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Georgia Southern University Named one of the Top 25 Safest College Campuses in U.S.

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Georgia Southern University has been named one of the nation's safest college campuses by The Daily Beast, a popular online news reporting and opinion Web site. Georgia Southern was ranked number 18.

"We are very pleased that our efforts have resulted in being recognized as one of the safest college campuses in the country. To be selected from nearly 9,000 schools speaks to the efforts that the University and the Statesboro community have made to continually improve the safety of our campus," said Bruce Grube, president of Georgia Southern University.

Parents of prospective students always consider safety when they are looking at universities and colleges, and this ranking affirms that Georgia Southern is among the safest."

The Daily Beast (www.thedailybeast.com) is a news reporting and opinion website published by Tina Brown, former editor of Vanity Fair and The New Yorker.

To arrive at the rankings, The Daily Beast examined data submitted by colleges and universities each year as required under the federal Cleary Act. Each year, Georgia Southern along with other colleges and universities provides safety data to the U.S. Department of Education about crimes on and near campus. The Daily Beast took the two most recent years of raw data from nearly 9,000 schools with an enrollment of more than 6,000 students. They then further analyzed more than 4,000 (excluding two-year colleges, standalone graduate schools, etc.) on more than 50 different criteria. Each was measured by weighing different crimes and factoring in incidents both on campus and nearby. Local FBI data was also used to make the statistics as up-to-date as possible. Colleges and universities were also judged on a students-per-capita basis so that large universities would not be penalized when compared with small colleges.

"While Georgia Southern University continues to grow, one thing that separates it from other universities with 19,000 students is the feeling of community," said Mike Russell, director of public safety and chief of the Georgia Southern University Police. "There is definitely a community atmosphere and we make an effort to get to know people and everyone watches out for one another. We do our best to ensure that our students are safe and our parents, faculty and staff appreciate that."

Some of the other universities that were ranked include: Texas A&M, Brigham Young University (BYU), University of Mississippi, University of Virginia, Georgia College & State University and the University of Montana.

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