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Monday, March 16, 2015

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**Georgia Southern Theater Production
Takes Top National Honor**

Georgia Southern's powerful production of David Mamet's play, "Race," has garnered national attention from The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

In January, "Race" was one of only four productions selected for performance at The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF), Region IV, held at the Albany Municipal Auditorium in Albany, Georgia, Feb. 3 – 7. The KCACTF chose "Race" from among more than 60 productions in Region IV, which includes colleges and universities from southern Virginia down to Florida, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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Barry Joyner Named Dean of College of Health and Human Sciences

The College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) at Georgia Southern University has announced the appointment of Barry Joyner, Ph.D., as dean, effective April 1, 2015. In that role, he will oversee the College's mission to provide comprehensive and innovative programs that promote health and quality of life for individuals, families and communities within a global society.

Prior to his appointment as dean, Joyner served as interim dean. He first came to Georgia Southern in 1992 as an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and to professor and chair of the Department of Health and Kinesiology in 2005.



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Byington Named Whack Hyder Georgia College Coach of the Year

Georgia Southern Men's Basketball Head Coach [Mark Byington](#) has been named this year's Whack Hyder Georgia College Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. Byington, in his second season at Georgia Southern led the Eagles to a 21–8 regular season and finished the year at Number 2 in the Sun Belt Conference Championship.

This award is presented annually to a college basketball coach in Georgia who achieves great success on the court.

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Georgia Southern Professor Recognized by SHAPE America

Because of her efforts to mentor students pursuing a degree in physical education, sport, kinesiology or exercise science, faculty member Bridget Melton, Ed.D., has been named Outstanding Mentor of the Year by the Society of Health And Physical Educators (SHAPE) of America.

SHAPE America presents this award annually in recognition of one higher education faculty member nationwide who serves as a mentor to students

pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in the aforementioned areas of study.

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A Colorful Evening at Holi Fest



Students enjoyed the colorful celebration of the inaugural Holi Festival on

campus last week. This "festival of colors" is a traditional holiday celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. [See more photos of the festival here »](#)

Eagle Dining offers Community Dining Plans



Eagle Dining Services will offer Community Dining Packages to the residents of the Statesboro community. These packages will provide the public with access to the campus residential dining facilities at a special entry price.

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University Online Programs Rank Top 10 in the Nation



BestColleges.com

Georgia Southern's online programs have been ranked nationally by BestColleges.com and placed in the top 10 in multiple categories.

Georgia Southern ranked No. 4 for "Best Online Colleges of 2015," and No. 9 for "Best Online Masters in Education Programs of 2015."

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Look for Georgia Southern in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade



For the sixth year in a row, Georgia Southern University will join the Irish community in Savannah for the 191st annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on Tuesday, March 17. We're excited to announce country music artist, Georgia Southern alumnus and Pooler, Georgia, native Jared Wade, will perform on this year's float. In addition, President Brooks Keel and First Lady Tammie Schalue will greet parade attendees from a car provided by Childre Chevrolet, and GUS, the Georgia Southern cheerleaders and Freedom will help keep the crowds excited. More than 300,000 people are expected to attend the parade this year, and we hope you'll be on the lookout whether you're joining us in Savannah or watching from home.



On Campus...

[Men's Basketball Visits Samuel J Green Charter School](#)

In the Media...

[GSU Mardi Gras: a Georgia Southern eagle turns 30](#) – Statesboro Herald

[Georgia Southern to Host 2015 Essentials of Fraud and Forensic Accounting](#)

[COE Faculty Awarded Seed Grants](#)

Spring Break Dining Hours

Monday to Friday, March 16 – 20

- Lakeside Dining Commons:
- Lunch: 10:30 am – 2 pm,
Dinner: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Dining Commons: Closed
- Starbucks, Chick-fil-a and Gus Mart: Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Union Deli in Gus Mart: Closed
- EDS Central Office: 8a.m. – 5p.m.

Saturday, March 21

- Dining Commons: 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

- Dining Commons: 8:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.

[Georgia Southern and UMass lock up home-and-home series in 2017 and 2018](#)

– WJCL

[Two local professors launch crowdfunding campaign for board game based on ancient Chinese trading map](#)

– Savannah Morning News

[Armstrong State University Hires Alumna Yolinda German As University Bursar](#)

– The Savannah Tribune

[Georgia Southern Hoops' Team Spreading Eagles Spirit in NOLA](#) – WSAV

[Holi Festival at GSU](#) – Studio Statesboro

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