Gene Sauers, Georgia Southern Golf Alumnus and three-time PGA Tour winner, was recognized by the PGA Tour for his ability to overcome when they named him the recipient of the **PGA Tour Courage Award**.

It’s a well-deserved honor. The Courage Award is “presented to a player who, through courage and perseverance, has overcome extraordinary adversity, such as personal tragedy or debilitating injury or illness, to make a significant and meaningful contribution to the game of golf.”

Sauers, 55, gathers the Courage Award honor several years after enduring a battle with Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, a painful fight. There was the extreme joint pain for Sauers and then a graduation to the sensation of feeling like he was being burned alive.

Doctors gave Sauers only a 25 percent chance to live. Somehow, Sauers **persevered through the near-certain death experience**. Sauers was released from the hospital in June 2011 and captured the 2016 U.S. Senior Open, a monumental title considering where he was five years previous.

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Georgia Southern Programs With Strong Numbers in Latest NCAA Graduation Success Rate Report

The NCAA released its Graduation Success Rate (GSR) data for member schools on Wednesday, November 8 and three Georgia Southern varsity programs recorded a four-year weighted average of 100 percent from the years encompassing 2007-10.

The NCAA’s GSR metric allows student-athletes six years to earn their degrees. Last year, two GS teams finished with a GSR of 100. That number rose to three this year including men’s basketball, men’s tennis and women’s tennis.

In addition, six other programs recorded GSRs of 85 or better, including women’s basketball (94), women’s swimming & diving (94), volleyball (92), men’s golf (91), women’s soccer (91) and softball (86). All GS sports at Southern recorded GSRs above the national average. LEARN MORE.

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