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Nov. 9, 2020

As we continue with the fall semester in accordance with our Return to Campus plan, here are **Five Things You Should Know This Week**:

1. This week is Ethics Awareness Week at Georgia Southern and across the University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia (USG) and Georgia Southern University are committed to an ethical culture. Ethics Awareness reminds employees of our commitment to an ethical culture and our shared ethical values and expectations. It also serves as a reminder of how we incorporate ethical decision-making in all we do and how we are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Ethics Awareness brings awareness to ethics, reinforces the principles of recognizing the hard work of employees, and promotes our shared values. For more information on Ethics Awareness Week, visit <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ethicsawareness/>. View the USG Ethics Policy here: https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section8/C224/#p8.2.18_personnel_conduct

2. Don't miss the Ethics Roundtable Discussion today at 10 a.m.

Georgia Southern will host a virtual ethics roundtable discussion today at 10 a.m. with AVP for Inclusive Excellence TaJuan Wilson, Ed.D., VP for Student Affairs Shay Little, Ph.D., and Executive Counsel Maura C. Copeland, J.D., LL.M.

The panel will discuss:

- The recent Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping
- Ethics and Legality
- Bystander Interventions
- Group Think
- COVID-19 and Ethics

The audience will be able to ask questions about these or any ethics topic.

Join the roundtable discussion here: <https://georgiasouthern.zoom.us/j/83479810103?pwd=a2wyVnhiK3AyUUN0ZnVKR3lzdEF6Zz09>

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3. Complete your Inclusive Excellence Campus Climate Survey

Gaining input from our faculty, staff and students is critical to Georgia Southern's progress toward creating an equitable and inclusive environment for all. The Inclusive Excellence Campus Climate Survey serves as a vehicle to gather this feedback, and it is also one of the action steps in addressing **Goal #1** of the [Inclusive Excellence Action Plan](#). The campus-wide survey will inform critical areas of intervention by illuminating your views on workplace environment, equity, fairness and partiality. Most importantly, it will help us focus on Georgia Southern's greatest needs in creating an equitable and inclusive environment. Complete the survey you received from the Office of Inclusive Excellence in partnership with the Office of Institutional Research **by November 20**, and make sure your voice is heard! If you did not receive the survey, please email iroffice@georgiasouthern.edu.

4. Help is available if you need it

There is no question that this semester has been challenging and stressful for many, especially in the face of one of the most uncertain times we have experienced as a nation in many years. Please continue to utilize the resources that are available to you and remember that we must take care of our personal wellbeing before we can invest in and grow others.

The University System of Georgia has partnered with KEPRO to provide employees and their family members with a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Full-time and part-time employees, family, and household members have access to the program, and services are free and confidential, within the bounds of the law. See https://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/2020_benefits/eap, contact KEPRO at 1-844-243-4440 or go to www.eaphelplink.com and use the company code USGcares.

5. It's still important to Do Right with public health guidance

While the numbers of confirmed cases and self-reported cases of COVID-19 at Georgia Southern remain stable, we must remain vigilant and *Do Right* by limiting face-to-face gatherings, remain socially distant, wear masks, and wash our hands. As the flu season is upon us, these efforts will be especially important to maintain the health and safety of our communities. With fall and winter holidays approaching, [the CDC has provided new guidance to help protect individuals and their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19](#). The site lists considerations and recommendations for a variety of celebrations, including low-risk, medium-risk and high-risk behaviors, and a wealth of other information such as coping with stress and traveling safely during a pandemic.