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TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY:

This has been another eventful week and I am so excited to share it with you.

- On Monday, I was privileged to be one of the speakers at the send-off for the Blue Mile team, who traveled to Denver to find out the results of the America's Best Communities competition. **Statesboro placed third, winning \$1 million** that will help fund more of the revitalization of our downtown. America now knows what we all know — Statesboro is one of the best towns in the country!
- I traveled to the College of Coastal Georgia for the Board of Regents meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday, the board voted to approve the new [Georgia Southern University mission statement](#). As we move through the summer, we hope to see many more recommendations coming from the OWGs and CIC in the consolidation process.
- The latest CIC meeting is this afternoon at the Armstrong Campus. There are several recommendations from various OWGs coming to the CIC for support. You can view the agenda for today's meeting here. <http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/cic-meetings/>. I look forward to a good discussion and making more progress with the consolidation.
- On Saturday, Georgia Southern will celebrate our alumni at the annual **Alumni Weekend** on campus and around Statesboro. The event will feature several activities, including Georgia Southern authors who will be on hand to sign books; Eagle Soccer alumni event; ArtsFest on Sweetheart Circle and more. I love spending time with our alumni, and I can't wait to meet with them this weekend.
- As part of Alumni Weekend, there will be a special ceremony to honor **The First 500**, an alumni group comprised of the first 500 black students enrolled at Georgia Southern. We will unveil a historical marker to remember these students and the pathway they paved for those who came after them.

Thank you all for the time and effort so many of you are contributing to this great university each and every day, and your patience and determination in working through the consolidation. Please know that your work is both recognized and appreciated.

I hope to run into you on campus very soon!

Jaimie Hebert
President