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## Georgia Southern alumnus invited to the Kennedy Center

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Georgia Southern alumnus, Bryce Hargrove was selected to be one of eight students nationwide to attend the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival National meeting in Washington, D.C. as a part of the ASPIRE program. Hargrove, who finished his degree in PR with a minor in Theatre in December, attended the Region 4 festival in Spartanburg, S.C., in February where he participated with other students from around the region in the ASPIRE initiative.

Hargrove presented his proposal for an emerging theatre and then went through two rounds of interviews with guest selectors Mike Sablone, Artistic Director of the Warehouse Theatre in Greenville, S.C., and Peggy McKowen, the Associate Producing Director of the Contemporary American Theatre Festival in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

The ASPIRE program is a joint initiative by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and the League of Regional Theatres (LORT) through the Actors Equity Association Inclusion, Equity and Diversity program. The program seeks to develop future arts and theatre managers from underrepresented populations such as women and people of color. "The program is one of a kind in its function and goals," commented Hargrove on the ASPIRE initiative.

While in Washington, D.C. Hargrove will attend workshops, meet with directors and producers from professional theatres, and work with the other seven regional representatives on developing programming for under-represented groups. He will be interviewing for positions in arts administration as well as fellowship and internship opportunities and grants.

Hargrove looks forward to the week he will spend in D.C. "Being able to take part in this fellowship is an incredible opportunity for learning and experience. I'm looking forward to the bonds I'll form, the knowledge

I'll gain, and just having a good time. Theatre, performance arts, are things that are special to me and I'm excited to become a better representative of something that connects so many people."

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