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# Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club earns multiple awards

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The Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club recently competed at the International Intercollegiate Mediation in Des Moines, Iowa, winning a total of six awards, including ranking in the top 10 in mediation and advocacy in the world and fourth in all World Advocate awards. This semester, the Club also has received other awards including several at the Georgia State Conflict Resolution Symposium and the Regional Mediation Tournament hosted by Brenau University.

While in Des Moines, the students proved not only that they were successful at the international level, but also they had the opportunity to attend the Mediator's World Congress where a diverse array of professionals discussed topics such as mediation in the Muslim world, restorative justice and compassionate mediation.

In addition, while at the international competition, Jessica Shanken, president of the Mock Mediation Club, announced that Georgia Southern will host an Invitational Mediation Tournament April 8- 9 for all student organizations who would like to better understand conflict management and effective communication.

Prior to the International Intercollegiate Mediation competition, the team placed first in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions at the Georgia State Conflict Resolution Symposium. The club

sent four teams, three undergraduate squads and one graduate team, to the symposium. In the undergraduate division the Club placed first in both mediation and advocacy, and in the graduate division, the club placed first in mediation.

"While this was mostly an opportunity for students in the region to learn from each other and the amazing speakers, Mock Mediation fared very well during the competition," said Shanken.

The Club received eight awards during two days of competition in October at the Regional Mediation Tournament, hosted by Brenau University, in Gainesville, Georgia. Awards included four top 20 advocate awards, two top 10 individual mediator awards, a top six team in the advocate/client team category award, and a top six in the mediation team category. The tournament hosted its largest field in its 13-year history with a total of 26 teams traveling from as far as Ohio and Texas. Across the board, the Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club ranked in both advocacy and mediation.

Having received more than 50 awards since its founding in fall 2013, members of the student-led Club have also gained valuable experience through competition. Students have been able to learn firsthand the value of communication, professionalism and collaboration.

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# Georgia Southern hosts the 11th annual Southern Scholars Showcase

**DECEMBER 3, 2015**

Georgia Southern will host its 11th annual Southern Scholars Showcase on December 4-5, bringing more than 140 of the brightest high school seniors from Georgia, across the nation and the world to our campus to interview for valuable and prestigious academic scholarships.

To be invited to this interview event, students must have outstanding test scores and high school grade point averages. They are among the very best in their respective high schools. Last year the average test scores for attendees were 1349 SAT (Math and Critical Reading only) and 30 composite ACT. In addition to interviewing for scholarships, students and their parents will have the opportunity to attend a variety of informative sessions about the University ranging from topics on engineering to study abroad.

Southern Scholars Showcase is just the first chance for prospective Georgia Southern students to earn merit-based, academic scholarships. On February 26-27, 2016, Scholars' Day will bring an additional 270 students to campus. To qualify for an invitation to this event, a student must earn at least a 1200 on the SAT (Math and Critical Reading only) or 27 composite on the ACT and demonstrate high academic ability within the classroom. Students who are selected as finalists will receive an invitation for Scholars' Day and have the chance to interview for scholarships.

For more information, or to apply for scholarships or the University Honors Program, please visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/AdmissionsScholarships](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/AdmissionsScholarships). For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions at [912-478-5391](tel:912-478-5391) or [scholarships@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:scholarships@georgiasouthern.edu).