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Messages from the Provost

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A Message from the Provost

With 2024 and the spring semester barely in full swing, we’ve already proven once again how capable we are at adapting and overcoming. I’m grateful that our switch to remote learning was seamless and successful during the recent winter storms, and I hope the impact, if any, was minimal to our students, faculty and staff. Now that we’ve more than proven ourselves with that theme, let’s switch to a new one.

The motto for this year is evaluate and elevate.

Our institution witnessed many positives in the 2023 year. We have two newly SACSCOC-approved Ph.D. programs. The Office of Career and Professional Development demonstrated success at transitioning students into productive members of the workforce. The University Libraries won the Award for Archival Program Development by State Agency or Institution by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council.

Over 200 Faculty and University leaders spent Friday, Jan. 5 at the Faculty Center’s spring professional development day. The theme for the faculty session was: Motivating Student Success in A New Era of Distraction. Faculty spent the day with Dr. Jose Antonio Bowen, author, faculty member, dean and college president exploring how relationships, resilience and reflection play a role in student success through Engagement, Optimism and Agency: I Care, I Can, and I Matter. Dr. Bowen wrapped the day up with a discussion on how AI is changing working and thinking and the impact on teaching and learning. In the special session for university leaders, Leading Change, Dr. Bowen led an exploration of how leaders can motivate and influence to cultivate a culture that encourages trust, risk-taking, innovation, collaboration and ultimately change, providing leaders with insight and tools to drive positive transformation. Methods on using AI for student success, productivity, and institutional growth were shared in both sessions.

We have so many strengths that need to be advertised to our external stakeholders. Moving forward, let's commit to an evaluation of our strengths – both as a program and on an individual
level – and find ways to elevate them so we can highlight how we are soaring above the competition.

Welcome to the spring 2024 semester. Let us soar together.

News

Office of Career and Professional Development Announces Career Showcase Week

Georgia Southern’s Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) is launching its first Career Showcase Week beginning Monday, Feb. 19.

Read about it here.

Nandi Marshall named the 2024 American Public Health Association's Executive Board Chair

Georgia Southern University's Nandi Marshall, DrPH, has been named the 2024 American Public Health Association's Executive Board Chair.

Read the full article.
Upcoming Events

**February**

**12**  
Conversations with the Provost  
Statesboro Campus, Room TBD, 4pm - 5pm

**March**

**3**  
Submissions deadline for the GS4 Student Scholars Symposium  
Submit via [Google Form](https://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program) by 11:59 p.m.

**March**

**19**  
Conversations with the Provost  
Armstrong Campus, Room TBD, 4pm - 5pm
New Documentaries
Building a Pedagogy of Student Engagement & Success through Documentaries

**Pasang: In The Shadow of Everest**
In the Shadow of Everest chronicles Pasang Lhamu Sherpa’s tragic and inspiring journey to become the first Nepali woman to summit Everest in 1993.

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**Give and Take**
An inside look at the community fridge movement in New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic

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**Earth Water Woman**
A Rastafarian woman in the Caribbean sparks an environmental movement

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