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Message from the President

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Aug. 25, 2017



What an eventful week at Georgia Southern! We've completed two weeks of fall classes and have already hosted an abundance of events. I've met so many of our new students, and am thrilled to have them here with us.

- On Monday, I enjoyed brief glimpses of the beginning of the solar eclipse. I stood with a crowd of disappointed skywatchers on Sweetheart Circle as the clouds covered the best part, but I was glad to see the camaraderie of our faculty and staff as we stood outside. Our **Planetarium** hosted two sold-out shows leading up to the eclipse, and also showed NASA's live stream of the event.
- This semester marks 50 years of the **Betty Foy Sanders Georgia Artists Collection** at Georgia Southern. For 50 years Mrs. Sanders has continued to support this collection, and to highlight vital artists from Georgia. Visit the Center for Art & Theatre to see the latest collection.
- Georgia Southern programs also hit a high mark this week. The University's **Master of Public Administration** was accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration and the **Counseling Center's Doctoral Internship in Professional Health Service Psychology** has been granted full accreditation by the American Psychological Association. Our University continues to grow its reputation for quality programs, and I'm so proud of our faculty and academic administration.
- As part of our consolidation efforts, I appointed the deans and interim dean for our eight colleges, and also worked with the USG to finalize our college locations — five of which will be located in Statesboro and three of which will be located in Savannah.

The Consolidation Implementation Committee will be meeting today at Armstrong to discuss several new recommendations from our Operational Working Groups, but we are getting closer and closer to our final prospectus for the new Georgia Southern University.

I am continually impressed with the dedication and diligence of our faculty and staff, especially during this transition. I am excited to see our plans coming to fruition, and I am always thankful for your efforts to make them a reality.

Have a great weekend.

Jaimie Hebert
President