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## [We'll be seeing double at the Fall 2020 graduation ceremony](#)

December 2, 2020

*A set of twins will be celebrating the ceremony together this year.*



Emily Dietrich will be graduating Summa Cum Laude as a University Honors Program Scholar from the Writing and Linguistics program in the upcoming Fall 2020 ceremony. Because of the cancellation of the May 2020 graduation, her sister, Sara Dietrich, will be joining in the ceremony to celebrate her previous graduation, also earning the distinction as a Summa Cum Laude graduate as well as a University Honors Program Scholar. Emily will continue her work in the nonprofit sector at Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia where she will work towards a hunger-free community with future plans to pursue a master's degree in Public Administration in 2022. Sara also plans on continuing her education by pursuing a doctorate in Public Health in Fall 2021. Both twins have always appreciated the art of writing. In fact, as Sara completed her undergraduate degree, she became a published author with editing and proofreading assistance provided by Emily. Both sisters are excited to share their graduation ceremony together and look forward to what the future has to offer!

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# Georgia Southern listed on the Campus Pride Index

December 2, 2020

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

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**CAMPUS PRIDE INDEX**  
**3.5**  
out of 5 Stars

The Campus Pride Index is an overall indicator of institutional commitment to LGBTQ-inclusive policy, program and practices. How is this calculated?

**CAMPUS FACTS & FIGURES**

📍 <b>Region:</b> South	🏛️ <b>Institution Type:</b>
📍 <b>City/State:</b> Statesboro, GA	Doctoral/Research University
👥 <b>Locale:</b> Small Town (10,000 to 25,000)	Public/State University
👥 <b>Student Population (FTE):</b> 21,000	Residential Campus
💰 <b>In-State Tuition:</b> \$7,000.00	
📄 <b>Out-of-State Tuition:</b> \$20,000.00	
🌐 <b>Institution Website:</b> <a href="http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender/">http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender/</a>	

Since 2007, the [Campus Pride Index](#) has been a national benchmarking tool by which parents and students can assess the LGBTQ+ inclusivity of university campuses. To make the Index a university has to prove their LGBTQ+ friendliness based on a series of criteria, including inclusive curriculum, events, housing, health center, spaces, and resources, as well as some administrative activities. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program (WGSS) was awarded a donor grant from Ted Tucker in 2017, and one of our goals was to increase our LGBTQ+ plus research, classes, and resources.

The application to join the Index began in 2018 and was completed in fall of 2019 by Director Lisa. A. Costello and student worker, Akalah Favors. In January 2020, we received a 3.5/5 rating and became one of only four schools in Georgia to be listed on the Index. The Index is important as a national ranking that sends a message to continuing and prospective students that Georgia Southern is committed to gender inclusivity. The WGSS Program, which has a BA and minor, will begin to offer an LGBTQ+ focused minor in the fall of 2021, which includes classes from WGSS, Public Health, Sociology, Human Ecology, and Writing.

**Georgia Southern University**  
**LGBTQ-friendly break-down by inclusion factors**

<b>Sexual Orientation Score</b>	★★★★☆ 3.5 of 5
<b>Gender Identity/Expression Score</b>	★★★★☆ 3.5 of 5
📄 <b>LGBTQ Policy Inclusion</b>	★★★★☆ 3.5 of 5
📄 <b>LGBTQ Support &amp; Institutional Commitment</b>	★★★★★ 5 of 5
📄 <b>LGBTQ Academic Life</b>	★★★★★ 4.5 of 5
👥 <b>LGBTQ Student Life</b>	★★★★★ 4.5 of 5
🏠 <b>LGBTQ Housing &amp; Residence Life</b>	★★★☆☆ 2 of 5
🛡️ <b>LGBTQ Campus Safety</b>	★★★★★ 4 of 5
🏥 <b>LGBTQ Counseling &amp; Health</b>	★★★★★ 4.5 of 5
📄 <b>LGBTQ Recruitment &amp; Retention Efforts</b>	★★★☆☆ 1 of 5

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