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A Day for Southern Campaign Sets New Record

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Another year, another record Day. Bulloch County's business and professional community along with Georgia Southern University faculty and staff donated \$1,401,739 to the 35th annual A Day for Southern campaign. The record total also marks the 11th straight year the one-day fundraising drive has topped \$1 million in contributions to Georgia Southern University.

"This year's record total is incredible," said Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube. "Georgia Southern University and Bulloch County have a special relationship that is more than a century old. We're very appreciative of the community's support in our efforts to continue to not only provide an excellent education, but to attract top-quality students."

A Day for Southern helps meet the needs that state funds do not cover. Proceeds go to the Georgia Southern University Foundation and Southern Boosters to support both academic and athletic programs at the University.

"The Bulloch County community has come through in a big way for us once again," said Wendell Tompkins, Georgia Southern's Director of Annual Giving. "Every year we see what a giving community this is, especially on A Day for Southern."

In addition to today's off-campus fundraiser, Georgia Southern University held its annual on-campus A Day for Southern campaign on Aug. 21. This year's on-campus drive set a new high with more than \$250,000 in donations from faculty and staff. The on-campus and community campaigns are combined to reach the total A Day for Southern contribution.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 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.

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Author Marsha Marks to Speak at Women's Forum Sept. 18

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Local women are invited to have lunch with the author who has been called the 'Erma Bombeck of the Bible.' Noted author Marsha Marks will be the speaker for this year's first Women's Forum at Georgia Southern University, Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

Marks has written six books, including *101 Amazing Things About God*. Her articles and short stories have appeared in such publications as *Campus Life Magazine*, *The Christian Reader*, and *Writer's Digest*, and she has appeared on NBC, CBS and ABC.

Marks is also a nationally-known inspirational humorist. She loves sharing how one child from a broken home, who couldn't spell and couldn't punctuate, ended up signing a six-figure book deal. Her motto is 'It's not rejection, it's redirection.'

That philosophy comes through in her book *Flying by the Seat of My Pants: Flight Attendant Adventures on a Wing and a Prayer*. Marks has also written the books *101 Simple Lessons for Life*, *If I Ignore It, It Will Go Away*, *Mary McCowski Was Not a Pretty Girl*, and *When You Were 8, When I Am 80*.

This is the first of three programs in this year's Women's Forum series hosted by Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center. The program will begin with a social and exhibitors from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon; that will be followed by lunch and Marsha Marks' keynote speech from noon to 1.

The Women's Forum is an opportunity for women to come together to socialize, network, and address issues that face women. The Forum is intended to help women examine their own careers and learn from other women about ways to balance jobs and personal lives.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes lunch and the program. To register, call (912) 478-5551 or visit www.georgiasouthern.edu.