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# Georgia Southern Museum Recognizes Planters Telephone Cooperative

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*Salinda Arthur, vice president of University Advancement at Georgia Southern, Georgia Southern Museum Director Brent Tharp, Stephen Milner, CEO of Planters Telephone Cooperative, David Moore, chair of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries Awards Committee and Catherine Lewis, President of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries, pose for a photo after Planters Telephone Cooperative was recognized for its support of the Georgia Southern Museum at the GAMG annual conference and awards luncheon at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.*

The [Georgia Southern Museum](#) recognized longtime supporter Planters Telephone Cooperative recently during the annual [Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries](#) (GAMG) Conference at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, 847 Plant Drive.

The Museum nominated Planters Telephone Cooperative, based in Newington, Georgia, for the GAMG Patron Award, and Planters was granted the award during a ceremony Jan. 23. The award recognizes an individual or group who has worked closely with a museum demonstrating leadership

and providing assistance; is a major promoter of the museum in the area or statewide; and in the past year has made a significant contribution and will continue to be a sponsor in the future.

"The Museum's relationship with Planters Telephone Cooperative began more than a decade ago when they helped found Eagle Science Camp, a camp for exceptional math and science students throughout Georgia," said Brent Tharp, director of the Georgia Southern Museum. "Although that camp no longer operates, Planters has continued to support the Museum through outreach programs and educational initiatives. For that dedication of sticking with the Museum's mission and the mission of math and science education, we nominated them for this award, and we're glad GAMG agreed with us."

Tharp added the Georgia Southern Museum was happy to host the GAMG's conference here in Statesboro. "We were anxious to have this group back down here because it had been many years since we'd hosted them," said Tharp. "There have been radical changes in this community, and this was an exciting opportunity to share what an incredible events and cultural place Statesboro has become.

GAMG is a statewide organization dedicated to serving a diverse membership in a way that establishes a responsive network, provides a resource base and promotes professionalism so that Georgia's museum community is strong, effective and proactive.

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## **Georgia Southern University to Host the first World Universities Forum in the United States**

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Georgia Southern University will welcome "The Eighth World Universities Forum" to the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm St. in downtown Savannah, on Feb. 5-6.

The gathering at the Coastal Georgia Center is the first time the World Universities Forum (WUF) will hold its annual conference in the United States. Previous forums have been held in Switzerland, India, Hong Kong, Canada, Portugal and Greece.

More than 30 countries will be represented at the international gathering of global scholars and policymakers to examine the role and future of the university in a changing world. Devon Jensen, Ph.D., interim associate dean of Georgia Southern's Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, is one of the keynote speakers. Jensen, a member of WUF's advisory board, has researched, taught and studied Higher Education Leadership topics for more than a decade. He is currently conducting a large-scale research project that explores the relationship between higher education and economic development.

"I am excited to have this international group of educators, scholars and leaders come to Savannah to explore and discuss the important higher education questions and challenges of our day," said Jensen. "Then to have these delegates experience Georgia Southern University will bring an increased international awareness of our university," he added.

Managed by Georgia Southern University, the Coastal Georgia Center is an academic conference, meeting and special event venue nestled in the heart of the beautiful Historic District of Savannah, Georgia, adjacent to the Savannah Visitor Information Center. The Coastal Georgia Center fulfills its mission by offering graduate level courses, hosting events that promote economic development, and serving as an affordable venue for professional and continuing education classes and conferences.

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