



75th Anniversary Celebration *Edition*



From the *President*



*Dr. Lawrence Barrett, President
2015-Present*

Happy 75th Anniversary Florida Gateway College!

I am proud to be part of Florida Gateway College (FGC), where students are placed at the center of everything we do. Over the past two years, FGC has celebrated forty-two in person commencements to make sure any student who wanted to graduate in front of their family and friends could do so, despite the circumstances in the world. At one of our smaller ceremonies, a grandmother approached me and shared that she was there for her granddaughter. The granddaughter was the fourth generation in her family to graduate at FGC and each of the four presidents: Phillips, Heimer, Hall and now me had presided at the ceremonies. She continued to say how proud she was of our college and encouraged me to continue in those other presidents' footsteps. Only four presidents have served this great college and I am a humbled and grateful to be part of its history and future.

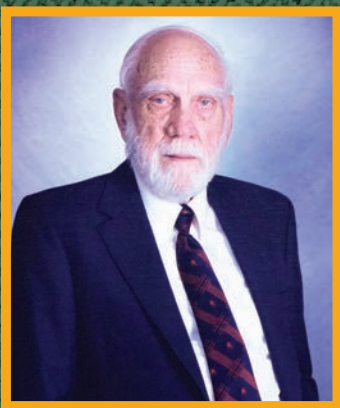
FGC is such a special place that started as a military base, and in 1947 began its mission of changing our students and communities' lives. The faculty, staff and I are so honored to be part of the Wolfpack and as one community member told me recently, we "bleed green and yellow." The next 75 years we will continue to evolve and serve our students and community, but for now let us celebrate all our past!

Enjoy reading this special 75th Anniversary publication and we look forward to many community events and celebrations of the college over the next year.

With warm regards,

Dr. Larry Barrett

Past Presidents



Dr. Herbert Phillips
1962-1983



Dr. Muriel Kay Heimer
1983-1997



Dr. Charles Hall
1997-2015





Go *Further* Together at FGC

Florida Gateway College offers a variety of programs created for student success.

From one-semester programs that lead to quick employment to four-year bachelor degrees, we have programs that fulfill the goals of many different people and their life transitions. Whether you're a recent high school graduate or an adult looking to make a career change, FGC is the perfect place to pursue your goals.

- » Affordable Education
- » Friendly Faculty and Staff
- » Small Class Sizes
- » Online Classes and Evening Classes Available





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Campuses

Over the last 75 years, Florida Gateway College has expanded not just in program offerings, but in physical space. Today, the college is comprised of two campuses, the main campus and the Public Safety Training Center, and an outreach center in Dixie County.



Main Campus

149 SE College Place, Lake City, FL 32025

The heart and soul of Florida Gateway College begins on the main campus, which, in addition to being home base for a multitude of college and occupational certificate options, associate of art, associate of science and bachelor's degree programs, is the hub of student life and involvement.



Opened in spring 2011, the Wilson S. Rivers Library & Media Center contains well-over 30,000 books and 70 computers ideal for research and study sessions. The mouthwatering Gateway Grille fuels students and faculty throughout the day while the Levy Performing Arts Center provides entertainment with theatre productions and limited-run student art shows on select evenings and weekends. Students aiming to show their school spirit can cheer on the Timberwolves at the Howard Center or attend one of over a dozen on-campus events and activities held throughout the semester. Students can live on campus in residence halls and exercise in the fitness center, while 24/7 security is provided by the Sheriff's department.

As far as academic resources are concerned, the main campus also harbors the advising offices, Student Success Center and the Career Service Center. Innovative instruction tools include Nursing's high fidelity simulation lab, virtual reality welding trainers, cadaver lab and SynDaver Technology for Anatomy and Physiology instruction, and LightBoard technology.

Public Safety Training Center

25030 US Highway 90 E, Sanderson, FL 32087

FGC's Public Safety Training Center, also referred to as the Olustee campus, is a 50-acre complex that offers four core occupational programs with the Law Enforcement Academy, Corrections, Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Academy.

Under the Law Enforcement Academy, students can earn an Occupational Certificate in CMS Law Enforcement-Basic Recruit or an Associate in Science for Criminal Justice Technology whereas Corrections provides an Occupational Certificate in Correctional-Basic Recruit. Through Emergency Medical Services, prospective students can obtain an Associate in Science for Emergency Medical Services Technology or a College Credit Certificate as an Emergency Medical Technician or as a Paramedic while the Fire Academy trains students for an Occupational Certificate in Firefighter Minimum Standards or an Occupational Certificate that combines both EMT and Firefighting.

In addition to providing multiple certificate and degree options, students at the Olustee campus are given real-life, hands-on experiences with advanced technological equipment like the MILO training system for virtual, interactive training scenarios and the Anatomage Table, which allows students to perform simulated operations on digital bodies.



Dixie Center

64 NE 121st Street, Cross City, FL 32628

Students enrolled at FGC don't have to travel all the way to Lake City to take advantage of student-based amenities. The Dixie Center, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., provides everything from information on FGC programs and enrollment processes to test proctoring, computer lab use and printing capabilities as well as several study areas. More recently, the campus also implemented Adult Basic Education (ABE) and GED preparation programs for adults age 16 and older.

Programs of Study

Accounting Technology, C.C.C.
Accounting Technology Operations, C.C.C.
Accounting Technology Specialist, C.C.C.
Advanced Certificate in Horticulture, C.C.C.
Advanced Welding Technology, O.C.
Agribusiness Management, A.S.
Animation, C.C.C.
Associate in Arts Degree
Automotive Service Management Technology, A.A.S.
Automotive Service Technician, C.C.C.
Biotechnology, A.S.
Business Administration, A.S.
Business Management, C.C.C.
Certified Nursing Assistant, O.C.
Child Care Center Management, C.C.C.
Child Care Professional
Child Development Early Intervention Specialization, C.C.C.
CMS Law Enforcement – Basic Recruit, O.C.
Commercial Heating and Air Conditioning Technology, O.C.
Commercial Vehicle Driving, O.C.
Computer Information Technology, A.S.
Computer Office Specialist with Programming, C.C.C.
Computer Programming and Analysis, A.S.
Computer Support Specialist with Programming, C.C.C.
Correctional Basic Recruit, O.C.
Cosmetology, O.C.
Criminal Justice Technology Specialist, C.C.C.
Criminal Justice, A.S.
Crossover: Correctional Officer to Law Enforcement Basic Recruit, O.C.
Crossover: Law Enforcement to Corrections Basic Recruit, O.C.
Digital Media and Design, A.S.
Early Childhood Education, A.S.
Early Childhood Education, B.S.
Early Childhood Inclusion Specialization, C.C.C.
Educator Preparation Institute, C.C.C.
Elementary Education, B.S.
Emergency Medical Services Technology, A.S.
Emergency Medical Technician, C.C.C.
Environmental Science Technician, C.C.C.
Environmental Science Technology, A.S.
Facial Specialty, O.C.
Firefighter Minimum Standards, O.C.
Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Combined, O.C.
General Automotive Technician, C.C.C.
Health Information Technology, A.S.
Homeland Security Specialist, C.C.C.
Horticulture, C.C.C.
Infant and Toddlers Specialization, C.C.C.
LPN to RN Bridge: Fast-Track Part-Time, A.S.
LPN to RN Bridge: Traditional Full-Time, A.S.
Medical Coder/Biller, A.T.D.
Multimedia Design, C.C.C.
Nail Specialty, O.C.
Network Infrastructure, C.C.C.
Nursing, B.S.
Paramedic, C.C.C.
Phlebotomy, O.C.
Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S.
Practical Nursing, O.C.
Preschool Specialization, C.C.C.
Registered Nursing, A.S.
Respiratory Care, A.S.
Veterinary Technology, A.S.
Video Game Design, C.C.C.
Video Production, C.C.C.
Water Quality Technician, C.C.C.
Water Resources Management, B.A.S.
Welding Technology, O.C.

Visit fgc.edu to learn more about each of our programs.



Florida Gateway College welcomes you to celebrate with us. Special events are planned throughout the year to commemorate this special occasion.



75th ANNIVERSARY *Events*

August 12–13, 2022

Skins & Fins: Golf and Fishing
Weekend Tournament

September 22, 2022

Trivia Challenge

October 15, 2022

FGC's 75th Anniversary:
Fun in the Park

March 4, 2023

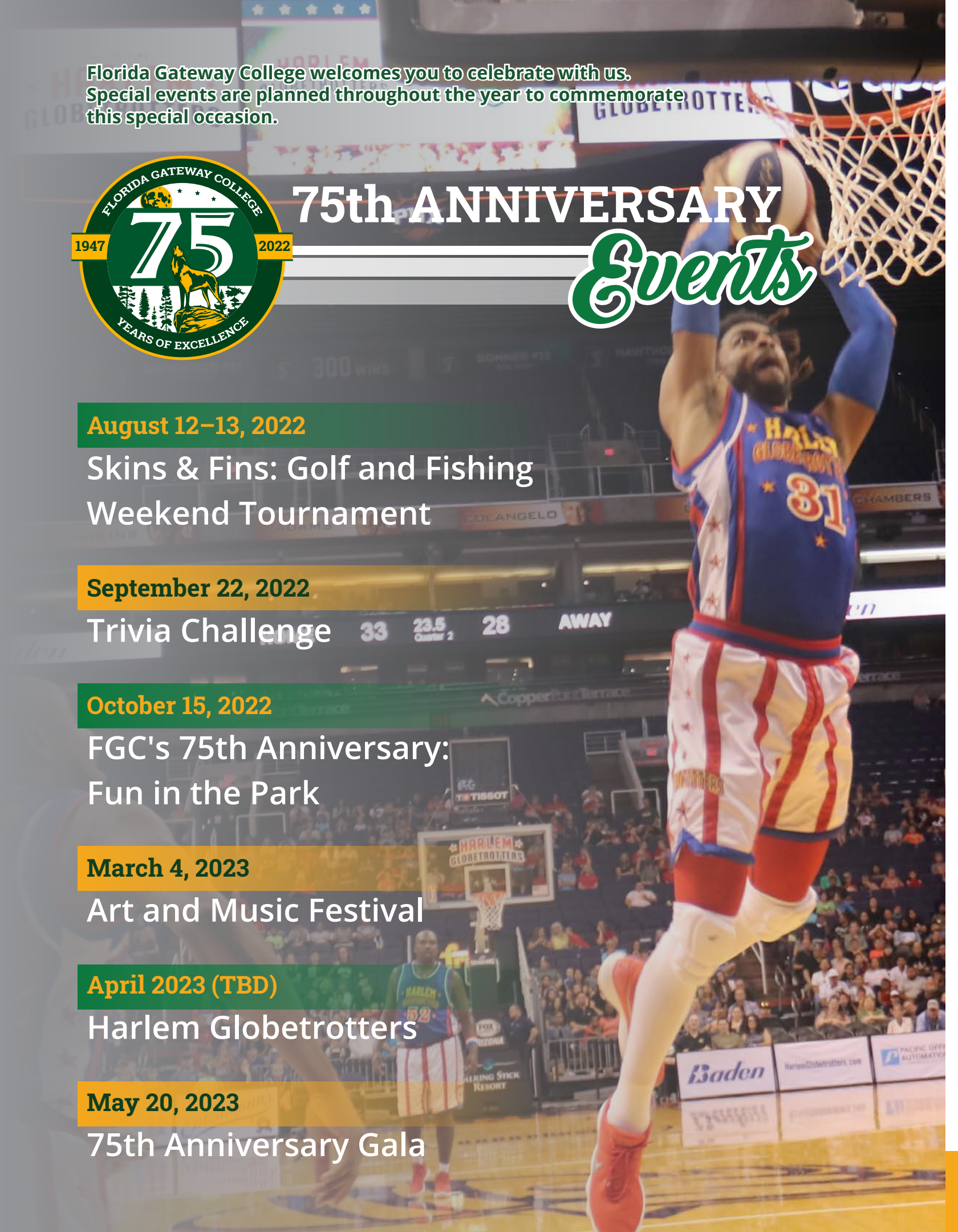
Art and Music Festival

April 2023 (TBD)

Harlem Globetrotters

May 20, 2023

75th Anniversary Gala



The Heart of the Campus

FGC's New STEM Building



Quinn and Keith Leibfried
STEM Building

26,440 square-foot leading-edge facility

From humble beginnings as a forestry school with a mere handful of students, Florida Gateway College has grown exponentially over the last 75 years in multiple facets and has evolved through several name changes.

Its overall district reach has grown to serve five North Central Florida counties: Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union. Its physical size now encompasses two campuses, the main campus in Lake City and Public Safety Training Center in Olustee, and an outreach center in Dixie County. Their enrollment

numbers hover around 5,000 students annually, and academic options today include two-year and four-year degrees, as well as certificate programs and applied technology diplomas that range from one semester to one year.

While expansion is important, FGC also strives to improve upon the elements already present on campus—especially concerning its older, more historic structures—to ensure the best learning environment for both current and future students. When considering the facilities where students and faculty were engaging in science,

technology, engineering and math education, FGC recognized the need for modernization.

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Though it didn’t break ground until March 2021, the venture has been in the works since 2015 when Dr. Lawrence Barrett became the Florida Gateway College President.

“From a STEM perspective, something that’s outdated when you’re looking at science and technology in this environment and this day and age, things change rapidly, so to have a science building that was over 50 years old and antiquated and basically not environmentally friendly, it was very important to take that as the first step,” Dr. Barrett said.

“When the building was designed by the architects, we called it the heart building,” he continued. “That was considered the heart because

that’s the center of the campus, so we called it the heart project when we went into it.”

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students and faculty without a proper space for the past four years while awaiting approval of state budget funds, grants made through the Foundation for Florida Gateway College and other generous community donations like those made by the First Federal

Bank, which contributed to the project to name the facility after their chairman, Keith Leibfried, and his late wife, Quinn.

“In addition to First Federal naming the building, all the labs, large classrooms, and student collaboration spaces have all been sponsored and named by community members. Whether it is for their company or in memory of a loved one, our community has really stepped up to help provide additional funding,” Pinchouck said.

The new two-story, 26,440 square-foot structure will feature an all-new chemistry lab, microbiology lab, physics and earth science lab, and biology and botany lab, all of which will contain new equipment as well as movable lab workspaces. The facility, which overlooks the quad and offers an



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FGC's 75th year is being honored and commemorated with a series of events, which began with the grand opening of the Quinn & Keith Leibfried STEM building in June. "We're trying to modernize but also remember our roots," Dr. Barrett said. "We're trying to honor the past with the future for the next 75 years."



abundance of natural light with the addition of large window panes, will also house four math classrooms, 12 faculty offices and the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs in addition to several multipurpose and collaboration spaces for students.

The large staircase that leads to the second floor will also invite visitors to a 14-by-20-foot wall that, while initially was set to be a stagnant mural, will be the future site of a hologram wall that can be changed and updated as needed.

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Go, Wolves, Go!

FGC Athletics



For the last seven decades, athletics have weaved in and out of the Florida Gateway College experience while routinely shifting in semester-by-semester availability from tried-and-true staples like cross country, softball, basketball and volleyball; to intramural offerings like ping pong, tennis and archery; as well as more limited-edition options like cheerleading, gymnastics and golf before coming to a lengthy standstill.

After a 10-year hiatus, athletics returned to the FGC campus in 2018 with men's golf and women's volleyball, both of which would pave the way for a legacy beyond the accomplishments made under the Lake City Community College name.

"The athletic program was originally developed—brought back by—Dr. Barrett under a different philosophy than what the program

was originally, and the big thing for him was, 'I want local athletes; I want athletes from our district. We want to be able to take those

athletes and help them get to the next level. This is another conduit. This is another road to get them to the NIAA level, to the NCAA I, II or III level that they might not get in this district.' So, our first emphasis when we're

putting together a sport or keeping a sport is 'can it be supported by our service district and is it serving the student-athletes in that district?'" said Anthony Cardenas, who is the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at the college.

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"We haven't switched sports for any other reason than to support our local community, to create that sustainability to help them build

that pillar and that foot in the ground to build those programs because that's always a key concern of ours," added Rebecca Golden, who is the former Director of Athletics and current

Director of Resource Development with the Foundation of Florida Gateway College. "We looked at our community and we're trying to meet the needs of the student-athletes in our area in our five-district county."



Today, the FGC athletics department oversees five programs: men's basketball, women's cross country, esports and its two latest additions of women's flag football and women's softball, with flag football being one of the fastest-growing women's sports in the state and FGC having organized the first National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) esports program in Florida.

"We can have volleyball, softball, golf, cross country and then you just look like every other college out there and you really, in such a competitive environment for higher education, especially today, you have to have niche sports; you have to be a little bit different and you see that with esports; you're going to see that with women's flag football; you're going to see that with some of our clubs. I mean, we have a bass fishing team who does very, very well and even though they're not in athletics, it's one of those niche sports that makes us different," Cardenas said.

While incorporating up-and-coming athletic programs is always of interest, FGC intertwines the latest trends while paying homage to the college's recreational roots.

"You've got a mix of the past and the future in our athletic program—you really do—especially with softball coming back, but now you've got esports and flag football, which didn't even exist when athletics was first started here," Cardenas said. "I think it represents the school the best; I mean, it's a department that truly represents where we were and where we're going."

Cardenas and Golden are also observant of giving sufficient attention to each program under the department and building on its success and that of the student's

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FGC Sports History

Spotlight

Jean Williams



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Jean Williams came to Florida Gateway College in 1966 as a guidance counselor and simultaneously served as director of financial aid before becoming a physical education coach in 1971.

During this time, after the passing of Title IX, women's competitive sports started officially organizing in community colleges—including at FGC. Williams helped develop the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Program at the college by bringing both

women's volleyball and women's softball to campus—coaching the volleyball program from 1971 to 1983 when the sport was swapped for women's basketball and remained the softball coach from its inception in 1971 until she retired in 1994. Throughout her tenure at FGC, which at the time was under the Lake City Community College name, Williams held several roles including the Athletic Director and Director of Counseling Services. Outside FGC, Williams maintained a position as the Women's Athletic Commissioner for the Florida Community College Activities Association for 15 years; the Region 8 Director for Women for the NJC for 12 years; and served as the NCJAA representative for the U.S. Olympic Committee for the World University Games in Alberta, Canada, in 1983 and Poland in 1993.

"If I, as a person, ever had a dream or something that I wanted my legacy to be, was that we would begin programs for girls' sports, and essentially that's what happened," she said.

Under her reign as head coach for the women's softball team at FGC, the Timberwolves won seven NJCAA Slow-Pitch National Titles in 1983, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1993. After her retirement, the successful legacy continued with the team earning the NJCAA Division I Fast-Pitch National Championship Title in 2001 before the athletic department dissolved in 2008. Through her work with the volleyball team, Williams was named the Conference Coach-of-the-Year for eight consecutive seasons and coached the team into participating in 13 State

Championships and three NCJAA National Championships. The history she helped pave the way for gained resurgence with the reformation of the athletic programs at FGC in 2018 with the temporary return of women's volleyball and the long-awaited return of women's softball in the fall.



FGC Sports History *Spotlight*

Tom Clark

After coaching for a high school team in Michigan and later Georgia, and spending six years as the head coach for a Georgia junior college, Tom Clark took a position at FGC in 1994 where he paved a legacy as a professor, baseball coach and athletic director.

During his 14-year career as a baseball coach for the Timberwolves, Clark helped the team win a total of 463 games and two Mid-Florida Conference Championships, the latter of which earned him the title of Mid-Florida Conference Coach of the Year on both occasions. In 1999, under his leadership, the team was ranked the number-one junior college baseball team in the nation and set a state record with a 27–1 conference record.



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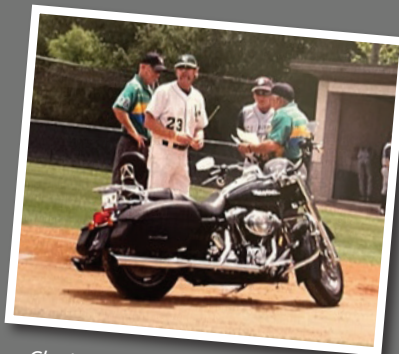
Spring 1995

The team also led the nation in number of drafted players in both 2002 with six players and in 2005 with nine players. Before the athletic department officially disappeared in 2008, Clark's final baseball team consisted of Roberto Pérez, who currently plays in the major leagues for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Clark seemingly had a knack for coaching future professional major league players as he was also head coach for Deunte Heath, who was a professional pitcher for the Chicago White

Sox; Heath Phillips, former left-handed pitcher for the Chicago White Sox; Carlos Corporan, who was a catcher for Milwaukee, Houston and Texas; Brian Schlitter, who was a right-handed pitcher for the Cubs and Oakland Athletics; and Reggie Abercrombie, who was a former outfielder for the Florida Marlins and Houston Astros.

After the athletic department faded from the college in 2008, Clark stayed on as a professor for one more year before becoming a scout for the Chicago Cubs where he has remained ever since. During his time in the major leagues, Clark was named scout of the year for the Chicago Cubs and scout of the year for the Florida Diamond Club.

Though baseball isn't on the current roster of available sports at FGC, its presence on campus during Tom Clark's residency is just one part of the school's accomplished athletic history, which will only grow with its 2018 revival.



Clark delivered the final game line-up on his Harley, April 29, 2008.

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athletic and academic progress rather than trying to offer too many options at once.

"Short-term, we want to see the current athletic department and athletic programs to get a really solid footing and get their programs established to be known—to be, yes, if you want a quality softball program, you go to Florida Gateway College; if you want esports, one of the first schools that people think of is Florida Gateway College. We want to be the first to come to mind; we want to be the first in line when you start thinking about some of the sports that we have here. I see that happening in cross country; I see that happening in basketball," Cardenas said. "That's short term, that's what we want is to build that reputation, build that reputation of the program."

Beyond the two new athletic programs and a recent renovation to the Howard Center gymnasium, the department is also working on organizing a Hall of Fame for the school to honor those who made significant athletic achievements at the college and beyond with the first batch of inductees set to be honored in 2023.

"I know we didn't have athletics for 75 years, but we're looking at the entire scope of the athletic program from the very first pitch to the very first basketball or the very first tournament to take off all the way to today, and when that first flag football touchdown is scored, every one of those athletes is eligible to become a part of the Hall of Fame and become a permanent part of the history of Florida Gateway College," Cardenas said.

To learn more about FGC athletics or to find out about upcoming games to show Timberwolves pride, visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/FloridaGatewayCollegeAthletics or visit the website at fgc.edu/life-at-fgc/athletics.



Through the Decades *Timeline*

1947

FGC was initially established in 1947 as the Columbia Forestry School.



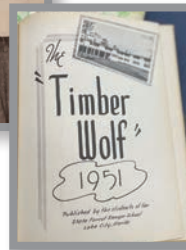
1966



The Timberwolves won the Division II cross country championship on the 2.9-mile course at Central Florida Junior College and finished fifth in the state.

1950

Now managed by the University of Florida, CFS became known as the State Forest Ranger School.

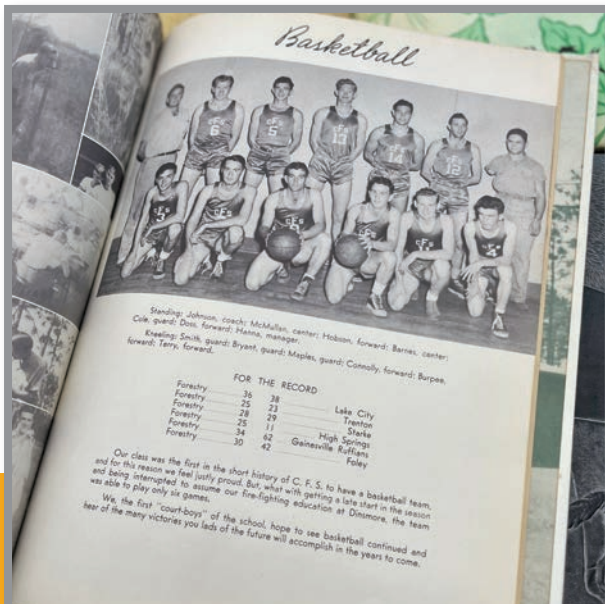
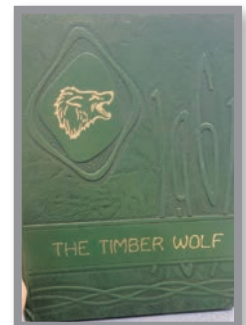


1949

In 1949, the college organized its first basketball team, which played a total of six games in their first season.

1961

In 1961, the Lake City Junior College formed on the grounds of the old forestry school with an enrollment of fewer than 400 students.





Through the Decades *Timeline*

1970

In 1970, Lake City Junior College became Lake City Community College after occupational programs, continuing education paths and community service courses were added into the available curriculum.



1979

Clubs encourage student involvement, and the 1979 class could choose from an array of interests including the art club, the newly-formed drama club, debate team, student government association and more.



Timeline continued

1970

1980

1990

1972

LCCC produced its first women's varsity volleyball team, which finished fifth in the State Volleyball Tourney in Winter Park.

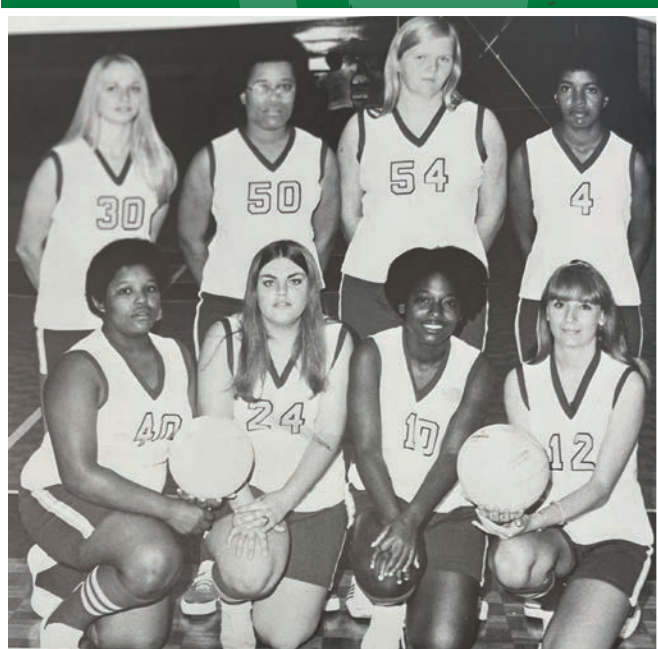
1992

Ground breaking for the Barney E. McRae Jr. Medical Technology Building in October 1994.

Olustee Correctional Training Site dedicated.

1993

Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center is dedicated in October.



2011

FGC debuts the Wilson S. Rivers Library and Media Center.



2022

FGC to open the new state-of-the-art STEM building.

2010

The college officially became known as Florida Gateway College and today serves more than 5,000 students annually.

2012

FGC launches its first four-year program with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



2000

2010

2020

2014

FGC welcomes its second four-year degree option with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.



2018

Athletics return to campus with men's golf and women's volleyball.



2015

A third four-year program was added with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Water Resources Management.





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