



At left, Bainbridge College President Tom Wilkerson delivers the commencement address to the BC Class of 2010, encouraging them to embrace change, to set high goals, to hold themselves accountable and learn from mistakes, and to care for others.

At right, SGA President Chase Alexander reminds his fellow graduates, "We are leaders and achievers of the future."

Below, Bainbridge College President Tom Wilkerson congratulates graduate Joseph Sarpong as the graduates leave Decatur County Memorial Coliseum through the double line of applauding faculty.



347 Degrees & Certificates Awarded May 11

Bainbridge College Tops Its Record for Number of Graduates

Exceeding its previous record of more than 320 graduates, Bainbridge College marked another milestone when President Tom Wilkerson conferred 347 degrees and certificates at the close of its 2010 graduation, the last under Dr. Wilkerson's tenure and the last to be at Decatur County Memorial Coliseum. Graduation 2011 is to be in the new Student Wellness Center that will be completed in the fall.

Having come on board in 2005 and been inaugurated at the first graduation on his watch, President Wilkerson came full circle by giving the commencement address May 11. Challenging the graduates to embrace change and become lifelong learners, he offered insights to help them find their place in the world. He added that of his almost 48 "terrific" years in higher education, he cherishes "the Bainbridge years as the best."

"Adapt to change and make it work for you," he told the BC Class of 2010, noting it will determine the person they become. "Set high personal goals for yourself and hold yourself accountable for reaching those goals." He emphasized that they must learn from failure. "There is no shame in failure," he said, adding "there is great shame in the failure to try and to try again." "Finally, be responsible for each other. As we care for others, others will care for us."

Student Government Association (SGA) President Chase Alexander of Climax thanked fellow SGA members for their productive work and reminded fellow graduates that many of them also are first-generation colleges graduate in their families as he is. "We are leaders and achievers of the future," he said. Before leaving the podium, he inducted Jana Simmons of Bainbridge as SGA president.

Associate Professor Shirley Beck, who is retiring this year from the Technical Studies Division's Administrative Office Technology program, served as parade marshal. President Wilkerson recognized her for her years of service. He also recognized Associate Professor of Electronics Technology Don Huskey, who is retiring, and Vice President of Student Affairs Marty Clay, who had accepted an administrative position at Eastern New Mexico University. The Rev. June Johnson, interim rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bainbridge, gave the invocation and the benediction.

Assisting with the presentation of graduates were Director of Admissions and Records Connie Snyder, who became Interim Dean of Student Affairs May 18, and Dr. Tonya Strickland, who chairs the Arts and Sciences and the Learning Support Divisions.

Dr. Strickland recognized faculty and honor graduates and read the names as graduates came to the stage. Also assisting with graduation were the BC Foundation, BC Ambassadors, Student Ambassadors, and SGA members.

Names that follow are listed alphabetically by towns and by degrees or certificate areas. Those graduating with honors are so indicated.

Associate of Arts Degree

Amy Addison, Patricia Webb Baker, Robert Braxton Shane Bentley (*Honors*), Christopher Maxwell Bryant, Tiffany Nicole Bryant, Brian Douglas Calhoun, Bridgett Clark, Magen Leigh Clement (*Honors*), Sharon Cristante, Shana Michelle Day, Kelli B. Dickson, Meleah L. Dollar, Hazel Donalson, Lora Leigh Drake, Keller Williams Galpin (*Honors*), Kacie Danielle Gordon, Samantha Lynn Hager (*Honors*), Maggie C. Harris, Joshua Higginbotham, Jenna Ann Jeter (*Honors*), Mary Paige Jones-Cook, Alan Killingsworth (*Honors*), Jon-Michael Lane, Linda Carol Lawrence, Lateska Lowe, Jessica Luevano, Zachary Maxwell, Lakara N. Miller, Lauren Burton Millings, Heather Nicole Morton (*Honors*), Kathryn Georgia Myers, Tabitha Payne, Desiree Payne (*Honors*), Joshua Stephen Pearson (*Honors*), Shannon Shardae Perkins, Mary Poitevant, William C. Poppell (*Honors*), James Ramer (*Honors*), Jeremy Ramer (*Honors*), Kelly LeeAnne Robinson, Joseph Kwaku Sarpong, Anthony J. Sellars (*Honors*), Garon L. Sellars, Ashley H. Shockley, Patrice L. Simmons, LaTonya Sha Simmons-Washington, Breanna Slaughter, Laketha Marche' Smalley, Charles Clay Smith, Amy H. Summerlin (*Honors*), Sarah C. Thompson, Shelita Dione Thompson, John Christopher Timmons, Phyllis Travis, LaShana R. Williams, Ryan E. Wimberley, and Lin Y. Yen, all of **Bainbridge**.

Lora Cawthon, Herman Cochran (*Honors*), Thomas Floyd, Tyesa Nicole Hutchins, Erica Jones Cook (*Honors*), Sheila Kuhn (*Honors*), Rachel L. Rogers, Andrew T. Usry, all of **Blakely**; Chester R. Lee of **Bluffton**; Lacey R. Addison (*Honors*), Jessica Barwick, Amanda Sue Inlow (*Honors*), all of **Brinson**; Amber Chimere' Addison, Ruperto Cano, Candace Childs, Allen Copeland, M. Marquelle Corker-Hopkins, John F. Darus, Tiffany Tinesse Everett, Dustin C. Jenkins, Trey Johnson, Kyle Morris Joiner, Mickey Langford (*Honors*), Bryan William Martinelli (*Honors*), Brittany Nicole McGuire (*Honors*), Gina Miller, Samantha N. Mock, Thomas Jeffrey Payne, Angelita E. Perry, and Suzanne White, all of **Cairo**; Windy Singletary of **Calvary**; Andrew Joseph Hay, Misty Anne Roberts, both of **Camilla**; Joshua Chase Alexander, Rayna J. Andrews (*Honors*), Lauren Alynn Bishop (*Honors*), Wanda Crawford, Dawn M. Johnson, Whitney

Lane, Stephanie L. Reynolds, Nicki Renee Salter, Brandie Hester Singleton, Kasey Michele Smith, Daniel Sodrel, Christine Rebecca Stallings, and Mary Margaret Wells, all of **Climax**.

Keidra LeChelle Brown (*Honors*), Lance Michael Carpenter, Fay D. Daniels, Kittie DePriest (*Honors*), Brittany M. Grubbs, Melissa Grubbs (*Honors*), Kelvin Antwan Hallmon (*Honors*), Amanda DeLayne Harvey, Melissa Heard, Kendra NeChelle Jessie (*Honors*), Jeremy Miller, Candace S. Miller, Robert N. Poff, Lee Anne K. Sheffield, Megan Whitaker, Lavonne Denise Williams (*Honors*), all of **Colquitt**; Gary M. Adams, Kathy E. Burch, Cody Walker Houston, Walter Stephen Miller, Robert Emory Snider, Latara LaShay Virgin, and Jian Yu, all of **Donalsonville**; Robbie Weaver of **Havana, FL**; Ashlee Nicole Hornsby, Sheila Michele Waddell, Andria Weathersby, all of **Iron City**; Kelly Adams (*Honors*), Phillip Rogers, both of **Jakin**; Kendall Ross Atkinson of **Newton**; Jessie Miller Charles, Latrice N. Donaldson, both of **Thomasville**; Destiny Rae Irene Collins, Patrick Alexs Collins (*Honors*), Mallory Flowers (*Honors*), Kiara Dionne Griffin, Tammy K. Harrell, Richard Emory Lawrence (*Honors*), Thomas K. Leggett III, and Carol Denise Wooden, all of **Whigham**.

Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

Brittney London of **Attapulugus**; David A. Curry, Melissa L. Hawkins, Michael Probert, Jonathan L. Ralph, Cindy C. Truitt, all of **Bainbridge**; Kenneth R. Simpson II of **Blakely**; William Davis Tyus of **Brinson**; Rainey Sellers of **Cairo**; Krista Hitson of **Climax**; Megan E. Jarvis and Jason E. Wells of **Colquitt**; Dallarrie Charme' Jamison and Devin Lee Ross, both of **Donalsonville**.

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Chiquita Denson of **Albany**; Shareka Danyeaal Price of **Attapulugus**; Dale Addison (*Honors*), Shalonda D. Baker, Tanisha Nisha Gray Burke, Tena Mae Butler, Songa Clark, Lori G. Conner, Laterica Tanease Fountain, Tina Fudge, Amanda Fuller (*Honors*), Wayne A. Fuller (*Honors*), Gerard Anthony Gant, Tangela Nichole Gardner, Valnesia Kirksey Glenn, Patrina Harper, Eddie Lee Henderson (*Honors*), Yolanda T. Khayyam, Jawarn F. Lewis, Brenda K. McGriff, Alicia Murphy (*Honors*), Latasha Patterson, Tequila Rogers, Stacy Maria Bailey Rogers, Mary M. Turner (*Honors*), Janice Walker, and Ashley Nicole West, all of **Bainbridge**.

Phyllis Elliott (*Honors*), Adrienne Epps (*Honors*), Antrinette M. Freeman, DeHaviland Hayes Haire, Racheal A. McCorkle, Joann W. McCoy, Emily O. Pippin (*Honors*), Latoya Stapleton, Courtney S. Yarbrough, all of **Blakely**; Tonya Renee Hill,

Ashley M. Miller (*Honors*), Julia Smith, April Marsha-Nicole Taylor, all of **Brinson**; Natasha Farlin, Annie L. McBride, Latisha Kaye Miller, all of **Cairo**; Marla Darlene Foister, Kendrick L. Reddick, both of **Camilla**; Petrina Yvette Hopson, Toni Privett, Jonathon Widner, all of **Colquitt**; Gwendolyn Freeman (*Honors*), Angela Coretta Salter (*Honors*), both of **Damascus**; Monika Johnson, Kathy Hopkins King, Joshua A. Ready, Marianne Renee Starr (*Honors*), Quentin R. Taylor, all of **Donalsonville**; Lola M. Spann of **Ft. Gaines**; Patricia A. Baker, Tywann P. Elijah (*Honors*), both of **Iron City**; Shannon D. Hines (*Honors*) of **Quincy, FL**; Heleeda Ellis of **Sylvester**, and Ricky O. Bland (*Honors*) of **Whigham**.

Certificates

Applied Marketing and Management: Sandra Brenton Noble, Ashley Nicole West, both of **Bainbridge**; Janice Lenice Carter, Joann McCoy, both of **Blakely**; Angela Brimm of **Cairo**; Neotha Fedd, Twynette Reynolds, both of **Donalsonville**; LaTonya Shuntai Williams of **Pelham**; Dilene Marie Rogers of **Thomasville**.

Business Office Technology: Deborah W. Brown, LaShonya Buggs, Tawania Crapp, Pamela Diane Myrick, Elaine Smith, Erica Watson, Lillie Wilson, all of **Bainbridge**; Chataqunda Ivey of **Cairo**; Joyce Shaw Douglas of **Colquitt**; Andrea Letitia Salter of **Damascus**; Holly Ann Retherford (*Honors*) of **Jakin**; Deidra L. Lewis of **Morgan**; LaTonya Shuntai Williams of **Pelham**.

Computer Information Systems: Angela Shorter of **Albany**; Quentin Taylor, Tavoris G. Williams, both of **Donalsonville**.

Criminal Justice Technology: Tangela Gardner of **Bainbridge**; Grace Cooper of **Climax**; Barbara K. Walker of **Colquitt**; Courtney C. Johnson of **Damacus**; LaKeisha M. Nicholson of **Donalsonville**; Amanda Hale-Seabrooks of **Iron City**; Nykia Causby of **Jakin**.

Early Childhood Care and Education: Vangeline Williams of **Arlington**; Shawntray Marcus, Stacie Maria Rogers, both of **Bainbridge**; LaToya Rainge of **Blakely**; Courtney Perkins of **Donalsonville**.

Electrical/Electronics Maintenance: Jamie Hayes of **Bainbridge**; Donnell C. Price of **Blakely**; Tom J. Jones of **Climax**; Cristina McLellan of **Newton**.

Industrial Maintenance: Robert McKensley Lovett of **Bainbridge**; Edward Mallory of **Whigham**.

Licensed Practical Nursing: Cherika I. Anderson, Yvette W. Dawson, Connie Glass (*Honors*), Ashley L. Glover, Veronica A. Harper, Veronica Hayes, Amanda Kay

Loyless, Tanya Lyons, Veronica Wiggins, all of **Bainbridge**; Tamekia Lashon Bryant, Latesha Collier, Frances Daniels, Alma Eafford, Sara L. Howard, Sheena Lee, Jessica Celeste Love, Denise McCrackin, Shenita Rogers, LaKeisha L. Stamper, Tiffany Latoya Tolbert, Delphine Lampkin Wimbush, Shaneka Lashon Wimberly, all of **Blakely**; Tammy Lynn Coleman of **Bluffton**; Kimberly L. Lovett of **Boston**; Cheri W. Earp, Calla Ann Hartsfield, both of **Brinson**; Julie Whigham of **Cairo**; Keyonna LaShay Green of **Calvary**; Lisa Cumbie, Brittney Leigh Singleton, both of **Climax**; Bridget Cox, Markesha L. Freeman, both of **Colquitt**; Judith Carissa Ferguson of **Columbia, AL**; Mollie S. Tyson of **Cuthbert**; Marilyn J. Glynn, Tracy Moore-Whatley, Crystal Whigan, all of **Donalsonville**; Sheila A. Wright of **Edison**; Renee A. Kimble of **Iron City**; William Charles Thomas of **Whigham**.

Medical Assisting: Barbara Martin, Pamela D. Cook, both of **Arlington**; Patricia H. Childress, Christy A. Dudley, Tina Fudge, Quanshekia Shermere Jones, Janice Walker, all of **Bainbridge**; Cheri W. Earp of **Brinson**; Lillie M. Richardson of **Colquitt**; Tabitha Yvonne Henderson of **Donalsonville**; Marilyn S. Lowe of **Newton**.

Medical Office Technology: Theresa A. Baulkman, LaShonya Buggs, Cynthia Diane Davis, Deborah Coley Echols, Miranda Footman-McIntyre, Cynthia B. Knight, Sabrina S. Peterson, Rhonda Porter, Melissa Rub (*Honors*), Vickie Taylor, Roxcie Teal, all of **Bainbridge**; Sara Ann Brown, Nina Causey (*Honors*), Julie Hall Noah (*Honors*), Charity Faythe Smith, Lativia Rena Worlds, all of **Blakely**; Jessica Kay Hicks, April Marsha-Nicole Taylor, Teresa L. Hurst, Ashley M. Miller (*Honors*), all of **Brinson**; Daria P. Bell, Christen T. Brinson, Annie L. McBride, all of **Cairo**; Petrina Hopson, Chastity D. Young (*Honors*), both of **Colquitt**; Megan Michelle James of **Jakin**; Tonya Quinell Henry of **Newton**.

Paramedic Technology: Adam K. Brackin (*Honors*), Quentin Kente Carter, Amanda Garrett, Dennis J. Perkins (*Honors*), Angela R. Rathel, all of **Colquitt**; Susan P. Grice of **Donalsonville**.