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Georgia Southern students to present fashion, design works during annual showcase

NOVEMBER 30, 2015



FMAD welcomes
Designer-on-the-Rise

Azede Jean-Pierre

Azede has dressed:
First Lady Michelle Obama, Lady Gaga,
Solange Knowles, Angie Harmon,
Hannah Bronfman, Jena Malone AND MORE!

Friday, Dec. 4
Union Ballroom

AZEDE LECTURE
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. / Free

JURIED RUNWAY SHOW
Guest Judge Azede
6 p.m. / Doors Open at 5 p.m.
\$2 Entry Fee

BOTH EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

PHOTO: ADAM KATZ-SINING FOR STYLECASTER

Georgia Southern University's Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design (FMAD) program and Fashion Menagerie, Georgia Southern's premier fashion student organization, will host fashion designer Azede Jean-Pierre for a lecture and guest judge at the student Showcase, set for Friday, Dec. 4, in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Jean-Pierre is a fashion designer whose young women's wear label is based in New York City, and has been committed to celebrating the sensual femininity of its customer since the company's inception. Jean-Pierre was born in Pastel, Haiti, and was raised in Atlanta, Georgia. After three years as a student at Savannah College of Art and Design, she decided to launch her own label and later moved to New York City and honed her skills interning at Ralph Rucci and Ohne Titel before branching out on her own.

Jean-Pierre's collection has been picked up by Moda Operandi, Chalk Boutique in Chicago, VOD boutique in Dallas, Exodus Goods in Nola, Tinker Tailor and the brand's online store. The label has also been featured in many major publications and has become a red carpet favorite for several very stylish and influential celebrities like Solange Knowles, Lady Gaga and First Lady Michelle Obama.

Jean-Pierre will present a lecture at 11 a.m. during her visit to Georgia Southern, and will hold a question and answer session along with private critiques for senior design students at 3 p.m. She will then be a guest judge for the Showcase, set for 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The Showcase, which is a runway show and styling competition, includes work from current FMAD design students as well as local and student stylists and alumni. Tickets for the showcase are \$2 and may be purchased at the door or in advance through Fashion Menagerie Fashion Organization.

The FMAD program area, part of the College of Health and Human Sciences' School of Human Ecology, has two areas of emphasis, fashion merchandising and apparel design. The program of study provides a broad liberal education with a focus on the diverse careers in textiles, apparel production and fashion industries. Students receive specialized training in fashion illustration, pattern making, draping design, manual and computer aided design and fashion buying.

The program has been named one of the top fashion merchandising schools in the United States by fashion-schools.org. In a review that looked at more than 200 institutions and their academics, admissions, programs, faculty and other criteria, Georgia Southern ranked among the top 25 percent in the nation and made the top schools list at 49. The University was also ranked ninth on the list of Top 15 Fashion Schools in the South. Notable fashion alums: Mychael Knight – Celebrity fashion designer, Emily Bargerion – Fashion Designer Mamie Ruth, and Diane Bailey – Designer/ Owner Bailey Boys.

Georgia Southern Announces Fall 2015 Commencement Speakers

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Georgia Southern University will hold its 24th annual Fall Commencement with three commencement ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Hanner Fieldhouse, 590 Herty Drive.

Kathy Bradley will address graduates in the 9 a.m. ceremony for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies and College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Bradley is an author, speaker and prosecuting attorney who lives and works in Bulloch County. She is a cum laude graduate of

Wesleyan College where she received an A.B. in American Studies and the Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University where she received a J.D. degree. Her first book, *Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life*, published by Mercer University Press, received the Will D. Campbell Prize for Creative Nonfiction in 2010, and in 2013 she was named Georgia Author of the Year in Essay. Her second book, *Wondering Toward Center*, will be published by Mercer University Press in spring 2016. She is a former adjunct faculty member of Georgia Southern's College of Business and currently serves on the University's Department of Writing and Linguistics advisory board.

Lonice Barrett, special assistant in the Office of Gov. Nathan Deal, executive director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Foundation and a 50-year alumnus of Georgia Southern, will speak at the 11 a.m. ceremony for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, College of Science and Mathematics, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology and College of Health and Human Sciences. Barrett has served the administrations of eight Georgia governors, beginning with the late Gov. Lester Maddox, and has served twice as the Department of Natural Resources Commissioner. He currently serves as Gov. Deal's appointee to and chairman of the State Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees and chairman for the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority. A longtime civil servant, Barrett has received numerous awards including the National Governor's Association (NGA) Distinguished Service to State Government Award, Georgia TREND Magazine's 100 Most Influential Georgians list in 2006 and election to the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Hall of Fame. His dedication to Georgia Southern earned him the 1990 Alumnus of the Year award for the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Barrett received a bachelor's in recreation administration from Georgia Southern and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in parks and recreation from Georgia State College. Today, the 108-acre "Lonice C. Barrett Lake," a public fishing lake in Perry, Georgia, is named in his honor.

Maj. Gen. Leslie C. Smith will address graduates at the 1 p.m. ceremony for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, College of Education, College of Business Administration and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. Smith received his commission in the U.S. Army from Georgia Southern in 1983 as a Field Artillery Officer and currently serves as Deputy to the Inspector General for the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Previously, he served as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Other commands include leading a Field Artillery Battalion, a Chemical Battalion and a Chemical Brigade. During his extensive and impressive military career, he has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Senior Parachutist Badge. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Georgia Southern and was a distinguished military

graduate and branched as a Chemical Officer. He also holds a M.S. in administration from Central Michigan University and a master's in national security strategy from the National Defense University.

The 24th annual Fall Commencement will mark the first ceremony members of the Double Eagle Society will be recognized at the beginning of each of the three ceremonies. This new incentive program and joint initiative between the University's College of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association includes alumni who have earned two or more degrees, one undergraduate and one graduate degree or two graduate degrees, from Georgia Southern. For more information on the Double Eagle Society, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/doubleeagle.

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