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Georgia Southern teacher prep programs earn highest scores on state effectiveness measures



Georgia Southern University earned a Level 4 rating, the highest available score, on the 2021 Teacher Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs) published by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

The PPEMs evaluate educator preparation programs using measures collected during candidates' time in the program, such as certification assessments required by the state and measures collected following completion once candidates are in the classroom. This includes classroom observations by supervisors as well as surveys of employers and newly employed teachers. The primary purpose of the PPEMs is to give educator preparation programs detailed information they can use to improve.

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"Georgia Southern University's teacher preparation program has produced many new hires for the Candler County School District. It is evident that these induction-level teachers are well-prepared for classroom instruction. We value our partnership with the University and the collaborative clinical and supervisory experiences within the preparation program. This partnership has provided a pipeline of first-year teachers for CCSD that is critical for teacher retention."

CaDeisha Cooper, Ed.D., Candler County School District Assistant Superintendent





Juliann Sergi McBrayer, Ed.D.



Chad Posick, Ph.D.

Co-directors begin roles for Georgia Southern University's new youth research center

This month, Juliann Sergi McBrayer, Ed.D., and Chad Posick, Ph.D., assume their roles as the co-directors of Georgia Southern University's National Youth Resilience and Advocacy (NYAR) Research Center. Announced last fall, the NYAR Research Center, housed in the College of Education (COE), serves as an interdisciplinary research center to develop evidence-based practices supporting educators, community partners, university professors and other adults impacting youth.

McBrayer and Posick are focused on the development and implementation of the Center's strategic plan.

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COE alumnae receive mentorship awards

Each year, the Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (GACTE), recognizes the efforts of teachers who mentor college students pursuing careers in education. Nine teacher mentors are recognized annually, with each of the Georgia Department of Education's (GaDOE) P-20 Collaboratives selecting an awardee.

This year, four of the nine Georgia Mentor Teacher Award recipients are alumni of the Georgia Southern University College of Education including: **Delta Casey, Lea Mitchell, Cindy Oliver, and April Trussell.**

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Get to know Dean Subreenduth -- Part 2



The College of Education welcomed a new dean in summer 2021. Dean Sharon Subreenduth has been working to get to know the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the College, but we also want to know more about her! Join us each month for a new clip from "Couch Conversations," casual conversations with the Dean hosted by current secondary education major NeSilva Wolf.

During this episode, Dean Subreenduth discusses growing up in South Africa during apartheid and her approach to diversity,

equity and inclusion.

>>> [Watch part two of Couch Conversations on YouTube.](#)

Additional Headlines



COE's Chelda Smith, Ph.D., featured as Scholar Spotlight
Smith is serving as a visiting scholar at Fed Bank of Minneapolis.



Counseling Psychologist Fayth Parks, Ph.D., retires in Dec.
Parks served as a professor of counselor education for over 19 years



College's Aslihan Unal, Ph.D., receives award
Unal and colleague receive 2021 Outstanding Presentation Award



COE Jrs/Srs invited to submit resumes for employers
Deadline for inclusion in resume book is March 11

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES



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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 31:** [Deadline for Georgia Southern Alumni Award Nominations](#)
- Feb. 1:** [Deadline for Scholarship Applications on MyScholarships](#)
- Feb. 3:** [Future Georgia Educator Day at Georgia Southern University](#)
- Feb. 8:** [COE Research Brownbag Series](#) | 12 p.m.
- Feb. 25:** [Deadline for Submissions to Art Extravaganza](#) | by 5 p.m.
- March 6-9:** [National Youth Advocacy & Resilience Conference](#) | Savannah
- March 11:** [Deadline for Student Resumes to be Uploaded in Handshake](#)
- March 20:** [Art Extravaganza Reception for Statesboro Campus Artists](#)
- April 3:** [Art Extravaganza Reception for Armstrong and Liberty Campus Artists](#)
- April 6-7:** [Diversity and Sustainability Forum](#) | Virtual Conference

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