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1. Green Zone lunch and learn scheduled for Thursday

The Military & Veteran Services Department is hosting a Lunch and Learn on Thursday to help faculty and staff understand and serve Georgia Southern's military-connected students. Lunch will be provided.

This Green Zone training will empower participants to support military-connected students, which comprise approximately 14% of our student population.

Attendees will learn about and develop the following:

- composition of the military-connected population at Georgia Southern University
- an understanding of military culture and experience
- obstacles these students face in higher education
- identify campus resources that are available

The event is Thursday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Russell Union Ballroom on the Statesboro Campus. [RSVPs are needed by noon on Wednesday](#).

2. Vaccine booster doses for qualifying individuals are available for scheduling

Based on guidance from the FDA and CDC, the following people who have completed their two-dose **Pfizer or Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine series at least months ago are currently eligible for booster doses:

- People 65 years and older
- People aged 18 to 64 with [certain underlying medical conditions](#) who are at high risk of severe COVID-19
- People aged 18 to 64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

If you feel like any of these situations may apply to you, booster doses are now available for scheduling in the MyGS portal. To schedule an appointment, go to the MyGS portal and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form" under the heading of "COVID-19 Information and Resources."

3. Norman Fries Lecture Series speaker presents Tuesday evening

The 21st annual Norman Fries Distinguished Lecture will feature Professor Lawrence W. Sherman, director for the Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing UK, on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the Nessmith Lane Conference Center on the Statesboro Campus.

Sherman is Wolfson Professor of Criminology Emeritus at the University of Cambridge, where he currently serves as director of the Cambridge Police Executive Programme and editor of the Cambridge Journal of Evidence-Based Policing. Since beginning his career as an analyst in the New York City Police Department, he has designed or led experiments in more than 50 police agencies on four continents, and trained more than 2,000 police leaders. A former president of the American Society of Criminology and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, he holds honorary degrees or medals from five universities and five learned societies. His research has focused on finding useful theories and effective policies for dealing with domestic violence, police corruption, gun crime, burglary, crime hot spots and harm spots, crime harm severity, police legitimacy, fatal shootings by police, crime victims, racial disparity in justice outcomes and other issues.

The title of his lecture is "Policing, Violence, and Mental Health: The Case of Domestic Homicide."

4. USG open enrollment runs through this week

The 2022 USG Open Enrollment ends on November 5, 2021!

Enroll today by clicking on the Manage My Benefits button at <https://oneusgconnect.usg.edu/>.

Remember, if you are enrolled in a USG healthcare plan, you must re-certify your tobacco user status and working spouse status during the USG Open Enrollment period. (Note: The working spouse surcharge does not apply to retirees.)

More information is also available on the [2022 USG Benefits Open Enrollment webpage](#). Complete your certifications and enrollment by November 5, 2021

5. Join TRiO Student Support Services for National First-Gen celebration week Nov. 2-8

TRiO Student Support Services will host several events to celebrate the accomplishments of faculty, staff, students and alumni who are among the first to graduate from college in their families. Events include a Blue Table Talk, networking reception and community service events.

[Click here](#) for full details about the week and how you can participate in the celebration virtually, in person and on social media.