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# Georgia Southern's Eagle Battalion Ranger Challenge Team Takes 2nd Place at 6th BDE

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*Georgia Southern University's Eagle Battalion Ranger Challenge team at the 6th Brigade Army ROTC Ranger Challenge competition*

Georgia Southern University's Eagle Battalion Ranger Challenge team placed second overall at the 6th Brigade Army ROTC Ranger Challenge competition held at Camp Blanding, Florida on Jan. 21-22.

The Rancher Challenge Team, which won the Georgia state championship [back in October](#), joined other state champions from across the 6th Brigade including the University of Florida, University of Alabama, University of Mississippi, Louisiana State University and Puerto Rico – Mayaguez.

Georgia Southern finished first in both the weapons assembly and night land navigation. The University of Alabama took top honors and will represent the 6th Brigade in April at the United States Military Academy's Sandhurst competition.

"This year we had a solid team. We trained hard all year, and I think we showed the other teams that we were a physical and tactical powerhouse during the competition," said Team Captain and student David Adler. "I expect that in future years this team will continue to win state and compete in and win the brigade competition. The future of Georgia Southern Ranger Challenge will only go up from here, and it won't be long before this team will be competing at Sandhurst."

The competition included an Army physical fitness test, hand grenade assault course, basic rifle marksmanship, triage, rope bridge, weapons assembly, night land navigation and a 10K ruck march.

Team members included:

- Adler – MS IV – Mechanical Engineering – Marietta, Georgia
- Grant Allen – MS I – Political Science – Hahira, Georgia
- Luc Aviles – MS III – Construction Management – Suffern, New York
- Aaron Bohan – MS III – Justice Studies – Cumming, Georgia
- William Eberhart – MS II – Nursing – Rome, Georgia
- John Dudley – MS IV – Exercise Science – Villa Rica, Georgia
- Caleb Herd – MS II – Civil Engineering – Lancaster, Ohio
- Dakota Jones – MS III – Finance – Reidsville, Georgia
- Madison Stewart – MS III – International Studies – Senoia, Georgia
- Tania Camacho (Alternate) – MS III – Accounting – Hinesville, Georgia
- Sean de la Torre (Alternate) – MS II – History – Hinesville, Georgia

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# Georgia Southern Alumnus Seth Orme to present 'Packing It Out'

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Statesboro native and Georgia Southern University alumnus Seth Orme ('14) will return to campus to share his experiences about raising awareness of littering at 7 p.m., Feb. 15 in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, 847 Plant Drive, Statesboro.

Orme, co-founder of "Packing It Out," an initiative, will discuss littering on America's nature trails, and packing out thousands of pounds of trash, that he experienced while hiking through the Appalachian and the Pacific Crest Trails. He is the first of two spring 2017 sustainability speakers hosted by the Center for Sustainability (CfS).

"We are privileged to welcome Seth Orme back to Georgia Southern as the first alumnus in our Sustainability Seminar Series," said Lissa Leege, Ph.D, director of the CfS. "His skyrocketing success with an innovative platform to promote sustainability to a broad audience makes the Eagle Nation proud."

Established in 2014, "Packing It Out" strives to rehabilitate trails and wild spaces all over North America. The founders see the earth as a community in which we share. At the heart of everything they do is a desire to leave the people and places they go better.

The initiative has received wide media coverage, including Gear Junkie, Outside Magazine, Lonely Planet and more. A new film about the initiative, Packing it Out: Five Minutes Five Thousand Miles is an official selection to the 2017-2018 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour.

Orme graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in outdoor recreation, and has been a nature adventurer since then. He has completed a 45 day kayaking trip down the Mississippi River, hiked many trails including the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails and worked as an outdoor educator for Wilderness Inquiry.

To learn more about Orme and "Packing It Out," visit <http://www.packingitout.org/>.

This event is open to the public and free of charge and is co-hosted by CfS and Southern Adventures. Student Sustainability Fees at Work.

# National Youth-At-Risk Conference set for March 5-8 in Savannah

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education and The Division of Continuing Education will host the 28th annual National Youth-At-Risk Conference March 5-8 at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah.

This year's theme, "Helping Adults Serve Youth," complements the conference's goal of training adults who serve youth to create safe, healthy, caring and intellectually empowering educational environments that foster the wellbeing of all children and adolescents.

More than 1,200 attendees from across the United States are expected for the conference, which will feature three keynote speakers and more than 120 presentations by nationally and internationally recognized presenters.

In these presentations, participants learn about current research-based educational programs and strategies, which empower young people to overcome at-risk conditions that may threaten their safety, health, emotional needs and academic achievement.

This year's keynote speakers include: Manny Scott, an Original Freedom Writer who will speak on "The Power of One: Reaching the Unreachable Youth." Alan Sitomer, California Teacher of the Year, will present, "Bringing Rigorous Learning to Life: Having Your Academic Cake and Eating It, Too!" Finally, Joanne Billingsley, an award-winning teacher and author will present, "Unleashing a Mindset of Achievement." More information on keynote speakers can be found [here](#).

During the conference, participants also can expect to gain knowledge of proactive solutions and best practices for meeting the serious challenges faced by youth today such as: school violence, poverty, learning difficulties, illiteracy, boredom, apathy, misbehavior, dropout, drugs, bullying, gangs, teen pregnancy, sexual harassment, racism and more. Furthermore, participants gain effective educational tools to build strong caring schools, communities and families, which can meet the diverse needs of all young people.

Registration for the conference is open [here](#), and a discounted registration price is available to those who register on or before Feb. 24. For more information about the upcoming conference, contact Georgia Southern University Division of Continuing Education at [nyarconference@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:nyarconference@georgiasouthern.edu) or call 912-478-5551.

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