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## *Gardner-Webb Recognizes 10 Individuals During Annual Awards Presentation*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University’s Degree Completion Program (DCP) acknowledged the efforts of several longtime instructors during the recent DCP Faculty Day Awards Program, held annually in August.

Ten individuals were honored for both the quality and longevity of their service to Gardner-Webb, and the University commends them for their commitment to excellence in higher education programs.

### *Name/City, State/Award Received:*

Dr. Brooke Thompson	Pineville, N.C.	2016 Beyond the Call of Duty Award
Nancy Boling	Rockingham, N.C.	2016 DCP Service Award
J.D. Fish	Shelby, N.C.	2016 DCP Service Award
Steve Gambill	Mooresville, N.C.	2016 DCP Service Award
Van Morrow	Moore, S.C.	2016 DCP Service Award
Jeff Penley	Hickory, N.C.	2016 DCP Service Award
Sarah Tate	Kings Mountain, N.C.	2016 Outstanding Alumna Award – Faculty
Jason Cheek	Asheboro, N.C.	2016 Outstanding Alumnus Award – Adjunct
Dr. Tracy Arnold	Boiling Springs, N.C.	2016 Outstanding DCP Professor Award-Faculty
Dr. Steve Hearne	Greenville, S.C.	2016 Outstanding DCP Professor Award-Adjunct

The Beyond the Call of Duty award is among the DCP’s highest honors and is given to an individual whose service and commitment to the goals of the program extend beyond one’s typical assignment. The Outstanding DCP Professor award is offered to both a full-time faculty member as well as an adjunct professor. The annual DCP Service award is bestowed upon adjunct instructors who have served Gardner-Webb for 20 years or more. Each recipient receives a maritime clock with an inscription that reads, “In recognition of long-term and exemplary service to the Degree Completion Program, Gardner-Webb University and the profession.” The

Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus award is given to both a full-time faculty member and an adjunct professor who attended GWU and whose support of the University extends beyond their service in the classroom.

***Click link below for an interview with DCP Instructor J.D. Fish, who has served the program as an adjunct professor for more than 36 years.***

*The GWU Degree Completion Program seeks to meet the unique needs of students working full-time jobs and simultaneously seeking advanced education. Students can continue their studies culminating in a baccalaureate degree. Majors include accounting, business administration, entrepreneurship, criminal justice, computer information systems, elementary education, human services, healthcare management, nursing, and religious studies. This important mission of Gardner-Webb was one of the first programs of its kind when it began in 1978.*

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).*