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Mock Mediation Club Wins at Georgia State Symposium

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A Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Team brought home 3 awards from the Georgia State Conflict Resolution Symposium October 24-25, including 2 awards for 1st place advocate and client teams, and a 3rd place peacemaker award. More than half of the competition team had not competed in a competition before, so winning top awards at this competition illustrates the tremendous success of the Mock Mediation Club in training its members in conflict resolution skills. Dr. Laura Agnich is the faculty advisor for the club. Posted in Uncategorized
Dr. Adam Bossler, the university’s cybercrime expert, was featured in a university news report on October 27. He provided tips to prevent hacking and cybercrime victimization in honor of October being National Cyber Security Awareness Month. In response to a question about daily activities that can prevent hackers from accessing personal information, Bossler says, “Protect your personal passwords, private photos and personal identifiable information (PII). With the recent celebrity attacks, don’t take private photos that you wouldn’t want shared. Even though a user may delete the photos, hackers are still able to access them on other servers or in the cloud. In addition, carefully monitor your credit card and bank statements. If you see fraudulent charges, contact the credit card company to immediately resolve them. Never wait.”

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Mediation Club Places 2nd at International Competition

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The Mock Mediation Club, which was started on campus last year has already won over 30 different awards at regional, national, and international competitions. The International Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament, held at Brenau University November 6-8, brought together 40 undergraduate teams with 120 competitors. Georgia Southern was represented by Dylan John, Jonathan Quintyne, Tashai Gilman, Jessica Shanken, Giselle Devot, Alec Bunkley, Christopher Hamb, Suhaniya Aumbhagavan and club advisor Dr. Laura Agnich.

The Club placed 2nd overall for collaborative advocacy and has earned the team a special invitation to compete at the International Law School Mediation Tournament in February 2015.

Georgia Southern University brought back the following awards:

- 2nd Place Collaborative Advocacy Team – Jonathan Quintyne, Tashai Gilman, Dylan John
- 9th Place Mediation Team – Jessica Shanken, Giselle Devot, Alec Bunkley
- Mediation Category Semi-Finalist award – Jonathan Quintyne, Tashai Gilman, Dylan John
- Case Ellis Peace Maker Award – Georgia Southern (Suhaniya) & Kennesaw University
MASS Graduate StudentSuccessfully Defends Thesis

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Melanie Hart, second-year student in the Master of Arts in Social Sciences program with a concentration in Criminal Justice and Criminology successfully defended her thesis, “Mass School Shootings: Predicting the Usage of Firearms in Acts of School Violence,” on November 12. Her committee, Drs. Laura Agnich (chair), Christina Policastro, and Bryan Miller, found her research to be timely and her findings unique. In particular, Ms. Hart found that white perpetrators are more likely to use firearms in cases of school mass violence, and perpetrators that target schools in rural areas are less likely to use firearms compared to those in urban areas.

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