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1. Georgia Southern officially opens tribute to Armstrong athletics Friday

Georgia Southern University has built a new home to celebrate the athletic successes of Armstrong State University. The Armstrong Hall of Champions will be formally unveiled in a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m. on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah. The public is invited.

The facility will serve as the permanent host for the Armstrong Athletic Hall of Fame, championship trophies and banners honoring the legacy of Pirate athletics. It is located in the front lobby of Georgia Southern's Armstrong Recreation Center, which was built in 1995 as the Armstrong Sports Center and once served as the home of Armstrong State men's and women's basketball and housed the Armstrong Athletics offices.

2. Junior Achievement Discovery Center grand opening also set for Friday on Armstrong Campus

The JA Colonial Group Discovery Center of Savannah will host a grand opening on Friday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah. The public is invited.

JA Discovery Centers blend key components of education to create state-of-the-art learning facilities where students apply concepts they learn in the classroom in a 360-degree authentic and immersive experience. Upon arrival students become a part of a simulated version of their hometown within the JA BizTown and JA Finance Park programs. Students work alongside their peers and adult volunteers as they develop a greater understanding of financial concepts, build 21st century skills, and foster their entrepreneurial spirit.

The Savannah center is the first to be developed on a university campus and the first to utilize college students as instructors. It will employ about 45 Georgia Southern students as interns and instructors. The center is built in the space formerly used as the Student Recreation Center.

3. Vaccine shots and boosters are available on campus

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots continue to be available on campus, and walk-ups can be accommodated. Boosters are available to anyone 12 years of age or older. Individuals can receive a booster dose if it has been at least 2 months after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or at least 5 months after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Shots are currently available in Statesboro campus Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Health Services, which is at 984 Plant Drive, across from the Performing Arts Center. Shots are available on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah on Wednesdays on the first floor of the Health Professions Academic Building. Appointments can also be scheduled via the MyGS portal by clicking on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form" under the "COVID-19 Information and Resources" tab.

4. Spring 2022 commencement dates finalized

The dates and times have been set for the Spring 2022 Commencement ceremonies. Once again, all candidates have the option to choose the location where they would like to graduate.

The schedule below allows the University to provide the fewest number of ceremonies, while still allowing for a sufficient number of candidates and guests for each ceremony and providing room for social distancing protocols to be implemented if needed.

Spring 2022 Ceremony Schedule:

- Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10 a.m. – Paulson Stadium in Statesboro
- Tuesday, May 10 at 10 a.m. – Paulson Stadium in Statesboro
- Wednesday, May 11 at 10 a.m. – Paulson Stadium in Statesboro
- Friday, May 13 at 10 a.m. – Savannah Convention Center on Hutchinson Island
- Friday, May 13 at 3 p.m. – Savannah Convention Center on Hutchinson Island

Check the [commencement website](#) for more details and updates.

5. COVID-19 testing available on campus

Georgia Southern has partnered with Mako Medical to offer both the COVID-19 PCR test and the COVID-19 rapid antigen test on the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses for GS faculty, staff and students.

Testing is provided Monday through Friday (9 a.m.-noon; 12:30-4 p.m.) at no cost. On the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, the testing site is located at the Armstrong Center. On the Statesboro Campus, the testing site is located at the Forest Drive Classroom Building.

Appointments will not be scheduled. While walk-ups will be accepted, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. You can pre-register via the COVID-19 testing link on your MyGeorgiaSouthern portal. Once you have pre-registered, you can go to the COVID-19 testing site at your convenience; the system will not generate an appointment for you or send you a reminder email.

Testing in the health centers on both the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses remains available for students who have been evaluated by a campus health services medical provider. Students who desire an evaluation by a campus medical provider can schedule an appointment via their online health portal. For more information, see an online FAQ at <https://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/2021/08/31/covid-testing-information/>.