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ROTC program honored by Sixth Brigade

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The ROTC program based at Georgia Southern University has been recognized for producing its required number of line officers and nurses.

Eagle Battalion produced 14 officers and two nurses during fiscal year 2007. It was the only battalion in the entire Sixth Brigade to make its mission in both of those categories.

'This is a great achievement for our battalion,'" said Lt. Brandon Lake, the scholarship enrollment officer for Eagle Battalion. 'It speaks well of our leadership and our cadets.'

In addition to Georgia Southern University, Eagle Battalion includes ROTC cadets from Armstrong Atlantic State University, Saint Leo University, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Savannah State University.

The Sixth Brigade is comprised of ROTC battalions based at 20 colleges and universities in Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico.

ROTC graduates are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers more than 120 degree programs serving nearly 17,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu

Georgia Southern expands online degree offerings

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Georgia Southern University has expanded its online degree options for teachers who want to advance their educational level. Teachers who already have an undergraduate degree may now apply for two online graduate degrees: Master's of Education in Instructional Technology, and Master's of Education in Accomplished Teaching. Online classes for both degrees will begin January 9, 2008.

More than a year ago the Georgia Department of Education, the Board of Education, the Board of Regents, and the Professional Standards Commission agreed on three levels of standards for teachers in Georgia: initial teaching, accomplished teaching, and exemplary teaching. Each level builds on the next.

'We are currently accepting enrollment from teachers at the initial teaching level those who have completed bachelor's programs for an online program that will move them up to the accomplished

teaching level," said Cindi Chance, dean of the College of Education. "The online classes will begin in January 2008. In a natural progression, we expect that a fully online exemplary teaching degree at the educational specialist level will become active in 2009."

"As we develop more online programs that make graduate education easily accessible through the University System of Georgia, we are also ensuring that the programs are of the highest quality," said Chance. "We're here to serve teachers who want a high-quality degree from a fully accredited institution."

Students who opt for the new online programs will learn from faculty at a number of locations throughout the University System, but they will be able to register through a single Web site. Across the University System, online programs will have a common admissions site, a common start date, common registration, and students will be able to pay with one check.

More information about the new online degrees is available by calling 1-800-679-6801 or at <http://online.georgiasouthern.edu>.