Nicholas Kristof at the PAC Tonight

First-Year Experience (FYE) at Georgia Southern University will present a lecture by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the University’s Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.


Viral Video Competition Advinup Wins 3 Day Startup
This weekend, Georgia Southern University’s Business Innovation Group hosted "3 Day Startup," a weekend intensive business startup workshop for prospective entrepreneurs. Six teams pitched ideas for apps, ranging from a college book swap to helping to plan the perfect date.

This year's winners were the young entrepreneurs behind Advinup, a reward-based viral video competition. Pictured are Advinup Co-Founders Brook Tesema (L) and Tyler Brown (R), joined by Evan Dennar (C), a 3 Day Startup panelist and sponsor from Company X in New York. Team members not pictured include John Nwosu, Philip Johnson, Chris Jones, Stephen Johnson and Nnamdi Obodoechine.

The Advinup team will move on to the Fast Pitch competition in Savannah on March 5, in order to pitch their idea to prospective investors.

SGA President Azell Francis wins Regent Willis J. Potts Leadership Award

Azell Francis, Student Government Association (SGA) president at Georgia Southern, is the recipient of the 2015 Regent Willis J. Potts Student Advisory
Council (SAC) Leadership Award.

The SAC is composed of SGA presidents from the 31 colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia (USG), who selected Francis for the award. Dr. Joyce Jones, USG Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, said the selection wasn't a difficult choice in the least.

"The Potts award is voted on by the student leaders and clearly Azell was the majority favorite," said Jones. "She has worked hard in her SGA leadership role and certainly deserves this leadership award."

Megan Johnson of Savannah Named Miss Georgia Southern 2015

Contestant No. 1, Megan Johnson, took home the title of "Miss Georgia Southern 2015" this Saturday.

Johnson, the sophomore Alpha Delta Pi sorority member, was thrilled to have won a $2,000 scholarship and other great prizes! "I've done a few pageants in the past, but this is probably the biggest one I've ever done!"
Georgia Southern Celebrates Arbor Day

For the third year in a row, The Center for Sustainability and Physical Plant have teamed up to celebrate Arbor Day on campus. Although Arbor Day in Georgia is typically celebrated on the third Friday in February, this year’s campus celebration will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 24. Together, students, faculty and staff will work together to plant nearly 200 hardwood trees near Dorman Drive. The campus community is invited to participate in the event and is encouraged to meet the group at the Eidson House that morning. Arbor Day began in 1872 and went on to become a nationwide tradition in 1882. Today, state Arbor Days are scheduled to coincide with the best tree planting weather.

Speaker Invites You to 'Hug An Elephant, Kiss A Giraffe'

Justin Jones-Fosu says we’ve been talking about “diversity” for the last two decades, and it’s lost its meaning.

Jones-Fosu will bring his discussion entitled, "Hug an Elephant, Kiss A Giraffe: Redefining Diversity in
Everyday Life" to the PAC at Georgia Southern on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The dynamic speaker will use music, movement and creativity to hit some of the basics of the diversity conversation while honoring its complexity.

The event is free and open to the public.

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In the Media...

- **Alumna Maggie Rickman appointed to Judicial Qualifications Commission** – Middle Georgia CEO
- **Georgia Southern, UGA Law School gifted by Sanders family** – AJC
- **WSAV Anchor Kim Gusby Inducted Into GSU Black Hall of Fame** – WSAV
- **Georgia Southern hosting Recyclemania** – WJCL
- **Braves legend Dale Murphy at GSU** – Studio Statesboro
- **Bahamian Georgia Southern student has internship on Capitol Hill** – The Bahamas Weekly

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- **Michele Norris discusses her family's history, her book and the Race Card Project at Georgia Southern** (Photos)
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