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# Georgia Southern Welcomes Pulitzer-prize Winning Columnist to Campus

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[First-Year Experience \(FYE\)](#) at Georgia Southern University will present a lecture by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the [University's Performing Arts Center](#). The event is free and open to the public.

Kristof, a columnist for *The New York Times*, will discuss his latest book authored with Sheryl WuDunn, *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity*.

"Kristof brings a fresh perspective to making a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged in the United States and globally," said Dr. Chris Caplinger, director of FYE. "Kristof speaks frankly about the limitations of some forms of charity. Ultimately, though, he leaves us with a powerful call to action about how to engage effectively."

Though several Georgia Southern entities have partnered to bring Kristof to campus, Caplinger said that the [Student Abolitionist Movement \(SAM\)](#) was integral to coordinating the event. SAM President Claire Torrell initially suggested the idea of bringing Kristof to campus and will introduce him at the Georgia Southern presentation.

"For the past several years, students involved in SAM on campus have educated their peers about human trafficking, an issue that Kristof and WuDunn first addressed in an earlier book, *Half the Sky*," Caplinger said.

Students interested in meeting and having dinner with Kristof on the day of the event are invited to submit a question for the speaker. Participation is also encouraged on social media, using #GSUKristof.

In addition to SAM and FYE, the Feb. 23 event is sponsored by Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Campus Life Enrichment Committee, Center for the Study of International Schooling, Department of Communication Arts, Department of Foreign Languages, Center for International Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, University Honors Program, Department of Writing and Linguistics, Department of History, Office of Student Media, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College

of Business Administration, College of Health and Human Sciences, and College of Science and Mathematics.

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