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# Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus honors students at annual Awards Convocation

April 24, 2018

Georgia Southern's Armstrong Campus in Savannah hosted its annual Awards Convocation ceremony on April 19 to recognize outstanding student achievement for the 2017-2018 school year. University President Jaimie L. Hebert, Ph.D., welcomed guests and presented awards, along with other University academic leaders, to more than 50 high-achieving students during the ceremony. Student Government Association President Nipuna Ambanpola served as master of ceremonies.

The evening's highest honors were awarded to rehabilitation sciences major Mary Carpenter, recipient of the Gold "A" Award, a rare feat accomplished only by a student who earns a Silver "A" Award for both outstanding academic achievement and service. As such, she was eligible for the Bhatia Foundation Award, and garnered the distinct honor for her dedication to the betterment of humankind and the promotion of friendship and goodwill for all cultures.

Mailin Goestesdotter, a nursing major, and Taylor Standard and Mukti Patel, both biology majors, also earned a Silver "A" Award for academic achievement. Biology students Kaley Powers and Chelsea Sawyer and business economics student Robert Williams earned Silver "A" Awards for service.

The Outstanding Honors Student Award, which is bestowed on an honors student who best exemplifies exceptional academic achievement and distinguished service to the Honors Program, was presented to history studies major Abby Meert.

Business economics student Gayla Nichole Herbert earned the Joseph A. Buck Award, which is presented to a graduating senior who has held one or more leadership positions on the Armstrong Campus and best represents the qualities of leadership and citizenship.

History student Margaret Higgins was presented with the Post 9/11 Veteran Academic Achievement Award, which recognizes the student-veteran who, having served honorably in the nation's military during the period following Sept. 11, 2001, demonstrated commitment to her education by attaining the highest cumulative grade point average among graduating veterans.

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