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‘Inside Georgia Southern Football’ takes National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy

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“Inside Georgia Southern Football with Jeff Monken” won the 2012 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Southeast Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Television Student Production Excellence on June 9 at the Atlanta Grand Hyatt Ballroom. The Academy estimates that there were as many as 100 other entries in the category Outstanding Achievement: Television Student Production Excellence, Student Production – Non-News, and the Southeast competition region includes Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi.

The Emmy is the highest recognition awarded in TV, and the highest ever received by a Georgia Southern production team. The winning show, which originally followed the Georgia Southern vs. Alabama game on Nov. 19, will air on Georgia Public Broadcasting stations on July 8 at 9 p.m.

The weekly show was hosted by Terry Harvin and Head Football Coach Jeff Monken. Students involved in the production include AnnNell Byne, Drew Chesire, Patrick Griffin, Skyler Henry, Tim Hunt, Nelson Miller, Chris Ocampo, Jim O'Donnell, Ian Reese, Sienna Sewell and Jake Taylor.

The students were aided in producing the series by Executive Producer Matthew Taylor and Producers Susan DeBonis and Tyson Davis, Arthur Berger, and Berger’s son, Hunter.

“Inside Georgia Southern Football” began after Athletic Director Sam Baker approached the Department of Communication Arts about producing a weekly football show.

“Receiving this top television honor reflects on our students graduating with the highest academic achievement for an undergraduate degree,” said Dr. Pamela Bourland-Davis, the chair of the Department of Communication Arts. “The Department is so appreciative of Athletic Director Sam Baker and the Georgia Southern University Athletics programs for creating this academic opportunity, which has provided incredible opportunities for our students to work closely with our Multimedia Communication faculty in producing top-flight professional products. Communication Arts students have many opportunities to get involved in professional and academic experiences such as this, and this external award recognizes the quality of experiential learning.”
Camp Lawton Archaeological Project receives Leadership in History Award

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Georgia Southern University’s Camp Lawton Archaeological Project has been selected as an American Association for State and Local History 2012 Award of Merit winner by the Leadership in History awards committee. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the nation’s most prestigious competition for recognition of achievement in state and local history.

The AASLH Award of Merit recognizes excellence in projects, individual achievement and organizational general excellence. Camp Lawton’s project director Dr. Sue Moore will receive the award at a special banquet Oct. 5 in Salt Lake City.

“This is an honor for the entire team – Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Millen/Jenkins County and Georgia Southern University,” Moore said. “Without the help of all the partners, this project would not have happened and been the success it has been.”

The Camp Lawton Civil War site was discovered by members of Georgia Southern’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology in 2009 in Jenkins County, Ga. Though it was assumed that most of the artifacts would have been removed from the site, the team discovered – and continues to unearth – numerous objects that have provided new information about life in the Camp Lawton prisoner of war camp. The project has received local and national media attention.

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