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Ninety-Third Annual
Spring Commencement
2021

Georgia Southern University
SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES

UNDERGRADUATE
Saturday, May 8 • 10 a.m. • Savannah Convention Center
Saturday, May 8 • 3 p.m. • Savannah Convention Center
Monday, May 10 • 9 a.m. • Paulson Stadium in Statesboro
Tuesday, May 11 • 9 a.m. • Paulson Stadium in Statesboro
Wednesday, May 12 • 9 a.m. • Paulson Stadium in Statesboro

GRADUATE
Thursday, May 13 • 9 a.m. • Paulson Stadium in Statesboro

COMMENCEMENT NOTES

Photography: A professional photographer will take a picture of you as you cross the stage. A proof of this picture will be emailed to you at your Georgia Southern email address and mailed to your home address so that you may decide if you wish to purchase these photos. Find out more about this service at GradImages.com.

Live Broadcast: There will be a live broadcast via the University’s Facebook page at Facebook.com/GeorgiaSouthern or can also be viewed via the web on the Georgia Southern Commencement Live Feed Page at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement.

Diplomas/Transcripts: Diplomas will be mailed to the graduates at their diploma mailing address or their permanent home address. Diplomas will be mailed six to eight weeks after graduation for students who have applied for graduation and completed all requirements.

Accessibility Access: If your guest requires accommodations for a disability, accessible seating is available. Guests entering the stadium from the designated handicap parking area should enter through the Media Gate or Gate 13 (Statesboro Ceremony). Please see the map for accessible seating on the commencement website. The Savannah Convention Center Exhibit Hall is one level, and seating will be spaced out for social distancing. This should allow guests with mobility concerns to sit wherever they would like. If you have questions, please contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center at 912-478-1566.

Sign Language: American Sign Language interpreting is available. Guests who need access and desire close proximity to the ASL interpreter may choose to sit in Section J of Paulson Stadium (Statesboro Campus). In Savannah, the interpreter will be visible on the big screen from all seating areas.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Face-coverings are required to be worn at all times. Public health guidelines and protocols ensure Eagle Nation stays safe. Please pay attention to signage at the venue or visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement for more details.

Ushers are stationed throughout the venue to assist you.
Police Officers are also available on location.
In Case of Emergency—Follow the directions given by the usher and police officer nearest you.
Medical Emergency—Ask the nearest usher for assistance. The usher will contact EMS on location.
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The roots of Georgia Southern University begin in Savannah. In 1906, Georgia Southern founders from Bulloch County met with state legislators and leaders from competing counties at the DeSoto Hotel, where they won the bid for the First District A&M School to be located in Statesboro.

In 1935, just a half-mile away from the DeSoto, Armstrong was founded at the historic Armstrong House on Bull Street.

In both cases, local leaders like Lonnie Brannen and Albert M. Deal from Statesboro, and Lowry Adley and Thomas Gamble in Savannah, understood the impact that education would have on the workforce and the business prospects of the region, and they put their resources behind their beliefs.

In 1924, First District A&M School expanded its mission and became the Georgia Normal School, training teachers at the college level for the first time. By 1959, the Board of Regents changed the school’s name to Georgia Southern College, a four-year college with diverse programs.

In 1964, Armstrong had also achieved four-year college status, and just two years later completed its new campus on the southside of Savannah. The move was controversial to many locals and city leaders because the southside was considered “out in the country.” Back then, Abercorn Extension ended at a barricade right in front of the campus.

However, the move proved to be visionary, and the southside became an integral part of the city in later years.
In 1980, Georgia Southern created its first ROTC program with Mercer University's help. Four years later, the University assumed responsibility for ROTC at Armstrong, and the cadres have been linked ever since.

Today, our ROTC programs draw some of the best and brightest from around the country, and our cadets are routinely among the best in the nation.

Our ties to the military don't end there. Fort Stewart is the largest Army base east of the Mississippi, and has provided a huge opportunity for us to connect with our community. In 1998, Armstrong worked with Georgia Southern and other USG institutions to create the Liberty Center—now the Liberty Campus—which serves the large population of active-duty and veteran military and their families. Both Georgia Southern and Armstrong have been designated Military-Friendly institutions for years, a trend we will proudly continue as a consolidated University.

With the reinstatement of football in 1982, Georgia Southern began to get noticed on the national stage. During the Eagles run of championships under head coach Erk Russell, enrollment doubled.

By 1990, this explosive growth and the hard work of faculty and staff led to its designation as a university. Just six years later, Armstrong gained university status as well, and the two institutions expanded their program offerings and regional impact.

In 2017, Georgia Southern and Armstrong consolidated to become one Georgia Southern University, and is now the largest public university south of Atlanta and the fifth largest in the state. Focused on student success, the University seeks to help our students get the firsthand, experiential training that will help them enter the workforce as leaders in their fields.
Points of Pride

Georgia Southern is now the fifth largest public university in Georgia and the largest south of Atlanta.

Georgia Southern University is now ranked as an “R2” high research institution, placing it in the top 6% of all institutions ranked by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The “R2” designation is the second-highest classification for research institutions.

Named “Military-Friendly” school for the 10th year in a row by Vittorio Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs, STEM Jobs and Military Spouse magazines, and ranked number one in the best schools for military students by Best for Vets Colleges.

For the 11th year in a row, Georgia Southern University was named one of the nation’s top eco-friendly campuses in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 416 Green Colleges: 2020 Edition.

Georgia Southern ranked in the top 5% in 11 categories, including diversity and best programs by College Factual for 2021.

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health is ranked first in the nation for a master’s degree in public health by SR Education Group.

Georgia Southern University’s Department of Biology is the largest center for biology research and education in southern Georgia.

Georgia Southern’s Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing opened the state of Georgia’s first undergraduate Manufacturing Engineering program in August 2015, with the first cohort graduating in 2019. The program is one of only 20 in the nation and one of only three in the Southeast United States.

The Armstrong Campus in Savannah was designated as the first college campus in the country to have a collegiate chapter of the National Latina Organization MANA, which represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families in the areas of education, health and well-being, financial literacy, equal and civil rights and immigration reform.

The Eagle Battalion is proud to have one of the largest Army ROTC Nursing programs in the nation. Georgia Southern’s School of Nursing is consistently ranked among the top in the country. The strong relationship between these elite programs has ensured that our nurse cadets receive top quality education and experience while being held to high academic and ethical standards, preparing them to become both Army officers and leaders in the field of medicine.

For the third year in a row, Georgia Southern University has been recognized as a Gold Level Campus by Exercise is Medicine® on Campus (EIM-OC) for the University’s diligence to make physical activities a standard on campus.
The Betty Foy Sanders Georgia Artists Collection, one of Georgia Southern University’s largest permanent collections, recently celebrated its 52nd anniversary. The collection was established in 1967 by former Georgia first lady Betty Foy Sanders, a Statesboro native.

Georgia Southern is ranked as one of the 10 Best “Hidden Gem” Public Universities in the United States on a listing by College Gazette. Unique to Georgia Southern is its first permanent scientific field station, the one-of-a-kind Effingham Wetlands, a 1,400-acre outdoor nature preserve intended for use as a “living laboratory.” Acquired in 2017, students and faculty use the wetlands as a research opportunity for the study and preservation of biology and wildlife. Rounding out its robust natural environment offerings is the school’s Center for Wildlife Education, a program housing 86 species of birds, 67 species of reptiles, and 70 species of amphibians.

Georgia Southern’s online programs are consistently ranked among the best in the nation, including the top 10 online universities. These include number one rankings for best online master of educational leadership, best online doctoral programs, best online colleges in Georgia, best online bachelor’s in information technology, best master’s in computer science and best master’s in assessment and measurement degrees. The University also ranked first in online master of business administration, master’s in economics, master of nursing, respiratory therapy degrees, master’s degree in coaching and sport management.

According to the most recent University System of Georgia report, Georgia Southern University has an annual economic impact just shy of $1 billion on the region it serves. The report says Georgia Southern is a significant part of USG’s $18.5 billion economic impact on the state of Georgia.
ABOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Georgia Southern University is the state's largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta. With nearly 140 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern has been designated a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 university and serves more than 26,000 students from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico as well as 102 nations.

With three vibrant campuses — the Statesboro Campus, the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville — Georgia Southern offers an attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery and personal growth. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields.

Emphasizing academic distinction, excellent teaching, research and student success, Georgia Southern enrolls both undergraduate and graduate students through nine colleges: the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing, the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Science and Mathematics, the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the Parker College of Business and the Waters College of Health Professions.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern has grown to three campuses: a 900-acre quintessential college setting in Statesboro, featuring Georgian-style, red-brick historic buildings and modern contemporary buildings set amid pines and oaks and home to more than 20,000 students; a 268-acre arboretum campus just minutes away from historic downtown Savannah and a short drive from the sunny beaches of Tybee Island with more than 100 programs and some 6,000 students; and a modern, state-of-the-art facility in Hinesville geared for local and military-affiliated students.

Georgia Southern fields 17 NCAA teams with storied programs that have achieved national accolades on and off the field. In addition to six FCS national football championship flags flying at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Georgia Southern teams and individuals regularly compete for conference and national honors. In 2014, Georgia Southern moved to the Football Bowl Subdivision's Sun Belt Conference, claiming the Sun Belt crown in its first season in the Conference. In 2015, the team won the 17th GoDaddy Bowl in its first season of bowl eligibility; and recently achieved its second bowl victory at the 2018 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl. The University's athletics teams include football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, volleyball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, cross country, swimming and diving, softball, men's and women's soccer and women's rifle.

The University also has an active alumni program serving 120,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include: Otis S. Johnson, Ph.D., a two-time mayor of Savannah (Armstrong); country music star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, executive director of the United States Golf Association; Stratton Leopold, Hollywood producer and local entrepreneur (Armstrong); Hala Moddelmog, retired president of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and Dan Cathy, chairman, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A.

For more information, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

THE SEAL

The Georgia Southern University seal symbolizes the University and its history. The seal depicts the Marvin Pittman Administration Building, which was built in 1907 and anchors Sweetheart Circle, the iconic lawn of picturesque live oaks, magnolias and pecan trees that are indicative of southeastern and coastal Georgia. The Circle's main entrance is featured as a brick-walled gateway, with each side topped by a lamp of knowledge. Three stars symbolize the legacy and traditions of all three campuses that comprise the University and their rich histories — the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, the Liberty Campus in Hinesville and the Statesboro Campus. The year, 1906, indicates the founding date of Georgia Southern University as the First District Agricultural & Mechanical School in Statesboro.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION AND CHAIN

The presidential medallion and chain, worn by the president of Georgia Southern University as part of the president's academic regalia, symbolizes the University and signifies the authority and responsibility of its highest executive office. Georgia Southern's presidential medallion and chain is a custom-designed, handcrafted work of art.

Professor Christina Lemon and Georgia Southern alumna Madeline Shelor collaborated on the custom design and creation of the medallion and chain using a combination of traditional methods and new technology.

The medallion is a three-and-one quarter inch circular pendant form made from sterling silver and accented with two blue Sapphire cabochon stones (smooth rounded stones). The dimensional medallion design features a cast sterling silver relief of the Georgia Southern University seal design. The center of the seal design includes a relief image of the iconic Marvin Pittman Administration building on historic Sweetheart Circle. Encircling the central seal design are stylized oak leaf and acorn motifs, the enduring emblem of strength, stability, honor and longevity. Each oak leaf is crafted in relief and hand engraved. A smaller oak leaf motif continues on the reverse side.
VISION STATEMENT

People. Purpose. Action: Growing ourselves to grow others!

MISSION STATEMENT

At Georgia Southern University, our learner-centered culture prepares us to think, lead, teach and serve. We value collaboration, academic excellence, discovery and innovation, integrity, openness and inclusion and sustainability. We promote talent and economic development to enhance quality of life through scholarly pursuits, cultural enrichment, student life and community engagement across distinctive campuses. Our success is measured by the global impact of our students, faculty, staff and alumni.

VALUES

Collaboration: Georgia Southern University embraces shared governance, teamwork and a cooperative spirit that shapes our engagement with students, faculty, staff and communities.

Academic Excellence: Georgia Southern University academically challenges students, providing them with the knowledge, experiences and support they need to develop into productive and responsible citizens.

Discovery and Innovation: Georgia Southern University promotes environments and technologies that encourage and facilitate creative, problem-solving collaborations among students, faculty, staff and community partners.

Integrity: Georgia Southern University creates a caring, respectful environment that is deeply committed to ethical decision-making in the spirit of collegiality.

Openness and Inclusion: Georgia Southern University values the diversity of all people, communities and disciplines with an unwavering commitment to equity and inclusion.

Sustainability: Georgia Southern University is a conscientious steward of resources and supports the well-being of students, faculty, staff and communities.
**ACADEMIC COLORS**

**JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

- **Light Blue**: Doctor of Education
- **Apricot**: Doctor of Nursing Practice
- **Royal Blue**: Doctor of Philosophy
- **Teal**: Doctor of Physical Therapy
- **Citron**: Doctor of Psychology
- **Salmon Pink**: Doctor of Public Health
- **Light Blue**: Education Specialist
- **Drab**: Master of Accounting

**Master of Arts**

- White: English
- White: History
- White: Professional Communication Leadership
- White: Social Science
- White: Spanish
- Light Blue: Master of Arts in Teaching
- Drab: Master of Business Administration
- Light Blue: Master of Education
- Brown: Master of Fine Arts
- Kelly Green: Master of Health Administration
- Pink: Master of Music
- Peacock Blue: Master of Public Administration
- Salmon Pink: Master of Public Health

**Master of Science**

- Copper: Applied Economics
- Science Gold: Applied Geography
- Science Gold: Biology
- Sage Green: Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Science Gold: Computer Science
- Science Gold: Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Sage Green: Kinesiology
- Science Gold: Mathematics
- Citron: Psychology
- Sage Green: Sport Management
- Orange: Master of Science in Applied Engineering
- Gold: Master of Science in Applied Physical Sciences
- Orange: Master of Science in Civil Engineering
- Orange: Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
- Science Gold: Master of Science in Information Technology
- Orange: Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Apricot: Master of Science in Nursing
- Sage Green: Master of Science in Sports Medicine

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

- **Black**: Associate of Arts
- **Brown**: Bachelor of Arts
- **White**: English
- **White**: History
- **White**: Modern Languages
- **White**: Music
- **Pink**: Philosophy
- **Dark Blue**: Theatre
- **Brown**: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- **White**: Writing
- **White**: Writing and Linguistics
- **Brown**: Bachelor of Fine Arts
- **White**: Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
- **Pink**: Bachelor of Music

**Bachelor of Science**

- **Light Blue**: Art Education
- **Crimson**: Communication Studies
- **Crimson**: Journalism
- **Crimson**: Multimedia Journalism
- **Crimson**: Multimedia Film and Production
- **Crimson**: Public Relations

**COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- **Bachelor of Arts**
  - Science Gold: Anthropology
  - Aquamarine: International Studies
  - Science Gold: Law and Society
  - Dark Blue: Political Science
  - Citron: Psychology

- **Bachelor of Science**
  - Maroon: Child and Family Development
  - Science Gold: Criminal Justice and Criminology
  - Maroon: Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design
  - Maroon: Interior Design
  - Aquamarine: International Trade
  - Citron: Psychology
  - Sage Green: Recreation
  - White: Sociology

**ALLENE. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING**

- **Gold**: Bachelor of Information Technology
- **Gold**: Bachelor of Science
- **Science Gold**: Computer Science
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Construction
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- **Science Gold**: Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering
- **Orange**: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Academic Distinction

Graduation with Honors
Undergraduate students, who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

- 3.5-3.69 Cum Laude
- 3.7-3.89 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.9-4.0 Summa Cum Laude

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and on their academic transcripts.

Honors College Scholars
The Honors College offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the College requires a substantial commitment to experiential learning and completion of an Honors Thesis. The diplomas of graduating Honors College Scholars are distinguished by the Honors designation.

NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of candidates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate.

Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. After graduation and all final grades are recorded and all degree requirements are complete, honors are re-calculated and will be added to diplomas and transcripts, if honors are achieved.
THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

MACE

Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the faculty member holding the rank of Professor with the highest seniority of service at Georgia Southern University.

The mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, associate professor of art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.

The design of the mace blends forms suggested by native flora of south Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern's link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

REGALIA

The academic regalia worn by faculty and administration at today's commencement ceremony traces its origin to that worn by faculty and students at medieval European universities. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution. Today's gowns for associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Associate and bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The master's gowns, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist.

The specialist and doctoral gown is the most elaborate, with a much fuller cut and velvet panels on the sleeves, around the neck, and down the front. These panels may be black or the color that symbolizes the subject field in which the degree was earned.

The hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortar boards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel may be any one of three different colors—black, metallic gold, or the color representative of the major field in which the degree was earned.

DOUBLE EAGLE

The Double Eagle Society is an incentive program and a joint initiative between the College of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association of Georgia Southern. This initiative was created to recognize our alumni who have earned two (or more) degrees from Georgia Southern: one undergraduate degree and one graduate degree or two graduate degrees.
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! This is a wonderful occasion for you and for Georgia Southern, and we are enormously proud of what you have accomplished. As you turn your tassel and look beyond your time here at Georgia Southern, I hope that you take great pride in achieving this milestone in your journey – we are so excited to celebrate with you today.

I applaud you for the hard work you've put in – especially during the past year – to get ready for the next chapter in your life. By choosing to pursue a degree at Georgia Southern, you've not only chosen to build a sure academic foundation for yourself, you've also decided to pursue real-world, first-hand experiences that will set you apart from your peers. Many of you have engaged in significant research projects, translating your theoretical learning to solve practical problems here and now. Some of you have traveled to other countries, where you've been introduced to new cultures, languages and ideas. And some of you have immersed yourself in campus life, service and leadership, where you've learned about yourself and your impact on the world around you.

With the investment you have made in your future, you are now prepared to take the knowledge, skills, and credentials you've acquired to leave here and make an extraordinary impact on our region, our state, our nation and beyond. Your success is our success, and our world needs your talents, your passion and your innovative ideas to steer us ahead into a bright future. We are counting on you, and I have never been more confident in our future.

As you leave here today and take the next step in your journey, we welcome all of you as the newest members of Georgia Southern alumni. Eagle Nation is strong, and takes pride in our traditions, our values and the quality of our graduates. You have joined the ranks of great leaders in Georgia and around the world who represent the best of Georgia Southern. As you find success in whatever path you take, I encourage you to find ways to serve your community and impact others, so those who follow you will have the same opportunities to succeed that you have found.

Congratulations again, and best wishes to you all.

Dr. Kyle Marrero
President, Georgia Southern University

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS & SPEAKER

SAVANNAH CEREMONY
10 a.m., SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
DEBORAH THOMAS, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Associate Dean of Curriculum, Instruction and Initial Educator Preparation

PARKER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
GULVER KARAMEIS, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Logistics & Supply Chain Management

ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING
ASHRAF SAAD, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
HEATHER JOESTING, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
JOSHUA WILLIAMS, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Chair, Psychology

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES
RENEE BERRY, MA, Lecturer, Writing & Linguistics

JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
AARON SCHREY, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology
ANDREW FLATT, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Health Science & Kinesiology

LOUVENIA (ANNETTE) RAINGE, DMD
President, Georgia Dental Association

Dr. Annette Rainge is the 152nd president of the Georgia Dental Association (GDA), the premier professional organization of dentists in the state committed to improving oral health.

Dr. Rainge received her Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Southern University in the preclinical program. While there, she received numerous awards for her service in the community as a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. During her undergraduate career, she also attended Harvard University’s Health Professions Program.

A member of the GDA for 30 years, Dr. Rainge is the first female African American president of the association. She has been recognized by both the Georgia Senate and the House of Representatives for achieving this historical feat. She has held multiple leadership positions at the state and local level and is a past recipient of the Georgia Dental Association’s Honorableness Fellow award. She has also earned the Eastern District Dental Society’s President Award, the GDA’s Council on Dental Health Committee of the Year award, and the Augusta Dental Society’s President award.

In addition to her leadership roles at the GDA, Dr. Rainge is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy in which she serves as the Georgia Section Chair of the Academy. She is also a member of the Hinman Dental Society. She currently serves on the alumni board of the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University and was named Alumnus of the Year by both the Dental College of Georgia and the College of Science and Mathematics at Georgia Southern University.

Her many charitable endeavors include dental screenings during Children’s Dental Health Month, health screenings throughout the community, Georgia Mission of Mercy events, Back to School drives, Thanksgiving donations to needy families, and the Pampered Smiles Project providing free dental care for victims of domestic violence. In 2018, she received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Keepers Award for her many contributions and services to the community.

Dr. Rainge completed dental school at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry. She has practiced in the Augusta area for 30 years and is a general dentist at Rainge Family Dental, PC.
FACULTY MARSHALS & SPEAKER

SAVANNAH CEREMONY
3 p.m., SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

WATERS COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
CAROL JORDAN, M.Ed., Senior Lecturer, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences

JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
KRISTIE WATERFIELD, Dr.P.H., Visiting Instructor, Health Policy & Community Health

RAHMAN ANJORIN, MBA, MSBM

Rahman Anjorin has studied and dedicated over a decade to educating and developing professional and collegiate athletes in and out of their respected sport. He has spent his life training and developing leadership skills to help others reach their full potential. As a sports professional, life skills coach, educator, author and speaker, his life ambitions are to help athletes find their purpose and self-worth outside of their playing arena and to assist in all facets to develop their growth personally and professionally. Anjorin has worked with professional athletes, student-athletes and coaches on both the professional and collegiate levels. Currently, he is a Player Manager in the Player Affairs department with the National Football League Player’s Association. There he oversees the continuous education of the NFL’s active players, the onboarding of rookie players to being professionals within the game and self-investment resources to help initiate transition strategies even while playing the game they love. Additionally, Anjorin is owner and lead consultant of D.E.E.D Consultants. D.E.E.D (Develop, Educate, Engage, Deliver) creates alternative platforms for Athletes to explore more into personal and professional goals and growth. Prior to his current roles, Anjorin has served in positions with The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) and the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs in their player engagement space. PAADS or the Professional Association for Athlete Development Specialist and time working with the student-athletes at New Mexico State University have all helped to round out his decade-long experience in the field. Anjorin attended Georgia Southern University on academic scholarship and earned his Bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science. While at Georgia Southern, Anjorin was a McNair Scholar and completed the first of his published works. While The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TiDES) at the University of Central Florida allotted more publishing, Anjorin also earned his Masters of Sports Business Management and MBA from the DeVos Sports Business Management Program (ranked #2 in the World for Sports Business Management Programs by Sports Business International 2015). Anjorin has also attended and earned certification from Wharton’s Athlete Development Professional Certification Program. No stone left unturned, Anjorin is now working towards his PhD at the University of Idaho in their Adult, Organizational Learning and Leadership program. Anjorin currently resides in Washington, D.C with his wife Nina-lee and son Eisa who is a sophomore at Howard University.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - CONTINUED

FACULTY MARSHALS & SPEAKER

STATESBORO UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
9 a.m., Monday, May 10, 2021

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES
NORTON PEASE, MFA, Professor and Associate Dean
KARIN FRY, Ph.D., Professor and Department Chair, Philosophy and Religious Studies

JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MARINA EREMEVA, Ph.D., Professor, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Environmental Health Sciences
JOSEPH TELFAIR, Dr.E.H., Professor and Associate Dean

WATERS COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
STEPHEN ROSSI, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean, Waters College of Health Professions
JOANNE ZANETOS, DNP, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

BEN FREAKLEY, MS., CMPC, CSCS
Head of Mental Performance
Toronto Blue Jays (MLB)

Ben Freakley is head of mental performance for the Toronto Blue Jays Major League Baseball team. He is a Certified Mental Performance Consultant through the Association for Applied Sport Psychology and is a member of the Professional Baseball Performance Psychology Group.

For more than 20 years, Ben has been helping individuals, athletes, teams, soldiers and businesses look at ways to perform better. He is the founder of Ready. Set. Resilient., which provides high-performance coaching for individuals and teams. Along the way, he has been a soccer coach at the Player Development League (PDL) and NCAA Division I level, mental performance coach for special operations forces (75th Ranger Regiment) and general manager for a sports club with over 1,100 members. He has consulted with over 20 NCAA teams, sport clubs, military units, legal professionals and business leaders on the psychology of performance, leadership, culture and team dynamics.

Ben is a “triple eagle,” earning his bachelor’s degree in public and master’s degrees in sport psychology and sport management from Georgia Southern University. He was also a member of the Georgia Southern Eagles men’s soccer team, and later served as an assistant men’s soccer coach for the Eagles for six seasons. Ben has also served as national staff instructor with the United Soccer Coaches (USC) with a special teaching emphasis in applied mental skills, athlete-centered coaching, factors that influence motivation, and team culture. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Sport and Performance Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Ben is married to former Georgia Southern women’s soccer player Melissa Cox. The two married in 2003, and have two sons, Benjamin and Connor.
FACULTY MARSHALS & SPEAKER

STATESBORO UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
9 a.m., TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

PARKER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
JEFF SCHIMAN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Economics
STEVEN CHARLIER, Ph.D., Department Chair and Associate Professor, Management

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
SHELLI CASLER-FAILING, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Middle Grades and Secondary Education
ELIZABETH BARROW, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Middle Grades and Secondary Education

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
ABID SHAIKH, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry
CLAYTON HELLER, Ph.D., Professor and Department Chair, Physics

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL J. GUTIERREZ

Lt Col Michael J. Gutierrez is the Commander of the 330th Combat Training Squadron, Robins Air Force Base (AFB), GA. He leads a Squadron of 60 active duty aircrew instructors and more than 350 students, producing sixteen combat-ready aircrews annually to employ the $6.2B fleet of sixteen E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) aircraft in support of Combatant Commander requirements. He oversees the execution of thirty-one ACC-approved initial qualification, re-qualification and upgrade syllabi and a 2,200-hour flying program in order to conduct Programmed Flying Training in the US Air Force's only E-8C JSTARS Formal Training Unit (FTU).

Lt Col Gutierrez received his commission from Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in November 2006. He’s held flying tours in both the E-8C JSTARS and E-3B/C/G Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), has participated in numerous contingency operations around the world to include USOUTHCOM Counter-Drug Operations, and six deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, SENTRY SENTINEL and SPARTAN SHIELD.

Lt Col Gutierrez is a senior Air Battle Manager with more than 2,200 flying hours and over 1,025 combat hours. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director of Operations 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. Lt Col Gutierrez is married to Lt Col Mary Gutierrez and they have one child, Garrett (5).
Statesboro Undergraduate Ceremony
9 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2021

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Ted Brimeyer, Ph.D., Professor and Department Chair, Sociology and Anthropology
Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Ph.D., Professor and Interim Associate Dean, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing
Christopher Kadlec, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Information Technology
Drew Snelling, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Manufacturing Engineering

Jason C. Louder
Actor, Teacher, Coach, Mentor, and general Lover of Life, Jason C. Louder’s star has been steadily rising, Guest-starring in the CW’s “Black Lightning” in the integral role of Frank “2-BITS” Tanner, and as Jamaican Drug Lord “CRESSY”, on “Wu-Tang: An American Saga” an original series on HULU. Jason was also extremely blessed to lend his Voice to the 2016-2017 Adidas Sports Needs Creators National campaign. While persistently honing his craft, he has become one of the most decorated and desirable actors in the Atlanta market and his consistent work at home has also led him to some international acclaim, landing him in Bollywood alongside one of their finest, Kangana Ranaut in the hit movie “SIMRAN”. And he most recently wrapped on a Netflix project starring Jamie Foxx, John Boyega and Teyonah Parris entitled “They Cloned Tyrone”.

A Native of Atlanta, Georgia, Jason has been in more than 30 Stage Productions since 2009, working with some of the most active Directors and Playhouses in Atlanta. Jason was also able to take his stage work to New York in 2013. And he has been working off and on with a transformational production entitled “GO”, a non-dialogue exploration into abuse and its wholistic affect and impact on our lives.

Presently, Jason has worked on 40+ Independent Projects (Full-length features, Shorts, Webseries), including a major SCAD Film, “Odyssey: A Star Wars Story and “Grey Hairs”, a Post Apocalyptic Science-Fiction pilot. Jason’s work has also been recognized by various outlets, being awarded for Best Actor in the 2017 Constellation Film Festival for his role in Darion D’Anjou’s Short Film “PONY”. He has also been in development on a groundbreaking auteurs series addressing Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome and is beginning to trend more heavily on various social media platforms.

And as a Storyteller, Jason joyfully appears as one of his most coveted characters, ‘Babatunde The Griot’ and has inspired thousands of students throughout the state of Georgia. And in the spirit of paying it forward, Jason has worked as an Acting Coach at the incomparable Nova House and is currently working as a youth Acting Instructor with AGI Entertainment. Jason’s calendar is steadily being filled with evidence from his upcoming projects: “The Homecoming”, “ABIDING”, “Sinister Minister”, “My Brothers Keeper”, “Pretty For a Big Girl”, “Moonless Nights(New Jersey)”, “ROADTRIPPING”(N.C.), ”BATTERED JUSTICE”, “Christmas Pine”(Chicago) and “The EYES of Providence” just to name a few.
Statesboro Graduate Ceremony
9 a.m., Thursday, May 13, 2021

Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies

Checo Colon-Gaud, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean,
Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
Lowell Mooney, Ph.D., Professor, School of Accountancy

Patrice Buckner Jackson, Ed.D.

Patrice Buckner Jackson, Ed.D. has been lauded by her colleagues for her commitment to the positive experiences and development of her students, her relentless pursuit of excellence in higher education, and her superior level of professionalism. She is a leader, a teacher, a coach and an advocate for students and those who compassionately serve others. She has over 20 years of experience in higher education and more than ten years of experience in executive training. Dr. Jackson is married to Reverend Edward Jackson and they have one daughter, Daiyonah, who is a 2021 Graduate of Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Jackson founded EduCare Training and Consulting, LLC out of a passion for equipping and supporting “heart-workers,” those who do their work as a calling. Working in this way can carry a high price tag: your mind, your body, and your relationships may be in distress as you serve the needs of others. Dr. Jackson’s clients learn how to do the work they are called to do while also living the life they desire. Some of her most notable presentations include: “Start with You”, “Lead with the Shine”, “Ethical Decision Making in Student Affairs”, and “The Myth of Balanced Time”. She is also the host of the “Heart Work with PBJ” podcast.

In higher education, Dr. Jackson has served in many capacities from student assistant to executive leadership in student affairs and enrollment management. Noteworthy accomplishments in higher education include creating Georgia Southern V.A.L.U.E.S., a civility initiative which is rooted in responsible decision-making. As the first female Dean of Students in the history of Georgia Southern University, she developed a Dean of Students Crisis Management Plan, facilitated a Student Grievance policy, and served as a liaison and advocate for students by identifying campus resources and services. Dr. Jackson assisted in building the new Division of Students Affairs at Georgia Southern University post-consolidation until she was named Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Albany State University in October 2018. At Albany State, Dr. Jackson led the Division of Student Affairs including the Dean of Students Office, Campus Housing, Counseling, Disability Services, Student Health Services, Career Services, Student Conduct, Greek Life, Student Engagement, Peer Mentor Support, Student Government, and the newly created Student Support Unit. Dr. Jackson was successful in organizing the Division of Student Affairs at Albany State post-consolidation, introducing a student engagement model to the campus as well as reintroducing the P3 Peer Mentor program. Dr. Jackson worked diligently to bridge the gap between the classroom and co-curricular experiences by creating partnerships between academic affairs and student affairs through the P3 program, ASU 1101 class, First Friday Service opportunities and the VPSA House Calls program. Currently, Dr. Jackson serves as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Augusta University where she leads the Student Engagement Unit including Housing and Residence Life, Campus Recreation, Multicultural Student Engagement, Student Life and Engagement, and the Maxwell Theatre.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL READERS

SAVANNAH
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STATESBORO
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SARAH MCCARROLL, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Communication Arts, College of Arts & Humanities
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DAVID SCOTT, Ph.D., Professor and Department Chair, Civil Engineering & Construction, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & Computing
CAMERON CLEMENTS, M.A., Lecturer, Writing and Linguistics, College of Arts & Humanities
REED SMITH, Ph.D., Professor, Communication Arts, College of Arts & Humanities
PROGRAM

*PROCESSIONAL  POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE (MILITARY MARCH NO. 1, OP.39)
BY EDWARD ELGAR
PERFORMED BY: GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE
CONDUCTED BY: ROBERT DUNHAM, DMA, Professor of Music, Director

MACEBEARER  ROBERT L. HARRIS, DMA, Professor, Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music

*NATIONAL ANTHEM  May 8 - TYLER “APOLLO” APPOLITO, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance
May 10 - MADELIN CAIN, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance, Preuser Scholar
May 11 - AMI PALMER, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance
May 12 - MADELIN CAIN, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance, Preuser Scholar
May 13 - HALEY KIM, Graduate student, Master of Music, Voice Performance & Conducting

WELCOME  PRESIDENT MARRERO

INTRODUCTION OF SGA PRESIDENT  PRESIDENT MARRERO

SGA PRESIDENT  MS. KAHRIA HADLEY

INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE  PRESIDENT MARRERO

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE  May 8 - CHRIS NOWICKI, M.Ed., President-elect, Alumni Association
May 10 - DENNETTE THORNTON, B.S., Secretary, Alumni Association
May 11 - ALTON M. STANDIFER, M.Ed., President, Alumni Association
May 12 - ALTON M. STANDIFER, M.Ed., President, Alumni Association
May 13 - ANNA WALKER, MBA, Board Member, Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER  PRESIDENT MARRERO

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  10 a.m., May 8 - LOUVENIA (ANNETTE) RAINGE, DMD, President, Georgia Dental Association
3 p.m., May 8 - RAHMAN ANJORIN, MBA, MSBM, Player Manager, Player Affairs, National Football League Player’s Association
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INTRODUCTION OF THE PROVOST  PRESIDENT MARRERO

RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS FACULTY AND DOUBLE EAGLES  PROVOST REIBER

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES  PROVOST REIBER

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We would like to thank the Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today’s ceremony.
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

10 a.m., May 8

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Dean Heaston

Parker College of Business
Dean Amason

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Marrero
Provost Reiber

RECOGNITION OF NEWLY COMMISSIONED ROTC CADETS

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Montgomery
Professor and Chair, Military Science

*ALMA MATER

May 8 - Tyler "Apollo" Appolito, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance
May 10 - Madelin Cain, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance, Pressey Scholar
May 11 - Ami Palmer, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance
May 12 - Madelin Cain, Senior, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance, Pressey Scholar
May 13 - Haley Kim, Graduate student, Master of Music, Voice Performance & Conducting

**RECESSINAL

English Folk Song Suite by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Performed by: Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Conducted by: Robert Dunham, DMA, Professor of Music, Director
THE PLATFORM PARTY

KYLE MARRERO, DMA, President

DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS

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The Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies was established in 1969 under the leadership of Dr. Jack N. Averitt, a history professor and dean emeritus who served Georgia Southern University for 35 years. The College provides guidance for students in more than 65 graduate degree programs in eight colleges. Through the College, students experience hands-on training and engage in leading-edge research with world-class faculty. The College of Graduate Studies also provides the foundation for the University's graduate program growth and development, and supports excellence in graduate education, and the research and scholarly activities associated with it.

Doctor of Education
Kacie Cosby Phillips
Dissertation: School Leaders’ Perceptions of Effective Teachers in Title I Schools
Major Professor: Paul M. Brinson Jr., Ed.D.

Doctor of Education
Zachary Elliott Gorman
Dissertation: Staffing Models Supporting Technology in Institutions of Higher Education
Major Professor: Daniel W. Calhoun, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education
Larry Ronald Braddy
Dissertation: The Retention of African American Male College Students in East Georgia State College
Major Professor: Dr. Gregory Dmitriyev, Ed.D.

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Dissertation: Performing identity of the auditory-verbal deaf students in classrooms: A teacher’s performative memoir
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Dissertation: Deschooling Schooled Minds: Speculative Essays
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Dissertation: Towards a Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy: What We Can Learn from Black Teachers in Rural Georgia
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Merry Beth Trammell
Dissertation: Southern Ways: One Girl’s Experience With Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, and Neglect
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Dissertation: College Students’ Attitudes Toward Mindfulness Mobile Applications: A Multivariable Comparison
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Dissertation: Students’ Perceptions of Smartphone Use at Home and at a High School Regarding a New Smartphone Policy: A Case Study
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Dissertation: Leadership Preparation In Promoting Parent And Family Engagement With Elementary School Principals
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Dissertation: Athletics as a Life Curriculum: Lessons Learned Through Different Aspects of Athletics
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Dissertation: Between And Behind The Lines: The Life Of High School Coaches
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Doctor of Public Health
Miatta Musu Iddina Dennis
Dissertation: Factors associated with HIV testing in Liberia: Findings from the 2013 demographic health survey
Major Professor: Bettye A. Apenteng, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Isabella Myleso Hardwick
Dissertation: Framing the balance: An integrated approach to succession planning for public health departments. Succession planning for public health departments
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Doctor of Public Health
Brian Holt Back
Major Professor: Logan Cowan, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Sean Christian Bear
Dissertation: An exploration of INGO humanitarian resource allocation variability within a low-income community
Major Professor: Jeffery Jones, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Ellie Pardy
Dissertation: Thinking ethically about HIV: Pre-exposure prophylaxis retention in care and sexually transmitted infection testing in a southeastern United States local health department in the time of COVID-19
Major Professor: William A. Mase, Dr.P.H.

Doctor of Public Health
Delores Phylinda Quasie-Woode
Dissertation: An exploration of depression in African American adults with sickle cell disease: Symptoms, coping strategies and the potential benefits of religiosity
Major Professor: Tichia L. Mayo-Gamble, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Sarah Anualwopa Ayoku
Dissertation: Mediation analysis in categorical variables under non-ignorable missing data mechanisms
Major Professor: Haresh Rochani, Dr.B.H.

Doctor of Public Health
Gloria Denise Boone
Dissertation: The association of demographic characteristics and social vulnerability with COVID-19 outcomes
Major Professor: Gulzar H. Shah, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Kimberly Michelle McCready
Dissertation: Examination of violent risk-taking behaviors in youth 15-18 years of age associated with gender, race, and ethnicity using the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the Socio-ecological Model
Major Professor: Gulzar Hussain Shah, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Melinda Robinson Miller
Dissertation: Identifying strategies to increase recruitment and retention of minority males in the Public Health Workforce
Major Professor: Gulzar Hussain Shah, Ph.D.

Doctor of Public Health
Raheli Trivedi
Dissertation: Exploring the relationship between social determinants of health and oral health-related quality of life (OHRQOL) among Adults: A case study in a public health dental clinic in Georgia
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Niketta Antonette Womack
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President Marrero has recommended to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that the following Deans, faculty and staff member be granted emeritus status upon retirement:

**DR. KATHY S. ALBERTSON,** Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. Albertson earned her BA in English from Armstrong State College, her MA in English from Georgia Southern University, and her PhD in English (rhetoric and linguistics emphasis) from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has taught at Georgia Southern since 1990. In 2001, Dr. Albertson started the Georgia Southern Writing Project (GSWP), a site of the National Writing Project. In her role as GSWP consultant, she has worked with hundreds of teachers in a five-county area on ways to include writing to learn in any content area. Dr. Albertson has taught courses in First-Year Writing, general education, the Writing and Linguistics major, and graduate courses on teaching writing. She has received the Dorothy Golden Award for First-Year Writing and the Georgia Council of Teaching Award at the college level. She has also represented Georgia Southern as a Governor's Teaching Fellow. Her scholarship includes peer-reviewed publications and national presentations in significant venues for the field, including the National Council of Teachers of English, the Conference on College Composition and Communication, Computers and Writing, and the Council of Writing Program Administrators. Dr. Albertson also served as Coordinator of First Year Writing, Associate Provost, and Interim Chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics. Dr. Albertson has served as a General Education Advisory Board member at Ogeechee Technical College, worked with the Georgia Department of Education on literacy issues, reviewed manuscripts for *Across the Disciplines, Voices in the Middle and Talking Points*, and reviewed presentation proposals for the University System of Georgia Teaching & Learning Conference, Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, and Student Success in Writing Conference. For these and numerous other contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Kathy S. Albertson deserves the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Writing and Linguistics.

**DR. CHRISTOPHER BAKER,** Professor of English, who is retiring May 31, 2021. Dr. Baker received his Bachelor of Arts with Highest Honors in English from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York in 1968 and his M.A. (1970) and Ph.D. (1974) degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, specializing in literature of the English Renaissance. He began his academic career at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas in 1976, where he taught courses ranging from Developmental English to graduate seminars and served as Director of Freshman English and Director of the College of Liberal Arts Advising Center. Dr. Baker received the Lamar Regents' Merit Teaching Award and served in the faculty senate at Lamar and later Armstrong Atlantic State University. He was selected as an American Council on Education fellow for 1988-89. From 1994-98 he was Head of the Department of Languages, Literature, and Dramatic Arts at Armstrong State, later consolidated with Georgia Southern University. He taught courses in Shakespeare, Milton, the English Renaissance, the Bible as Literature, and Classical Mythology as well as the Senior Capstone in English, first-year composition, and several core curriculum courses. Dr. Baker edited *Absolution and the Scientific Revolution 1600-1720: A Biographical Dictionary* (Greenwood, 2002) and published *Religion in the Age of Shakespeare* (Greenwood, 2007). He has published over 150 book chapters, articles, and reviews in prominent journals such as *Renaissance Quarterly, Journal of Comparative Drama, Milton Studies, Studia Neophilologica,* and *Explorations in Renaissance Culture.* He is currently an Associate Editor for the forthcoming new variorum edition of Shakespeare's *Cymbeline,* to be issued by the Texas A&M University Center of Digital Humanities Research. Dr. Baker has presented over fifty papers at professional conferences in the United States and Canada, served on the Governing Council of the Sixteenth Century Society, and was twice President of the South Central Renaissance Conference. In recognition of his teaching, research, and service, Armstrong awarded him the Distinguished Faculty Service to the Discipline Award (2004-2005) and the H. Dean Propper Award as the Outstanding Faculty Member of Armstrong State University (2016). For these many contributions to his field, Dr. Christopher Baker is deserving of the title Professor Emeritus of English.

**DR. JOHN HOWARD BROWN,** Associate Professor of Economics, who retired June 30, 2019. Dr. Brown's educational experiences include a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Akron, a Master of Arts from the same university, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. His teaching experiences include five years as assistant professor in the Department of Economics at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and twenty-five years at Georgia Southern University. During his tenure, Dr. Brown has made contributions to the fields of industrial organization and transportation economics. His publications include five book chapters; five book reviews, and numerous other publications and conference presentations. Additionally, he has contributed distinguished service to the department and University. He is probably the one person most responsible for the creation of the online Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Applied Economics. When the program was initially approved, it was a face-to-face program. It quickly became apparent that there was insufficient student demand to start and maintain such a program. Dr. Brown was instrumental in convincing the department to offer the MS with a major in Applied Economics as an online program. Had the department not accepted his proposal, there would not be an MS with a major in Applied Economics program today. His other distinguished services to the department include his rewriting of the entire economics curriculum due to conversion from quarter to semester system. Dr. Brown is also the founding coordinator of the Department of Economics' research seminar series. His other service activities are numerous and include serving as a member of Faculty Senate, a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, chair of the ad hoc committee to revise the faculty grievance procedures, chair of the economics faculty curriculum committee, member of the College Graduate Committee, member of the University Service Committee, and Acting Director of the School of Economic Development. For these and other contributions, Dr. John Howard Brown merits the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Economics.

**MS. PATRICIA CARTER,** Professor of Art, who retired May 31, 2020. Ms. Carter earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art from Rutgers State University-Brunswick (1987), her Master of Fine Arts in Visual Art from Rutgers State University-Brunswick (1989), and a Master of Education in Art Education from Georgia Southern University (1994). She has taught at Georgia Southern since 1993 when she joined the faculty in the Betty Faye Sanders Department of Art. She became chair of the department in 2003. As chair, the department's health and continued growth was in part due to her dedication to the education of our students and her leadership during a vibrant growth period. This growth included new facility projects, a three-fold
enrollment growth in the department, new faculty lines, innovative pedagogy, and an unmatched donor cultivation. Professor Carter enabled her students to grow in a supportive and active studio practice that is apparent in the lively printmaking studio. She has demonstrated a tireless pursuit to her student's careers by serving as the chair of 11 MFA thesis committees and working with undergraduates on research projects and BFA portfolios. Additionally, Professor Carter also has been active in professional service. These contributions came in the form of co-authored instructor's manuals and study guides for major publications including Prentice Hall and McGraw-Hill. She has also been invited by local and national organizations to offer print and pedagogy workshops, juried exhibitions, and share her wide breadth of expertise on professional panels. Professor Carter continues to pursue professional development and has been awarded numerous grants and fellowships to pursue this research. She has presented her research on Paper and Book Arts at numerous conferences and workshops. Professor Carter's works are exhibited all over the country and included in international and national museums and galleries including the International Museum of Collage, Zimmerli Museum of Art, and University Libraries at Pennsylvania State University. She is an active participant in the College Art Association, National Association of Schools of Art & Design, National Art Education Association, Georgia Art Education Association, National Association of Arts Administrators, Southeastern College Art Conference, Foundations in Art Theory and Education, Southern Graphics Council, Center for Book Arts, Association of University Women, Women's Studio Workshop, Robert C. Williams Paper Museum, National Museum of Women in the Arts, National Women's Studies Association, Americans For the Arts. For her numerous and distinguished contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Ms. Patricia Carter merits the title as Professor Emerita of Art.

DR. WENDY CHAMBERS, Professor of Developmental Psychology, who is retiring June 30th, 2021. Dr. Chambers earned a B.S. in psychology at Iowa State University in 1985, an M.S. in 1990 and a Ph.D. in 1993, in developmental psychology from the University of Florida. Over her 28 years of service to Georgia Southern University, Dr. Chambers demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service. Her teaching accomplishments are exemplary. Dr. Chambers taught a variety of courses focusing on cognitive and language development in children, and theories of learning and development, at nearly every level, reaching more than 6,000 students. Effective and impactful teaching was a top priority, challenging students to engage in critical thinking about research and theories in the fields of developmental and educational psychology, while engaging students with enthusiasm and humor, and supporting their success. Student ratings of instruction fell in the 4.5-5.0 range for nearly every course ever taught. Her teaching record also includes new course development within the department, and time-intensive service related to curriculum development at the college and University levels. Dr. Chambers had an integral role in development and implementation in the College of Education’s Pre-Professional Block (PPB) as Development Committee Chair and first Coordinator of the PPB. This Pre-Professional Block, provides a meaningful early field experience for students in the semester prior to entering the Teacher Education Program, and requires coordination among three course instructors as well as a P-12 teacher working with each of our students, and has been hailed as a model program around Georgia. In addition, she served on the Georgia Southern First Year Experience (FYE) Task Force responsible for the development of initiatives such as the theme-based FYE 1220 Conversations with Professors, and the Freshman Early Alert system. Honors and awards related to Dr. Chambers’ teaching include the Award of Excellence for Contributions to Instruction (2017) and subsequent selection as the Georgia Southern nominee for the University System of Georgia Regents Felton Jenkins Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award for Instruction, 2017-2018. She earned the College of Education’s Jack Miller Educator of the Year Award (for contributions in teaching, scholarship and service) (1998); she was a finalist for the Georgia Southern Professor of the Year Award (2002), and a nominee for several additional awards related to teaching over the years. Dr. Chambers’ body of research focused on cognitive development in early childhood, investigating topics such as young children's understanding of pretense and how this activity promotes development of theory-of-understanding; the development and use of memory strategies by young children; and outdoor learning and environmental education, as well as the use of nature photography as a means to supporting metacognitive skills and literacy in elementary school children. She had a number of academic publications including one book, titled Cognitive and language development: The child's journey (2013); peer-reviewed articles in top refereed journals in the discipline, such as Child Development, Cognitive Development, Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, and British Journal of Developmental Psychology; and a co-authored invited book chapter that was published in the honorary 50th edition of the oldest and most prestigious book series in developmental psychology, Advances in Child Development and Behavior. She delivered dozens of academic/scholarly presentations at local, state, national and international conferences and meetings. She had 9 published photographic works (related to research in nature and wildlife photography and environmental education) and 10 internal grants to support scholarship as well as service work in local public schools. Dr. Chambers has a very strong record of dedicated service to the department, college, university, the profession, and the community, including active service on dozens of academic and governance committees at all levels of the institution throughout tenure at Georgia Southern. She served as the COE representative to the National Network for Educational Renewal, as well as the League of Small Democratic Schools. She served as a volunteer visiting teacher for three local elementary schools, weekly from 2013-2019. For these and other contributions to the department, college, university, and profession, Dr. Wendy Chambers has achieved the title of Professor Emerita of Developmental Psychology.

DR. MICHAEL E. DONAHUE, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, who retired December 31, 2019. Dr. Donahue received his B.A. in Philosophy from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte (1974), his M.C.J. in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina-Columbia (1977) and his Ph.D. in Social Science from Michigan State University (1983). Professor Donahue began his career at Armstrong State University in 1982 as a part-time instructor and became an assistant professor in 1985, an associate professor in 1993, and a professor in 1997. For over 30 years at Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, he was a dedicated teacher who taught numerous courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels with specializations in policing, research methods, and ethics. In addition, he provided over 15 years of academic leadership in various positions, including Department Chair, Public Service Center Director, Executive Director of Regional Education, Assistant Vice President for External Affairs, Executive Vice President of the Armstrong Atlantic State University Foundation, and Vice President for External Affairs. Professor Donahue also served for five years as a police officer and Director of Planning and Research for the Savannah Police Department. Over the length of his career, he was a professional consultant, participated in over 30 research grants, authored or co-authored more than two dozen research reports, and published book chapters and peer-reviewed manuscripts on topics including traffic enforcement, problem-oriented policing, community-
oriented policing, police ethics, police use of force, law enforcement leadership and management, and the death penalty. For his numerous distinguished contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Michael Donahue has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

**DR. CATHERINE GILBERT**, Chair and Professor of Nursing, who is retiring May 31, 2021. Dr. Gilbert received her B.S. in nursing from Ryerson University (1989), her M.S. in nursing from the University of Toronto (1992), and her Ed.D. in curriculum studies from Georgia Southern University (2006). She has 42 years of nursing experience, with more than 38 years in mental health/psychiatric nursing. She has worked in both inpatient and outpatient settings with persons experiencing acute and chronic mental illness, in forensic psychiatry, on crisis teams, and as a mental health therapist. Dr. Gilbert has taught at the university level for 30 years and served as program director, nurse manager, and Director of Education. Drawing on her vast professional experience, she has taught nursing fundamentals, professional nursing practice, pharmacology, psychodynamics of health, and nursing research in associate degree, pre-licensure baccalaureate degree, post RN baccalaureate degree and, graduate degree programs. Dr. Gilbert’s research includes serving as co-investigator on a Team grant focused on integrating a liberal arts-based training in ethics into the nursing curriculum, as well as serving as co-investigator for research studies focused on evaluation of a nursing externship and residency programs and best teaching/learning practices within a baccalaureate nursing degree program. She has also conducted, presented, and published research related to healthy aging and interconnectedness from the military nurse perspective. In addition to her research, Dr. Gilbert has served the University through membership on multiple committees, including the Georgia Southern Infectious Disease Taskforce, the Faculty Welfare Committee, and the Faculty Workload Committee. Her service extends to her discipline as well, through her membership on the Academic Advisory Committee on Nursing to the University System of Georgia, where she served as Chair, and the Georgia Association of Nursing Deans and Directors. For these many contributions to her profession, her discipline, and her University, Dr. Gilbert has earned the title of Chair and Professor Emerita of Nursing.

**DR. VIRGINIA “ANN” HALLOCK**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, who is retiring May 31, 2020. Dr. Hallock earned a diploma in nursing from the Medical Center of Central Georgia School of Nursing in 1973, a B.S.N. from Armstrong State College in 1980, a Master of Health Science from the Armstrong State College in 1985, a M.S.N. from Armstrong State College in 2000, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the College of St. Scholastica in 2013. Dr. Hallock began her career in surgical nursing at Coliseum Park Hospital in Macon, GA before returning to Savannah, GA and working at the St. Josephs Candler Health System – St. Joseph’s campus, and Memorial Medical Center where she held positions as a staff nurse, nurse educator and nursing director. She also worked for many years as an Adult Nurse Practitioner at Nephrology and Hypertension Medical Associates of Savannah. Dr. Hallock began her teaching career at Armstrong State University in summer 2010. During her 10 years in nursing education, she taught many courses in the BSN, Accelerated BSN and graduate nursing practitioner programs. She participated on many committees at the department and college levels, holding various leadership roles including Director of the International Nursing in Italy Study Abroad program for multiple terms, chair of various graduate committees, and, at the time of her retirement, Program Coordinator for the School of Nursing Honors Program. Her leadership extended to community and professional levels as well. She served as Executive Director of the Savannah Health Mission, was a founding member of the United Advanced Practice Nurses Coalition of Georgia, and was very active in the Georgia Association of Nurse Educators where she served as President, Board Past President, and Chair of the Conference Committee. Along with her diverse record of service, she has published in the *Nephrology Nursing Journal* and presented multiple sessions for the Georgia Association of Nurse Educators, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Council, and the American Nephrology Nurses Association. For these many contributions to the field of nursing and nursing education, Dr. Virginia Ann Hallock is deserving of the title Assistant Professor Emerita of Nursing.

**DR. AMY R. HEASTON**, Interim Dean of the College of Education, who is retiring June 30, 2021. Over the past 30 years, Dr. Heaston made significant contributions to Georgia Southern University and to the broader community of educators and students that the university serves. A graduate of Bowling Green State University and Ball State University, Dr. Heaston began her career as a Kindergarten teacher, a role which she still holds dear. Her journey with Georgia Southern started in 1991 as an assistant professor in the College of Education’s Department of Teaching and Learning, teaching courses on P-5 education to aspiring educators. Her peers selected her for the Jack Miller Outstanding Educator Award in 1994. She was promoted to associate professor in 1997 and soon took on leadership roles as Acting Chair of the Department of Early Childhood Education and Reading and the Director of Field Experiences and Partnerships in the Office of Undergraduate Teacher Education. In 2004, she joined the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs as Associate Provost, responsible for faculty personnel issues, comprehensive program review, and supervision of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, First-Year Experience, the University Honors Program, to name a few. In 2010, she left Georgia Southern to join (then) Armstrong Atlantic State University’s Office of the President, serving as the Chief of Staff. Her leadership responsibilities included coordinating the university’s Crisis Response Team, overseeing campus-wide execution of the university’s strategic plan, mentoring higher education professionals, chairing many university committees on subjects such as enrollment, budget, commencement, and distance learning, and managing key communications, special projects, and events on behalf of the president. During Armstrong State University’s consolidation with Georgia Southern, she fostered collaboration and supported the work of the various consolidation committees and operational work groups. Continuing in the Chief of Staff role, she joined the Office of the President at Georgia Southern to provide support, guidance, and leadership in 2018. In 2019, she was asked to lead the College of Education as Interim Dean, coming full circle in her service to the university. Because of Dr. Heaston’s excellent reputation and long-standing relationships with the University System of Georgia, regional school district officials, university administrators, faculty, and students, she has had a positive, enduring impact on the education of countless young people across the state. Dr. Heaston is a trusted colleague, mentor, leader, and educator and remains a lifelong friend of Georgia Southern University and kindergarteners everywhere. She is highly deserving of the status of Distinguished Administrator Emerita.

**DR. WILLIAM STEED IRBY**, Associate Professor of Biology, who is retiring May 31, 2021. Dr. Irby received his B.A. degree in biology from the University of Oregon (1979), and his M.S. (1983) and Ph.D. (1987) in entomology from North Carolina State University. Prior to taking a tenure-track position at Georgia Southern University, he was a post-doctoral associate for the Department of Entomology,
Vector Control Branch, and School of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Irby had provided 33 years of service to the University. Dr. Irby’s research interests included the feeding ecology of mosquitoes related to their role as vectors of encephalitis viruses, the ecology of gopher tortoise and mosquito community interactions, and the genetic relationships of pitcher plant mosquitoes. Dr. Irby taught over 25 different courses for non-majors, biology majors, and graduate students and co-taught popular study abroad courses in the Swiss Alps. Dr. Irby took an early interest in mentoring students in university honors programs starting with involvement in the Bell Honors Program. He was a member of the Honors Council for many years, and he was primarily responsible for launching the Honors Program in Biology. Dr. Irby supported undergraduate student advising by working as a SOAR Advisor, chairing the department’s Advising Committee, and advising pre-professional students. He served as the Department Undergraduate Program Director since 2014. Dr. Irby was exemplary in devoting time to mentoring students outside the classroom. Since 1998, he served as a faculty advisor of the Kappa Tau Chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the National Biological Honors Society. Dr. Irby was dedicated to departmental service and chaired several committees and search committees. At the University level, Dr. Irby served as Chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee from 2009 until his retirement. In recognition of his service and mentoring contributions, Dr. Irby received the Advisor of the Year Award, District I, TriBeta Honor Society in 2000, the 2010 National Academic Advising Association’s Outstanding Academic Advisor Faculty Award, and the 2012 College of Science and Mathematics Award for Excellence in Contributions to Service. He was nominated several times for the Georgia Southern University Awards for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction and Contributions to Service. For these and many other contributions to the department, college, and University, Dr. William Irby has earned the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology.

DR. SABA JALLOW, Associate Professor of Political Science, who is retiring May 31, 2021. Dr. Jallow received his B.S. (1980) and M.S. (1983) in economics and his Ph.D. in political science (1992) from West Virginia University and served as a faculty member of Georgia Southern University since 1989. Throughout his tenure, he has had an unflagging commitment to Africana Studies. He has been an important figure in the University System of Georgia’s Africa Council and was essential to the creation of the Southeast Model African Union. Dr. Jallow also was, and remains, essential to the International Model African Union housed at Howard University in Washington, D.C. His contributions were essential to Georgia Southern receiving a Title VI Grant: Globalizing the Curriculum from the Department of Education in 2010. As a member of the grant team, he worked to facilitate a faculty trip to Senegal. He has also brought African ambassadors to Georgia Southern’s Statesboro campus as well as high level officials from the African Union’s mission in Washington D.C. In 2014, Dr. Jallow organized a Human Rights Conference on Georgia Southern’s campus and arranged for the Botswana ambassador to come to Georgia Southern as a speaker. Moreover, as director of Africana Studies, he has persistently fought to create space in which students can pursue academic and personal growth. His efforts in Africana Studies and the organization of the Model African Unions stem from his dedication to Georgia Southern’s students. Participation in the Model African Union and Africana Studies has had lasting impact on student success. Both the current president and a former president of the Georgia chapter of the NAACP have been mentored by Dr. Jallow. He has placed students in internships in Public Defenders offices in South Georgia and has had students placed in the U.S. State Department and other prestigious careers that have fostered social justice. Several recent awards highlight the esteem in which he is held by students, colleagues, and the greater community. These include recognition by the Black Student Alliance, recognition as Outstanding Professor in 2015, and receipt of the Randolph S. Gunter Distinguished Faculty Award in 2018 and the Democratic Party of Bulloch County Charlie Lewis, Sr. Democratic Pioneer award in 2019. Dr. Jallow’s extraordinary achievement also stems from his commitment to building community and inclusion. He has served on committees concerned with desegregating the Statesboro school system, contributed to a diversity and inclusion initiative created by Statesboro Mayor Jonathan McCollar, and worked on outreach programs to both the Willow Hill Community and Sapelo Island. For these many contributions to his field, his students, and his community, Dr. Saba Jallow is deserving of the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Political Science.

DR. STEPHANIE A. JONES, Associate Professor of Instructional Technology, who retired December 31, 2020. Dr. Jones earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and her Master of Librarianship at Emory University. She earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Instructional Technology from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining Georgia Southern University, Dr. Jones served as a School Library Media Specialist for Kilpatrick Elementary School in Jonesboro, GA (Clayton County), and prior to that, as the Public Librarian for Griffin-Spalding County Library in Griffin GA. She was welcomed to the faculty in August 2000 as an Assistant Professor and promoted to Associate Professor in August 2015. Dr. Jones’ dedicated and excellent service during her tenure at the University reached beyond institutional expectations to impact the field at state and national levels. Dr. Jones served as the chair of the Educators of School Librarians section of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association, and an Ex-Officio Member of the AASL-CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) Coordinating Committee. At the state level, she was the former Chair of the School Library division of the Georgia Library Association, and a member of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission Media Specialist Task Force. Moreover, her professional leadership translated into a means to support student success as it informed her four years of service as the Program Director of the Masters, Education Specialist, Online Teaching and Learning Endorsement programs, and the minor in Instructional Design Technology. Dr. Jones’ leadership in professional service, along with her numerous contributions to the institution at all levels merit the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Instructional Technology.

DR. JERRI JAUDON KROPP, Associate Professor of Child and Family Development, who retired July 31, 2020. Dr. Kropp earned her B.A. degree in Psychology from West Georgia College (1976) and her master’s (1977) and doctoral (1983) degrees in Child and Family Development from the University of Georgia. She began her 38-year career in higher education as an assistant professor at Wayne State University, and she joined the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1993. Throughout her career, Dr. Kropp was committed to the care and education of young children. She was director of the Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman University) Child Development Center from 1985-1992 and upon arriving at Georgia Southern, she served as the director of the Family Life Center (now the Child Development Center) from 1993-2006. As principle investigator on a U.S. Department of Education grant, she was instrumental in adding infant and toddler child care to the center. Her dedication to young children was recognized at the state level when she was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to serve on the
Georgia Child Care Council (1995-2001). She was also appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to serve as the Twelfth Congressional District Representative for the Board of Early Care and Learning for two terms (2013-2019). In 1993, Dr. Kropp started the child life program at Georgia Southern, which is now an emphasis in the Child and Family Development degree. She became a Child Life Specialist in 2014. As an active member of the Association of Child Life Professionals, she gained a national reputation as a respected educator in the child life field. With a strong belief in the benefits of high-impact practices, Dr. Kropp incorporated service-learning, field trips, and workshops into her classes, and taught a writing-enhanced course for four years. She developed an Honors First-Year Experience class on animal-assisted therapy that she taught for 10 years. Dr. Kropp was committed to undergraduate research, having led seven honors theses as well as having numerous publications and presentations with undergraduate students. Dr. Kropp gained international recognition for her child development research, particularly on the use of animal assisted therapy. She had eight international conference presentations, most recently presenting in Marrakech, Morocco, and Thessaloniki, Greece. Dr. Kropp was awarded $340,483 in grants during the course of her career at Georgia Southern. She received the Georgia Southern University Excellence in Service Award in 2010. In recognition of these and other meritorious contributions to the department, college, University and the profession, Dr. Jerri Jaoudon Kropp is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Child and Family Development.

**DR. GAUTAM KUNDU**, Professor of English, who is retiring May 31, 2021. Dr. Kundu earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in English from St. Xavier's College, Calcutta; his Masters, also in English, from Calcutta University; and later, an M.Phil. in American Literature from Jadavpur University, Calcutta. Upon receiving a second Masters from Simon Fraser University in 1981 in Canada, where he was also the President's Research Fellow, he then attended Oklahoma State University, graduating with a PhD degree in Modern American Literature and Film in 1989. After teaching at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Dr. Kundu joined the English faculty at Georgia Southern University in 1991. His book, *Fitzgerald and the Influence of Film: the Language in the Novels*, was published in 2007, and his scholarly output included over two dozen peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and essay-reviews in national and international journals on Early and Modern American Literature, Postcolonial Literatures from the Global South, and Film Studies. Additionally, he has given least twenty-five conference presentations, delivered four invited talks as the keynote/featured speaker in the United States and in India, and was awarded two National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Seminar Fellowships. In 2000, he was selected as Governor's Teaching Fellow at the University of Georgia. His service contributions to the university include serving as a Faculty Senator, chairing the Faculty Research Committee, and serving on a range of college and departmental committees, which earned him the University Faculty Service Award for 1993. Most notably, in 1992, Dr. Kundu helped organize the first British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference, which is still the only academic conference of its kind in the United States to be held annually. This multicultural and interdisciplinary meeting has grown both in size and in reputation, attracting some of the leading writers and academic luminaries in the field, and has helped showcase Georgia Southern University’s commitment to transnationalism and to transnationalism. He started and continues to edit the *Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies*, a peer-reviewed bi-annual academic journal published from the Literature department. Since 1994, the publication has carved out a niche for itself in the area of Postcolonial Studies, especially in the United States. For these many contributions to his field, Dr. Gautam Kundu is deserving of the title Professor Emeritus of English.

**DR. WILLIAM LEVERNIER**, Professor of Economics, who is retiring June 30, 2021. Dr. Levernier earned his B.B.A. in economics from Gonzaga University (1978), his M.A. in economics from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (1981), and his Ph.D. in economics from West Virginia University (1988). He began his career at Georgia Southern University in September 1989 as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1993 and to Professor in 2000. Throughout his career, he was an active researcher, focusing his research on poverty, income inequality, and unemployment rate fluctuations in the economy. His research has been published in a wide range of economics and regional science journals. Later in his career, he also conducted research in the field of sports economics. Dr. Levernier provided a high level of service at the department, college, and university levels, and also provided external service to the academic profession. During his time at Georgia Southern University, he was the faculty advisor to the student Economics Club and an academic advisor to students majoring in business administration. He also chaired the Economics Department Assessment Committee and participated in writing the department’s Comprehensive Program Review. At the university-level, he served on the Academic Standards Committee several times and twice served on the Faculty Senate and the Athletics Committee. External to the University, he served as a reviewer, discussant, and session chair at numerous academic conferences. He also served as a reviewer for many academic journals and was a member of the editorial board for several journals during his career. In addition, for three years Dr. Levernier was the Director of the University’s Center for Economic Education. He was awarded the College of Business Eugene M. Bishop Award for Sustained Excellence (2005), the William A. Freeman Professor of the Year Award (2000), and the Faculty Award for Excellence in Research (1993). For these and many other contributions to the department, the college, the University, and his academic profession, Dr. William Levernier has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Economics.

**DR. ROBERT J. LOYD**, Professor of Special Education, who retired July 31, 2020. Dr. Loyd earned his B.S.Ed., M.Ed., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joining the faculty at Armstrong Atlantic State University in 1997 as an assistant professor of special education, he developed numerous programs, taught a variety of courses in different delivery formats, and supervised interns in schools. His 23 years of distinguished service are marked by a record of academic excellence and innovation in the field of special education, as well as a sustained record of outstanding teaching in the College of Education. Dr. Loyd published a popular textbook on transition programs, which was also published in *The People’s Republic of China*. This valued transition textbook provides teachers with strategies for assisting students with disabilities in making successful transitions to adult living and working. Additionally, Dr. Loyd has developed a widely used Life Skills Transition Curriculum for Students with Autism that is published by *The Council for Exceptional Children*. His Life Skills Curriculum is being widely used in the United States, Canada, Israel, and in many European countries, and he has provided curriculum implementation training to teachers, parents, and administrators using this popular program. He also maintains a strong connection with his students, encouraging them to be involved in professional organizations such as the Council for Exceptional Children. For his numerous contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Robert J. Loyd has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Special Education.
DR. JULIE MCGUIRE, Professor of Art History, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. McGuire earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art from Illinois College (1983), her Master of Arts in Art from University of Arkansas (1988), and her Doctor of Philosophy in Art History from Indiana University (2002). Dr. McGuire joined the faculty in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern University in 1993. She is an esteemed teacher who used her years of experience to update and innovate ten new courses during her tenure. Many of these courses included traveling with students to engage directly with Art History all over the world. This dedication to the students extended beyond the classroom as Dr. McGuire mentored numerous undergraduate research projects, chaired the Scholarship and Awards Committee, and chaired or served on 36 thesis committees. Several of her thesis advances have gone on to complete master and doctoral level studies. Active in service, Dr. McGuire has participated on every major committee the department has and helped develop, write, and edit the self-study for the National Association for Schools of Art and Design. Dr. McGuire is also active in the profession as a contributing member of the College Art Association, Southeastern College Art Association, Popular Culture Association of the South, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and locally at the Telfair Academy of Art, Savannah, Georgia. She has logged many travel hours lecturing, presenting, and exhibiting her professional research. Notable are her 14 grants, 20 curated shows, 10 refereed papers, 21 invited lectures, 37 publications, and 32 juried shows. It is for her many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, that Dr. Julie McGuire fully deserves the title of Professor Emerita of Art History.

DR. TIMOTHY MCMILLAN, Associate Professor of Mathematics, who is retiring May 31, 2021. Dr. McMillan received his B.S. in mathematics from the University of South Carolina (1979), and his M.S. (1982) and Ph.D. (1990) in mathematics from the University of Florida. In his over thirty years at Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, Dr. McMillan particularly excelled in his professional service to the department, the university, and the community. For over twenty of those years, he served as faculty advisor to the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society and the Mathematics club. He also served as coach of the University teams that compete in the Putnam Mathematical Competition, the preeminent competition for undergraduate students in United States and Canada, and in the Math Jeopardy Competition at the Southeastern sectional meeting of the Mathematics Association of America. He has been a dedicated volunteer at local middle school and high school mathematics competitions, serving as the director of the high school mathematics tournament, which served hundreds of students from teams throughout Georgia and the southeast. Consistently rated as outstanding for his service contributions, his dedication to students, both in the classroom and through extracurricular activities, was recognized when he was awarded the H. Dean Probst Award as the university's outstanding faculty member in 2005. For contributions to the department, the University, and the community, Dr. Timothy McMillan has earned the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

DR. PETER MELLEN, Associate Professor of Communication Arts, who retired July 31, 2020. Dr. Mellen received his M.A. in speech (1980) and his Ph.D. in theatre (1988) from Bowling Green State University. He was hired as Theatre professor at Armstrong State College in 1993, at which time he dedicated himself to developing the Theatre program and Communication courses. He singularly designed the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre curriculum. From 1993 through 2017, Dr. Mellen served as Theatre Program Coordinator and advisor to the student production organization, The Masquers. Through collaboration with students, faculty, alumni, and the Foundation, Dr. Mellen staged multiple summer productions, yielding thousands of dollars in scholarship funds to benefit students. His support of students and the theatre community extended to establishment of the Coastal Empire New Play Festival and The Last Laugh Improv Troupe. Dr. Mellen's contributions to curriculum continued during consolidation, leading to the current theatre major offered at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong and Statesboro campuses. From his arrival through 2010, Dr. Mellen also served as Armstrong's Technical Director and Scenic/Lighting Designer. He was elected to the Georgia Repertory Ensemble of Artists and Theatres (G.R.E.A.T.) Fellows and to the Georgia Theatre Hall of Fame by the Georgia Theatre Conference (GTC) Executive Directors. He was the 2012 recipient of the Leighton Ballew Award for Distinguished Service to Theatre in Georgia. Along with participating in the Southeastern Theatre Conference, he hosted the GTC annual conference three years, earning the Award of Excellence in 2010, 2012 and 2018. Prior to his tenure at Armstrong State University, Dr. Mellen served as Producing Director at Sosondowa Summer Theatre in Dickinson, North Dakota, as well as Business Manager and Director at Huron Playhouse in Huron, Ohio. For his many contributions to the University, his students, the community, and his profession, Dr. Peter Mellen has earned the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Communication Arts.

DR. ONYILE ONYILE, Professor of Art, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. Onyile earned a Diploma in General Art from the Yaba College of Technology (1976), a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Advertising Design from the Memphis Academy of the Arts (1980), a Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art from Memphis State University (1982), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Art History from Binghamton University, State University of New York (2006). Dr. Onyile joined the faculty in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art Department at Georgia Southern University in 1994. In 2003, Dr. Onyile received the Clifford C. Clark Research Fellowship from Binghamton University to pursue his doctorate, and, in 2005, Dr Onyile successfully defended his dissertation “Ekpu Ora The Spirits of the Living Dead as an Expression of Oron World View, 1894-1940.” Dr. Onyile's analogue teaching style has proven resilient and contemporary in a field that demands high level of technological knowledge and an aptitude for adapting to ever-changing software. Dr. Onyile's students comment that they appreciate the "back of the napkin" approach to design and its possibilities in the 21st century to design with minimum distraction. He was active in research and scholarship throughout his career and authored 28 papers. Additionally, he presented many of these at numerous conferences over his career at Georgia Southern. Dr. Onyile also has been active in professional service. His professional exhibitions span the globe and his work is included in private collections, galleries, and major museums. Dr Onyile is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Arts and Africa Art Council for African Studies. One of his most notable service activities was developing the MFA degree which was the first terminal degree at Georgia Southern University. His dedication to the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art is apparent in his service on major committees and serving as the graduate director for five years and as associate chair for five years. For his dedication to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Onyile Onyile fully deserves the title of Professor Emeritus of Art.

DR. PAUL A. RODELL, Professor of History, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. Rodell earned his B.A. in History from Northern Illinois University in 1968. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines from May 1968 through June 1971, first doing agriculture extension and community development work in the
Zambales province and then serving as an assistant to the Peace Corp agriculture program’s director in Manila, before enrolling at the interdisciplinary Asian Center at the University of the Philippines, where he studied from 1971-73. He received his M.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1982, and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1992, with a focus on Southeast Asia. In his 29 years at Georgia Southern University, he was recognized as an engaged and effective teacher of World History and advanced courses on Southeast Asia, especially the Philippines. He also developed an international reputation as a scholar of Philippine history. Besides numerous conference papers, invited lectures, book reviews, and encyclopedia articles, Dr. Rodell published *Culture and Customs of the Philippines* (Greenwood Press, 2002) and a number of scholarly articles and book chapters on modern Southeast Asia. Dr. Rodell’s scholarly achievements were recognized by research and travel grants from Georgia Southern University and the Cecil B. Curry Book Award for *Culture and Customs of the Philippines*. His service contributions include a number of presentations on Southeast Asia to University of Georgia System institutions, chairing the Grant Goodman Prize in Philippine Historical Studies for the Association for Asian Studies (2013-present), and serving as executive director for the Association of Third World Studies (1996-2002). Dr. Rodell plans to continue his scholarly activity after retirement. His current projects include a revision of his manuscript “Philippine Society and Religious Conflict: Community Responses to the Philippine Independent Church, 1902-1910,” a source book of primary documents on Southeast Asia, and an oral history of former International Voluntary Service volunteers. For his many distinguished contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Paul Rodell has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of History.

**DR. JANICE STEIRN**, Associate Professor of Psychology, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. Steirm earned degrees from West Virginia University and the University of Georgia, where she was awarded the PhD in experimental psychology. After serving appointments at Berea College, Wabash College, and the University of Kentucky, where she was funded by the National Science Foundation, Dr. Steirm began at Georgia Southern University as an assistant professor in 1991. Promoted to the rank of associate professor in 1997, Dr. Steirm published 21 peer-reviewed articles primarily in the area of animal cognition, as well as the teaching of psychology. A strong supporter of student research, she mentored students at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral levels. Dr. Steirm embraced service opportunities, being a vocal advocate for faculty on the Faculty Senate multiple times and serving on diverse university, college, and departmental committees. It is in the area of teaching that Dr. Steirm’s contributions may best be remembered. She developed innovative Freshman Seminar courses such as Healing a Wounded World, as well as Senior Seminar courses that examined psychology in the media, and the Research Experience course that improved students’ ability to gain research skills. Her creativity extended to the teaching process itself, as demonstrated by her use of the “flipped classroom” technique before the label was popular. Students in her class were more likely to learn by doing than through lectures and will remember the history of psychology through their projects celebrating Fehdner Day in honor of psychology’s beginning. Her creativity in the classroom resulted in her receiving the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Award for Distinction in Teaching. For her many contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. Janice Steirm has earned the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Psychology.

**DR. ROBERT L. VOGEL**, Professor of Biostatistics, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. Vogel earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Hanover College in 1970. He received a Master of Arts degree in mathematics from the University of Louisville in 1978. In 1983, he completed his doctoral studies at Emory University, earning his Doctor of Philosophy in biometry and statistics. Prior to coming to Georgia Southern University, he held faculty and administrative positions at Mercer University, the Medical Center of Central Georgia, the University of Louisville, and Queens University of Charlotte. He came to Georgia Southern University in 2003 to help develop a Master of Public Health degree in biostatistics. Dr. Vogel is one of the original faculty members of the Jian-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, serving in various roles during the initial accreditation process and reaccreditation processes. He designed the Master of Public Health in epidemiology and helped develop the Doctor of Public Health in biostatistics. He also led the development of the Doctor of Public Health in epidemiology. During his tenure, Dr. Vogel has taught numerous courses in biostatistics, including Regressing Analysis, Experimental Design, Categorical Data Analysis, Survival Analysis, Missing Data Analysis, and Longitudinal Data Analysis. He has directed three dissertations involving missing data, several dissertations on other aspects of public health, and served as a member on at least a dozen other dissertations in public health. Dr. Vogel served as the first chair of the Department of Biostatistics and the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Environmental Health Sciences. His research consists of over 250 publications and presentations in medicine and statistical methodology. Dr. Vogel's work has been published in a variety of journals, including *American Heart Journal, British Journal of Cancer, Journal of Interventional Cardiology, New England Journal of Medicine, Statistics in Medicine, Statistical Methods in Medical Research, and Journal of Statistical Methodology*. In 2011, Dr. Vogel won the Jian-Ping Hsu College of Public Health award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. In 2013, he was inducted into the Gamma Theta Chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health Education and was also awarded the Academic Achievement Award from the American Public Health Association Applied Statistics Section. For these and many other distinguished accomplishments too numerous to mention here, Dr. Robert L. Vogel deserves the title of Professor Emeritus of Biostatistics.

**DR. DANIEL WEBSTER**, Associate Professor of Psychology, who retired May 31, 2020. Dr. Webster began teaching at Georgia Southern University in 1991, after teaching eight years at Delta State University. With degrees from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Florida, he studied comparative and physiological psychology in a career that included a variety of subjects, from insects and reptiles to humans. He also taught a wide range of over 20 courses during his career, most of which dealt with physiology and behavior across a spectrum of animal species. In addition to these, he frequently taught courses in critical thinking. Dr. Webster developed and taught Georgia Southern’s first online psychology course, which then served as a model for other online courses because of his use of video lectures incorporated into the course, a novel approach at the time. With a colleague, he wrote a successful grant for equipment used in physiological psychology courses and research. His later research focused on SOSP, a three-dimensional computer program that can be used in psychological assessment. SOSP was developed with the assistance of software engineering students, who used the program in their capstone class. He published 27 peer-reviewed articles and dozens of presentations at scientific conferences. A founding board member of the Georgia Psychological Society, he helped to develop ways for student researchers to present their scholarship. He also facilitated scholarship through his service, as a member or alternate, on the Institutional Review Board throughout much of his career. For these and many other contributions to the department, college, University,
and profession, Dr. Daniel Webster merits the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology.

DR. DAVID WHEELER, Professor of Literature, who retired May 31, 2020. After obtaining his B.A., with Distinction and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Illinois in 1972, David Wheeler received his M.A. from the University of Chicago (1973) and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia (1980). Dr. Wheeler taught English at Randolph-Macon College, Auburn University, and the University of Southern Mississippi before coming to Armstrong Atlantic State University as chair of the Department of Languages, Literature, and Philosophy in 2005. While he has taught a wide variety of courses, his literary specialty is British literature of the long 18th century (1660-1820). Early in his career, Dr. Wheeler wrote primarily about Samuel Johnson, Alexander Pope, and 18th-century adaptations of Shakespeare. Later, he turned his attention to the politics of John Dryden’s poems and to Jane Austen’s response to the changing material culture around her. Dr. Wheeler’s critical essays have been published in many distinguished academic journals, including *Shakespeare Quarterly, Modern Philology, Studies in Philology, English Studies, the British Journal for 18th-Century Studies*, and the *Eighteenth-Century Novel*. In addition to thirty articles and numerous reviews, he has published three books: *Domestic Privacies: Samuel Johnson and the Art of Biography* (University Press of Kentucky, 1987), *Coriolanus: Critical Essays* (Garland, 1995; Routledge, 2015), and *Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Poetry in its Cultural Context* (Pearson, 2007). Additionally, he has regularly presented his work at conferences throughout the U.S. and the U.K. Recognizing his contribution to scholarship in his field, Armstrong Atlantic State University awarded Dr. Wheeler its Distinguished Service to the Discipline Award in 2010. During a career spanning more than forty years, Dr. Wheeler has taught and influenced thousands of students, including many who have gone on to establish admirable academic reputations of their own. In addition to his teaching and scholarship, he has served administratively as Graduate Director and Department Chair at Southern Mississippi and as Department Chair (2005-2014) and Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (2014-16) at Armstrong Atlantic State University. For these and many other numerous contributions to the department, college, University, and profession, Dr. David Wheeler has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Literature.
PREVIOUS HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents approves the awarding of a highly selective honorary degree, which is conferred by University System of Georgia institutions to recognize individuals of notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, their profession or public service. Since 1996, Georgia Southern University has been privileged to confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees to the exceptional individuals listed below.

THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS  Doctor of Laws  August 11, 1996
BETTY FOY SANDERS  Doctor of Fine Arts  August 11, 1996
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THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS  Doctor of Humane Letters  December 8, 1997
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE  Doctor of Letters  June 14, 1998
WILLIAM FREEMAN  Doctor of Letters  May 8, 1999
EMMA KELLY  Doctor of Fine Arts  May 9, 1999
EUGENE M. BISHOP  Doctor of Letters  May 13, 2000
IRVING VICTOR  Doctor of Letters  December 15, 2001
MARY V. BURNETT  Doctor of Letters  December 14, 2002
ROBERT A. BURNETT  Doctor of Letters  December 14, 2002
H. DEAN PROBST  Doctor of Letters  December 13, 2003
HALA MODDELMOG  Doctor of Letters  May 5, 2007
NICHOLAS J. MAMALAKIS  Doctor of Letters  December 8, 2007
PHILIP SOLOMONS  Doctor of Letters  May 9, 2009
FRANK BARRAGAN  Doctor of Letters  May 8, 2010
ALVA B. LINES  Doctor of Letters  December 11, 2010
LUIS A. AGUILAR  Doctor of Public Service  May 11, 2013
1. From humble farm beginnings Sprung up from sandy earth
2. Through triumphs and through trials Our Alma Mater's stood as

Among towering pine trees stands a treasure of great worth. Her price cannot be measured in silver or in gold but in the love and loyalty that travel and though our way must part our Georgia Southern memories we'll

Chorus

Many hearts enfold, keep with-in our hearts. Georgia Southern University, On eagles wings you soar—We pledge to you our loyalty and love forever more.
FREEDOM

Did You Know?

The bald eagle is found only in North America.

The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.

Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.

The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term “balled,” meaning “shining white.” The adult bald eagle’s head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name “balled eagle,” meaning “white eagle.”

The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.

Eagles are mature at five years of age.

Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).

More than forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of the birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.

In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 177 known nesting pairs throughout the state.

Freedom is a non-releasable American Bald Eagle permitted to Georgia Southern University’s Center for Wildlife Education & Lamar Q Ball Jr. Raptor Center

Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American bald eagle mascot. Freedom’s appearance during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a “brown ball of fuzz,” it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q Ball Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern’s campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife
Congratulations
Graduates!