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### **Herty Building on Statesboro Campus fully reopens today**

All floors are open again in the Herty Building on the Statesboro Campus as of today. Repairs from last week's small fire and water damage are not 100% complete, but the area is now safe to enter and all AV and computer equipment appears to be in working order.

### **That Great Gretsch Sound! Museum opening set for Nov. 18**

A ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration is planned on Thursday, Nov. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. for the new That Great Gretsch Sound! museum at Plant Riverside in downtown Savannah

That Great Gretsch Sound! is an interactive museum presented through a special partnership between the Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music at Georgia Southern University and The Kessler Collection. This permanent display of music memorabilia, highlighting 135 years of Gretsch instruments, will be featured in District Live's lobby and performance space.

The celebration will include speakers, the Southern Pride Marching Band, live performances by ensembles from the Fred and Dinah Gretsch School of Music at Georgia Southern University and an appearance by Freedom (Georgia Southern's bald eagle).

[Find out more at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/gretsch-museum.](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/gretsch-museum)

### **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 6 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 "COVID-19 Information and Resources" tab

## **Nominations for the 2021-2022 University Awards of Excellence are now open!**

The University Awards of Excellence for Faculty and Staff are designed to identify and reward individuals who make outstanding contributions to the success of Georgia Southern University. Through this awards process, Georgia Southern will recognize individuals who demonstrate excellence in performance and contributions to one area of the University's pillars and values. Each recipient, excluding the team award winners, will receive a \$1,000 professional development funding along with a medallion.

A total of 27 awards may be given annually: 12 Strategic Pillar Awards (one faculty, one staff), 12 Institutional Values Awards (one faculty, one staff), two Leadership Awards (one faculty, one staff) and one Team Award.

Nomination for the awards is a simple process. Nominate a deserving faculty and/or staff member [HERE](#). The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. on Nov. 15. Completed applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

All questions regarding the process should be directed to [gsawards@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gsawards@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **TAP application deadline for spring is Nov. 15**

As part of its desire to meet its employees' evolving needs, the University System of Georgia (USG) has established an educational assistance program, the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). The purpose of TAP is to foster the professional growth and development of its eligible employees.

An employee may seek approval to enroll in up to nine (9) academic semester credit hours for each of the three designated semester periods: Fall Semester, Spring Semester and Summer Semester (includes Maymester).

For the Spring 2022 semester, the TAP deadline is Nov. 15. If you are staff, please submit your TAP application to Human Resources at [hrservice@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:hrservice@georgiasouthern.edu). Faculty should submit TAP applications to the Office of the Provost at [tsmith@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tsmith@georgiasouthern.edu). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on the day of the application deadline.

[Find out more at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/tap](https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/tap)