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University Announces \$8,000 Grant from Governor's Office

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Nicole Withers, administrative coordinator for the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Programs, prepares a non-alcoholic 'mocktail' for students during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAW), held in Oct. The Office recently received an \$8,000 grant to participate in the Georgia Young Adult Program. The grant will support the 'Safe Rides Save Lives' campaign, which discourages impaired driving.

Georgia Southern University has received an \$8,000 grant through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to participate in the [Georgia Young Adult Program](#). The program educates students about the dangers of alcohol abuse, underage drinking and impaired driving.

"The Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant is a great thing for the University because it helps supplement the educational programming that the Alcohol and Other Drugs Office already does," said Kerry Greenstein, associate dean of students. "This extra money allows us to reach more students with information about safe drinking behaviors, and specifically supports our efforts to prevent drunk driving."

The grant will allow the [Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs](#) to promote the ["Safe Rides Save Lives"](#) campaign, which discourages driving while under the influence of alcohol. The office coordinates impaired driving prevention programs, which include Fatal Vision Goggles and DUI simulators.

"We are excited about the receipt of this grant because it allows us to continue educating students on the dangers of distracted and impaired driving," said Nicole Withers, administrative coordinator for the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs at Georgia Southern. "We will be able to continue our efforts to keep the student body, community and other drivers safe as we encourage them to steer away from destructive decisions."

The mission of the Georgia Young Adult Program is to promote education and awareness to young adults about highway safety issues, such as but not limited to underage drinking, impaired driving, destructive decisions and other high-risk behaviors in order to decrease crashes, injuries, and fatalities in young adults and passengers.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety coordinates with colleges and universities throughout Georgia to implement the program, which has been successful using strategies such as peer education, providing educational speakers to schools and encouraging schools to develop creative, innovative techniques to reduce young adult crashes, injuries and fatalities in their communities.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125-degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered and hands-on approach to education.

Georgia Southern University Business Programs Ranked Top 25 by U.S. News & World Report

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The College of Business Administration

The Georgia Southern University College of Business Administration online programs have been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as among the best online programs for 2015. The MBA program ranked 18th, tying with Mississippi State University for the Best MBA Programs for Online Students, while the College's Online Graduate Business Programs (Excluding MBA) ranked 21st.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, the 2015 Best Online MBA Programs and Best

Online Graduate Business Programs (Excluding MBA) are the best online master's degree programs based upon admissions selectivity, reputation for excellence among peer institutions and academic and career support services offered to students. Fewer than 200 schools were included in this year's ranking, placing greater weight on reputation and admissions selectivity. Less than 120 schools ranked among the Best Online Graduate Business Programs (Excluding MBA).

In the past, *U.S. News & World Report* combined MBA programs and all other online business master's degree programs. This year, however, non-MBA business degrees, such as accounting and

applied economics in Georgia Southern's case, were assessed separately. The rankings were split because prospective MBA students are likely to focus their research on schools that offer only MBAs, where many students researching discipline-specific degrees in other areas, such as accounting or economics are doing so to further their careers. *U.S. News* concluded that separating MBA programs from other master's-level business programs would better serve students, allowing for more accurate comparisons.

U.S. News ranked schools using the following five general categories: student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, faculty credentials and training and student services and technology.

"We are gratified by the recognition and believe it reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students," stated Allen C. Amason, dean of the Georgia Southern College of Business. "We believe it also reflects the quality of our programs, the value of our degrees and our commitment to providing a great education and a strong return to our stakeholders."

Georgia Southern University and all of the programs contained under the university's umbrella are accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College of Business has undergraduate and graduate accreditation through AACSB International. Only about five percent of all colleges of business have AACSB accreditation.

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