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CANA TRAINING

First, on behalf of the Officers of your Alumni Association, let me say belated Holiday Greetings! I hope that you and your families had a Happy New Year!! The 2010 Graduation ceremonies were recently held, I wish to extend a welcome to each of you to our elite roster of alumni of this college. Each of you represent a part of our institution and I encourage you to participate as much as possible and invite your new colleagues to join you back in August for the annual alumni reunion. At Graduation, we had a number of Alumni present, and one of our own, Dennis Hamilton, Class of 1974, delivered the Commencement address. Dennis did an outstanding job.



Alumni President
ANDREW S. FOX

Over the next few weeks, you will receive your pledge card for the Endowment Fund. So far we have had an outstanding response to this year's pledge drive. If you have not yet sent yours in, let me encourage you to take a minute and fill out the card and return it to the college today. Your officers have been considering ideas to make our Association better, in the coming weeks we hope to be able to finalize the hotel rates for the upcoming reunion, finally if you make New Year's resolutions, here's one to keep in mind: Why not resolve to attend the 2011 Reunion? Mark August 5th and 6th on your calendar. I look forward to seeing you then.

Andrew S. Fox '99
2010-2011 President

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January 10, 2011.**

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John A. Gupton College Top 10% Fall Semester 2010

Nathaniel Barnwell	Mt. Juliet, TN
Lanese Brown	Murfreesboro, TN
Sarah Cody	Murfreesboro, TN
James Cooper	Greenfield, TN
Shannon Hill	Pelham, TN
Lindsey Hillard	Hollow Rock, TN
Elizabeth Kilgore	Tullahoma, TN
Sara Kilgore	Tullahoma, TN
Seth Leyhue	Madison, TN
Courtney Partin	Dunlap, TN
Dillon Wines	Newport, TN
Jasmine Zervas	Alexandria, TN



NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Terri Purcell has joined the staff at John A. Gupton College as the Director of Admissions. Terri graduated from Glencliff Comprehensive High School in 1980 and spent her early years working in support of her family in their locally owned family restaurant in Old Hickory, TN. After leaving the restaurant business in 1989, she was employed by the Emory family as Assistant Manager of Capitol Dry Cleaners where she remained until the business was sold. In 1997, she went to work for yet another family owned business, American Tuxedo. In the year 2000, Terri accepted a position as Tissue Processor at DCI Donor Services-Tissue Services where she became certified by the American Association of Tissue Banks as a Tissue Bank Specialist. Working at

the corporate office location of DCIDS-TS, Terri moved from tissue processing into the role of Corporate Trainer where she was instrumental in helping to develop a New Employee Orientation and On-Boarding program. She eventually transitioned into the position of Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs Compliance Specialist where she investigated adverse reactions and complaints and became trained as Internal/External cGTP Regulatory Auditor. Terri and her husband Jackie Purcell, General Manager of Nashville Wilbert Burial Vault Company, have been married for 28 years.

ALUMNI NEWS

2010 LIST OF GRADUATES

<u>Graduate Name</u>	<u>City and State</u>	<u>Graduate Name</u>	<u>City and State</u>
+ Joshua Clark Adair	Hohenwald, TN	Richard W. Kittell	Franklin, KY
+ Jeremy Arnold	Henderson, TN	Kenneth M. Kressenberg, Jr.	Chattanooga, TN
Brittney Jovan Barlow	Covington, TN	+ Amber Lane	Dickson, TN
+ LeAnna Belew	Erin, TN	+ Seth Leyhue	Nashville, TN
Kallie Lyn Bennett	Waverly, TN	Jeffrey Lynn Liggett	Murfreesboro, TN
Lanese Danielle Brown	Murfreesboro, TN	Lydia Rainell Martin	Crossville, TN
+ Kandice Burkeen	Nashville, TN	+ Brian Miracle	Ringgold, GA
Crystal Burston	Greenbrier, TN	+ Alyssa Morris	Elkton, KY
+ Gerald H. Clark III	Nashville, TN	Clifford W. Oliver II	Scottsville, KY
Janelle Nicole Cook	Holladay, TN	Charity L. Purcell	Lebanon, TN
Brian Keith Cooper	Columbia, TN	+ Ryan Qualls	Benton, TN
Christina Eve Davidge	Bell Buckle, TN	Robert C. Romine	Dickson, TN
Paula Davidson	Oneida, TN	+ Jennifer Southerland	Manchester, TN
James Dalton Dyer	Lexington, TN	Richard Morris Steedley	Walterboro, SC
Hugh M. Glidewell III	Nashville, TN	Chelsea M. Steel	Rock Hill, SC
Molly Hallowell	Lexington, TN	James Wesley Thompson III	Piedmont, AL
+ John E. Harmon	Greenville, MS	+ Mary Waddell	Gallatin, TN
Lindsey Marie Hillard	Hollow Rock, TN	Baker James Williams	Greenfield, TN
***Derrick Jackson	Castalian Springs, TN	Dillon Bradley Wines	Newport, TN
+ Christopher Lee Jefferson	Nashville, TN	*** Jane S. Wooden	Pikeville, TN
Monica Lyvon Jennings	Grimsley, TN		
+ Tately Jennings	Columbia, TN		
Sean Anthony Johnson	Lebanon, TN		

+ Indicates Student will complete Comprehensive Review Course in spring 2011 to Graduate.

*** Indicates student completed Certificate Path.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD:

John A. Gupton College's 64th Commencement exercises were held on Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at Blakemore United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN. This year there were 41 students awarded an Associate of Arts Degree in Mortuary Science, & two students awarded the Certificate Funeral Directors Program. The Guest Speaker for this year's graduating class was, **Dennis Hamilton, '74**. Dennis was elected president of the Tennessee State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers for the 2010 term. He is General Manager of Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery. The Dodge Company award is given to a student who had no embalming skills when they entered college and has excelled over time. This year's award was given to Mr. Sean Johnson, Lebanon, TN. The Valediction Award is given to the graduate with the highest grade point average within their coursework. This year's Valedictorian was Molly Hallowell, Lexington TN. Invocation was given by Jeremy Arnold and benediction by Chris Jefferson. Dr. Yates presented the class to President Spann. In attendance, was a great support of alumni, family and friends, showing encouragement for the graduates!

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Date & Place:

Friday, April 1, 2011 @ John A Gupton College,
1616 Church Street Nashville, TN. 37203

Time:

7:30- 4:30 (registration @ 7 am)
(additional one hour seminar from 4:30-5:30 for Senior/Master Technicians)

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Questions:

Contact Tracy Hamm Allen @ John A Gupton College- 615-327-3927

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To request a memorial certificate, contact the librarian, Pepper Bruce at the College. **Donations can be made from \$20.00 or more for the purchase of books.** Attn. Pepper Bruce, John A. Gupton College, 1616 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37203-2954, (615) 327-3927

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	STATE	ZIP	YR	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	Cahttanoooga	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
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