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TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL
FALL
COMMENCEMENT
December 13, 2013
Hanner Fieldhouse
Statesboro, Georgia

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
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 more than 90 nations, bringing a broad spectrum of backgrounds, interests and talents to the University community.

Georgia Southern’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 also embraces its research mission.

The University offers 125 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels through eight colleges: College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of 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.

For more information, visit the University's home page 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:
- 3.5-3.69 Cum Laude
- 3.7-3.89 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 (UHP) 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 faculty member holding the rank of professor with the highest seniority of service 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 cowls 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. Bachelor’s 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 fourragère. 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 signifies the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrates the University’s academic programs.
ACADEMIC COLORS

Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
Light Blue  Doctor of Education
Apricot   Doctor of Nursing Practice
Royal Blue  Doctor of Philosophy
Citron   Doctor of Psychology
Light Blue  Education Specialist
Drab   Master of Accounting

Drab  Master of Arts
White   English
White   History
White   Social Science
White   Sociology
White   Spanish
Light Blue  Master of Arts in Teaching
Drab   Master of Business Administration
Light Blue  Master of Education
Brown   Master of Fine Arts
Pink   Master of Music
Peacock Blue  Master of Public Administration

Science Gold  Science
Sage Green  Psychology
Citron   Recreation Administration
Sage Green  Recreation Management
Orange   Master of Science in Applied Engineering
Apricot  Master of Science in Nursing
Orange   Master of Technology

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
Sage Green  Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Center for International Studies
Aquamarine Bachelor of Arts
Crimson  International Studies
Aquamarine  Bachelor of Science

College of Business Administration
Copper  Bachelor of Arts
Drab  Economics
Drab  Bachelor of Business Administration
Maroon  Hotel and Restaurant Management

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  Computer Science
Orange  Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Orange  Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology
Orange  Bachelor of Science in Construction
Orange  Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

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

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Bachelor of Arts
Science Gold  Anthropology
Brown  Art
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
Pink  Bachelor of Science
Silver  Communication Studies
Crimson  Journalism
Crimson  Multimedia Communication
Dark Blue  Political Science
Citron   Psychology
Crimson  Public Relations
White   Sociology
Orange  Bachelor of Science in
Orange  Graphic Communications Management
Science Gold  Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

College of Science and Mathematics
Bachelor of Arts
Science Gold  Biology
Science Gold  Chemistry
Science Gold  Geography
Science Gold  Geology
Science Gold  Physics
Science Gold  Bachelor of Science
Science Gold  Geography
Science Gold  Geology
Science Gold  Mathematics
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
President Keel has recommended to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that the following faculty members be granted emeritus status upon retirement:

Dr. Phyllis Surrency Dallas, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who retired from Georgia Southern University on June 30, 2103. Dr. Dallas received her Ph.D. in English from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1991. She earned both her M.A. in English and her B.S.Ed. in English Education (magna cum laude) from Valdosta State College (now Valdosta State University) in 1975 and 1973, respectively. She began her teaching career at Valdosta High School and then continued as an instructor at Georgia Military College in Valdosta, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Thomas Community College in Thomasville, Tulane University (as a teaching assistant), and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She arrived at Georgia Southern as a Temporary Instructor in 1988. From that beginning, she spent 25 years in ever-ascending faculty positions, with a promotion to Instructor in 1990, to Assistant Professor in 1992, and to Associate Professor in 2002 (after earning tenure in 1997). She culminated her career holding a position as Interim Chair, where she led her department of some 50 faculty members during her last two years before retirement. She taught numerous courses in the area of writing and held professional memberships in the National Council of Teachers of English, College Communication and Composition, and Phi Kappa Phi. Her scholarly activities included a wide variety of conference presentations and publications, on topics ranging from pedagogical theory, composition studies, to distance learning, in venues across the nation. During her 25 years of service to Georgia Southern, Dr. Dallas served on more than five dozen departmental, college, and university committees, served as honors thesis director, and actively mentored new faculty. By a unanimous vote of her colleagues and in recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Phyllis Surrency Dallas is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

Professor Jill Lockwood, Professor of Accounting, who is retiring December 31, 2013. Professor Lockwood earned her B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Florida (1969). She received her J.D. (1974) and L.L.M. Taxation (1979) from Emory University School of Law. At the time of her retirement, Professor Lockwood will have contributed 29 years of service to the University. Prior to joining the Georgia Southern faculty in 1984, Professor Lockwood served at Georgia State University where she taught individual income tax, intermediate III, and corporate income tax. During her tenure at Georgia Southern, she taught tax, legal studies, and introductory accounting for non-business majors. Her research interests included individual income tax, partnership tax, estate and gift tax, and income taxation of estates and trusts. She holds a CPA certificate from the state of Georgia and is a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs and Past President of the Education Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs. She is the author of over 50 articles and in 2012 the Georgia Society of CPAs voted Professor Lockwood the Outstanding Accounting Educator for the state of Georgia. For her numerous contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Professor Jill Lockwood has earned the title of Professor Emerita.

Dr. Donald Rakestraw, Professor of History, who retired June 30, 2013. Dr. Rakestraw received both his Bachelor of Arts (1975) and Master of Arts (1980) degrees from Jacksonville State University. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1991 from the University of Alabama. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1988, he completed 25 years of distinguished service at the time of his retirement. During his tenure, he served on countless committees for the department, college, University, and state. He also worked with SOAR, American Studies, teacher education, and study abroad, directing a graduate seminar at Oxford University for over ten years. Highlights of his work with the community include long-time direction of the Social Science Fair and contributions to the Portal Centennial Celebration. He has published dozens of articles, essays, reviews, and book chapters as well as two books, one of which, Prologue to Manifest Destiny, won the Choice "Academic Book of the Year" award. For all of his meritorious contributions to the department, college, University, profession, and community, Dr. Donald Rakestraw has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of History.

Dr. Susan B. Trimble, Professor of Middle Grades Education, who retired December 31, 2012. Dr. Trimble earned her Doctorate of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Florida State University (1995), her Education Specialist degree from Florida State University (1993), her Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University (1990), and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lawrence University (1967). She also holds Administration and Supervision (P-12) Level 6 Certification with the Georgia Department of Education (2006) and a Georgia Teaching Certification in Middle Grades (2006). At the time of her retirement, Dr. Trimble had provided over 16 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern University. Her initial appointment at Georgia Southern was as an assistant professor in the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education. She served in this position from 1996 until 2002, at which time she was promoted to associate professor. Dr. Trimble was promoted to full professor in 2008. During her tenure at Georgia Southern, Dr. Trimble provided leadership in the development and teaching of online graduate courses and served as chair of numerous doctoral dissertations and research projects. She also continued to be an active participant in partner schools in the region. A prolific scholar, she published over 50 peer-reviewed professional journal articles and presented at over 45 national and international conferences. Her contributions earned her recognition from her peers in middle level education, receiving the College of Education’s Jack Miller Educator of the Year Award in 2002. For her numerous and distinguished contributions to the department, college, University, profession, and community, Dr. Susan B. Trimble has earned the title of Professor Emerita of Middle Grades Education.

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  DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS  AUGUST 11, 1996
THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS  DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS  AUGUST 11, 1996
ALLEN E. PAULSON  DOCTOR OF SCIENCE  JUNE 14, 1997
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS  DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS  DECEMBER 8, 1997
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE  DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS  JUNE 14, 1998
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT  DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS  DECEMBER 19, 1998
WILLIAM FREEMAN  DOCTOR OF LETTERS  MAY 8, 1999
EMMA KELLY  DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS  MAY 9, 1999
EUGENE M. BISHOP  DOCTOR OF LETTERS  MAY 13, 2000
HALA MODDEMOG  DOCTOR OF LETTERS  MAY 5, 2007
LUIS A. AGUILAR  DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE  MAY 11, 2013

EMERITUS FACULTY

Doctor of Fine Arts  August 11, 1996
Doctor of Laws  August 11, 1996
Doctor of Science  June 14, 1997
Doctor of Humanities  December 8, 1997
Doctor of Letters  June 14, 1998
Doctor of Humanities  December 19, 1998
Doctor of Letters  May 8, 1999
Doctor of Fine Arts  May 9, 1999
Doctor of Letters  May 13, 2000
Doctor of Letters  May 5, 2007
Doctor of Public Service  May 11, 2013
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS

John R. Diebolt, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor, Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
Lance D. Mcbrayer, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology

College of Science and Mathematics
Enkeleida K. Lakuriqi, Ph.D., Lecturer, Mathematical Sciences
James M. Lobue, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chemistry

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Adrienne L. Cohen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology
Leticia L. McGrath, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages

READERS

College of Science and Mathematics
Tavis K. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology
Mark A. Edwards, Ph.D., Fuller E. Callaway Professor, Physics

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Bradley C. Edwards, Ph.D., Lecturer, Literature and Philosophy
Tiffanie P. Townsend, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Art

THE PLATFORM PARTY

Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., President
Meg Heap, J.D., District Attorney, Eastern Judicial Circuit
Chatham County, Savannah, Georgia
Jean E. Bartels, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Robert L. Whitaker, M.B.A., Vice President for Business and Finance
Salandra A. Arthur, M.S., Vice President for University Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University Foundation
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Russell T. Keen, B.B.A., Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement
Curtis Eugene Ricker, D.A., Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Martha L. Abell, Ph.D., Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Velma S. Burden, Ed.D., Registrar
Garrett L. Green, President, Student Government Association and Graduate Student, Higher Education
We would like to thank the ROTC Cadets and other Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today's ceremony.
JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Doctor of Psychology
Brian D. Carlson
  B.A., Auburn University, 2004
  M.S., Georgia Southern University, 2011
  Dissertation: Sports Message Boarding: Associations with Sports Team Identification and Social Well-Being
  Major Professor: Jeffrey Klibert, Ph.D.

Master of Fine Arts
Art
Virginia Russell
  B.A., Agnes Scott College, 1968
  M.Ed., Georgia Southern College, 1972
  Ed.D., University of Georgia, 1979
  Thesis: Earthbound
  Major Professor: Mark Moulton, M.F.A.

Master of Fine Arts
Graphic Design
Julian Strayhorn II
  B.A., Georgia State University, 2009
  Dissertation: Supa Black: Reexamining the Black Superhero
  Major Professor: Edward Rushton, M.F.A.
JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE
OF GRADUATE STUDIES

**Master of Arts**
Elizabeth A. Cullen
Robert Jerome Greene II
Rachel M. Jackson
Wesley Michael-Thurman Kent
Matthew Allen Luke
Peter Joseph McCollum
Marla Katherine Middleton
Cameron Anne Rocker
Lacey Arrie Shorter
Ryan Oliver Sipe
Malorie Amber Sponseller
Natalie M. Torres Rivera
James Walker

**Master of Music**
Tony Bernard Jackson, Sr.
Kellye Jean Watts
Alan Franklin Wendel
Hiu Ching Angela Wong

**Master of Public Administration**
Jefferey Deandrew Jackson
Tara L. Martin
Jeffrey A. Thorpe II
Earle Wingrove Turner, Jr.
Kayla Marie Whaley
Justin Bair Wingard

**Master of Science**
Meznah Raja Al Buqami
Brittany Dané Arrington
Andrii Berdnikov
Wade Carlton Carruth III
Leigh Ann Colley
Franklin Martelli Collins
Kelly Elizabeth Dabney
Matthew Robert Erickson
Kelly F. Heino
John David Jarzen
Erica L. Johnson
Matthew David Kaunert
Yuxiang Li
Johnathan Craig Martin
Vanessa Marie Miller
Erica Gabrielle Moore
Sarah Osborn
Tasia Monique Pinkston
Marshall West

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND
MATHEMATICS

**Bachelor of Science**
Zachary M. Anderson
Zachary Thomas Ansley
Christine Michelle Brussell
Jacob Colby Hill
Megan Lee Hodnett
Angelice Josephine Ingalls
Brian Wesley Jones
Kurt Villadsen Klein
Sherry Lynn Landin
Lauren Ruth Milliros
Zack Edward Schaner

**Bachelor of Science in Biology**
Alexander Lee Aichele
Norinthia Michele Aldrich
Emily Ann Ballance
Calli Elizabeth Beasley
Taylor Evans Britton
Nichelle Alyssia Brown
*Magna Cum Laude*
Nataki Santesa Byse
Makim Travis Christian
Cody Timothy Crowder
Molly Rebecca Dalton
Michael Wayne Deloach
Stephen Gary Eller
Pamela Tatianna Etienne
Matthew Lee Evans
Brittany Tantania Fields
Tamia Lorraine Finney
Samuel Junior Garr
James Spencer Green
Kelly Lynn Hadden
Lauren Taressa Hutton
Ogona Catherine Ifeadike
Lauren Collee Jackson
Terrell Anthony Jackson
Cierra D. Joyner
Jolie Kamara Kahn-Foss
Courtney Alexandria Kelley
Alexis Nicole Lanser
Mary Elizabeth Ludwig
Courtney Jenae Lumpkin
*Cum Laude*
Raven Symone Madison
Skye Alexis Mainier
Jennifer Nicole Margert
Daron Danté Martin
Derrick Justin Meyers
Brooke A. McKie
*Magno Cum Laude*
Brandon Allister McMaster
Grayson Seth Mendiea
Richard Tyler Mims
Mitsy Jannet Moreno
Bloussi Nonorne
Inez Alicia Parker
Ayn Constance Remillard
Meagan Noel Rowe
*Cum Laude*
Jasmine Racquel Russell
Gil Reo Salazar
Scott Alan Sample
Christopher Myles Shepherd
William David Shoemaker
Michah Todd Spivey
Jack Jaamal St. Jean
*Summa Cum Laude*
*University Honors Program Scholar*

**Bachelor of Science in Chemistry**
Alexander Bryan Bush
Jeffrey Dana Carreker
Bré Casey Coleman
Ciara LeAnne Couderc
Randi Lynn Elizabeth Cowart
Chad Andrew Crowe
Drew Phillip Daley
Claire Julia Graham
Jessica Lee Gray
Karena Vontrell Hawkins
Jessica Nicole Johnson
Amanda Marie Laufer
*Cum Laude*
Richard Mackenzie Majors
Alana Shariice Mixon
Caleb Luke Swain
*Cum Laude*
*University Honors Program Scholar*
Julia Marie Trossarello
Nicholas Conger Wieting
David Yang

**Bachelor of Science in Mathematics**
Nikolas Alexander Logue

**Bachelor of Science in Physics**
Samuel Brooks Heiser
Antonio McBride

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Bachelor of Arts**
Rebecca Kay Anderson
Victor Ivez Andrade
Rebekah Jayne Andrews
Gregory Alan Atherton
Michael Jamal Austin
Ansgley Elizabeth Aycock
Aysha Marie Banks
Adrian Austreil Barnes
Brigitte Sabatini Beam
Kelly Suzanne Billey
Britney Cheri Black
Timothy Aaron Boartright
Shantrice Irene Bradley
Sarah Elizabeth Brannen
*Magno Cum Laude*
Lindsey Brooke Brichacek
Kevin C. Brown
Monteia Jacquetta Brown
William Douglas Bryan
*Magno Cum Laude*
Morgan Alexander Bryant
Aureathia Shandrell Byrd

**Bachelor of Science**
Heather Suzanne Stanfield
Brittney L. Stewart
Nadia Simone Stringer
Koren Leonora Tate
Ashley M. Thomas
Shawna Denise Wade
*University Honors Program Scholar*
Michelle Diane Wallen
Kieandria Sheniece Williams
Amy Denise Yawn
Katherine Dorothy Zielke
*Summa Cum Laude*
Jackie Renee Carter
Courtney Briana Carver
Christopher George William Cauthen
Jarrod Chamblee
Jennifer Rebecca Coate
Christie Nicole Collins
Gregory McKinley Culverhouse
Ashley Rebecca Dalton
Farran Lorraine Davis
Gerrard DeShon Davis
Krystin Taylor Deal
Cum Laude
Natalie Chree’ Dean
Brittney Lynn Dickinson
Marissa Simone Dotts
Jessica Elizabeth Diggers
Amelia Nicole Edwards
Cum Laude
Sarah Beth Edwards
Shanique Alicia Estevez
Magna Cum Laude
Gabriel Flores
James Marcus Fullington
Jeffrey Daniel Gardner
Jarvis Jerrod Gilmore
Tyler Braden Ginn
Austin Thomas Goldman
Johnny Bernard Green
Joshua Ryan Gully
Tiffany Mignon Hagans
Jacob Ashby Hawthorne
Jeremy Keith Hennig
Brittani Krystin Hill
Neisha-Rose Gabbrielle Hines
Joseph Charlton Hippensteel
Michael Shane Blake Holmlund
Megan Corrin Humphries
Kia Niel Hunt
Sandy Ellyn Hodges
Gianluca Alfredo Inghilleri
Cole Henry Jackson
Alyssa Kay Johnson
Sirena Cum Laude
University Honors Program 1906 Scholar
Dori Elizabeth Johnston
Cum Laude
Brooke Leigh Joiner
Donald Ashton Jones
Nancy Kachtner
Cum Laude
Khari Elizabeth Kelly
Shannon Leighann King
Magna Cum Laude
Alexander Scott LaSalle
Kathleen Anne LeDuc
Andrew Benson Leuenberger
Raven Brooke Levington
Jordan Ryan Lloyd
Shametrious Nicole Long
Ashleigh Brooke Maddox
Alyssia Jasmine Octavia Marion
Christopher Jacob Markel
Tyler Alexander Marvin
Summa Cum Laude
Emma Marie Mathews
Dana Lynn McCammon
James Preston Miller
Samantha Jolene Miller
Jessica Christine Mitchem
Cum Laude
Keon Troyontae Montgomery-Williams
Brittany Danielle Moore
James Matheson Morton
Erika Danielle Mosley
LaCreisha D’Atra Murry
Jairo Michael Nunez
Julia Helena Patton
Ryan Steven Pendergraft
Nicholas Quinton Phillips
Aron Cody Randall
Adrianna Lois Rankine
Christopher Jacob Rayburn
Tiara Shondraya Richmond
Desiree’ Monique Riley
Alvin Dwann Roberson
Pearl Marie Robles
Matthew Kyle Rushing
Donna Elisha Sanders
Alton Sharan Sapp
Jeffery Lee Silvey, Jr.
Cum Laude
University Honors Program Scholar
Jana Leann Simmons
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Ronnesha Renata Smith
Cum Laude
Kendra O’Cynthia Campbell Smith-Beaufort
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Phillip Romero Sykes
Heather Rochelle Sylvies
Jordan Hillery Thigpen
William Wiley Tyson IV
Eric D. Wiley
Brittney Amber Williams
Christopher Henry Williams
Thomas Jeremy Williams
Kamaria Jannat Womack
Shannin Lee Wright
Cum Laude
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Haley Nicole Coker
Cum Laude
Meredyth Lynn Frey
Cum Laude
Antonia Bryana Gorham
Dianne Rochelle Johnson
Aubri Lynn Little
Shaun J. Place
Lindsey Anne Rowland
Sara Catherine Sheffield
Justin M. Wilson
Aaron Christopher Young
Cum Laude
Bachelor of General Studies
Samuel Oluwasen Adebiyi
Rebecca Lynne Akins
Arthur Otis Allred
Kicha Altitord
Shelbi Lauren Andrews
Kaitlin Noel Ball
Lisa Haydn Batt
Michael Chad Beard
Justin Daniel Beauchamp
Cum Laude
Scott Thomas Betz
Jeanie Pitchford Boland
John Dewitt Brewton
John Matthew Brown
Mitchell Ryan Brown
Jasmine Sheree Brownlee
Jeanete Thomese Burnett
Tlicia Butler
Richard Charles Clark
Jonathan Sean Coggins
Jaleisia Denise Coleman
Tyler James Cooper
Cynthia Denise Crowder
Adam B. Daniel
Keenos R. Davis
Akiv Jekel Dawson
Denice Michelle Dennis
Angie Quick Doyle
Sarah Jeanne Dozier
Allen John Dunich
Wendy Kay Fountain
Christopher James Fraser
Rashad Jamar Gaines
Kevin Anthony Julian Garrett
Teresa Ann Gизzi
Shelby Marie Godbee
Sydney Nicole Grant
William Donald Hamilton III
Curtis John Hamlett
Rodfarius Jovortric Harland
Annette Denise Harris
David Charles Haugabrook
Desteni Lyntrice Hawkins
Rachel Fae Hear
Autumn Marie Lamb
Pierre Lanal Hendrix
Jarell Tramaine Hensley
Lauren Michelle Herrington
Deborah Eurachel Hollowway
Shakira Inas Hood
Carly Melissa Horton
Jo-Tillie Ann Humphries
Katherine Hunter
Jaleesa Nicole Jackson
Thomas Harrison James
Cum Laude
Sykora Shapreal Jenkins
Whitney Nicole Jenkins
Angela Raina May Keene
Margaret Mamie Kendall
Nathaniel Antron Kingsland
Joseph Brian Kirkland
Jason Scott Kitchell
Chaz Lamar Kittles
Julie Marie Kostlinik
Oyinkansola Oludare Laditan
Frances Elizabeth LaFoy
Charlene Santrese Lane
Jill Andrea Lee
Thomas LeMont Lewis
Christopher Michael Long
Samantha Lynn Lovett
Corben Rae Lowden
Quinton Jamari Lunn
Shaquena Ivana Lyn
Cum Laude
Alden Bremer Lynch
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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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