March 13-15, a delegation of 10 students and 2 faculty advisors (Youssef Salhi and Jacek Lubecki) from Georgia Southern University visited Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to participate in Southeastern Model Arab League (SERMAL). Model Arab League is a simulation event, which allows students to represent diplomats from 22 Arab countries that are members of Arab League. This was the first time in history that Georgia Southern University participated in a Model Arab League event (there are about 10 such events organized annually on a regional or national basis across the US and internationally by the National Council on US-Arab Relations).

Even though the Georgia Southern delegation was completely new to the simulation, its performance was Outstanding. The Eagle Nation delegation won four Outstanding Delegate awards (they went to Matt Horne, Dylan John, Anhar Ibrahim and Ahmed Bekhet) and two Honorable-Mention Delegate awards (they went to Akiv Dawson and Jonathan Quintyne).

Congratulations to the students and faculty advisors who prepared the students.

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