Georgia Southern’s online programs recognized for excellence in latest rankings by U.S. News & World Report

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In rankings released for the best online programs among colleges and universities across the country, U.S. News & World Report has again ranked Georgia Southern University’s online programs as among the best for 2016.
Four online University programs were ranked in the top 50 of their respected list, including online graduate information technology program, online Master’s of Business Administration (MBA) program, online graduate business programs (non-MBA) and online nursing program.

The online MBA at Georgia Southern tied with James Madison University and Kennesaw State University for 28th out of nearly 200 ranked programs on the list of 2016 Best Online MBA Programs.

Additionally, the University’s online graduate business programs (non-MBA) tied for 33rd with Georgia College, a fellow University System of Georgia school, out of more than 100 schools included in the ranked list. The 2016 Best Online Graduate Business Programs rankings assesses master’s-level business degree programs that are not MBA programs. Examples of non-MBA graduate business programs include degrees in accounting, finance, insurance, marketing and management.

Georgia Southern’s graduate information technology program tied with Florida State University for the 21st spot on the list of 2016 Best Online Graduate Information Technology Programs.

The University’s online graduate education program placed 73rd with four other schools out of more than 200 schools nationwide.

For online nursing programs, the University was ranked 49th of more than 100 ranked schools, sharing the rank with Loyola University New Orleans, Nova Southeastern University, University of Massachusetts Amherst and University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Georgia Southern and five other schools tied for the 114th spot out of more than 200 schools across the country for the 2016 Best Online Bachelor’s Programs. Because U.S. News considers students enrolled in these ranked programs likely to be working professionals in their 20s to 40s looking to advance in or change their careers and not first-time college students, the factors used to make comparisons between programs were not measures like high school class rank or standardized test scores. Instead, U.S. News chose factors that weigh how these programs are being delivered and their effectiveness at awarding affordable degrees in a reasonable amount of time.

U.S. News publishes numerical ranks for only the top three-fourths of each ranking category. U.S. News selects factors to assess each program in the categories of student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology.
Terry Pendleton to Speak at Annual Evening with the All-Stars Banquet

*Event will be held at Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on Feb. 11*

**STATESBORO, GA.** – The 1991 National League MVP Terry Pendleton will be the featured speaker at the Annual Evening with the All-Stars banquet on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on the campus of Georgia Southern University. The event, which features both a silent and live auction, is hosted by the Dugout Club with proceeds benefiting the Georgia Southern Baseball program.

Tickets for the banquet are $75 for adults and $50 for children 17 and under, and includes an opportunity to talk with Georgia Southern Baseball student-athletes.

For large groups, companies or those wanting the ultimate banquet experience, corporate tables are
available for $800. A corporate table seats eight and includes two passes to a private pre-dinner meet and greet with Pendleton, an autographed baseball and an autographed bat.

Pendleton played 15 seasons in the major leagues including five as a member of the Atlanta Braves. After making his debut in 1984 for the St. Louis Cardinals, he was granted free agency after the 1990 season and signed with the Braves. In 1991 he was named National League (NL) MVP with a career year at third base.

He was named to his only All-Star Team in 1992 and started the game, batting fifth and playing third base for Bobby Cox's NL team. Ultimately his career included stints with the Marlins, Reds and Royals before he retired in 1998. 2002 marked Pendleton's first season with the Braves as the team's hitting coach, a role he stayed in through the 2010 campaign. He now serves as first base coach for the Braves under manager Fredi Gonzalez.

A silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m. and runs through dinner service at 7:30 p.m. with the program following after the meal.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation at 1-800-GSU-WINS.

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSAthletics, twitter.com/GSAthletics, iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA. Fans can purchase tickets to Georgia Southern Athletics events by visiting GSEagles.com/Tickets.
Georgia Southern to host Dr. Steve Perry for annual MLK Celebration

DECEMBER 2, 2015

Georgia Southern will welcome Dr. Steve Perry, founder and principal of Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut, to campus for the University’s 2016 MLK Celebration on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 847 Plant Drive, Statesboro.

Perry was featured in CNN’s Black in America series, and is the most talked about, innovative educator on the scene today. As the principal of Capital Prep, Perry has seen 100 percent of the predominantly low-income, minority, first generation high school graduates go on to attend four-year colleges every year since its first class graduated in 2006.

Born into his family’s third generation of poverty on his mother’s 16th birthday, Perry believes that the success of a life is determined by where you end, not where you start. It is this philosophy that
inspired him to transform the lives of poor and minority children by providing them with access to a college education.

“We are so excited to bring Dr. Perry, who is a passionate, hardworking and dedicated advocate for social justice through education, to be our 2016 MLK Jr. speaker,” said Dorsey Baldwin, director of Georgia Southern’s Multicultural Student Center. “Dr. Perry’s commitment to improving the lives of young people is truly admirable.”

In addition to serving as the principal of Capital Prep, Perry is an education contributor for CNN and MSNBC, an Essence Magazine columnist, best-selling author and host of the No. 1 docudrama for TVONE, “Save My Son.”

Perry also is a strong advocate of personal and civic responsibility in all aspects of life. He emphasizes the social issues that aim at building up both the individual and the community so the next generation can be better contributing members of society.

“The commitment to education for all is a vibrant and living testimony to Dr. King’s legacy of striving for equality for all,” said Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson, Ph.D. "We are pleased to have him to share his passion for social justice through education with our students.”

The annual celebration to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and the University’s Multicultural Student Center. Visit www.DrStevePerry.org.

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Faculty Spotlight: Axel Grossmann

JANUARY 19, 2016

This installment of Faculty Spotlight features Axel Grossmann, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Finance and Economics. Grossmann says that his students’ success is his greatest asset, and he chose Georgia Southern because it allowed him to balance teaching students with pursuing research.
“Live from Nashville” takes the stage at the Performing Arts Center on Jan. 30

JANUARY 15, 2016

Georgia Southern University’s Performing Arts Center (PAC) goes country with “Live from Nashville,” an evening of country music and fun, on Jan. 30. A wildly popular and critically acclaimed performance, ”Live from Nashville“ treats guests to an exciting song and dance spectacle celebrating the musical tradition that gave Nashville the nickname “Music City.”

Twelve talented musicians, singers and dancers take the audience on a two-stepping tour of the famous city’s country music scene with phenomenal fiddling, fancy footwork and top-flight vocals. Featuring treasured standards by artists including Jimmy Rodgers, Hank Williams and Johnny Cash, rock-country classics from The Eagles and The Allman Brothers, and new hits by modern artists Jason Aldean, Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift, this rollicking night of tunes has something for audiences of all ages.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a Country Cake Walk. All audience members are invited to join in on the fun. A cowboy boot-shaped cake, custom swag and other prizes will be awarded to the winner. Directly following, there will also be a Best Boots contest for all audience members. The winner will be the patron with the best, flashiest or most interesting pair of boots. Prizes up for grabs for this contest include tickets to the PAC, custom swag and more. The selfie station will record all the boot-scootin’ fun.
Following these pre-show social events, cast members will take the stage in the theater at 7:30 p.m. With performers fully costumed and choreographed in the Music City tradition, the production is a full-scale dazzling event that leaves toes tapping, adrenaline pumping and memories churning.

Tickets are $24 for patrons, $21 for Georgia Southern faculty and staff, $10 for Georgia Southern students and $12 for youth. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the PAC website at www.georgiasouthern.edu/pac, call the PAC Box Office at 912.478.7999 or visit in person at 847 Plant Drive (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one hour prior to the show), or visit the PAC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GSUPerformingArtsCenter and click the “buy tickets” app. For more information please email pac@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Georgia Southern Theatre & Performance Presents International Performer Bill Bowers in his Award Winning Production “It Goes Without Saying”

JANUARY 4, 2016

STATESBORO, Ga. — The Theatre & Performance program with the help of a CLEC grant brings Broadway star and professional mime Bill Bowers to Georgia Southern University for a special performance of his one man show “It Goes Without Saying” on Saturday, Jan. 23. The performance will be in the Black Box Theatre at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are $3.00 for all.

Join us for this fun and unflinching look at the life and mimes of Bill Bowers. “It Goes Without Saying” takes the audience on a scenic tour of Bill’s life thus far: from growing up gay in the wilds of Montana, his outrageous jobs as a performer, studying with Marcel Marceau, and the whirlwind of working on Broadway. Bill observes the incredible power that silence can wield — whether on stage, between family members, among neighbors, or when we are alone. Bill talks (yes, talks) with sensitivity, precision, and constant humor about a life lived out loud.

Contact the box office for information at 912-478-5379 for reservations.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student’s core of knowledge. CLASS, also described as the University’s College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations and the world. CLASS offers more than 20 undergraduate degrees and several interdisciplinary minors from its 11 departments and five academic centers. CLASS offers eight master’s degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree. For more information, visit class.georgiasouthern.edu.

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Alumnae Artists Return to Statesboro to Showcase Works

JANUARY 8, 2016

STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern University’s Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art presents Structural Findings Jan. 11 to Feb. 12 on-campus in the University Gallery of the Center for Art & Theatre. The exhibition includes an artist lecture Thursday, February 11 at 5 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building, room 2071, followed immediately by an artist reception in the gallery. The events are free, and the public is welcome.

Structural Findings features work from Georgia Southern University alumnae Jean Gray Mohs and Lois Harvey. It is a collection of mixed media work and ceramic sculptures that explore the idea of structures, in material and in concept. The exhibition examines the new routines, patterns and relationships that materialize after a pivotal shift in one’s life and offers a tangible representation of how changes in one’s perspective determines his or her perception of the world.

“These artworks attempt to capture and reconcile the transformations that shifted in my role within society after becoming a mother,” Mohs wrote. “The works represent two intersecting and overlapping planes of disharmonic, ethereal space within the framework of an architectural place. The precise use of material and movement is meant to pair a confined isolated space within a more
expansive atmospheric place. The resulting architectural landscapes depict a richly layered composition that invites the viewer to look within.”

Harvey uses her ceramic sculptures to translate an intangible physiological experience with the inherently tangible material of clay. She develops three-dimensional drawings using clay as her vocabulary to describe psychological structures we build to contain, store, and recall the memories, experiences, and interactions that make life meaningful. Harvey writes “This past year I transitioned into a new community after moving from Georgia to Philadelphia. This work represents my desire to understand and record how the structures of my relationships and identity have changed through this life experience.”

Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher says, “We are excited to present the work of two such accomplished Georgia Southern alumnae. While their works are compelling individually, when teamed together they highlight and articulate one another very interestingly, creating a dialogue between ways of mark-making in both two and three dimensions.”

Mohs received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2002 and a Masters of Art in Teaching in 2008 and currently is an active artist residing in North Carolina. Her work has been seen in Southern Living, Traditional Home and has been shown around the world. She recently released her first illustrated children’s book, Mamalu’s Secrets, which can be found at amazon.com.

Lois Harvey is from Statesboro, Georgia and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ceramics from Georgia Southern University in 2014. Her work has been exhibited nationally, and she has been an artist in residence at the Hambidge Center for Art. She lives and makes work in Philadelphia and is on the staff of The Clay Studio, a non-profit ceramic arts education institution.

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