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>>>GS Behavioral Assessment Team (BAT) is available to identify resources and appropriate interventions

Any member of the campus community may become aware of a person of concern or situation that is causing serious anxiety, stress or fear. It is the responsibility of faculty, staff and students to immediately refer to the Georgia Southern University Behavioral Assessment Team (BAT) any situation that could possibly result in harm to anyone at the University. BAT meets regularly to assess and create action plans for students or student groups who present disturbing behavior in our community.

The team members are responsible for identifying students or student groups who display disruptive behavior, offering suggestions on how to manage the behavior or student crisis, and implementing a plan to manage and/or resolve the situation. Any campus community member may refer a student or student group to the BAT using the designated referral form or through any member of the team.

If there is ever an immediate threat to life or property or a medical emergency, please contact the University Police or dial 911.

>>>2022-2023 University Awards of Excellence nominations are now open!

The University Awards of Excellence for Faculty and Staff are designed to identify and reward individuals who make outstanding contributions to the success of Georgia Southern University. Through this awards process, Georgia Southern will recognize individuals who demonstrate excellence in performance and contributions to one area of the University's pillars and values. Each recipient, excluding the team award winners, will receive a \$1,000 professional development funding along with a medallion.

The nomination and application processes have been streamlined this year to ensure ease. Nominators will find a portal to submit the nominees name and division/college, along with a directed narrative in 1,000 words or less.

The application process has been condensed from 20 to 10 maximum pages.

Nomination for the awards is a simple process. Nominate a deserving faculty and/or staff member by Nov. 18 [HERE](#). Nominee/team completed applications must be submitted by Dec. 18.

>>>Reminder about employee expression of political opinions

The University System of Georgia (USG) respects the free expression rights of USG employees to share their personal views on political issues. Sharing these personal political views must be done only in an employee's personal capacity and in a manner that does not interfere with work or involve improper use of state resources. Likewise, USG employees must not hold themselves out as speaking or acting on behalf of the USG or its institutions when participating in political activities.

Employees must also take reasonable measures to avoid any appearance that the individual employee's participation is in an official capacity as an employee of the USG or its institutions. USG employees are not prohibited from noting in a biographical description their employment status, title, affiliation with the USG or their institution, or their background and credentials, but if an employee

does so, the employee must make it clear when expressing personal political views that the employee is not speaking in the employee's capacity as an employee of the USG or the employee's institution.

Employees may not use state resources (including work email) or work time to communicate these personal political views. In addition, employees are prohibited from using any USG registered trademarks when expressing personal opinions on political issues, unless they are expressly authorized to do so.

>>>Check out Georgia Southern's new podcast

"Eagle Eye View" is the official podcast of Georgia Southern University. Enjoy casual conversations with leaders in Eagle Nation. From getting over seasonal allergies to mapping out the ghosts of Savannah, this podcast series covers a wide range of topics with dedicated professionals.

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