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The dream of a degree from Georgia Southern University will soon be within reach for many adults who thought it was too late to return to college because of career or family obligations. Beginning in January the University will offer a Bachelor of General Studies major offered completely online.

"The online Bachelor of General Studies degree has been designed specifically for people who have always wanted to earn their college degree, but life got in the way," said Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel. "We wanted to provide students including working adults, members of the military and stay-at-home parents with access to a respected university without having to travel to campus."

Keel notes that the degree is not only perfect for working adults, but also is a great option for members of the military and students at two-year colleges and technical schools that want to earn a four-year degree. "The program is already attracting interest from students that have always wanted to earn a bachelor's degree, but are either deployed or working and cannot travel to campus."

In addition to being taught fully online, one of the most popular features of the degree is the ability to choose three separate areas of study. The program provides students with the opportunity to customize their program by choosing three concentration areas from a list that includes business, justice studies, and sociology and writing.

"Being able to customize your degree to your personal or professional interests is definitely an added benefit of attending Georgia Southern," said Mike Smith, dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences at Georgia Southern University. "This new program is ideal for those that want to earn a degree on their schedule and take the next step in their career."

"As we began designing this program, we realized that there are a lot of people that are working and either have a two-year college degree or no degree at all. Their main problem is that they cannot stop working to pursue their degree and they want to attend a well-known and respected university. This new online degree program was designed to provide students with opportunity, choice and flexibility," says Smith.

The deadline to apply for the new online bachelor of general studies degree is Dec. 1, 2010. "We are expecting quite a bit of interest and encourage students to apply as early as possible to ensure that they are admitted on time," said Smith.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers 114 degree programs serving more than 19,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's 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. Visit www.georgiasouthern.edu.

ONLINE BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE FACT SHEET

CLASSES BEGIN: January 2011

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 1, 2010

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

Georgia Southern University

Office of Admissions

912-478-5391

<http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu>

CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE:

The online Bachelor of General Studies is a flexible program that allows you to structure your degree to meet your individual interests and professional goals by building a degree program which includes three Areas of Study.

Areas of Study

- Business
- Justice Studies
- Sociology
- Writing
- Individual Emphasis

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

General Studies students must meet the following requirements to graduate from the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences:

126 semester hours of credit with a minimum total institutional GPA of 2.0 and a 2.0 cumulative GPA in each Area of Study. At least 26 semester hours of credit in the Areas of Study must be taken at Georgia Southern University. At least 30 semester hours of the degree requirements must be earned through Georgia Southern University.

TUITION & FEES: \$354 per credit hour

For more information on fees and financial aid, please contact the Office of Admissions at: 912-478-5391.

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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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Georgia Southern University students have selected Alton Standifer, a senior from Monticello, Ga. majoring in Middle Grades Education to serve as president of the Georgia Southern Student Government Association (SGA) for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Standifer, who previously served as vice president of Auxiliary Affairs for the SGA, was elected during a recent campus-wide election.

"Alton is not only an outstanding student, he is also an outstanding leader," said Georj Lewis, Ph.D., dean of students at Georgia Southern University. "This coming year will present a variety of challenges including an expected student enrollment of more than 20,000 students. I am confident Alton will be an outstanding representative for the student

body and for Georgia Southern University."

During his time at Georgia Southern, Standifer has held a variety of leadership roles including serving as a coordinator for the University's Leadership 101 workshop series, a Southern Ambassador, the University's premier group of student tour guides; SOAR, the University's new student orientation, advisement and registration program; and the SGA.

"Two of my primary goals for the upcoming year are to continue to strengthen the SGA's ties with the local community and to conduct leadership training for high school student councils and student governments in Georgia," said Standifer. "As president, my main role is to represent the values, ideals and desires of the entire Georgia Southern University student body. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and am excited to lead our students, the foundation for the Eagle Nation."

Georgia Southern University's SGA serves as the governing body for the University's more than 200 student organizations. In addition to serving as a liaison between the University administration and the student body, the SGA is the elected voice for the student body of Georgia Southern University.

Standifer, who after earning his bachelor's degree, plans to attend graduate school and pursue a degree in higher education and student affairs or law. For more information on the SGA at Georgia Southern University, visit: <http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/sga>

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