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Fischer to share her experiences at Georgia Southern Scholars Day Feb. 23-24

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High school seniors invited to the Feb. 23-24 Scholars Day will get encouragement and inspiration from Amanda Fischer, a senior pre-med biology major who has already been accepted by the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She's headed for PCOM's Georgia campus in Atlanta next fall. Fischer will speak at the banquet planned for students and their parents Friday evening, Feb. 23.

"Scholars Day is an opportunity for students planning to come to Georgia Southern to interview for significant academic, leadership, and honors scholarships," Fischer said. "It's also a chance for students and their parents to ask questions, tour the campus, and learn about interesting opportunities for example, the Study Abroad Program."

Fischer, who graduated from Claxton (Ga.) High School in 2003, is a self-proclaimed generalist. She started out with an undeclared major, considered music education and physical therapy, and ended up in the Paulson College of Science and Technology. Her goal after medical school is to return to rural Georgia to serve as a primary care physician in a family practice maybe even in her hometown.

"I've always done a little bit of everything," she said, noting involvement in the Honors Program, the Pre-health Professionals, Collegiate 4-H, and five honor societies including Gamma Beta Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa. She sang in the Women's Chorale and University Singers, and has worked on campus as a student assistant in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences during her years at Georgia Southern.

In 2006 Fischer was one of eight pre-med students invited to take part in 'Pathway to Medical School,' a four-week summer internship designed to provide 160 hours of structured primary care experience: 100 hours of clinical shadowing and 60 hours of primary care research. The program was overseen by the Southwest Georgia Family Medicine Residency at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, and Albany Area Primary Healthcare.

"Part of the summer program was conducting a research project on a specific disease intervention. With a research partner, I assessed the efficiency of cancer screening in Baker County. We presented our research at the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians meeting in November," said Fischer. "I didn't even realize it was competitive, but it turned out that we won first place!"

In her Scholars Day speech, Fischer plans to touch on her experiences gained at Georgia Southern, such as participation in study abroad, student organizations, campus involvement, and relationships

with mentors. 'My goal is to encourage all the incoming students to come involved outside of the classroom,' she said, 'and make their college experience the best it can be.'

For more information about Scholars Day, contact Georgia Southern's Office of Admissions at 912-681-5391 or go to <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/index.htm>.

Business leadership course in Savannah will begin on Feb. 27

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Georgia Southern University is offering a non-credit business leadership course at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

'Leadership Skills for the Front-Line Manager' will be held on eight consecutive Tuesdays from Feb. 27 through April 17. Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The 32-hour course will train managers, supervisors and other administrative personnel with leadership responsibilities. Each class will focus on a particular topic, such as communication among employees, legal concerns for supervisors, handling conflict and criticism, and effective methods of coaching employees.

Co-sponsored by Georgia Southern's College of Business Administration and the University's Continuing Education Center, the course has previously trained managers and supervisors from such varying fields as manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, transportation, health care and government.

The registration fee is \$595 per participant, with a corporate discount rate of \$535 per person for four or more people from the same organization. To sign up for the course, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/supervisor.html> or call (912) 681-5551.

For more information on any of the business and career development programs offered by Georgia Southern, contact program specialist J. Marie Lutz at seminars@georgiasouthern.edu or (912) 871-1763.

Annual math tournament expected to attract over 700 middle and high school students

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This is a reminder that the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Georgia Southern University will host its 19th Annual Invitational Mathematics Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10.

More than 700 students in grades six through 12 are expected to compete in the tournament. There are separate categories for varsity, junior varsity and junior high teams.

Within each category, schools are split into divisions based on their enrollment. The competition consists of a multiple-choice written test that is given in the morning and team ciphering matches that are held in the afternoon.

Trophies are presented to the top three teams in each division. In addition, the Arthur G. Sparks Award of Excellence is presented to any students who earn a perfect score on the written exam.

Last year's tournament attracted teams from 51 different public and private schools, including entries from Augusta, Brunswick, Macon and Savannah.

Here is the schedule for this year's tournament:

- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – written exams at Hanner Fieldhouse and the Math/Physics Building
- 1 p.m.-2:15 p.m. – ciphering matches at Hanner Fieldhouse
- 2:30 p.m.-3 p.m. – awards ceremony at Hanner Fieldhouse

Members of the media are invited to cover the math tournament. For more information, visit <http://math.georgiasouthern.edu/math/tourny/tourny.php> or contact tournament director Susie Lanier at slanier@georgiasouthern.edu or (912) 681-0168.

Feed the Mosasaur Festival's gourmet dinner will feature French cuisine

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Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your significant other? Or do you simply enjoy fine dining?

Either way, the second annual Feed the Mosasaur Festival at Georgia Southern University is a planning an event that will appeal to both passionate lovers and discriminating diners.

A fund-raiser for the Georgia Southern Museum, the cooking and food festival will begin on the evening of Friday, March 2, with a gourmet dinner dubbed Cuisine Cum Laude.

Prepared by Stephen Minton, one of only two certified executive chefs in all of southeast Georgia, the five-course dinner will feature French cuisine, wine and cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music.

'What could be better than surprising your loved one with an invitation to such a special evening?' asked Wendy Denton, the assistant director of the Museum.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building. Tickets are \$75 per person, but the festival is offering a special group rate of \$400 for a six-person table.

'We've made things very easy for the gentlemen this year,' Denton said. 'Three of them can get together and, by reserving a table for six, they've solved their Valentine problem just that quickly.'

The festival gets its name from the mosasaur, a 78-million-year-old fossil skeleton that dominates the Georgia Southern Museum's Hall of Natural History.

The Feed the Mosasaur activities will continue on Saturday, March 3, with a public food festival that will feature cuisine from some of the region's most popular restaurants. The March 3 schedule will also include the Cooking With Class Institute, the Best Bites Amateur Bake-Off, and the Best Bites Signature Dish Competition.

The Cooking With Class Institute is a series of 50-minute classes that focus on specific dishes and styles of cooking. The classes will include Cajun cooking, cake decorating, high tea, Indian cooking, introductory wine appreciation, romantic desserts, tapas, and wild-game cooking. There will also be special classes for children.

The fee for each class ranges from \$10 to \$25, and advance registration is required.

The Amateur Bake-Off is open to amateur cooks of all ages. There will be categories for bread, cake, cookies and bars, and pies. In addition, there will be a dessert competition for children, with separate categories for ages 4-9 and 10-14.

The top three entries in each category of the Amateur Bake-Off will receive a ribbon, with the first-place contestants also receiving a festival T-shirt. In addition, the recipes for all first-, second- and third-place entries will appear in the 2008 edition of the official 'Feed the Mosasaur Cookbook.'

There is no entry fee for the Amateur Bake-Off, but all entries will be sold at the festival's bake sale, with the proceeds going to the Museum.

The Signature Dish Competition is open to all professional food service providers. There will be categories for appetizers, Asian food, barbeque, bread, dessert, entrees, fried chicken, Mexican food and pizza.

Judging for the Signature Dish Competition will be conducted on Monday, Feb. 26, and the winners will be announced at the festival on March 3.

For more information on the Feed the Mosasaur Festival, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/museum/ftm>, email jhendrix@georgiasouthern.edu or call (912) 681-5993.

Wanda Sykes to perform March 24

FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Stand-up comedienne Wanda Sykes will perform her uncensored show at Georgia Southern University Saturday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Called 'one of the funniest stand-up comics' by her peers, Sykes has been doing stand-up for 20 years. Her brand of comedy has taken her career in many different areas including stand-up, movie roles, TV guest appearances and voice-overs. She has appeared in the films 'Monster-In-Law' and 'My Super Ex-Girlfriend,' and had guest-starring roles on 'The New Adventures of Old Christine,' 'Will and Grace' and 'Curb Your Enthusiasm.' She can also be heard as the voice of Stella the Skunk in 'Over the Hedge' and Bessy the Cow in 'Barnyard.'

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for Georgia Southern students (a limit of four tickets per ID) and \$25 for all others (limit four). University students can begin purchasing tickets Wednesday, Feb. 14. General public tickets sales will begin Sunday, Feb. 25. All tickets will be sold via www.etix.com.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 912-486-7270.