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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – World-class trumpeter Charles Schlueter, formerly of the Boston Symphony, will give a masterclass for all brass players from 5-7pm on Thursday, Sept. 22, in Gardner-Webb University's Blanton Auditorium. Following the class, Schlueter will perform live in Blanton at 8 pm. Both the masterclass and concert are free and open to the public.

In 2006, Schlueter retired from the Boston Symphony Orchestra, where he had been principal trumpet for 25 years. Prior to joining the Boston Symphony, he was principal trumpet in the Kansas City Philharmonic, Milwaukee Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and associate principal in the Cleveland Orchestra. In total, Schlueter enjoys more than 45 years of orchestral experience.

Schlueter has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a soloist, appearing both in recitals and with orchestras in France, Brazil, Japan, as well as in the United States. In addition to being on the faculty of the New England Conservatory since 1981, Schlueter was a guest faculty member at the University of Connecticut in 2007 and 2008. He has held masterclasses on four continents.

Schlueter grew up in Du Quoin, Ill. He started playing the trumpet at age 10 and studied with Charles Archibald, Donald Lemasters, Melvin Siener, and Edward Brauer, before attending the Julliard School, where his mentor was William Vacchiano, then principal trumpet of the New York Philharmonic.

For more information about the masterclass or concert, call 704-406-4453.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University was founded in 1905 and is home to over 4,300 students from 37 states and 21 foreign countries. Gardner-Webb seeks a higher ground in higher education – one that embraces faith and intellectual freedom, balances conviction with compassion, and inspires in students a love of learning, service, and leadership.