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# Chair of School of Human Ecology, Cynthia Johnson, Ph.D., earns Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Leader Award

**JUNE 8, 2017**

Cynthia Johnson, Ph.D., chair of the Georgia Southern School of Human Ecology (SHE), received the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS) Leader Award for her significant contributions to the field of family and consumer sciences (FCS).

Johnson was presented the award during the 2017 GAFCS Annual Conference in Athens, Georgia, on March 31, by GAFCS President, Karen Jones, and Vice President of Awards and Recognition, Arlene Fitts Winfrey.

Johnson was recommended for the Leader Award due to her extensive background in program development and the leadership roles she has upheld throughout her career. In addition, Johnson was recognized nationally in 2016 as a FCS legend by American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for establishing the first national doctoral program in medical family therapy and for her work in child and family relations.

"Former faculty, and other FCS administrators know of my dedication, commitment and contribution to the field, and those are the individuals who supported the recommendations," said Johnson.

Johnson currently serves as the vice president for professional development on the Executive Board of GAFCS, and on the 2018 Local Arrangements Committee.

To learn more about SHE, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/SHE](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/SHE).

*Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers 118 degree programs serving 20,673 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic*



*Cynthia Johnson, Ph.D., (pictured middle above) was presented with the GAFCS Leader Award by Karen Jones, President (left) and Arlene Fitts Winfrey, VP Awards and Recognition (right).*

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## Georgia Southern Professor named Statesboro Herald Humanitarian of the Year

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*Karl Peace, Ph.D.*

Georgia Southern University Professor Karl Peace, Ph.D., was selected as the 2017 Statesboro Herald Humanitarian of the Year during the 29th annual Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind Awards gala held in May.

Peace is Professor of Biostatistics and The Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at the University.

"I am honored to have been awarded the Deen Day Smith and Statesboro Herald's Humanitarian of the Year Award," said Peace. "It is very meaningful because it is awarded in recognition of what I have done beyond being a successful professional. It recognizes the fabric that has made my life meaningful – seizing the opportunity to improve the quality of life of others through improving their health and education.

Over three careers, I have received over 50 honors or awards, but the Humanitarian of the Year is extra special!"

The Karl E. Peace Center for Biostatistics and Survey Research at Georgia Southern was named on his behalf, and he endowed the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health in honor of his late wife.

His accolades include being named the 1998 Distinguished Alumni of the Year at Georgia Southern and the 2003 Alumni of the Year. Peace received the first-ever Georgia Southern University President's Medal in 2005; and in 2009 won the Georgia Southern Annual Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity.

Peace endowed the first Eminent Scholar Chair at Georgia Southern and endowed the Karl E. Peace/Jiann-Ping Hsu Eminent Scholar Chair in Public Health at the University. He has also endowed 13 other scholarships at Georgia Southern.

Peace was cited as Georgia Southern University's greatest benefactor in the 2004 Campaign for National Distinction.