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Forest City, N.C., Team to Host Gardner-Webb Event June 12

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University invites alumni to connect with fellow members of the University family at the Forest City Owls baseball game Thursday, June 12 in Forest City, N.C.

“It’s an opportunity for alums to meet other alums living in the same area to build relationships with the common ground of Gardner-Webb,” said Brad Vaughn, assistant director of GWU Alumni Relations. “It gives a chance to network for friendships or potential job opportunities, and it provides an opportunity to stay connected with the University, its events, and the campus.”

Activities begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet from 6-7:30 p.m. at McNair Field, located at 114 McNair Drive in Forest City. Tickets are \$10 per person. The cost includes admission to the game, which begins at 7 p.m. Alumni may register at gardner-webb.edu/alumni-events or by calling 704-406-3862. The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 11.

The Owls play in the Coastal Plain League, a summer baseball association that offers skills development opportunities for college players across the country. Gardner-Webb’s own Mitch Warner, a left-handed pitcher from Pennsylvania, is among more than 30 college players competing for the Owls this summer.

Events like the GWU alumni gathering benefit both the baseball organization and the University, according to Owls General Manager Cory Dirksen. “It’s a huge win for the Owls because Gardner-Webb is such an important piece of the community through the large number of students who want to attend and the quality of education that the University offers. There is a lot of pride among Gardner-Webb alumni, and it’s important for us to have those alumni attending events in our ballpark.”

GWU and the Owls will also partner June 27 for Faith Night, an event sponsored by the University and held at McNair Field. “That event will focus on faith activities and share our organization as a family-friendly entertainment option,” Dirksen shared. “Gardner-Webb is a great partner with us.”

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment, preparing students to think critically, to succeed professionally, and to serve faithfully as members of their local and global communities.