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# Southern Educator

*Reflective Educators for Diverse Learners*

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## Upcoming Events



### October 16

Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty (*revised from Oct. 9 due to Hurricane Irma*)

[More Information](#)

### October 17

"Code Hour" hosted by the Innovation Studio  
COE 3157 | 10 - 11am

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### October 23

Dr. Bettina Love presents  
*GET FREE: Creativity, Hip Hop Civics Ed, Intersectionality & Joy*  
Russell Union Ballroom | 6pm

[More Information](#)

### October 24

Eagle QuaRC's Speed Networking Meetup | 3:30pm

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November 18

## COE alumnus commands Georgia Army National Guard



The Georgia Army National Guard is made up of more than 11,000 citizen-soldiers who train in more than 79 hometown armories and regional facilities across the state. They not only respond to

disturbances and natural disasters in Georgia--such as the recent Hurricane Irma--but they also fight alongside our nation's military on battlefields around the world.

And when the Guard deploys its soldiers to fields both international and domestic, it's a Georgia Southern University College of Education alumnus who now leads them.

On Sept. 15, Gov. Nathan Deal appointed **Col. Randall Simmons ('95)** to the position of Assistant Adjutant General-Army and Commander of the Georgia Army National Guard. In this role, he is responsible for making sure all Army Guard units are always ready, and always there when needed.

>>> [Read full story.](#)

## New inclusive post-secondary education

COE Alumni Tailgate  
11 - 1:30pm  
[More Information & RSVP](#)

Teacher Appreciation Football  
Game | Eagles vs. S. Alabama  
Kickoff is scheduled for 3pm.  
[More Information](#)

**November 20-24**

Thanksgiving Holidays  
for students (no classes)

**November 23-24**

University Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holidays

**November 26**

Application Deadline for  
2017-18 COE Faculty  
Research Support Awards  
[More Information](#)

**December 7**

Last Day of Classes (*revised from  
Dec. 1 due to Hurricane Irma*)

[See COE Event Calendar](#)

## Georgia Southern COE Employment Opportunities

The College of Education at Georgia Southern University does not currently have open faculty positions. Check the link below for updates on when positions become available.

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## Secondary education program at Georgia Southern takes flight



**INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY  
EDUCATION**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

This fall, EAGLE Academy welcomed its first two students as fully enrolled Georgia Southern University undergraduates. An inclusive post-secondary education (IPSE) program, the Academy offers Equal Access to Gainful Learning and Employment (EAGLE) for those with mild intellectual disabilities.

What started as a 'aha' moment in spring 2013, grew from a dream to a passion and now reality for the College of Education's Shelley Woodward, special education instructor and founding executive director for the Academy.

>>> [Read full story.](#)

## Teacher appreciation football game to take place November 18

*College of Ed to host alumni tailgate*



On Saturday, November 18, the College of Education is partnering with Synovus and Georgia Southern Athletics to host a teacher appreciation football game !

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Forward  
to a Friend

The last home game of the season, the Eagles will take on South Alabama at 3 p.m.

As a part of this event, discounted tickets will be on sale for any teacher and educational professional by entering the promotional code "HeresToTeachers" when purchasing tickets on GSEagles.com . Using the code, educators can choose to buy a \$17-20 ticket in sections OO, PP, F and B at a 50% discount.

College of Education Dean Thomas Koballa, Ph.D., said he is excited to see teachers come together in one space and be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

>>> [Read full story.](#)

## Counselor education program hosts multi-agency suicide prevention summit

*COE graduate students participate*



On September 7, 2017 Georgia Southern University's counselor education program hosted the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) 2017 Suicide Prevention Summit.

The summit, titled "Understanding Data and Prevention Strategies for Addressing Suicide Deaths Among Children Ages 10-17," is a multi-agency collaboration bringing together the GaDOE, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Child Fatality Review Board and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

>>> [Read full story.](#)

## Additional Headlines



**Georgia Southern hosts record numbers at FGE Day**  
*Georgia high school students learn about teaching profession*



**COE dean and faculty participate in Georgia Pre-K Week**  
*Dean Koballa, Melton and Grant-Culver read to local Pre-K classes*



**Educators gather for first EduMakers Unconference**  
*Akcaoglu and Hodges say future development events are in the works*



**Georgia Southern revises academic semester due to Hurricane Irma**  
*Please note changes to withdraw date and last day of classes*



**Innovation Studio now has 'open hours'**  
*Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to stop by and explore*



**National Youth at Risk West Conference quickly approaching**  
*Conference to be held October 26-28 in San Antonio, TX*

## Faculty Updates

**Greg Chamblee, Ph.D.**, professor in the Dept. of Teaching and Learning, completed a six-year term on the **Georgia Professional Standards Commission** (GaPSC) Evaluation Review Board (ERB) at the end of August. Members of the Evaluation Review Panel review Site Visitor Reports and Progress Reports as a result of Areas for Improvement or Stipulations cited during an approval review. The ERP members make critical approval recommendations to members of the Commission. The recommendations of the Panel are a major consideration in approval decisions made by Commissioners. ERP members are all trained GaPSC Site Visitors. GaPSC Education Specialist Paquita Morgan explained that "the terms of ERP members are for only two years, but because of Chamblee's exceptional service and knowledge, we continued to reappoint him so as to retain his membership on the Panel."

**Chuck Hodges, Ph.D.**, associate professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, was recognized as the **National University Technology Network**'s (NUTN) 2017 Research & Scholarship Award recipient for the article "**Using Google Tools for Online Coursework: Student Perceptions**" published in 2016 in the peer-reviewed journal, IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing. Hodges wrote the paper along with College of Education alumna Rachel Harris ('16). Hodges will receive his award at the NUTN Network Conference, Oct. 11-12. *Read the complete story about Hodges' award in next month's newsletter.*

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
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*Retired nursing educator is passionate about Georgia Southern*



Gene Fulcher poses with University mascot GUS.

**Eugenia "Genie"**

**Fulcher ('94,'99)** is a member of the inaugural doctoral cohort for the College of Education's Ed.D. in Curriculum Studies. A retired educator, Fulcher has taught in nursing schools in both technical and adult education fields of nursing and medical assisting. She began her professional career as a registered nurse, earning her bachelor's in nursing from Emory University School of Nursing. After a successful nursing career, Fulcher attended Georgia Southern to earn a master's in

adult and technical education and a doctorate in curriculum studies. Over the past 20 years, Fulcher has served as an accreditation surveyor in the field of medical assisting and has served as national chairman of the Medical Assisting Educational Review Board. During her teaching career at Swainsboro Technical College, she was selected twice for the President's Award of Excellence in Instruction.

An avid supporter of Georgia Southern University and Eagle football, Fulcher and her late husband Bobby, have been long-time supporters of the University and athletics for nearly two decades. Along with her financial commitment to the University, Fulcher has been active by hosting events in Burke County for College of Education alumni and serving in many capacities on the COE Advisory Board.

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