President Jaimie Hebert looks back on first year

When Georgia Southern President Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., attended last year’s annual Watermelon Cutting in July, he didn’t expect it to resonate with him as much as it did.

Hebert said a mentor and friend of his in Texas told him there would be a moment in his first year where he would “absolutely fall head over heels in love” with his university. But Hebert wasn’t sold.
“I really thought when he told me there would be a moment when I fell in love with the University, I thought that was hyperbole,” he said. “I thought what he meant was there would be a moment when I would feel myself fully vested in the mission of the institution.”

Georgia Southern alumnus brings Disney attractions to life
In the middle of the swampland of central Florida, a world of glowing fauna, colorful creatures and floating islands exists in part because of Georgia Southern graduate Aaron Clay (‘11) who helped bring Pandora — The World of Avatar to life at Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Students, faculty recognized at American Elasmobranch Society meeting

Georgia Southern graduate students and faculty were invited to present research at the American Elasmobranch Society (AES) annual meeting in Austin, Texas, in July, and some took home awards. The AES meeting is a national scientific conference that is hosted as part of the annual Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (JMIH).
New artwork added to Betty FoySanders Georgia Artists Collection

New artwork from artist Matthew Hatala has been added to Georgia Southern University’s permanent art collection, the Betty Foy Sanders Georgia Artists Collection, and is currently on view at the Center for Art & Theatre.

The work, a wood vessel created by Hatala, was acquired and curated into the collection by Betty Foy Sanders in May. The vessel also will be included in the Georgia Artists Collection 50th Anniversary Exhibition beginning Sept. 25.

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Georgia Southern faculty Angelita Scott named 2017 ASID Ones to Watch Scholar
Angelita Scott, Ph.D., assistant professor in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern, has been selected as a 2017 American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Ones to Watch Scholar. The new ASID Ones to Watch program seeks to identify and recognize individuals who are considered rising leaders in the interior design industry.

To be considered for the program, the individual has to demonstrate exceptional leadership potential and have a willingness to push boundaries within the interior design profession. Seventeen Ones to Watch award winners were selected from 129 nationwide applicants. Of those 17, Scott was one of eight Ones to Watch Scholars selected.

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