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Stephens Inducted into Honor Society

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School of Nursing Post-Master of Science in Nursing Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) student, Michele Lorraine Barutio Stephens, of Atlanta, Georgia, has been inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society.

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society recognizes academic achievement and campus leadership across five phases of campus life: scholarship, athletics, campus or community service, social or religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts. Members demonstrate exemplary character, responsible leadership and service in campus or community life, superior scholarship, genuine fellowship, and dedication to democratic ideals.

"It is with the greatest honor and respect that I accept induction in the Georgia Southern Circle of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society," Stephens stated.

Stephens, who has been a registered nurse since 1985, received a Master's degree in Nursing in the Family Nurse Practitioner Track from Georgia Southern University in 1995 and is currently enrolled at Georgia Southern in the PMHNP Certificate Program and will graduate with the first cohort in December 2016.

The program, which began in fall 2015, is for baccalaureate prepared nurses earning a Master of Science in Nursing degree, students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice program, or those seeking a post-master's certificate program. The seven-course online track will partner with clinical environments that provide team-based care, include on campus simulation learning experiences, and short summer intensive sessions with national content experts.

Since graduating in 1985, Stephens has been involved with various activities including the National Day of Giving, food bank drives, River Keepers, Habitat for Humanity, AmeriCorps, career health fairs and student educational fairs.