In the 40 Under 40 Class of 2018, 12 alumni hail from the College of Business. On Friday, September 28, all members from the Class of 2018 40 Under 40 were invited to campus for lunch to be recognized for their accomplishments. Following lunch, the College of Business hosted its alumni, along with approximately 30 business students to network and discuss building a legacy as a young professional.

As part of the College of Business’s “Young & Soaring: Building a Legacy Before 40” event, a select group of current student leaders were invited to sit down with the College’s honorees from the 40 Under 40 Class of 2018. These 30 students and nine alumni were divided into small groups for chat sessions that allowed for an easy and interactive exchange of ideas, moderated by current faculty. In this intimate setting, students were able to hear directly from young alumni about a wide range of topics and receive advice they can use to chart their own path to success. Students and alumni had an open conversation during the course of these sessions where they discussed the meaning of success and how it is achieved, ways to maintain a healthy work/life balance, and how to get involved in the community as a working professional. These chats provided student leaders with the knowledge that building a legacy requires giving back, teamwork, and support from family and friends. By the end of the event, students were able to recognize that their current activities are creating a framework for future accomplishments, but that, ultimately, true success is not an individual endeavor but is a personal process and can be measured in many ways.

College of Business 40 Under 40 Class of 2018:

Jeffrey Bush, ECON, ’13, Chief Operating Officer, Parker’s, Savannah
Katie Childers, MBA, ’11, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of Governor Nathan Deal, Atlanta
Matt Donaldson, FINC, ’13, Assistant Vice President, Controller, Durden Banking Company, Twin City
Robert Goolsby, MBA, ’13, Vice President, Professional Services, Fiserv, Alpharetta
Dean Hudson, LOGT, ’06; MBA, ’11, Regional Business Manager, J.B. Hunt Transport, Atlanta
Wayne Murphy, MGMT, ’04, Branch Manager, Queensborough Bank & Trust, Savannah
Paul Newman, MKTG, ’05, Owner/Broker, Statesboro Real Estate, Statesboro
Wesley Olliff, MGMT, ’07, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lending, Colony Bank, Savannah
Kutina Ruhumbika, MKTG, ’02, Vice President of People, Barteca Restaurant Group, New York, New York
David Schott, MBA, ’16, Chief Operating Officer, South Georgia Medical Center, Valdosta
Erica Sellers, MGMT, ’04; MBA, ’12, Director of Marketing and Sales, Morris Multimedia, Statesboro Magazine, Statesboro
Curtis Williams, IS, ’09, Owner, HHE Enterprise, Curtis J. & Associates, Smyrna

Georgia Southern officially announced the 40 Under 40 Class of 2018 earlier in the fall semester. Out of 120,000 living University alumni, more than 50,000 are under the age of 40. This award honors those University alumni who are paving the way in business, leadership, community, educational and philanthropic ventures.

Not only do the honorees represent exceptionally talented young alumni, but they also embody the core values of Georgia Southern. The College was well represented, again, in the 40 Under 40. Congratulations to all of our College’s 40 Under 40 recipients!