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Georgia Southern University team wins honors at Southeastern Model Arab League

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March 13-15, a delegation of 10 students and 2 faculty advisors (Youssef Salhi and Jacek Lubecki) from Georgia Southern University visited Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to participate in Southeastern Model Arab League (SERMAL). Model Arab League is a simulation event, which allows students to represent diplomats from 22 Arab countries that are members of Arab League. This was **the first time in history** that Georgia Southern University participated in a Model Arab League event (there are about 10 such events organized annually on a regional or national basis across the US and internationally by the National Council on US-Arab Relations).

Even though the Georgia Southern delegation was completely new to the simulation, its performance was Outstanding. The Eagle Nation delegation won **four** Outstanding Delegate awards (they went to Matt Horne, Dylan John, Anhar Ibrahim and Ahmed Bekhet) and **two** Honorable-Mention Delegate awards (they went to Akiv Dawson and Jonathan Quintyne).

Congratulations to the students and faculty advisors who prepared the students.

Special thanks to the organizations that sponsored the trip: the Center for International Studies, the Student Government Association, and the Arabic Club.

Go Arab Eagles!!



In the picture, from left to right: Jessica Sheken, Matt Horne (Outstanding Delegate), Dylan John (Outstanding Delegate), Dr. Jacek Lubecki (holding the Honorable Mention award for Akiv Dawson), Ahmed Bekhet (Outstanding Delegate), Anhar Ibrahim (Outstanding Delegate), Jonathan Quintyne (Honorable Mention) and Youssef Salhi (Lecturer of Arabic and faculty advisor for Arabic Club). Kneeling in front are Asmaa Mansour and Joshua Halaberda.

Dr. Horst Kurz receives FLAG President's Award

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Dr. Horst Kurz was recognized with the FLAG President's Award, which recognizes his lengthy, dedicated, multifaceted, and sustained contributions to the Foreign Language Association of Georgia. He received the award at the annual meeting of the association. Congratulations, Dr. Kurz!

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