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Galveston College Alumna, Entrepreneur, and President of the Galveston County Restaurant Association, **Chef Denise Vargas Escobar** and daughter, **Sofia**, at **Vargas Cut & Catch by Paco**. The stylish new steakhouse restaurant is located at 2028 Postoffice St.

No Place Like Home!

They are distinguished RNs, chefs, biologists, artists, specialists in treating burn victims...Many of the people who first attended Galveston College went on to other locales, schools and furthered their educations and careers. But many advanced their educations and careers and stayed or returned to the Island. You may already know some of them! They are among our best alumni!

Cheryl C. Day, RN, MSN, CNS

A third generation Galvestonian, Cheryl Day attended Dominican High School, graduated in 1967 and one year later became a certified Clinical Lab Assistant at St. Mary's Hospital. In 1968 she worked as a lab tech at the renowned Oschner Medical Center in New Orleans. For one year, Cheryl became what she calls a "proficient sticker!" Someone who has "**stick-to-it-iveness**" never gives up! In 1970, she moved back to Galveston and entered the ADN nursing program at Galveston College while working as a lab tech at St. Mary's Hospital run by the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. In 1972, she graduated in Galveston College's second Nursing class and went on to work at St. Mary's Hospital as an RN on the OB/GYN Unit. Cheryl achieved her BSN, MSN in Nursing Administration, and a Post-MSN- High Risk OB Clinical Nurse Specialist. Cheryl has been a highly respected nurse for 46 years, 40 of which at UTMB in Nursing Services. She now serves as an Assistant Professor at the UTMB School of Nursing. **(cont'd page 7)**

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Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment Campaign 2018-19



Galveston College President Dr. W. Myles Shelton with Angela Blair, The Moody Foundation Generation Moody Education Director, and Dr. Donna Lang, member of the Galveston College Foundation Board of Directors.

This year, the Galveston College Foundation Board embarked on a \$6,000,000 campaign to help defray costs associated with non-tuition related needs. In August of this year, **The Moody Foundation** awarded a grant of \$3,000,000 for this purpose. This grant has helped leverage principal donations and pledges for non-tuition educational expenses totaling just over \$3,400,000 spearheaded by the GCF Development Growth Committee.



Telling Stories about a Story Teller...

Dr. Sidney & Marlene Young Award \$10,000 to William Maury Darst Memorial Scholarship



The new Development and Foundation offices are now on the 3rd floor of Moody Hall, the “old digs” of Professors Sidney Young and Maury Darst, who shared an office in the 1970s. Maury’s daughter, **Catharine Knight Darst** traveled from Dallas to meet with Marlene and Sid Young and thank them for their generous \$10,000 gift to the memorial scholarship in honor of her father. Prof. Darst taught Texas and American history at GC for 23 years.



For those who may not have had the pleasure of knowing Professor Darst, he was an inveterate story teller, able to engage students who previously disliked history but ended up loving his class. A true American talent, he was a gifted historian, a newspaper columnist such as the Galveston Daily News’ **Texas Tales**, a researcher, an author and collector of historical information which he recorded in books, and papers currently archived at the Rosenberg Library and the Galveston and Texas History Center. He wrote extensively about included Galveston bay lighthouses, African Americans in Galveston, Ball High, Maritime History, Texas Railroads, and Trinity Episcopal Church.



As a ten-year-old, he wrote about being “Mayor” of his imaginary town Fairville where he published a newspaper, which he delivered to subscribers for a small fee. His articles grew from the outings with his grandfather who taught him a love of history. They would visit cemeteries and Maury would write articles about early settlers of Galveston and “Fairville.” In 1947, the Galveston Mayor, **Herbert Y. Cartwright** uncovered that his “colleague” needed a typewriter to improve his publishing efforts and sent him one, much to the delight of the young journalist. His eventual career as a historian and journalist, continued with contributions to the collection of Texana until his untimely death in 1990 at the age of 53. It was at this time that the Galveston College Faculty-Senate created the William Maury Darst Scholarship.

Professor Young was hired by **Professor Theron Waddell** at Galveston College in 1970 as Professor of Government and English and worked for GC over 34 years until his retirement in 2004. He and his spouse Marlene were very happy to be able to honor their friend and colleague by making this generous contribution to the scholarship in his name, and continue the support of students like **Dalia Orea**, who is majoring in biology.



Clockwise from top: Professor Maury Darst; (left to right) Dr. Sidney Young, Mrs. Marlene Young, Mrs. Catharine Darst Knight, and 2018-19 Darst scholar Dalia Orea; Professor Darst circa 1961; and, Dr. Sidney Young.

Taking the Helm

Dr. Van Patterson, Vice President of Administration

On September 17, 2018 Dr. Van Patterson started his first day as Galveston College's newest Vice President for Administration. Dr. Patterson is an experienced administrator in the field of higher education with a proven track record as a leader capable of helping university and community college campuses expand enrollment, raise money, and build public trust and support.

Tell us about yourself and your background.

"My first job at an institution of higher education was in 1992, serving as an assistant food service director for the Aramark corporation at East Texas Baptist University. I was there briefly before I was made a full-fledged Director and transferred to Panola College in Carthage, Texas."

In 1996, Patterson accepted a position as Director of Student Activities at Panola College. Over the next 17-years he held several positions and was eventually appointed Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Along the way, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration. In the summer of 2013, The University of Texas at Tyler selected Patterson to serve as Director of the Longview University Center.

"In 2018, I sought out the opportunity to serve as Galveston College's Vice President for Administration with the desire to learn new skills. Several conversations with friends of mine, who are also community college presidents, convinced me that working with Dr. Myles Shelton would be a terrific opportunity. As such I consider myself very fortunate to have been selected for this position."

What is your proudest accomplishment?

"I married well...I've been married to Marty Appleton Patterson for 28 years. I was smitten the first time I saw her, and that one accomplishment changed my life for the better in ways I could never have imagined. I am here today because of her support, which made it possible for me to acquire additional education."

"My experience is that education changes a person's life trajectory, and degrees prepare them for when an opportunity is presented. Working a full-time job and going to school in the evening, or on weekends was never easy. Balancing budgets and time with the family was challenging but in the end worth the effort. As such I see it as my responsibility to help Galveston College prepare students so they are ready when opportunity knocks."

What's the best advice anyone has ever given you?

"I rely a great deal on Deuteronomy 31:8 - And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed, and a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt - Get action. Do things; be sane; don't fritter away your time; create, act, take a place wherever you are and be somebody; get action."

Where are you most likely to be found outside of work?

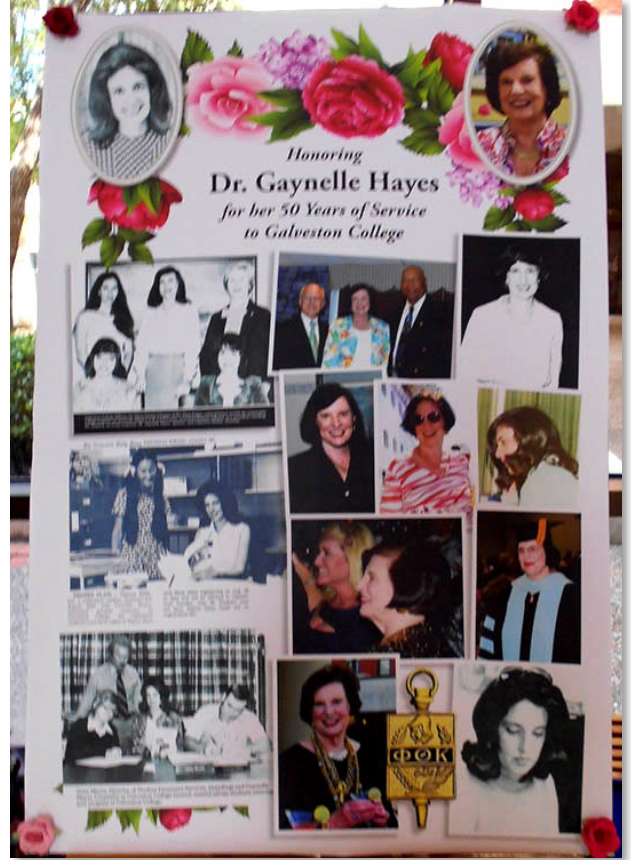
"Doing yardwork, fixing something in the garage or fishing from my kayak. I have a lot of experience catching largemouth bass, crappie, and catfish, and now I'm looking forward to learning how to catch flounder, red fish and trout."

What are some of your favorite books? – *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *Ender's Game*

Favorite Movies? – *Top Gun* and *The Magnificent Seven* (The 1960 version not the recent remake)



A Summer Jubilee Celebration In Honor of Gaynelle Hayes, Ed.D



Photos: (Above) Dr. Gaynelle Hayes and daughter, Ann-Marie Laas, (Top Left) Poster featuring photographs of Dr. Hayes spanning fifty years of service; (Center left) (l to r) Regent Carl Kelly, Dr. Hayes, Sutapa Banerji, and GCF Board Member/Regent Armin Cantini; (Center Right) (l to r) Former GCF Board Chair Roland Bassett and Dr. Hayes; (Bottom Left) (l to r) GCF Vice Chair Jeri Kinnear, Dr. Hayes, and GCF Board Member/Regent Armin Cantini; Center: Regent and GCF Board Member Fred Raschke, Vic Tramonte, and Dr. Hayes; (Bottom Left) Mark Lee & Friends Band.

The Galveston College community celebrated on Thursday, August 30, **Dr. Gaynelle Hayes**, Vice President for Administration, who retired after 50 years of service to Galveston College, the Galveston Island community and the state of Texas. She served in over 11 positions as she advanced her career at Galveston College, while also serving on boards of several professional organizations and college associations.

Dr. Hayes also served on the Moody Foundation Scholarship Committee for over 25 years. **Galveston Mayor Jim Yarbrough** proclaimed Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, as Dr. Gaynelle Hayes Day in the city of Galveston, and many guests were on hand to congratulate her and wish her well in her retirement.



Inaugural Spring 2018 Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Scholarship Top Ten Reception



Galveston College Foundation Board Member,
Dr. Donna Lang. Dr. Lang emceed
the inaugural reception for recipients of the Universal Access Non-
Tuition Educational Expenses Fund scholarship.



In May, 2018, Galveston College Foundation brought together the inaugural “Top Ten” Universal Access Community Endowment scholars who had the top ten highest GPAs. Donors and the scholars had a chance to meet and spend time talking about what they were studying and their future plans. They were presented with an additional award of \$500 towards their non-tuition educational costs. The Foundation congratulates them on their accomplishments and looks forward to being able to make this award again in Spring 2019 to another group of successful universal access scholars!

Photos clockwise from upper right: Scholar *Haelen Betancourt* (seated) with *Heidi Coggeshall*; Scholar *Yessica Ramos-Barrios*; Scholar *Asia Lee*, Scholar *Litao Xiao* with *Dr. Gaynelle Hayes*; Scholar *Leslie Lujan* with Foundation Director *Dr. Donna Lang*; G.C. Culinary Arts Caterers—*Joseph Nolasco*, *Thuy Ngo*, *Chef Edie Rodriguez*, and *Stephen Limones*; Orchids from *Maisel’s Mainland Floral*—generosity of *John Maisel*



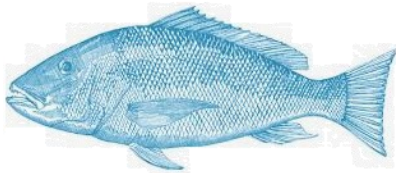
No Place Like Home! Proud GC Alumni (continued from page 1)

During the 1970's, Cheryl accomplished her professional goals within a decade of graduating from GC while rearing her children as a single mother. Cheryl's enthusiasm for the nursing professions is evidently contagious, as several family members have followed in her career path. Her two daughters, daughter-in-law and son-in-law have all chosen to work in the nursing profession. She passionately encourages students towards the profession, but states emphatically that a person must feel the "calling" and be very driven, very goal oriented. Nursing is a profession that brings the meaning of the cycle of life home everyday. As a young nurse, caring for a 9 years-old pediatric patient who died in her care, Cheryl was deeply affected because her own daughter was also 9 years old at the time. The precious gift of life is never lost on people who become healthcare professionals.

She retired from UTMB Nursing Services for a short time in March of 2012 to help care for her daughter who was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2011 at the age of 35 years old. In August 2014, she joined the UTMB SON as an Assistant Professor and currently teaches in the BSN nursing program.

Quote that she lives by: "(Patients) may not remember your name, but they will remember how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Work philosophy: Pick a role that you love and you will never work a day in your life...

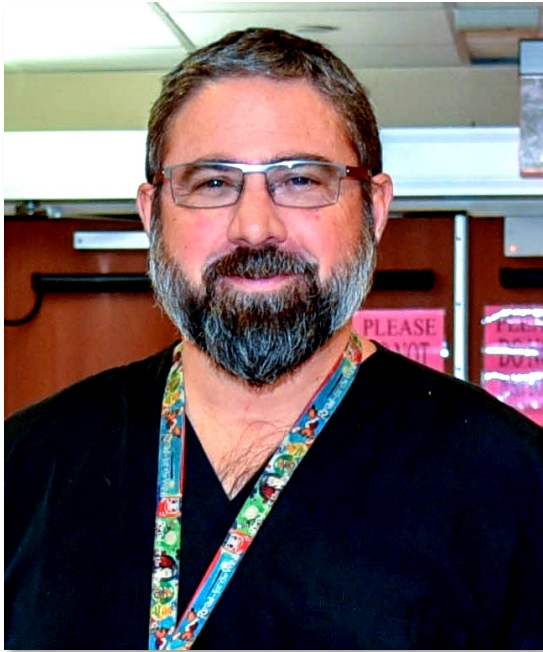


Chef Yarik (GC Alumnus 2017) From Ukraine to the USA

Iaroslav "Yarik" Golobokov is a long way from his home country. Eight years ago, a friend suggested to Yarik that he move to Galveston from Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine. Initially, he supported himself working at the Island's famous 117 year old continuously family owned **Gaido's Restaurant**. That is where he learned a love of the restaurant business and decided to enroll in culinary school at Galveston College. While a student he received **The Galveston County Restaurant Association's Francisco "Paco" Vargas Scholarship**. As a result, he has achieved his Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts. He has had the opportunity to work as sous chef to the **Food Network's "Cutthroat Kitchen"** winner **Nancy Manlove** when she filmed at the Galveston College Culinary Kitchen. He has worked with **Urs Schmid** at **American National Insurance Company** and **Chef Felipe Gonzalez** at **Shearn's of Moody Gardens**. He studied under the highly respected **Chef Paul Mendoza**, the College's program director. Yarik is now the Chef at the **West End Marina** in the Sea Isle subdivision and over-seeing the reconstruction of the restaurant's kitchen as they renovate the entire restaurant.

Closed for the winter, they expect to open by February and ready to provide an upscale dining experience overlooking Galveston Bay. The menu will be focused on seafood (snapper, grouper, scallops and prawn). However, they will have variety of different proteins like fillet mignon, la cordon blue chicken, corn beef, prosciutto and salami. Chef Yarik reels in the best!

UTMB's Burn Unit GC Alumni Crew...



Pictured above: **Jason Sheaffer**, a nurse manager in the burn unit at UTMB, designed a system for irrigating patients with serious burns. Nurses in the unit can spend up to 11 hours rinsing water over burn victims. Jason, “not one that sits still very well,” used the **MakerSpace Lab** at UTMB and its 3-D printer to develop a stand-alone shower system which clamps on to the bathtub inside hospital rooms, allowing patients to irrigate themselves. Jason initially went to UT but was uninterested in the biology field he chose at that time. He returned to Galveston and eventually enrolled at GC and graduated with his AAS in nursing. He worked at UTMB for one and a half years, then went to Shriners Hospital and worked there for 10 years. After Ike he returned to UTMB , earned his BSN in 2012 and MSN in 2015, and has been there since.

Above right: **Jennifer Haglund** standing in front of the BP Memorial Wall. Jennifer comes from a family of medical professionals, so in spite of the fact she first considered physical therapy as a career, it was a natural path for her to end up in nursing. Her late grandparents were **Dr. Edward J. Lefeber Sr.** (a physician at UTMB) and **Ellie Hancock Weisiger Lefeber** (who graduated from the Medical College of the Virginia School of Nursing in 1937). Jennifer’s late mother **Ann Lefeber Botik West** was also a registered nurse and earned the UTMB 1992 Employee of the Year. When Jennifer struggled with her decision about physical therapy, her aunt, **Dr. Nancy Hughes**, suggested she try nursing. Which is what she did, starting at GC in 2000, then going on to UTMB to specialize in the burn unit. According to Jennifer the hardest part about being a burn nurse is the pain that is inflicted upon the patient during care and treatment, but the best part is seeing them healed at the end, able to leave and thankful for the care they received.

Right: **Shademetria “Sha” Kyle**, a 2003 GC graduate, as a young girl, was no stranger to hospitals. As a pre-teen until she was 18 years old, Sha spent a lot of time in the children’s hospital getting treatment for asthma, with over 22 admissions. This gave her close exposure with the nurses and as she grew to be an adult, knew this field was the career for her. She worked hard to achieve that dream, and now has been working at UTMB for 21 years.



GC Alumnus and the Dynamic Field of Instrument Technology



Austin Williams is a Galveston College graduate who received his Associate of Applied Science in Heating, Ventilation & AC in 2016. He says there is increasing demand for instrumentation graduates in Galveston County. Machines used across many industries are evolving into complex and intricately connected systems operated by well-trained instrumentation technicians. The Galveston College Instrumentation Technology program trains students to begin entry-level careers in this growing and changing field.

Watch Austin share his story on his YouTube video "GC Instrumentation at Work at **UTMB**."

Austin Williams Instrumentation at Work at UTMB



Coach Ken Delcambre Passes the Baton!



Barbara and Ken Delcambre

Friends, colleagues, student-athletes and family members gathered Tuesday, August 28, to honor **Coach Ken Delcambre**, who retired August 31 after 20 years and more than 700 wins as Whitecaps head softball coach and athletic director at Galveston College.

Coach Del, as he is known by players, friends and colleagues, spent a total of 35 years in coaching, including several years as assistant softball coach at Alvin Community College before joining Galveston College in 1998 to lead the school's brand-new softball program.

Since that time, he has coached numerous National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV champions. His Whitecaps have had two National Junior College Athletic Association

National Championship appearances, and he has coached **10 NJCAA All-Americans, four NJCAA All-Americans and three Olympians**. His coaching staff also was named NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year.

Above, Coach Delcambre and his wife, **Barbara**, visit with guests at the reception. Below (right), Coach Delcambre and **Christa Hartnett**, who assumed the position of head softball coach and athletic director on Sept. 1, take time for a photo.



Softball Coach Christa Hartnett with Coach Ken Delcambre

Fall 2018 : Universal Access Scholarship \$4,620!

Over the last 16 years, the Universal Access Community Endowment Scholarship supported almost **1,700** students. These students were not eligible for federal or state funding-- oftentimes because their income exceeded eligibility limits, yet they still needed financial assistance to complete their studies and graduate. Since fall 2014, Galveston College Foundation raised **\$5.4 million** for the Universal Access Community Endowment and individual scholarships. **Thanks to consistent generosity from the Galveston community, area foundations, and businesses, the Universal Access Community Endowment upgraded tuition support annually.** Beginning in the fall of 2018 the Endowment Scholarship will provide **\$4,620** toward tuition and required fees, along with a one-time \$200 book stipend.

For more information on the Universal Access Scholarship, eligibility and participation guidelines see:

www.gc.edu/give/about-the-gc-foundation/universal-access-scholarship/

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"The Darst scholarship is one of the gifts I cherish and will pay forward. Thank you for all you give to make our lives meaningful and useful. Your impact is far reaching and much appreciated."

Raeann McKenzie Holmes.

William Mawry Darst Scholar

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Other Happenings ...



Murillo Family Reunion
Fisherman's Wharf
October 20, 2018

Meaning of Family: The Murillo Way at Galveston College

The Murillo Family hosted more than sixty-five relatives from across Texas and around the country at Fisherman's Wharf on Galveston Island Saturday October 20. Galveston College Foundation honored the family with a beautiful rosewood photo plaque in memory of **Mr. Jesus and Mrs. Jesse Murillo** for whom the **Murillo Memorial Endowed Scholarship** was founded at the College.

Maria S. Tripovich, director of the Office of Development/Galveston College Foundation & Grants told the family that since 2002 more than 50 students received support from the scholarship funded by **The Murillo Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering Company-Houston**.

Among recent Murillo scholars are **Josephine Flores, Victor Gonzales, Edna Martinez Rodriguez, and Perla O. Alvarez**. All (of whom) received the performance based scholarship in the arts, humanities or applied sciences and/or technical health sciences. Among the guests were **J. Ray Murillo, Janet Murillo, Ann Murillo, Donna Murillo, Tracy Murillo, Nivia Wilson, and Brian Bachik**.

Ray Murillo recalled that his parents, Jesus and Jesse, taught "the meaning of family and the value of education." It is a proud family tradition that they gladly share with the students at Galveston College.

For further information about how to establish an endowed scholarship, please contact the Development and Galveston College Foundation Office at (409) 944-1303 or email mtripovi@gc.edu

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Galveston College Alumni: Trained here and live here. See more of these dedicated Galveston community employees inside...

Pictured Left to right: Jason Sheaffer, Nurse Manager, UTMB's Blocker Burn Unit; Shademetria "Sha" Kyle, Nurse Clinician III, Blocker Burn Unit; Jennifer Haglund, RN, Blocker Burn Unit.

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