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Accounting Welcomes NABA

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Closing in on its 50th anniversary, the Georgia Southern School of Accountancy has been growing tremendously. As part of an effort to give accounting students the best professional development program possible, several accounting students and faculty members came together in an attempt to reestablish Georgia Southern’s chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). In March 2015, their efforts were rewarded when the Georgia Southern NABA Chapter received its official chartering from the national board.

The Georgia Southern NABA began its journey toward chartering by functioning as an unofficial chapter during the 2014 fiscal year under the name of the Association of Minority Business Students. During this time, students worked with faculty members to draft new by-laws, create a new logo and slogan, and meet all other NABA standards for chartering. Students also underwent professional development workshops provided by the Georgia Southern School of Accountancy.

“I was very pleased when Moneka Jones, Dr. Errol Stewart, and D’Andre Sanders came to me with their plan to re-start the NABA chapter at Georgia Southern,” said Timothy Pearson, PhD, director of the School of Accountancy. “They embarked on a long process to build the chapter from the ground up; and after a year of hard work, they finally gained approval through the regional and national organization. I am proud to say that the School of Accountancy shares their objective to build networks and opportunity for people of color and to create diverse business leaders.”

Having recruited 22 students, the newly chartered NABA at Georgia Southern had a strong showing at the annual Atlanta Chapter Awards Gala. The chapter obtained the award for Outstanding Chapter of
the Year, chapter president D’Andre Sanders was named “Student of the Year,” and faculty advisor Errol Stewart, PhD, was named “Faculty Advisor of the Year.”

Sanders, with continued support from the School of Accountancy, attended the National NABA 2015 Conference, where he won an award for “Best personality.” Through the commitment and determination of NABA and the Georgia Southern College of Business personnel, Georgia Southern has become a focal point for recruiting exceptional business students, especially students entering the prestigious forensic accounting program.

The School of Accountancy at Georgia Southern University is committed to providing quality educational programs. The School, which is fully accredited by AACSB International, enrolls more than 300 students in its undergraduate and graduate degree programs and employs 22 full-time accounting and legal studies faculty members.