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Welcome, Sue Guadagno!



This semester, we welcomed new administrative assistant Sue Guadagno to the Honors staff. She joined us from the Department of Foreign Languages, where she was the administrative assistant for around three years. A Georgia Southern employee since 2006, Guadagno is excited about working with both Honors students and staff.

"While researching the position, one of the things that really stood out to me was the longevity of the previous administrative assistant," said Guadagno. "If somebody stays in one department for that long, then you know that department must have something good going on."

She also was impressed by the Honors Program's mission to facilitate the education of students holistically in such areas as academics, leadership, and service

learning.

"I was really impressed by what I saw when reading about the Honors Program's goals and accomplishments," said Guadagno. "As a parent, I think it's a great program for making sure students are well-rounded and engaged in exciting learning opportunities. I'm glad I get to be involved in it."

Next time you come by the Eidson House, be sure to give our new administrative assistant a warm welcome!

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Cassie Beasley's *Circus Mirandus* takes the ninth spot on the Children's Middle Grade Hardcover bestseller list.

Honors Alumna Cassie Beasley's debut novel, *Circus Mirandus*, was featured on the *New York Times Bestsellers List* for Children's Middle Grade Hardcover books for three weeks. From December 20th, 2015 to January 3rd, it held the tenth spot on the list, and it took the ninth spot the following week. In addition to making the bestseller list, *Circus Mirandus* has collected other accolades as well: it was a *New York Times Book Review* Notable Children's Book of 2015 and one of Amazon's Best Children's Books of the Year.

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!



Left photo: Lindsay Perrin (Athletic Training) and Dr. Engel with Liz and Paul Gillespie. Right photo: Rachel Doggett (Writing & Linguistics and English) and Dr. Engel with Joe and Susan McGlamery

Dr. Steven Engel was pleased to introduce two University Honors Program students to the donors of their scholarships at the Scholarship Banquet on January 22.



The Georgia Southern University Honors Program is designed to foster the development of a critical sense of inquiry, a spirit of creativity, a global perspective and an ethic of civic responsibility. With your investment, the University Honors Program will continue to enrich the lives of students at Georgia Southern University.

Going Back to Camp



Once again the Honors Program is getting ready for its annual alternative spring break trip to <u>Camp Twin Lakes</u> to work with <u>Camp Blue Skies</u>. This is our 6th year volunteering with these great organizations! Read about previous trips in the 2015, 2014, and 2011 issues of <u>Honors@Georgia Southern</u>.

To learn more about Honors at Georgia Southern, how to support honors activities, or become involved in honors alumni events, contact Honors Director Steven Engel at sengel@georgiasouthern.edu





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