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# Georgia Southern unveils Electric Vehicle Charging Station

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*Pictured left to right: Georgia Southern student KeShawn Harris, Director of Parking and Transportation Kristi Bryant, Interim University President Jean Bartels, Ph.D., R.N., state Representative Jan Tankersley, R-Brooklet, and Director of the Center for Sustainability Lissa Leege, Ph.D.*

Georgia Southern continues the celebration of No Impact Week with the unveiling of the University's first electric vehicle (EV) charging station located at the University's Office of Parking and Transportation. The dual head EV charging station will provide students, faculty, staff and the general public with an accessible charging station, free of charge, that provides a complete charge of two electric vehicles in under four hours. Electric vehicles were available for viewing and test drives at the event.

"Electric vehicles release no tailpipe emissions and use fuel more efficiently than internal combustion engines, making them an environmentally friendlier choice," said Lissa Leege, Ph.D., director of the

University's Center for Sustainability (CfS). "Georgia Southern students supported the acquisition of the EV charging station with their Sustainability Fee dollars, taking yet another step toward a greener campus."

Through the national charging station map, Georgia Southern's charging station will attract travelers along I-16 in need of a charge and will enable travelers to now get from Augusta to Savannah and from Macon to Savannah. Inquiries regarding electric vehicles have increased on the Georgia Southern campus. With approximately one-third of Georgia Southern's students coming from the Atlanta area, one of the fastest growing EV markets in the nation, the University hopes that by having the infrastructure in place it will allow those with EVs to bring them to campus. The charging station was funded by the Student Sustainability Fee.

"In the ever-evolving world of electric vehicles, more and more universities are implementing opportunities to practice sustainability. The Georgia Southern Parking and Transportation department is honored to make room for this EV charging station on campus," said Kristi Bryant, director of Parking and Transportation. "Georgia Southern can now be an EV friendly school while also being a major stopping point between Statesboro and Macon, as well as Statesboro and Augusta."

Georgia Southern holds the record for the longest running No Impact Week in the country. The Week is designed to help individuals become more aware of how to live a sustainable lifestyle. Numerous exhibits, events and activities focusing on environmentally friendly and healthy practices and habits will be hosted throughout the week. Participants are encouraged to take a 'carbon cleanse' during the week by reducing the CO2 emissions of their actions so they can see how no impact living can affect their lifestyles. For more information on No Impact Week, click [here](#).

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125 degree programs serving approximately 20,500 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. [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

# **Students to pay same tuition for the 2016-2017 academic year with zero percent increase**

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ATLANTA (University System of Georgia) — All University System of Georgia (USG) students will pay the same tuition for the 2016-2017 academic year as the current 2015-2016 academic year tuition rates for each USG institution.

Today, the Board of Regents approved plans announced earlier this year for no tuition increases.

"We are committed to making college affordable for Georgians," said Chancellor Hank Huckaby. "As part of our commitment, we are pleased to announce the Board of Regents has unanimously voted for a zero percent tuition increase for all USG institutions for the 2016-2017 academic year."

Additionally, the Board approved a 20 percent decrease in the cost of eMajor credit hours for the 2016-2017 academic year, from \$250 per credit hour to \$199 per credit hour. The USG's eMajor initiative allows students to enroll and to complete specific associate's and bachelor's degrees through on-line learning programs. This decrease in certain on-line course tuition is another step the Board is taking to reduce the cost of online education and further support students in earning their degrees.

The University System already provides free, open-source, on-line e-textbooks through the Affordable Learning Georgia initiative, which is estimated to save USG students more than \$15 million in the current academic year.

"The Board's action today demonstrates the importance the University System places on providing quality, public higher education, while keeping costs down for students and their families," said Shelley Nickel, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs and Planning.

Georgia's University System remains ranked the seventh lowest in tuition and fees, for four-year institutions, out of the 16 states that make up the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

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