

Bobcat CALENDAR

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11 a.m. to 1 p.m. GCSU Men's Basketball vs. W. Florida live at Centennial Center.

7:30 p.m. Max Noah Singers' holiday tour homecoming performance in First Presbyterian Church, Milledgeville.

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Congratulations to the GCSU fall class of 2022 graduates

Georgia College & State University (GCSU) awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to 326 students Saturday, Dec. 10, at Centennial Center.

About 260 undergraduates received their bachelor's in a variety of majors, and 67 received their master's and specialist degrees.

Eight valedictorians graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA. They are criminal justice major Lauren Hall of Tennesse, Georgia; music major and Spanish minor Levi Rafal of Athens; exercise science major Grace Ann Jackson of Bethlehem, Georgia; nursing major Madeline Meyers of Yulee, Florida; nursing major and Spanish minor Taylor Ramsay of Dalton, Georgia; psychology major and business administration minor Morgan Brennen of Roswell, Georgia; psychology major Jenna Charles of Milledgeville; and psychology major and criminal justice minor Anna Graves of Atlanta.

The speaker was Dr. Joanna Schwartz, a professor of marketing in the J. Whitney Bunting College of Business and Technology. Dr. Schwartz is also a Georgia Governor's Teaching Fellow and the 2022 recipient of the Georgia College Excellence in Teaching Award. She talked about how a career path isn't always a straight line, and that you're never too young or too old, or too experienced or inexperienced, to change directions along the way.

"A lifetime of work doesn't feel like work if you love what you do," Schwartz said. "College is a great place to open your eyes to the opportunities that are waiting. It's important to know that once you graduate you still need to keep them open to new opportunities and possibilities."

Congratulations to our newest bobcat alumni!



Meet two of our recent grads: Rafal and Omega



Levi Rafal, who goes by his surname, just received his bachelor's of music degree. After hearing a saxophone quartet play his composition at an honors conference, the Athens native suddenly felt like a real composer.

"Music is made to express emotions that can't always be expressed," he said. "I want to be able to express the full range of human emotion."

Omega Hedgepeth, an accountant at Georgia College, just received her master's in public administration. She's a two-time bobcat, having received her bachelor's in accounting at Georgia College & State University years ago.

"The world changes constantly," Hedgepeth said. "I like the thought of being a lifelong learner."

Did you know?

The Georgia College & State University Music Department never sleeps. Even now, it's planning great concerts for the local community to enjoy in January.

Upcoming music events:

Guest artist and pianist Caleb Esmond will perform "Sonata Form: Innovation and Ingenuity" at 7:30 p.m. in Max Noah Recital Hall Monday, Jan. 12. Compositions in this concert span about 200 years, representing four periods in music history: baroque, classical, romantic and impressionist.

A faculty concert, featuring hornist Andrew Sehnann and pianist Lev Ryabinin will be at 7:30 p.m. in Max Noah Recital Hall Tuesday, Jan. 24. Music ranges from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's classical Concerto and romantic Cello Sonata by Edvard Grieg to modern selections.

Donations are encouraged. All proceeds benefit music scholarships or the GC Department of Music through GCSU Foundation, Inc. For more information, please email music@gcsu.edu.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Max Noah Singers 2022 Tour

DR. JENNIFER FLORY, DIRECTOR
ALLISON RYDER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 2022, AT 7:30 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
210 S WAYNE ST, MILLEDGEVILLE

Live-streamed
[FACEBOOK.COM/GCSU/MUSIC](https://facebook.com/gcsu/music)

An online \$5 donation is encouraged. Please use this link: alumni.gcsu.edu/music or the QR code, or mail to GC Foundation, Department of Music, Georgia College, Campus Box 66, Milledgeville, GA 31061



Jingle Bells: Coming Thursday:

Thursday, Dec. 15 Georgia College & State University's Max Noah Singers return from their annual state holiday singing tour with a homecoming performance at 7:30 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville. This year's concert boasts of a cappella songs, poetry readings, traditional carols and original compositions, as well as gospel and spiritual arrangements. Holiday favorites like "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Christmas Time Is Here" are sure to delight, along with a closing of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's "Adoramus Te," The Georgia College Alma Mater and "Silent Night." A \$5 donation is encouraged. All proceeds benefit music scholarships or the GCSU Department of Music through GCSU Foundation, Inc. For more information, please email music@gcsu.edu or call 478-445-8289.