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Effective July 15, University System of Georgia institutions will require all faculty, staff, students and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities and buildings where 6 feet of social distancing may not always be possible. Face covering use is not a substitute for social distancing.

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Graduate compelled to mentor, redirects studies to coach, teach

Following his final wrestling match at Forsyth Central High School, Nathan Kistler left the mat with a newfound vision — to become a coach and teacher and provide the same mentorship that he received throughout school. Yet, as a new student at Georgia Southern University, Kistler chose to study business.

However, Kistler couldn’t muster enthusiasm for business courses and changed his major to middle grades education. The impact was immediate.

Parker College of Business appoints new associate dean of students and external affairs

The Parker College of Business has appointed Britton McKay, Ph.D., professor of accounting, as the new associate dean of students and external affairs.

In her new position, McKay will focus on recruiting, introducing prospective students to the college’s academic offerings, overseeing the college’s academic advising center, overseeing undergraduate scholarships by serving as the committee chair and reviewing scholarship applicants for general scholarships, and coordinating accreditation efforts for Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and Southeastern Association of Colleges and Schools.
Theatre professor appointed regional chair of Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

Georgia Southern University theatre professor Lisa Abbott has stepped into a new role as the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) region 4 chair.

As chair of region 4, Abbott works with a leadership team that puts together the regional KCACTF festival for Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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Finding his vocation: Education graduate works with special needs students

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Southern University Double Eagle Benjamin Mitchell ('11,'20) has been teaching students with disabilities from home.

Mitchell is a special education teacher at Wacona Elementary School in Waycross, Georgia, where he has worked with fourth and fifth grade students for four years.

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Alumna finds home in campus recreation, publishes research

Patient care has always been an aspect of athletic training that has drawn Jenna Morogiello ('17) to the field. In her current role as the coordinator of injury prevention and care at Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) at Georgia Southern University, she spends her time evaluating, diagnosing and treating patients who visit the clinic. In addition, she responds to injury calls the clinic may receive inside or outside the facility.

Ensure our Eagles Finish Strong campaign raises more than $290K for students, student-athletes

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On May 18, Georgia Southern University launched the “Ensure Our Eagles Finish Strong” campaign with a goal of raising funds for students facing financial hardships during these unprecedented times.

The campaign raised more than $290,000 in funds for students on a needs-based priority and for assisting up to 14 returning spring sport seniors who saw their 2019-2020 collegiate seasons cut short. For traditional students, the money raised will keep them from dropping out due to a lack of funding. For student-athletes, the campaign will ensure they can finish their seasons and reach their athletics goals.

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