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Eagle Soars High in Food Service Industry

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STATESBORO, Ga. –Georgia Southern University’s Emily Arrington, Assistant Manager of Dining Commons, has been selected to participate in the 2014 Marketing Institute, one of eight professional development institutes shaped and coordinated by the National Association of College & University Food Services (NACUFS).

More than 240 applications were received for the six institutes offered this year. Emily Arrington, who has worked for Eagle Dining Services (EDS) for half a decade, was selected through a multi-stage process involving NACUFS leaders at both the regional and national level.

Arrington is the second EDS employee certified as a Food Service Management Professional (FMP). Her experience in event planning, management and educating staff members led to her selection as the co-facilitator and facilitator of the NACUFS Human Resource Institute for three consecutive years. The upcoming Marketing Institute will be Arrington’s fifth seminar.



“I am looking forward to attending this particular Institute due to my experience working with Auxiliary Services Marketing,” said Arrington. “When it comes to planning, I enjoy creating proactive strategies to contribute to the overall dining experience”.

Each institute lasts four to six days and offers a robust curriculum that includes classroom instruction, appropriate sponsor and campus tours, extensive peer-to-peer interaction, and an individual or group project for immediate application of the program content.

“The eight NACUFS institutes are designed to build up a successful foodservice professional. Furthering our education and developing our professional skills is crucial in order to elevate campus dining and carry out the mission of NACUFS,” said Cheryl Garner from University of California – Riverside, chair of the NACUFS Education Committee.

The Marketing Institute will be held December 2-6 and will focus on the theory and techniques of marketing a collegiate foodservice program. Institute participants will learn to identify and apply the components of marketing, develop a marketing plan and apply ethical marketing practices. This institute takes place in Atlanta, Georgia and is sponsored by Coca-Cola North America.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to learn and bring back inventive information to better shape the dining experience for students,” said Arrington.

About NACUFS

Founded in 1958, the National Association of College & University Food Services is the professional trade association for food service professionals at institutions of higher education in the United States, Canada, and abroad. NACUFS provides more than 500 institutional and 550 industry members with educational, networking, and professional development opportunities and a variety of informational publications. NACUFS is also heavily involved in industry research.

The mission of NACUFS is to support and promote excellence in collegiate dining.

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