



Newsletter

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EGSC welcomes students back to campus with COVID-19 safety precautions

Fall 2020 semester has arrived, and so have our students. Brand new freshmen as well as returning students are back on campus. While many in person events have had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, school is continuing. Virtual events are common. Thousands of protective face masks were given out the first few days of the semester,

with three given for free to every student and employee of EGSC on all three campuses. The protective masks are worn in common areas inside of buildings, including classrooms.

Social distancing guidelines have been put into place with signs to help, and hand sanitizer stations have gotten even more plentiful. On the home-

page of our EGSC website, www.ega.edu, there is a form for self-reporting symptoms, as well as EGSC COVID-19 information updated daily. We strive to keep everyone safe, and we are excited about our new semester!

This year has changes, but

you can still hear laughter and friends greeting each other on our beautiful campus. You can still find people playing disc golf or kayaking in the pond or having a picnic or playing a game on our new giant chess set.



Student Activities Center expansion complete, Ribbon Cutting held

The Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center Expansion Project has been completed! EGSC had a special ribbon cutting that was shared via livestream on our EGSC YouTube page. The event was held Thursday, October 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the new entrance of the JAM Center Expansion. The added space offers new offices for student life, more study and group meeting space, areas for student government to meet and has a game room and a gym for students to enjoy. The cafeteria and bookstore were also expanded and updated.

Visit <http://www.ega.edu/2020JAMRibbonCutting> to view the video of this special event or visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/egcpr/albums/72157716313135198> to view the photos!



EGSC alumnus wins prestigious internship in Washington, D.C.

Mikella Hansley, a Swainsboro native and 2018 East Georgia State College graduate, was one of only 55 people chosen for the prestigious "Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Inc. Summer Internship Program." She is the first African American Female from Swainsboro to complete this program and be selected for it twice out of thousands of people across the country. Her internship on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. is a great accomplishment, and EGSC is very proud of her.

While at EGSC, she was a member of the Student Government Association. After graduating EGSC she continued her education at Middle Georgia State University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice early, with honors, and debt free from Middle Georgia State University in December 2019.



Mother and daughter graduate together in Spring 2020 ceremony

Spring 2020 graduation at EGSC was unusual this year, in that it was held virtually instead of in person. But that was not the only thing that was unusual. EGSC had the honor of awarding degrees to a mother and daughter who graduated together.

Audra Lee and her daughter Audra "Imani" Williams had classes together, encouraged each other, and, as fate would have it, graduated on the same day. They were supported by their son and brother, JuVante' Butler, who serves in the Marine Corps.

Because of COVID-19



Photo by Eugene Howard Photography from EGSC. One of the photos is featured in this article.

the commencement ceremony was cancelled and replaced with a virtual ceremony which they both took part in. They watched the ceremony with Eugene Howard, a local photographer. After the ceremony, Howard took photos of them together to help celebrate their associate degrees

After East Georgia State College released their story, it was picked up by two news stations, WRDW-TV News 12 in Augusta, and also on WTOG-TV Channel 11 in Savannah. Imani said she is plan-

ning to obtain a bachelor's degree in exercise science and she is encouraging her mother to continue college as well. She said she has given so much to others, it's time to give back to herself.

"She is one of the strongest women I have ever known. Honestly coming home to my mom and hearing her talk to people and mentor people, even if they are just on the phone paying their bill at her work, and then those people recognize me and tell me how much my mom has helped them I just realize how remarkable she is." Audra said she is cur-

rently staying at her job at Pineland Telephone Company, where she said she feels like family, but would love to one day get a bachelor's degree in psychology to help juveniles in some capacity.

"I like to encourage other young girls and single mothers to not give up. My interest is really in psychology and working with abused kids. I like to be an advocate for those children and even a mentor to them."

EGSC congratulates this mother and daughter, along with all of the Class of May 2020 for their accomplishments. They make us proud!

Spring 2020 graduate attends medical school and earns prestigious scholarship

Susannah Hall, a spring 2020 graduate of EGSC, is now going to medical school at Mercer University. Susannah graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. While she studied at EGSC, she was in the Correll Scholars Program and was very active on campus and in the community.

Susannah has been awarded the Mercer University School of Medicine Physicians for Rural Georgia Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to students who are committed to practice medicine in medically underserved rural areas of Georgia. Recipients of the scholarship will be named Nathan Deal Scholars. The scholarship will pay for 85-100% of medical school tuition. After Susannah completes her residency, she plans to practice medicine in an underserved rural part of Georgia.

"As a student, the financial aspect of college weighs heavy in deciding to pursue further edu-



cation. Fortunately, through the Correll Scholarship and affordability of EGSC, I was able to graduate this past May with no debt. None! As I begin medical school as a Nathan Deal Scholar, it is nice to know that most of my schooling will be paid for. I truly believe that where God guides, He provides-- whether it's with finances, friends, or hope," said Hall.

We will miss seeing her around campus, but we are so proud of her, and we cannot wait to see what she does next! Congratulations, Susannah!



Former Bobcat Deion Craig marries

Deion Craig, a 2014 East Georgia State College graduate and former EGSC Men's Basketball player, has recently gotten married. Deion went on from EGSC to earn a Bachelor of Science from Coker College 2016; M.S. Western Kentucky 2017; and currently serves as the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Charleston Southern University.

Deion was the alumni speaker at our virtual graduation ceremony this past May, 2020.

We wish Deion and his new wife, Brittany, a long and happy life together! Congratulations!

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