOW



Second Floor Gallery / Arts & Communications

Open to the public:

Januray 21 - February 26, 2016

Art Reception:

Friday, February 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Featuring works by: Brett Hall, Stephanie Canaday, Donna Finch Adams ("Flashy Pears" pictured left), Ashlee J. Anderson, Marie D. Van Arsdale, Bo Huff,

Matthew Freeman ("Too Young for That" pictured right), Vivian Spears, Christian McGowan, Barb Stewart, Sarah Sparks Duran, Joey Spindle, Mary Karam, George Mason, Terry Spearman, Kevin Berry, Nitia Musico, Ilona Nogar and Steve O. Black



Grayson College Theatre Presents

### WORKING THE MUSICAL

From Steven Schwartz, composer of WICKED and GODSPELL

April 29- May 1, 2016  
April 29 @ 2pm & 7:30pm,  
April 30 @ 7:30pm May 1 @ 2pm

For Reservations 903-463-8609  
theatre@grayson.edu Tickets: \$5

**Black Box Theatre**

GC Theatre Presents Theatre For Young Audiences

**Pirates!**

Theodore Thud And The Quest For Weird Beard

\*Feb 17, 18, 19, 2016 @10am \*Feb 20@ 7pm  
Cruce Stark Aud 903-463-8609 theatre@grayson.edu \$1

## 2nd Floor Gallery Spring/Summer 2016 Exhibition Schedule

- DECLARATION OF AN IDENTITY WITH CONVICTION - THE TATTOO ART SHOW  
Open to artists 18+ January 21 - February 26
- THE UPCYCLED - RECYCLED - REPURPOSED ART EXHIBITION  
Open to artists 18+ March 3 - April 22
- DENISON SPRING ART WALK AND INTERURBAN FILM FESTIVAL  
Main Street Denison, Texas. Art Walk April 2/Film Festival April 1, 2 and 3
- TEXOMA EARTH DAY FESTIVAL AND TRASHION SHOW  
Lucy Kidd-Key Park Sherman, Texas. April 23, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- YEAR-END STUDENT ART SHOW  
Open to art majors/students in studio art classes. April 28 - May 13
- THE 7TH INCREDIBLE EDIBLE FOOD ART SHOW  
April 30, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
- THE ABSOLUTE BLACK & WHITE XIV EXHIBIT  
Open to artists 18+ May 26 - August 11