



Newsletter

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EGSC alum pens book: *The Class Store*

Felecia George Prince graduated from our college when it was still called Emanuel County Junior College, in 1984, with an Associates of Arts. She then taught for 30 years as a school teacher, mostly in Bulloch County, though her teaching career began at Metter Middle School, where her father was the principal.

She recently retired from teaching for 22 years at William James Middle School in Statesboro, Georgia but is still a very busy lady. She has recently written a book, *The Class Store*, which is available on Amazon. In the book, she discusses ways teachers, or almost anyone, can work with a child and make a difference. According to Prince, the book tells how to “capture their attention, so they may consume what you are teaching.”

She continued on from her start here at our college to get additional degrees from Georgia Southern University and Troy State University. She is now working on a Doctorate of Education from Walden University specializing in Differentiating Instruction. She writes a column for the Metter Advertiser newspaper in Metter, Georgia, called “The Assignment.” Prince also earned a Masters in Floral and does floral design work. She won a top award for her floral work, the Bessie Miller Award, at the Garden Club Association of Georgia.

Prince enjoys spending time with her family because they are very important to her. Her parents were William and Ruthie Mae George, and she grew up in Metter, Georgia. She has one son, Jalen Prince, who will graduate this year with a degree in Sports Management and Marketing. She also has a nephew she is very close to, Caleb Green, who won the Bill Gates Award as a business major. She is incredibly proud of her family.

Prince describes herself as “thankful” for her life, her family and her success. She volunteers in her home church playing music on the keyboard and organ, and she teaches and directs the choir. She is a multitasking lady and EGSC wishes her well!



PRICE WITH HER BOOK

Many alumni events scheduled!

The next few months will have several EGSC alumni events scheduled. Below is the list of scheduled upcoming events. More details will be posted on our EGSC Alumni Association Facebook page, as well as sent out in emails, as the events get closer. We hope to see you there!

Friday, January 11, 2020, Alumni at the Gym Event, held at our gym so alumni can try out gym for free, offer membership for the \$25 per month alumni rate, 9a.m.- noon.

Saturday, February 22, 2020, Alumni Gala, held at the Fulford Center from 6-9 p.m. (Will have tickets to cover cost of food, as well as a silent auction, raffle) ***This date is the start of Homecoming Week, the

Homecoming game is the next Saturday evening.

Friday, March 20, 2020 Lunch and Learn Alumni Event, lunch served on campus (\$5 per plate) and will have a tour of the new, finished JAM Student Center after lunch

Saturday, April 4, 2020 Kayak / Canoe Picnic Alumni Event at George L. Smith State Park from noon-3p.m.

Thursday, May 28, 2020 Paint and Wine Alumni Event at the Fulford Center from 5-30 – 8 p.m.

Friday, June 26, 2020, Lunch and Learn Alumni Event, will be lunch on campus (cost \$5) Topic not yet decided.

Work continues on JAM Student Activities Center

Work on the Jean A. Morgan Student Center, affectionately known as the JAM, is nearing completion. The addition on the Swainsboro campus will create a space for student use totaling almost 48,000 square feet. The dining hall and bookstore is being expanded, a new basketball court is being built, and group study rooms and rooms for student clubs to meet in are among the many upgrades. More complete details of the expansion are available in our June 2019 Alumni Newsletter, available for your viewing at http://www.ega.edu/alumni_friends.

A ribbon cutting to officially open the space is scheduled for February 20, and EGSC will also be hosting an Alumni Lunch and Learn Event to invite all alumni onto campus for lunch in the new facility and a tour. The Lunch and Learn Event is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 at noon in the JAM Center. Lunch will be \$5 per plate.



Happy Holidays from the
EGSC Alumni Association



*Austin
and
Gabby
Fultz*



Austin Fultz and Gabrielle Hudson met at Swainsboro High School. He was a sophomore and she was a freshman. The bond started as friends at a lunch but shortly after led to best friends.

Austin is originally from Midville, Ga. Gabby is originally from Norristown, Ga. After seven years of dating, they married on October 20, 2018. Now, they are welcoming a new baby!

Both Austin and Gabby graduated with associates degrees from East Georgia State College. Austin received his degree with honors in Nursing, while Gabby received her degree in early childhood development.

Austin remembers the student activities and involvement as the President of SGA the most during his years at EGSC. Gabby enjoyed cheering along with being a student employee.

This year they purchased the house Gabby grew up in and completely remodeled it. Gabby is currently working at Swainsboro Primary School as a paraprofessional. Austin works at Fulghum Industries as a CNC Programmer where he has been an employee for 7 years. They also are proud members at Jesus Saves Church where they serve as youth group leaders.

After many years of planning and prayer they are excited to announce the pregnancy of Gabrielle Presley Fultz.



1973 Society Legacy Fund established

Recently, the 1973 Society Legacy Fund was established as a way that former East Georgia State College students can help support the college's current students. Every semester, EGSC has a tremendous need of funds that can be used for need-based scholarships, school programs, and experiences that students may not otherwise have.

Need-based scholarships are only awarded to students who are doing everything they are supposed to do—going to class, doing their work, making good grades, and have no financial support from their families. It can literally come down to a few hundred dollars being the difference in



the student continuing college or having to go home. EGSC saves every student they can, and your help can make a difference.

Alumni donations ultimately go to the EGSC Foundation, which provides support to many programs at EGSC. The EGSC Foundation provides various scholarships to the tune of \$300,000 a year, as well as institutional support. The Biology program, Bobcat Bridge, CHOICE Program, Economic Development, Vision

Series, the ACE Program where students can receive tutoring on a myriad of subjects, and study abroad all receive funding from the EGSC Foundation.

Because of the college's donors, students have experiences and resources they would not otherwise have, and it makes a difference. To name a few:

- A non-traditional student was given gas money cards from a donor to be able to make it to school. They would have had to drop out otherwise. They are now a college graduate.

- We had a housing student athlete who made the statement that the dorm was the "nicest place" they had ever gotten to live.

They received a scholarship to attend our school. They are now a college graduate.

- We had a student who went from a 1.9 GPA to a 3.0 GPA because of services offered by the ACE. They are now a college graduate.

If you are able to donate, please do. A few dollars from you, when added to a few dollars from others, MATTER. It adds up, and it makes the help EGSC provides possible. The process of donating is quick and uncomplicated. You may text 1973 to 41444 and follow easy directions, or go to www.ega.edu/donate and designate your gift to alumni. It will only take a few minutes, but it could add up to a lifetime of difference. Thank you, alumni!

EGSC offers great benefits to alumni

As East Georgia State College alumni, you can receive several benefits. Not only will you be invited to an alumni event about once a month, some of our benefits will save you money. Our Alumni Bobcat Card is one of the most popular benefits we offer. With this free card, you can receive discounts at over 50 area businesses. With a 10% off offer here and a free drink with purchase there, your savings can really add up!

The Alumni Bobcat Card looks like a student identification card for EGSC. It will have your name, picture, and identify you as EGSC alumni. To get a discount, just present it at participating businesses. To receive one of these cards is as simple as using it. Just go to http://www.ega.edu/alumni_friends and fill out a short form. When you finish filling out the form, send a headshot picture of yourself to me at kguthrie@ega.edu.

edu. I will mail the card to you. It won't expire, and if you ever attended our school anytime from 1973 until now for at least one semester, the card is yours for the asking.

Another benefit we offer that can save you money is our discounted fitness center membership. For one year after graduation, the benefit is free, then it will cost our alumni only \$25 a month. For that fee, you can use the gym equipment in the fitness center on the Swainsboro campus, you can use the tennis courts and basketball court (at certain times) and of course you are welcome to use the walking trails around campus. We encourage our alumni to visit our school, and this benefit not only welcomes you back to campus, it also will help you to stay healthy.

To receive this benefit, you need a special Alumni Bobcat Card that has a magnetic strip

on the back, so that you can open the doors to the fitness center in the gym. To get this card and to pay your \$25 a month fee, go to the Business Office in the Jean A. Morgan Student Center on the Swainsboro campus. They will make your card and get you set up with membership.

Other great EGSC alumni benefits include:

- 10% off at the college bookstore with Bobcat Card.

- Use of the East Georgia State College Library.

- Invitations to special alumni events, planned throughout the year, including an Alumni Gala.

- Free Alumni Newsletter, to be published

3-4 times per year.

- Availability of Alumni Association Scholarships to be awarded exclusively to descendants of East Georgia State College alumni.

We are currently working on the rules to apply for our Alumni Association Scholarship, and we will let you know the details and how to apply soon. In the meantime, we would love to give you these benefits! You may also consider following us on Facebook at East Georgia State College Alumni Association. I regularly post school news, and I always post about upcoming alumni events. We want to keep you informed, and we welcome you back on campus!

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