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Georgia Southern University graduate and outgoing Student Government Association President Samantha Young is the 2010 recipient of the Regent Willis J. Potts Leadership Award presented by the University System of Georgia's Student Advisory Council (SAC).

Young, a Dublin Ga., native who graduated this month with a degree in history and a minor in political science, was presented the award during a recent meeting of the SAC. The SAC is a group composed of the Student Government Presidents of the 35 public colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia. The SAC was established to advise the Board of Regents, through the Chancellor, on issues that are important to students. The award specifically recognizes her contributions to the SAC 2009-2010 academic year.

'Samantha is known for having a unique way of obtaining results and connecting with people,' said Tonya Lam, University System of Georgia associate vice chancellor for student affairs. 'She has made positive contributions to the University System's Student Advisory Council through her contagious enthusiasm and ability to communicate.'

In 2009, the University System of Georgia's SAC established the annual Leadership award named after Regent Willis J. Potts for his strong support and involvement with SAC students; for his leadership and knowledge, and for his open, honest, and enthusiastic engagement in SAC activities.

'Samantha is not only an outstanding person, but an outstanding leader,' said Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management at Georgia Southern University. 'As President of the SGA, Samantha has been one of the best student leaders I have had the pleasure of working with at Georgia Southern. We are extremely proud of her achievement and congratulate her on this award.'

Now that Young has completed her degree at Georgia Southern, she will be moving to South Carolina to begin a master's degree program in Higher Education and Student Affairs with a graduate assistantship in Student Engagement.

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