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When a student-athlete commits to Georgia Southern University, they are committing to represent the University across the nation as athletes in competition, students in the classroom and leaders within the community. Most importantly, Georgia Southern is committing to providing the student-athlete with the opportunity to earn a college education.

However, there is a cost to a college education. Fortunately, the Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation and much of Eagle Nation have committed to provide the funds necessary for student-athletes to attend Georgia Southern University.

On Saturday, September 29, 2018, Georgia Southern students, family, fans and friends celebrated not only a win against Arkansas State but also the $1,178,000 that the Athletic Foundation presented to the University. Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation Chairman Walt Huggins, alongside Foundation board members, presented University President Shelley Nickel and Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein with the largest amount of scholarship support ever given to the University by the Foundation.

Student-athlete scholarship funds are primarily raised through the Eagle Fund, the Foundation's annual fund. The Eagle Fund helps Athletics' offset the $5,732,088 they must pay the University to cover tuition and other fees associated with college expenses for Georgia Southern's nearly 400 student-athletes.

With the help of the Georgia Southern University and Bulloch County communities, the Eagle Fund continues to grow. The lowest giving level is $120. At just $10 a month, the Eagle Fund is designed to provide membership opportunities for all of Eagle Nation.

Georgia Southern's student-athletes don't take their educational opportunity for granted. Our student-athletes earned a department-wide 3.048 GPA for the 2017-18 academic year, the highest mark in department history. This achievement is the third-consecutive year the student-athletes have reached the 3.0 threshold. During the spring semester, over half of our student-athletes earned a spot on the Honor Roll, and twelve of the fifteen programs posted a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Additionally, Georgia Southern student-athletes' academics were recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA), Southern Conference, Sun Belt Conference, Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) and Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) - just to name a few.

Learn how to support student-athletes by calling 1 (800) GSU-WINS or visiting GSEagles.com/Foundation. The Athletic Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. All gifts made to the Athletic Foundation are tax-deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law.
The Athletic Foundation provides current information through its official website, GSEagles.com/Foundation. Information on giving opportunities can also be found through social media channels Facebook.com/GSUAF or Twitter.com/GSUAF or by contacting the Foundation direction at 1(800)GSU-WINS (call/text) AthleticFoundation@GeorgiaSouthern.edu (email).

Rings, Diplomas & Leaders

The Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation's primary goal is to provide our student-athletes with the opportunity to compete for a championship ring and earn a college education while developing them as future leaders in their respective communities.

The mission of the Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation, Inc. is to provide private financial support for athletic scholarships, facilities and staff enhancement for the Athletic Department of Georgia Southern University. All of the activities of the Athletic Foundation are conducted with the highest regard for academic and athletic excellence and within the guidelines established by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, conference affiliations and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

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