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Commencement to take place Dec. 8



Fall commencement for undergraduate and graduate students will take place Friday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Alumnus and athletic great Adrian Peterson will deliver the commencement address. Due to expected crowds and heavy traffic, carpooling is recommended. Shuttle services will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will run until one hour after the ceremony ends. For all commencement information, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement.

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Double Eagle gives back to soldiers overseas



Double Eagle Sarah Beth Todd ('11, '13) is no stranger to serving her community. "I did a lot of different service work at Georgia Southern and felt like the University really helped me realize my passion for that," she said. So it's no surprise that just a few years after graduating, Todd is continuing to serve by spearheading Georgia Power's participation in The Bert Show's "The Big Thank You" initiative.

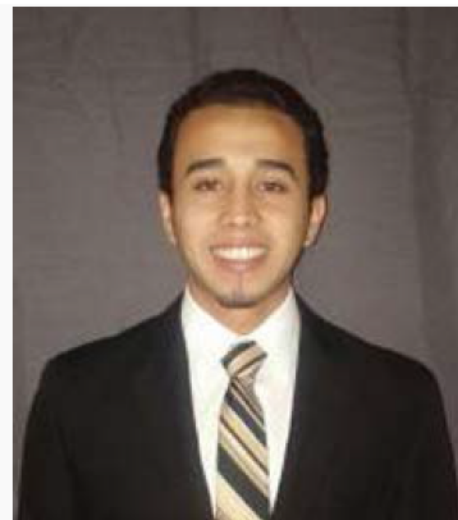
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From farm work to homework: First-generation graduate walks this fall

Born into a family of migrant workers, Scott Castro considered education a luxury beyond his reach. But this December, the senior accounting major will achieve a dream he once thought was impossible.

Castro's parents and his nine siblings never completed high school. Moving homes constantly to work the seasonal crops was the only life he and his family had ever known.

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Bakari Sellers named 2018 annual Martin Luther King Celebration speaker

Civil rights activist, attorney and political commentator Bakari Sellers has been named the Georgia Southern University annual MLK Celebration speaker and will present on intersectional activism on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at 847 Plant Drive.

Sellers made history in 2006 when, at the age of 22, he defeated a 26-year incumbent state representative in South Carolina. His win made him the youngest member of the state's legislature and the youngest African-American elected official in the entire nation.

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Fraternity brothers vacation with a purpose



When most college friends reunite for the summer, the last thing on their minds is work. But alumnus Courtney Brown ('08) and his fraternity brothers of the Georgia Southern Zeta Delta Delta ("Zoo") Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., make sure their reunions make a difference.

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Student turned journalist: Senior Harley Strickland to start work with WTOC this spring

Harley Strickland will certainly leave a legacy at Georgia Southern. The senior journalism major was crowned Miss Georgia Southern in 2016, represented the University in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day parade, and currently broadcasts weekly Facebook livestreams with the University multimedia journalism class. So it may come as quite a surprise that prior to her academic career, Strickland said she was once a timid little girl from Claxton, Georgia.

"My granny and I would always watch her soaps, and the news would come on just before," said Strickland. "I always admired watching the reporters and wished I could do that, but I knew I was too shy."

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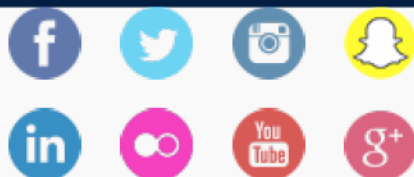
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