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# Barry Joyner Named Dean of Georgia Southern University's College of Health and Human Sciences

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*Barry Joyner, Ph.D.*

The College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) at Georgia Southern University has announced the appointment of Barry Joyner, Ph.D., as dean, effective April 1, 2015. In that role, he will oversee the College's mission to provide comprehensive and innovative programs that promote health and quality of life for individuals, families and communities within a global society.

"With the support of the CHHS Dean Search Committee, CHHS faculty and staff, I am confident that Dr. Joyner is well prepared to take on the responsibilities of sustaining the accomplishments and traditional successes of CHHS while moving the College to its next level of academic distinction," said Jean E. Bartels, Ph.D., RN, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Prior to his appointment as dean, Joyner served as interim dean. He first came to Georgia Southern in

1992 as an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and to professor and chair of the Department of Health and Kinesiology in 2005.

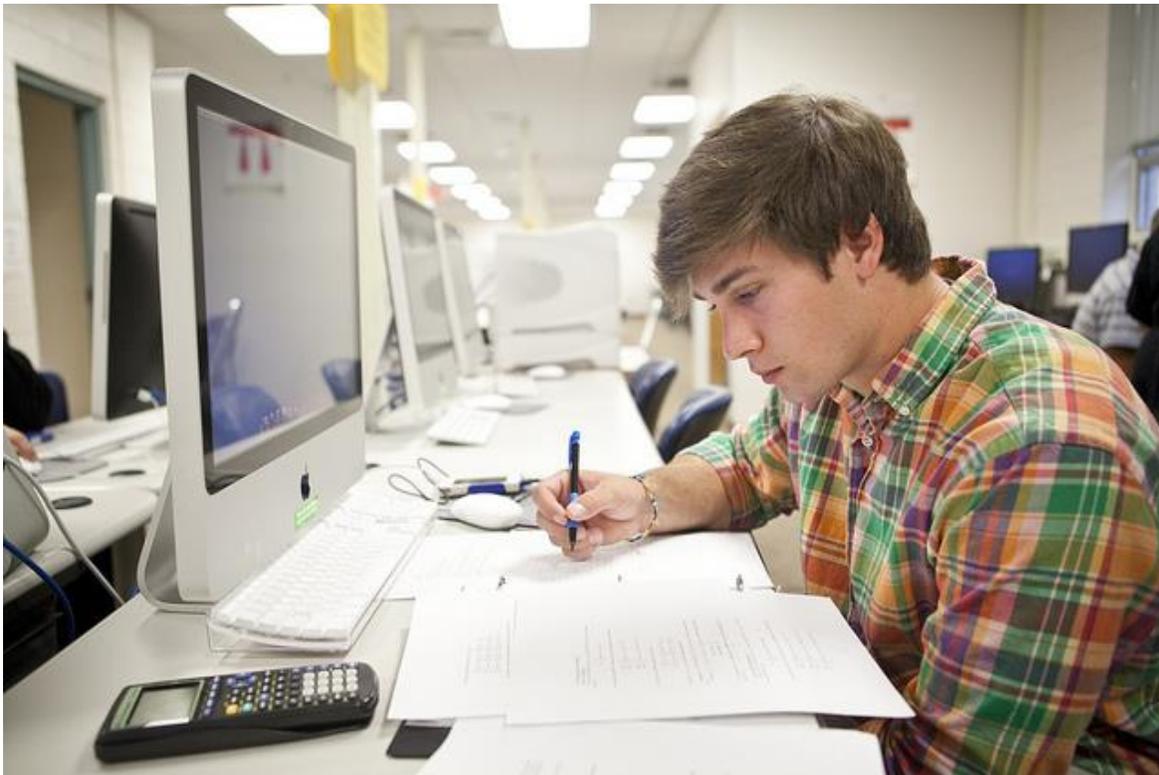
Joyner earned his Bachelor of Science in education (with a major in health and physical education) from Georgia Southern University, his Master of Education (with a major in physical education) from Auburn University, and his Doctor of Philosophy (with an emphasis in measurement and evaluation) from the University of Georgia. He has published more than 45 juried articles and more than 25 abstracts, book chapters and book reviews, and has presented widely at state, national and international venues on disciplinary issues.

An active member of the local community, he was a member of the Bulloch County CHILD Coalition and the competition director for the Aquatics and Softball State Competition for Georgia Special Olympics. He has been honored for teaching and service awards and was the recipient of the 1997 Excellence in Teaching Award from Georgia Southern.

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## University Online Programs Rank Top 10 in the Nation

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Georgia Southern's online programs have been ranked nationally by BestColleges.com and placed in the top 10 in multiple categories.

Georgia Southern ranked No. 4 for "Best Online Colleges of 2015," and No. 9 for "Best Online Masters in Education Programs of 2015."

Several factors were weighed in determining the rankings for these recognitions. BestColleges.com collected data from College Navigator and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), both government databases, to ensure accurate, up-to-date information was being evaluated. Factors included acceptance, retention, graduation and enrollment rates.

“Georgia Southern’s online programs are among the best at preparing individuals for careers in today’s fast paced employment market,” said Dr. Jean Bartels, Vice President for Academic Affairs. “The strength of our faculty and the strong online programming format make Georgia Southern leaders in the delivery of online education. These recognitions and rankings underscore the national presence of our outstanding programs.”

In addition to the BestColleges.com ranking, the University’s online programs have been included among the best in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*, *TheBestSchools.org* and *GetEducated.com*.

To learn more about these programs, visit [Academics.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/online/](https://Academics.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/online/)

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