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# Tavis Smiley To Speak At Georgia Southern

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Television and radio host Tavis Smiley will speak at Georgia Southern University's Performing Arts Center on Thursday, January 15th at 7 p.m. as part of the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Program. Smiley will speak about diversity, politics, current events and inspiring the youth who will become the leaders of tomorrow.

Smiley is host of the late night television talk show 'Tavis Smiley' on PBS and the radio program 'The Tavis Smiley Show' on Public Radio International. The first American to ever simultaneously host signature talk shows on both public television and public radio,

Smiley also offers political commentary twice a week on the 'Tom Joyner Morning Show.'"

Newsweek profiled him as one of the 'Twenty People Changing How Americans

Get Their News" and dubbed him one of the nation's 'captains of the airwaves.'" Smiley also created the Tavis Smiley Foundation whose mission is to enlighten, encourage and empower African-American youth.

Seating for Smiley's appearance is limited. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Free tickets will be available at the Performing Arts Center to anyone with a Georgia Southern ID on Wednesday, January 14th and to the public on Thursday, January 15th.

Smiley's appearance at Georgia Southern University is sponsored by The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the Multicultural Student Center.

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