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137 Graduates Take Part in MGC's 78th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Middle Georgia College (MGC) held its 78th annual commencement ceremony at NeSmith Stadium on Friday, May 11 with approximately 137 graduates participating. State Representative Jimmy Pruett of Eastman delivered the commencement address, and State Senator Ross Tolleson of Perry also spoke during the ceremony. The stadium was filled to capacity with friends and family who came out to support MGC's class of 2007. MGC President Dr. Richard Federinko welcomed graduates, their friends and families, and Georgia Academy of Mathematics, Engineering and Science honor graduate Travis Horsley gave the invocation.

During his speech, Pruett expressed pride in the graduates and their accomplishments and told them to, "Never stop learning, set goals for yourself, take risks and enjoy your career."



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Tolleson's speech also focused on the future and the many opportunities available to the students. He stated, "As you leave here and go on some other path in life there will be many more challenges. Show leadership in whatever path you take."

During the ceremony, Robert McTyre performed both the national anthem and the MGC Alma Mater. Dr. Mary Ellen Wilson presented the graduates, while Dr. Federinko awarded their degrees.

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Vincent "Vinny" Gill Named New MGC Head Soccer Coach

MGC is pleased to announce that Vincent "Vinny" Gill has been named head soccer coach for the college's men's and women's teams. Gill comes to MGC from Feather River College in Quincy, California where he has served as the director of soccer since 2005. The Feather River College men's soccer team was ranked 13th in the nation under Gill's direction.

MGC President Dr. Richard Federinko stated, "Coach Gill brings a record of success and a wealth of experience to MGC's soccer programs. We are extremely pleased to have found a coach and instructor of his caliber."

Gill began his coaching career in 1992 and has consistently achieved outstanding results with his players. From 1996 to 2003, Gill coached at Thomas County Central High School in Thomasville, Georgia where his team became the first from South Georgia to make the state semi-finals. In 1998, Gill coached the Jacksonville Cyclones, a professional team that qualified for the U.S. Open Cup. Gill then moved on to

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Congratulations to MGC's Class of 2007

Associate of Science

Oluwaseun Ofuje' Ajayi *+^
Latorrie Anderson
Dianna Alisha Avery
Stephanie Lynn Baggett *
Alexis Leann Baker
James Patrick Ball **
Theodora Lee Brandon **+^
Grayson Brantley
Christopher Hobson Brown
Cecilia LaVerne Campbell *^
Roderigus Ceasar
Shaunita Cobb +
Andrew Christopher Cochran
Joshua K. Cole
Hannah Erin Collier *
Jennifer Hathaway Combs *
Gerald Blake Conley
Ashley Cooper
Devin S. Cooper **+^
Thomas Ryan Corn
Christopher M. Council *
Lindsey Danielle Cross *
Ronald Edward Daniels *^
Tonika Alissa Davis
Y-Tiki Tawaski Davis
Leonard Anthony Dennis *
Nanda DiSciullo *
Crystal Crocheyla Dixon
Joseph A. Downing
Matthew David Dunaway
Philip Rene Dykes
Stephen Tucker Ellis
Haley E. Ethridge *^
Shanessa Diane Fakour *+^
Joel Feyereisen **+
James K. Fisher
Amy Holt Flury
Amber N. Foskey
Kyle J. Frank *+^
Kristen E. Frederick **+^
Edward Clark Futch *+
Joseph Patrick Gallagher
Allyson Marie Geiger
Demigus Jarvis Glenn
Melissa Gore
Elizabeth Ashmore Green
Cody Christopher Hall *+^
Dana Lynn Hardy *
Heath Ean Harrell

Jessica Monique Harris
Ben S. Harvey *+^
Nathaniel I. Hassell, III *+^
Kyle Lee Hering, Jr. *^
Sarah Mae Hinton *+
Jamie Marie Holt
Lee Ann Horne *
Travis Ryan Horsley *+^
Anthony R. House
Jahive Rhashawn Hubbard
Blessing P. Inyang *+^
Amy R. Johnson
Joyce Ann Kates **
John Garner Kight
Atish Mehesh Lakhu *
Russell Keith Landry
Jayme Lee *
Robin Lorraine Lovett
Markey D. Lucas
Shananikia S. Marshall
Benjamin McCullough
Robert Thomas McLendon
Ashley Brooke McNair
Taryn Ajuana Melvin
Christopher Reid Millner *+^
Atavia Dominique Mitchell
Tyleka Moore
Lisa L. Morgan
Latasha Dominique Mitchell
Jancy Allison Parkerson +^
Christina Peebles +^
Leo Lamar Phillips, III
Stephanie Nicole Phillips *
Alan Pledger +
Brian Lee Pope ^
Tiffany Nicole Roderick
Katie Elizabeth Rowell *^
Marcie Blanche Salter **
Burton Lee Sapp
Melissa Nicole Setliff
Ryan Parker Shirah ^
Katina LaTasha Simmons
Sheila Marie Sloat *^
Joshua Cole Smith **
Toni K. Smith *
Alexandria R. Stephenson *+^
Shawn Wesley Sterling
Justin R. Stewart *
Lance Sullivan
Christy R. Sumner
Daina Leigh Sutton

Darnel Augustus Symes
Adam Philip Thomas **
Cynthia Gwenette Thomas
Kyle E. Thompson
Charles Wesley Tignor, III *^
August Meagan Toler
Cheryl Marie Trawick **
Tracie Vaughn-Miller
David Earl Veal
Amanda Renee Watson *
Nancy D. White *
Lindsey A. Williams
Sarah Caitlin Williams *+^
Brad Winger
Crystal Fay Wray
Anna Michelle Young *^
Ronald Zimmermann *

Associate of Arts

Brandon N. Atkinson *
Amanda Brook Bicht
Tanya Denise Blash
Laura Kathryn Bowden *
Grayson Brantley
Robyn E. Brantley
Tiffany Michelle Brown
Timothy Blake Burnham *
Joshua Byrd
Charles H. Carswell *
James A. Chatman, Sr.
Amber Eve Cochran
Jennifer H. Combs *
Joshua Christopher Diggs
Adrienne Leigh Dykes
Femalelei Armensia Fowler
Demigus Jarvis Glenn
Jacob Thaddeus Gray **^
Stephanie Greathouse
Kristen Elaine Hanson
Lisa H. Harrell *
I'eshia Renee Harris
Katie Hill
Kelly Joseph Hitchcock **^
Kari Dawn Hodges **
Patricia Scott Hollie
Lee Ann Horne *
John Casey Horton
Caroline Elaine Ivey
Amber Nicole Jenkins
Amy R. Johnson

Congratulations to MGC's Class of 2007

Jamie Lynn Kazenstein *+^
 Katrina Kienitz *+^
 Patrina Arlette Lagroon
 Krystal Nichol Lewis
 Justin Maddox
 Casey Couey Manning
 Shanania S. Marshall
 Benjamin McCullough
 Christopher P. McGough *
 Amanda Leigh McNure *
 Jessica Alexis Mincey
 Makenzie LaJoy Moss *+^
 Selina Alexis Neuenschwander
 Mary Kathryn Packard
 Cassie Megan Quick **^
 Shanna Marie Roberson
 Lina Paola Rojas *+^
 Justin Sapp
 Samuel Patterson Sapp
 Gwendolyn Moore Scrutchins
 Jennifer Elizabeth Slagle
 Ashley Smith
 Samantha Celeste Stephens *+^
 Rebekah S. Tanner
 Renae B. Tanner
 Matthew David Taylor
 Danielle Blair Thomas *
 Robert Joseph Turner *+^
 David Earl Veal
 Amanda Renee Warnock
 Derrick West
 Lindsey Marie Williamson
 Janice A. Wilson
 Kelli Michelle Yeomans

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Paula Darlene Bennett
 Margie Elizabeth Berryhill
 Magan Lee Brack
 Laura Danielle Chalker
 Wendy W. Conner
 Jessica D. Ennis
 Cynthia N. Foster
 Katie Lynn Garnto
 Kari Anne Griffis
 Misty A. Hull
 Kiersten Rochelle Hunt
 Bambi Kane Ivey
 Jennifer Lynn Johnson

Tanell Twanna Johnson
 Rena C. Jones
 Haley Caroline Kaufman
 Kimberly Lynn Kicklighter
 Randi Lynn Lavender
 Desha H. Love
 Amanda Franklin Maholick
 Kristie Maxwell Martin
 Meridith Rae Mayo
 Megan Elizabeth Musick^
 Misty Perry
 Whitney Nicole Sanders
 Nichole L. Smith
 Timothy Mark Smith
 Jennifer Rearden Spence
 Rebecca J. Stewart
 Andy R. Van Valkenburg
 Julie Ann Webb
 Kyle Martin Wilcher *
 Kathy Browning Wilkes

Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant

Olivia Ballard
 Gregory DeAndre Binns
 Debra Marshelle Cooper *
 Kelly E. Cross **
 Brandi L. Driggers
 Doris Lopez Evans
 Dorothy L. Good **
 Tracy Elaine Gross
 Christopher John Hipsher **^
 Hilary Nichole Howell
 Elise Nicole Hurley
 Henry W. Jones
 Jamie L. Jones
 Annie LaChara Keel *+^
 Jennifer F. McManus
 Dorteia Mitchell
 Brande Barlow Ogden
 Dewey Patterson *+^
 Tracie Nailah Rozar *
 Crystal P. Stephens
 Brandi N. Sumner
 Rose Lynn Whittle *
 Ashley Marie Williams
 Jessica Michelle Woodard *

Associate of Applied Science

Liliana Echeverry Blankenship
 Jessica Lynn Keown
 Angel Marie Shiver

One-Year Certificate

Richard Paul Evans
 Charles R. Mitchell, Jr. *

* *With Honors*
 ** *Highest Honors*
 + *GAMES*
 ^ *Phi Theta Kappa*



Graduates line up and prepare to enter NeSmith Stadium.

New Soccer Coach Continued...

coach at Thomas University in Thomasville where his 2003 men's team was ranked eighth in the nation. At Feather River College, Gill's teams have participated in the state playoffs and won conference championships.

Gill said that he was attracted to MGC by the institutions "quality of education, friendliness and professionalism." He also stated that the school's athletic facilities are all outstanding and the campus's new dorms will make the recruiting process easier. "These are aspects that you can build a program around, and the administration seems committed to that goal," Gill said.

"My goal initially is to make both teams competitive within the region. Long term, I want this to be a model program where in the class room and on the field, both teams represent the college in a positive way, and we garner publicity for the college through our academic and athletic endeavors," Gill explained. "I want [MGC's soccer] program to be one in which four-year schools look for players."

Gill received his B.A. in english and history with a minor in logic from University College Dublin in Dublin, Ireland. He earned an M.A. in history from the University of West Florida and currently has 18 hours completed toward a specialist degree in english education.

Phi Theta Kappa Members Nominated for USA Today Academic Team



Students Meredith Emily Lane and Devin Semeria Cooper, both members of MGC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, were nominated by the college for USA Today's prestigious 2007 All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges. The nominations recognized the scholarly achievements of Lane and Cooper. Congratulations and best wishes to these young women!

WARRIORS

MGC Continues Tradition of Placing Players in Professional Baseball

MGC's Trevor Pippin was the first junior college player taken in the 2007 professional baseball draft. The Warriors' right fielder was selected by the Los Angeles Angels as their fourth overall pick. The left-handed hitting Pippin was an All-Conference selection and hit .385 with 60 runs batted in and 9 home runs.

MGC pitcher Austin Chambliss was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 17th round. Chambliss was 6-2-4 in 50.1 innings pitched with 65 strikeouts and an earned run average of 4.65.

Chris Snipes was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 43rd round. Snipes hit .300 with 24 runs batted in and was 4-0-1 in 31 innings pitched with an earned run average of 1.74.

Coach Craig Young said, "We would like to congratulate each of these young men for their achievement and hard work."

OTA Class of '97 Hold 10-Year Reunion

The members of MGC's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) class of 1997 met on June 2, 2007 in Alderman Hall to celebrate their ten-year reunion over lunch. This group of OTA students was MGC's first! Instructor Heather Copan welcomed the former students and class president Diane Phillips gave a brief speech.

Members are listed below with those who were unable to attend the reunion in italics: Tammy Justice, Diane Edwards Phillips, Sedara Vandiver, Rose Floyd Bounds, Brian Tharpe, Twana Lewis, Melanie Graves, Janice Adams, Lindy Drew Sterling, Vanessa Wesley McArthur, *Christi Gibson, Amanda May, Dorothy Cleare, Nicole Knight, Renecca Loyd*, and Kathy Tapley Peterson.

