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First-ever EAGLE Academy student defies odds, graduates with Eagle Nation at Paulson Stadium



During Georgia Southern University's Spring 2019 Commencement, held at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro, Georgia, **Kasey Hayes** not only became the first student to successfully complete the university's EAGLE Academy program and participate in commencement alongside Eagle Nation graduates, but she also overcame a lifetime of adversity.

"I was very emotional at graduation," said Hayes. "I was picked on in high school and middle school. People would put me down. They told me I wouldn't be able to make it in college or that I wouldn't even be able to go to college."

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**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
NEWS & HAPPENINGS**





COE faculty member co-authors paper, wins national & state awards

Georgia Southern University College of Education faculty member **Aslihan Unal, Ph.D.**, now holds two awards as co-author of the publication, "An examination of K-12 Teachers' Assessment Beliefs and Practices in Relation to Years of Teaching Experience."

Recently, Unal's work was recognized by the American Educational Research Association as a top research paper for the year. Prior to that, she was named the recipient of the Distinguished Paper Award during the Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) state conference.

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Barrow and McBrayer awarded research assistants for 2019-2020

Georgia Southern University College of Education hosted a competition in spring to award two faculty members research assistants for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The College recently announced the winners of the competition as **Elizabeth "Betsy" Barrow, Ed.D.** (left), assistant professor in the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, and **Juliann Sergi McBrayer, Ed.D.** (right), assistant professor in the Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development.

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COE names four research symposium



2019 COE award winners recognized at

award recipients

Awards were given for best graduate and undergraduate presentations on both the Armstrong and Statesboro Campuses. Award recipients included: **Allison Gladin** , **Robyn Dailey** , **John Banter** and **Jennifer Syno** .

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college ceremony

Eight graduating College of Education (COE) undergraduate students received a special acknowledgement during the spring 2019 College commencement ceremony held Friday, May 10 at the Savannah Convention Center.

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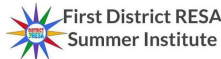
Other Headlines



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[Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative kicks off today](#)
Collaborative to take place 12th-14th in Savannah



[Scenes from First District RESA's Summer Google Institute](#)
FDRESA, COE & Bulloch County Schools host over 170 educators

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES



This month, take a look at research updates from [Karin Fisher, Ph.D.](#); [Amanda Glaze, Ph.D.](#); [Charles Hodges, Ph.D.](#); [Beverly Miller, Ph.D.](#); and [Peggy Shannon-Baker, Ph.D.](#)

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 12-14:** [Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative 2019](#)
- June 24:** [Term B Minimester Classes Begin](#)
- July 5:** [Last Day to Withdraw without Academic Penalty \(Term B\)](#)
- July 4:** Independence Day Holiday -- University Closed
- Aug. 2:** [i²STEM^e at First Friday Downtown \(Statesboro, GA\)](#)
- Aug. 19:** [Fall Term Classes Begin](#)
- Aug. 19-22:** [Drop/Add for Fall 2019 Semester](#)
- Sept. 2:** Labor Day Holiday -- University Closed
- Oct. 4:** [Georgia Educational Research Association Conference](#)
- Oct 4:** [i²STEM^e at First Friday Downtown \(Statesboro, GA\)](#)
- Oct. 14:** [Last Day to Withdraw without Academic Penalty \(Fall 2019\)](#)



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