



Maj. Gen. Terrence McKenrick

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GMC announces pick for 22nd president

The Georgia Military College (GMC) Board of Trustees announced that Maj. Gen. Terrence "Terry" McKenrick, U.S. Army (Ret.), will become the institution's 22nd president. Following a rigorous national search and comprehensive selection process, the Board solidified its vote on April 22. McKenrick will begin a transition with the current President, Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell IV, U.S. Army (Ret.),

in June and officially assume the position on July 1, 2025.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees George Hogan shared, "After an extensive search and thorough vetting process, the Board is confident that Maj. Gen. McKenrick will excel as he leads this great institution into its next chapter. His dedication to education and passion for providing hope and opportunity to students, combined with his proven character and

commitment to servant leadership, make him uniquely qualified to carry forward GMC's 145-year legacy of educating and developing servant leaders for our nation. We are proud to welcome him to our GMC family."

With 35 years of service in the United States Army, McKenrick brings a wealth of leadership experience from a distinguished military career. He has held command

positions around the globe and has extensive expertise in strategic planning and large-scale operations.

"My wife Liz and I are thrilled to be a part of the Georgia Military College family, the Milledgeville and Baldwin communities, and the communities GMC touches around the State of Georgia," said McKenrick. "I am honored

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On the left is an older man bent over as he fishes. On the right a young student leans against his backpack while reading a book. The photos show overlap in how individuals use space at the Oconee River Greenway, with both individuals finding a private moment at the same spot, 15 minutes apart.

Students to present research on building community

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Georgia College professor Amy Johnson is partnering with Allied Arts to host the "Public Life, Public Space" exhibit April 30, which will feature four research presentations by student teams in her Ethnographic Methods class.

"Ethnography is a method that anthropologists use to study how people's everyday life is made meaningful for them. We look deeply into practices, activities,

ways of talking and interacting with other people," said Johnson. "Through those different actions, we discern what is important to the community and that particular place."

Nineteen students were split into four teams to study how public spaces facilitate community-building for Milledgeville residents. The sites they studied include the Oconee River Greenway, Walter B. Williams and City Parks, different branches of the Mary Vinson Public Library,

and downtown Milledgeville.

"The results show different dimensions of community-building that occur within and across these spaces, pointing toward the continued importance of public space for increasing meaningful social interactions among Milledgeville residents," said Johnson.

This was Johnson's first year teaching the class, as she began teaching at Georgia College in

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Coy Hollinshead (right)

Ansley Kate Allen
The Baldwin Bulletin

Coy Hollinshead has been a resident of Baldwin County for 42 years. He is a proud father to his three kids and will be celebrating his 17th wedding anniversary with his wife, Danielle Hollinshead, this July. Hollinshead grew up along a dirt road in south Baldwin County and his childhood was filled with memories of camping, playing sports with his brothers, and spending time with loved ones.

"My favorite memories of growing up in Baldwin are with my family," said Hollinshead. "I loved checking crawdad traps with my grandfather, riding with my mama in her Bronco to the corner store to get grape soda and watching my sister perform in 'The Nutcracker' every year at Georgia College."

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>> UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

USG not increasing tuition for in-state students

Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

For the seventh time in the last 10 years, the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents voted Tuesday to hold the line on tuition for in-state students.

Since 2016, tuition at the state's 26 public colleges and universities has increased by less than 1% per year, Tracey Cook, the system's chief fiscal officer, told the regents at a meeting on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

"USG and the Board of Regents remain focused on keeping college affordable for Georgia families to ensure higher education stays within reach across the state," system Chancellor Sonny Perdue said. "As more students than ever enroll on our campuses, we

continue to prioritize reducing financial barriers and offering excellent value."

Among the 16 Southern Regional Education Board states, Georgia is third lowest in average undergraduate tuition and required fees compared to its public peers,

according to national data from the College Board. Nationally, the system has the sixth-lowest tuition and fees.

The regents did raise tuition for in-state undergraduates by 2.5% last year. Perdue cited

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>> JOHN MILLEDGE ACADEMY

JMA baseball scores two wins at home

Skyla Morris
The Baldwin Bulletin

The John Milledge Academy (JMA) varsity baseball team scored a 5-4 victory over Tatnall Square Academy (TSA) in Milledgeville on April 17, then beat Vidalia Heritage Academy 7-2 on Monday as it nears the end of its 2025 regular season.

The wins brought the Trojans to a 16-6 overall record and ranked them 3rd in GIAA 3A/4A with a 3-3 in-region record. Four region matchups remain on JMA's regular-season schedule. The Trojans' path to victory over TSA began with a slow start as they

were held scoreless in the first inning, trailing the visitors by two runs.

JMA got on the board with one run in the second inning before taking over the lead with a two-run homer in the third inning. After adding another two-run shot over the wall in the fourth, the game went scoreless until TSA scored twice in the top of the seventh to reach the final result.

According to Trojans head coach Justin Mills, the home runs by senior Asa Wall and freshman Ayden Whidby were massive moments in their baseball careers. Whidby made the first home run "in his life," Mills said, while Wall scored the first

of his high school career. Significantly, JMA's one-run victory also offered payback after the Trojans suffered a 10-0 loss to Tatnall Square in Macon just two days earlier.

Afterward, Mills spoke on the team's progress in the game and throughout the 2025 season.

"A lot of big things happened [during the game,] Mills said. "I was really proud of the team effort for sure."

Mills added that he believes his players learned some good lessons from their loss earlier in the week.

"Baseball is a weird game, you know? It has a lot to do with who's on

that bump," Mills said. "I was proud to see our guys come out and compete. They know how baseball is and that just because you had a rough time last game against Tatnall, it doesn't mean it will happen again."

In addition to Wall and Whidby, several other team members contributed to Thursday's victory, Mills said, including senior pitcher Kolt McMichael, who helped lead the team with one run, two hits, and seven strikeouts.

"Kolt McMichael was a bulldog on the mound, and I was proud to see that," Mills said. "He's had a good year."

With tight competition throughout the game,

Mills said he believes his team reached a significant turning point in the bottom of the second inning. He credited both double homers for the team's success.

"I really thought [Wall's] home run to left center and Whidby's home run to take the lead were huge," Mills said. "But then with Asa following up with his home run, you know, that's good to see for our team."

Overall, Mills said he's enjoyed watching the team progress throughout the season and appreciates the hard work his players have done. He believes, too, that they are beginning

to see the fruits of their labor this season.

"They come to work, put in the work, and you can see them getting the improvement," Mills said. "I'm just super happy for these guys because of their hard work."

In the second night of a home-and-home schedule, the Trojans will host their senior night beginning at 4:30 p.m. on April 24 against region rival Mount De Sales Academy. Their final regular-season game also will come as the second of a home-and-home series against First Presbyterian Day School, at 4 p.m. April 30, with playoff matchups to be determined soon.

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to be named the 22nd president of Georgia Military College, an institution with a proud legacy of developing principled leaders. I extend my sincere appreciation to the GMC Board of Trustees for their trust and confidence in me to lead this esteemed organization. I would also like to thank the Presidential Search Committee for

conducting a rigorous selection process." After almost 12 years of service to Georgia Military College, Caldwell says he is thrilled with the Board's selection, saying, "Major General McKenrick is an exceptional leader with integrity, vision, and a deep understanding of what it means to serve others. The Board has made a tremendous selection in choosing him to lead Georgia Military College into the future. He is the right person, at the right time, to take GMC to even greater heights."

Reflecting on the leadership of his predecessor, McKenrick added, "I have known Lt. Gen. Caldwell for over 30 years. He has made incredible contributions to creating a unique business model for GMC over the past 12 years in establishing efficiency within the multi-location Junior College, growing the Preparatory School and the Global Online Leadership College, and partnering with the Foundation to increase fundraising and its endowments. He has built an amazing team of senior leaders. GMC's mission

of character-based education and leadership development has never been more important, and I am excited to work alongside our dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni, and Foundation to further its tradition of excellence and innovation. Together, we will advance GMC into its next chapter of impact and success, providing hope and opportunity, dedicated to educating and inspiring the next generation of leaders for our community and our nation." — Contributed

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"The joys of celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with my aunts and uncles that lived down the road are fond memories too," added Hollinshead. "These people made the place for me, and I thank God for a blessed childhood. I hope to pass that on to my children Sadie, Scout, and Flint." Hollinshead works as a connections pastor at Church Central and as an area representative for the Sinclair division of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In his role, he facilitates huddles at local school, and leads discipleship with coaches. Fellowship of Christian Athletes provides students and coaches

with the opportunity to participate in a Bible study before or after school, and to find a sense of faith-based community in athletic programs. Hollinshead has been with Fellowship of Christian Athletes since 2022 and has seen the program flourish in Baldwin County. "I had been doing student ministry for 12 years with my church, but once I started with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, I was able to minister students in a new setting," said Hollinshead. "As well as getting to disciple coaches and being able to spiritually support them has shown me what work can be done outside of the church, physically. "To be the church in the schools here, not pushing the Bible onto kids, but facilitating other's discipleship is incredible. For the students who may not be able to go to church, they have the opportunity to study the Bible with their peers. It's a great opportunity for students who seek that," said Hollinshead. Additionally,

Hollinshead enjoys the role because of the unique way he supports local middle and high school coaches. He believes that getting to work with them gives him the opportunity to ensure they are feeling supported while they are going the extra mile for their athletes. In his free time Hollinshead enjoys supporting his kids at their sporting events, spending time at the Oconee River, or watching a Georgia College baseball game. Hollinshead stated he wanted to raise a family in the same town he grew up in, so that his children could grow up in the same supportive community he did. "I believe part of the passion I have for what I do comes from the men and women that spoke into my life as a boy and helped to point me to Jesus," said Hollinshead. "Many coaches and family members took the time to see me and pass along strength and kindness to me. I hope to see that passed along to both my own kids, and the students I get to work with."

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inflation at the time. The coming school year will see a 2% tuition increase for out-of-state students and a 3% increase for students from other countries. The board also approved changes to mandatory student fees at eight of the system's institutions. Among those eight, six institutions will see fee hikes ranging from \$5 to \$21 per semester, while two will lower their fees. The Baldwin Bulletin asked Georgia College & State University about this decision and GCSU Interim Provost and Vice President for

Academic Affairs Dr. Holley Roberts said, "The decision by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to maintain current tuition rates underscores our commitment to making higher education both accessible and affordable, without sacrificing quality. "At Georgia College & State University, we recognize the critical balance between cost and return on investment. Our focus remains providing the kind of liberal arts education experience often associated with high-cost private colleges but offering that experience to students for the price of a public university with the goal of preparing students for a multitude of career options."

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