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Professor Emeritus, David Schram, Returns to Direct Theatre Show in February

As the calendar turns from January to February (or remains on January for another day or two until you remember to flip the calendar), things remain stable and consistent at Greensboro College as we enter the second month of the spring semester.



The early part of January is typically a period of easing back into the routine. Students had their first day of class on January 8, and once they begin their course load for the spring, they hit the ground running, as demonstrated by the ongoing and upcoming performances out of the School of the Arts!

The Art Department has hosted the ongoing art show, "Low" at the Anne Rudd Galyon Gallery, and music students have been busy at work, rehearsing and practicing for their first shows that begin at the end of February.

And out of the Theatre Department is the welcomed return of long-time professor, David Schram, who will be directing the department's first show of the semester, *Merrily We Roll Along*. The show will be held at the Huggins Performance Center from February 22 - 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Schram, who retired in the spring of 2021 after 32 years with Greensboro College, is temporarily back on campus and spending time in an area which he and several of his colleagues helped build up into a small-college powerhouse.

"We started a program that was not just good for the college, but good for the students," said Schram in the fall 2021 issue of *Points of Pride*. "They go on using the skills they've learned, and the collaboration, in their later lives. I think John would say we're most proud of those students who have gone on to good things not only in theatre, but also later in life."

Not a day goes by where students aren't hard at work or learning here at Greensboro College. It's a good thing going here at campus, and we invite you to visit our events and athletics calendar to see all of the exciting performances in store from the students here at GC

Below, you can see some of the additional highlights of what's been going on around campus during January, the first month of the spring 2024 semester!

GO PRIDE!



January Highlights Around Campus



Following Spring Convocation, men's soccer coach, Manbi Nyepon '15, takes a picture with some of his graduating student athletes.



During the Martin Luther King Jr. bake sale in the library, staff members, Katrina O'Neill '23 and Julie Schatz '89 take a picture before buying some goodies.



Members of the Class of 2024 partake in a meal during their Senior Salute Dinner.



Members of the men's lacrosse team celebrate during halftime of a men's basketball game after being awarded as the campus champions during the fall semester's hunger relief efforts.



Following her guest sermon, speaker, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale (sixth from the left), takes a picture with students following chapel. Dr. Hale's sermon was titled, "In 2024, What Would Dr. King Do."



The Dining Services at Greensboro College provided a lemonade bar to students during one of the lunches in January!



A high school student observes an exercise with members of the GC sports medical team. A sports medicine class from Western Guilford High School visited the campus to observe and learn from the professional staff here at GC.



Senior Officer and Spring Convocation Speaker, Rebecca Hawkes, says hi to the camera while leaving the cafeteria!



At the end of the month, members of the Class of 2024 took part in Senior Salute, which is when they take pictures in their caps and gowns, order their commencement attire, and can buy class rings.

DEADLINE EXTENDED! THE LYRE IS STILL ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS!

The award-winning, student-run literary magazine of Greensboro College, The Lyre, is still accepting submissions!

It's not too late to submit!

Students, alumni, faculty, and staff, are welcomed to submit creative writing, photography, and digital + physical art to be consider for the spring issue, by **February 16, 2024!**

To submit your pieces, email The Lyre at their email address below:

thelyre11@gmail.com



New Alumni Directory Coming Soon!



The Alumni Office recently partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce our new alumni directory. They have been publishing directories for close to 100 years!

We expect to start this project in mid-March or April, and at that time, you may receive an email/postcard/phone call asking you to updated your personal information for the college.

This project allows Greensboro College to receive important updates to our database so we can better serve you, our alumni.

If you have any questions, you may reach out to Julie Schatz '89, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Development at **336.967.3100** or julies@greensboro.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!

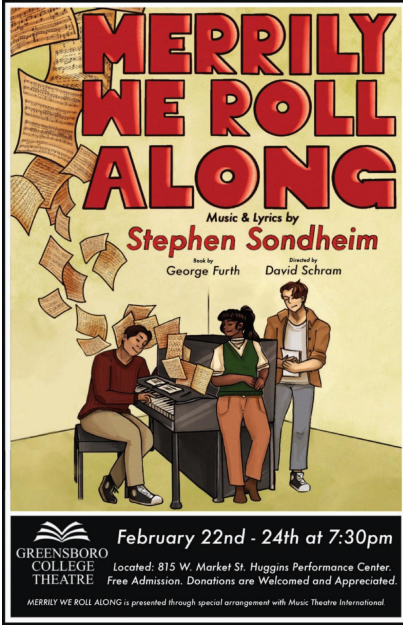
The First Theatre Show of the Spring Semester:

Merrily We Roll Along -

Feb. 22 - 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Merrily We Roll Along tells the story of how three friends' lives and friendship change over the course of 20 years; it focuses particularly on Franklin Shepard, a talented composer of musicals who, over those 20 years, abandons his friends and songwriting career to become a producer of Hollywood movies.

Like the play on which it is based, the show's story moves backward in time, beginning in 1976 at the friends' lowest



moment and ending in 1957, at their youthful best.

The show will have its first Broadway revival in fall 2023, starring Jonathan Groff ("King George- Hamilton), Daniel Radcliff ("Harry Potter") and Lindsay Mendez ("Carrie- Carousel").

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Greensboro College Faculty and Staff Profile



**Brittney Sondberg -
Art Department Chair and Associate Professor of Art**

How long have you been at Greensboro College and in your current role?

- *I have been at GC for 7 years, I am an Associate Professor of Art and Chair of the Art Department since 2020.*

What do you enjoy the most about working at the college?

- *Getting to know my students, their individual interests and approaches to their art.*

What has been your favorite memory while at Greensboro College

- *Collaborating with my students during the Contemporary Practices class where we do a project that engages with the wider campus community. Many Art majors are rather introverted, but when running an event like this, they seem to take pride and open up which is fun to see. These projects include things like creating the Zen garden alongside Cowan, organizing and our annual Empty Bowls pottery sale and some of our more successful Social Practice projects.*

What was your first professional job?

- *When I was 15 or 16, I started working at the Maryland Renaissance Festival selling dried flower garlands; at the same time I started working in the kitchen at Ledo's Pizza.*

What are some of the passions/hobbies you like to pursue outside of work?

- *Other than my sculpture studio practice, I also enjoy gardening/learning more about urban-permaculture, reading, baking, playing video games, learning piano, and writing.*

If you were stuck on a deserted island, what would be the five items you would bring?

- *A great big sketchbook, pack of pencils, Berkey (a water filter), solar oven, and a comprehensive global philosophy anthology.*

If you could see one musician in concert (dead or alive), who would that musician be

- *Nirvana.*

What is one thing that most people do not know about you?

- *I have a rather large collection of PEZ dispensers.*

Staff, Faculty, Student, and Alumni Recognitions

The following Greensboro College students, alums, staff, and faculty members recently received recognition for their academic, athletic, and professional work:

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- Sophomore, Xypher Pino (right),

was selected as one of only eight students for the inaugural cohort of the North Carolina Civic Impact Fellowship. Sponsored by North Carolina Campus Engagement, this fellowship is a statewide program that recognizes exceptional students with demonstrated civic engagement leadership abilities. During his time on campus, Xypher, a native of Clemmons, NC, served as a co-Hunger Ambassador for the NC Collegiate Hunger Challenge, helping to lead the Greensboro College team to victory in securing the Overall Grand Prize of \$10,000 for the campus food pantry. Xypher is also a 2023 Community Impact Student Award Recipient.



- **Women's Basketball player, Kensie Harris**, was selected by the USA South Athletic Conference as its Rookie of the Week for the week ending on January 29. The first-year guard from Greensboro (a Winston-Salem Christian graduate), averaged a double-double of 20.5 points and 11.5 rebounds, along with averages of 2 assists, 2 steals, and 1 block in two games the previous week, helping the Pride defeat both Pfeiffer University and Salem College in two conference matchups.
- **Dr. Heather Chacon, Assistant Professor of English**, recently presented her research paper, "Black Hair: Historical and Cultural Manifestations vis-à-vis Hair Salon Deregulation," at the 2024 Modern Language Association's 2024 Convention.
- **Women's Basketball coach, Laquanda Prince**, earned her 100th career win as a coach in the Pride's, 62-56, victory against Salem College on January 27. Prince began her coaching career at Southern Polytechnic State University and also coached at Elizabeth State University before coming to GC.

**Greensboro College Remembers
Longtime Senior Administrator, Frederick Thomas Jones Jr.**



Greensboro College is saddened to share the news that longtime senior administrator, Frederick Thomas Jones, Jr., passed away in January. He was 90

years old.

While at Greensboro College, Fred served as business manager-treasurer, then vice president for development and public relations, and briefly as interim president. He joined the Greensboro College Board of Trustees in 2010 and was named a Lifetime Trustee.

A beloved staff member and leader on campus, who will be sorely missed by all.

A memorial service will be held this Saturday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. at West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 West Market Street, with visitation afterward in The Gathering Space. For more information, visit his obituary page at the link below

Frederick Thomas Jones Jr. Obituary

February Important Dates

- Black History Month
- Art Gallery Exhibition - "Low": Feb. 1-29 at the Anne Rudd Galyon Gallery
- Groundhog Day: Feb. 2
- Chinese New Year: Feb. 10
- Super Bowl: Feb. 11
- Mardi Gras: Feb. 13



African-American History Month

- Ash Wednesday: Feb. 14
- Valentine's Day: Feb. 14
- President's Day: Feb. 19
- Theatre Dept. Production: "Merrily We Roll Along": Feb. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Huggins Performance Center
- Small Ensemble Concert: Feb. 27 at 12:30 p.m. at Finch Chapel
- Winter Concert: Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Finch Chapel

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