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# Georgia Southern's 43rd Annual 'A Day for Southern' is another success

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*(L-R) Kevin Bostian, executive director of Georgia Southern Athletic Foundation; Taylor Thompson, Georgia Southern student and member of Georgia Southern Women's Golf team; University President Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D.; Ashley Hines Ellis, A Day for Southern community chair and executive vice president of BBWH Insurors; Salinda Arthur, vice president of University Advancement; Dylan John, Georgia Southern graduate student and president of Student Government Association; and Gloria Morgan, director of annual giving for Georgia Southern*

Georgia Southern University has had another successful year with the 43rd annual A Day for Southern fundraising campaign, which has raised \$1,945,416. This is the 19th year A Day for Southern has raised more than \$1 million.

"At Georgia Southern, academics and student successes are, and will always be, our primary mission," said University President Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D.. "A Day for Southern provides a wonderful opportunity for Georgia Southern and the Statesboro-Bulloch County community to come together to

celebrate our strong partnership and help to ensure the continued success of our programs and community outreach, and, most importantly, our students.”

Statesboro and Bulloch County businesses, along with Georgia Southern faculty, staff, retirees and alumni, donated to the campaign as a way to show their support for the University. The gifts received support University programs not fully funded through state dollars, allow students to achieve academic excellence, and support outreach centers such as the [Center for Wildlife Education](#), the [Georgia Southern Museum](#), the [Garden of the Coastal Plain](#) and state-of-the-art facilities and programs that attract and support research and scholarships.

Aleyna Rentz, a University Honors Program student and scholarship recipient, credits support from A Day for Southern for helping in the pursuit of her educational dreams.

“Every day on this campus, you have students working closely with professors in their chosen fields, spending hours in the lab conducting research or experiments, rehearsing endlessly for plays or concerts, students who get to devote every day to pursuing things they love because donations from A Day for Southern give them that chance,” Rentz said.

“Every day ... I get to come to this wonderful campus and prepare for [my] future ... all because of the generosity of donors and fundraisers whose gifts should remind us that scholarships don’t just fund educations, they fund dreams.”

Supporters of A Day for Southern are encouraged to give to the areas at the University for which they are most passionate, whether it is a scholarship fund, a college within the University, athletics or one of a variety of student programs and services. Gifts, no matter the size, can be made year-round through [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/GIVE](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/GIVE).

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