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# Georgia Southern University's City Campus to Host Business After Hours

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*Georgia Southern and the City of Statesboro received a grant of nearly \$1.1 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in November 2013 to help create an Innovation Incubator and Digital FabLab to stimulate an ecosystem of business innovation and entrepreneurship in southeast Georgia.*

Georgia Southern University's City Campus will host its annual **Business After Hours** event on Thursday, June 19 from 5 – 7 p.m. Jointly sponsored by the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority and the College of Business Administration, the event will mark the third anniversary of City Campus.

During the event, the next steps for developing downtown Statesboro will be announced. In addition, three clients of City Campus' Virtual Business Incubator will pitch their businesses. The Incubator is a tool to support start-up companies with equipment usage, consulting services and access to banks and investors.

Savannah's Maven Makers will also be on hand

to give attendees a small-scale preview of the FabLab (short for fabrication laboratory), a place for people to design, build, test and introduce new products into the marketplace, thereby generating new jobs and advancing the city's economic development.

"We're excited to have our entrepreneurs give a pitch and have our College of Business dean drum up support for our activities at City Campus," said Dominique Halaby, director of the Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development.

Allen Muldrew, director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority says, "This event highlights the successful partnership between the City of Statesboro and Georgia Southern University.

This **Business After Hours** will be both entertaining and informative." Appetizers and drinks will be served.