



>> HALL OF FAME

Keys and Pape inducted into GCSU Athletics Hall of Fame

Athletic Director Wendell Staton, Whitney Okvist Pape, Shanteona Keys, and Georgia College President Cathy Cox.

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Georgia College & State University alumnae standouts Shanteona Keys ('15) and Whitney Okvist Pape ('14) were inducted Oct. 17 into the GCSU Athletics Hall of Fame at Georgia College's East Campus at Lake Laurel.

The Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves with excellence in the university's athletics program as a student-athlete, coach/

administrator, with outstanding service or a combination. Keys and Pape are the 43rd and 44th inductees into the Hall of Fame.

"Shanteona and Whitney are outstanding people and students, first and foremost," GCSU Director of Athletics Wendell Staton said. "Additionally, they were outstanding in their performance on the court and field.

"Their experiences at GCSU have carried over

into their adult lives where they are doing great in their careers and impacting their communities in such a positive way," added Staton. "They are fantastic ambassadors for our university and represent the holistic experience that we provide at GCSU."

Shanteona Keys

Keys, who was a standout guard for the Bobcats from 2011-15, finished her career

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as the all-time leading scorer in the GCSU record books with 1,822 points, placing her 10th overall on the Peach Belt Conference list.

She averaged 16.6 points, 5.0 rebounds and 33.3 minutes per game in 110 career contests. She pulled down 549 rebounds while shooting 43% from the floor (including 36.2% from three-point range) and 76.4% from the free throw line.

The Roswell native graduated with a degree in mass communication and a minor in rhetoric. Keys was a GCSU valedictorian in the spring of 2015 with a 4.0 grade-point average, one of nine Bobcat student-athletes who have been named a class valedictorian.

Whitney Okvist Pape

Pape, who patrolled the outfield for four seasons for the Bobcats from 2011-14, finished her career with 163 stolen bases, which is No. 1 on the all-time list for both GCSU and the Peach Belt, and No. 11 in NCAA Division II history. Her



Shanteona Keys as a student

53 stolen bases during the 2012 season ranked third best in NCAA Division II that year.

The Kennesaw native recorded a 0.377 batting average in 195 career games. She holds the No. 1 spot in Bobcat history in hits (244), runs scored (174) and second in at-bats (648).

Pape, who is the sixth Bobcat softball player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, graduated with a degree in early childhood education and was named to the NFCA All-Academic team in 2014.

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>> CYCLING EVENT

Southern Gothic Gravel Roll Race rides into Milledgeville

Visit Milledgeville announced that the Southern Gothic Gravel Roll, a cycling race, will take place at Walter B. Williams Park on Saturday, Nov. 1. Riders will navigate scenic gravel routes, experiencing challenging terrain and the natural beauty of the region.

The race weekend offers participants the chance to explore the area's historic charm, vibrant dining scene, and welcoming community. Organizers anticipate that hundreds of riders, along with their families and supporters, will attend the event, contributing to a strong economic impact for the community. Local hotels, restaurants, and shops are expected to see an uptick in business as visitors stay, dine, and explore everything Milledgeville has to offer.

"Hosting the Southern Gothic Gravel Roll is a fantastic way to showcase Milledgeville's growing reputation as a destination for cycling enthusiasts,"



said Christina Tillman, sales manager for Visit Milledgeville. "We're excited to welcome riders and their families to our community and give them the opportunity to experience Milledgeville's hospitality while supporting our local businesses and attractions."

Admission to the event is free for spectators and is open to the public. The race begins at 8 a.m. at Walter B. Williams

Park. Race details can be found at gravelroll.com/southerngothic.

"Community support is key to making events like this successful. Local businesses are encouraged to show their support through sponsorships, signage, or special promotions," said Tillman. "Residents are invited to cheer on the athletes, volunteer, or simply extend a warm Milledgeville welcome."

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