

Student commencement speakers announced

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an active member of Guilford but of the Greensboro community as well. She is a project coordinator for two programs, one for after-school tutoring and the other for prison literacy.

At Guilford, Matthews is the president of BUS and a member of the Anti-Racism team.

"I don't think at any other school I'd be able to be ... a leader in so many different programs," Matthews said.

She has also been a manager at Hardees, supporting herself and paying for school. After graduation, Matthews plans on working with Americorps. Her long-term plans include attending law school in the state.

"In every situation (Matthews is) thoughtful," said senior Brynne Kirk. "Whatever she's going to say, I'm going to listen to."

Senior Lindsey Gallagher echoed these sentiments. "I think Sunny is extremely well-spoken and exemplifies a commitment to our community which we all strive for here at Guilford," Gallagher said.

Wolf, a longtime friend of Matthews, is excited to be speaking with her. "It's



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Sunny Mathews and Lucas Wolf

really special to share the stage with someone that is so important to you," he said.

Wolf is a traditional student who transferred from Colorado State University three and a half years ago. He is a Spanish and African American Studies double major who has played an active role in Guilford's international programs. He spent two semesters abroad in Guilford's Guadalajara program, once as a student and once as a T.A.

"From the moment I stepped onto this campus I've tried to be as involved as possible," said Wolf. His involvement extends past the academic and into the social.

"I think he's a really great guy," said senior Natia Rostomashvili. "He's friends with everyone."

In continuing with his interest in international studies after graduation, Wolf will attend the Peace Corps.

His long-term plans include graduate school for a degree in International Affairs.

Guilford's prominent CCE program will have Allred, a Business major, as their speaker.

"For CCE students, Guilford College is ... a life-changing experience," said Bill Stevens, Dean for the CCE program. "John fits into that mold."

Allred has made marked contributions to the CCE program as the Vice President of the CCE Student

Government Association. Allred has also worked on CCE homecoming events and helped plan the 50th anniversary celebrations of the CCE program.

"Guilford College is a valuable experience for nearly all CCE students and John will exemplify that," said Stevens.

"[These] students are very active members of Guilford," said Anne Lundquist, chair of the Convocation and Celebrations Committee. Lundquist will be helping the students work on their commencement speeches.

"I'll keep it light and sweet and to the point," said Matthews.

"The pressure's definitely building to say something spicy and cool," said Wolf. "It's got to be suave and smooth."

Alumnus Christopher Benfey, '77, and President Kent Chabotar will join Matthews, Wolf, and Allred in addressing the May graduates. The ceremony will be held May 8, at 10:30 a.m. on the Founders Quadrangle.

"Now it's time to just get up there and talk and walk away from it all," said Wolf. "It's kind of crazy."

Alcohol and prescription drug abuse on campus

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Union-sponsored substance-free activities, and last week's drunk-driving simulation. In addition, Campus Life works to educate and give awareness to drug abuse.

Recent issues with off-campus drinking and driving have caused concern among students and staff alike.

"I hear people talk about driving home from bars or off-campus parties," said senior Residential Advisor Rushdee Omar. "Maybe a forum is needed with Campus Life so people can be aware and be educated more about what they are doing, so they know the consequences."

"I think that we should do some more actual education ... [like a] designated driver program," said Lundquist. "Part of the goal is to have continued conversation about things from students' perspectives so that we can be think-

ing of things that will be useful [in prevention]."

Campus Life intervention has been successful for some, as junior Margaret Osborne feels that there has been a decrease in drug use at Guilford.

"I find the puking has gotten better this year - you don't walk through piles of puke in the hallways anymore," Osborne said. "I think the fact that [Campus Life has] made the dorms 'no smoking' has helped. If nothing else it has helped people not be so obvious [with marijuana]."

Marijuana

Campus Life is currently working to increase alcohol awareness and combat drug use on campus.

"Our student self-reported marijuana use [is] at a higher rate than the national," said Lundquist.

Lundquist also related a story of when former Campus Life administrator James Minton visited the University of Tennessee. When a stranger speaking with Minton found out his connection with Guilford, the stranger responded, "Oh, that drug school in N.C.?"

"The reputation for the college is there and it negatively affects us," Lundquist said.

Prescription Drugs

According to the a 2002 study done by the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, illicit drug use is highest among college-aged students 18 to 25 years old. In addition, non-medical use of prescription medicines has steadily increased since the early '90s. This mirrors the rising trend in prescribed psychotherapeutics drugs - such as prescription Ritalin and

Ambien - from 7% in 1992 to 18% in 2001.

Psychotherapeutic drugs are those which can affect brain function and can include opioids, depressants, and stimulants.

Currently there are no statistics to prove that the increase in abuse of prescription drugs by students nationally is similar to a trend at Guilford. However, there are students who feel that prescription drug abuse on campus is far more prevalent than other illicit drugs such as marijuana.

"I think that prescription drugs are a big problem," said sophomore Kara Simpson. "What I do know about prescription drugs is that you can get them everywhere and anywhere. Come finals time everyone starts snorting the Adderall."

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