

Get Involved

Viking Deadline September 26th

The *Viking* needs student content! Please send me any articles, art, poems, stories, journalistic writings, etc. to the editor, Katherine Petri, at prkpetri@vikings.grayson.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa

Regular meeting for are every Wednesday, at 12:30pm in the Viking room.

Student Veterans

of America (SVA)
2nd Tuesday of every month
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Veterans Hub
2nd Floor Bridge

Summit

Thursdays
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
in the Baptist Student Ministry building

BSM

Navigate
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
in the Baptist Student Ministry building

New Dean Ilene Walton welcomes students with food, facts, and fun



Licensed Vocational Nursing students ham it up with South Campus Dean

By Viking Staff

When students open the South Campus front doors this fall, they'll likely be greeted by the friendly "Hello!" and warm smile of Dean Ilene Walton.

Since her office is conveniently located just to the left of the entry hall, she can easily direct students who are looking lost or greet faculty members returning to their offices.

An identical experience Pizza lunches, Stuff a Croc, Pops Hot Dogs, Cookout fun and games, and Welcome Back water bottles and stickers have all been part of Dean Walton's efforts the last two weeks to ensure that the South Campus provides the same "college experience" that Grayson students at the Main Campus (Denison) enjoy.

"We want to make sure South Campus students have an identical

experience from counseling services to fun events," she emphasizes. Providing a "mirror" college experience means ensuring students in the Van Alstyne/Howe area can complete all their core classes at the South Campus.

"It's often harder for these students to make the trip to Denison," Dean Walton explains, "so we need to ensure students can start and complete their degrees here." cont. pg. 3

Don't Miss It!

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Multicultural club meeting is September 22nd. Join the club today!



Exciting Theatre productions at Grayson this year!

By Dr. Patrick C Vaughn Professor of Theater/Technical Director

The Theatre program is starting off the season with the 2022 New Plays Project.

Having doubled the number of theatre majors from last year we are beginning the year with great energy, and a great vehicle for promoting the development of new works for live Theatre.

Grayson College Theatre will present The 2022 New Plays Project September 30 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, October 1 at 7:30pm, and October 2 2:30pm.

We will be featuring three (never before performed on stage) new plays in a staged reading format:

Something Eternal by John Price, a heartwarming story of a man who finds himself teach-

ing what he loves while battling a debilitating condition that could take it all away.

Something Eternal will be presented Friday 9/30 at 7:30pm and Sunday 10/2 at 2:30pm.

Josephine by Taylor C. Aberstein, a supernatural drama that explores unresolved family conflicts.

Film Noir by David J. LeMaster, a witty look at the gritty world of this 1940's gangster genre.

Josephine and *Film Noir* (two one act plays) will be presented 9/30 at 2:30pm and 10/1 at

7:30pm.

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Play with PTK!

Phi Theta Kappa has some exciting activities coming up for the Fall 2022 semester:

Constitution Day Event - Find the Presidential Duckies! Read the constitutional facts around campus to get clues for the next ducky location.

When: September 12-16

Canstruction - Collect non-perishable food items with your club/organization of choice.

GC Departments are also welcome and encouraged to participate. Make an awesome structure out of your items, like a piggy bank or Operation game board.

Deadline to register your team: September 30

Regular chapter meetings are on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM in the Viking Room.

Get involved today!



Grayson College Theatre Students pictured here in auditions for our first production: Corey White, Rachelle Allen, Keyshawn Leffall, Tony Pelley, Mickie Renuy, Desmond Shannon, Quinn Wright, Michelle Gardner, Isaac Alford, and Wesley Blarton

Endless Opportunities

Theatre productions

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Tickets for the productions are \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, Students & amp. As always, admission is free for Grayson College Students, Faculty and Staff.

Please be advised, the New Plays Project includes mature language and subject matter.

The 2022 New Plays Project will be presented on the Cruce Stark Auditorium stage. For more information contact the GC Fine Arts Box Office at 903-463-8652.

Stay tuned for more information on the 2022-

2023 Grayson College Theatre season including these must see events:

The Taming by Lauren Gunderson (November 18-20), *It's a Wonderful Life*:

A Live Radio Play adapted by Joe Landry (December 3), *Gilligan's Island*:

The Musical By Hope Juber (March 3-5), and *Natural Shocks* by Lauren Gunderson (April 14-16).

See you in the theater!

Make sure to read about all the things that the Career Center offers. More info on pg. 5



Scholarships!

for low-income Texas residents with at least 1 dependent OR Texas residents impacted by COVID-19

Application Deadline Sunday, September 11:

Phlebotomy Technician
Mental Health Technician

Application Deadline Sunday, December 11:

Certified Nurse Aide
Clinical Medical Assistant
Patient Care Technician



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Grayson College's Career Center provides tools and resources to help you make an informed decision about your career pathway.

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After Homeless Homer, part III

By Laura J. Haworth
Grayson College Cataloger

"You're her, aren't you? The one Joseph brought here? You're Charla?" asked Margaret, Joseph's sister.

She was just leaving her rented house with a large cardboard box.

I saw her as I picked up the necklace I'd dropped the day before, near the chain link fence that enclosed the backyard, and where police chalk still outlined the place Joseph's body had lain, after being shot. I gave her a curt nod and she motioned for us to sit down on the front porch.

"What's that you have there?" she asked, setting the box down and taking a seat on the top step.

"It's...it's Joseph's," I said, nervously. She

held out her palm and I let the necklace drop.

"Ah, the St. Christopher necklace that Becky gave her father," she said with a sad smile, then turned the pendant over and showed me the inscription: To Daddy from Becky with Love.

I was near tears, reading it, having taken the necklace from Joseph's chest of drawers without him knowing, and now she was saying it'd been a gift from his dead daughter.

"I...I didn't mean to take it without telling him! It was just... the police started banging on the door just as I was about to show him, and..."

"Hey there!" she

said, putting her hand on my shoulder. "It's okay! I'm just glad to see it is all."

"So...you're not mad?" I asked. She shook her head no, and I sighed with relief.

"Why is it called a St. Christopher necklace?" I asked. She smiled and her eyes twinkled. "St. Christopher was a patron saint of travelers.

Legend has it that he carried a child on his shoulder all the way across a river, even though the child got heavier and heavier. This saint is known for helping the weak and poor across waterways, and so these necklaces are popular with travelers.

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Connect to Your Future!

The Grayson College Career Center provides tools and resources to help you make an informed decision about your career pathway and to help you become career ready!

What to expect from the GC Career Center for students and alumni?

- Access to Career Assessments! Learn about yourself and your interests in a career.
- Career Advising and Exploration!
- Stellar Resumes!
- Job Interview Preparation!
- Job Search!
- Job Opportunities and Internships!
- LinkedIn Learning Career Readiness Courses!
- Labor Market Insights!

But wait, there's more! The GC Career Center hosts Career Readiness Opportunities throughout the month for students and alumni to join to learn how to create a resume, succeed in a job interview, find your career, learn the importance of personal brand and networking, job search, must-have job skills, and more! Visit the GC Career Center webpage at grayson.edu/career-center for dates & times.

Gain federal work experience through innovative program

By Jeffri Johnson Hodge
Coordinator of Tutoring and Disability

This school year, a number of Grayson College students and recent graduates with disabilities will have the opportunity to seek internships or permanent employment with federal agencies, thanks to the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP).

The WRP connects federal agencies and, in some cases, private employers, with college students and recent graduates with disabilities seeking to demonstrate their abilities in the workplace through

summer internships or long-term jobs. Over the years, thousands of college students, graduate students and alumni have participated in the program, working in diverse roles in federal workplaces across the nation.

Applications for the WRP are due in mid-October. Students can learn more by visiting [WRP.gov](https://www.wrp.gov) or contact Jeffri Johnson Hodge in the Testing/Tutoring Center on the Main Campus. Her email is hodgej@grayson.edu.

Stories

Homer

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The saint carrying the child symbolizes safe travel and protection from sudden death.” She looked at me as I started to cry, saying, “If I had just given it to him... maybe he would’ve put it on and not die!”

“Oh goodness no! Don’t think like that child!” She put her arm around my shoulder.

“What happened to Joseph was not your fault.”

“But if I hadn’t...” Margaret put a hand up as I started to tell her the details from that day, starting with Joseph finding me unconscious under the tree and then him leaving through the back door.

“I know what you’re thinking, Charla, but you’re wrong. He had that necklace in his possession long before you came along. I’m the one who brought it to him. He could’ve started wearing it then...but he didn’t. Even if he had put it on, he might still have died.”

“But why didn’t he wear it?” I asked, remembering other items he’d shown me of Becky’s, but Margaret just shook her head.

“He said he wouldn’t put it on until he saw her again,” she said quietly. My mouth fell open.

“But...Becky is dead! That’s what he told me! She and...the other children died in a fire!”

“That’s what he believed, even though I said no, that he’d been unconscious for days after his rescue from their burning home. The kids were okay. They were taken away, but were not dead.” “Who took them?” I asked.

“His wife, Mary. He eventually regained consciousness and they allowed her to visit him, alone, and she told him a lie! A devious one, telling him all the children had burned up in the fire. She knew how devastated he’d be! And then she left his hunting knife behind so he could kill himself!”

“He tried to kill himself!”

“Yes! She left the knife tucked in the folds of clothes she’d brought him. He had second and third-degree burns and she brought him clothes! The hospital staff shouldn’t have left her alone with him, but they didn’t know how evil Mary was. They found him bleeding heavily, and it was all they could do to save him. By the time they realized what she’d done,

she was gone...took the kids without a word to anybody, leaving only two boxes at a neighbor’s house where they’d been staying. Most of the things she left behind are in this box,” she said, as she moved the box on the porch closer to us.

“No one’s been able to find her or the kids, but I promised Joseph I’d find them. I told him, ‘Just give me a year, and keep these things near your heart until then.’ He said, ‘They’re dead until I see otherwise.’ He kept everything, but wouldn’t wear the necklace.” I shook my head as she continued.

“Right after he stabbed himself, he went from semi-conscious to catatonic. Know what that means?” she asked me. I shook my head. “You become uncommunicative, for one thing. Joseph no longer had a desire to move or speak. His brain wasn’t right and he was depressed. I left Delton for Boston and visited him at the asylum where they had moved him and talked to him all the time. Finally, he started responding and that’s when I discovered that he believed his children were dead.”

“But why would his wife tell him that? Didn’t she love him?” I asked.

“Oh honey, I don’t think that lady’s ever loved anything. Not the kids, not anyone! She was mean even before Joseph joined the fight in Vietnam! Oh boy, did she speak ill of him then. I defended him. He wanted to be a medic, to help save the lives of soldiers. Even as old as he was, and a father of four, he felt it was his patriotic duty, even as war protests were growing. He hadn’t got to fight in World War II, but Mary, she resented being left with the kids. I said, send them to me, but she wouldn’t.”

“Joseph came back though, right? And he was okay, wasn’t he?” She shook her head.

“He got injured trying to save those soldiers. Shrapnel penetrated the back of his head.” I thought then of my wound, from falling out of the tree. Joseph had cleaned and bandaged it.

“Did he have a scar from it?” I asked.

“He did. You couldn’t see it unless you looked under all that long hair. Not like after the operation when they’d had to shave his head.”

Immediately I pulled off the band around my ponytail and

showed her my wound.

“Did his wound look like this?” I asked, brushing my hand over the hair Joseph had cut.

“Oh my! Similar scar,” she said, and then touched my short hair. “Did Joseph do that?”

“Yes, and told me to hide it with a ponytail. Did his wife hate his scar too?”

“Probably, but that scar was nothing compared to the scars inside his head. He couldn’t sleep without medication, and he couldn’t go back to the position he had at the railroad, and...”

“He worked for the railroad? My dad works at the railroad here in Delton!” I said, interrupting.

“Yes, Joseph was a railroad man too. He calculated numbers and handled inventory, but that changed because of his injury. He tended to the railroad tracks instead. Didn’t pay as well, but kept him working, and the walking helped him cope. He was better. He slept more.”

“But at this asylum, he got better there too, right?”

“Yes. Being at that psychiatric hospital helped, but he stayed angry and distrustful. No one could convince him that his wife lied to him. Even after I showed him microfilm prints from articles on the day of the fire, stating his kids escaped, he refused to believe it! Couldn’t accept what Mary did.”

“But...you’re not giving up finding them, are you?” I asked.

“No. I made a promise. I told Joseph, that if he would come to Delton with me, I’d find the kids and bring them to him. All he had to do was stay in this rented house and let no one know he was staying here, but he never really believed me about his kids.”

She reached inside the box and took the photo album out, the same one Joseph had shown me before leaving the rental house through the back way. But first, he showed me a photo of Margaret.

“Hey, he showed me that album. He wanted me to see a picture of you, and he found one. He took it out and put it in the pocket of that raincoat...” As I spoke, I realized why Joseph had been shot so quickly by the policeman, and blurted out, “He had that picture of you in his pocket, not a gun!”

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New Dean Ilene Walton

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Special value

Technical programs the South Campus focuses on include Welding, Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN), Medical Lab Technology (MLT), Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration, Technology (HART), Phlebotomy, and Adult Literacy (GED, ESL).

Students can gain technical skills, finish the first leg of their education with an associate degree, or take coursework required for a promotion in their current job.

Dean Walton touts the special value of the education the South Campus provides to current high school students in the local community: “they’ll save money, learn how to be a college student, and experience hands-on education by instructors who can ease them into the transition from high school.”

Administration background

Promoted from an ESL instructor position to a director at Frank Phillips College in the Panhandle (Borger/Dal-

hart area), Dean Walton had to quickly “learn higher education,” including the workings and role of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation policies. “I just knew sales, people, and marketing,” she explains, but her success in mastering community college administration was attested to by her promotions to Dean and then Provost at that college.

While recently interviewing for positions in administration at North Texas area colleges, Dean Walton kept hearing that “Grayson’s like a family.” And she’s felt that very connection from the local community, the Grayson College team, and South Campus students, all of whom have been “gracious and welcoming.” We’re glad to have you, Dean Walton!



New South Campus Dean Ilene Walton

Random Riddles

**I am the beginning of the end
and the end of time and space.
I am essential to creation and
surround every space. What
am I?**

Answer on pg. 5

Sports

Basketball standout Williams signs with University of Oregon

By Viking staff

Recently graduated Tyrone Williams has some advice for new players on the Grayson Men's Basketball team: "Never give up—believe you can do it and you will."

Williams has certainly proved that maxim as his hard work on the court has earned him a position as shooting guard at the University of Oregon in Eugene this fall.

Coming from a winning program at Olney High School in Philadelphia (20-3 his senior year), Williams quickly embraced the Grayson basketball philosophy that "it's not all about you."

The contributions he made to the team propelled them to win the championship conference

for 2020-21. Scott Monarch, Grayson College Head Men's Basketball Coach, provided these impressive statistics about his star player:

- All-time leading scorer in Grayson College history with 2068 points
- All-time leading scorer in North Texas Junior College Region 5 history
- Fourth leading scorer in NJCAA history
- Two-time leading scorer in the nation. Only 2 other players in the history of juniorcollege basketball have done that.
- Most points in a single game at Grayson College (59)
- NTJACAC Player of the Year

- NJCAA All American

Williams not only helped his Grayson team on the court but also wrote a "capstone" project for his English class in which he proposed strategies for promoting team unity.

At the University of Oregon, Williams found a program that fit his style of game play—fast, which facilitates shooting. Following what is sure to be a stellar basketball career at that school, Williams plans to become a physical therapist like his mother.



Williams shoots during Paris game in November



Basketball standout Tyrone Williams poses during college media day in October

After Homer-part III

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Overwhelmed with emotion, Margaret looked at me, tears in her eyes then opened the album, and turned to its last page, where a yellow envelope was tucked. She handed it to me, and I tried to read the cursive writing on it, but couldn't.

"The return address on this envelope may lead me to his kids. Inside is a letter from Mary's sister, who might still live there, and Mary stays in touch with her sister. I'm going there."

The address was a street in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Tearfully, she returned the necklace to me. "Keep it, for now, Charla. If I find the kids, I'll bring them back for Joseph's funeral. Perhaps you can give it to Becky. It will be at the church below Montrey Hill, near where you live, right?" I gave her a nod as she closed her eyes, saying, "If the Lord's forgiven me for taking Joseph here to Delton,

after he escaped the asylum, then he'll lead me to his children." Opening her eyes, she added, "The funeral's Sunday after next, 10 a.m. Watch from Montrey Hill, will you?"

"Yes," I said, clutching the necklace, and then I hugged her, and we both cried.

On the day of the funeral, I stood on Montrey Hill, necklace in hand, watching for Margaret and a girl close to my age, with brown hair like mine, and just hoped that my family wasn't watching me. Then the moment came.

I saw Margaret first, then a girl, slightly taller than I, pointing her finger at me while shading her eyes. I ran as fast as I could down Montrey Hill, to Becky, who had tears in her eyes. I gave her the necklace, and then she wrapped her arms around me. We became friends, for life.

If you are a student veteran, please feel free to check out the SVA club. Join today!



Career Readiness Opportunities

- Stellar Resumes!
- Nail a Job Interview!
- Find Your Career!
- Personal Brand and Networking!
- How to Job Search!
- How to Negotiate Your Pay!
- Must-Have Job Skills!
- Mental Health and Work!
- Coffee and Career Discussions!

Opportunity Date & Times

10:00 am – 11:00 am Career Center (SAB Building) or by Zoom!
(visit grayson.edu/career-center for more information and Zoom link)

<u>Fall 1</u>	<u>Fall 2</u>
August 30 th – Coffee and Career Discussion	October 25 th – Coffee and Career Discussion
September 6 th – Find Your Career	November 1 st – Find Your Career
September 7 th – Personal Brand & Networking *LinkedIn Profile	November 2 nd – Personal Brand & Networking *LinkedIn Profile
September 13 th – Stellar Resumes	November 8 th – Stellar Resumes
September 14 th – Must-Have Job Skills	November 9 th – Must-Have Job Skills
September 20 th – How to Job Search	November 15 th – How to Job Search
September 21 st – Personal Brand and Networking *LinkedIn Profile	November 16 th – Personal Brand & Networking *LinkedIn Profile
September 27 th – Coffee and Career Discussion	November 22 nd – Coffee and Career Discussion
September 28 th – Nail a Job Interview	November 23 rd – Mental Health and Work
September 29 th – Mental Health and Work	November 29 th – Nail a Job Interview
October 4 th – How to Negotiate Your Pay	November 30 th – How to Negotiate Your Pay
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Fun and Photos

Below are the photos of the new South Campus Dean Ilene Walton and the Grayson students enjoying the first weeks of the semester



Welding students look forward to the semester at the Welcome Back event



Counselor Ryan Dickerson takes an expert corn hole toss swing at the South Campus Cookout



Students learn about the Upswing tutoring program during the South Campus Cookout



Arturo shows off his plush new toy at Stuff a Croc

Editor's notes

Hello, my name is Katherine! I am the new Viking editor. I have to admit, I am learning a lot of new things while trying to make *The Viking*. That is part of the reason I enjoy going to Grayson College is getting the opportunity to learn new things.

If you happen to have anything you would like to be included in the newspaper, please email me at- prkpetri@vikings.grayson.edu

Please feel more than welcome to email any ideas or comments you may have in regards to the newspaper. I hope that this semester goes well for everyone. I am wishing you all good luck!



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Grayson South Campus student Arturo enjoys a Pops Hot Dog at the South Campus Cookout on August 30 as Math Professor Joleen Yeager looks on

Don't forget to join Summit Wednesdays

7pm-8pm

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Answer~I am the letter E!

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