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# Georgia Southern University Honoring High-Flying Schools

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Five “high-flying” schools nationwide will be honored at the National Youth-At-Risk Conference in Savannah Feb. 28 – March 3.

Georgia Southern University’s College of Education sponsors the conference in partnership with the Continuing Education Center. The 21-year-old conference provides comprehensive professional development for adults who serve youth in areas such as education, health care, social services and law enforcement.

With at least 50 percent of their students living at or below poverty level and with a highly diverse student body, the 2010 High-Flying Schools were chosen for their success in achieving academic success, community collaboration, citizenship development and democratic education.

The winning schools are Langston Chapel Elementary School in Statesboro; Bethune-Bowman Middle High School in Rowesville, S.C.; Rock Island Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Attucks Middle School in Hollywood, Fla.; and Martha Gaskins Middle School in Birmingham, Ala.

Each school will be honored during an award ceremony on March 1 at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, site of the conference. In addition to the awards ceremony, each school’s success story will be shared in a High-Flying School Showcase.

For the first time this year, the conference has included an Honorable Mention category. Schools recognized in this group are Gainesville Exploration Academy, Gainesville, Ga.; Southern Choctaw Elementary, Gilbertown, Ala.; Carrollton Elementary, Carrollton, Ga.; Blaine Street Elementary, Monroe, Ga.; Miramar Elementary, Miramar, Fla.; Waycross Middle School, Waycross, Ga.; Carrollton Middle School, Carrollton, Ga.; and Floyd Middle School, Mableton, Ga.

For more information about the National Youth-At-Risk Conference, contact Georgia Southern University’s Continuing Education Center at 912-478-5551 or visit [www.nationalyouthatrisk.com](http://www.nationalyouthatrisk.com).

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers 115 degree programs serving 19,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia’s largest, is a top choice of Georgia’s HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education.

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