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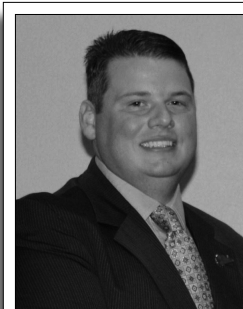
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Spring time is here, and brings forth a multitude of opportunities for us all and growth. The purpose of spring time is a birthing of new life, hope, and the awakening of winter slumber. May we each gain a new perspective this season to enjoy life to its fullest! The alumni need to bind together to build a prosperous future for the association, the college, and its students. A leap into action must occur for all to be successful. Unity is defined as, the quality of being united into one. If we each play an equal part to help enrich the quality of the association, as a whole, then we are united together. I encourage each person to play an active role within the association. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which is the accrediting agency for the college, looks at the participation level of the alumni as a whole. If each alumnus would give a pledge of just \$1, then we would achieve 100% alumni activity. This support gives a new perspective on how the success of the college will be determined. We are actively working on ways to improve our association. Remember to mark your calendars, for August 5th & 6th 2011, for the annual alumni reunion. The reunion will be held at the Vanderbilt Marriott. We encourage all alumni to attend. This year we plan to change up the Saturday evening event with a night cruise about the General Jackson Showboat, this gives us all a chance to have a fun filled evening, Nashville style. I encourage you all to attend this fun filled weekend.



**Alumni President**  
ANDREW S. FOX

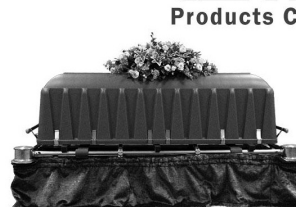
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# COLLEGE NEWS



Pictures are as Follows, above, (L) L to R: Nathan Barnwell, of Mt. Juliet, TN was awarded TFSSC Scholarship, presented by College President Steve Spann. Above (R), President Steve Spann, Presenting, Jim Cooper, of Greenfield, TN with the H.B. Mayes Scholarship. Below (L) Pictured is Nicole Partin, of Nashville, TN with he NFDA Professional Women's Scholarship. She attended the NFDA Professional Women's Conference @ the Hotel Monaco in Alexandria, Virginia on (April 1-3). She is currently employed Ewton Funeral Home, Dunlap, TN Below (R) Rosemary Harrison of Murfreesboro, TN receiving the TFDA Full Scholarship from Bob Batson Executive Director of TFDA & College President Steve Spann.



College Hosts CANA Certified Crematory Operator Training was a large success that was held at John A Gupton College on Friday, April 1, 2011. There were 75 in attendance including currently enrolled students at Gupton College. The attached picture is several of the students with Tracy and Donna.



## STAFF PROFILE



Rachel Johnson began working with John A. Gupton College this past December as the Director of Financial Aid. Rachel graduated from Aquinas College in Nashville with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in May 2009 and will be graduating from Bethel University with her Masters of Business Administration degree in May 2011. Rachel previously served in the Financial Aid Department at Aquinas College and worked her way up from being the office work-study student to the Associate Director of the department within two years. Rachel truly finds joy working in a field that helps students be able to achieve their educational goals. Rachel has three children, Hope, Faith, and Christian that keep her busy when she's not in the office. Also, Rachel runs a small side business in her spare time creating unique cakes for various types of events.

## PRECEPTOR MEETING HELD

The Annual Preceptor meeting was held at Gupton College. On Tuesday, March 8, 2011 @ 6 PM, as you know this is just a brief meeting mostly including regarding our clinical and practicum courses. A meal was provided by the college as an appreciation for the support of our participating preceptor firms.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. Matt Smith, '94, presented at the past NFDA conference and is scheduled to present again this year. Matt is also presenting at the TFDA Convention on Tuesday, June 7 @ 2 PM. He has a new website: [www.MOR-BID.com](http://www.MOR-BID.com). This is a site for funeral related topics and a place to post resumes.

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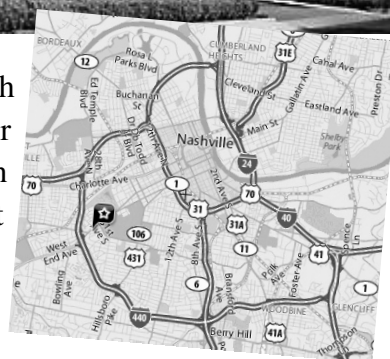
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# Alumni Reunion

It is time to start planning your return to Nashville, Tennessee for the Gupton College Alumni Annual Meeting and Reunion to be held August 5 and 6 at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt.

Make your room reservations directly with the Nashville Marriott @ Vanderbilt (1-800-285-0190 or 615-321-1300). A special rate \$139.00 per night is extended to you when you mention the Gupton Alumni Association, prevailing rates at the hotel range from \$229.00, and reservations need to be made by July 15, 2011, at which time any unsold rooms will be released for sale to the public. Have your credit card ready to guarantee not only a room but a fun weekend in Nashville with the Gupton Alumni. All Alumni dues, Saturday Night Event and Gifts to the Endowment will be part of Registration. Have questions? Contact: Morris Moore, 404-255-8511, or the College, 615-327-3927.



Registration will be held from 3 until 6 pm on Friday August 5th, with the Wilbert Reception, An Alumni Meeting and Reunion Tradition, will be held in the Latitude Restaurant from 6:00 pm until 8 p.m. on Friday evening, with a open bar from 6p.m. until 7 p.m. and cash bar 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Rise & Shine on Saturday morning, with coffee being served at 7:00 a.m. in the Crescent Room with breakfast to follow from 8:00 till 9:30 a.m., sponsored by Aurora Casket Company and Batesville Casket Company. The business meeting will be held at 10 am at the college. Saturday afternoon will give you time to share moments and stories with other Gupton Alumni and friends.

 Saturday evening brings forth a change in entertainment!! We are setting sail, aboard the ***General Jackson Showboat***<sup>®</sup>; with an evening cruise, dinner and live entertainment on the Cumberland River. **This will require a \*\*\* \$75.00 Pre-Payment Registration, mailed to the college before June 15, 2011.\*\*\*\* Cut out and Mail your Pre- Registration form Below.** Boarding will beginning at 6:15 pm, with departure at 7 p.m. sharp, from the dock at Opry Mills Mall. This will be a lot of fun, a new change, delicious meal and lots of entertainment. A few awards, a new set of officers and who knows what else thrown in along the way.



## JOHN A. GUPTON ALUMNI REUNION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**The General Jackson will require a  
\$75.00 Pre-payment Registration,  
mailed to the college before June 15, 2011.**

**Cut out and mail your Pre-registration form today!**

Name of Alumnist: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost of Events:

Member Dues:	\$35.00	(Annual Member Dues)
General Jackson Showboat	\$75.00	x _____ (Number Attending)

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: John A. Gupton Alumni Association  
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Nashville, TN 37203

# Class of 1961

The alumni association is trying to locate members of the Class of 1961, which we have no current addresses. If anyone knows how to contact them please contact the college. We are trying to update these classmates as much as possible in our system, if you see an error please contact the college, if we overlook it in print, we will correct it.

**NCA: Indicates no current address. DEC: Deceased**

Last Name	First Name	Address	City	ST	Zip	Class	NADD
Rains	Miles D.		Allardt	TN	38504	61	NCA
Brumit	Jack Edmond	325 Wah Wah Tey See Way	Battle Creek	MI	49015	61	
Reedy	Roger	1070 Rowsey School Road	Bethel Springs	TN	38315	61	
Taylor	Ronald Earl	Box 102	Blakely	GA	31723	61	DEC
Rayfield	Fred H.	610 Ave. F.	Bogalusa	LA	71427	61	
Thompson	Dorsey G.	Box 224	Broadway	VA	22815	61	
Jernigan *	James A.	201 S. Lovell	Cahttanooaga	TN	37411	61	NCA
Litesey, Jr.	Lester C.	250 E. Gerard Ave. Box 12	Cedartown	GA	30125	61	NCA
Day	Alton Wayne	P. O. Box 160	Centre	AL	35960-0160	61	
Rawlinson	Robert E.	698 Diamond Ridge Rd	Clarksdale	MS	38614-9386	61	
Dew	Gary Don	26 Riviera Drive	Conway	AR	72034	61	
Dyer	Ralph Haggard	798 S. Willow Ave.	Cookeville	TN	38501	61	
Miller	Rosetta	866 1st Avenue	Corapolis	PA		61	NCA
Winnard	Edwin R.	4986 32nd Street	Detroit	MI		61	NCA
Giddens	Lawton W.	105 N. Brd. St. PO Bx 374	Ellaville	GA	31806	61	DEC
Biggs	Kenenth Lee	P. O. Box 14	Georgetown	FL	32139-0014	61	
Houston	Marshal L.	1116 L. Line	Grenada	MS	38901	61	NCA
Sammon, III	Frank Q.	224 S. Clayton Street	Lawrenceville	GA		61	NCA
Sammons, III	Frank W.	1058 Bob Hannah Circle	Lawrenceville	GA	30245	61	
Flowers	William D.	Main Street	Lilburn	GA		61	NCA
Holmes	Joe D.	3904 Wrens Nest Blvd.	Maumee	OH	43537	61	NCA
Griffis	Westbury		Maxville	GA	32265	61	NCA
Allen	Robert Clyde	140 Old Planation Tr NW	Milledgeville	GA	31061	61	
Brewer	James M.	201 25th Ave North	Nashville	TN	37203	61	
Wheeler	Bobby D.	410 Wanda Drive	Nashville	TN	37214	61	NCA
Murr	James E.	612 Old AJ Highway	New Market	TN	37820	61	
Callahan	Frank	6243 Pine St.	Pinson	AL	35126	61	
Jones	Marshal L.	Box 469, 127 E. Church St	Quitman	MS	39355	61	DEC
Boothe *	Arnold Lloyd	300 E. Marshall St.	Richmond	VA	23228	61	NCA
McDonald	Joel	717 Stapp Dr.	Ringgold	GA	30736	61	
Thomas	Landon	Hwy 19 E.	Ripley	TN	38063	61	NCA
Price *	Buford Randall	709 E. McKinney Ave	Rogersville	TN	37857	61	
Stevinson	Jay A.		Russellville	MO		61	NCA
Driver *	Ray Donovan	103 Shady Lane	Smithville	TN	37166	61	
Loring	J.C.	South College St.	Smithville	TN	37166	61	NCA
Garland	Mack W.	2195 Abington Terrace	Snellville	GA	30278	61	
Gamberg	Dale M.	106 Kristin Ave	Spring Lake	NC	28390-3176	61	
Callaway	Merrill W.	PO Box 363	Warrenton	GA	30828	61	
Wauford *	Bobby E.	1309 Pleasant Grove Rd.	Westmoreland	TN	37186	61	
Blackwell	Ben F.					61	NCA
Cole	Bobby					61	NCA
Perry	Rosetta Miller					61	NCA

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