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RYALS EARNS ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARD

Bainbridge College President Dr. Clifford Brock recently announced that Bainbridge student Rex Ryals, a sophomore electronics technology major at BC, has been named the recipient of the Academic Recognition Student Award for 2003.

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.

A retired Chief Petty Officer from the U.S. Navy, he had to adjust to both civilian life and college after the military.

"I was a gas turbine systems technician and primarily served on surface ships in the Caribbean,

Mediterranean, and Persian Gulf. It had been a while since high school when I first enrolled as a drafting major at BC."

"My first two years were the toughest since I also worked 60 hours a week and coached little league while in school."

After earning his first degree in drafting technology, he embarked on his second degree in electronics technology.

"My first degree was for the job. This second degree is for me."

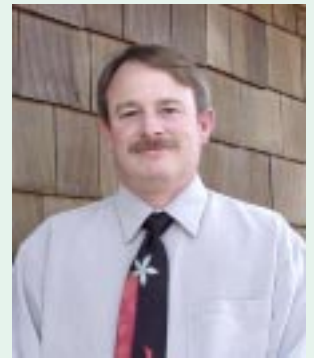
Ryals is the Plant Superintendent for Energy Services Inc. in Bainbridge, a division of Pratt Whitney Power System.

A former little league coach, Bainbridge High School Booster Club, and VOCA member, he is a

member of the 34th Fleet Reserve Unit of Tallahassee and is commander of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets of Tallahassee.

A native of Biloxi, Mississippi and graduate of Rickards

High School in Tallahassee, Ryals and his wife Emily, are the parents of two boys and new grandparents of a baby girl. He is the son of Don



Rex Ryals

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COLLEGE BOWL TEAM HEADED TO NATIONALS



BC's College Bowl Team members include: (from l. to r.) Saul Sanchez, Ebony Hutchins, Marcus Huggins, Mikey Alday, Sean Cummings, Nick Pumphrey. Not pictured are Josh Higginbotham, Kim Huggins, and Justin Willis.

The BC College Bowl Team won the National Sectional Qualifying Tournament at South Georgia College in Douglas.

The win gave them an automatic invitation to participate in the National Quiz Bowl Tournament at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Team captain Mikey Alday and Ebony Hutchins of Colquitt earned MVP honors as team members Josh Higginbotham of Bainbridge and Nick Pumphrey of Iron City shared in the victory.

The BC Team, led by coaches Connie Snyder, Dr. Bill Snyder, and

Jenna Miley and assistant Mitch Alday, beat teams from Middle Georgia College, East Georgia College, South Georgia College, Abraham Baldwin College, Oxford at Emory University, Dalton State College, and Berry College in the competition.

BATTLE OF THE BRAINS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Approximately 75 students, faculty, staff and administrators attended the 5th Annual Black History Month "Battle of the Brains" Quiz Bowl. Winners were:

- 1st Place - Gerald Bryant
- 2nd Place - Michael Spooner
- 3rd Place - Marquita Robinson

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and Arlene Ryals of Bainbridge.

He advises those considering a return to school to do it soon.

“Don’t wait to enroll. The longer you wait, the tougher it gets. It’s tough at first, but it’s worth the effort. Don’t quit after the first semester. I enjoyed the challenges I encountered because my instructors worked with me.”

Occupied with work, family, and school obligations, Ryals didn’t realize he had won until he was notified by BC President Brock. “I was very surprised and didn’t expect it.”

His professors did.

“I’ve had Rex in many classes,” said Associate Professor of Electronics Technology Don Huskey. “He is the type of student a teacher always wants. Rex is always on time with assignment completed and ready to complete the next task. He is constantly seeking knowledge in his field.”

“Rex Ryals impressed me with his intelligence, wit, and hard work,” noted Vice-President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rob Gingras. “Like many other students who are pursuing a second career, his dedication and discipline were an inspiration to others in the class.”

He is the second member of his family to attend BC. “My step-son Charlie Ross attended and continued on to VSU. He is now the first male elementary school teacher in Houston County, Georgia.”

“He and his friends all agree-if it wasn’t for BC, they never would

have made it through their four-year institution.”

Past recipients of the award include: 2002 - JoAnna Nelms Smith of Colquitt; 2001 - Karen Miller of Donalsonville; 2000 - Jamie Ard of Bainbridge; 1999 - Leann Higginbotham of Cairo; 1998 - Cindy Faircloth of Brinson; 1997 - Angela Tekulve of Bainbridge; 1996- Cindy Reynolds of Bainbridge; 1995-John Farmer of Bainbridge; 1994 - Nyki Cannon of Brinson; 1993 - Paige Thompson of Bainbridge; 1992 - Susan Alicia Hilburn of Bainbridge; 1991 - Martha Deanne Evans Cloud of Donalsonville; 1990 - Eddie Jean Harrison of Cairo; 1989 - Timothy Young of Jakin; 1988 - Kathy Green of Pelham; and 1987 - Dale Tyson of Donalsonville.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

March 10 -15	Spring Break
March 14	College Offices Closed
March 20	Regents’ Test
March 28	Financial Aid application deadline - new summer students.
April 14 - May 2	Early Registration - Summer Term
April 30	Last Day of Class - Regular and “B” Term
May 1 - 5	Final Exams
May 2	Graduation Decatur Co. Coliseum 7 p.m.
May 27	Summer Registration

BC BOWLING LEAGUE WINS AT STATE



Photo by Leigh Jones.

Bainbridge College students competed in the Georgia Association of Campus Unions-International (ACU-I) Bowling Tournament in Athens. Winners included (from l. to r.) Ricky Rowell of Bainbridge (4th Place Men’s Individual and 3rd Place Team member), Melissa Gruis of Bainbridge (1st Place Women’s Individual and 3rd Place Team member), Patrina Newton of Colquitt (2nd Place Women’s Individual and 1st Place Team member), and Joey Kendrick of Bainbridge (1st Place Men’s Individual and 1st Place Team member). Winners are active members of the BC Bowling League and practice at the Langston Gray Bowling Center in Bainbridge.

LOAN WORKSHOP DATES

Summer Loan Workshops
April 15 - noon and 5 p.m.
Student Center

Fall Loan Workshops
July 15 - noon and 5 p.m.
Student Center

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