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Student Spotlight: Evin Hughes

Georgia Southern senior Evin Hughes has won the first ever Muhammad Ali Writing Award for Ethics. The award, co-sponsored by the Muhammad Ali Center and the Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony, in partnership with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), is given to the outstanding college student whose writing reflects Muhammad Ali's legacy of living a life

Georgia Southern Announces Record Enrollment of 20,574 Students

This week, we announced that Georgia Southern's fall 2012 enrollment has set a new record totaling 20,574 students. In addition, this year's freshman class had a University record average SAT score of 1115, making it the most highly qualified freshman class in the institution's history. Georgia Southern's student body now includes students from 49 states and 93 countries around the world. [Read more...](#)



Faculty Spotlight: Kathryn Kennedy, Ph.D.

Georgia Southern University College of Education Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology, Kathryn Kennedy, Ph.D., has been named the winner of the



Athletic Director Search Update

Georgia Southern's 10-member AD search committee has been working extremely hard the past couple of months to identify candidates to recommend to become the next director of athletics. Members of the search committee include individuals from the University's faculty and staff, the Statesboro community,

dedicated to high ethical standards.

The essay by the Georgia Southern dual major in Information Technology and Writing and Linguistics, emerged as the winner among eight semi-finalists and four finalists from such universities as Columbia, Georgetown, Oregon State, George Washington, Notre Dame and Alabama.

The three judges who read his prize-winning essay, "Float like a Plane, Sting Like a Bomb: The Ethics of U.S. Drone Attacks," included noted author and Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Elie Wiesel.

Lonnie and Muhammad Ali, and director, screenwriter, and producer Oliver Stone presented Evin the award and a check for \$10,000 at the Norman Mailer Center's benefit gala in New York City. Congrats Evin!

2012 Outstanding Research in K-12 Online Learning Award. Kennedy along with Leanna Archambault, Ph.D., assistant professor at Arizona State University, was presented with the award at the Virtual School Symposium this past month in New Orleans, LA. The study was a national survey of teacher education programs that explores what teacher education programs are doing to prepare pre-service teachers for K-12 online and blended learning environments. The article based on the study was published in the Journal of Teacher Education, which has an acceptance rate of 5%. [Read more...](#)

alumni of the University and a student athlete.

The committee is busy narrowing down a very strong pool of candidates and the next step will be to conduct off-site interviews with a select number of candidates. I have asked the committee to recommend two finalists who will then come to Georgia Southern for a series of on-campus interviews in November. My hope is to identify and announce a candidate prior to the Georgia Southern University vs. Georgia football game later this month. To read our original news release, [click here ...](#)

ON THE CALENDAR:

November 9: 4:00 p.m., University Homecoming Parade (Paulson Stadium to Sweetheart Circle)

6:00 p.m., Alumni Family & Friends BBQ, Bishop Alumni Center

8:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Florida Atl. (First Home Game)

November 10: 7:30 a.m., True Blue 5K, Recreation Activity Center

2:00 p.m., Georgia Southern Football vs. Howard

November 12-14: 1940s Radio Hour, Center for Art & Theatre

November 15: Greater Atlanta Young Alumni Social

November 16: Men's Basketball vs. Webber Intl. (1st home game)

Planetarium Public Evening/Show

Georgia Southern vs. UGA Pre-Game Social (Mellow Mushroom, Athens, Ga).

*Live TV show to be filmed at Mellow Mushroom @ 7:30 p.m.

November 17: Georgia Southern Football vs. UGA

November 22-23: University Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

November 28: Men's Basketball vs. Elon

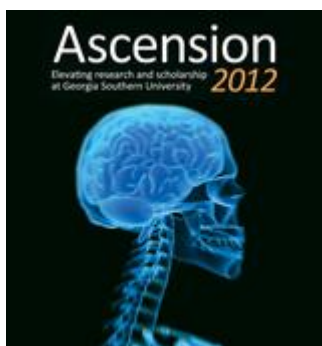
November 30: Fiddler on the Roof, [Performing Arts Center](#)

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



Online MBA Ranked One of the Best in the Country

Georgia Southern University's Master of Business Administration (MBA) has been named one of the nation's Top Online MBA programs by *M magazine* (mbaonline.com), the number one online MBA magazine for



Research: Making Progress and Growing our Reputation

Within the past month, Georgia Southern has made several announcements regarding federal research grants that have been



Archaeology Students Continue Making Remarkable Discoveries

This past month, Georgia Southern University archaeology students found the remains of the Camp Lawton stockade wall, establishing the actual layout and site of one of the Civil

students. The University's online MBA was ranked 8th in the national rankings. The Georgia Southern University Online MBA is offered through the Georgia WebMBA program, a 30-hour program that appeals to professionals from a broad business background.

In addition to being ranked among the nation's best, the magazine also noted that Georgia Southern is, "ranked at the top among regional schools with similar online MBA programs." [Read more...](#)

awarded to our outstanding faculty. Most recently, researchers from the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and Georgia Health Sciences University Gynecological Cancer Prevention Center have been awarded a \$143,912 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate a large cervical cancer screening initiative in Cusco, Peru.

If you would like to read more about research and scholarship, be sure to browse our research and scholarship magazine, [Ascension](#).

War's largest Prisoner of War (POW) camps. The discovery was made at Magnolia Springs State Park located in Millen, Ga.

"We found it. Standing where the corner of the Camp Lawton stockade once stood was one of the greatest moments of my archaeological career," said at Georgia Southern University. "When this show airs next spring or summer, it is going to be an exciting one," said Sue Moore, Ph.D., professor of Anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology . "We hope that this work will attract tourism to the area to support the local economy." [Read more...](#)

Homecoming 2012: Join Us Next Weekend

It's that time again. We are excited to welcome all of our alumni back to campus for a great weekend of events. If you haven't been back in a while, I think that you will be pleasantly surprised with all of the changes that have occurred throughout campus. Next weekend will be a great time to reconnect with your alma mater, visit with old friends, show your family where you went to school and cheer on the Eagles. I personally hope you will make plans to visit Statesboro next weekend. To view the schedule of events, [click here](#).

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