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BC President Clifford Brock congratulates Babatunji Croom as he receives his Certificate in Licensed Practical Nursing at the 2002 commencement.

More than 114 degrees and certificates were awarded during the Bainbridge College commencement exercises in the Decatur County Coliseum on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m..

Rev. Harold Burrell, the pastor of Whigham Baptist Church, delivered the invocation and the benediction at the 2001 commencement. Student body president John Dubay of Bainbridge presented the students' welcome.

Associate Professor of Electronics Technology Don Huskey served as graduation marshal. Huskey, a 1977 BC alumnus, has taught at BC

since 1980.

The award-winning Assistant Managing Editor of the Tucson Citizen Joseph Garcia, delivered the commencement address. Located in Tucson, Arizona, he has been there for 15 years, where he writes a weekly column and appears on local television in brief morning newscasts from the newsroom of the newspaper. In addition to hard news, Garcia's Monday column, which appears on the newspaper's web site at www.tucsoncitizen.com, often celebrates the "disappearing everyday" - something everyday people seem to enjoy.

A graduate of Pima Community College and the University of Arizona, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism, he later taught journalism at the university and is a frequent speaker at Pima College and local schools.

Prior to the Tucson Citizen, Garcia was among the first minority journalists to work for the Associated Press in Denver as a reporter. He is best known for his coverage of the 1988 impeachment of Arizona Governor Evan Mecham.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Several scholarships are available to attend Bainbridge College. The deadline to apply is July 19, 2002.

The Ruth V. and Roland L. Horn Scholarship will pay full-time tuition and fees for one semester and is open to BC students or applicants who are residents of either Decatur or Seminole counties.

The Oaks Academy Scholarship will pay full-time tuition and fees for one semester and is open to BC students or applicants who are residents of Decatur County.

The Conyers/Hunter Memorial Scholarship will pay \$500.00 toward tuition and fees and is open to BC African-American students or applicants who reside in Southwest Georgia.

The Climax Community Club Scholarship will pay \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) to a current student

and applicant who is a resident of Decatur County. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.75 and maintain this throughout the term of this scholarship. Recipient selection is based on demonstration of character and academic determination, financial need and written essay. Student can not be receiving any federal financial assistance or HOPE.

All scholarship applicants should complete a General Scholarship Application form that is available in the BC Financial Aid Office and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A one-page written essay on the applicant's educational goals is required. Other criteria used in the selection of the recipients may include academic record, financial need, and demonstration of character. Please call the Bainbridge College Financial Aid Office at 229-248-2505 for more information.

KUDOS
Congratulations to the BC College Bowl team for their first place wins at the Berry Tournament in Rome, the state tournament in Valdosta, and their third place win at the national tournament in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. MVP players included Mikey Alday and Ebony Hutchins.

SMITH EARNS ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARD

Bainbridge College President Dr. Clifford Brock announced that Colquitt student JoAnna Nelms Smith, a sophomore accounting and computer information systems major at Bainbridge College, has been named the recipient of the Academic Recognition Student Award for 2002.

Honorees who are undergraduates pursuing the baccalaureate degree must have attained the highest grade point average while acquiring the greatest number of cumulative credit hours. Smith earned a 3.91 GPA with 68 vredit hours.

A high school graduate from New Jersey, Smith and her husband Larry who works for TransOcean Drilling Company based in Houston, Texas, are the parents of Kaitlyn, 7. She is the daughter of Ronald and Muoi Nelms of Riverview, Florida. They attend Bethel Baptist Church of Brinson.

As a parent, she understands the struggles people face as they continue their education. "I feel that if you believe and want something enough, you should just focus on it and go for it. Of course that's often easier said than done.

A humble person by nature, Smith didn't realize that she earned this honor until she was notified by BC President Brock. "I was shocked. I thought 'Who, me?...It's a dream, right?'"

Her professors know better. "I have had JoAnna in a couple of my classes and I must say she is an exemplary student," commented BC Professor of Marketing and Management Dr. Roger Ivey. "She was always prepared, on time, present, and willing to participate in class. She would respond very positively to any assignment asked of her and was a delight to have as a student."

According to BC political science instructor John Vanzo, "Joanna set the curve on every test I gave in American Government class, ending the semester with an incredible 106 average,



JoAnna Nelms Smith

earning extra credit for attendance. She was an absolute joy to teach and was a very positive addition to the class."

BC Computer Information Systems Associate Professor Scott Lord concurs. "JoAnna is an intelligent and conscientious student that demonstrates the highest of work ethics. She will be a valuable asset to any organization and is well deserving of this honor."

She credits her family for providing a good support system and helping her achieve her goals. "With my husband gone for long periods of time on oil rigs, my mother-in-law, Carolyn Smith, and my neighbor, Montene Brown, help me with my studying and juggling family responsibilities."

Smith plans to continue her studies in accounting information systems at Troy State University in Dothan and work in a corporate setting.

Past recipients of the award include: 2001 – Karen Miller; 2000 – Jamie Ard; 1999 - Leann Higginbotham; 1998 – Cindy Faircloth; 1997 - Angela Tekulve; 1996- Cindy Reynolds; 1995-John Farmer; 1994 - Nyki Cannon; 1993 - Paige Thompson; 1992 - Susan Alicia Hilburn; 1991 - Martha Deanne Evans Cloud; 1990 - Eddie Jean Harrison; 1989 - Timothy Young; 1988 - Kathy Green; and 1987 - Dale Tyson.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

5/17	Fee Payment Deadline for Early Registered summer students
5/28	Summer Term Registration 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
5/29	Late registration 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
5/31	First Day of Classes Drop/Add, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
6/17	Priority deadline for Fall 2002 financial aid applications
6/19	Midterm, "A" Term
6/25	Regents' Test, 1:30 pm and 6:00 p.m.
6/26	Last Day of Class for "A" Term
6/27	Final Exam for "A" Term
7/1	Midterm, Regular Term
7/1	First Day of Class for "B" Term
7/4-5	Independence Day Holiday: College Offices Closed: No Saturday Classes
7/9	Early Bird Registration for Fall
7/18	Midterm, "B" Term
7/29	Last Day of Classes
7/30-31	Final Exams
8/7	Fee payment deadline for Fall early registered students
8/16	First Day of Fall Classes

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