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# Anderson Named Administrator of New Micro-Hospital

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Georgia Southern University alumnus Ben Anderson ('12) has been named the administrator/chief operating officer of the new micro-hospital being built by St. Joseph's/Candler Health System in Pooler, Georgia. The small-scale facility will offer a broad range of medical services to the community including primary, emergency room, outpatient and specialty care.

Anderson received his Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) degree from Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah. While obtaining his graduate degree, Anderson began his career with St. Joseph's/Candler (SJC) as an intern, then transitioned into data analytics learning the financial operations of the hospital. He served in several capacities with SJC before his appointment as administrator of the SJC Pooler Campus. As the lead executive of the new small-scale hospital, his duties include operational forecasting and planning, determining which service lines to incorporate, maintaining and promoting strategic partnerships, financial planning and building relationships in the community.

"It is an honor to have the opportunity to make a mark in this area and help patients gain access to quality care, closer to home," stated Anderson. "Paul Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler, trusts in my abilities to be the face of the micro-hospital and to be such a large part of it is rewarding in itself."

"Anderson is a strong advocate and supporter of our Master of Health Administration (MHA) program and has served as a guest speaker for professional seminars, an internship preceptor and currently serves as a member of the MHA Program Advisory Board," stated Joseph Crosby, Ph.D., professor of health sciences and MHA program coordinator for the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology in the Waters College of Health Professions. Anderson is an active member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and is currently working on his ACHE Fellow status.

The Master of Health Administration program, previously known as the MHSA, at Georgia Southern University prepares a highly qualified, diverse group of students for increasingly responsible leadership roles in health administration across the continuum of the health industry. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. Visit <http://chp.georgiasouthern.edu/hk/graduate/master-of-health-administration/> for more information.

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