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Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Approves Mission Statement for the New Georgia Southern University

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In a vote today, the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) approved the mission statement for the new Georgia Southern University. The vote was included on the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting on April 18-19 at the College of Coastal Georgia. On April 7, the Armstrong State University/Georgia Southern University Consolidation Implementation Committee (CIC) supported the proposed mission statement recommended by an Operational Working Group including representatives from both universities.

The approved mission statement, an essential element in the consolidation of Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, captures the current educational and economic development priorities and traditions of excellence of each institution to provide a foundation for building a stronger university focused on student-centered teaching and learning. The complete mission statement is as follows:

Georgia Southern University is a public comprehensive and Carnegie Doctoral/Research university offering associate, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines.

The University provides transformative learning opportunities to meet the needs of a diverse student population through its legacy of commitment to academic excellence and personal attention.

Through the shared resources of its multiple locations, the University creates vibrant learning environments that foster an inclusive, student-centered culture of engagement designed to prepare students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities. The University enhances the quality of life and drives economic development in the Coastal Georgia region, the State of Georgia, and beyond by supporting collaborative efforts in technological

innovation, scientific advancement, education, health services, artistic creativity, and cultural enrichment. Faculty, staff, and students embrace the values of integrity, civility, kindness, respect, sustainability, citizenship, and social responsibility in every facet of the University.

The Board of Regents approval of the mission statement recommendation comes after the announcement of the new Georgia Southern's [senior leadership organizational structure](#), announced on April 11. In March, several recommendations were supported by the CIC, including the naming of the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville.

On Jan. 11, 2017, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, ultimately creating a new Georgia Southern University with three campus locations in Savannah, Hinesville and Statesboro. CIC members, Functional Area co-chairs and Operational Working Groups uniting Armstrong and Georgia Southern faculty and staff are currently examining and working through all aspects of the consolidation.

For updates regarding the consolidation between Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University, please visit consolidation.GeorgiaSouthern.edu

ABOUT ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY:

[Armstrong State University](#), part of the University System of Georgia, was founded in 1935. Today, the university offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate academic programs in the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Science and Technology, the College of Education and the College of Health Professions. Armstrong serves approximately 7,100 students at its main campus in Savannah and at a regional center in Hinesville. The university's diverse student population comes from 43 states, the District of Columbia and 67 countries. Visit Armstrong.edu.

ABOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY:

[Georgia Southern University](#), a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125 degree programs serving 20,673 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered and hands-on approach to education. Visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

Georgia Southern Art Students Stand Out at American Advertising Awards in Savannah

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Mallory McLendon Biggers, Erin Fortenberry, Daquan Sims, Katherine Sanders, Dionna Williams and Cameron Carney were recognized for their outstanding graphic design work during the 2016 Savannah American Advertising Federation Awards.

Students in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) earned 10 ADDY Awards during the 2016 Savannah American Advertising Federation Awards held March 30 at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler, Georgia.

"We are very proud of our outstanding student achievements at the ADDY awards," said Associate Professor Santanu Majumdar. "This kind of recognition reconfirms the quality of design work produced by the young designers at the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art."

Students earned gold, silver and bronze awards for various projects that displayed outstanding graphic design work.

For "The Great War," an historical exhibit about World War II that was displayed at Georgia Southern Museum, the following students earned a gold award in the category of ambient media: Alexandra Tobia, Mallory McLendon Biggers, Taylor Genereux, Brandon Coe, Marcus Cook, Courtney Coprich, Ashley Lauren, Brittini Favorite, Sarah Horne, Jonathan Hurt, Mei Shengping, Michelle Parmar, Kelly Slyfield, Megan Uphaus and Victoria Yates.

In the category of website design, Brooke Fremeau earned a gold award for "Zoetic Fitness," and for the television advertising category, Micaela Nylund, Erin Fortenberry, Eric Ward and Dionna Williams earned gold for their project, "Expo Markers."

Akhira Hills earned a silver award for Resource Magazine in the category of publication design, and Katherine Sanders's "Pringles Flavor Flip" earned a silver award for the television advertising category. Sanders also took home a special judge's award for a 3-D animation for "Pringles Flavor Flip."

For "Click! Exploring the History and Science of Cameras," an historical exhibition that was displayed at Georgia Southern Museum, the following students earned a silver award in the category of ambient media: Shelby Myers, Andrew Taylor, Jackson Brantley, Thomas J. Williams, Sarah Tholen, Jaimee Collins, Sara Campbell, Alexander Smith, Hailey Smith, Kelly Shofner, Yendi Reid, Gianna Palazzolo, Jordan Michel, Shelby Landes, Ashley Hillman, Maya Gleason, Rebecca Davis, Audrey Stamps, Margarita Suarez, Sanice Bell, Di'monds Davidson, Albert Marquez, Brendan Lloyd and Kaitlin Baylie.

Hannah Bright won a bronze award for Pomegranate in the category of brochure design; Bertha Lores Alvarez earned a bronze award for Our Visual Culture, and Daquan Sims earned a bronze award for Collateral Design, both in the special event material category; and Cameron Carney earned a bronze award for "Nike Free Ad" in the television advertising category.

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Manufacturing engineering student takes pride in program

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Ana Ordonez Antunez is paving the way for future manufacturing engineering students as one of the students in the first graduating class for the major at Georgia Southern.

The Honduran native was drawn to the University for its programs and the major for its practice in different sciences and design and development of machines, tools and equipment. The hands-on approach really appealed to her.

"Georgia Southern sent a representative to my high school at Tegucigalpa to give a presentation about the University, and the engineering program caught my attention," she said. "What really got me interested with manufacturing is that it practices different sciences including design and development of machines, tools and equipment. It is a hands-on program that requires critical

thinking skills."

Manufacturing engineering, a rapidly growing field in the U.S., involves working in tandem with mechanical and electrical engineers to design products and ensure their manufacturability — everything from quality assurance to automation and information technology integration. Mechanical engineers are the driving force behind a growing industry of production, and students like Antunez are taking advantage of the training at Georgia Southern.

"My dream is to work for a big company," said Antunez. "It's not an easy major...My main goal is to learn as much as I can about manufacturing engineering to not only improve my life and build a career, but also to innovate with new, modern technology."

Antunez takes her studies serious in and out of the classroom. This year she will act as the secretary for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, a title she is honored to have. She credits many of her professors for having helped her along the way.

"I've had a lot of faculty members who have helped me grow and develop engineering skills," she said. "Mainly, Dr. Chang and Dr. Gong have inspired and motivated me because they have given me an insight of what a manufacturing engineer does and all of its applications. They are smart, professional professors who I see as role models."

Her relationship with these role models is definitely a two-way street.

"As her professor, I have had an opportunity to observe her participation and evaluate her knowledge of the subject matter through class assignments and tests," said Assistant Professor Haijun Gong, Ph.D. "She is an outstanding student in all respects...Ana has proven that through hard work, follow through and team work, she can accomplish tasks in a courteous and timely manner."

"The biggest challenge is that since my class is going to be the first to graduate in this program, Georgia Southern is building a reputation from us, so I feel like [manufacturing engineering students] have the obligation to be the best because we represent Georgia Southern and the whole manufacturing program," she said.

For more information about the manufacturing engineering program, visit <http://ceit.georgiasouthern.edu/manufacturing-engineering/>.

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