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## Message from the President

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Sept. 5 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The fall semester is already four weeks in and I hope everyone had a restful Labor Day weekend. I want to acknowledge and thank the facilities, grounds, and public safety crews for guiding us through Hurricane Idalia and returning our campuses to full operations quickly and safely. Their tireless efforts ensured a successful ribbon-cutting this past Friday night of the Anthony P. Tippins Family Training Facility and an extraordinary game-day atmosphere on Saturday, culminating in a season-opening football victory of 34-0 over the Citadel. Overall, our fall athletic teams are off to an incredible start with volleyball undefeated (5-0) and women's soccer (4-1)...Go Eagles!!!

Please join me this week for the rescheduled State of the University addresses (today, Tuesday at 2 p.m., in the Armstrong Fine Arts Center and Thursday at 2 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center on the Statesboro campus). If you are unable to join in person, you can watch the address via livestream, and it will also be posted online later this week. The main takeaway, besides a dining coupon for a free meal if you attend in person, will be our drive to "solve and evolve," where I will highlight our major initiatives toward continuous growth and elevation of our institution.

To that end, we will be using this academic year to update our Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP), enhance our institutional brand by identifying and elevating our distinctives, redesign our external website presence, and update and assess our Inclusive Excellence Action Plan (2020-24). These efforts will require your engagement and participation. Please continue to look out for opportunities to engage and [sign-up for the branding workshops on September 12 and 13.](#)

This is an exciting time for Georgia Southern as we continue serving the needs of a growing region. This week, I will sign an MOU with the Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America (HMGMA). This MOU is more than just a document, it is a commitment to our future partnership. It is a promise to our students that we will provide them with unparalleled opportunities for growth and development. It is a vow to our community that we will continue to be a catalyst for positive change. And it is a pledge to HMGMA that we will be a reliable, innovative partner for years to come. And let's not forget, our students and faculty are already deeply involved in these initiatives. From engineering to business, from research to internships, the Georgia Southern community is already contributing to its success.

Our eagles are not just soaring, they are leading the way. Together, we will soar to new heights...and achieve great things!

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,  
Kyle

*People. Purpose. Action: Growing Ourselves to Grow Others!*

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