Class of 2010 pumped up for life

By CAROL CLARK

Emory graduates are enthusiastic about starting a new adventure.

Emory’s newest graduates ready to face the future. Page 8

President Jim Wagner told the graduates, “To me, you are a class of ‘bigness.’ You seem to understand the value of belonging to something bigger than yourself. You have a deep sense of how education enables you to commit to the public good, as well as the private one that allows you to tack a diploma on your wall.”

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Alumni ceremonies are largest ever

By ERIC RANGUS

This year’s Candlelight Crossover was perfect. Almost. The weather was pleasant, a record 130 alumni guests mingled in the parking lot ready to welcome the members of the Class of 2010 as they crossed the Houston Mill Bridge, symbolically stepping from the student world into the alumni one. All the refreshments were ready for the guests, and all the cameras were posted ready to record the festivities. Just one thing went wrong.

There weren’t enough candles to go around. So many graduating seniors took part in the seven-year-old tradition that after the conferrals for the first box of 750 candles were distributed, Emory staff had to scramble to fill in more. Which they did.

Eventually, every senior had his or her own candle for the walk, which took 30 minutes to complete, and at some 800-plus participants, was the largest-ever crossing. The crossover was a spectacular way to kick off Emory Commencement Weekend, May 6–10, the five-day, campuswide celebration that culminates in the graduation of a new class. For the Emory Alumni Association it’s a great opportunity to welcome more than 3,900 new alumni into the community.

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

‘Be hungry to make your mark’

By ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

I want to begin by congratulating today’s graduates. And that is all of you, the amazing men and women of Emory University’s Class of 2010!

You are our nation’s newest nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, ministers, artists, scientists, business leaders — and the list goes on and on.

I was wondering what I should be talking about here today. So I sent my staff out and did a little survey here among some of the students. It was interesting: 17 percent want me to be inspirational. 23 percent want me to give practical advice. And 60 percent just want (your) money back for “Jingle All the Way.” The other 30 percent wanted me to say the following lines:

• Hasta la vista, baby.
• It’s not a tumor. It’s not a tumor at all.
• Crush your enemies. See them driven before you and hear the lamentation of their women.
• I’ll be back. [Laughter.]

So now that we have that out of the way… I really want to talk to you about my rules for success. And about visualizing your dreams.

These are key principles that have brought me incredible success in several careers, from bodybuilding to acting and from public service to politics:

• Work like hell
• Trust yourself
• Break some rules
• Don’t be afraid to fail
• Ignore the naysayers
• Stay hungry

Imagine you’re 15 years old and you’re in Austria and you say to people, ‘I want to be the bodybuilding champion of the world.’ Of course they say, ‘But wait a minute, this is not an Austrian sport…’ But I had it very clear in my vision and I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a bodybuilding champion. I started training one hour a day, two hours a day, three hours a day. By the time I was in military service, at age 18, I trained four to five hours a day. And I became the youngest Mr. Universe ever at the age of 20. So much for ‘it can’t be done.’

And right after that, I went after my next goal, which was to come to America. …So I immigrated here and kept training and training hours every day.

By the time I was finished with bodybuilding I won 13 world championship titles, more than anyone.

And then again I was hungry to move on, because you can’t do bodybuilding for the rest of your life — and I knew that it was acting that I wanted to get into. But again I faced the same obstacles. I talked to agents and they said to me, ‘you cannot.’

And I said, ‘I don’t want to just become an actor, I want to be a leading man.’ They said ‘forget about it’ and they laughed. I mean, with your accent, no one has become a leading man with your accent. And with your body, look at all those bumps sticking out. And your name, Schwarzen-schnitzel or whatever your name is. That’s never going to sell any tickets.

But you know something? I didn’t listen to them. I started working very hard, just like I did with bodybuilding. Five, six hours a day, I went to acting classes, speech classes, dialogue classes, accent removal classes.

And slowly everything started happening. All of those liabilities that they talked about started turning into assets… I went from one movie to the next and started making more and more money until I ended up becoming the highest-paid actor, with $30 million for “Terminator III.” …This is why I try to tell you, anything and everything can be done if you can visualize it and if you believe in yourself.

I know that one of the reasons you invited me here today was to honor my commitment to public service. That is a great honor coming from a university that has distinguished itself through service.

I know that you’re not just famous all over the country and all over the world because of the great education that you provide here, but also because of the extraordinary service of reaching out into the community and the state.

As a matter of fact, one of my favorite things that you do here is host the Georgia Special Olympic games. What a great accomplishment — you have been doing this at this university for two decades. …And I want to thank you on behalf of my mother-in-law, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who started Special Olympics more than 40 years ago. Because she changed the world by starting the Special Olympics movement. And she is a shining example of the chain reaction that begins simply by one person taking that simple step forward.

And I believe that we each have that same responsibility to use our voice to serve and to make a difference. I take that responsibility really seriously.

And that is why I ran for governor of the great state of California, because I knew that I could reach out to 38 million people. That is why it gives me such satisfaction today.

You all should go and be hungry for success, you should be hungry to be your mark, and you should be hungry to be seen and be heard and to have an effect out there.

Start with simple things, like coaching a school soccer team, or helping a child learn to read, or deliver meals to someone who is homebound.

Use your power and potential and make this nation, and this world, a better place. It worked for this immigrant who came over here to this country with $20 in his pocket. And I guarantee it will work for you, too, the 2010 graduates of Emory University. I am proud of each and every one of you, of how far you’ve come. And I know you’re going to make great, great contributions to this state and to the world.

This is an excerpt from Arnold Schwarzenegger’s 2010 Commencement address at Emory. To watch the full address, visit www.emory.edu/EMORY_REPORT.
EMORY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

“We feel pride in your accomplishments,” Dean Robert A. Paul told fresh graduates of Emory College, “and privileged to have participated in your education.”

Paul, outgoing dean after nine years, presided over a ceremony at which 2,017 undergraduates — the oldest 59, the youngest 19 — received their diplomas, with 45.5 percent of them earning a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or over.

Paul singled out for special notice the 184 students in the Honors Program, “a concentrated and rigorous program of academic inquiry,” as well as all graduating members of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dean Larry Benveniste said to the 184 students in the Honors Program, “Must you worry too much about the sum of everything you do and everything you are doing?”

Dean Lisa A. Tedesco congratulated the 45.5 percent of them earning a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or over.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The School of Medicine had a total of 127 graduates, including 11 MD/PhD, 16 MD/MPH, three MD/MS, one MD/MPH, and seven cum laude graduates — the most the school has ever graduated.

Donald Berwick, head of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement who earlier in the day received an honorary doctor of science degree from Emory, keynoted the medical school ceremony.

The graduates and their families and friends gave Berwick a standing ovation. Berwick has been nominated by President Obama to head the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

Health Professions

In the medical school’s ceremony for allied health graduates, 80 students received degrees in the following programs: 15 in physician assistant, 42 in physical therapy, and 23 in medical imaging.

—Kay Torrance

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Dean Jan Love echoed the words of Jesus in the Great Commission in her remarks to Candler’s 171 graduates, enjoining them to “Go,” as Jesus commanded his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20. “Go spread the good news of love, grace, hope, service, justice, sharing, and restored relationships….Go, even though you may feel like wavering even as you worship….Go…knowing you are equipped to lead and change the world,” she said.

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JAMES T. LANEY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Laney Graduate School recognized the recipients of 118 master’s degrees and 59 doctoral degrees. Among 209 of the newly minted PhDs participated in the traditional hooding ceremony at the Schwartz Center, and around 50 master’s graduates were honored in a separate ceremony. Two programs honored their first graduates: Pavel Jurezky received a PhD in computer science and informatics, and Ya-Lin Huang and

SCHOOL OF LAW

“We are leaders. When we see an issue or problem, we do something about it,” Most Outstanding Third-Year Student Jason Estes told the 260 law graduates. “These are difficult times, but that is when our class does its best.”

Most Outstanding Professor Frank S. Alexander spoke about the “gift of uncertainty,” which “allows us to discover the possibilities of unplanned moments.”

During the Hooding and Diploma Ceremony, the Class of 2010 presented a check for $107,025 to Dean David F. Partlett — the largest class gift in the school’s history.

—Liz Chila

GOIZUETA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Dean Larry Benveniste said to the Class of 2010, “Our community is special and we continually strive to live up to the ideals embodied by Roberto C. Goizueta. Based on your accomplishments at Goizueta, we know you will eagerly meet new challenges and take on leadership roles. We expect tremendous things from you.”

Chip Gross, past president of the Goizuetaita Business School Alumni Board, welcomed the graduates into the Alumni Association. Olga C. de Goizueta, widow of Roberto C. Goizueta, congratulated and shook hands with each graduate.

The business school awarded 708 degrees: 294 BBAs, 206 Full-Time MBAs, 78 Evening MBAs, 36 Modular Executive MBAs, 82 Weekend Executive MBAs, and 12 PhDs.

—Nicole Golston

GRADUATES gave the School of Law the largest class gift ever.

—Gary W. Meek

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Oxford graduates step toward their next phase.

Dean of Campus Life Joe Moon presented the Eady Sophomore Service Award to Evan Clayton Dunn, an Oxford Bonner Leader who, among other activities, built Habitat for Humanity homes over spring break and chaired the sophomore class gift committee. Dunn, said Moon, "gets things done but never seeks recognition. The breadth and depth of this student's service is extraordinary." After President Jim Wagner conferred the degrees, Oxford Dean Stephen Bowen concluded the ceremony by congratulating the new graduates of Emory's original campus, saying to them: "You are a part of Oxford, and Oxford is a part of you, and we are delighted that it is so." Graduate Brittany Echols found her mother, Kimberly Robinson, in the crowd. "I can't really talk about it or I get emotional," said Echols, who is going on to Emory in the fall as a psychology major. "I am so glad this is where I spent my first two years."

Jefferson Award

University citizen Byrd dedicated to Emory

By KIM URQUHART

This year's Commencement ceremony was especially poignant for Rudolph P. Byrd. The Goodrich C. White Professor of American Studies learned that he was to receive the Thomas Jefferson Award just days before undergoing hip replacement surgery.

"President Wagner said to me, 'be prepared to walk across the stage at Commencement to receive your citation.'" Byrd recalls. "And I said, 'I'll be there!'"

The Jefferson is the University's premier award for significant service to the institution through personal activities, influence and leadership.

"I'm tremendously moved that my colleagues would honor me in this way," he says. "I accept this award on behalf of all of my colleagues and the sense of community that we seek to build together."

Since arriving at Emory in 1991 as director of African American studies, Byrd has been dedicated to the University's growth in academic achievement and as a caring community.

He is the founding director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies at Emory, focused on the modern civil rights movement. He has been a leading builder of Emory's research library collections, the acquisition of the Alice Walker Archive providing a notable example.

Byrd says he approaches scholarship and teaching as one activity, each informing the other. Larger projects, like establishing the Johnson Institute, are about collaboration and purpose.

"My starting point is always: What can I do to enhance the intellectual life of the university? What can I do to bring greater national attention to the excellent work we are doing here? And while it may start with a vision that I have, at every point along the way I work with colleagues across the university."

With his vision, energy, dedication to teaching and scholarship, and commitment to excellence, Byrd has helped bring to Emory outstanding faculty, grants, symposia and academic collaborations in Atlanta and beyond.

Byrd's commitment to service includes key roles with the Alice Walker Literary Society, the National Advisory Board for the Morehouse College Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Collection and the United Negro College Fund/Andrew W. Mellon Programs.

A noted literary scholar, Byrd has penned and edited several books. Just published is "The World Has Changed: Conversations with Alice Walker," which Byrd notes is the first book drawn from the Alice Walker archives in its opening year at Emory.

"I believe that Emory is an institution where it is possible to have a positive impact on the intellectual life of the university," he says. "That is what has kept me here and motivated me to do my best work."

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ANN BORDEN

Don’t let others ‘define your potential’

With HIV in the United States, but what you’re capable of achieving.

"Be proactive on an issue you are interested in," Liotta told the crowd that think back to your time at Oxford and learned that being a novice in a field can always smooth.

A major research university was not accomplished scientist and professor at his own path toward becoming an extraordinary.

Accounting medicines taken by 94 percent of those with HIV in the United States, but only you can determine ‘define your potential’ University citizen Byrd OXFORD:
Holfiﬁeld says honor represents all teachers

By LESLIE KING

“They are Americans so religious, and how did they get that way? Do’s a big question.” E. Brooks Holfiﬁeld’s latest scholarship attempt to answer “by looking at religion in Europe and America from a comparative perspective, for the last 300 years,” said the Charles Howard Candler Professor of American Church History.

Holfiﬁeld received the 2010 University Scholar/Teacher Award, selected by Emory faculty on behalf of the United Methodist Church Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

“I am especially grateful to my deans and colleagues at the School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion,” says Holfiﬁeld. “It has been a superb community in which to work, and it has offered consistent encouragement, good constructive criticism, and a sense of collegiality that fosters the desire just a little harder.”

Known as a consummate scholar, Holfiﬁeld has written seven single-author books, receiving Book of the Year by the American Academy of Parish Clergy, the Albert C. Outler Prize of the American Society of Church History, and Outstanding Book by University Press Books for Public and Secondary School Libraries. His research focuses on patterns of change in American religious history.

Holfiﬁeld’s scholarship has earned him numerous academic awards and fellowships, including three National Endowment for the Humanities grants and two of the highest theological education grants, a Louisville Institute Fellowship and a Henry Luce Fellowship. His academic guild elected him president of the American Society of Church History.

When students describe his teaching, they regularly use the words “brilliant” and “passionate.” His colleagues also recognize him as a master teacher who is generous in mentoring doctoral students and junior faculty.

“No one person fulﬁlls this award, for Emory is ﬁlled with people who commit themselves to both teaching and writing at a level of excellence that often leaves me awe,” Holfiﬁeld says. “I see my reception of the award as a symbolic gesture that represents that company of dedicated teachers and scholars, and I feel, of course, deeply honored to have been this year’s symbolic representative. I am pleased, too, that Emory offers such an award and gives it such a prominent place in its commencement ceremony, for it embodies the values that a good university should always be seeking to realize.”

Stokes had winning link with mentor

By CAROL CLARK

When Darrell Stokes joined the Emory biology faculty 37 years ago, the medieval historian George Cuthino took him under his wing. “He was a wonderful person, and brought out the best in other people,” Stokes recalls of his late friend and mentor. “He shepherded me through my early years here, getting me involved, and showing me that you could have a research career and still be a great teacher. He helped me become a complete faculty member, and not just someone isolated in a lab.”

That made winning the 2010 George P. Cuthino Award for Excellence in Mentoring all the sweeter for Stokes, professor and director of undergraduate studies for biology. For more than three decades, Stokes did groundbreaking research into the structural, biochemical and biophysical properties of muscle, always involving students in the work of his lab.

The spirit of the many happy discussions that Stokes had with Cuthino live on, in the conversations Stokes enjoys with his students. “My view is that students already know a lot,” Stokes says. “My role as a mentor is to help them realize all that they know, and to discover who they really are. I guide them as they build a scaffold, a place to put all of their knowledge, edge and choices, to see how it can all ﬁt together.”

His love of teaching also ﬁlls his spare time. During school breaks, Stokes travels to a village in Ecuador, where he volunteers in a program that encourages young kids to stay in school.

Mentoring has its costs, admits Stokes. “The price you pay is that you get attached. Students have power over you that you don’t realize until it’s time to separate,” he says. “That makes Commencement bittersweet.”

Just then, graduating senior Paul Evans popped in to see Stokes, cradling a puppy that he’s just adopted from the pound. Evans introduces his new dog, named Madden. “If I ever need anything, I know that I can call Dr. Stokes,” Evans says. “We both walk to the ends of the Earth for each other.”

Madden rests with calm assurance next to Evans. Although just a puppy, he clearly senses his great luck at finding a true, lifelong friend.
Scot Seitz accepts his award from Joanne Brzinski.

**McMULLAN AWARD**

Seitz wins for engaged, exceptional scholarship

By BEVERLY CLARK

Graduate Scot Seitz is the 2010 winner of the Lucius Lamar McMullan Award, one of Emory's highest student honors that also comes with $20,000 — no strings attached.

He was nominated by several administrators, staff and faculty for his exceptional scientific research and engaged scholarship, combined with a dedication to community building.

The award, endowed by Emory alumnus William L. Matheson in honor of his uncle.

The double major in biology and women's studies finished his degree last December with a near-perfect 3.99 GPA. He used his research background in public health and epidemiology to write an honor's thesis examining disproportionate rates of HIV infection in African American women.

Seitz conducted research at the Rollins School of Public Health under the guidance of professors Christine Moe, director of the Emory Center for Global Safe Water, and Juan Leon, including a research project in Bolivia to study ecological sanitation, and has presented that research nationally and internationally.

Seitz will spend the next two years working for Teach For America in Atlanta then attend graduate school for a master's in public health and doctorate in epidemiology.

**BRITTAH AWARD**

Community building nets top honor for Kappus

Graduate and outgoing Student Government Association president Alex Kappus' record of outstanding scholarship, leadership and service that has netted him Emory's highest student honor: The Marion Luther Brittain Award.

The award, which also comes with $5,000, honors a graduate who has demonstrated exemplary service to both the University and the greater community without expectation of recognition.

Next year, Kappus, a political science major with a Chinese minor, plans to attend the University of Georgia to pursue a master's degree in college student affairs administration. He hopes to eventually work in university administration, and serve as a mentor to students to help them engage in the classroom and connect that with the outside world.

"I initially came to Emory expecting that I would go to law school, but from my experiences here, I feel called to work in this field," Kappus says. "I'm happy that people pushed me to excel and reach my potential, and I hope to do the same in my career."

In addition to numerous volunteer activities through his fraternity Alpha Tau Omega and the Catholic Center at Emory, Kappus founded SYNERGY, focused on building community within Emory and beyond campus. He received an Emory Humanitarian Award for this and other work.

---Beverly Clark

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From Oxford, a direct line to Emory's history

By CATHY WOOTEN

Commencement is a special moment for every graduate, but for one Emory senior who received her diploma May 10, the day was uniquely historic. Hena Chun ‘10Ox, a Korean who was Emory’s first international student, is the first of Yun’s direct descendants to graduate from Emory.

Yun Ch’i-ho came to Emory when it was located on the original campus in Oxford, Georgia. While studying in Shanghai, he had met Young J. Allen 1858C, a Methodist missionary who encouraged him to continue his studies at Emory. After receiving his degree Yun returned to Shanghai and later to Korea, where he was an influential political leader and newspaper editor. His influence is still felt in Korea, the words of the Korean national anthem are from “Aegukga,” a poem written by Yun. Chun grew up in New Jersey, and when it came time to apply for college Emory was the only school in the South that she considered, because of her great-great grandfather’s importance in its history — and Emory’s influence on him. After deciding definitely to come to Emory, she also decided to begin her college career on the Oxford College campus, as the actual place where Yun had studied.

Chun received a degree in economics, with concentrations in financial economics and business policy. Following graduation and a bit of travel, she will be working in New York with a company in the fashion industry.

Of her time at Emory, Chun says, “It is a very proud accomplishment for me not only that I graduated from a university as prestigious as Emory, but also that I attended the same university as my great-great grandfather.” Chun and her family can also take pride that ground for the richly diverse graduating class of 2010 was initially broken by their important forebear.

“Using your power and potential to make this nation, and this world, a better place,” Schwarzenegger said. “It was on your watch,” Wagner told the graduates, that Emory was one of only three universities to receive the Presidential Award for General Community Service — the highest federal honor a university can receive for its commitment to volunteering and civil engagement.

Schwarzenegger, who is famous for dreaming big, pumped up the graduates with humor and heartfelt advice.

“I was going to give a graduation speech in Arizona this weekend, but with my accent I was afraid they would deport me,” he joked, referring to the controversial new immigration law in that state.

The Austrian native told the graduates how as a teenager he wanted to become a bodybuilding champion, but he was discouraged by naysayers. He worked hard, and became the youngest Mr. Universe ever at the age of 20. Then he came to America with empty pockets, but “full of dreams and full of desire,” he said.

He wanted to be an actor — a leading man, no less — but once again, he was told that would be impossible, with his unusual looks and thick German accent. “I started working very hard, just like I did with bodybuilding,” he said. And slowly, “all of those liabilities they talked about started turning into assets. Can you imagine ‘I’ll be back,’ without my accent?” he asked.


Schwarzenegger described how in the midst of his growing career, he was asked to train a group of Special Olympians in weight lifting. One boy was afraid to bench press a weight, but by the end of the day, he did it. “He jumped up and gave a high five to everyone in the room,” Schwarzenegger recalls. “When I saw that kid go from terror to self-confidence, that was the big winner for me. I was reaching out to someone who needed help.”

As California governor, Schwarzenegger said he is proud of thinking big and making changes, including workers’ compensation reform and helping to wake up the federal government to the dangers of climate change.

“Use your power and potential to make this nation, and this world, a better place,” Schwarzenegger said. “It worked for this immigrant who came here, and it will work for you, too.”

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