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Loss of College of Business Faculty Member

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It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mikelle Calhoun, Ph.D., an assistant professor of management in the College of Business. Mikelle was a valued colleague, a respected teacher and a member of our faculty since August 2009. She will be missed.

At the College of Business, Mikelle taught international business courses (undergraduate and graduate), and her research focused on issues facing multinational firms operating across different markets.

In the community, Mikelle was active with The Averitt Stars (performing in community theatre productions), The Friends of the Statesboro Library, The Irongate Community Homeowner’s Association and The Humane Society of Statesboro.

A Celebration of Life ceremony was held on Sunday, July 12 at the Emma Kelly Theater in downtown Statesboro. Please keep Mikelle’s daughters, Terra and Shea, along with her other family and friends, in your thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.

Allen C. Amason, Dean

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The Georgia Southern University WebMAcc, online Master of Accounting (MAcc) program, has been ranked tenth by OnlineU as a 2015 Top Online Accounting Degree (www.onlineu.org/top-colleges/accounting). This ranking comes on the heels of several other WebMAcc rankings in recent months.

The Onlineu.org 2015 Top Online Accounting Degrees have a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) pass rate of 50 percent or higher and are AACSB accredited. The Georgia Southern School of Accountancy holds its own AACSB accreditation for accounting, separate from the College of Business’s AACSB accreditation. In addition to holding its own accreditation, tuition is under $7,000 per year, which is one-half to one-third the rate of other programs in the rankings.

Designed for working professionals, the Georgia Southern WebMAcc uses a team-based, cohort approach to online learning, placing students on teams of four to five students. These teams work together throughout the 30 semester-hour program/ six semesters and provide motivation, help and strive for a common goal of graduating from an AACSB accredited accounting program. The online courses are identical in content to the traditional courses, with the benefit of a flexible, online delivery system.

“This is another endorsement of the quality of the relatively new WebMAcc program we launched in 2013,” states Timothy A. Pearson, Ph.D. and director of the School of Accountancy. “This newest ranking broadcasts our quality and highlights that our program costs less than half of the tuition charged by our peers. We are providing an extraordinary return on investment for our students.”

For more information on the Georgia Southern WebMAcc program, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/BusinessGraduate or email soa@georgiasouthern.edu.

Georgia Southern University and all of its programs contained under the university’s umbrella are accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College of Business has undergraduate and graduate accreditation through AACSBI International: The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only about five percent of all colleges of business have AACSB accreditation.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125-degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered and hands-on approach to education.
Students Receive SAP Certifications

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What if you had only nine days to learn more than 800 pages of advanced software concepts before taking an exam covering that material? On May 18, 2015, 14 students started this daunting challenge in the College of Business Department of Information Systems. On May 29, all 14 Georgia Southern students passed their TERP10 exams and received their SAP certification. This is only the second time in five years that students taking the course had a 100% pass rate.

Department Chair Camille Rogers, Ph.D., and her colleague, Bob Syzmanski, guided these students through a rigorous curriculum in what the Department of Information Systems calls its TERP10 (training in ERP for 10 days) boot camp. ERP is an acronym for Enterprise Resource Planning, or more commonly known as corporate software. During the ten day course, students met from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, as they prepared to take the TERP10 exam. Passing the exam means they receive an official certification in the SAP enterprise systems software and are then qualified to become SAP consultants.

This software, originally developed in Germany, features more than 24 comprehensive, integrated modules that support common business processes such as purchasing, accounting, manufacturing, and human resources. SAP is used by 80 percent of Fortune 500 businesses around the world including Coca-Cola, Gulfstream, Delta, Georgia-Pacific, Flowers Foods, BMW, and AT&T. Becoming certified opens the door for high-level jobs and higher paying opportunities. Obtaining the certification is open to any College of Business student as long as he or she has completed at least three upper level information systems classes. Students can also elect to major or minor in information systems.

The Department of Information Systems at Georgia Southern is one of the few departments in the entire Southeast offering SAP certification. Students in the department also obtain frequent networking opportunities such as the Georgia ASUG meeting for SAP users three times a year.

For more information, go to www.georgiasouthern.edu/coba/is or call (912) 478-4747.