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Georgia Southern University Army ROTC Commander Col. George Fredrick accepted the MacArthur award Friday, which recognizes the top ROTC programs in the nation.

The award was presented during Friday's commissioning ceremony, where 12 graduating ROTC seniors accepted their commissions into the U.S. Army. After accepting the award, Col. Fredrick raised it in the air and told the ROTC battalion, "This is a testimony to you."

This is the second year in a row that the Eagle Battalion has been honored with the MacArthur award, which is only given to eight ROTC battalions nationwide. The U.S. Army says the MacArthur Award recognizes the ideals of "duty, honor and country." The Eagle Battalion represented the Cadet Command's Sixth Brigade, which is made up of 39 ROTC programs in the southeastern United States and Puerto Rico.

The MacArthur Award is based on a combination of factors including cadets' performance and how well the ROTC program fulfills its commissioning mission. The Eagle Battalion has contracted 200 members since the spring of 2008.

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Georgia Southern University awarded degrees to its largest graduating class ever during two ceremonies this week.

More than 22-hundred undergraduates received their degrees at a ceremony held this morning. Nearly five hundred doctoral, specialist's and master's degrees were awarded yesterday.

Georgia Southern alumnus and Chick-fil-A president and chief operating officer Dan Cathy served as Saturday's commencement speaker. Cathy told the graduates, "Today you are going to receive a diploma that you

can be very proud of, as I am, being a graduate myself."

Cathy, who graduated from Georgia Southern in 1975, challenged students to keep up with progress, but to stay true to their values and beliefs. "I would encourage you to always be students," said Cathy. "Let's stay relevant, let's stay meaningful for the generation we are to serve today...As responsible leaders know, they have to stay the course on the things that never change."

In closing, Cathy congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments and announced that all 2,200 graduates would receive a card for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich.

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Georgia Southern University has named Don McLemore, a highly regarded researcher, as a research professor in the Department of Chemistry within its Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology. McLemore will begin his new role on July 1, 2011.

Prior to joining Georgia Southern, McLemore served as chief operating officer for Herty Advanced Materials Development Center in Savannah, Ga., where he launched new programs in biofuels development and restructured and expanded toll-manufacturing programs leading the company to nearly triple its revenues. Before joining Herty, he served as director of Polymer Industry Relations and Center of Excellence Development at Georgia Tech. Earlier in his career he served in several positions at Dow Chemical (NYSE: DOW), Raychem (now Tyco NYSE: TYC) and Isolyser Company Inc. (now Microtek Medical Holdings).

While at Dow Chemical, he served as director, business and technology development, laboratory director at the Advanced Composites Laboratory, senior research manager at the Advanced Polymeric Systems Laboratory and research manager at the Materials Science and Engineered Products Laboratory. He has also served as a consultant to B.F. Goodrich and is the president and owner of Business, Technology, and Marketing Analysis, Inc., a professional consulting service providing analysis and coaching for leaders of science-based business and selective litigation support services.

"Don McLemore is a proven creator, implementer and manager of new business initiatives and we are excited to have him join Georgia Southern University," said Charles Patterson, Ph.D., vice president for research and dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. "As Georgia Southern continues to expand its research activity, Don will be a great addition. Our goal is to draw additional industrial research projects and economic development opportunities to our campus."

McLemore holds numerous patents and has published in a variety of publications. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry/polymer science, a Master of Science degree in polymer science/physics and a Ph.D. in polymer science from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is also a graduate of the American Graduate School of International Management, Executive Education Program in Business Management.

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