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Applaud

Proof that our faculty, staff, students and alumni rock

Nandi Marshall elected to serve on American Public Health Association executive board

Georgia Southern University Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health's Nandi Marshall, DrPH, has been elected to serve a four-year term on the American Public Health Association’s (APHA) executive board.

Marshall, associate professor and interim associate dean for academic affairs, has been a member of APHA for 15 years, first as a student and then as a public health professional and professor.

Read more about Marshall here.

Staff Council donates food items

Georgia Southern University’s Staff Council hosted a food drive during October and November which benefited the Statesboro, Savannah and Hinesville communities. With the help of Eagle Nation, Staff Council representatives were able to collect more than 1,100 nonperishable food items to donate to local food banks.
The food items were distributed to the Statesboro Food Bank, America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Food Bank and the Liberty County Manna House Food Bank.

Do you find the "Applaud" section useful?

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President Marrero approves new policy and updates to existing polices

President Marrero has approved a new policy titled Eligibility for Rehire, as well as updates to the existing Background Investigation and Types of Employment policies. These policies became effective Dec. 3, 2020. Click here to view these policies in the centralized electronic policy repository. Please contact the Human Resources Department or the Office of Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance with any questions regarding these policies.

Elect to receive your 2020 W-2 electronically by Dec. 31

Employees may now elect to receive their W-2 statements online through OneUSG Connect. Federal regulations require that employees give their consent to receive the W-2 in an electronic format. Employees must consent to electronic delivery by Dec. 31. To consent to or confirm your current status, log into OneUSG Connect and click the taxes tile from Employee
Self Service. Click "W-2/W-2c Consent" and check the box to indicate your consent to receive electronic W-2 and W-2c forms. Click here to learn more about electronic receipt of W-2 forms.

Complete business transaction reports by Jan. 31

Each year, all public employees and officials are required to file a report disclosing any business transactions entered into with the state of Georgia or any agency of the state of Georgia over the past calendar year. The report must be filed by Jan. 31 and should include all transactions entered into by the public employee on behalf of himself or herself, or on behalf of any entity in which the employee, employee’s spouse or employee’s dependents hold a substantial interest.

Click here to learn more about filing an online report, or contact the Office of Legal Affairs at 478-7481 or the Director of Risk and Compliance at 478-5521 if you have questions or concerns about this requirement.

Commencement ceremonies begin Sunday, Dec. 13

Following all health and safety protocols, Georgia Southern looks forward to hosting five face-to-face commencement ceremonies beginning on Sunday, Dec. 13. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines will be strictly adhered to, and all participants and guests are expected to wear a face covering.

Additionally, all staff working the ceremonies will be screened as they enter the facility.

Click here to learn more about the commencement ceremonies.
University Honors Program elevates to new Honors College

Georgia Southern University now encompasses 10 academic colleges with the transition of the University Honors Program to the Honors College. The move provides a growing community of honors students with enhanced experiential learning opportunities including undergraduate research, creative scholarship and the honors thesis, focusing on professional development, interdisciplinary education and global experiences.

Click here to read more about the new Honors College.

Alumni, former mayor, journalist, state official and higher education administrator to speak at Fall 2020 Commencement ceremonies

Georgia Southern University has named five distinguished Georgians to serve as speakers for Georgia Southern University’s Fall 2020 Commencement ceremonies on Dec. 13, 16 and 17.

Former City of Hinesville Mayor James “Jim” Thomas Jr., Emmy Award-winning journalist Skyler Henry (’11), Russell McMurry, P.E. (’91), Alumnus Kain Weaver (’14), and Teresa MacCartney (’99, ’01) will address the graduates.

Georgia Southern University will hold four commencement ceremonies for undergraduate students and one ceremony for graduate students from each of the University’s 10 colleges.

Click here to read more about the speaker and Fall 2020 Commencement.

Reaching New Heights challenge to benefit Eagles for Eagles

In a rivalry matchup that’s been brewing since our very first game in 1987, the Georgia Southern Eagles and Appalachian State Mountaineers will battle it out on the field in Statesboro this Saturday!
But that's not the only battle happening this week between the two universities.

The Reaching New Heights Challenge calls on alumni, friends and fans of each school to give to a worthy cause and compete for the top spot. The goal? Raise money in support of Georgia Southern University's Eagles for Eagles Fund and Appalachian State University's Mountaineer Emergency Fund. At the end of the day (and the end of the football game), it's our students who matter most. This season of giving is the perfect opportunity to show your support.

We're counting donors, not dollars. Any gift size counts — it's your participation that matters most!

Let's beat App State! Give now at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/AppStateChallenge.

Nominate an outstanding advisor

The Georgia Southern Advisement community is responsible for helping more than 25,000 undergraduate students successfully progress through their programs of study. Georgia Southern is extremely proud of our advisors, and we believe advisors are critical to the success of our students and our campus.

To recognize the efforts of academic advisors, we are currently accepting nominations for Outstanding Advisors at Georgia Southern. The university-wide winners will represent the University at the National Academic Advising Association national conference.

Click here to nominate an advisor (academic or administrator) who has had a positive influence on students and the campus community. Nominations are open through Dec. 11.

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6 p.m. on Saturday in Paulson Stadium. Men's basketball takes on Mercer on Sunday at 6 p.m., and Carver at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in home games.

Stay up to date with Eagle Nation and earn free swag all through the GATA Rewards app! Visit GSEagles.com/GATARewards to download for free today!

Click here for a full list of athletics events.

Register for the Emotional Intelligence Training

On Friday, Dec. 11, the Office of Inclusive Excellence Faculty and Staff Fellows and the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement will present "Exploring Emotional Intelligence through a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lens." The personal and professional development opportunity will examine the connections between emotional intelligence, diversity, equity and inclusion and intersecting identities.

Preregistration is required. Click here to register for the workshop.

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You may have heard

University Store and Tech Corner host holiday sale Dec. 18, 21-23

The University Store and Tech Corner will host an in-store sale on Dec. 18 and Dec. 21-23 on the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses. The sale is open to faculty, staff and members of the community.

At the University Store, shoppers can enjoy 25% off their entire purchase including clearance items (excludes gift cards, select merchandise and textbooks).

Tech Corner shoppers can enjoy 25% off non-hardware accessories (excludes gift cards) in store.
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In case you missed it

Join the faculty, staff bowling league
Chris Foster named nominee for Broyles Award
Georgia Southern Athletics launches APEX Program
Werts named Wuerffel Trophy semifinalist
Get to know: Erin Ballard

Extra! Extra!

Georgia Southern to hold in-person commencement, recent graduates to participate — WSAV
Armstrong Campus lights up for the holidays/Sweetheart Circle Lighting Ceremony on Thursday — WTOC
Parker College of Business teams advance to semifinals of National Student Challenge — Savannah CEO
A champion of water in the desert — Sante Fe New Mexican

Huffling receives Lee’s Science Department Alumnus Of The Year Award — The Chattanoogan

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