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Richmond Hill Middle takes victory at regional Science Olympiad hosted by Georgia Southern

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The College of Education's Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education (i²STEM^e) hosted the Southeast Regional Science Olympiad competition on Feb. 17.

Science Olympiad is a national competition that provides rigorous, standard-based challenges to students in grades K-12. The mission of event is to increase student and teacher engagement in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities and content.

Georgia Southern University hosts the Southeast Regional competition annually. Held on the Statesboro Campus, this year's event featured 21 activities that included a variety of skills tests including a challenge new to the competition this year—Battery Buggy, where students tested their engineering skills to build a motor-powered vehicle to complete a skills test of length and speed.

The regional tournament hosted students and coaches from schools including A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School, Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Irwin County Middle School, Richmond Hill Middle School, Thomson Middle School, and William James Middle School.

Richmond Hill Middle School took home first place honors, and Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School placed second. Both schools will both advance to the State Olympiad competition in March, held in Atlanta.

"We would like to thank all of the volunteers including faculty, staff and students from various departments and colleges at the University for their help in making this year's event a great success," said i²STEM^e Coordinator Kania Greer, Ed.D. "Science Olympiad is an engaging and exciting day for students in this region, and we enjoy hosting this event each year."

Counseling program receives CACREP re-accreditation

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The M.Ed. Counselor Education program at Georgia Southern University was granted continued accreditation status from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) in early 2018.

CACREP accreditation recognizes the program's ability to meet or exceed national standards and demonstrates student's preparedness for credentialing and entry into the professional practice.

"Accreditation confirms that our students are meeting the requirements to provide quality services to clients they are working with," said Counselor Education Program Director Brandon Hunt, Ph.D.

According to the CACREP website, benefits of accreditation include: continual self-evaluation, development and self-directed improvement; ongoing consultation; providing a system for accountability; enhancing a program's reputation; and providing peer recognition.

Hunt also emphasized the benefits to students including expedited opportunity to earn counselor licensure and certification.

"Graduates of our programs can sit for the National Counseling Exam upon graduation and our clinical and mental health graduates can qualify for state licensure in only three years versus four because our program is accredited," she said.

During the accreditation process, the program published an outcomes report that provided statistical data about the students and graduates of the programs. In all concentrations of the M.Ed. Counselor Education degree, job placement rates were 100%, and completion rates ranged from 90-100%.

"The counselor education faculty and students worked hard to get re-accredited and we're proud of the message it sends people about the quality of our program." Hunt said.

For more information about counselor education graduate programs at Georgia Southern University, visit <http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/coun/>

New student artwork adorns the halls of COE

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2018 Art Extravaganza guest speaker John Jensen, MFA and wife (left) discuss student artwork with local art teacher.

Students from regional P-12 schools filled the College of Education (COE) classroom building on Sunday, March 4 to see their artwork displayed on the walls of the first and second floor hallways. The 14th Annual Art Extravaganza showcased nearly 40 new pieces of artwork submitted by students from 13 elementary, middle and high schools.

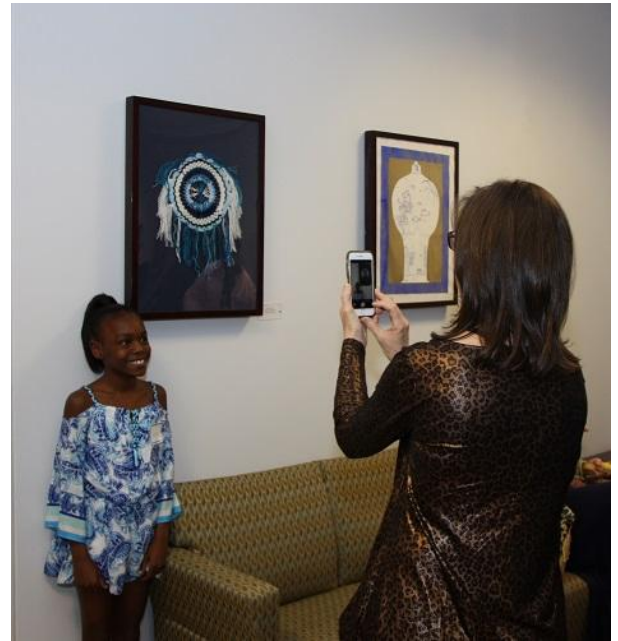
Each year, the COE invites art teachers to submit the school's top three pieces of student artwork. The College then spotlights these exceptional students and their art by framing and displaying the artwork in the building for a year. To signify the opening of the new exhibition of artwork, the COE hosts Art Extravaganza as a "gallery" opening and recognition ceremony for featured artists, their supporters and art teachers.

This year's ceremony featured Georgia Southern University art professor John Jensen, MFA. An expert in ceramics and sculpture, Jensen spoke about the importance of art and the necessity of finding a career you can enjoy. He displayed several of his own art pieces and highlighted the joys of serving as a professor of art at Armstrong State University and now Georgia Southern.

Contributing schools included: Sallie Zetterower Elementary; Metter High; Brooklet Elementary; Portal Elementary; Portal Middle/High; Mill Creek Elementary; Statesboro High; Dublin High; V.L. Heard Elementary; Southeast Bulloch Middle; Lyman Hall Elementary; and Richmond Hill Middle Schools.

Art Extravaganza began in 2004 as an initiative to recognize student art and the work of certified art teachers, many of whom are Georgia Southern alumni. Each spring, a new exhibit opens and the artwork remains on display for a full year. The Art Extravaganza is sponsored by the College of Education.

For photos from the 2018 Art Extravaganza, visit our facebook account at <http://bit.ly/2FeA9BP>



Student artist poses for picture with her artwork.