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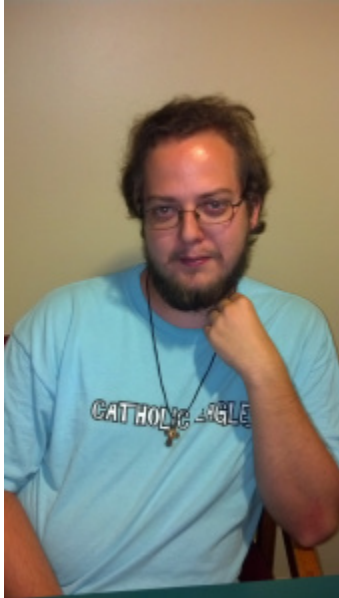
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## Senior Patrick Mimbs awarded the Mark Anderson Scholarship

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Georgia Southern University senior Patrick Mimbs (**pictured left**) has been awarded the Mark Anderson Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. Currently majoring in management with an emphasis in entrepreneurship and small business, Mimbs was awarded the scholarship for having the highest GPA in this major as a rising senior.

Mark Anderson created the scholarship roughly nine years ago in an effort to help make education more affordable to those interested in a college education but were struggling with finances. *“I grew up in a large family and had to work all during college and I know how much I would have appreciated a scholarship that could have assisted me financially,”* Anderson said in an article by Georgia Southern Magazine. *“This may help in a small way for a student to spend more time toward their degree rather than having to work during school.”* Anderson is currently the joint owner of Joiner-Anderson Funeral Homes.

Mimbs plans to use the Anderson scholarship to help pay for his tuition. *“I was so surprised when I heard that I won the scholarship,”* Mimbs said. *“I know it will help me out a lot.”*

Originally from Dublin, Ga., Mimbs is actually a transfer student. He came to Georgia Southern after attending two years at the Art Institute of Atlanta where he studied visual and game programming. *“I really wasn’t enjoying what I was doing up there,”* Mimbs said. *“I went there for the programming aspect, and instead I was doing a lot of drawing.”*

Mimbs enjoys all types of gaming. He has been thinking about opening up a gaming store for a while. *“I want to open up a store with not video games, but board games, table top games, and trading card games,”* Mimbs said. *“That’s what I really enjoy doing.”*

Thanks to the advice of a family friend, Mimbs was guided towards Georgia Southern. *“The reason I came to Georgia Southern was because my family knew someone who graduated from here with a degree in economics,” Mimbs said. “He told me the [College of Business] here was one of the best in the nation.”* Mimbs is referring to Bill Hoyt, co-owner of the Sir Shop quality men and women’s clothing store in Dublin.

While at Georgia Southern, Mimbs has become involved with St. Matthew’s Roman Catholic Church and is a member of the Catholic Eagles, the Georgia Southern campus ministry. Through St. Matthew’s Mimbs has had the opportunity to get to know some of his professors on a more personal level. *“Being able to talk to them outside of class, I am able to get to know them even better,” Mimbs said.*

The faculty of Georgia Southern is actually one of Mimbs favorite aspects about the university. *“I really like the teachers here,” Mimbs said. “They are not just teaching you the [material], they actually want to help you learn.”* Mimbs has been fortunate to make close bonds with his professors as well as others. *“Some of my professors have introduced me to others,” Mimbs said.*

Mimbs plans to graduate from Georgia Southern by May 2014. He plans to stay focused on his grades and his education. *“I am focused on getting to know the material, getting through my classes, and getting ready for whatever God is calling me to do,” Mimbs said.*