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From the President

In case you missed it, there is a lot happening at Georgia Southern University. This edition of the President’s Newsletter highlights some of the more noteworthy news and events that are capturing the attention of prospective students, our alumni and the nation. As you’ll read below, we recently announced that Georgia Southern, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and The Easton Foundation, will establish a new Elite Shooting Sports Education Center on campus. The new center will one of two such facilities in the country. A Georgia Southern professor recently received a major grant from NOAA and the Governor’s South Atlantic Alliance to better protect the southeastern coast of the U.S. from threats of flooding, storms, hurricanes and erosion. Georgia Southern will renew its tradition of hosting a major concert in the spring when we welcome The Band Perry and The Fray to Allen E. Paulson on Friday, April 20.

There are a lot of exciting things going on at Georgia Southern and I hope that you have the chance to stop by campus and see us. Thank you for your continued support of Georgia Southern University.

Go Eagles!
Brooks A. Keel,
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Georgia Southern Announces Plans for Elite Sports Shooting Education Center

Georgia Southern University is partnering with the Georgia DNR to develop an elite sports shooting education center in Statesboro. The new center will have a major economic impact on Statesboro and the entire state as enthusiasts and competitors around the
state and country travel
to Georgia Southern to
train and compete.

Currently, there is only
one other facility like this
in the country and we are
appreciative of the
Georgia DNR and The
Easton Foundation for
their support in
constructing a world-
class venue. The center,
which will be located
near the Recreation
Activity Center (RAC), is
scheduled to open in
August 2013. Read more...

**Protect the Coast**

Georgia Southern
University researcher
Clark Alexander was
recently awarded a
$377,000 grant to better
protect the southeastern
coast of the United states
from the threats of
flooding, storms,
hurricanes and
erosion. Alexander, who
is Director of Georgia
Southern's Applied
Research Laboratory and
Professor at the
Skidaway Institute of
Oceanography says the
project will develop a
new hazard-vulnerability
tool that can be applied
to the entire
region. Read more...

**Parent & Family Association Endows Leadership Scholarship**

Georgia Southern
University's Parent &
Family Association has
endowed a $25,000
Leadership Scholarship
that will benefit current
and future students of
association
members. During the
2011-2012 academic
year, the association has
already donated more
than $20,000 to
outstanding students. To
launch the new
scholarship, Greg
Francisco, Ph.D.,
President of the Parent
Council, personally
donated $500. Read
more...
Alumni Spotlight

Hayden Brantley ('08) graduated from Georgia Southern with a degree in political science and is already making a major difference. He will be taking his talents to Siguatepeque, Honduras August to teach English among other things. Read more...

SAVE THE DATE(S):

March 17: Georgia Southern will participate in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade. Look for our float that will include Freedom, Coach Jeff Monken, Gus and other special guests.
March 28: Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will speak at Georgia Southern's Hanner Fieldhouse. More Info.
April 1: Join us for the Tony Award winning production of South Pacific at Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center. Purchase Tickets
April 14: Georgia Southern's Football team will host its annual Blue/White game at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.
Eagle Nation Update

Watch the Video: Check out the latest edition of Eagle Nation Update.  Watch Now...

Stay in Touch

Have you updated your contact information lately? If not, please visit our Alumni Relations Web site and update today. We want to stay in touch! Update Now.

Georgia Southern Athletics Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for Georgia Southern University's Athletics Hall of Fame are now being accepted for the class of 2012. The inductees will be chosen by a selection committee following a review of their credentials. Nominations are due by May 15, 2012. For more information about the Hall of Fame and nominating process/criteria, click here.

The Band Perry and The Fray Coming to Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern recently announced that these two popular groups will co-headline a performance on Friday, April 20 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Tickets will go on sale on March 26. This will be the perfect weekend to get together with your fellow alumni, enjoy a great concert, take a tour of campus and see how much has changed since you were in school. For more information on parking and tailgating rules, click here.