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Georgia Southern University will host the 21st annual National Youth-At-Risk Conference Feb. 28 – March 3 in Savannah.

The four-day conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel has grown from humble beginnings in 1989 to the leading conference nationwide for professionals who deal with troubled youngsters. About 1,200 people are expected to attend the conference this year.

Hosted by the University's College of Education and Continuing Education Center, the conference draws Southeastern educators, counselors, social workers, criminal justice professionals and community leaders, along with substantial participation from throughout the nation and internationally. Last year's Youth-At-Risk Conference attracted participants from more than 30 U.S. states and a dozen other countries.

The conference offers more than a hundred presentations on how to help young people overcome at-risk conditions that may threaten their safety, health, emotional needs or academic achievement. The workshops provide proactive solutions and best practices on a wide range of subjects, including:

- Improving success for children who live in poverty
- The impact of racism, gangs, violence and bullying on adolescent behavior
- Cyber bullying: Bullying in the digital age
- Using today's media to work with young people
- Reducing childhood obesity
- Motivating difficult students
- The middle ground between 'hug 'em' and 'hang 'em' classroom management

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).

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Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: [www.georgiasouthern.edu](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu).

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"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree..." 🎄🎵#TBT to circa 1964, when a tree in front of the Williams Center was decorated for the holidays.

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