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# Five High Flying Schools to be Honored During National Youth-At-Risk Conference

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Five schools nationwide will be honored as 'High Flying Schools' next month during the 2009 National Youth-At-Risk Conference sponsored by Georgia Southern University.

Alfred E. Beach High School of Savannah, Ga.; Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center of Estes Park, Colo.; Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary School of Woodbridge, Va.; Screven County Middle School of Sylvania, Ga.; and C.J. Hicks Elementary School of Conyers, Ga. will be honored during the conference that takes place March 1-4 in Savannah, Ga.

With at least half of their students living at or below the poverty level and with a highly diverse student body, the 2009 High-Flying Schools were chosen for their success in achieving academic success, community collaboration, citizenship development and democratic education.

Each school will be honored during an awards ceremony at 8:45 a.m. on March 2 at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, which is the site of the conference. Following the awards ceremony, each school's success story will be shared in a High Flying School Showcase beginning at 10:30 a.m. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Youth-At-Risk Conference sponsored by Georgia Southern University's College of Education and Continuing Education Department. More than 1,200 attendees are expected for what has become the leading conference nationwide for professionals who deal with troubled youngsters and at-risk youth. The conference draws educators, counselors, social workers, criminal justice professionals and community leaders from around the country. For more information on registration for the conference, go to [www.nationalyouthatrisk.com](http://www.nationalyouthatrisk.com) or call 912-478-5551.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers 116 degree programs serving nearly 18,000 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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