American Foundry Society Chapter Established

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A new student chapter of the American Foundry Society (AFS) has been officially established under the leadership of Dr. Mingzhi Xu (faculty advisor) and Michael Windham (chapter President). The AFS Board of Directors approved Georgia Southern’s application on Aug. 15, making it the 40th college or university to host its own chapter. Student Chapter members further their metalcasting skills by networking with peers and professionals, manufacturing castings, conducting outreach, competing in casting competitions, and more.

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AFS Student Chapter Competes in Casting Competition

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The newly established student chapter of the American Foundry Society (AFS) competed in a Cast in Steel event held by the Steel Founders’ Society of American at CastExpo 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. Georgia Southern’s AFS chapter fielded two student teams for the competition. The purpose of the competition was to design, manufacture, and test a cast steel weapon of the competition judges’ choosing for 2019 – a Viking ax! Ben Abbot, a master bladesmith from the popular TV series Forged in Fire, rated the axes highly. The testing included chopping through a piece of steel sheet and cutting through a rope.
Georgia Southern University AFS Chapter with Ben Abbot from the TV Series Forged in Fire and Dr. Mingzhi Xu (faculty advisor). From left to right, Chandler Liggett, Michael Windham, Aubrey Harold, Trent Goodson, Ben Abbot, Michael Faulkner, Thomas Unkles, Will Lewis, Jexon Kresson, and Dr. Mingzhi Xu

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