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Dr. Hew Joiner, Founding Director of the Bell Honors Program at Georgia Southern, Earns National Recognition

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Dr. Hew Joiner, Director Emeritus of the Bell Honors Program at Georgia Southern University has been named a 2013 Fellow of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). Dr. Joiner came to Georgia Southern as a professor of History in 1968 and he was the director of the Bell Honors Program from its inception in 1982 until his retirement in 2002. He built a program that became a national model for honors and he served as an external consultant for over 20 different universities and colleges around the country. He served as President at the state, regional and national levels of honors education including service as the President of the National Collegiate Honors Council in 2001. His recognition as a Fellow of the NCHC is in recognition of his lasting effect on honors education. According to current Honors Program director, Dr. Steven Engel, “I know of few people who take as seriously Georgia Southern’s emphasis on academic excellence and its student-centered ethos. Hew is well deserving of this national distinction.” Dr. Joiner will officially be recognized as an NCHC Fellow at its annual conference in New Orleans on November 9, 2013.

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