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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 48 U.S. states and more than 89 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 124 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 has been named one of the nation's most environmentally responsible "green colleges" by the Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges and has been ranked one of the top ten most popular universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report. 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, Georgia Southern has built a tradition of spirit, pride and achievement. 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'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 – buildings of 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 athletics facilities. Continued enhancement and growth of the campus include a new Biological Sciences building, dining and recreational facilities and a state-of-the-art football operations center.

Georgia Southern serves the Coastal Southeast region, the state and the 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.

Georgia Southern has gained recognition for its nationally competitive athletics program. The University has 15 Division I teams and is a member of the Sun Belt 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 of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and Dan Cathy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A.

For more information, visit the University's home page 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:
- 3.5-3.69 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. 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 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.
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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. Donald J. Armel**, Professor of Graphic Communications Management, is retiring December 31, 2014. Dr. Armel received his B.S. from Indiana State University in both Printing Management and Vocational Education and a M.S. in Vocational Education also from Indiana State University. He earned his Ph.D. in Instructional Technology (1994) from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, having completed a dissertation on the effects of computer-based note taking on achievement and instructional completion time. Dr. Armel joined the faculty of Georgia Southern as an associate professor in 1996 and was promoted to full professor in 2002. At the time of his retirement, he will have completed 18 years of distinguished service. As director of the Center for Printability, Dr. Armel provided knowledge expertise to the printing industry through original research projects and engaging in product testing for commercial clients. The largest project was related to predicting printability characteristics for linerboards. It consisted of 1800 variables—each tested on a print simulator and measured for three characteristics. In 2005, Dr. Armel assumed responsibility for coordinating the Graphic Communications Management program. In an effort to build the program, he focused on engaging high school programs by becoming a presenter at technology teacher conferences, building a website as a teacher resource, and judging student competitions. Dr. Armel’s most recent scholarship relates to the American printing history (1790-1820) and the history of printers in the United States. To date, over 3000 printers have been documented with the last 20 years left to complete. Throughout his career, Dr. Armel engaged in service, ranging from serving on academic accreditation councils and visitation teams; high school advisory boards; Georgia academic standard committees; to department, college, and university committees. In recognition of his many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Donald J. Armel is awarded the title of Professor Emeritus.

**Dr. John R. Diebolt**, Associate Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Professor of Biology will retire December 31, 2014. Dr. Diebolt earned his Bachelor of Arts (1963) and Master of Science degrees (1965) in Biology from Emporia State University, and his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma (1974). He began his academic career at Muskingum College in Ohio where he served as an Instructor in the Biology Department. He also taught at Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina, the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, and the University of South Carolina in Sumter where he also held an administrative position. He served as Director of Off-Campus Programs at West Virginia University before coming to Georgia Southern in 1992. Since joining the faculty at Georgia Southern, Dr. Diebolt has served as the Associate Dean in the College of Graduate Studies and Professor of Biology as well as served as the Acting Associate Dean in the College of Education (2002-2003). At the time of his retirement, Dr. Diebolt will have provided 22 years of service to the institution. During his career, he has made numerous presentations at regional and national conferences on distance and graduate education along with journal publications on continuing education and in his scientific discipline. Dr. Diebolt has served on numerous university committees and has chaired the Institutional Review Board, the System-Wide Administrative Committee on Graduate Work, and the Administrative Committee on Graduate Work Education Vision Statement Sub-Committee. He has professional affiliation with the Council of Graduate Schools, the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, and has served on the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools’ Committee on Issues and Planning and on the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools’ Annual Meeting Best Master’s Thesis Award Selection Committee. In recognition of his meritorious contributions and service to the University, Dr. John R. Diebolt is awarded the title of Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus of Biology.

**Dr. Susie Lanier**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, retired June 30, 2014. Dr. Lanier earned her Bachelor of Science in Education in Mathematics (1981) and Master of Science in Teaching (1983) from Georgia Southern College. She received her Ph.D. in Mathematics Education (1999) from the University of Georgia. After teaching for several years at local high schools, Dr. Lanier began teaching at Georgia Southern on a part-time basis in 1983. She transitioned into a full-time position and earned promotion to Assistant Professor in 1996. Dr. Lanier was an outstanding teacher of learning support, core level mathematics, and mathematics education undergraduate and graduate courses. She provided exceptional service in all areas, but excelled in providing support to teachers around the state. She has been recognized for this service with the John Neff Award from the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (2006), the College of Science and Technology Service Award (2010), and the Georgia Southern University Award for Excellence in Service (2008). These awards also reward Dr. Lanier for her many years as chair of the Annual Invitational Mathematics Tournament held at Georgia Southern each spring. Dr. Lanier was involved in numerous teacher training grants and published several scholarly works in the area of mathematics education during her 31 years at Georgia Southern. For her many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Susie Lanier has earned the title of Assistant Professor Emerita of Mathematics.

**Dr. John Thomas Lloyd**, Professor of Literature and Philosophy, retired July 1, 2014. Dr. Lloyd received his B.A. in English (1973) from Dartmouth College, a second B.A. (1976) and a M.A. (1990) from Corpus Christi College, and a Ph.D. in English Literature (1983) from the University of Wisconsin, having completed a dissertation on Carlyle and Schiller. Dr. Lloyd joined the faculty at Georgia Southern as an assistant professor in 1984, was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and became a full professor in 1998. His book, Crises of Realism: Representing the Experience in the British Novel, 1816-1910, was published by Bucknell University Press in 1997. In this well-received book, Dr. Lloyd examines the conflict between chaos and idealism in the work of nineteenth-century British writers such as Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot, and Thomas Hardy. Dr. Lloyd was a popular professor who taught a wide range of classes, from World Literature and interdisciplinary Humanities classes to specialized upper-level courses in the British novel. Students described him as a brilliant and exciting professor who both inspired and challenged them. His classes on Jane Austen were especially loved by students, and competition was keen to register for his final Jane Austen class, which he offered as a Senior Seminar in the spring of 2013. Dr. Lloyd also performed important service for Georgia Southern and the Department of Literature and Philosophy. He was the first director of the graduate program in English, and later served as an advisor to English majors and chaired a variety of curricular and search committees in the department, as well as serving on many college-level committees and on the Faculty Senate. In recognition of his many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. John Thomas Lloyd is awarded the title of Professor Emeritus.

**Dr. Mary R. Marwitz**, Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, is retiring on December 31, 2014. Dr. Marwitz received her Ph.D. in English from the University of South Carolina in 1998. She earned an additional terminal degree beyond her doctorate when she was awarded a M.F.A. in Creative Writing in 2009 from the University of New Orleans, and she is a summer fellow of the National Writing Project at Armstrong State University in Savannah. She earned her M.A. in English in 1982 from Baylor University and her B.S.Ed. in English (cum laude) from Georgia Southern College in 1972. She began her teaching career as a temporary full-time instructor at Georgia Southern in 1996, thus putting her in her 19th year of service. She has taught numerous courses in the area of writing, including courses on travel, food writing, and reading as a writer. Her scholarly activities include a wide variety of conference presentations and publications on topics such as audience, style, critical thinking, creative nonfiction, and Bobbie Ann Mason, among others. Her publications have appeared in a range of venues from edited collection on American Culture to British and American English in the Two-Year College. She has likewise made presentations in settings that include The Conference on College Composition and Communication as well as the Associated Writing Programs
Conference and others. During her years of service to Georgia Southern, Dr. Marwitz served on nearly three dozen departmental, college, and university committees. In recognition of her meritorious contributions to and service to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Mary Marwitz is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

Dr. J. Michael McDonald, the Dixie Crystals Professor of Business, is retiring December 31, 2014. Dr. McDonald received his B.S. from Georgia Institute of Technology in Industrial Management, with Honors. He received an M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Georgia, with a major in Industrial/Vocational Psychology, His Ph.D. in Business Administration (1976) is from the University of Georgia. Dr. McDonald joined the faculty of Georgia Southern as a Professor of Management in 1987 and became the Dixie Crystals endowed Professor of Business in 1990. At the time of his retirement, he will have completed 27 years of distinguished service. As the director of the College of Business Graduate Studies, Dr. McDonald provided knowledge, leadership, and direction that led to 12 years of continued success of those programs. In this role, Dr. McDonald administered the M.B.A. program, the M.Acc. program, and the WebMBA. Dr. McDonald received the Rutherford Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service to the MBA program, along with four other college and university teaching awards, including the Gamma Beta Phi Scholastic Society Professor of the Year award for Teaching Excellence. Additionally, he published over 40 peer-reviewed articles and papers in a variety of journals, meetings, and proceedings. Throughout his career, Dr. McDonald has engaged in service, ranging from chairing departmental committees to writing college and University accreditation reports. Finally, Dr. McDonald has worked tirelessly with local, regional and national businesses, providing continuing education programs and consulting services, in the fields of management and leadership. In recognition of his many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. J. Michael McDonald is awarded the title of Professor Emeritus.

Dr. T. Bruce McLean, Associate Professor of Mathematics, retired June 30, 2014. Dr. McLean earned his Bachelor of Science in Education in Mathematics (1963) from Ohio Northern University and his Master of Arts in Mathematics (1965) from Bowling Green State University. He received his Ph.D. in Mathematics (1971) from the University of Kentucky. Prior to joining Georgia Southern in 1980, Dr. McLean taught at Virginia Tech, James Madison University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Ohio Northern University. In addition, he held positions in industry, including teaching positions. Dr. McLean provided students with an outstanding learning experience in the classroom. His expertise in technology, computers, and mathematics, led to his popularity as an educational and industrial consultant. These interests also resulted in numerous publications and presentations that showcased Dr. McLean's talents to a wide and diverse audience. He performed outstanding service at all levels, including the community, using his talents to coach local mathematics teams for many years. In his 34 years at Georgia Southern, Dr. McLean was an outstanding teacher, scholar, and colleague. For his many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. T. Bruce McLean has earned the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

Dr. Sharon Tracy, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, retired July 31, 2014. Dr. Tracy received her B.A. in Political Science and English from Southern Illinois University and her M.P.A. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She joined the Political Science Department at Georgia Southern University in 1989, after earning her Doctor of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. Over the course of her 25 year career at Georgia Southern University, Dr. Tracy distinguished herself as a true teacher-scholar. Her scholarship focused on understanding young offenders, particularly their participation in gangs in the United States, leading her to collaborate with local agencies to understand gang membership in Georgia. Dr. Tracy was professionally involved in numerous scholarly and professional organizations, including, among others, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Pi Alpha Alpha, Sigma Phi Alpha, and the Georgia Gang Investigators Association; she serves on the National Social Sciences Association National Governing Board. Dr. Tracy served on numerous committees for the Department, in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and in service of the University. She also served on multitudes of graduate internship and oral examination committees. Most notable, however, is the role played by Dr. Tracy as a teacher. A perennial favorite of students, her courses, which included Gangs, Drugs, and Criminal Justice, as well as Hate and Bias Crimes, among numerous others, were popular draws on campus. In recognition of her meritorious service to Georgia Southern University, in particular within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Dr. Sharon Tracy is awarded the title of Professor Emerita of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

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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 177 known nesting pairs throughout the state.
Georgia Southern University
Alma Mater

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1. From humble farm beginnings Sprung up from sandy earth A-
mong the towering pine trees stands a treasure of great worth. Her price can - not be
sold as the oak trees for - justice and for good. As through these gates we

measured in sil - ver or in gold but in the love and loy - al - ty that

many hearts en - fold, keep with - in our hearts. Georgia Southern Uni - ver - si - ty, On eagles wings you

soar — We pledge to you our loy - al - ty and love for - ev - er more.

Chorus

2. Through tri - umphs and through tri - als Our Al - ma Ma - ter’s stood as