

The Rejuvenator

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BREAKING NEWS: Apply NOW for UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship

ARFS is pleased and proud to announce its ability to award the first ever UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the scholarship fund and helped us to raise \$25,000. The UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship became endowed late in August 2017, after only three years of fund -raising. Kudos, retirees! The selected recipient will be awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 for the 2018/2019 academic year.

The deadline for applying for all University Scholarships is March 1. Therefore, time is of the essence for applicants to apply. So, retirees, if you know of family members who meet the criteria for this scholarship, have them apply ASAP!

Students need to go to the University of West Georgia scholarship portal and follow the instructions. Find the portal at http://www.westga.edu/scholarships. The portal allows students to apply for all UWG scholarships in the database. The computer matches and selects students who have applied with the criteria for all the various scholarships loaded into the database.

Eligibility Criteria for the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship

- Recipients will be full-time graduate or undergraduate students who are retirees of the institution or who are direct descendants or an immediate family relation of a retired faculty or staff member (with a minimum of 10 years of service to the institution).
- Recipients will have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, with preference given to applicants with higher GPA.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a demonstrated financial need as determined by the UWG Financial Aid Office.

Important Note: Students who have already applied for 2018/2019 Academic Year Scholarships prior to February 7, 2018, will need to update their application information in order to be considered for the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship.





THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF REUNION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH 2018 SUNSET HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Tracking your AON Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

Currently, the University System of Georgia annually gives all retirees \$2,736.00 towards their health insurance. This money is put into each retiree's AON account at the beginning of each calendar year. If your spouse is on your insurance account, an additional \$2,736.00 will be put into this same account. Any money not spent during a calendar year is not lost; it "rolls over" into your account as the next year comes along.

Retirees use this money to help defray the cost of monthly supplemental health insurance premiums and the Part D Drug Plan they have selected. Retirees may also use this money to pay for other healthcare expenses. View the list at the "Check Eligible Health Care Expenses" on your "Account Summary" page where your "Available Balance" is also found.

It is important for you to check your balance against AON's balance to be sure it is correct. It is suggested you check monthly or at least quarterly.

STEPS to FIND YOUR AON HRA Available Balance:

Go to AON website: retiree.aon.com/usg

Login to AON Account

- Click on "My Account" (upper right side of page)
- Choose "Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)" (Last choice)
- Scroll down until you see in RED "Manage my HRA"
- Click on "Manage my HRA"
- Another window will pop up. On the Left, in GREEN you will see Account Summary and under that "Your Accounts"
- "Available Balance" gives you your balance (according to what AON has)

If you discover any problems with your account that are not resolved with an Aon representative or clarified to your satisfaction in a timely manner, please provide a summary of the problem(s) to Anne Richards (arichard@westga.edu or 770-834-8143). Anne will seek assistance from the HR office at the University System of Georgia on your behalf.





Alumni Weekend 2018

Retired Faculty & Staff - You're invited to come back to campus and "Reunite West" with Alumni Weekend 2018.

This year's celebration again combines the excitement and family fun of Alumni Weekend with the prestige and pageantry of the 42nd Annual Alumni Awards Celebration: An Evening with the Stars...plus some new surprises!

Reconnect with alumni and friends over a wine tasting at the Alumni House on Friday, March 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Afterwards, join us for the basketball wizardry of the Harlem Globetrotters as they take on arch-rivals the Washington Generals at the UWG Coliseum. Tickets available at: harlemglobetrotters.com/tickets

The excitement continues Saturday, March 3 with a football scrimmage from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at University Stadium, marking its first year as part of Alumni Weekend. Following the scrimmage, stick around for a Family Fun Day Tailgate from 12 to 3 p.m. where you will enjoy games, food, and fellowship with your favorite fellow wolves, family, and friends.

In the evening, be sure to change into your cocktail attire for the 42nd Annual Alumni Awards Celebration as we honor outstanding alumni, staff, faculty, and friends of UWG. Cocktails and reception begin at 6 p.m. followed by an awards dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost to attend the awards celebration is \$20 and reservations are highly encouraged.

Who gets to join in? All alumni, retired faculty & staff, their families, and friends of UWG! We invite you to see what is new on campus and reconnect with friends.

Ready to go?

Simply visit our Alumni Weekend < http://www.alumni.westga.edu/s/1639/16/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1639&gid=2&pgid=513 > page for registration and all the details you need for an exciting Reunite West weekend. Come join the fun!

For further questions or comments, please contact Denice King at dking@westga.edu or 678.839.6384.

A special congratulations goes out to our current ARFS President, Mitch Clifton. He will be receiving the J. Owen Moore Faculty Award at the 42nd Alumni Awards Celebration on March 3rd. Congrats Mitch!



The Coordinating Council

The next meeting of the ARFS Coordinating Council is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Alumni House. Please feel free to join us for this meeting.



ARFS New "Travel" Program

The ARFS Coordinating Council is excited to offer a different kind of travel experience.

We are planning outings right here in Carrollton that will provide retirees opportunities for social gathering and tours of sites on the UWG campus. There are so many amazing things happening at UWG, and many of them are unknown even to the people who have worked on campus for many years. For our next "Back to Campus" experience we will be attending a UWG School of the Arts event. **THE OTHER NIGHT SCHOOL SERIES PRESENTS:**

ICON OR IDOL: Art and The Second Commandment presentation by Dr. Nathan Rees, Assistant Professor of Art

From illustrated Bibles to artworks adorning churches, images are a common and generally uncontested part of contemporary Christianity. But that hasn't always been the case. From ancient Rabbinic writers to Byzantine iconoclasts and Protestant reformers, theologians have interpreted the second commandment in dramatically different ways. Join us to encounter the contentious history of graven images as we explore how mixing art and religion sparked the Bonfire of the Vanities, landed the painter Veronese before the Inquisition, and resulted in a masterpiece by Michelangelo being painted over.

DATE AND TIME

Tue, March 27, 2018 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM EDT

LOCATION

The Hub at Hudson Mill (the reception is held in the Hub and the presentation is held in the Red Rock Room) 202 Bradley Street #Suite E Carrollton, GA 30117

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30 pm** for a reception before the presentation. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather and reconnect with other retirees and learn something interesting and new!

*Please note the "Icon or Idol" event on March 27th can only accommodate 50 <u>pre-registered</u> attendees. Register here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tons-making-zombies-the-art-of-cinematic-special-effects-tickets-42239888644? utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=reminder_attendees_48hour_email&utm_term=eventname

