

President's Newsletter

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Paulson Stadium Expansion



It was fantastic to see so many of our Eagle fans and supporters today at the groundbreaking ceremony for our new Football Operations Center at Paulson Stadium. The 50,000-square-foot facility is a \$10 million privately funded project, and will house coaches' offices, team meeting rooms, a video production suite, locker rooms, strength and conditioning space, a rehabilitation center, equipment room and football Hall of Fame. In addition to this project, the north stands in Paulson Stadium will expand with the addition of 6,000 seats. This student-fee funded expansion includes the construction of an upper deck and will boost our seating capacity to more than 21,000 permanent seats. These two projects are scheduled for completion in spring 2014.

Before the groundbreaking, crews had to demolish the scoreboard. [Watch the video here.](#)

Fashion Merchandising and Design Program Ranked Among Top Schools in the Nation



Georgia Southern's Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design program in the College of Health and Human Sciences has been named one of the top fashion merchandising schools in the U.S. by fashion-schools.org. Our program in the School of Human Ecology ranked among the top 25 percent in the nation and also achieved a ranking of ninth on the list of Top 15 Fashion Schools in the South.

We are extremely proud of this recognition, which could not have happened without our dedicated faculty. In addition to this ranking, faculty and alumni from the program have received other honors. [Read more →](#)

Summer at Georgia Southern



Welcome back students! Once again, a very busy summer is underway at Georgia Southern. Our enrollment has topped nearly 10,000 students for the second year in a row, and the sessions include Long Term (May 20-July 19), Term A (May 20-June 21) and Term B (June 25-July 26). Our students have a lot of different options to stay on track with our offering of more than 1600 courses, including more than 300 online. Additionally, students are completing graduate courses in the Jiann Ping-Hsu College of Public Health and the College of Education.

Engineering Students Win EPA Award



Georgia Southern's mechanical engineering students have been recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for their development of innovative technologies to reduce exhaust produced by diesel engines. Our team tied Johns Hopkins University for first place in the National P3 (People, Prosperity and the Planet) competition held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The students have spent several years working to improve the design of Low Temperature Combustion (LTC) diesel engines in the Renewable Energy and Engines Lab. [Watch the video here.](#)

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Freedom's Courtyard



Recently, I had the pleasure of welcoming some of our donors to the Wildlife Center to celebrate Freedom's Courtyard, our mascot's new home. The brick and timber structure includes a 14-foot octagon enclosure for Freedom, along with two 18-foot wings, a donor wall and an educational wall. Freedom's Courtyard was made possible by generous donations from several businesses and individuals, including Lavender & Associates and Action Lawn & Landscape. Steve Hein, the Center's director, hosted a ceremony recognizing Jackie Rushing and John Lavender during their visit.

Global Bike Ride for Education Stops at Georgia Southern



Cyclist Max Peer pedaled onto campus recently, making Georgia Southern his first stop on a bicycle ride around world to spread the word about free educational resources. Peer is riding with the Interaction Design Foundation's (IDF) "Share the Knowledge Tour" and visiting universities to promote free educational materials. Our students, faculty and staff were on hand to greet him at the RAC, and had the opportunity to sign up for free access to a huge volume of software tools, tutorials, textbooks and courses available through IDF. [Read more→](#)

Summer Vacation Plans? Take Georgia Southern With You



Taking a summer vacation? Join the thousands of alumni who are taking Georgia Southern with them. We are trying to take "True Blue" and "Gus" around the world through two unique programs designed to give you a chance to show off your creativity and school spirit. It's easy, fun and a great way to let everyone know that you are a Georgia Southern fan! Where will you take the True Blue sign or Flat Gus? To find out how you and your family can get involved, visit one of the below websites.

[Click here to visit True Blue!](#)

[Click here to visit Flat Gus!](#)

ON THE CALENDAR

June 22: Greater Savannah Alumni Network, Beach Day at Tybee Island's North Beach. For more information, [Visit the Alumni Website here.](#)

June 24: Classes begin for Term B

June 27: Greater Savannah Network Business Luncheon, Johnny Harris Restaurant

For additional information about other events taking place this month, please check the below calendars:

- For more information on University events, please visit the [University Calendar](#).
- For information on athletics events, please visit: [GSeagles.com](#).



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