Georgia Southern University jazz band will perform Nov. 16

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The Jazz Band from the Department of Music at Georgia Southern University will perform on Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Pittman Park United Methodist Church in Statesboro.

Under the direction of Bill Schmid, associate professor of music at the University, the 21 members of this all-student ensemble are an elite group, open only by audition. "The purpose of the band is twofold. One, to provide and education for students into the performance of jazz and two, to provide audiences with an opportunity to experience live jazz," Schmid said.

Among the selections the band will play are "San Juan Shuffle," "When I Fall in Love," "Cubano Chant" and "Tip Toe."

There is no admission fee for the performance. Pittman Park United Methodist Church is located at 1102 Fair Road.

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Omicron Delta Kappa induction ceremony set for Nov. 11

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The Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Leadership Honor Society at Georgia Southern University will induct 84 new members on Sunday, Nov. 11.

The eighth induction ceremony of the Georgia Southern Circle will take place at 2 p.m. in the College of Information Technology Building Auditorium.

The keynote address will be delivered by Brig. Gen. Harry Carter, who is a professor in the School of Business at The Citadel. A member of the Georgia Southern Circle, he served as interim president of the University and is the former vice president of Academic Affairs.
Membership in ODK is the highest leadership honor awarded to undergraduate junior and senior students; graduate students; faculty, staff, administration and alumni; and persons qualifying for membership 'honoris causa.'

Student membership candidates must rank academically in the upper 35 percent of their respective class, have above a grade point average above 3.0, and show leadership in at least one of five areas: scholarship; athletics; campus or community service, social and religious activities and campus government; journalism, speech and the mass media; and creative and performing arts.

The Georgia Southern Circle received several honors in 2007. The group earned its second Superior Circle Award for outstanding service to the community and outstanding leadership within ODK.

In addition, Ashley Scruggs was one of 14 students in the entire country to receive an ODK Fellowship to attend graduate school. Scruggs and Daphne Tobin were among 40 students selected to attend the ODK ‘Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow’ summer workshop in New York.

The upcoming induction ceremony will include four outstanding leaders who have made significant contributions to the community and to the University. Marie Harvey Knight (B.S. ‘95, M.S. ‘97), the executive director of AmericasMart Atlanta, will be inducted as a Georgia Southern alumnus.

University faculty and staff members being recognized are Steven Dean Jacobson, counseling psychologist; Thomas M. Kollars Jr., associate professor of epidemiology and director of the Biodefense and Infectious Disease Laboratory; and Sonya Senithia Shepherd, librarian and assistant professor.

Graduate students being inducted include Jennifer Ryan Austin, Lauren Bailey-Kaeser, Danielle Baumgart, LaToya Nicole Brown, Erin Shelton Bullett, Cheryl Cookmeyer Cabrera, Tiffani L. Cuffie, Nalanta Cherie Dawsey, Nnebuhe Nene Emerole, Jocelyn A. Fisher, Elizabeth Oliver Graham, Ashley Sharpe Hawk, Masanori Isaka, Jason Harris Lawrence, Tia Aniska Minnis, LaDawn Fuhr Mohr, John Matthew Stockstill, Kathryn Claire Tice, Kelli Elizabeth Vincent, and Jamie Marie Yawn.

Senior inductees include Adam Daniel Allen, Kelly Boyette, Ashley Nicole Clements, Monique Chantel Copeland, James Lauren Dowling, Elizabeth Needa Immele, Robbyn Nicole Ingram, Sarah Elizabeth McCraken, Paedestes Jane Mutts, Kellie Olivia Penix, Laura Ashley Poenicke, Candace Fay Poitevint, Allie Pritchard, Jessica Lynn Smith, Jasmine Stinson, Joseph A. Tripp, Katherine Ruth Tsahakis, Brianna Nicole Van Alstyne, Catherine Morgan Wood, and Chabre Ashley Woods.

Juniors inductees are Jessica Arnee Alford, Melanie Chae Allen, Cortney Elaine Anderton, Emily Rae Blakey, Victoria Trinay Brady, Kia Elon Burch, Ashley Nicole Chadwick, Whitney Nicole Daniel, Tabbatha Gecara Davis, Sarah Margaret Dewsbury, Margaret Lorraine Dowda, Allison Dawn

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