

>> **BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL**

## BHS students win regional technology fair

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Seven Baldwin County High School students won first place in the region Oconee RESA Regional Technology Fair Competition at Central Georgia Technical College and advanced to state in McDonough.

Freshman Maya placed first in project programming alongside senior Aaliyah. Juniors Sean and Logan placed first in 3D Modeling. Senior Kaitlyn placed first in digital photo production, senior Ayesha placed first in multimedia application, and senior Nasir placed first in device modification. For all

students, except Kaitlyn and Maya, this was their first year competing in the technology fair.

"The fair is open to third through twelfth grade students," said Pam Longino, "We held our school level fair in November and 10 students moved out region from that competition. However, at regionals, only the

first-place winner can move on to state."

The school competition was held to mimic the regional competition and prepare students for a new addition to the competition, an interview process.

"I have helped with the technology fair since I worked at the

elementary school level and I've learned our students just take what they learn and run with it," said Longino. "The biggest improvement to the competition has been the inclusion of the interview process. At regional and state level they weigh

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Students could feed, pet, and get close to camels on "Hump Day" during the week's festivities. The close encounter was held early on Feb. 18 due to inclement weather forecasts the following day.

COURTESY OF GCSU

## Georgia College hosts Homecoming Week safari

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Georgia College & State University (GCSU) hosted a variety of events Feb. 17-22 for students, from a petting zoo to tent city for homecoming week.

Director of Public Affairs for GCSU Amanda Respass planned the event. She's worked hard over the past few years to ensure that

homecoming week is successful, fun, and inclusive for all.

According to Respass, this year's theme was Thunder's Safari Adventure, so festivities kicked off with a petting zoo. Students gathered in between their classes on the Library Green Space to interact with pigs, ferrets, ducks, bunnies, snakes, turtles, and a donkey. Georgia College junior Jared

Holley said, "Everyone seemed so happy. It was cool to see so many people gather and be able to pet and hold such cute animals. I think the donkey really liked me."

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, due to the weather forecast for Wednesday, Student Affairs Program Coordinator Sarah Goodelman scheduled camels to come onto

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Allen Simmons

## JMA hires Simmons as headmaster

The John Milledge Academy (JMA) Board of Trustees announced the appointment of David Allen Simmons Jr. (Allen) to serve as the next head of school.

Allen Simmons, a graduate of Parkview High School, is originally from Lilburn. While attending Georgia College & State University, Simmons began his career in education at Georgia College, he moved on to teach and coach at Jones County High School. After four years, he joined the team at Georgia Military College Prep School in 2010.

"I began my career here 20-plus years ago, hired by the legendary Larry Prestridge," wrote Simmons in a letter to JMA families. "What a privilege it is to be back at the school that made such an

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campus for an early hump day. Camels are a common safari animal, hailing from Africa. Students were invited to feed, pet, and get close to these exotic animals.

The days following centered around Homecoming nominations and elections. Voting was held on the best parade float and for Student Government Association officers.

Greek Life organizations and a few clubs also nominated queens, kings, dukes, and duchesses to represent their organizations. The king and

queen are usually seniors, while duke and duchess are underclassmen, and together they make up the homecoming court. To show off the nominees and different organizations, each participants made a float that paraded through downtown Milledgeville.

"The parade and Tent City were my favorite parts of homecoming because they capture the heart of our community," said Riley Godwin, nominated queen for Alpha Gamma Delta. "The parade is full of excitement and pride, and Tent City gives everyone a chance to reconnect and celebrate. It's the perfect blend of tradition and fun

that makes homecoming so special."

On the day of Tent City, all Greek organizations paired up and hosted socials before the event. These socials are hosted to help build bonds between organization members. Many of the socials are non-formal, hosting music and games such as corn hole and frisbee.

The following day, tents are set up in the parking lot of the Centennial Center hosting a variety of vendors alongside food trucks, performances, and a big crowd.

With such a variety of events, all walks of life at Georgia College came together to celebrate the school's spirit and legacy.

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