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# Georgia Southern University Hosts Record Open House

*FEBRUARY 4, 2008*

Continuing a growing trend, more than 750 prospective students were on campus for Georgia Southern University's open house, the largest number in the institution's more than 100-year history.

Including parents and other family, Georgia Southern University hosted more than 1,900 guests this past weekend alone, another University record. While on campus prospective students explored the University's numerous degree programs, housing options and met with professors, current students and found out more about available student activities.

'As Georgia Southern University continues to grow not only in reputation in the state, but in the region and nationally, we are excited about the possibilities,' said Teresa Thompson, PhD, vice president of the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Georgia Southern University. 'During the past two open houses, we have hosted families from as close as Savannah and as far away as California.'

The open house, which includes a walking tour of campus, is designed as an overview of the University. Admissions personnel provide an overview of the admissions process and numerous other areas including financial aid, the Honors program and the Eagle Incentive Program (a program offered during the summer for students provisionally accepted for fall admission).

'We have taken a different approach and have moved away from the typical open house,' says Thompson. 'Our goal is to make the most of the prospective student's time by giving them an all-access pass to Georgia Southern. It's this experience, personal touch and access to our administration and faculty that we believe separates us from the other Universities.'

The next open house at Georgia Southern will be April 5, 2008. To RSVP, prospective students should visit: <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu>.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers more than 120 degree programs serving nearly 17,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: [www.georgiasouthern.edu](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu)

# **“Workforce Advantage” workshop will be offered in Statesboro and Savannah**

*FEBRUARY 4, 2008*

The Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern University is offering a workshop that will show employees how to apply leadership principles even if they are not a business owner or manager.

“Workforce Advantage” will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on the Georgia Southern campus in Statesboro. The same workshop will be repeated on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

Each workshop will feature a morning session and an afternoon session. People can sign up to attend a single session or both sessions.

The morning session is called “360 Degree Leader.” Running from 8:30 a.m. until noon, this session will demonstrate how employees don’t have to be in charge of their organization to have a positive impact.

The afternoon session is called “Taking Ownership.” Running from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., this session will focus on how any employee can make things work better in their organization.

The full-day fee for both sessions is \$129 per person. This fee will be reduced to \$99 per person for members of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce and the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. The full-day fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

The half-day fee for a single session is \$69 per person. This fee will be reduced to \$50 per person for members of the Statesboro-Bulloch County and Savannah Area chambers of commerce.

To register for either workshop or obtain more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/workforcefeb.html> or call (912) 681-5551.

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# Georgia Southern University's Sexual Assault Response Team earns National Award of Excellence

*FEBRUARY 4, 2008*

Georgia Southern University's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) has been selected as an Excellence Award Gold Winner by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). This is the University's first award in this category and places it in consideration for the NASPA Gold Medal, Silver Medal, or Bronze Medal Grand Awards recognizing the top three programs in the nation.

"We are honored to receive this recognition and appreciate NASPA recognizing the collaborative efforts of numerous healthcare professionals, local agencies, law enforcement and the University community," said Jodi Caldwell, assistant director of the Counseling Center and chair of the University's SART. "This year is the tenth anniversary of SART, and each year we add a new initiative to keep the program strong." All SART members are volunteers.

Prior to 1997 there were no resources to respond to sexual assault incidents in the four counties surrounding Statesboro, Ga. In 1997 SART founders called law enforcement, campus leaders, hospitals, counseling centers, and medical practitioners together to begin working as a team in developing policies and coordinating services in cases of sexual assault. In 1998, the team began community outreach programming to educate area populations to understand and reduce the risk of sexual assault. The resulting educational programs have been recognized both regionally and nationally for their strategic approach and in 2007, the SART worked directly with the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Court to approve a sexual assault response protocol based on the team's model.

On campus, SART sponsors events such as "Sex Signals," a performance highlighting dating and sexual assault awareness, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, this year beginning Feb. 14. Statewide, SART has created an e-mail distribution list for other sexual assault response teams throughout Georgia. Members of that group including representatives from Georgia Southern's SART met recently with Georgia's state legislators to discuss revising Georgia's outdated sexual assault laws. Nationally, SART has presented at the National Conference on Sexual Assault on College Campuses for the past five years, and internationally, a Georgia Southern University faculty member will be using the SART model this spring for a United Nations-sponsored research project in Albania. Additionally, SART will present its model at the Southern College Health Association's meeting in Savannah March 26-28.

"One of the things that makes this program even more unique is that Georgia Southern University is one of only 12 colleges and universities in the nation to have SANE a sexual assault nurse examiner available to students on campus," added Caldwell. "Having a health care professional with forensic training in sexual assault streamlines the judicial process."

The team has been invited to participate in a poster session recognizing Gold Award winners during NASPA's Annual Conference in Boston. The team will receive recognition through the NASPA Forum and will be showcased in a collection of Gold Award winners on the NASPA Excellence Awards Web resource center.

– See more at: <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/pressrelease.php?id=1043#sthash.TXzogJr.dpuf>

## **Renowned ceramicist Stephen Carter to present demonstration and lecture at Georgia Southern**

*FEBRUARY 4, 2008*

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern University will host nationally renowned ceramicist Stephen M. Carter for a variety of workshops and lectures on Tuesday, Feb. 12 and Wednesday, Feb. 13. Carter is currently associate professor of art at the University of Vermont, where he has been a member of the art faculty since 1989.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Carter will conduct a demonstration with ceramic students from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Ceramic and Sculpture Studio, 236 Forest Drive. On Wednesday, Feb. 13, he will present a lecture on pottery in African-American history at 5:30 p.m. in Room 2016 of the Fine Arts Building. Both events are free of charge and open to the public.

"We are delighted to have a visiting artist of Steve Carter's ability and experience here to inspire our student artists," said Professor Jane Pleak, who heads the ceramic arts program at Georgia Southern. "In his artwork he experiments with texture, color, and temperature, and his creative process is inspired by a love of history."

Carter writes in his artists' statement "My current work focuses on my heritage as an African-American male, both in the context of my family and as a member of the larger community." His work, often constructed from a variety of pieces, is influenced by the quilts created by his mother, grandmother, and aunts.

Carter has been part of many national group exhibitions, including "Diversity in Unity" at the Baltimore Clayworks and "Bald-Headed Potters of America" at the Dean Johnson Gallery in Indianapolis, Ind. His recent solo exhibits include "Legacy" at the Art Center at Old Forge, N.Y., and "Mirrors in Myth and Symbols" at the Charlie Cummings Art Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

For more information about Carter's visit, contact Jane Pleak at 912-486-7461 or at [jpleak@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:jpleak@georgiasouthern.edu).