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### **>>>Third annual Employee Engagement Survey coming soon; info sessions this week**

Information sessions are scheduled this week about the third annual Employee Engagement Survey, which will be distributed on March 1. Zoom sessions are scheduled on:

- Wednesday (2/22) at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday (2/22) 3:00 p.m.

The Zoom link for both is: <https://georgiasouthern.zoom.us/j/6302975406?pwd=aCs4MFdUR3E4T0ZwUzlrZzZOZi9Ndz09>.

Continuing the University's dedication to improvement and to building an engaged and inspiring work environment at Georgia Southern, employee input is gathered annually through the Employee Engagement Survey. The goal is to foster an environment where every individual knows and owns their role and responsibility in achieving the strategic direction of Georgia Southern.

Remember, the purpose of the survey is to provide all employees an opportunity to share feedback that will help supervisors and Georgia Southern leadership ensure that Georgia Southern fosters a workplace environment where employees feel engaged and valued. Leaders will use the feedback to compare results from last year to assess results specific to their Action Plans, engage in conversations with their employees to focus on improvement, outline ways to improve by focusing on the highest priority areas, and update/revise their Action Plans based on this year's results.

To maintain absolute confidence in the confidentiality of the Employee Engagement survey, Studer Education will be administering the survey, managing the data collection, and aggregating the data to provide results reports to leaders. Using Studer Education ensures that all employees feel as secure as possible expressing their opinions and written comments.

Employees will receive an email invitation from [Jkunselman@hcg.com](mailto:Jkunselman@hcg.com) to participate in the survey on March 1, and the survey will remain open through March 15.

**Participation is important to help all of us create an engaging work environment that supports achieving a great place to work at Georgia Southern.**

### **>>>Armstrong Task Force Listening Tour**

As the Armstrong Task Force enters the next phase of its work, committee members are eager to update their colleagues on the committee's progress and solicit feedback to shape next steps in the continued development of short-term and long-term plans, aligned with our strategic priorities, to ensure the future success of the Armstrong Campus in Savannah.

Employees are invited to attend the following sessions:

#### **Staff**

Facilitators: Scott Taylor and Bill Dawers

- Friday, Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m., Fine Arts Auditorium (Armstrong Campus)

## **Faculty**

Facilitators: Delana Schartner and Bill Dawers

- Tuesday, February 28, 4-5 p.m., Conversations with the Provost, Health Professions Academic Building, Room 160 (Armstrong Campus)
- Wednesday, March 1, 3-4 p.m., Ogeechee Theater, Student Union (Armstrong Campus)
- Monday, March 6, 4-5 p.m., Ogeechee Theater, Student Union (Armstrong Campus)
- Thursday, March 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Russell Union Theater, Russell Union (Statesboro Campus)

## **>>>Free Days in February**

Are you or your students thinking about graduate school? We're making it easy. Throughout February, Georgia Southern will waive your application fee for most programs. Free Days in February will help you take the first step to an advanced degree at Georgia Southern University and the next step in your career.

There are some exclusions. [Find out more online](#). Employees interested in graduate school should know about the University's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), an employee supplemental educational assistance program. Deadlines and more information on TAP is available [here](#).

## **>>>Final Eagle home basketball games are this week**

The Georgia Southern Men's Basketball team ends its regular season this week with two home games: Coastal Carolina on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., and Appalachian State on Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Both Sun Belt Conference games will be held at the Hanner Fieldhouse. Tickets are available [online](#).

The Women's Basketball team played its final home games this past weekend. Their final two games are away before the 2023 Sun Belt Conference Championships kick off Feb. 28 in Pensacola, Florida for both squads.

## **>>>Ethics training required for all employees**

All faculty, staff, temporary and student employees are required to complete online training on the University System's Code of Conduct, conflicts of interest and how to report compliance issues.

The training, which takes approximately 20 minutes, must be completed by March 19, 2023.

To access the training, log into [My.GeorgiaSouthern.edu](#). Building a Better U (BBU) can be found in the lower right hand corner, in the training menu.

- Step 1: Once logged into BBU, click on your initials in the upper right hand corner.
- Step 2: Select Compliance.
- Step 3: USG Ethics Training 2023 should be listed as a required course. Click the course to begin.

**>>>Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins today with the Clothesline Project**

Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins today with the Clothesline Project. The display will be up through Thursday at locations across our campuses including Henderson Library, the RAC and Russell Union on the Statesboro Campus and the Student Union on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah. The project is an interactive display that aims to bring awareness to various types of interpersonal violence and give victims a voice and a community.

The week is a collaboration between the Sexual Assault Response Team, the Counseling Center, Sexual Assault Student Educators, Student Wellness & Health Promotion, Wellness Ambassadors, Housing, University Police Department, University Libraries and more.