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# Megan Johnson Becomes Georgia Southern's Sweetheart

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

## Miss Georgia Southern 2015



Eighteen young women competed for the title of "Miss Georgia Southern" on Saturday and contestant No. 1 Megan Johnson took the crown followed by first runner-up Amanda Merry and second runner-up Layne Livingston.

"I've done a few [pageants]," Johnson said, "But this is probably the biggest one I've ever done! I've won in the past, but all those wins were just leading up to this one."

Johnson is a proud member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority on campus as well as a hardworking, sophomore nursing major. The Savannah native brought home a \$2,000 scholarship as well as gifts from sponsors

The students competed in several categories including an interview portion, talent, swimsuit, evening wear and a question and answer session. "Miss Congeniality" and "Fan Favorite" winners were selected as well.

The University Programming Board (UPB) worked hard to make this pageant go smoothly. Tyler Flaim, the special events chair, teamed up with other members to plan the event.

"Things seemed to run pretty seamlessly," Flaim said. "And the girls looked like they were having a great time on stage. I know they were all really excited about the pageant, and the audience was significantly entertained."

The Miss Georgia Southern University pageant became an official local preliminary pageant to the Miss Georgia and Miss America Pageants in 1948. This year marks the 67th year for the pageant at Georgia Southern.

"This was by far the largest pageant that I've ever had a hand in working on," said Memory Littles, assistant director of Georgia Southern UPB. "We were a little concerned in the beginning with the amount of contestants that we had with the length and quality of the show, but the girls all had a great time, and we had a great time planning it. Overall it went really well!"

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## Georgia Southern University to host 2015 Healthcare Symposium

**FEBRUARY 23, 2015**



*David Rubenstein*

Georgia Southern University's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) is pleased to welcome retired Army Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), to campus as the featured speaker for the Healthcare Symposium on March 4 from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern. The symposium is focused on leadership principles for the next generation of leaders.

In his presentation, the health care administrator will address the topic, "A Young Leader's Toolkit: Know Oneself to Better Lead

Others." Rubenstein will offer his thoughts on how an individual's personal values can help shape one's leadership abilities in any organization.

During his 35-year Army career, Rubenstein served as Deputy Surgeon General, as Commanding General of the Army Medical Department Center and School and as Chief of the Army Medical Service Corps. He is a clinical associate professor of health administration at Texas State University and his professional credentials include being a board certified health care executive who is past chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

James Stephens, D.H.A., director of the Master of Healthcare Administration program at Georgia Southern said, "We are very pleased to once again arrange for a nationally known speaker like

retired Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein to be our special guest speaker for the 2015 Healthcare Symposium.”

Sponsored by the JPHCOPH, the symposium is free and open to all students, faculty and staff, and to the public.

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