Logan Beauchamp
Staff Writer

It is not often we get a chance to recognize excellence within our ranks, much less reward it. This year we have the privilege of awarding Welding Director Alan McAdams the honor of “Professor of the Year.”

Alan McAdams began teaching part-time at Grayson College in 2004 and became a full-time professor in 2006. Alan has an AAS in Welding Technologies and is a Certified Welding Inspector and Welding Educator through the American Welding Society. He has worked for Weber Aircraft, Mueller Construction and CM Trailers as a welder.

He moved to Grayson County in 2004 and resides in Denison where he ran a property management company. McAdams has taken an active role in engaging his department in public service by creating welding art for the volunteer fire department and both ends of the Lake. The Special Olympics plays a large role in McAdams Women’s Crisis Center.

McAdams is married and has two adopted children, ages six and nine. He also serves as Chair of Advanced Manufacturing, overseeing 4 active programs as well as developing a new one for the college. McAdams was asked when receiving award to reflect, “I am very surprised that I won. I had no idea that I was even nominated. In my years at the college, I have never heard a more potential new welding adjunct in welding the shop at the time my award was being announced.”

McAdams seems by all measures to be a teacher who truly enjoys what he does. When asked his favorite part of his work he replied, “My favorite part of this job is being able to do two things that I truly enjoy, welding and teaching. I enjoy both of those so much that it really doesn’t seem like work at all. I think I’m doing those two things for free on a regular work and meetings. My experience with students lasts for two years here, but goes far beyond that for students that graduated 5-10 years ago.”

He does enjoy his work and plans to stay on long the college will keep him. McAdams has a laundry list of people to thank for his success beginning with the faculty and staff of the welding program director, Doyle Roy, Chance Back- est, and Gary Shannon. He states that everyone strives to make the program the best it can be. He also wants to thank the staff and faculty outside of the program including Devon Barber, Debbie Boren, Chace Ma- chen and so many others.

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MLK day celebrated with community-wide event

On Monday, January 18, Grayson and Austin Col- leges, Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center and local Rotary clubs honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day with an annual celebration breakfast featuring keynote speaker Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College. The event featured community members and local Rotary members, including Dwayne Barber and so many others.

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Your money is coming soon! Jordan Thompson
Financial Aid Counselor

A common question that is heard a lot around the Fi- nancial Aid office is, “When will I receive my left over aid money?”

Well, to answer that ques- tion you must be sure that you have completed all tasks necessary to be eligible for your requested aid. If you are unsure if you need to submit any additional documents you are encouraged to check your Campus Connect regularly for the most up to date information. Documents that have been successfully received will show as green and those that are still needed will show as red.

If you have applied for a loan you will need to re- view your award package on Campus Connect. If the amounts match the amount you requested and if you still feel that you need to borrow the funds then you will need to accept them.

In order to receive your loans, you will see that you need to complete a Master Promissory Note as well as Entrance Counseling. These requirements must be com- pleted by census date every semester in order to qualify for disbursement during the regular first disbursement.

Census date helps deter- mine your eligibility based on your enrollment status.

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Dr. Michael Sorrell

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Faculty and staff name McAdams “Professor of the Year”

The table settings in Ma-

be Hall also honored civil

rights leaders throughout

the years. “I don’t hate football," Sor-

rell said with a laugh, “I hate

hunger." Sorrell is living proof that

by overcom-

ing obstacles, we can

make a real difference. “We

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ing great obstacles,” he con-

cluded. While it is impos-

sible to alter history, we can

and should use it to shape

our future.

International Qigong instructor to visit GC

Lee will also host three

workshops at December ceremony.                    Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

One more satisfied customer: McAdams presents welding certificate at December ceremony. Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

HLA helps host annual MLK, Jr. Day Celebration Breakfast

On the surpisingly sunny Saturday before MLK Jr. Day, dozens gathered in the cold for the annual MLK parade including students, community members, political candidates and Sherman’s new may-

or, David Plyler.                                             Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

Join us in taking the Rotary Pledge

in the Sherman Feder-

tons clapping and singing

bers of the university’s

ted Choirs, directed by Ella

Hass was followed by a reci-

tions at December ceremony.                    Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

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Grayson College Bookstore helps students save big with rental and price match

Venus McGuire
GC Bookstore Manager

Denison, TX, 1/25/2016—Grayson College Bookstore is helping to make college more affordable for students this spring with two major cost-saving course material options: text rental and price match.

Since Follett’s rental program began five years ago, students across the nation have saved more than $1 billion in course materials. For more information on rental, price match, and other ways to save on course materials, visit www.grayson.bkstr.com.

Follett offers the expanded Price Match program across its campus store network to help students save on their course materials. Price Match gives students confidence that Grayson College Bookstore is providing hassle-free access to needed course materials, and ensures hassle-free access to needed course materials. Students can apply price match funds to suppliers or other needed materials available at the campus store.

Price Match

A student is eligible for a Follett text rental program if they purchased the campus store advertised at a lower price from a competing retailer, they are eligible to receive the difference in price from the campus store and are committed to purchasing their materials at the lowest cost possible and allows them to price match funds to supplies or other needed materials. See your campus store team for full program details.

“The campus store already offers the largest selection possible for GC students to choose from, and a huge rental library; the price match program is the next step in our affordable ability and access commitment to students.”

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About the GC Bookstore

Grayson College Bookstore

Follett is the official on-campustextbook supplier for GC - offering products and services to students, faculty and the surrounding community both in-store and online via www.grayson.bkstr.com. The Grayson College Bookstore is located at 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, Texas, 75020 and is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday.

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To learn about cost-saving course material options, contact the store directly or visit www.grayson.bkstr.com. For more information on Follett campus store services, go to www.follett.com/bookstore.
When I get closer to graduation, I will probably have more questions."

Student Review:

Only and attend classes during the summer camps later this year. Tutoring is also available with many of her servers and major financial rewards make them an asset. Both agreed that motivation is a key factor, adding to their drive to get ahead in life.

Financial Rewards

As many know, college can be costly to the student who is eye-opening to the value being a server may hold for many when going to college, as they might think it holds little relevance to earning a degree. However, having the insight of what the food industry is eye-opening to the value of working hard and being a rewarding and flexible job that is over-

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Join the Science Club and get involved with projects on campus and around the area that serve our community. The club offers many outreach opportunities. Volunteer opportunities to help children read are available, including paid work ($8–10/hour) with science camp counseling positions available. Meet others every Friday at 10 a.m., S106.

Student Life

Life at a college-friendly job

The server: a college-friendly job

Career Possibilities

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Grayson Theatre to perform play for young audiences

Robin Robinson  
Professor of Theatre

Grayson College had auditions for its first production of the New Year on Tuesday, January 19 in Cruce Stark Auditorium on the Grayson campus. Eighteen actors and fourteen crew were cast to produce the comedy, "Pirates! Theodore Thud and the Quest for Weird Beard." written by Joshua Mikel.

The Grayson Theatre department will present this play for young audiences on February 17, 18 and 19 at 10 a.m. and on February 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets are only $1 for this 40 minute play. "Theodore Thud and the Quest for Weird Beard" begins when a group of neighborhood kids are pretending to be pirates, and one of them (Theodore, played by Luke Brown) accidentally falls into a giant sinkhole. From there Theodore encounters the zany world of pirates when Harriet the Ghost (Jordan Curry), Captain Cramp Hand (Anatole "Cornbread" Santalyole), Mr. Clunky Bones (Alex Watson) and the notorious Weird Beard (Jesse Alsup) all lead him on a perilous journey. Several sophomore theatre majors are in charge of the design of this production. Holden Webster has designed a versatile and colorful set while Bryce Dansby is in charge of the light design. Lydia Foster has designed the costumes with the assistance of freshman Caitlin Pohland. Jorge Amador is in charge of sound design and Katie Gaskill is the stage manager. Audience members are welcome to bring cameras and take pictures after the play with the actors and their children. This is a show for the whole family, and GC Theatre welcomes "kids" of all ages. For more information, contact the GC Theatre department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu. Reservations are not necessary since this will be performed in Cruce Stark Auditorium.

Second Floor Gallery / Arts & Communications

Open to the public:
January 21 - February 26, 2016
Art Reception:
Friday, February 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Featuring works by: Brett Hall, Stephanie Canaday, Donna Finch Adams ("Flashy Pears" pictured left), Ashlee J. Anderson, Marie D. VanArsdale, Bo Huff, Matthew Freeman ("Too Young for That" pictured right), Vivian Spears, Christian McGowan, Barb Stewart, Sarah Sparks-Dutton, Joey Spindelle, Mary Karam, George Mason, Terry Spearman, Kevin Berry, Nitia Musico, Ilona Nogar and Steve G. Black.