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# Georgia Southern seeks nominations for state's best writing teacher

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Writing instructors may teach the single most important class in a student's high school or college career.

Georgia Southern University will honor the Georgia teacher or professor who sets the gold standard in composition-teaching excellence.

The 2007 Golden Award will be presented on Feb. 2 at the ninth annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference sponsored by the University's Department of Writing and Linguistics.

To qualify for the Golden Award, a teacher or professor must have at least five years of experience in composition; demonstrate specific techniques, approaches and qualities that make their instruction outstanding; and make a significant contribution to their school beyond the classroom. All nominations must be submitted online by Jan. 15.

Established in 2000, the Golden Award honors the memory of Dorothy Smith Golden, professor emerita of writing and linguistics at Georgia Southern.

Past recipients include Mary Ann Ellis (Appling County High School), Kathy Albertson (Georgia Southern University/Georgia Southern Writing Project), Daniel Edenfield (Bulloch County Performance Learning Center), Pat Fox (Armstrong Atlantic State University), Linda S. Williams (North Georgia College & State University) and Charlotte Crittenden (Georgia Southern University).

The Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference is a one-day event that brings together college writing professors and high school English teachers who want to help bridge the gap between high school and college. High school principals, media specialists and counselors are invited to participate in the conference as well.

People who make nominations for the Golden Award are encouraged to attend the conference along with the nominees. The award will be presented at the keynote luncheon.

To nominate someone for the Golden Award or to sign up for the conference, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ssfyc.html> . People can also register by calling Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center at (912) 681-5551. The registration fee is \$60.

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