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*Some important things Georgia Southern faculty and staff should know this week, collected by University Communications and Marketing.*

### **>>>International Education Week is this week**

Join International Student Admissions & Programs and the International Education Week Committee for a celebration of International Education Week this week. A variety of events will be held on Statesboro and Armstrong campuses to highlight the truly global nature of the Georgia Southern community.

Events include a street fair on each campus (Wednesday in Savannah; Thursday in Statesboro) with international food trucks (with free food for early arrivals!), music and performances, Spanish, French and Arabic conversation meetings, a selection of international food options at Dining Commons, and more.

The full schedule of events [is available online.](#)

### **>>>Annual Botanic Garden Plant Sale is this weekend**

The annual Fall Plant Sale at Georgia Southern's Botanic Garden in Statesboro will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m.

[Online browsing and researching](#) is now underway, but purchasing cannot be done until this weekend.

The Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern University is at 1503 Bland Avenue. For more information, visit [their website.](#)

### **>>>Mandatory cybersecurity training must be completed this week**

The University System of Georgia's Cybersecurity Training Course is required training for all faculty and staff. Follow the steps below to complete the course.

- Step 1: Click on the "Cybersecurity Training" link in the training tile in your MyGS portal.
- Step 2: On the training dashboard, click the "Go to Training" button to get started.
- Step 3: Click the "Start" button and progress through the video portion of the training.
- Step 4: Complete the 5-question quiz and click "Exit Course" when you've finished.

All Georgia Southern University faculty and staff must complete this mandatory training by Monday, Oct. 31.

### **>>>Volunteers needed for December Commencement ceremonies**

As commencement is a respected University-wide event, the Commencement Committee is currently seeking faculty and staff volunteers to serve as Commencement Hosts and Candidate Assistants for each ceremony.

Ceremonies will be at the following times and locations:

- Saturday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. at the Enmarket Arena in Savannah
  - For undergraduate and graduate candidates who choose to graduate in Savannah
- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro
  - For undergraduate and graduate candidates who choose to graduate in Statesboro

Volunteers can select their preferred ceremony location(s) within the volunteer form.

All volunteers will be asked to arrive for their shifts 1.5 hours prior to the start of the ceremony. Staff who work on Saturday, Dec. 10, will be expected to work with their supervisor to adjust their work schedule for the week of commencement, or alternatively, be provided compensatory time for their efforts.

As a Commencement Host, your primary tasks will be to greet guests, assist with guest seating and post-ceremony departure.

As a Candidate Assistant, you will need to ensure that students are in the correct college seating area, ensure each student has a GradPass, and that college rows have an equal number of students, in addition to other assigned duties throughout the ceremony.

All volunteers should [complete this form](#) by Monday, Nov. 7.

### **>>>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 \$1,000 in 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 nominee's 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.