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Patriot Awards presented to faculty and staff members

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Chris Kadlec, Ph.D. (left), Todd Tinker (right)

This week in surprise ceremonies, Todd Tinker and Chris Kadlec, Ph.D., were presented with Patriot Awards by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office. The award is given to supervisors who have been nominated by an employee serving in the National Guard or Reserve or the spouse of a Guard or Reserve member for their efforts to support citizen warriors. Recognized efforts include a wide range of measures from flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families to granting leaves of absence if necessary.

Tinker is a service manager in the University's Center for Academic Technology Support and a graduate student at the University. Chris Kadlec, Ph.D., is an associate professor of IT and specializes in IT infrastructure, networking and security.

Chuck Clark, the Employer Outreach director for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for the State of Georgia, presented the awards on campus.

The ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR is supported by a network of more than 4,500 volunteers in 54 committees located across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam-CNMI (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Volunteers, hailing from small business and industry, government, education and prior military service bring a vast wealth of experience to assist in serving employers, service members and their families. Together with Headquarters ESGR staff and a small cadre of support staff for each State Committee, volunteers work to promote and enhance employer support for military service in the Guard and Reserve.

Georgia Southern University has been named a Military Friendly School® by G.I. Jobs Magazine for the fifth year in a row for its efforts to provide educational opportunities to America's veterans, active-duty troops and their families.

Georgia Southern students win at American Marketing Association Conference

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Three College of Business students representing the GATA Sales Team traveled to New Orleans during spring break, March 17-20, to compete at the American Marketing Association's 38th Annual International Collegiate Conference.

Chareva Myles competed in the AMA Perfect Pitch competition sponsored by AeroTek, while Taylor Porter and Jakeia Kitchens competed in the ABC Supply Co. International Sales Competition.

The three competitors prepared 90-second pitches for their respective competitions, and each student proceeded through the first round of pitches, making it to the second and final round. At the end of the competition weekend, Myles won first place in the AMA Perfect Pitch, landed an internship this summer at AeroTek and a job with AeroTek as a recruiter following

Taylor Porter, Jakeia Kitchens and Chareva Myles placed among the top participants in their respective competitions during the AMA International Collegiate Conference

her graduation, starting in January 2017.

Porter placed second in the ABC Supply Co. International Sales Competition, and Kitchens placed third in the ABC Supply Co. International Sales Competition.

“As a team, we didn’t think we were going to get that far at first,” said Myles. “But after the first round and learning what we had to do, we knew we would do exceptionally well in our respective competitions.”

Georgia Southern’s GATA Sales Team was the only team from one university to take home first, second and third place in the competitions.