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Georgia Southern University to Host Online MPA Information Sessions

March 19, 2012

Savannah area professionals will learn how they can earn an online certificate in public administration from Georgia Southern University without ever leaving the city limits during an upcoming information session. The first of three upcoming sessions will be held Wednesday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street.

Since 1973, Georgia Southern University's Masters of Public Administration program has been a leader in the advancement of public and nonprofit education throughout Georgia and beyond. With a focus on public management, nonprofit management and criminal justice administration, the MPA program has been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration since 1990. More recently, the MPA Program gained membership in the National Academic Centers Council, which is comprised of academic institutions committed to furthering research and education in philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. Today, the MPA Program is recognized as one of the top graduate programs at Georgia Southern University, boasting a dedicated core faculty and an alumni base of more than 700. The program continues to advance with the introduction of the online graduate certificate in public administration. The certification program is designed to take about a year to complete and to enable professionals to qualify for a pay increase or to continue toward a master's degree. Information sessions are held in Savannah at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street, allowing busy area professionals to earn the degree without traveling to the Statesboro campus. Additional sessions will be held May 15 and June 13 at the same location.

During the information sessions, MPA professors and advisors with Georgia Southern University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences will be available to answer questions about the program, entrance exams and how to apply for both the MPA degree and online certificate.

To reserve a space at the session, please visit <http://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/ipns/mpa/>, email mpa@georgiasouthern.edu or call 912-478-1400.

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Student groups to present 'Barefoot in the Park'

March 19, 2012

Neil Simon's classic romantic comedy *Barefoot in the Park* comes to Statesboro as Georgia Southern University student organizations Theatre South and Alpha Psi Omega present their annual student production at the Averitt Center for the Arts on March 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Barefoot in the Park chronicles the story of newlywed couple Paul Bratter, a conservative young lawyer played by Matthew Morris, and his irrepressible bride Corie Bratter, played by Amanda Starling, as they struggle with marital discord when the ecstasy of the honeymoon gives way to the reality of setting up house atop five flights of stairs.

The Bratters shake hands and commence their new marriage in a New York apartment — complete with bad plumbing, a hole in the skylight and very odd neighbors. Arguing over mothers, adventures and walking barefoot in the park, the straight-laced Paul and free-spirited Corrie discover that marriage isn't just six days at the Plaza Hotel. This classic romantic comedy is one of Simon's longest running hits, with more than 1,500 performances on the Broadway Stage since its debut in 1963.

The student production features first-time director Austin Bolay, who recently won the dramaturg award at the Region IV Kennedy Center for America College Theatre Festival.

"Neil Simon is often called the King of Comedy, with his witty dialogue and strong characters. As director, I plan to make this production of *Barefoot in the Park* a story that is accessible to all ages by presenting a story about love and the many challenges that all couples encounter," Bolay said. "We will be exploring the blind absurdity of love and the consequential effects it has on people when people attempt to rationalize it."

To reserve tickets contact the [Averitt Center](#) Box Office at 912-212-2782.

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