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Georgia Southern University receives donation from Gulfstream

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Georgia Southern University's Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology in the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology (COST) has received a donation of testing equipment from Gulfstream, the world's premier manufacturer of business jets.

Gulfstream representatives presented the University with Versa Modulo Europa (VME) rack-mounted instrumentation equipment that is designed to measure and monitor a variety of physical quantities that relate to the operation of electronic and industrial equipment.

"We are extremely thankful to receive such a generous donation by not only one of our region's most valuable employers, but the world's most recognized designer and manufacturer of business jets," said Bret Danilowicz, the dean of COST. "Gulfstream and Georgia Southern University continue to have an outstanding relationship".

"Our goal is for students that choose Georgia Southern University's Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology degree program to be well-prepared and work-ready to thrive in a highly competitive workplace," said Mohammad Davoud, the chair of the Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology. "Having access to this level of technology is a key ingredient in ensuring they are learning skills that will have an immediate impact upon graduation."

The test equipment donated to Georgia Southern University was previously used by Gulfstream on its flight test aircraft, simultaneously monitoring thousands of points of in-flight data in real time. This donation will provide both students and faculty with the opportunity to initiate new research projects to address research needs at Gulfstream and other regional industries.

The University will use the equipment to measure and monitor industrial equipment as part of student and faculty research and instruction.

"Faculty and students will use the equipment in a variety of engineering courses, including Control Systems, Mechatronics, Programmable Logic Controllers, Industrial Electronics, and Rotating Machinery," said Frank Goforth, an assistant professor of electrical engineering technology at GSU.

Gulfstream designs, develops, manufactures, markets, services and supports the world's most technologically advanced business-jet aircraft. A wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics, Gulfstream has produced some 1,600 aircraft for customers around the world since 1958.

Georgia Southern University's College of Science and Technology is named in honor of the late Allen E. Paulson, the former president and CEO of Gulfstream as well as a long-time supporter of the institution.

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