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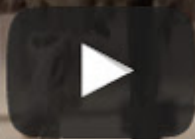
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Jurassic World at Georgia Southern



"Jurassic World" at Georgia Southern

A creature close to the heart of the Georgia Southern University Museum is getting some significant attention thanks to the summer blockbuster "Jurassic World."

The Museum's first-ever cataloged fossil, the mosasaur, has been dwelling in the Hall of Natural History since the 1980s after it was excavated by Georgia Southern paleontologists in South Dakota, and brought back here. It is considered the Museum's "mascot" said Brent Tharp, Ph.D., director of the Museum.

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DaRon Martin (back row, center) was among 36 winners of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship honored at the State Capitol by Gov. Nathan Deal (front row, center).

Georgia Southern graduate selected as Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow

DaRon Martin ('13), a Georgia Southern biology graduate from McDonough, Georgia, is among the first 36 recipients of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching

Fellowship in Georgia.

The Fellowship is a highly competitive program which recruits both recent graduates and career-changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and math -- the STEM fields -- and prepares them to teach in high-need secondary schools. As part of the program, Martin will receive \$30,000 to complete a specially-designed master's degree program based on a yearlong classroom experience and in return, he will commit to teach for three years in the urban and rural schools in Georgia most in need of STEM teachers.

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Georgia Southern professor brings national attention to dangerous new drug trend

A Georgia Southern professor is bringing national media attention to a dangerous new drug trend called “dabbing.”

Bryan Miller, Ph.D., associate professor of criminal justice and criminology, is the co-author of the recent article, “Assessing the Dangers of ‘Dabbing’: Mere Marijuana or Harmful New Trend?” which was recently featured in the magazine *Pediatrics*. He says the article is not only a way to educate the public about this disturbing trend, but also calls for extensive research since so little is known about its short-term and long-term effects.

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Retired professor Don Armel rides cross-country for community food bank

Professor Emeritus Don Armel has long awaited the chance to put his Harley Davidson travel bike to good use on a cross-country trip. After retiring in December, he decided May was the month he would set out for the West Coast.

“This trip has always been something I wanted to do, part of a bucket list if you will,” he said. “I have the large touring Harley Davidson motorcycle and wanted to use it to its ultimate potential.”

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BIG opportunity for student entrepreneurs

Georgia Southern University and the Ocean Exchange have officially partnered together to bring the BIG Pitch Competition to Statesboro and Georgia Southern. President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., and representatives from City Campus, College of Business Administration, Ocean Exchange, the City of Statesboro and others were on hand during a signing ceremony in downtown Statesboro on June 23 to commemorate the partnership. As partners in the contest, Georgia Southern and

Ocean Exchange will offer a \$10,000 prize for the best pitch of a new business-related idea from teams of student innovators.

(Pictured are, left to right) Dominique Halaby, DPA, director of the Business Innovation Group, University President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., Ocean Exchange CEO Millicent Pitts, and Dean of the College of Business Administration Allen C. Amason, Ph.D.

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Georgia Southern signs agreement with OTC for logistics degree students

On Tuesday, June 23, Georgia Southern officials signed an agreement with Ogeechee Technical College (OTC) that would allow students earning a two-year degree in logistics from OTC to more easily transfer to the University's bachelor's degree in the same major. Signing the agreement were (Front row, left to right) Jean Bartels, Ph.D., University provost; University President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D.; OTC President Dawn Cartee, Ph.D.; and OTC Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Charlene Lamar, Ph.D. Also in attendance were (Back row, left to right) Dean of the College of Business Administration Allen C. Amason, Ph.D.; Chair of

the Department of Logistics and Supply Chain Management Jerry Burke, Ph.D.; and Assistant Professor of Logistics Ben Skipper, Ph.D.

In the Media...

[OTC, GSU agree to link logistics degrees](#)

Statesboro Herald

[Alumna, former flight attendant role proves hugely beneficial to eGate exec](#)

Runway Girl Network

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[Georgia benefits from "STEM" teacher training fellowship](#)

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The Bradford Era

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