

# President's Newsletter

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## Georgia Southern Hosts Record Open House

This past Saturday, Georgia Southern hosted nearly 1,300 prospective students during our February Open House. This is the largest single Open House event that the University has held on campus and we could not be more excited. The students and their families began the day at our world-class Recreation Activity Center and were able to meet with college and department representatives from

## Georgia Southern Wins Ranger Challenge

I am pleased to announce that Georgia Southern University's Eagle Battalion recently won the 2013 6th Brigade Ranger Challenge at Camp Blanding, Fla. This is the first time Georgia Southern has captured the trophy in the two day challenge that tests the physical endurance and mental agility of the nine person team. It also represents the first time that a university in our state has won the trophy since 2001.



The team defeated cadets from Florida State University by one point to win the prestigious honor. I can't tell you how delighted and pleased I am to recognize these students for their efforts. We are so proud of these young men and women and for what they do for our University and our country.

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throughout the University. Open houses are just one piece of our comprehensive recruiting strategy. Georgia Southern continues to attract interest from students from around the country and we are hoping to once again welcome a record freshman class next fall.



### **Evening with the All Stars**

I was pleased to welcome back Eagle Baseball Alumni Shawn Payne, Everett Teaford, Chris Beck and Victor Roache last week during our annual Evening with the All Stars.

The featured speaker this year was Kansas City Royals Manager Ned Yost (far right in above photo). In all, Yost has managed more than 1,400 games during the course of nine years as a major league manager.



### **Faculty Profile: Marc Moulton**

Georgia Southern University Sculpture Professor Marc Moulton had no idea he would become an artist when he first enrolled in college, but after acquiring numerous awards, an impressive submission record and public approbation of his quality productions, Moulton now admits he could not have imagined a better career.

Moulton is the recipient of Georgia Southern's 2012 Award of Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity. [Read more...](#)



### **Rural Health Research Institute Receives National Grants**

Georgia Southern University's Rural Health Research Institute (RHRI) has been awarded two national grants in excess of \$5 million that will change the outcome of health care in rural communities through outreach, training and research. The grants were awarded to Dr. Jacob Warren and Dr. Bryant Smalley, the founding co-executive directors of the RHRI. Warren is an epidemiologist in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, and Smalley is a clinical psychologist in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. [Read more...](#)

The Evening with the All-Stars has been very successful the last two years. As Eagle Baseball Coach Rodney Hennon says, this event puts baseball back on people's mind.

The college season is right around the corner and we will open with a three-game series against the University of Georgia Feb. 15-17.



### **200+ Athletes Honored for Academic Achievement**

Last month I had the opportunity to recognize more than 200 student athletes for their great work in the classroom. Students representing all 15 of our athletic teams helped set a new record high overall GPA for fall semester. I am proud of all of our student athletes and their commitment to not only soaring in competition, but in the classroom. Next time you see one of our athletes, tell them how proud you are and encourage them to keep up the good work.



### **Research @ Georgia Southern**

Georgia Southern recently released Ascension, our annual publication highlighting the research and scholarly efforts of our exceptional faculty and students. As the name implies, our research activities are soaring upward and I hope that you will take just a few minutes to read some of the great examples of the work we're doing on campus. To read Ascension, [click here](#).

## ON THE CALENDAR:

**February 4:** Women's Basketball vs. App State, 7 p.m.

**February 5-6:** Complimentary Tickets Available for President Carter Event

**February 7:** Men's Basketball vs. App State, 7 p.m., Military Appreciation Day

**February 9:** *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Performing Arts Center ([Purchase Tickets](#))

**February 12:** Former President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter, 7 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

**February 14:** Valentine Chamber Concert, 7:30 p.m. ([Watch live on GSTV](#))

**February 15-17:** Georgia Southern Baseball vs. UGA. Wear your Blue & White!!

**February 18:** *Hooray for Hollywood*, Performing Arts Center ([Purchase Tickets](#))

**February 21:** Men's Basketball vs. Wofford, 7 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

**February 22-24:** Baseball vs. Indiana

**February 23:** Spring Family Weekend ([Parents: Register Now](#))

Men's Basketball vs. Furman, 7 p.m, Hanner Fieldhouse

**February 24:** Men's Tennis vs. Central Florida, 10 a.m.

GSU Wind Symphony, 3:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center

**February 26-27:** Baseball vs. Georgia Tech

These are just a few select events that are taking place this month, so please check the below calendars for more information.

For more information on University events, please visit the [University Calendar](#).

For information on athletics events, please visit: [GSeagles.com](#).



## GEORGIA SOUTHERN TELEVISION

### **Georgia Southern Launches GSTV**

We recently launched Georgia Southern TV, a completely online news and information channel that will feature unique news stories, interviews, performances and more. In addition to ongoing news and information updates, the channel will also serve as the home for live events at the University. Athletic events and video will continue to be featured on the Athletics website at [www.gseagles.com](http://www.gseagles.com). Bookmark this page and share with your friends and let me know what you think. We hope to expand our efforts as we move forward.

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