



# HIWASSEE BELL

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## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Luncheon Saturday April 16, 2011



*Hall of Fame keynote speaker and 2011 inductee, Jim Davis '66*

The Hiwassee College Alumni Association Board of Governors invites the general public to attend this year's Hall of Fame Induction and

Luncheon on Saturday, April 16, at 12:00 pm. The Hiwassee College Athletic Hall of Fame honors former students and coaches who have distinguished themselves in sports at Hiwassee and elsewhere.

The year's featured speaker, Jim Davis, Class of 1966, also happens to be one of this year's honorees. Melynda Carruth '87, David Tucker '73 and Don Youell '51 will also be inducted. After playing baseball and serving as manager of the basketball team at Hiwassee, Davis transferred to Tennessee Wesleyan. Davis has made his mark as a very successful women's basketball coach.

Jim began his career at the junior high school level, and then moved to the high school level. He compiled a 197-93 (.679) record at Madisonville, Charleston and McMinn County High Schools, respectively. Moving to women's college basketball, Davis led Roane State to the NJCAA national title in 1984 and he amassed a 127-35 (.784) winning percentage with the Raiderettes. Roane State won four divisional titles, one state championship and was ranked in the Top 10 in the nation three times.

After serving on the staff at the University of Florida for one season, Jim served one year as the head coach at Middle Tennessee State where he led the team to a 19-8 record, a remarkable feat considering he took over the program ten days before the beginning of the season. In 1987, he took over the head coaching position at Clemson University where he remained for 18 seasons. Davis led the Lady Tigers to 14 NCAA tournaments and 11 final national rankings. He is the winningest coach in Clemson basketball

history, men or women and the only Clemson coach to win the ACC title, taking that honor in 1996 and 1999. His career record at Clemson is an impressive 355-197 and he is a member of the TJCAA Hall of Fame, the NJCAA Hall of Fame, Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Tennessee Wesleyan Hall of Fame. After stepping down from coaching at Clemson, Davis served two years as an Assistant Athletic Director before retiring in 2007.

Missing the action, Jim currently serves as assistant women's basketball coach at Young Harris College. "I could only play so much golf," laughed Davis during a recent phone conversation. "I look forward to coming back to Hiwassee and am deeply honored to have been selected for induction."

The cost to attend the luncheon is \$25 per person. Please RSVP your attendance by reserving a seat at 423-420-1222 or email at [alumni@hiwassee.edu](mailto:alumni@hiwassee.edu). If you know someone you would like to nominate for induction, a nomination form can be found on the College website at [http://hiwassee.edu/advancement/hof\\_main.shtml](http://hiwassee.edu/advancement/hof_main.shtml) or call the number above to have a form mailed to you.

**Philippians 2:3** *"Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."*



*Curtis Webb drives against Fisk University in a winning effort during Homecoming.*

# From the President's Desk

Charles T. Neal, Hiwassee College Interim President



## The Future of Hiwassee College ...

... is in our hands - both those of you who are alumni and friends of the College; and those of us who work, teach and study within these sacred walls. Every day school is in session students are discovering new dimensions of God's universe.

Some of these discoveries are in the field of science and technology, while others are in the humanities. Wherever these academic explorations take us, students and teachers alike experience the wonder of God's creation.

Not only is Hiwassee a sacred place because we are encountering the wonders of God's universe; but, also because we are experiencing authentic community, frequently not unlike what Paul described as the Body of Christ - a community in which we are learning to care for each other as much as we care for ourselves.

Hiwassee is a place where students, teachers and staff are given an opportunity to grow in Christ. Our hope is that when students graduate, they will not only be proficient in their fields of study, but they will move to the next

level of study or work as leaders who are shaped by values rooted in the Christian faith. Our prayer is that Hiwassee graduates will know what it means to live with integrity and compassion, and will be committed not only to providing for themselves and/or their families, but will be committed to serving others - even when sacrifice is required, which Christ told us it would be.

I am convicted that our nation needs schools like Hiwassee; not to replace state and community colleges, but to compliment public higher education with an academic environment that is especially conscious of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

All this is in our hands! We must each be willing to give of our time, energy, and financial resources to enable Hiwassee to be a leader among church related schools in the 21st Century. No one will do this for us. With God's help, we are the people who must rise to the occasion, for the people of God have always understood: we have been blessed to be a blessing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles T. Neal".

Charles T. Neal  
*Interim President*

## 2011 Alumni Awards Nominations

Two Alumni Association awards will be given at Homecoming, November 12 - The Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award and The Christian Vocation Award. Nominations may be submitted online at [www.Hiwassee.edu](http://www.Hiwassee.edu); click on Alumni/Giving; click on Alumni Awards; at bottom of page, click on Nomination Forms. If you do not have online access, phone Shirley Toomey at 423-420-1222. *Nomination are due no later than August 1, 2011.*

# COMMUNITY DAY 2011

## Join Us for Community Day at Hiwassee College! Saturday, April 16th

There are so many things happening on Saturday, April 16 that one could almost view it as Homecoming in the Spring! Make plans to visit and enjoy one or more of these fun-filled events!

Admission Open House for Prospective Students and their Families .....	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Alumni Association Board of Governors Meeting.....	9:30 am – 11:00 am
Activities on the Quad .....	11:00 am – 4:00 pm
• Hay Rides	
• Farm Petting Zoo	
• Tractor Display	
Hall of Fame Induction and Luncheon on the Quad.....	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Hiwassee Baseball & Softball Co-ed Game.....	2:00 pm
Hiwassee Men's & Women's Basketball Teams Co-ed Game .....	3:00 pm
Equestrian Dressage Exhibition .....	6:00 pm
Denim & Diamond Ball on the Quad .....	7:00 pm
• Dinner	
• Live Auction	
• Dance	

Call 423-420-1222 for more information or reservations!

## Want to Give a Scholarship to a Student? FREE?

Education is a gift that lasts a lifetime! Any Hiwassee Alumni (*a person who attended Hiwassee College*) is able to award a \$500 scholarship to a student who wants to attend Hiwassee College and it doesn't cost you a dime! Now that Hiwassee College offers 4-year degrees in addition to all the 2-year programs, there has never been a better time to urge a young person to attend Hiwassee College!

Hiwassee is holding an **Open House** for prospective students on Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 am and more dates are coming up. Help us grow Hiwassee by sending us a student and awarding him or her an Alumni Scholarship today! Call the Alumni Office at 420-423-1222 to get the details.

# Hall of Fame Inductees

## 2011 Hiwassee HOF Plaque Bios



*David Tucker – (1971-73)*  
*Basketball and Baseball Player*  
*and Basketball Coach*

Tucker earned letters in basketball and baseball at Hiwassee. As a sophomore, Tucker led the region in hitting percentage, was named Most Improved Player, and received the Sportsmanship Award. Tucker played basketball for former Hiwassee coach and HOF inductee Dwain Farmer at TWC. His coaching career began at Calhoun HS and he has had stints as both men's and women's basketball coach at McMinn County HS, Charleston HS, Walker Valley HS and is currently coach at Union County (GA) HS. Tucker has led teams to seven district titles, three regional championships, seven appearances in the sub-state and two trips to the TSSAA State Tournament. He has amassed an impressive career record of 581-195.



*Malynda Carruth – (1985-87)*  
*Softball and Basketball*

Carruth was named an All-American as a second baseman for the Lady Tigers in 1986 and 1987 after helping to lead Hiwassee College to back-to-back national titles. After graduating with honors from Hiwassee, she transferred to Georgia State University where she continued her athletic career playing both softball and basketball. Carruth continued her education, graduating from the Medical College of Georgia with a degree in Physical Therapy. She currently practices in the Atlanta area.



*Jim Davis – (1964-66)*  
*Baseball Player and Basketball Coach*

A baseball player and basketball team manager at Hiwassee, Davis made his mark as an outstanding women's basketball coach. At the high school level, he compiled a 197-93 record. Entering the collegiate ranks, Davis led Roane State to the NJCAA national title in 1984 and amassed a 127-35 record. Roane State won 4 divisional titles, a state championship and had 3 Top 10 rankings. After one season at MTSU, he took over the head coaching position at Clemson University in 1987. In 18 seasons, Davis led the Lady Tigers to 14 NCAA tournaments and 11 national rankings. The winningest coach in Clemson basketball history, men or women, he is the only Clemson coach to win the ACC title, 1996 and 1999. His career record at Clemson is an impressive 355-197. Davis is inducted in the TJCAA HOF, the NJCAA HOF, Clemson Athletic HOF, and the TWC HOF.



*Don Youell – (1949-51)*  
*Basketball*

Youell, son of former Hiwassee coach, athletic director and president Rudy Youell, played basketball for the Tigers for two seasons. He transferred to Emory and Henry where he helped to lead the team to a 19-6 record his junior season and the conference tournament championship. Youell averaged 20 points per game that season. He is an inductee of the Emory and Henry Athletic Hall of Fame. After his playing days, Youell founded his own successful company and has always held Hiwassee College close to his heart. He has served as vice-chair of the Hiwassee College the Board of Trustees and was honored as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 2002.

# DENIM & DIAMONDS

Join us for The Denim and Diamonds Ball on Saturday, April 16th! Come dine and dance the night away under the starlit tent on the quad with Abbe's Equation, one of the area's favorite bands, as they play all your favorites from the past.

Proceeds from the Denim and Diamonds Ball will provide scholarships for promising students in agriculture, equestrian and forestry programs at Hiwassee College. As the name implies, dress is casual and the event begins at 7:00 pm with a sumptuous dinner and features a live auction and dance.

The Ball will take place in a tent on the quadrangle of main campus. An equestrian demonstration will take place just before the event at 6:00 pm in the Hiwassee arena.

Individual tickets are \$40 and couples are \$70. Table Sponsorships are available for 10 guests for \$400. Please RSVP your attendance by calling 423-420-1225 and following the link on our website at [www.hiwassee.edu](http://www.hiwassee.edu).

## Hiwassee College Welcomes Rodney Nelson as Athletic Director and Basketball Coach



“Coach” is a title Rodney Nelson has carried for over thirty years. Most recently as Maryville College Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach and Head Men’s JV Basketball Coach, Nelson’s coaching experience includes twenty-four years as Head Men’s Basketball Coach at Maryville High School and a total of five years as assistant at Maryville College.

Rodney’s ties to Hiwassee College go back to 1977 when as a sophomore transferee he played basketball for Coach Donnie Jenkins. After graduating from Hiwassee in 1978, he went on to play basketball at Maryville College under Coach Rick Byrd, where he was named a Division Three, Southern Region All-American player.

Nelson says he sees his players as being in the midst of their life journey which extends off the court to their academics and character-building. “I have known and worked with Rodney for 28 years,” states Hiwassee College Dean of Students Patti Clevenger. “I am excited to see where he leads us in athletics.”

Says Nelson, “When you look at Hiwassee with its great potential, it’s exciting to be a part of the renewal of the college.”



## Translation

Sebastian Michalski, international Hiwassee College student from Germany, recently translated a Rainer Maria Rilke poem for a Creative Writing class, and discussed the differences between German and

English poetry, literature, and culture.

## Conquestador Enrolls in Equestrian Program



Conquestador is shown by Jennifer Bryan from Carter Farms in Chattanooga.

Sue Ann Wells, owner of Carter Farms, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, graciously

donated the 7-year old Hanoverian gelding, Conquestador, to the Hiwassee College Equestrian Studies program. Conquestador is 17.2 hands and is by the stallion, Contuer, out of a dam by Ramiro’s Son II. Conquestador was imported as a 3-year old from Melle, Germany. Conquestador is trained through 3rd level dressage, and is schooling more advanced work.

“Conquestador is an exciting addition to our program. His quality and level of training will give our students the opportunity to expand their knowledge about dressage training,” says Christy Lynn Hart, Director of Equine Services at Hiwassee College.

The donation of Conquestador takes the Hiwassee College Equestrian Studies program to a new level. Conquestador has been given world-class training by grand prix dressage trainers, Tami Crawford and Albrecht Heidemann.

If you are interested in learning more about the Hiwassee College Equestrian Studies program, please contact Christy Lynn Hart at 865-207-1464.

## The NOMADS are here!



*Pictured at the March 20 morning service at Buckner Memorial UMC from left to right: Dave Friesner, Cookie Friesner, Mary Lou Craig, Mary Jo Reeves, Jim Reeves, June Gilliam, Ivey Gilliam. Not pictured: Bruce and Mary Jane Bohall.*

NOMADS (Nomads on a Mission Active in Divine Service) rebuild lives, homes and facilities with God's love and their hands, living out James 2:17—"And in the same way, faith by itself, if not accomplished by action, is dead." NOMADS are Methodists and other Christians who seek retirement with a purpose, traveling in their RV, sharing their Christian faith, and using their skills in service to others. Groups of NOMADS visit Hiwassee and stay in their RVs for a week or more at a time and fix, repair and paint facilities and just do what needs to be done at no cost to the college. The group pictured above was at Hiwassee for two weeks and another group will be on campus soon. This spring marks the seventh year that the NOMADS have been in mission to Hiwassee College. **THANK YOU NOMADS!**

## Hiwassee Events Set Records in Attendance and Funds Raised



*Jerry and Judy Russell decked out for the Kefauver Gala*

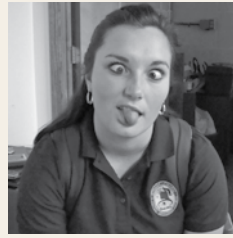
Hiwassee College special events have been hugely successful this past year. The Kefauver Gala, held this past fall at Club LeConte in Knoxville, raised over \$70,000 for the Kefauver Scholarship. The black tie event was well attended and plans are already underway for next fall's event.



*Hiwassee senior Sunni Watson won the prize for Most Creative Hat at the spring fashion show. The hat featured her grandmother's tree-topper.*

The Step into Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon was held recently on campus and record numbers of ladies from the community and beyond turned out to attend. "This was our largest crowd ever," says organizer Ernestine Lucas. "We had people here from Atlanta to Memphis and everywhere in between. We're still counting all the

contributions, but we have done very well." Proceeds from the annual event benefit campus beautification.



## Blood Loss

Hiwassee equestrian student Brittany Gregg, after donating blood for the Medic Blood Drive held recently in the Rymer Student Center.

## Dental Hygiene Clinic Open for Business



*Shown at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dental Hygiene facility at Hiwassee College are (foreground l-r) Dr. Barbara Levin, Mayor Tim Yates, Hiwassee Interim President Dr. Charles Neal, Dental Hygiene Program Director Shelley Waters, and Hiwassee Vice President and Academic Dean Dr. Beth Scruggs.*

Hiwassee College held the formal Grand Opening and ribbon cutting for its new Dental Hygiene Clinic on campus Thursday, January 20. The clinic is a public/private partnership with the Monroe County Health Department and was funded by a federal grant and private donations to Hiwassee College.

Currently there are 10 students enrolled in the new program. The public can get their teeth cleaned for a \$15 fee. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Hiwassee College at 423-420-1234.

## Moving Dirt at Hiwassee



In February, Hiwassee began construction of a new 150' x 250' equestrian arena. This will give Hiwassee a second arena to enable the College to recruit students in Western and Hunter Jumper equestrian disciplines in addition to traditional Dressage.

The next steps will be to install footings and fencing for the arena and to provide additional access and parking facilities. When the project is completed, the arena will be covered and will feature 16 additional horse stalls, grooming stalls and bathrooms.

The arena will be made available to many area organizations such as FFA, 4-H, pony clubs and other clinics. Special events will be hosted there as well.

# Message from the Alumni Association



Marlin Curnutt,  
Alumni Association President

Do you remember your first day of classes? The first friend you met at college? The first time you got just a little homesick? The first time you bombed a test or a paper? College is a time of incredible memories and for those of us who started our collegiate adventures at Hiwassee, those memories are just as real today as they were when we were on campus. The best thing about our memories are

they can transport us instantly back to a time when we didn't seem to have a care in the world, to a time we wished we might have done things differently or a time when a person or event helped shape us into the person we are today.

While most of the memories we have will be positive and we will want to reflect on them, others will be exactly the opposite. There are things in our past we want to learn from but then move on, not concentrating on the negatives. Fellow Hiwassee alums, I think the same can be said of our alma mater. While we are all well aware of the incredible challenges that Hiwassee has faced over the past several years, there is a renewed sense of optimism. A new day has dawned. I am confident that in a few years when we look back and see all the difficulties Hiwassee overcame, we will know that God's hand was leading us and all the negativity that

surrounded the place that means so much to each of us will fade into distant memories.

And that is where we as alumni come in. Hiwassee grows stronger each day and the future- while still challenging- is nonetheless bright. There are a number of ways that each of us can assist Hiwassee as it moves forward. First, and most importantly, we need to PRAY. The college is currently searching for the next president and we need to pray that the Lord will lead the search committee to the right person for such a time as this. Second, we need to PARTICIPATE. Get involved with Hiwassee. Join us for our alumni meetings. Tell a prospective student how Hiwassee changed your life and how it can change theirs as well. Give financially to the institution. There is much to be done and we need to be active participants as the college moves ahead into a new day. And lastly, we need to PREPARE. God has an incredible plan for Hiwassee and we need to prepare for what He is about to do in the life of the institution. I pray that when we look back in a few years on the tremendous things that have happened at Hiwassee and that are continuing to happen, we will say that the only explanation is that it was, and continues to be, a God thing.

Hiwassee is moving forward. It's going to be a great ride. Come join us and make new memories!

## Area Alumni Gatherings

Join fellow alumni for a meal and get news of Hiwassee College! See our students perform (*most venues*). Spouses and friends welcome!

**Chattanooga:** Tuesday, April 19 6:30 pm – *Wally's Restaurant*

**Sevier County:** Tuesday, April 26 6:30 pm - *Uncle Buck's Grill (inside Brass Pro Shop Outdoor World)*

**Knoxville/Blount County:** Thursday, April 28 6:30 pm *Courtyard Grill*

**Monroe County:** Thursday, May 5 6:30 pm - *Donna's Old Towne Café*

**Tri-Cities:** Call 423-420-1222 for next date and time - *Golden Coral Restaurant, Kingsport, TN*

All meals are buffet or order off the menu. Please call the Alumni Office 423-420-1222 for details, directions and let us know the number attending.



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