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Scholarships encourage Baker County high school students toward higher education

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High school students in Baker County have a home-grown scholarship opportunity waiting for them at Georgia Southern University.

Karl Peace, a 1959 graduate of Baker County High School, has established five scholarships that are specifically designated for Baker County students who choose to attend Georgia Southern. Because his field of interest is mathematics, statistics, computer science, and information technology, Peace has directed two scholarships to students in these areas. Other scholarships are in nutrition, journalism, and political science.

“Graduating from Georgia Southern in 1963 was my first step in a very successful career,” said Peace, “and I was fortunate to have help from many people in Baker County. I’d like to help current students benefit from the same opportunities I had.”

Peace has created five scholarships for Baker County students:

- Vines-Peace Scholarship in mathematics, computer science, and biostatistics, which honors Peace’s high school principal, Joe Vines;
- Reeves-Peace Scholarship in mathematics, computer science, and biostatistics, which honors Peace’s high school math teacher, Bill Tom Reeves;
- Emily Joan Peace Scholarship in nutritional science, which honors Peace’s sister;
- Mitchell E. Peace Scholarship in journalism, which honors Peace’s brother;
- Christopher K. Peace Scholarship in political science to honor his son.

After earning a B.S. in chemistry from Georgia Southern College, Peace went on to earn an M.S. in mathematics from Clemson University, a Ph.D. in biostatistics from the Medical College of Virginia, and a Health Science Certificate from Vanderbilt University. Following a career in the biopharmaceutical industry, Peace is now professor of biostatistics in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern. The college is named for Peace’s late wife, who was an internationally recognized statistical scholar.

Students interested in learning about these scholarships may call 912-871-1702 or send an e-mail inquiry to jforehand@georgiasouthern.edu for more information.

2007-08 Averitt Legends Series opens with exhibition by sculptor Marc Moulton

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Sculptor Marc Moulton will lead the 2007-08 Legends Series with an exhibition at the Averitt Center beginning Friday, Aug. 3. A reception for the artist will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. during downtown Statesboro's First Friday.

Much of Moulton's work is public art that is planned and created with the specific intention of being placed in a public area, usually outside and accessible to everyone.

His exhibit in the Legends Gallery will include illustrations, technical development, and three-dimensional models of public art commissioned by cities and organizations throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, and Utah.

'What's great about art in public spaces is that it's accessible to everyone,' said Moulton. 'You don't have to be part of an elite group to enjoy it, it's just part of the cityscape.'

Statesboro will soon have an opportunity to see an example of Moulton's public art, because he has been commissioned by Betty Foy Sanders to create a sculpture that will stand at the entrance to the new Centre for Art and Theatre at Georgia Southern. Georgia Southern's art department is named for Mrs. Sanders, a Bulloch County native and one of Georgia's finest artists.

In conjunction with his Legends exhibit, Moulton will present a talk titled 'Public Art, Public Exposure,' on Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Emma Kelly Theatre. His talk will focus on examples of public art throughout history and the benefits of public art to the community.

Moulton received a bachelor's degree from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, in 1985. Two years later he received an M.F.A. in sculpture from Ohio State University.

He has exhibited his sculpture in more than 52 group and solo exhibitions across the United States and has received many awards and honors.

Before his appointment as an assistant professor of sculpture in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern, he taught at the University of Northern Iowa. His classes are conducted in the Ceramics and Sculpture studio located on Forest Drive.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information call 871-1712 at the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art or visit the Web site at

<http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art/>.