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Annual Fundraiser to Show the Difference A Day Can Make

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Again this year, Georgia Southern University and the Bulloch County community are teaming up to show what a difference 'A Day' can make.

The 35th annual A Day for Southern campaign is set for Tuesday, Sept. 9. Volunteers will collect donations from Bulloch County's business and professional community during the one-day fundraising campaign to support the current and future needs of Georgia Southern University.

As Georgia Southern has grown, so has A Day for Southern. The first campaign was held in 1974 and raised over \$60,000; last year's campaign topped \$1 million for the tenth year in a row.

'We cannot thank the Bulloch County community enough for all its support through the years,' said Wendell Tompkins, Georgia Southern's Director of Annual Giving. 'This is a very giving community, and we see that every year on A Day for Southern.'

Proceeds from A Day for Southern go to the Georgia Southern University Foundation and Southern Boosters to meet both the academic and athletic needs of the University.

The Georgia Southern Foundation uses a significant portion of the proceeds to help pay for the scholarships that are necessary to attract academically gifted students to campus.

In addition, A Day for Southern proceeds are used to support cultural and educational attractions like the Georgia Southern Museum, the Botanical Garden, the Performing Arts Center, and the Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q Ball Jr. Raptor Center.

A Day for Southern benefits Southern Boosters as well. The organization manages money for student-athlete scholarships and supports the athletic department, which fields teams that compete in 15 varsity sports at the NCAA Division I level.

A Day for Southern

Tuesday, Sept. 9

8 a.m. – Kickoff breakfast at Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building

9:30 a.m. – Volunteers depart for community visits

6 p.m. – Wrap-up celebration at Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building

Georgia Southern University Recognized as one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report

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The 2009 edition of America's Best Colleges, published by *U.S. News & World Report*, has included Georgia Southern University in the best national university category. The ranking is a result of Georgia Southern's continued growth in academic quality and stature as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University.

Georgia Southern University is one of only 262 American universities, both public and private, in the national category.

'As Georgia Southern University has grown, we have done what many said we could not,' said President Bruce Grube. 'We have grown in both size and in the quality of our academic programs and students. We are welcoming the largest class of freshmen with the highest average SAT score in our history. We also welcomed the largest class of graduate students pursuing master's and doctorate degrees. Our students are from nearly every U.S. state and more than 80 countries. This is a direct reflection on the efforts of our outstanding faculty and staff who work every day to provide all the benefits of a major university with the personal attention of a much smaller college. Students and their parents value being taught by a professor in a small class setting where knowing your professor isn't a luxury, it's the norm.'

National universities offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and Ph.D. programs and emphasize faculty research. Data indicating academic excellence from a range of categories is gathered from each institution and is weighted by the magazine's staff. The colleges are then ranked against their peers based on their composite score.

U.S. News & World Report utilizes seven categories to evaluate and capture academic quality: assessment by leadership at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, alumni giving, financial resources and 'graduation rate performance," the difference between the proportions of students expected to graduate and the proportion who actually do. In addition, the publication also evaluated graduation rate performance for national universities. Georgia Southern University is listed in the Tier Four category of institutions within the National University rankings.

In addition to being named one of the top national universities in the nation, Georgia Southern University was recognized by high school guidance counselors for providing an outstanding education to students. *U.S. News & World Report* asked guidance counselors from America's Best High Schools to rate national universities they believe offer the best education to their students. Georgia Southern University was ranked number 206 nationally, tied with the University of Cincinnati and the University of Memphis to name a few.

Detailed methodology for rankings can be found at www.usnews.com.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 17,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education.

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