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Wilson Honored With Johnson/Bradley Torch Bearer Award

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The Waters College of Health Professions Inclusion, Equity and Access Committee has presented Charles “Hal” Wilson, Jr., Ph.D., with the inaugural Johnson/Bradley Torch Bearer Award.

The Torch Bearer Award is named in recognition of Dr. Otis Johnson and [Dr. John D. Bradley](#). As the first African American students on the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses, these men were Georgia Southern University’s first torch bearers. Their lives speak to advancing inclusion, equity and access.

Wilson, an associate professor in the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology, is a member of many organizations that work on inclusion and equity in coaching, and he has leveraged his membership within these bodies to work on diversifying the applicants of Georgia Southern’s graduate programs. In 2017, Wilson created the Hoops with Heroes program that brings law enforcement officers together with community youth to grow relationships and reinforce life skills and in 2020 created the Students of the Semester program which recognizes undergraduate coaching students. Wilson currently serves as a member of his department’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee and was named a Georgia Southern University Inclusive Excellence Faculty and Staff Fellow for 2021-2022.

Not only has Wilson demonstrated his commitment to advancing inclusion, equity, and access in all facets of his career, his scholarly activities also support his dedication to promoting inclusion, equity and access.

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