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Greetings college alumni,

I hope everyone has had a great year thus far.

I was very pleased to see the turn out for the alumni reunion this year. We have come a long way from when the reunions started, but we still have along way to go, but I know with the help of the alumni, staff, and students of our great college, we will make next years reunion even better.



**Alumni President**  
ANDREW S. FOX

I want to take this opportunity to challenge ALL Gupton Alumni to come to our reunion in 2011, especially our recent graduates from over the years. I see a lot of great faces that have been coming for 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years. This is fantastic, but I also want to see some alumni that graduated 1,5, 10, and 15 years ago participate. We are the future of the alumni association, so let's continue the traditional that was founded so many years ago.

I also want to invite everyone to visit our alumni website, and facebook page. They can help keep you up to date on alumni and school activities. Opie works very hard to keep this electronic media current, so let's use it.

In closing, I want to remind everyone who owns John A. Gupton College. IT IS OWNED BY YOU, the alumni of the college. We need to do our best, to support this fine institution, so that in the years to come we will have top notch funeral directors and embalmers that are proud to say they attended John A. Gupton College.

Thank you for this great honor,

**Andrew S. Fox '99**  
2010-2011 President



# COLLEGE NEWS



President B. Steve Spann is pictured presenting student John R. Taylor, Jr. of the 2010 Scholarship Award. The award was given by 100 Black Women of Funeral Service of Longwood, Florida. The presentation took place on 8/25/2010 at the college.

## NEW PROPERTY ADDITION

The college recently purchased an adjacent property from Stansell Electric Company. The property is adjacent to the Plasma Center that the board of directors purchased in the fall of 2009. This addition comes as a great advantage for the college to advance in growth. The building is currently available for lease, with 5,500 of square footage. The new addition brings the property to 2.50 acres that the college owns.



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## ENDOWMENT PLEDGE

Billy '86 & his wife Linda Yarbrough of Yarbrough Mortuary Service has made a pledge of \$10,000.00 to the John A. Gupton College Endowment Fund in honor of Lt. Col. Kenneth D. Bourland, US Air Force. Col. Bourland was the only US service person to lose his life in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010; Billy is a member of the DMORT 4 team deployed to Haiti. His team was deployed on January 31, 2010. During their deployment they recovered Col. Bourland's remains from the Hotel Montana in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

## John A. Gupton College Top 10% Summer Semester 2010

Kallie Bennett  
Christina Davidge  
Paula Davidson  
Molly Hallowell  
Shannon Hill  
Tatley Jennings  
Courtney Partin  
Robert Romine  
Baker Williams  
Dillon Wines

Waverly, Tennessee  
Bell Buckle, Tennessee  
Oneida, Tennessee  
Lexington, Tennessee  
Pelham, TN  
Columbia, TN  
Dunlap, TN  
Dickson, TN  
Greenfield, TN  
Newport, TN

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE HELD

John A. Gupton College's 64th Commencement Exercises & 42nd Two-Year Degree Exercises will be held on **Friday, December 3th, 2010** at Blakemore United Methodist Church, 3601 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37205.

# 2010 Annual Alumni Reunion



## **The Man behind Patronage:**

Danny Hurt, Honorary Alumnus, Proud Supporter Of John A. Gupton College and John A. Gupton Alumni Association. Danny Hurt is Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Bickes Inc. Wilbert Vault of Tennessee, which currently operates in several States. He and his wife have four children and currently reside in Pegram. Danny we greatly appreciate you and your family for all the years of support you have given us.

## **WILBERT RECEPTION**

Nashville Wilbert, namely Danny Hurt, once again provided a fantastic evening for the alumni on Friday night. The Wilbert Reception has become an Alumni Annual Meeting and Reunion Tradition. Good food, drink and fellowship, this reception gave those present an opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships. Thank you Danny!!!!

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## **ALUMNI BREAKFEAST**

For several Years Batesville and Aurora Casket Companies have Sponsored Breakfast.

We had a wonderful breakfast filled with good people, great food, and good fun.

Be sure to pass forward the gratuity of these companies. Thank you Batesville & Aurora!!!!

## **SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**

Nested in the Alcorn Room on Saturday evening, the alumni gathered for an evening of great food, installation of new officers and delightful entertainment provided by Generation Four: Kurt Bass and Jason Sanders. Kurt is the son of Danny Bass ('78) and nephew of James Robert Bass ('60). We all enjoyed a good time. Come out next year and renew the good times, meet new faces, and support the college and the association.



## **50 YEAR PIN PRESENTED**

President Spann presented a 50 year pin to Danny Bass ('78) accepting on behalf of his uncle, James Robert Bass ('60), who was unable to attend.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

2010-2011 Alumni Officers



Pictured From L to R: 2nd Vice Pres., David Horner, '76; 1st Vice-Pres., "Opie" Padgett '01; Secretary, Morris V. Moore, '67; 2010-2011 President, Andy Fox,'99; College President, B. Steve Spann, '82; 2009-2010 President, Jeff Murphy,'86; Not Pictured: Treasurer, Keith Stapleton '78.

## HAMM & ALLEN WED

Tracy Hamm, of Nashville, TN.'98, Director of Alumni Affairs & Mortuary Instructor of John A. Gupton College, and Mr. Brandon Allen of Spring Hill, TN recently were married on August, 9, 2010 at a paradise wedding ceremony in Destin Florida @ Henderson Beach State Park. They enjoyed their honeymoon in Destin. The couple now resides in Spring Hill. *Congratulations to you both!!*



**The Class of 1986 does not have a composite photo in the hall. The reason was the photography studio, burned prior to it being done. All of the students did have their pictures taken. If those who graduated in 1986 would please send their Gupton photo to Jeff Murphy or the College we will see about getting a class picture up.**

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# Class of 1961

The alumni association is trying to locate members of the Class of 1961, which we have no current addresses. We would like them to attend this coming year's reunion. If anyone knows how to contact them please contact the college.

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

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

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.





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