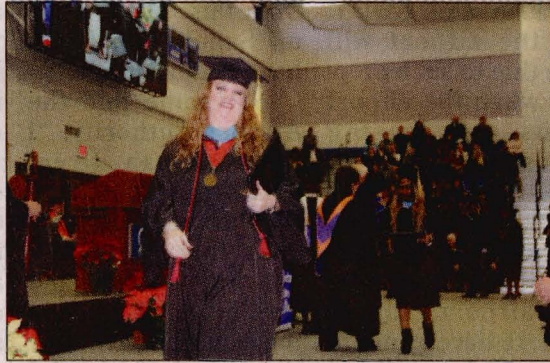


Gordon State College has largest graduating class in school history

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Gordon Alumnus Peter Banks told the summer/fall 2016 graduating class that they will take much with them when they leave Gordon State College.



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Amanda Petroff was one of 365 Gordon State College graduates awarded degrees on Dec. 9.

“You will leave behind a great and rich heritage of 164 years,” he told graduates. “In that time, this college has produced some of the most distinguished jurists, politicians, military leaders, teachers, nurses, medical professionals, business leaders and managers of commerce. I believe you have the knowledge and the trained minds to become a member of that distinguished group.”

Banks, is mayor of Barnesville and an alumnus of Gordon Military High School class of 1956 and college 1958.

“As a graduate, I know you have partaken of a rich store of knowledge, wisdom and the collective wisdom of a great and learned

faculty. Yet, there is so much that cannot be given to you: The courage to always do the right thing as you see it; the will to never compromise what you know to be true, and the determination to know yourself and to live up to

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Tea ceremony



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Charles Jones and Spalding County Commission Chairwoman Rita Johnson offered to be volunteers for a demonstration on a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at a Japanese protocol training put on by the Georgia Department of Economic Development, University of Georgia Office of International Education and the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, in conjunction with the Griffin-Spalding Archway Partnership. General Counsel of Japan Takashi Shinozuka explained the tea ceremony with his staff providing the demonstration.

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- Mr. Sonny Gunnels
- Mr. Jerry W. Smith Sr.
- Mrs. Adelle Dewberry
- Mrs. Wanza Johnson Hall



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