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Relationships are a huge part of college life. Whether it's a significant other or family member, keeping in touch with the people we love is important.

Many students' homes are hundreds of miles away from their families and friends, while, for others, home is down the road.

Check out this advice from students on how to deal with your own college relationships here at Piedmont College.



PIEDMONT relationships

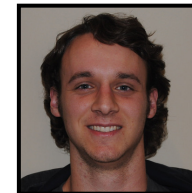
PHOTO BY MEGAN STUDDARD
Senior early childhood education major Lauren Head holds hands with her boyfriend, MBA student Ed Cook.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Students speak about all college relationships

Friends:

How do you keep up with your friends here and at home?



"Little text conversations every so often"
-Mick Baker, sophomore physics and engineering major



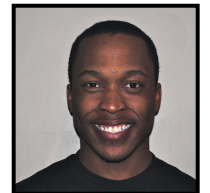
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-Lauren Bartlett, freshman business major

Family:

How did you keep in touch with your family?



"Phone calls. I call my mom and my sisters two or three times a week to catch up with them while I am here."
-Kendall Newell, junior education major



"Emails. Phone calls if I have time, but mostly emails."
-Wesley Campell, senior mass communications major

Romantic:

What is one tip you can give to others when it comes to relationships?



"Make time for one another, while allowing your significant other to have time to themselves as well."
-Jesse Copeland, sophomore psychology major



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PROFESSOR BUCKET LIST

Ten “must-have” Piedmont professors and classes

BY Hillary Kelley, Features Editor

At Piedmont, there are ten particular professors you should look into before you graduate. These professors teach some of the must-have classes on campus.

Dr. Albert Pleysier teaches multiple history courses including History of Constantinople, History of Women and more. These are special topics classes that go into greater detail about a subject than lower-level history courses. Needless to say, everyone should get to experience the infamous teaching style Pleysier is widely known for at least once.

If you’ve ever heard other students say, “now what can we do with this?” then they’ve taken a class with **Dr. Hugh Davis**. This Freudian-loving professor teaches English classes, as well as film-oriented courses that are sure to challenge your mind and expand your critical thinking skills. Student discussion is a staple in Davis’s classes, but the wonderful thing about this approach is that students are always encouraged to say whatever is on their minds.

Professor Jennifer Arbitter’s experience in the television field makes her an excellent resource for students who would like to get involved with television and editing courses. The beauty of Arbitter’s course offerings is that students can create television advertisements, music videos, short films, or just learn about the entertainment industry in general. This means that

students can actually produce real material that can be shared with family and friends.

Dr. Steve Jacobs is a professor in the sociology department whose laid-back teaching style offers student the opportunity to experience how the world works in a variety of ways. Anyone taking one of his classes can expect to learn not only from Dr. Jacobs, but also from their fellow classmates as the class serves as a medium of expression and intense discussions.

Interested in taking an art class without having to commit to the major? The graphic design classes offered by **Professor Kaitlyn Botts** allow students to create logos, ads and other materials while learning how to use the latest software. This course takes a lot of time and effort, but the materials produced and skills learned can benefit students in the future.

Foreign languages are required for Piedmont students and the German classes provided by **Professor Moika Schulte** are always a hit among students. Schulte, a native of Germany, makes learning elementary German a piece of kuchen. For those who haven’t taken the class yet, that means cake, which is just one of the authentic foods Schulte spoils her classes with.

Piedmont professors come from all over and have various titles attached

to their names, and **Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor** is no exception. Known by the nickname BBT, she has been named one of the most influential people in Georgia more than one. If introductory religion isn’t your forte, she also teaches a faith in film course that is sure to open your mind to all sorts of possibilities.

From across the quad you can hear **Dr. Tim Lytle** whistling away. His introductory philosophy courses are a great addition to the required general education opportunities, but his upper-level and special topics are truly supreme. The sizes of these classes are usually small, and this intimacy allows for the students and professor to discuss topics and ideas in a more extensive, challenging and beneficial way.

Professor Henry Johnson, known lovingly as Henry, is a gem in the theatre department with a truly astonishing resume. His magical past and personality make him a perfect fit for courses that handle a range of interesting theatre courses like special effects and pyrotechnics for the stage, makeup design and more.

Though chemistry and environmental science are on the list of possible general education courses, **Dr. Elaine Bailey’s** classes are a cut above the rest. Dr. Bailey’s teaching approach creates an atmosphere of fun by engaging students in learning very logical subjects with her not-so-subtle whimsy.

SURVIVING THE LEGEND

Pleysier class veteran gives her tips for success

BY Jesse Sutton, News Editor

Dr. Albert Pleysier is notorious for teaching difficult and confrontational history classes.

Many students have likely heard shocking stories of Dr. Pleysier’s classes. This is much due to his passionate (and loud) teaching style. He commonly expresses his ideas by raising his voice, pounding his fists on the white board or getting inches away from student’s faces to make a point.

This sounds terrifying; however, veterans of his classes could explain to any nervous student that Dr. Pleysier genuinely wants each student to succeed.

During my eight classes with Dr. Pleysier, I realized the key to his classes rests in respect. The amount of respect students reflect for Dr. Pleysier in their efforts to be in class and prepare for exams mirrors the respect he eventually finds for them.

To succeed in his classes, students could follow these six suggestions:

Come to class. No matter how tired you are, always drag yourself out of bed and attend. Dr. Pleysier keeps a count of the number of missed classes, and no one wants to be on the top of that list.

Be on time. If you are going to be late, let him know in advance. He expects you to be in class and on time every time.

Take good notes. This may seem like an obvious trick; however, I witnessed many students who took terrible notes and expected to pass his class. Dr. Pleysier presents all the information found on tests during class, and there will be no surprises. Good note taking equals good grades.

Learn to laugh. He often cracks jokes during his classes, especially the upper level classes. It’s completely acceptable to laugh at his jokes when appropriate.

Prepare for his exams. Every student learns differently, so there isn’t one right way to study for his exams. However, students could study for each test type differently. For example:

For essay exams: Personally, I memorize paragraphs at a time and try to learn each section individually. When taking the test, I use the questions as a frame of reference to help

guide me in the answer.

For fill-in-the-blank exams: As most of the test surrounds terms and names, I study these first then move onto the rest.

Learn as much as possible. Most importantly, you need to remember that Dr. Pleysier truly wants you to know the material in such a way that you can apply it to your life.

He has much knowledge to offer, so my best advice is to soak in as much information as possible.



PHOTO BY SUMMER LEWIS
Dr. Pleysier glances over his lecture notes before an upcoming class.



BEST OF piedmont

PHOTO BY MEGAN STUDDARD
El Patron in Cornelia was voted Best Mexican Restaurant by PC students in our first "Best of" survey.

THE VOTES ARE IN

Student survey shows best places near campus

We asked, you voted. Over 200 Demorest campus students responded to our first-ever "Best of Piedmont" survey.

FOOD: BEST CHICKEN RESTAURANT
Chic-fil-A

BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT
El Patron

BEST PIZZA
Papa John's



PUBLIC DOMAIN

ON CAMPUS: BEST BATHROOM
Swanson Center bathrooms

BEST PLACE TO STUDY
The library

BEST CAMPUS EVENT
Theater productions



FUN: BEST PLACE TO GO ON A FRIDAY
Home

BEST OUTDOOR ACTIVITY
Tallulah Gorge



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PIEDMONT entertainment

BRING ON THE POPCORN

Our top picks for movies

best movies of 2013

- "Gravity"
- "Pacific Rim"
- "Elysium"
- "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"



Besides robots punching monsters in the face, this is a movie has some of the best technology. With virtually no pre-established fan base, Guillermo del Toro has once again blown audiences away with his filmmaking skills and storytelling abilities.

best romance

- "Warm Bodies"
- "Ruby Sparks"
- "Something Borrowed"
- "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (Brave Heart Will Take the Bride)"



One of the highest grossing Bollywood romance movies of the 90's, DDLJ is sure to jerk a tear. This is a must-see for everyone from the most hopeless romantic to the hard-hearted cynic.)

best action

- "The Wolverine"
- "X-Men: First Class"
- "The Boondocks Saints"
- "Speed"



James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender's performances as Professor X and Magneto were just as good as Patrick Stewart and Ian McKeller's and will leave you anticipating for their return in X-Men: Days of Future Past later this year.)

best sci-fi

- "Star Trek Into Darkness"
- "Looper"
- "The Prestige"
- "District 9"



Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis give breathtaking performances as the same man on a mission to repair his past for a better future. This movie will keep you intrigued with unexpected plot twists and intense action sequences throughout.

best comedy

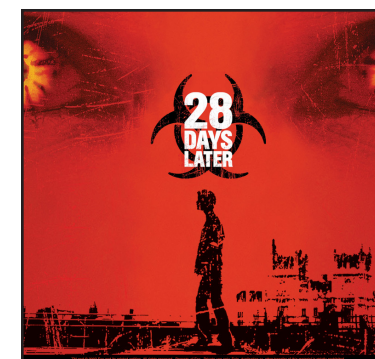
- "The Heat"
- "This is the End"
- "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
- "Brother Where Art Thou?"



A classic must-watch comedy from the late, great John Hughes.

best horror

- "Mama"
- "Evil Dead 2013"
- "28 Days Later"
- "Saw"



With its unconventional take on zombies and fantastic performances from Cillian Murphy and Naomi Harris, this movie is an instant classic. It's got everything a horror fan could want: an eerie atmosphere, intense scares and gore almost to the point of excess

PIEDMONT weekends



PHOTO BY MEGAN STUDDARD
Tallulah Gorge, on the line of Rabun and Habersham counties, is less than a 30 minute drive from Demorest.

THREE-DAY GETAWAY

Itinerary of fun near Demorest for students

BY Alex Smith, Sports Editor

Friday:

6:30 p.m.
Hollywood Diner
103 Historic Old Highway 441, Clarkesville

The Hollywood Diner is a very nice and cozy restaurant. The atmosphere is quiet just what you need to enjoy your food. Service is quick and satisfactory.

8 p.m.
Habersham Hills Cinemas
115 Cody Road, Mount Airy

Catch a new release at this theatre tucked behind an antique mall. Friendly customer service and clean theaters.

Saturday:

8 a.m.
Java Joe's Coffee Shoppe
1349 Washington St, Clarkesville

Have a white chocolate mocha to start your day along with fresh baked pastries offered at this local dive. The cozy atmosphere and eclectic decor make it the perfect place to start your day.

10 a.m.
Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art
567 Georgia St. Demorest

The Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art is now the permanent home for art donated to the college by Dr. Bill Mason, a member of the Class of 1957, and Bob Scharfenstein, both of Birmingham, Ala. The museum houses a permanent collection of primarily 19th and 20th-century American and European artwork collected over the past 40 years by Piedmont Trustee Dr. Bill Mason and Bob Scharfenstein, both of Birmingham, Ala. A smaller gallery will feature a variety of exhibits by students, faculty, and invited artists.

Noon.
The Attic
1344 Washington St., Clarkesville

Great lunch menu featuring the Philly Cheesesteak. Good atmosphere and friendly staff. Has both indoor and outdoor seating. Reasonable prices.

2 p.m.
Alpine Village of Helen
726 Bruckenstrasse, Helen

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the Chattahoochee River, this Northeast Georgia village has a rich history linked to the Cherokee Indians and Indian burial mounds as well as early settlers who arrived to mine for gold and cut virgin timber for a thriving lumber industry in the early 1900s. Helen is a re-creation of an alpine village complete with cobblestone alleys and old-world towers. Walk around and shop for awhile in this quaint town.

6 p.m.
Hofbrauhaus Restaurant and G.I. Germany Pub
N. Main St., Helen

The Hofbrauhaus has long been one of Helen's landmark restaurants. With authentic German food, it will give you a real taste of what this city was modeled after. .

7:30 p.m.
Alpine Carriage Company
127 Doug Allison Heights, Cleveland

Carriage Rides within the City of Helen. Carriages are located on River St. in Downtown Helen. Open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., weather permitting. They have several buggies to choose from including a Cinderella Buggy that accommodates 20 people and is handicap accessible.

9 p.m.
Alpine Mini Golf
7914 South Main Street, Helen

Located at the south end of Helen on Main Street, you will see a beautiful 18 hole Helen Alpine Mini Golf Course. Their flower gardens are breathtaking. Kid friendly, family friendly, and even pet friendly! Open weekends December, January, February as weather permits from 10 a.m. til 10 p.m..

Sunday:

9 a.m.
Waffle House
726 Bruckenstrasse, Helen

Great service and a perfect place to end your weekend. Always family friendly and fast service. There is something for everyone and is a true taste of the south.

10 a.m.
Tallulah Gorge State Park
338 Jane Hurt Yarn Dr, Tallulah Falls

One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Visitors can hike rim trails to several overlooks, or they can obtain a permit to hike to the gorge floor. A suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular views of the river and waterfalls. It is best to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at one of the many overlooks.



