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Georgia Southern to host first TEDxGeorgiaSouthernU event

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Georgia Southern University will host TEDxGeorgiaSouthernU on Friday, Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the University's Black Box Theatre, located in the Center for Art & Theatre at 233 Pittman Drive, Statesboro. The theme for this year's event is "Connecting Creatively." Registration is now open and available through GeorgiaSouthern.edu/TEDx with limited seats available.

TEDx events are intimate events to help foster dialogue and creative thought by allowing audience members to interact with TEDx presenters throughout the day. Presenters for this year's event include two Georgia Southern undergraduate students – Reid Loveless and Jennifer Shaffer, several Georgia Southern faculty and staff members, but also some community members and the organist for the Atlanta Hawks. The speaker lineup includes 13 speakers presenting on a variety of topics including the connection of art and science, a new paradigm of connecting leaders and followers, connecting through laughter yoga and stories, connectivity defects in the brain, and much more.

"Connecting Creatively" allows discussion of connecting with others in creative ways to appropriately address the complex issues we face in the world today.

TEDxGeorgiaSouthernU's event has embraced this concept by holding the event in the Center for Art & Theatre's Black Box Theatre. The venue and the event's networking opportunities will allow audience members to engage with each other as well as TEDxGeorgiaSouthernU presenters. For information on the event and additional speakers, follow @TEDxGaSouthernU on Twitter.

"TEDxGeorgiaSouthernU provides another vehicle to open the door to a global stage that showcases the amazing ideas and creativity of our Georgia Southern community," said John Banter, associate director of the University's Office of Leadership and Community Engagement. "In establishing this event, it is our hope to spread the 'ideas worth sharing' from right here at Georgia Southern University."

About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

TED's open and free initiatives for spreading ideas include TED.com, where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed; the annual million-dollar TED Prize, which funds exceptional individuals with a "wish," or idea, to create change in the world; TEDx, which provides licenses to thousands of individuals and groups who host local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the TED Fellows program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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Georgia Southern M.S. Degrees Ranked Nationally

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Two Master of Science (M.S.) programs within the College of Health and Human Sciences have received national rankings.

The [M.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Coaching Education](#) and the [M.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Sport and Exercise Psychology](#) degree programs were ranked by Sports Management Degree Hub and Online Psychology Degrees, respectively.

Georgia Southern's M.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Coaching Education degree has been ranked second nationally on Sports Management Degree Hub's list of [15 Best Online Coaching Education Degree Programs](#).

The M.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Coaching Education degree is a fully online graduate program designed for experienced coaches and those preparing to enter the field. It offers courses in performance enhancement, coaching administration, athletic training and coaching effectiveness, and the program can be completed in four semesters.

The program's curriculum follows National Coaching Standards for Level 5 Coaching Status. A three-fold metric was used to examine the program's affordability, flexibility and academic prestige of its parent institution.

In addition, Georgia Southern's M.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Sport and Exercise Psychology degree has been ranked 18th in the nation by [Online Psychology Degrees](#), and was the only program in Georgia to be ranked.

The M.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Sport and Exercise Psychology degree is designed for students interested in applied work and/or research in the sport and exercise psychology discipline.

The 36 credit hour program provides students with a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that aligns with the [Association for Applied Sport Psychology](#) requirement for certification.

To be considered for the ranking, factors such as the average annual cost of graduate attendance, college ranking, number of degree options or areas of specialization, accreditation and grading process were examined.