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# **Georgia Southern University football coaches headline Liberty County Eagle Club meeting**

*APRIL 14, 2008*

Georgia Southern University Eagles defensive coordinator Ashley Anders and secondary coach/recruiting coordinator Keith Hatcher of the football coaching staff will be the featured speakers at the Liberty County Eagle Club on Thursday, May 1. The event will be held at the home of Derek and Kim Sills, Bluff Creek Plantation, in Midway, Ga., and will include a low country boil.

All Georgia Southern University fans in the Liberty County area are invited to attend this free event. The coaches will offer their outlook on the 2008 signing class, spring practice and the 2008 season.

For more information or for directions, contact Derek Sills at 912-408-6521.

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# **Georgia Southern University football coach headlines Greater Jacksonville Eagle Club meeting**

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Georgia Southern University Eagles defensive coordinator Ashley Anders of the football coaching staff will be the featured speaker at the Greater Jacksonville Eagle Club on Friday, May 2. The event will be held at Losco Park, 10851 Hood Road S.

All Georgia Southern University fans in the greater Jacksonville area are invited to attend. Anders will offer his outlook on the 2008 signing class, spring practice and the 2008 season. Additionally, a children's program featuring the Center for Wildlife Education will also take place.

Tickets for the event are \$15 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Due to NCAA regulations, students in grades 9-12 are not encouraged to attend this event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact John or Desiree Thibault at 904-599-9163.

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## **Georgia Southern University and Willingway Foundation partner to create the Center for Addiction Recovery**

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The month of April has been designated Alcohol Awareness Month by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a unit of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, since 1987 in order to call awareness to alcohol abuse as a treatable disease. That designation takes on greater meaning at Georgia Southern University as the Task Force for the Center for Addiction Recovery continues to develop its focus.

The Task Force for the Center for Addiction Recovery is an interdisciplinary group of Georgia Southern University faculty, Willingway Foundation board members, and representatives of other Statesboro community organizations. They are meeting regularly to develop programs focusing on research, evaluation, and service to members of the Georgia Southern University community who are in recovery from problems with alcohol drug, and other forms of addiction.

The Center for Addiction Recovery is the result of a gift from the Willingway Foundation to the University. The foundation donated an initial gift of \$25,000 per year for three years to create the center, which will help recovering students minimize the risk of relapse during their college experience. The center will offer educational resources, opportunities for faculty and student research, and a way to encourage community-wide partnerships in alcohol education.

"Many of the patients treated at Willingway Hospital choose to remain in Statesboro, and many of those people end up pursuing higher education," said Dr. Robert W. Mooney., medical director of the hospital and a board member of the Willingway Foundation. "With this gift, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health can take steps to develop a cutting-edge program that will support those in addiction recovery in the Georgia Southern community."

Kimberly Coleman, assistant professor of community health and health behavior at Georgia Southern University, is a member of the Task Force. She holds a joint faculty appointment from the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and the College of Health and Human Sciences, two areas of the University that will be involved in operation of the Center for Addiction Recovery. She expects the Center's first programs and services to be available during the next academic year.

"The Center for Addiction Recovery will emulate a successful federally funded program currently in place at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas," said Coleman. "Texas Tech has developed a

program model for a recovery community that other colleges and universities can implement and design to fit their particular campus culture. Their research shows that students in the Texas Tech program are more likely to graduate, carry a higher GPA, and have an overall seven percent relapse rate. This is definitely a good program model to implement at Georgia Southern.”