

# First BC Hero Recipient Named, New Scholarships Awarded At Honors Night 2010



Honors Night Photos, clockwise from top left, show Byron Hamilton, first recipient of the BC Hero Award, which was presented by Instructor David Sarrette; Dr. Jenna Miley presenting the first Jenna Miley Scholarship to Meghan Vickers (related article at [www.bainbridge.edu](http://www.bainbridge.edu)), Joseph Smith as he receives the first Allstate Construction Scholarship, and President Tom Wilkerson congratulating Rayna Andrews for earning BC's highest honor, the Academic Recognition Award.

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Students from both Bainbridge College locations received a wide variety of honors, awards and scholarships at Honors Night 2010, including the first BC Hero Award and two new scholarships from the BC Foundation, Inc. Faculty, staff and retirees also had special acknowledgement for their achievements and years of service, as enumerated in related article posted at [www.bainbridge.edu](http://www.bainbridge.edu).

Early in the program at the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center on the main campus, **Byron Hamilton** of Bainbridge was recognized as the first recipient of the BC Hero Award. He received the honor for saving a fellow student's life. Having encountered the student not breathing, he applied what he had learned in his first aid class to resuscitate the victim, who was in a parking lot on campus.

BC Foundation scholarships given for the first time were Allstate Construction Scholarship that went to **Joseph Smith** and Jenna Miley Scholarship that went to **Meghan Vickers**, who also received the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Ramsey Simmons Sr. Volunteer Service Scholarship and the Oaks Academy Scholarship. Both recipients are from Bainbridge.

BC's highest honor, the Academic Recognition Award, was presented by President Tom Wilkerson to **Rayna Andrews** of Climax. She received proclamations from Georgia's House of Representatives and from the state Senate for the honor that goes to the student who had the highest number of credit hours with the highest GPA. She also received the Sigma Kappa Delta Award and Decatur/Seminole Retired Teachers Scholarship.

Dr. Wilkerson presented President's Student Awards to the top freshman and sophomore students. **Diana C. Williams** of Bainbridge was named Freshman Female in addition to receiving the plaque as BC's Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) student and a certificate from Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) business honor society. **Bobby J. Grubbs** of Climax and **Jeremy W. Vickers** of Blakely were both named as Freshman Male. Sophomore Male was **Garon L. Sellars** of Bainbridge, who received the Science Award for Principles of Chemistry II and the D.M. Langston Scholarship from BC Foundation. **Charity A. Trawick** of Bainbridge was named Sophomore Female and received an Academic Excellence Award for a perfect grade point average (GPA) and the Foundation's E.T. and Jewel Robinson Scholarship.

Other students earning Academic Excellence Awards for perfect GPAs included **James Anderson** of Donalsonville; **Gary Cato**, **Summer Day**, **Diana Dollar**, **Christi Murray**, **James Ulmer**, all of Bainbridge; **Phyllis Elliott**, **Kay Ragan**, **Kristan Whatley**, all of Blakely; **Brittany Williams**, **William Anthony Yates** of Brinson; **Megan Phillips**, **Kelsi Richardson** of Colquitt; **Kendyl McLendon** of Iron City, and **April Jones** of Pelham, who also received Academic Success Center (ASC) Tutor recognition.

**Andrew Hay** of Camilla, who also received ASC Tutor recognition, earned the Organic Chemistry I award. Science awards presented at the April 29 event also went to **Lewis “Luke” Oliver** of Cairo, Introduction to Chemistry; **Kelsey Rice** of Pelham, Principles of Chemistry I, and **Chad Collis** of Cairo, Organic Chemistry II.

Scholarships awarded to Bainbridge residents included: Delta Kappa Gamma to **Donna Acosta**; Ernest C. Jones Memorial Scholarship to **Kendra Denton**, who received a BC Ambassadors Scholarship from the Foundation; Flint River Hospice to **Abigail Glass**; a Gragg Brothers Scholarship to **Emily Ray**; Julia P. White to **Samatha Hager**; a Park Avenue Bank scholarship to **Tawania Crapp** of Bainbridge, who earned ASC Tutor recognition and the ABG Service Award; Walter E. and Mary B. Cox Memorial Scholarship to **Jamila Avril**; and Ruth & Roland Horn Scholarship to **Patrick Minarovich**. A Park Avenue Bank Scholarship also went to **Mary Johnson** of Climax. Gragg Brothers Scholarships also went to **Jessica Andrews** of Iron City, who also received an ASC Tutor award, and **Jana Simmons** of Cairo.

Additional Foundation scholarships were awarded as follows: **April Tillery** of Bainbridge, Andrew Avery Scholarship; **Betty Jean Brogdon** of Colquitt, who along with **William I. Josey** of Bainbridge received a Work-Study Award, was given a BC Ambassadors Scholarship; **Regina Girley** of Whigham and **Lesia Dukes Parker** of Cairo received Brock Waldorf Scholarships; **Michelle Reynolds** of Climax, the Climax Community Club Scholarship; **Quintavious George** of Blakely and **Bridney Jefferson** of Thomasville, Conyers/Hunter Scholarships; **Zachary Powell** of Brinson, Joanna Stone; **Jenny Maldonado** of Donalsonville, Kermit Bates; Bainbridge residents **Cara Mitchell**, Kirbo, **Maureen Steelman**, Leverett, **Victoria Fleming**, Lillethun; **Shelby Powell** of **Attapulcus**, Lillethun; and Bainbridge resident **Rachel Willis**, Nussbaum

ASC Tutor honors, in addition to those listed above, went to **Kyle Conoly**, **Joshua Cook**, **Brittany Daniel**, **M. Christy Dunn**, **Alan Killingsworth**, **Brandon Livingston**, **James Ramer**, who was also honored as Student Government Association (SGA) first vice president, **Breanna Slaughter**, **Lin Yen**, both of Bainbridge; **Erica Cook** of Blakely; **Tina Easterwood**, **April Taylor** of Brinson; Cairo residents **Ron Peters** and **Deborah Watkins**, who was honored as SGA sophomore representative; **Joshua Chase Alexander** of Climax, honored as SGA president; **Jurgen Malinao** of Colquitt; **Cody Houston**, **Chad Pitts** of Donalsonville, and **Lillian Wingate** of Pelham.

Additional Alpha Beta Gamma awards were as follows: **Heather Brown** of Donalsonville, Outstanding Member; **Marsha Miller** of Brinson and **Katherine Pendley** of Bainbridge, Service Awards. ABG certificates went to **Anita Bynum**, **Nicole Romaine**, both of Bainbridge, **Sonja Ford** of Blakely, **LaTeshia Tucker** of Cairo, **Diquita Everson** of Climax, **Amanda Corriveau**, **Minnie Kyles** of Colquitt, **Danyelle Davis** of Iron City and **Melinda Hester** of Thomasville.

Bainbridge Association of Nursing Students recognized **Megan Jarvis** of Colquitt and **Carla Parrish** of Bainbridge.

Licensed Practical Nursing Club's four Academic Excellence awards went to **Cherika Anderson**, also Most Supportive, **Connie Glass**, also Teamwork Award, both of Bainbridge, **Julie Whigham** of Cairo, and also **Darlene Davis** of Ft. Gaines, who received the Leadership Award as did **Tammy Coleman** of Bluffton and **Brittney Singleton** of Climax. Rose Bud Awards went to **Tanya Lyons** of Bainbridge, **Demetrica Foster**, **Shenita Rogers**, both of Blakely, and **Krystal Swain** of Climax. Most Supportive went to **Tamekia Bryant** and **Alma Eafford** of Blakely. **Calla Hartsfield** of Brinson also received a Teamwork Award.

**Christopher O. Williams** of Bainbridge is recipient of the award from Mu Alpha Theta, mathematics honor society.

In addition to officers recognized above, SGA awards went to **Chelsea Beard**, secretary, **John Provence**, freshman representative, and **Patricia Williams**, second vice president, all of Bainbridge.

Highlights among numerous recognitions of faculty, staff and retirees included BC Early County Center Instructor **Claude Bell** of Blakely, who as BC's Rick Perkins Award of Excellence in Technical Instruction is teacher of the year competing for state recognition. Meritorious Award recipients were **Dr. Patrick Smith**, **Amy Wells**, Faculty Awards, **Richard Messersmith** and **Tara Sheffield**, Staff Awards.

## Group Photos Below



Some Honors Night award recipients posed after the presentations in the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center. In this photo, seated left-right are Andy Hay, Tara Sheffield, Katherine Pendley, Patricia Williams, Darlene Davis, James Ramer, Kristan Whatley (partially seen). Standing are Chad Pitts, Bobby Grubbs, Marsha Miller, Betty Brogdon, Bridney Jefferson, Lin Yen, and Jurgen Malinao.

Among Honors Night award recipients who posed for group photos are those seen below. Insets show Byron Hamilton and Meghan Vickers, who cannot be seen in the photo. Left-right seated front are James Ramer, Chelsea Beard, Deborah Watkins, Chase Alexander, Regina Girley, and Chad Collis. Seated behind them are Kristan Whatley, Zachary Powell, Brittany Williams, Summer Day, Sonja Ford, Tawania Crapp, Garon Sellars, Minnie Kyles, Samantha Hager, Diana Williams, Kelsi Richardson, Mary Johnson, and Melinda Hester. Standing left-right are Rich Messersmith, Lillian Wingate, Gary Cato, Erica Cook, Jenny Maldonado, April Tillery, Joseph Smith, Michelle Reynolds, Emily Ray, Anita Bynum, Jeremy Vickers, Patrick Minarovich, Maureen Steelman, William Josey, Jamila Avril, Rachel Willis, April Taylor, Claude Bell, Rayna Andrews, Charity Trawick, and Carla Parrish. Photo by James Perkins of [www.cheerleaderdad.com](http://www.cheerleaderdad.com)

