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University to Recognize Disability Awareness Month

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Georgia Southern University will recognize Disability Awareness Month beginning October 1, with various programs and activities. This year's theme is see the person, not the disability.

The goals of Disability Awareness Month are to raise awareness about the diverse experiences of people with disabilities, challenge assumptions and stereotypes regarding people with disabilities, celebrate success stories and recognize challenges of students with

disabilities, create a more inclusive campus environment for students with disabilities and to increase awareness of resources for students with disabilities.

Director of the Student Disability Resource Center Mike Chamber says the observance will allow members of the University community to learn more about disabilities and assistive technologies.

"Observing October as Disability Awareness Month allows Georgia Southern to recognize and celebrate the vast contributions made every day by our students with disabilities," said Chamber. "In doing so, we can all learn more about issues and topics related to the field of disability as well as new and exciting opportunities to better serve students with disabilities through advancements in ever-evolving assistive technologies and university-wide contributions aimed at breaking down barriers."

This year's activities will include a wheelchair football game at the Recreation Activity Center on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7:00 p.m., a diversability fair featuring informational booths from campus and community agencies as well as interactive games on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda. Other featured events include a presentation by keynote speaker Marcus Engel on Monday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, 847 Plant Drive, a workshop on ADA and Employment Law on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 3:00 p.m. in room 2048 at the Russell Union Rotunda, the documentary "Lives Worth Living" by award-winning producer and director Eric Neudel on Monday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m., a student-led Disability

Awareness Panel on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6:00 p.m.in the Williams Center multipurpose room and a wheelchair scavenger hunt on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda.

For more information about Disability Awareness Month visit deanofstudents.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural.