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December 14, 2012
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Statesboro, Georgia

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
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Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is a member institution of the University System of Georgia. It is one of the most comprehensive centers of higher education in Georgia. A residential campus of more than 20,500 students, Georgia Southern is one of the top universities of choice in Georgia for new freshmen and for HOPE Scholars. Students come from 49 U.S. states and 93 nations, bringing a broad spectrum of backgrounds, interests and talents to the University community.

The University’s hallmark is a superior educational experience with all of the benefits of a major university, but the feel of a much smaller college. It is this combination that serves as the foundation for the University's outstanding reputation for academic excellence and focus on its students. At Georgia Southern, our students value: a well-rounded college experience, a faculty where professors know their name and their first priority is teaching. In addition, students appreciate a campus environment that encourages learning and growing. With expanding graduate programs and opportunities for discovery, Georgia Southern University also embraces its research mission.

The University offers more than 120 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master and doctoral levels through eight colleges: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Education, Business Administration, Health and Human Sciences, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Science and Mathematics and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields.

The University is listed in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges and was named one of the top 10 most popular universities in the country in 2012. The University has also been recognized as one of the most military friendly schools by multiple publications including G.I. Jobs and Military Advanced Education. In addition, its outstanding College of Business Administration and Nursing programs continue to be recognized among the best in the country.

Founded in 1906 as a district agricultural school, Georgia Southern's century of history has built a tradition of spirit, pride and achievement. The institution advanced to become a teachers' college, a senior college and in 1990 earned its status as the first university in the southern half of Georgia. Located in Statesboro, a safe, classic Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents northwest of Savannah, the University provides enriching cultural and educational opportunities to people of all ages, and reaches out to benefit the region and state through research and public service.

Georgia Southern University's more than 900-acre campus is one of the most beautiful in the state, featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic lakes and soaring pines. The historic heart of campus is a classic college portrait - red brick and white columns framed by live oaks and an archway of pecan trees. Beyond the circle of the original buildings, classic and contemporary lines blend in an expanding horizon of new facilities, connected by a paver-tiled walking boulevard called the Pedestrium. During the past decade, the University has witnessed extraordinary development with the construction of new academic, housing and athletic facilities. Continued enhancement and growth of the campus include a major expansion of the library, the Center for Art & Theatre, and additional fitness and recreational amenities.

Georgia Southern serves its Coastal Southeast region, state and Southeast United States through research and public services that promote educational, economic, cultural and social progress through creative solutions to regional challenges. Research varies from probing the genetic chemistry of disease-spreading parasites for keys to their biological control, to advancing the economic development of the region. Centers for business research and development, rural health, international studies, public affairs, teacher education, rehabilitation technology, water policy and biostatistics involve teams of experts working on regional and community concerns. The University extends educational opportunities through both undergraduate and graduate online degree programs and classes accessible from anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

Georgia Southern has gained recognition for its nationally competitive athletics program. The University's 15 Division I teams compete in the Southern Conference. Across-the-board commitment to excellence has resulted in an unprecedented six NCAA Football Championship Series (FCS) football national championships and NCAA participation in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, softball, women's tennis, women's track and field and volleyball.

The University also has an active alumni program serving more than 75,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include Country Music Star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, Executive Director of the U.S. Golf Association (USGA); Hala Moddelmog, President, Arby's Restaurants; and Dan Cathy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-Fil-A.

For more information, visit the University's home page at www.georgiasouthern.edu.
ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Graduation with Honors
Undergraduate students who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

- Grade Point Average:
  - 3.5-3.6  Cum Laude
  - 3.7-3.8  Magna Cum Laude
  - 3.9-4.0  Summa Cum Laude

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and in their academic transcripts.

NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of graduates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate. Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. The fact of graduation and the receipt of honors are validated by the students’ permanent records which are kept by the Office of the Registrar.

University Honors Program Scholars
The University Honors Program offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the Program requires a substantial commitment to community service and experiential learning. The diplomas of graduating University Honors Program Scholars are distinguished by the UHP designation.

University Honors Program 1906 Scholars
The 1906 Scholarship is the most prestigious award for incoming freshmen in the University Honors Program. In addition to their participation in the University Honors Program, these students enroll in a sequence of additional seminars dedicated to service, leadership and research.

THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

The Mace
Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the Moderator of the Faculty Senate at Georgia Southern University.

The Mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur Bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.

The design of the Mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern’s link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

Regalia
The history of academic attire is also traced to the Middle Ages when it may have been necessary for scholars to wear gowns and cowl for warmth in the unheated halls of academe of the period. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution.

Today’s gowns for baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Bachelors gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gowns for the masters and specialist degree, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist. The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves which may be worn open or closed. It is the tradition of Georgia Southern to reserve hoods for masters and education specialist degree candidates. These hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortarboards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel is the color which reflects the degree.

The ornamental braided cord draped over the left shoulder of some of the baccalaureate graduates is called a fourragere. The design follows French military tradition and signifies special recognition of baccalaureate students graduating with honors.

Banners
Banners representing each of the eight Colleges, the Center for International Studies, and the University Library are displayed at Commencement. Representation of the Banners signify the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrate the University’s academic programs.
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BANNERS

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

THE JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

THE JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

THE ZACH S. HENDERSON LIBRARY

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| **Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health** |
| **Salmon Pink** | Doctor of Public Health |
| **Kelly Green** | Master of Healthcare Administration |
| **Salmon Pink** | Master of Public Health |

| **Center for International Studies** |
| **Aquamarine** | International Studies |
| **Aquamarine** | Bachelor of Science |
| **Aquamarine** | International Trade |

| **College of Business Administration** |
| **Drab** | Bachelor of Business Administration |
| **Browm** | Bachelor of Arts |
| **Copper** | Economics |
| **Maroon** | Hotel and Restaurant Management |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Construction |

| **College of Education** |
| **Light Blue** | Bachelor of Science in Education |

| **Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology** |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Computer Science |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science in Information Technology |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology |

| **College of Health and Human Sciences** |
| **Maroon** | Bachelor of Science |
| **Maroon** | Child and Family Development |
| **Maroon** | Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design |
| **Maroon** | Hotel and Restaurant Management |
| **Maroon** | Interior Design |
| **Maroon** | Nutrition and Food Science |
| **Sage Green** | Recreation |
| **Sage Green** | Sport Management |
| **Sage Green** | Bachelor of Science in Health Science |
| **Sage Green** | Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology |
| **Apricot** | Bachelor of Science in Nursing |

| **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences** |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Arts |
| **Brown** | Anthropology |
| **Crimson** | Communication Arts |
| **White** | English |
| **White** | History |
| **White** | Modern Languages |
| **Pink** | Music |
| **Dark Blue** | Philosophy |
| **Dark Blue** | Political Science |
| **Citron** | Psychology |
| **White** | Sociology |
| **Brown** | Theatre |
| **White** | Writing and Linguistics |
| **Brown** | Bachelor of Fine Arts |
| **Gold & White** | Bachelor of General Studies |
| **Pink** | Bachelor of Music |
| **Silver** | Bachelor of Science |
| **Crimson** | Communication Studies |
| **Crimson** | Journalism |
| **Dark Blue** | Multimedia Communication |
| **Crimson** | Political Science |
| **Citron** | Psychology |
| **Crimson** | Public Relations |
| **White** | Sociology |
| **Orange** | Bachelor of Science in Graphic Communications Management |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies |

| **College of Science and Mathematics** |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Arts |
| **Science Gold** | Biology |
| **Science Gold** | Chemistry |
| **Science Gold** | Geology |
| **Science Gold** | Physics |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science in Biology |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science in Chemistry |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science in Mathematics |
| **Science Gold** | Bachelor of Science in Physics |
Mr. Thomas Michael Deal, Registrar and Adjunct Instructor, who retired on March 1, 2012. Mr. Deal received his Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business from Georgia Southern College in 1974 and earned his Master of Education in Adult Education from Georgia Southern College in 1989. Joining Georgia Southern in 1982, Mr. Deal served as an Administrative Supervisor in the Office of the Registrar and was promoted in 1983 to Assistant Director of Records. In 1985, he was promoted to Associate Registrar and in 1988 became the acting Registrar. He served as the Registrar from 1990 until his retirement in March 2012. Throughout his career, Mr. Deal served on countless college and university committees, including the NCAA Re-certification Subcommittee for Academic Integrity, Business and Finance University Level Program Review Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee, Student Information Steering Committee, Enrollment Management Council, Academic Standards Committee, Admissions Committee Co-Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Calendar Committee, representative for Georgia Southern to the University System Uniform Calendar Committee, and representative for Georgia Southern to the University System Academic Common Market Committee. He was known for giving his time selflessly, working with students, faculty, and the university community in general. Mr. Deal’s numerous professional affiliations include membership and service to the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, membership and positions in the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He also held positions on the University of Georgia Regents’ Advisory Committee on Records and Admissions and the Institutional Representative to College Board. For these and his many other contributions to the University and profession, Mr. Deal richly deserves to be honored posthumously as Registrar Emeritus.

Dr. Nancy Bishop Dessommes, Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who is retiring December 31, 2012. Dr. Dessommes received her A.F.A. in Music (1973) from Young Harris College, her B.A. (1975) from Georgia Southern College, her M.A. (1978) from Auburn University, and her Ph.D. (2006) from Indiana University of Pennsylvania upon completing her dissertation, Whiteness and Resistance: Investigating Student Concepts of White Privilege in the Writing Classroom. In a professional career of over 30 years, Dr. Dessommes began teaching at Georgia Southern in 1988 as a temporary instructor in the Department of English and Philosophy and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1995. In 2001, she joined the faculty of the Department of Writing and Linguistics. During her 24 years of service to Georgia Southern University, Dr. Dessommes served on numerous committees, including search committees and as a board member for the Center for Irish Studies. Among her scholarly activities were publications on distance education, literature, and popular culture and frequent presentations at two important national conferences: Conference on College Composition and Communication and the National Council of Teachers of English conference. Presentations at regional conferences showcased her interest in popular culture, literature, and the scholarship of teaching. She served the profession as co-chair of the Student Success in First-Year Writing conference, which brought high-school teachers and university faculty together to discuss student transition from secondary education to college, and as an active fellow of the Georgia Southern Writing Project. In recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the department, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the University, and the profession, Dr. Nancy Bishop Dessommes is awarded the title of Assistant Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

Dr. Mary Hadley, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who is retiring December 31, 2012. Dr. Hadley began by teaching English as a second language in the private sector before moving into high school and college teaching. In 1994 she joined the faculty of the Department of English and Philosophy at Georgia Southern, and in 1997 she became a member of the faculty of Writing and Linguistics and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2003. During her tenure at Georgia Southern University, she received the CLASS Excellence in Scholarship Award and the First-Year Experience Instructor of the Year Award (2005). In addition to publishing pedagogical pieces on teaching English as a second language in TESOL in Action and Modern English Teacher and numerous conference presentations, she pursued her scholarly interest in crime fiction by publishing the book British Women Mystery Writers (2002) and co-editing a collection of essays on Minette Walters (2008). With her husband, she co-authored a series of mystery novels under the pen name of Mary Charles. During her 18 years at Georgia Southern, she served on more than 30 departmental, college, and University committees. A notable contribution to the profession came with her role for several years as co-chair for the Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference, a conference which brought high-school teachers and university faculty together to discuss student transition from secondary education to college; she also served the profession by Americanizing classical fairy tales for young ESL readers for Pearson Publishing. In recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the Department, college, University, and the profession, Dr. Mary Hadley is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

Dr. Janice H. Kennedy, Professor of Psychology, who is retiring December 31, 2012. Dr. Kennedy was educated at Georgia State University, earning a B.S., M.A., and a Ph.D. degree in developmental psychology. She came to Georgia Southern University in 1984, rising to the rank of professor in 1995. At the time of her retirement, she will have provided Georgia Southern University with 28 years of distinguished service. Dr. Kennedy is known for her high standards in teaching and has developed and taught 19 different courses during her career. Included among these are creative courses, such as The Child in Historical Context, that were part of the study abroad program. Dr. Kennedy has been a model colleague in her service, which includes chairing 11 faculty search committees at the departmental level, and service on college and university committees such as the Institutional Review Board. At a time when the University did not stress scholarship, Dr. Kennedy maintained a productive and ongoing research program that involved students. She supervised dozens of undergraduate and graduate students in their research on psychological development, including presentations of their work at professional conferences and publications in professional journals. Dr. Kennedy also chaired 12 masters’ thesis committees and was a member of many others. In these efforts, she offered students a rich and in-depth understanding of psychological scholarship and the academic life. Her well-rounded work was recognized by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences in 2008, which awarded her the Ruffin Cup, its highest honor. For her many notable contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Janice H. Kennedy merits the title of Professor Emerita of Psychology.

Dr. Barbara A. Price, Professor of Quantitative Analysis, who is retiring on December 31, 2012. Dr. Price earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Grove City College (1969) and her Master of Science (1971) and Doctor of Philosophy (1973) degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She began her academic career with teaching faculty appointments at New River Community College and Radford University. Her dual career marriage with husband Stan resulted in moves to faculty positions at Mississippi State College and Radford University. Her dual career marriage with husband Stan resulted in moves to faculty positions at Mississippi State University, Lynchburg College, and Winthrop University. At the time of her retirement, she will have given 16 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern University. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1996, Dr. Price served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Information Systems and Logistics until 2001. At that time, she became Founding Director of the School of Information Technology—a post she held for two years. Since 2003, she has served as Professor of Quantitative Analysis and, for one year, also as Director of Student
Services. During spring 2011, Dr. Price served as a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Debrecen, Hungary. In 2008, she participated in a Fulbright-Hays Team to the Czech Republic and Hungary. A prolific scholar, she has published over 50 refereed proceedings and journal articles. Additionally, Dr. Price has been an active member and leader in several professional organizations, including the Decision Sciences Institute and Association for Computing Machinery. Of particular note are leadership positions serving as an At-large Vice President of the Decision Sciences Institute; as an Associate Editor for the Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education, and as Chair of the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. Throughout her career, she has been active in the community through the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, foreign mission trips, as well as other volunteer efforts. For all of these numerous and meritorious contributions to the department, college, University, profession, and community, Dr. Barbara A. Price is awarded the title of Professor Emerita of Quantitative Analysis.

Dr. Donald Neal Saye, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who retired July 31, 2012. Dr. Saye received his B.S. (1974) from Berry College, his M.A. in English (1978) from Georgia Southern College, and his Ed.D. (2002) in Curriculum Studies from Georgia Southern University, with the completion of his dissertation More Than "Once Upon a Time": Fiction as a Bridge to Knowing. In a collegiate teaching career spanning 24 years, Dr. Saye began teaching at Georgia Southern in 1988 as an instructor with a dual appointment in the departments of English and Developmental Studies. In 2001, Dr. Saye joined the faculty of Writing and Linguistics as an Assistant Professor; in 2005, he was promoted to Associate Professor. During his career at Georgia Southern, Dr. Saye was often recognized for the quality of his teaching. As Georgia Southern University Professor of the Year in 1993 and 2010 (Georgia Southern's only two-time winner), receiving the Georgia Southern University Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction in 2001 and the Dorothy Smith Golden Award for Teaching Excellence from the Department of Writing and Linguistics in 2003, and being honored with the "Most Approachable Professor" Award from the Success-In-U Program in 1994 and the "Funniest Professor" Award, also from the Success-In-U Program in 1993. His scholarly activities included a wide variety of conference presentations and publications, on topics ranging from popular culture to pedagogical theory to effective reading practices in the classroom. Publications of note appeared in Studies in American Culture and Journal of Critical Inquiry into Curriculum and Instruction. Because of his success in the classroom, he was asked to be a guest lecturer or to lead a workshop by other faculty over 40 times. During his years of service at Georgia Southern, Dr. Saye served on over 30 departmental, college, and university committees, was a member of several doctoral committees, mentored new faculty, and served as a mediator to resolve conflicts. His contribution to the profession came with his role as co-chair for the Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference from 1999 to 2008, a conference which brought high-school teachers and university faculty together to discuss student transition from secondary education to college. In recognition of his meritorious contributions and service to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Neal Saye is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Writing and Linguistics.

Dr. Ronald E. Shiffler, Dean and Professor Emeritus of the College of Business Administration (COBA), who retired July 31, 2012. Dr. Shiffler earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Master of Science in mathematics from Bucknell University, a Master of Statistics and a Doctor of Philosophy in statistics (1980) from the University of Florida. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Shiffler provided 10 years of distinguished service as dean of the College of Business Administration, including almost five years’ service also as the interim dean of the College of Information Technology. Dr. Shiffler held previous faculty positions at Georgia State University and the University of Louisville. Prior to joining the faculty at Georgia Southern, Dr. Shiffler was dean of the College of Business at Western Carolina University for six years. In his early academic career as a faculty member, Dr. Shiffler won numerous teaching awards, published over two dozen scholarly journal articles, and wrote two statistics textbooks. At Georgia Southern, he is credited with launching many new degree programs, including the University’s first ever Doctor of Philosophy in logistics and supply chain management. He was an advocate of online education and led the development and introduction of online master’s degrees in applied economics, accounting, computer science, and the Executive MBA. Dr. Shiffler served as lead dean for the Georgia WebMBA program, a consortium of six University System of Georgia institutions that jointly offer an online MBA degree. Under his leadership, the Georgia WebMBA program earned national and international recognition and rankings from leading internet media. Dr. Shiffler was active with AACSB, the international accrediting agency for business schools. He led three successful reaccreditations as dean and served on the AACSB’s Board of Georgia Southern Committee, Accreditation Quality Committee, the AQ Bridge Program, and the Distance/Online Education Task Force. In addition, Dr. Shiffler served on over two dozen peer review teams for domestic and international business schools. Dr. Shiffler was committed to marketing and promoting COBA. Each week for 10 years, he wrote and distributed to over 6,000 subscribers the Dean’s Update, an electronic newsletter that championed faculty accomplishments and COBA activities and included the ever-popular “fearless football forecast” in fall editions. With faculty help, he started and sustained efforts to contribute weekly columns to Savannah newspapers, headline a “Business Monday” segment on a local talk radio show, and produce a daily “Market Minute” radio spot that wrapped up the day's activities in financial markets. Partnering with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA), Dr. Shiffler helped create the City Campus and E-Zone on East Main Street. The partnership with the DSDA led to a COBA video show, Business Beat, which highlighted business activities in Statesboro and Bulloch County. In the community Dr. Shiffler served as chairman of the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors for the Coastal Regional Commission, and as president of the Southern Business Administration Association. For his many distinguished contributions to COBA, the University, the profession, and the community, Dr. Ronald E. Shiffler has earned the title of Dean and Professor Emeritus of the College of Business Administration.

HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents approves the awarding of a highly-selective honorary degree, which is conferred by University System of Georgia institutions to recognize individuals of notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, their profession, or public service. Since 1996, Georgia Southern University has been privileged to confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees to the exceptional individuals listed below.

BETTY FOY SANDERS
THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS
ALLEN E. PAULSON
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT
WILLIAM FREEMAN
EMMA KELLY
EUGENE M. BISHOP
HALA MODDLEMOG

Doctor of Fine Arts
Doctor of Laws
Doctor of Science
Doctor of Humane Letters
Doctor of Letters
Doctor of Humane Letters
Doctor of Letters
Doctor of Letters
Doctor of Letters

August 11, 1996
August 11, 1996
June 14, 1997
December 8, 1997
June 14, 1998
December 19, 1998
May 8, 1999
May 9, 1999
May 13, 2000
May 5, 2007
**College of Education**
**Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health**
**College of Health and Human Sciences**
9:00 A.M. Ceremony

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Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American Bald Eagle mascot. Freedom’s arrival during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a “brown ball of fuzz,” it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern’s campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information, visit:  www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife.

Did You Know?
• The bald eagle is found only in North America.
• The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.
• Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.
• The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term “balled,” meaning “shining white.” The adult bald eagle’s head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name “balled eagle,” meaning “white eagle.”
• The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.
• Eagles are mature at five years of age.
• Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).
• Forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.
• In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 150 known nesting pairs throughout the state.
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