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Georgia Southern University Student Leading on a National Level

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Enhancing the academic, professional, personal, and social development of Blacks in Higher Education

The National Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA) is pleased to announce the election of Counselor Education Ed.S. graduate student John Nwosu as National Immediate Past President at the organization's 28th National Conference in Houston, TX on March 19, 2016. John will help NBGSA enhance the academic, professional, personal, and social development of Blacks in Higher Education as the organization works to increase effective recruitment, progression, graduation, and achievement for all students who identify as Black at institutions across the nation.

As a student-run and operated, non-profit, interdisciplinary organization we strive to build upon the legacy of our founders who planned and hosted our first national conference in 1989 to provide an opportunity for Black graduate students to develop professionally. The first conference also serve as a forum for future researchers and academic professionals. Today NBGSA still aims to provide current and potential graduate students with critical resources that enrich their academic, personal, professional, and social experience.

This year the National Black Graduate Student Conference (NBGSC) welcomed attendees from around the world. The NBGSC created opportunities for students, advocates, and professionals to connect, engage, develop, and provide support for one another. NBGSA also provided exceptional students with awards and service-based scholarships. In addition, the Graduate School and Career Fair offered attendees opportunities to network with recruiters and employers from across the nation. Attendees also participated in amazing personal, academic, and professional development opportunities in the form of engaging keynote, panel, and workshop presenters.

"As students who have been entrusted with the honor and responsibility of leading our organization, we aim to create spaces where Black students, with shared experiences from different backgrounds, are able to connect, engage, develop, and find support in safe, affirming communities," said President Nwosu. The 2016-17 Leadership Team is already working to move forward the vision and mission of NBGSA. The Team will be meeting June 23-26 in Washington, D.C. for its Leadership Transition Meeting where Mr. Nwosu will be officially installed as an officer for the organization. Please support your student leader as they endeavor to help current Black graduate and professional students complete their degrees, encourage undergraduates of African descent to pursue graduate studies, and contribute to a network of scholars who are dedicated to serving the larger Black community.

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