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NEWS IN THE NEST

"Boots on the ground & wings in the sky."

Tally Visits Local Elementary Schools



This month, Tally has been busy visiting the local elementary schools! On October 2nd, Tally, along with the SGSC Book Club and the Rotary Club, went to both Satilla Elementary and Eastside Elementary. During these visits, the SGSC Book Club and Rotary Club joined together to make generous book donations to these schools' libraries. Tally even got to read with some of the students! On the 23rd, this group will be dropping by Westside and Nicholls Elementary. They plan on having even more of these trips in the future!

They've also been working on fundraising for early literacy to purchase new Scholastic books for Pierce County kindergarteners. They kicked off the fundraiser at the Gopher Tortious Festival on Saturday Oct. 3rd and will also be at the SGSC Vendor Market on Nov. 14th (Waycross Campus). A donation of $2 will buy a young learner a book. The SGA would like to extend a huge thank you to Wendy Bullock for putting these events together! Go show your support!

The SGSC Book Club meets on the Waycross campus, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30am in the Pit. They invite new members to come join the discussion!

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STUDENT SHOUTOUT



Aaron Jones

Aaron is a Sophomore in the Business Degree Pathway, and he also plays Center on our Men's Basketball Team! He proudly represents SGSC as #23, and he hopes to make it to the NBA one day. Go catch a Basketball game to watch Aaron and his teammates dominate on the court. Go Aaron, and Go Hawks!

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SGSC SPOTLIGHT



Guess the Admin Member!

This admin member is the Director of Advancement and Waycross Campus, and was also featured on 'The Price is Right' game show! Who could it be?

MORE ON PG. 3 ...

Student Shout-out!

SGA sat down with Aaron Jones to ask him some simple questions about his time here at SGSC. We chose to speak with Aaron for this volume of *News in the Nest* because of his athletic prowess on SGSC's Basketball Team, and the smile he always has! Check out the interview questions and his responses below!

Why did you choose SGSC?

"They offered me the best Business degree, and because of Coach (Corey) Baldwin. Since 11th grade, he had been coming to my games, and he told me that he wanted to give me another opportunity at life. I remember that I failed out of school for a little bit because of my grades, but he helped me get back on my feet and get me into the right mindset, as far as my work ethic on and off the court."



What's your favorite way to relax after a hard day?

"Watching superhero shows, like 'Batman,' or chilling with my teammates on the game. I like taking naps." After a follow-up question, Aaron told us that his favorite superheroes are Batman (DC) and Spider-Man (Marvel). We would say he has great taste!

What is your favorite thing to do on campus?

"I would probably say chilling in Powell, or working on my game in the gym. I like finding events to do on campus, but most of the time I'll be at Powell. There's really good people around there."



What is the hardest thing about college? How do you overcome that challenge?

"Honestly, the hardest is when there is a lot of work stacked against you all at the same time. I would say when I'm practicing or when we have a hard practice or hard game and then I have to go write an essay or discussion post after, that's the hardest. I'm doing double-duty. I learned to have a certain schedule and work on my time management to overcome it."





Tally Events Postponed, Now Rescheduled!

Recent weather prevented Tally from flying his way over to Clower Center for the Tally Takedown event on October 9th. Luckily, Tally Takedown has been rescheduled to November 4th from 6-8pm! Come by Clower (Douglas campus) that night to challenge Tally to multiple different games, eat some pizza, and compete with him in a dance battle!

Tally Hide and Seek is also on the radar for next semester. Catch Tally hiding around campus, or maybe Tally will catch you...!

Scary New Character in Powell

Throughout the month of October, the newest refurbished resident of Powell Hall has been jump-scaring students and staff alike! His name, written on a piece of copy paper, is "Scary Steve." He has relished in the screams of his scare-victims, but especially those of Dr. Elliott and the Basketball team. Dr. Elliott and the players were the most frightened of him when he was lying in wait on the elevator...Come see if you can find "Scary Steve" before the end of October in Powell Hall!

MORE ON PG. 4 ...

SGSC Spotlight: Guess the Admin Member



Mr. Taylor Hereford family portrait / Mr. Taylor Hereford's childhood photo (right column)

It's Mr. Taylor Hereford, Director of Advancement & Waycross Campus! He is responsible for Advancement (providing scholarships and funding), as well as being the caretaker of all students, faculty, and staff on our Waycross campus. SGA asked Mr. Hereford a couple of questions about his life and his time as Director of Advancement & Waycross Campus.

Some fun facts about Mr. Hereford are:

1.) He loves Walt Disney, and dreamt of being Goofy in the parks. When he looked up the height requirements to apply, he found that he was too tall! (He is between 6'5-6'6.)

2.) In 1997, he was a contestant on 'The Price is Right' with Bob Barker! He was sadly outbid before he could get on stage by a woman who bid $1. He is still upset about it to this day, and we don't blame him! That's the picture you see on the front page!

What is your favorite part of being Director of Advancement & Waycross Campus?

"Obviously, providing scholarship funding to students. There is an example that I use all the time of a student who wanted to be a teacher. The Registrar's office called me one day, and the student didn't have enough money to stay in school or the GPA to qualify for a scholarship. In the back of my mind, I remembered that there was a grant program that the Foundation offers that this person met, so we were able to provide a grant to keep the student in school. Now, they are teaching in the Ware County School System. Without that grant, I'm not sure where that student would be. On top of that, I love representing Dr. Tanner, SGSC, and the community. People come up to me all the time to ask questions or give feedback, so when Dr. Tanner can't be in Waycross, it's helpful for me to be the listening ear in order to pass on the information."

If you were starring in your favorite TV show, what show would it be and what character would you be playing?

"I was hoping you would ask me that! I am Chandler Bing from 'Friends.' My daughter and I both have the sarcasm that Chandler had, and the faculty and staff will tell you that if I get to know you well enough, Chandler will come out. I try to leave every conversation I'm in, no matter what it is, with some humor. It doesn't have to be sarcasm, but I think that's the Chandler part of me, because he was always cracking jokes."



If you weren't Director of Advancement & Waycross Campus, what would you be doing?

"I thought I wanted to be a history teacher, because I really like U.S History, especially the Revolutionary War era."

CLUB DISCOVERY

Craft Club Refresh!

Interested in painting, fiber arts, laser engraving, pottery, jewelry making, or anything crafty? Maybe the SGSC Craft Club is for you!

The Craft Club meets every Wednesday at 3pm on the Douglas Campus in the Library Reference Room (142). Stop by to express your creative outlet and meet like-minded friends!

Contact the email below for more information:
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SGSC Screams for Halloween



Students standing in front of Peterson Hall in the 1920's (cr. Georgia Archives)

If you've ever felt freaked out in Powell Hall, or in any of the buildings on campus, you're not alone. Long before "Scary Steve" started spooking people in Powell, ghost stories and spooky tales have often been passed around the SGSC campus. Faculty, staff, and students have reported a freakishly cold elevator in Peterson Hall, despite the absence of air vents; they have felt the hairs on the back of their neck stand up in the Peterson Auditorium, and the presence of someone standing behind them, only to turn around and see no one there... Ms. Yolanda Crosby (SGSC Librarian) reported hearing tennis shoes running through the library when the doors were locked and no one else was in the building... Get in the Halloween spirit by sharing your spooky campus stories!



Peterson Hall after hours

Spooky Fact about SGSC!

It's likely you've seen SGSC recruitment doing tours around campus for aspiring students. But did you know that around 20 years ago, SGSC Douglas campus did Halloween tours? Faculty and staff called them "Ghost Tours," because of the rich, spooky history, but it was also a great way to tell students the history of different buildings on campus!

Up Next in NITN:

Fall '26 semester wrap-up! Tips and tricks for surviving finals. SGSC is in the holiday spirit!

WHAT'S UP IN SGA?

This past General Body Meeting, SGA appointed a new Treasurer, Dylan Howard. Thank you, Dylan, for your commitment to SGA and welcome to the Executive Cabinet!

Interested in joining the team? SGA is always looking for dedicated students to advocate for campus improvements. Join SGA and make a difference!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR SGA?

SGA is preparing for exciting upcoming projects in the Spring '27 semester! Mainly, a student-led garden is in the works! If gardening is something you enjoy, let SGA know you want to be involved. Tell your friends and spread the word! The more volunteers, the sooner we can start planting fruits, vegetables, and flowers on campus!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

(W): Waycross (D): Douglas

- Oct. 26th - SGA GBM 5pm
- Oct. 26th - Halloween Party (D)
- Oct. 27th - SGA Cauldron Chaos [Powell Hall (D)]
- Oct. 29th - EAC's Costume Contest
- Oct. 29th - SGA Cauldron Chaos [w/ Costume Contest (D)]
- Oct. 29th - Halloween Party (W)
- Oct. 31st - Halloween!
- Nov. 4th - Tally Takedown (D)
- Nov. 13th - Research Symposium

Check your email regularly for Communications, event information, & updates!