

# DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings Everyone,

Hello and welcome to our TWELFTH issue!

As has been the case since our inception as a department, a lot has happened with our [#PSIAfamily](#) since the spring. Unfortunately, space constraints do not allow us to cover everything, but in the coming pages you will get a flavor of what our students, alumni and faculty are up to and have achieved. For more articles about our family, visit our [PSIA News](#).

Speaking of which -- for those of you who have visited our blog in the past, and for those of you who never have but are interested in all PSIA news and updates, our location has moved. No longer are the activities and achievements of our [#PSIAfamily](#) housed on an independent blog, but now reside on our [UNG HOMEPAGE](#). Please visit us there to keep up-to-date on all that is happening with our extended family, as well as to find past articles.

Before we get to the rest of the newsletter's content, I want to extend a special "Thank You" to all who generously have given to our Dr. Barry B. Friedman scholarship fund. Your generosity has assisted IA major Victoria Landa and pre-law major Fatima Santillan with the economic aspect of their studies. Please consider making a gift to the [FRIEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND](#) today as part of our RISE '24 campaign so we can achieve our goal of endowment status and thereby enable us (via you) to assist future PSIA students like Victoria and Fatima. (see pg 15 and also our end page.)

As usual, our students continue to bring honor to our department and to all who have gone before. This past May, another of our students, political science/pre-law major Neva Garrett, received the honor of being selected from among all College of Arts and Letters students to speak at a UNG commencement ceremony. You can learn a bit more about Neva and her extraordinary journey on pg 3.

As is the case every fall issue, we recognize our most recent students to join the alumni ranks and other students of distinction starting on page 7.

We again hope you find this newsletter informative as well as entertaining, and hope to include YOUR activities and accomplishments in a future issue. Please get in touch with us by filling out our [ALUMNI INFORMATION FORM](#), or simply drop us an e-mail at [polsia-dah@ung.edu](mailto:polsia-dah@ung.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!

Dr. Craig Greathouse  
Department Head

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## Meet Charlie Barrett '19

Charlie Barrett, a young man from the northeast corner of Georgia, grew up in Gainesville and graduated from UNG in 2019 with his Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He attended North Hall HS in Gainesville but considers Dahlonega home. Proud of his region, he has traveled extensively across Georgia visiting small towns, and he holds a special affection for Northeast Georgia. Inspired by his father, a physical therapist who was part of the inaugural class for the physical therapy program at UNG, Charlie initially aimed to follow in his footsteps. However, he soon discovered a fear of blood, prompting him to seek a totally different career path – the world of politics. His mother, a special education teacher nearing retirement, also influenced his aspirations.

Charlie's connection to UNG runs deep; both his parents are alumni, as is his grandfather, and even his great-grandfather attended when it was still named North Georgia Agricultural College. Growing up visiting Dahlonega for Gold Rush and enjoying local restaurants solidified his affection for the campus, which he perceived as a small yet vibrant community. He felt he could thrive here, gaining opportunities he might have missed at larger institutions. During his campus visits as a high school senior, Charlie was inspired by UNG's motto, UNG Leads. Observing the Corps of Cadets performing drills and hearing cannon fire on campus left a lasting impression. He realized that these early experiences would significantly influence his career trajectory and that the motto would become central to his professional identity.

Charlie is adamant that his degree has been invaluable in his current position as Chief of Staff for Georgia State Senator and President Pro Tempore John Kennedy. The connections he made during his time with the PSIA, both on campus and while serving as an intern for State Senator Steve Gooch, enabled him to meet like-



minded people who also have pursued careers in government and in politics. Both in the classroom and out, many discussions with professors and peers helped him formulate the ideas about governance and politics that laid the foundation for his career. He firmly

believes it was not just the academic knowledge he gained but also the soft skills he developed that give him a competitive edge in his current duties in support of Sen Kennedy. The ability to clearly articulate ideas, positions and legislative priorities is an absolute necessity in his current role; Charlie credits his time at UNG for helping him become a successful communicator, as well as instilling in him his work ethic, values, and career readiness.

Last Spring, Charlie was named by the UNG Young Alumni Association to its 20 Under 40 program. He appreciates the opportunity the program provides for networking with other successful UNG alumni and the importance of building a community of professionals with shared interests.

The connections he has with other alumni in prominent positions, including a former Governor of Georgia and a former Speaker of the House, highlight the university's impact on his field. He believes that the close-knit environment at UNG fosters lasting relationships and meaningful learning experiences. For Charlie, it is an honor to be an alumnus of UNG. He cherishes the time he spent there, valuing the education, culture, and friendships that have shaped his life and career.

Watch the full interview with Charlie on our YOUTUBE channel.

## Meet Neva Garrett '24



Neva Garrett is one of our more recent alumni, graduating with her Political Science degree last May. Hailing from Dahlonega, Neva is a poster child for perseverance, having originally begun her college career over forty years ago!

Neva graduated from Lumpkin County high school and began her undergraduate career at North Georgia College (as UNG was known then) in 1981. However, as it often does, love got in the way and in spite of trying to go to school via correspondence courses (for you youngsters out there -- distance learning using snail mail instead of the internet) an undergraduate education at that time in her life was not to be.

Over the years she built a successful business and together with her husband raised seven children. Then the past repeated itself. As she explains,

when I dropped number seven off at college, I came home and I just went through that empty nesting depression where I was like, what do I do now? And my third born said, "Well Mom ... You've dropped seven children off at college and always regretted not finishing yourself." So that's what I did.

Neva resumed her education in 2019, originally expecting to be a business major. However, she soon realized that a business degree was not in the cards. After talking with her academic advisor, she was thrilled to hear there was such a major as 'political science.' Neva has always had a passion for all things political and has had a fair share of political involvement through her life, including

sit-ins, protests, and working on campaigns. It was a natural for her to switch to our fully online political science program.

Neva thoroughly enjoyed her classes and her time as a poli sci major. Believe it or not, her most enjoyable and meaningful political science experience was research – "which I realize is not everybody's cup of tea, but I love to research, and I love to know things and understand things." Model UN also was a wonderful experience, culminating in being named "Best Delegate" for her role representing Russia on the Human Rights Council's Council for Disability Rights.



Neva capped off her second undergraduate career with an honor very few students receive – she was selected to be one of two student speakers at her May 2024 commencement ceremony. (see the accompanying article on p. 5) As a non-traditional and disabled student, Neva felt validated with her selection because

...it's a little different road for us. And I think that part of what it said to me is that all of those roads are honored and all of those paths...however it is that you got here to UNG; however, it is that you chose your major; whatever path that took to get you here to this graduation day...it's valid. It's as valid as anyone else's.

With her degree in hand Neva is looking toward the future. Having been a theater producer for many decades, she currently is in the process of building a small playhouse in Dahlonega. She also anticipates returning to UNG when she turns 62 (as the tuition demands change drastically) to continue her pursuit of knowledge. But first, she intends to catch up on her life after attending school for the last five years.

Watch the full interview with Neva on our [YOUTUBE](#) channel.

## Nataly Morales Villa, PS '19 Named Gilman Alumni Changemaker



Nataly (l) together with her colleague and fellow class of 2019 grad Melissa Silva

Class of 2019 Political Science major Nataly Morales Villa is a “Changemaker”!

Nataly, along with her colleague and fellow class of 2019 grad Melissa Silva, are two of only six previous Gilman Scholarship winners from across the country to receive the US State Department’s inaugural Gilman Alumni Changemaker Award this past fall.

The newly-instituted award provides a grant of \$10,000 to Gilman scholarship alumni who are “creating positive change in their communities.” The grant will help enable Nataly and Melissa continue the program they created to help explain the home ownership process to members of the Gainesville Hispanic and immigrant communities. As part of the program, the two women create educational content in Spanish, collaborate with Hispanic-serving organizations and host informational seminars.

Congratulations to Nataly on being singled out from among the over 41,000 past recipients of the U.S. Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman scholarship.

## Neva Garrett '24 Commencement Speaker



Neva Garrett, PS '24 had the honor of being one of the two student speakers at this past May's UNG commencement ceremony. Following in the pathway forged by Class of 2023 Political Science major Carlee Blankenship last December, Neva is the second member of the #PSIAFamily in as many ceremonies to be so honored.

Neva brought a unique perspective to the College of Arts and Letters students present. "I never thought I would see this day that I would graduate college at age 60. It is never too late to get that degree if you want it," she told the audience. "In fact, it's easier than ever."

Shortly after starting her time as a UNG student in 1982, Garrett married her high school sweetheart and took time away from her education to raise seven children. All seven are college graduates, including two who preceded Neva at UNG!

A heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to Neva on her selection as a commencement speaker, and especially on achieving the education goal she set for herself some four decades ago.

Editor's Note: You can view the entirety of Neva's May 3, 2024, 10AM remarks to the graduates of UNG's College of Arts and Letters on our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) (see min 15:08 - 21:30)



## UNG's 2024 Meridian-Cox Foreign Service Fellow

Congratulations to recent graduate Tracy Amaya, PS '24 on her selection to participate in the June 2024 Meridian-Cox Foreign Service Fellowship for Emerging Leaders program. We are pleased to announce also that, in addition to her selection as a Meridian-Cox Fellow, Tracy, a graduate of Commerce, GA's East Jackson High School, also joined this past spring the elite ranks of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

The Meridian-Cox Fellowship is a fully paid enrichment and training program which provides students the opportunity to network with diplomats and other foreign service employees in our nation's capital. It also incorporates career development skills through workshops, visits to the Department of State, a diplomacy simulation, and panel discussions of foreign policy experts.

During the two-week program Tracy looked forward to "continue improving my public speaking, networking, and leadership skills. Additionally, I aim to determine if a career in the US Foreign Service would be a suitable choice for me in the future."

We are proud of Tracy's achievements during her undergraduate career and wish her all the best as she embarks on the next stages of her life.

## Reflections of a Student Worker

During the entirety of 2023, two of our PSIA students joined our department's "Communications Team" in the role of student worker. During their tenure, Orla Fennell and Gabriella (Gabi) Bartlett, both IA majors, did every-thing from authoring articles for our blog and Newsletters to calling alumni to ask for donations to our Fried-man scholarship fund as part of UNG's RISE campaign. In addition, Orla was primarily responsible for creating and sending messages to students via UNG Connect, while Gabi put her skills to use organizing and overseeing our social media presence on Instagram and Facebook. They both finished their undergraduate careers in De-cember 2023, but before they left, we asked them to reflect on their time as part of the Comms Team.

### Orla

Honestly, there have been so many great memories I've had and peo-ple I've met throughout my time as a PSIA student worker. Some of the most memorable moments from my time working for the department include attending Bear on the Square to represent the department, interviewing multiple alumni who have invaluable advice and knowl-edge; working alongside the other student workers; and being present for the signing of the Dr. Barry Friedman Scholarship Memorandum of Agreement.

I am from Peachtree City, GA and I graduated from McIntosh High School. I decided to come to UNG after visiting the college and falling in love with the beautiful and quaint town and campus. I decided to major in International Affairs with an European concentration for no sole reason -- mostly because I

liked learning about different countries and how they interact with each other.

I can now say with certainty that IA is much more than just countries interacting with each other, and that choosing this degree was one of the best decisions I've made to date. The degree is applicable in so many areas of life and offers a wide range of knowledge and job opportunities. UNG's PSIA department has some of the best faculty, in my opinion, with lots of professors who are passionate about IA and dedicated to each student's success.

### Gabi

I went to Northview High School in Johns Creek, GA and I always wanted to work in the legal field. I interned at a law firm in my gap semester during the fall of 2020 and found that a pre-law degree isn't absolutely necessary to a future law career and that I could, in fact, pursue any undergraduate program – as long as I did well in the program, any degree would translate well into law. So, I chose to major in International Affairs as I've always been interested in international law.

As far as a student intern, I've loved the opportunities we've had to meet interesting people, but more so the opportunity to really connect with the Department. Getting to know the professors and connect with them on the team level made me more comfortable with my professors and they have given me a lot of advice and insight for my academic career that is invaluable.



Orla & Gabi

*Update: Currently, Orla is serving as a legislative assistant to GA State Senators Greg Dolezal and Larry Walker, while Gabi is pursuing her Masters of Public Policy degree from the University of VA.*

**We thank Orla and Gabi for their excellent work and contributions to PSIA and wish them both all the best in their future endeavors!**

# Recent Graduates

Congratulations to our undergraduate and graduate students who completed their respective studies this year.

## May '24

### Master of Arts in International Affairs

Kelsey Daenen  
Ellen Frank

### Master of Public Administration

Lillian Lott  
Mia Burns

### International Affairs

Matthew Dalluge | Asia  
Timothy Chamblee | Europe  
Jacob Tighe | Asia  
Alexander Davis | Europe  
Nathan Whatley | Asia  
Olivia Dibernardo | Europe

### Political Science

Susan Campbell | Political Science  
Neva Garrett | Political Science  
Darren Fortner | Pre-Law  
Sarah Jones | Political Science  
Nathanael Hines | Pre-Law  
Anthony Koslowski | Political Science  
Michela Monteiro | Pre-Law  
Leland Padgett | Political Science  
Maddox Rose | Pre-Law  
Cooper Rock | Political Science  
Bailey Smith | Pre-Law  
Kassidy Pass | Political Science  
Christian Weinman | American Politics  
Jacob Walls | Political Science

### Strategic & Security Studies

Yakir Mufson | History  
Marc Bilia | Intelligence  
Ross Mitchamore | Intelligence  
Nicolas Sotelo | Intelligence  
Daniel Traylor | Intelligence  
Jacob Pitts | International Affairs  
Robbie Griffin | Military Science  
Jacob Lyons | Military Science  
Colin McBride-Parker | Military Science



## August '24

### Master of Arts in International Affairs

Nathaniel Epps  
Russell Adams

### Master of Public Administration

Alexandra Morris  
Renne Guzman

### International Affairs

Victoria Landa | Europe  
Austin Gazaway | Europe

### Political Science

Ashley Russell  
Nasteha Ali  
Marimartin Towns  
Anton Reelee  
Camden Tinsley | Pre-Law  
Ashton Gowan | Pre-Law

### Strategic & Security Studies

Madison Nault | Intelligence

### Associates of Political Science

Alexis Mosley

# Scholarships

Congratulations to...

Cumming resident Ella Reid, SSST '25, is heading to the National Chengchi University's Chinese Flagship Overseas Capstone Program. Her time in Taipei comes courtesy of the US Defense Department's Defense Language and National Security Education Office in the form of a Boren Award.

Gainesville native Alexander Peebles, PS '27, was awarded the US State Department's Benjamin A. Gilman scholarship. Alexander is one of nine UNG students who received a Gilman scholarship this past spring and will be studying and working on his language skills in Germany.

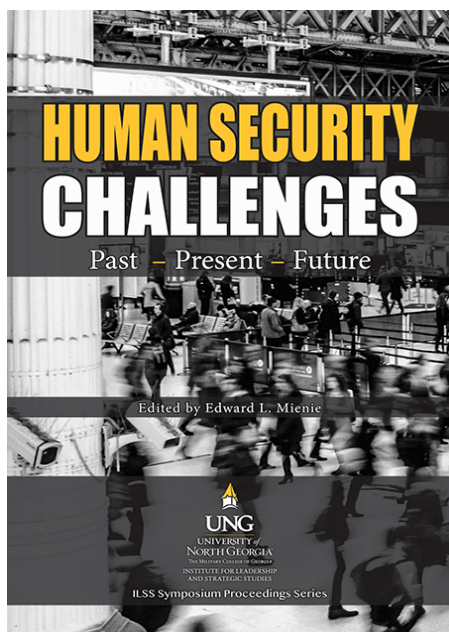




## 2023 ILSS Symposium

During April 5 and 6 of last year, the eighth ILSS symposium, UNG's Strategic and Security Studies Symposium, explored Human Security Challenges: Past – Present – Future. The Strategic and Security Studies Program, headed by PSIA faculty member Dr. Eddie Mienie, together with the Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies (ILSS) and the College of Education, and in collaboration with the US Army War College, the Association of the United States Army, and the Army Strategist Association, hosted this year's symposium.

During the course of the two-day event, five panels addressed the following topics: "Human Security Challenges in Post-Conflict Societies," "Role of National Defense in Mitigating Human Security Challenges," "Topics in Human Security Challenges," "It's a Jungle Out There: The Growing Threat of Environmental Crimes to National Security," and "Putting the Past on Ice: Evolving Security Considerations Among Human Populations in a Warming Arctic."



Dr. Edward Mienie, Executive Director of the Strategic Studies program, moderated the panels and has since the symposium edited the panel proceedings into "Human Security Challenges: Past – Present – Future". His work is also featured in the book's preface.

At the symposium, scholars from all over the world examined the role of state, non-state, and international actors in solving or mitigating human security challenges. Human security, as a governing principle, emphasizes freedom from want and freedom from fear as opposed to traditional national security, which emphasizes sovereignty and territorial integrity. Panelists engaged the audience in discussions ranging from the military to non-governmental organizations, academia, government agencies, and industry. Despite the broad range of viewpoints, the conversations' outcomes support that there is much that can and must be done to mitigate threats to human security, which morph into threats to national security interests if left unmitigated.

You can read more about the symposium on our [PSIA News](#) page. You can also watch the entire symposium courtesy of UNG's AV Team on [YOUTUBE](#) at [youtu.be/mMjtU9t7fQI](https://youtu.be/mMjtU9t7fQI).

Editor's Note: Due to a reorganization of responsibilities within UNG, this past summer's symposium will be the last in the series.

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## Dr. Viman-Miller Named Honorary Senator

This past summer, Dr. Raluca Viman-Miller participated in a series of research conferences and panels in Europe alongside other PSIA faculty members. Reflecting on her journey, Dr. Viman-Miller provided insights into three significant events, including her recognition as an Honorary Senator.

One notable event was a course organized by the Brussels-based [European Security and Defense College](#), a network college composed of more than 100 National Training Institutes from across the European Union. The event took place May 21-24 and was hosted at the Romanian National College of Home Affairs and the Romanian Naval Academy in Constanța, Romania and supported by the Romanian Border Police and the Bulgarian Naval Academy “Nikola Y. Vaptsarov”. The course, titled [“Challenges of Securing Maritime Areas in the European Union,”](#) aimed to prepare military officers and civil servants from EU member states, institutions and agencies to be assigned to positions dealing with maritime security policies, strategies and missions/operations at executive staff level.

Dr. Viman-Miller, accompanied by Department Head Dr. Greathouse, lectured during the fifth edition of this course. Together, they co-authored a presentation titled “Contemporary EU Security and Defense Challenges: EU Defense and Security Cooperation Policies and Strategies.” Attending these events significantly contributed to Dr. Viman-Miller’s professional development and provided valuable opportunities for her students back at UNG, allowing her to engage in research and foster new academic collaborations. This partnership with the Romanian Naval Academy opens doors for UNG students in study abroad programs and internships, expanding their opportunities overseas.

At the end of May, Dr. Viman-Miller participated in [Erasmus+](#) faculty exchange, a European Union initiative that funds exchanges among universities. An established and long-term partner with PSIA and UNG, the University of Oradea is in north-western Romania, in the heart of Transylvania.

Faculty and staff exchanges between the two institutions produced various projects, one of which is the publication titled “The War on Ukraine and Its Impact on Global Politics”. The faculty-staff exchange’s purpose is to discuss and debate ways to enhance academic and student collaborations.

Making another visit to the Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, Romania, where she [taught during the spring semester of 2023](#), Dr. Viman-Miller attended a research conference in mid-June called “Knowledge-Based Organizations (KBO).” She noted that participating in previous KBO conferences provided a great opportunity to exchange knowledge, meet new collaborators, and develop innovative research ideas. This year, she delivered the opening remarks on the topic of knowledge, power, and freedom. During the same conference, the Land Forces Academy honored her with the title of *Honorary Senator*.



Dr. Viman-Miller considers it quite an honor to be recognized for her efforts in fostering collaboration between PSIA, UNG and the Romanian Land Forces Academy in this manner. This recognition opens new opportunities for both faculty and students, demonstrating that her hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Her experiences underline the importance of collaboration not just between these institutions, but between US and foreign institutions in general. Through these efforts in collaboration she learned hard work pays off, and putting forth your best effort—despite challenges—leads to progress. Additionally, building friendships and collaborations is essential for opening doors to research, travel, and exchange opportunities.

## PSIA Advisory Board Grows to Ten



We are delighted to announce that we have a new member on our [PSIA Advisory Board](#).

Ms. Madison Arcangeli, founder and Managing Partner at Forza DC, LLC, a strategic advisory, public policy, and business development consulting firm, has graciously agreed to lend her experience and expertise to the Board. She is a great addition to the already strong lineup of people who are working with us to help support UNG's Department of Political Science & International Affairs in defining and achieving its goals and to help our students #experiencemore.

At Forza DC, Madison focuses on developing policy solutions and advocacy strategies for clients within the private and non-profit sectors involved in defense, foreign affairs, and intelligence, as well as philanthropic clients in the health and economic sectors.

Madison is a graduate of the University of Washington, where she focused on international security, foreign policy, and the social implications of the law and the criminal justice system.



## Changing Faces in PSIA

A hearty “WELCOME” to the two most recent additions to our faculty ranks -- Drs. Scott McDonald and Jing He.

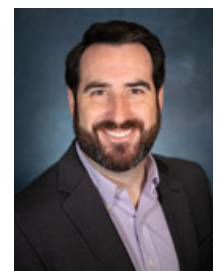
Scott comes to us direct from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University. He is embarking on his second career after spending 24 years as an officer in the US Marine Corps. His extensive background in the Marines, as an armor officer, a China Foreign Area Officer, and a diplomat helps provide much-needed expertise in our growing National Security Affairs program.



Also coming direct from her doctoral work, Jing studied at Fudan University, Shanghai prior to finishing her current round of academic study at Florida State University’s Askew School of Public Administration and Policy. With her background in international public policy, along with public administration and management, Dr. He brings a welcome addition to our Public Administration program.



While saying “hello” to Scott and Jing, we unfortunately are forced to say “goodbye” to a seven-year member of our faculty, Dr. Scott Meachum. Those of you who got to know Dr. Meachum over the past few years, particularly those of you in our political science/pre-law track, know what a wealth of experience he brought to the classroom. Though we will miss Scott, we wish him all the best in his coming adventures with the US Government.



## Third NISA Program is a Success



NISA Director Dr. Edward Mienie chats with NISA attendees

For the third summer in a row, high school students had the opportunity to attend the [National Intelligence Summer Academy \(NISA\)](#) held on UNG's Cumming campus.

Led by Professor Dr. Eddie Mienie, Executive Director of our Strategic and Security Studies bachelor's degree program and funded by UNG's Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies (ILSS), the week-long program provided 40 sophomores, juniors, and seniors an intense and exciting look at the field of "intelligence" and the US

Intelligence Community. In addition, attendees received an overview of the myriad courses and programs offered at UNG that can set them up for a future career.

As in years past, NISA attendees got to hear first-hand from practitioners in the field -- from US agencies such as the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as from foreign organizations. Together, the speakers combined their experiences and insights to meet the three

primary goals of the Academy's program: to lift the veil of secrecy on the hidden world of intelligence, exploring the history, challenges, and controversies; and to provide a context for understanding the important role intelligence has played in our nation's history and continues to play today; to provide a foundational knowledge of the intelligence field, setting the stage for possible careers in the field.

## PSIA Success on the Water

Congratulations are in order for PSIA Communications Specialist Larry Morton. During the first week of August, Larry participated in the American Canoe Association (ACA) 2024 Sprint National Championships held at the Lake Lanier Olympic Park (site of the 1996 Olympics) in Gainesville. At the end of four days of sprint kayak racing Larry came away with three gold, one silver and one bronze medal, all in a K2 (tandem kayak).

Larry raced in both the Master's C (50-60 yr old) and the Master's D (60-70 yr old) categories in a K1 (single) at distances of 200, 500 and 1000 meters. His K2 exploits were bronze in the mixed 5000 meter; silver in the mixed 500 meter; and golds in the men's 200, 500 and 5000 meter races.

A member of the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club (LCKC), Larry's week ended with a resounding team victory over perennial powerhouse Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team from Gig Harbor, WA and 15 other teams from as far away as Winnipeg, Oklahoma City, Seattle, San Diego and Hawaii, earning for LCKC the title of 2024 National Championship Team. Having transitioned from a touring kayak to a sprint kayak just this past spring, Larry's accomplishment on the water is quite a story and we congratulate him on his title as "National Champion."



## RISE 2024 & the Friedman Scholarship



**RISE '24**, UNG's annual crowdfunding campaign, is nearly half-way through, with its conclusion coming up on November 7, 2024.

The RISE campaign is organized by UNG's Alumni Association and seeks to raise money for specific UNG scholarships.

Via this campaign we are continuing the drive to fund our own PSIA scholarship, The Barry D. Friedman Scholarship in Political Science & International Affairs.

We introduced you to this scholarship last year and to date you have contributed over \$19,000 to the scholarship fund

We are now hoping to reach the "magical" \$25,000 benchmark to make this scholarship

endowed and self-perpetuating, so students for years to come can benefit from it.

Recipients of the scholarship receive \$1,000 for an academic year. They are students majoring in Political Science, International Affairs, or Strategic and Security Studies who have completed at least nine credit hours in POLS courses and who have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75.

The Friedman Scholarship seeks to make learning more affordable, reward students that study hard, and show our students that the PSIA Department truly cares about them.

Professor emeritus Dr. Barry D. Friedman, former Department Head Dr. Dlynn Armstrong-Williams, and the department as a whole designed this scholarship to recognize and support exceptional students within our department.

The scholarship has been made possible through the generous contributions of people like you who share our passion in investing in the future of our students.

If YOU are willing and able to help us achieve our goal and assist future PSIA students in their academic pursuits, even if it's only \$1, please visit us at: [FRIEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP](#).

Let us come together as a family to celebrate this exciting opportunity and support the next generation of Political Science & International Affairs students!

## Drill Field Gets a New Look

If you haven't been on the Dahlonega campus in awhile, prepare for a "shock."

Returning to campus for the fall 2024 semester, students and faculty encountered a lot of new entities, whether it is new classes, new professors, or even a new curriculum. However, none of these are as exciting as the Dahlonega campus' recently remodeled drill field

The drill field has been known to be the heart of campus since 1873 and it remains so! As we spend our days walking around it, nothing beats the scenery of our big green drill field. Construction of enhancements started in April 2024, bringing a fresh new look to an iconic part of UNG.



Main Entrance (looking south towards Library)



Main Entrance (looking north)



Main Entrance (looking southwest)





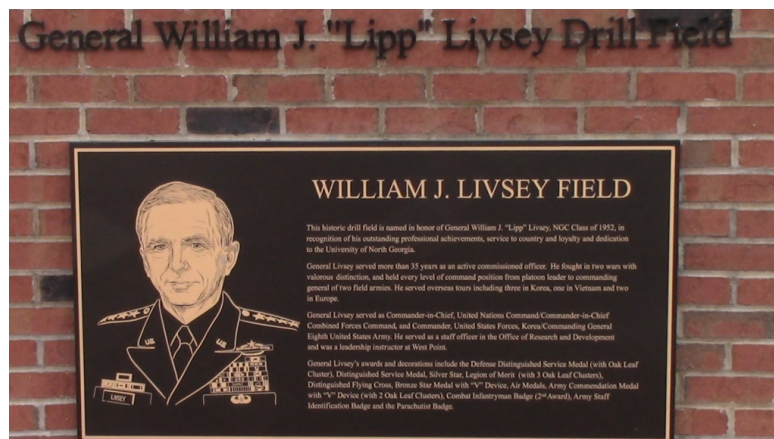
Viewing Point (looking east)



Viewing Point (looking north towards Chow)



Reviewing Stand (looking west)



Placard outside of the Chow Viewing Point

Have you ever wondered what the old drill field looked like? When we say old, we mean 1900s old.

Check out these exclusive pictures of our drill field dating back to 1944, courtesy of Paul Knight, UNG Postal Services and his father, who was a cadet at the time.



Paul's father is the cadet on the left.

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Our Dr. Barry Friedman Scholarship has been awarded to two deserving students since its inception last year. In the early spring 2025 we will award the scholarship to a third deserving PSIA student! To continue assisting our students in the coming years we need YOUR help!

Your gracious **DONATION** will go toward building the body of the scholarship investment, working toward its endowment.

Several articles in this Newsletter have been edited from the original due to space considerations. To see the complete article, please visit **PSIA NEWS**.

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