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## Georgia Southern University

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### **Georgia Southern University Supporting Area Tourism**

Late last month, Georgia Southern University drew 163,339 tourists to Bulloch County in 2011, according to a study by the University's Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development (BBRED). The study also shows that the visitors had an economic impact of more than \$47.4 million last year.

This is important for several reasons. As the largest state university south of Atlanta, Georgia Southern's athletic events, graduation ceremonies, conferences and

### **Georgia Southern Names Jean Bartels Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Georgia Southern University recently named Jean Bartels, Ph.D., RN, CNL, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. She began her new role on July 1st.

Since April 2011, Bartels has served as the dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern. She earlier served as interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs from July 2010 to April 2011. Earlier, she served as chair of Georgia Southern's School of Nursing from 1999 to 2010 where she led the Nursing program to a level of national prominence documented by its consistent ranking by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top schools of nursing in the country. Professionally she is a past recipient of the Sister Bernadette Armiger Award, the highest honor given by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

I am excited that Dr. Bartels will be assuming this important position at Georgia Southern. She has earned the respect of her colleagues and is a highly-sought consultant on curriculum and higher education across the nation. She has risen through the faculty ranks and has demonstrated an impressive commitment to our students.

Not only is she well respected by her colleagues, but Dr. Bartels has served as President of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, an organization that represents more than 600 schools of nursing across the country and is the most influential entity in higher education for nursing. Additionally, she has given testimony

faculty and student recruiting visits are helping drive the local economy. Visitors are shopping in stores, eating in its restaurants, and spending the night in area hotels.

The study found that more than 131,000 of the visitors brought by Georgia Southern stayed overnight. The visitors who traveled to Bulloch County because of University sponsored events helped to support 748 jobs and generated over \$3 million in state and local tax revenue.

What does all of this mean? Your alma mater is having a major impact and making a real difference in our community and in the lives of our fellow Georgians.

If you have not visited Georgia Southern lately, we hope you will stop by. I would encourage you to bring your family, attend a game, take in a performance, explore nature or revisit an old classroom or favorite hangout. So much has changed and summer is a great time to show off your alma mater.

to the Sullivan Committee, chaired by the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In her scholarly efforts, she has published more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, co-authored a book and written at least three key white papers on higher education. She has been recognized for several fellowships, including one from the National Institutes of Health.



### **Eagle Athletics Update**

This month, I would like to highlight the achievements of our athletes in the classroom. This past month, 22 Georgia Southern student athletes were named to our conference's Academic All-Conference team. Even more impressive is that 10 Georgia Southern teams improved their Multi-Year Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores, a key success measure implemented by the NCAA. All 15 of our teams posted single-year APR scores above the NCAA's 925 benchmark for the most recent reporting period. We also had five teams post perfect 1000 single-year scores: Women's Basketball, Golf, Cross Country and Men's/Women's Tennis. [Read more...](#) Go Eagles!

### **Georgia Southern Signs Agreement for Logistics Education**

I am pleased to announce a new partnership agreement for Logistics Management education that will not only benefit students, but the state of Georgia and area and international businesses. The agreement, the first of its kind between our institutions, lays the foundation for students to complete a new associate of science degree in Logistics Management at Savannah Tech. Upon successful completion, students are then able to transfer their course work to Georgia Southern and pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration, logistics and intermodal transportation. [Read more...](#)

If you are one of the people that visited the area this past year, please accept my sincere appreciation. Hopefully you will come visit us again soon. [Read more...](#)

#### **ON THE CALENDAR:**

**July 4:** University closed for Independence Day Holiday.

**July 8-20:** Atlanta Ballet Summer Residential Camp [More info...](#)

**July 16-19:** Georgia Southern Lego Robotics Camp (4th Grade & Up) [More info...](#)

**August 1:** Deadline for WebMBA admission for Fall 2012 [More info...](#)

**September 1:** Georgia Southern Football vs. Jacksonville University [2012 Schedule](#)

**September 18:** Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to speak on campus [Read more...](#)

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



#### **Eagle It! We Need Your Help**

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#### **Alumni Spotlight: Mike Davis ('87)**

This month, I would like to introduce you to Georgia Southern alumnus, Mike Davis. Mike serves as Executive Director of the United States Golf Association (USGA). This past month, we



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were able to see the results of his work on national television as golfers from around the world competed in the U.S. Open golf tournament. [Read more...](#)

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