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Harley Strickland wins title of Miss Georgia Southern 2016

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Megan Johnson, Miss Georgia Southern University 2015, crowns Harley Strickland Miss Georgia Southern University 2016 on Saturday during the annual scholarship pageant

Georgia Southern junior Harley Strickland was crowned Miss Georgia Southern University on Saturday evening during the 68th annual scholarship pageant hosted by the University Programming Board at the Performing Arts Center.

Strickland was chosen by the five judges out of 18 contestants who graced the stage as they competed in categories including talent, swimwear, evening wear and onstage question. The contestants also competed in a private interview prior to the pageant.

A journalism major from Claxton, Georgia, Strickland will go on to represent the University at the Miss Georgia Pageant in June. In addition to being crowned Miss Georgia Southern, Strickland will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, which includes a Miss Georgia Southern travel stipend, 25% off at Frills by Scott during her reign and a complimentary photo shoot courtesy of Lori Grice Photography.

Additionally, Katherine "Kacey" Reid of Loganville, Georgia, was selected as second runner up, while McCaulea Read of Savannah, Georgia, was selected as first runner up. Reid also won the title of Miss Photogenic, which was chosen based on the number of likes the contestants' photos received on the UPB's Facebook and Instagram pages prior to the event.

Judges selected Hawkinsville, Georgia, native Tara Smith the winner of the best evening wear award, while Teyaijah Givens of Soperton, Georgia, was selected by her fellow contestants as Miss Congeniality. Whitney Thornton of Albany, Georgia, won People's Choice Award, which was chosen by donations from the audience. The proceeds from People's Choice Award goes to Eagles For Eagles organization on campus, which gives awards to Georgia Southern students in extreme financial hardship.

Judges for the evening were the 2015 Mr. Georgia Southern University Wesley Guy, Shelli Akins, Marc "Bo" Galvin, former Miss Georgia Southern University Cyndi Rogers and Miss America Organization representative Tavares Jones.

The annual Miss Georgia Southern scholarship pageant is the longest-running preliminary pageant for the Miss Georgia Pageant, which is affiliated with the Miss America Organization. The event is hosted by UPB each year.

Georgia Southern offers new way to pay tickets through Quickit

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The Georgia Southern University campus community is now able to pay all parking tickets conveniently and immediately using the Quickit app.

"We are proud to be the first university in the entire nation to utilize this innovative app," said Kristi Bryant, director of Parking and Transportation. "We always aim to give our students the most convenient, secure and user-friendly means to pay their tickets and continue on with their day."

The free app, available for Android and iOS platforms, gives users the ability to scan a ticket and pay securely with a credit card or PayPal instantly. Other unique Quickit features include push notification and payment reminders, Android and Apple support and quick payment confirmation.

All parking citations now include instructions on how to pay through Quickit, as well as directs users to download the app for either iOS or Android.

"Quickit is thrilled to bring our mobile app to Georgia Southern," says Tristan Steele, CEO of Quickit. "Our service offers everyone including students, faculty and visitors an easier and more convenient way to pay for their parking citations that is truly beneficial to them and the University. This is our first of many rollouts in 2016, and I can't thank the Georgia Southern Parking and Transportation department enough for all their support."

For more information on Quickit and its benefits to Georgia Southern Parking and Transportation, visit thequickitapp.com.

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'Davis & Johnson present The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra' takes the stage at the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 9

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Jeremy Davis and Clay Johnson, along with their fiery hot 17-piece big band, will perform their energetic show "Davis & Johnson present The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra" on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Audiences across the country have fallen in love with Davis and Johnson, two sophisticated southern gentlemen, who will perform the greatest songs and the best original arrangements, and showcase phenomenal musicianship while bringing their rich friendship and charm to the stage. Fashioned in the style and swagger of the legendary entertainers led by Frank Sinatra, Davis and Johnson are putting their own stamp on the Great American songbook, graced with a touch of Motown, Ray Charles, Johnny Cash, Elvis and more, offering a fresh take on the classic big band performance that speaks to every soul.

The PAC welcomes these dynamic performers to the stage following their nationally televised PBS special on Oct. 6, 2015.

Tickets are \$26 for patrons, \$23 for Georgia Southern University faculty and staff, \$10 for Georgia Southern students and \$13 for youth. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the PAC website at www.georgiasouthern.edu/pac, call the PAC Box Office at 912.478.7999 or visit in person at 847 Plant Drive (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one hour prior to the show), or visit the PAC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GSUPerformingArtsCenter and click the BUY TICKETS app. For more information please email pac@georgiasouthern.edu.