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# Georgia Southern University Establishes the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology

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Georgia Southern University is continuing to advance educational and economic development opportunities in southeast Georgia with the formation of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT). The new College combines high-demand degree programs in engineering and IT to meet the training needs of the state, region and country.

“This new College will combine mechanical, civil and electrical engineering programs with our existing computer science and information technology programs to create an educational environment unlike any other in this region,” said Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. “Our students will graduate work-ready after studying in a College that will not only teach theory, but will allow our students to gain valuable practical experience that will make them

extremely attractive to employers.”

Dr. Mohammad Davoud has been named the Interim Dean of the new College, and the University has launched a search for a Founding Dean for the unit.

Georgia Southern’s new CEIT will house the mechanical, civil and electrical engineering programs that the University began offering this past fall following approval by the University System of Georgia’s Board of Regents. The College will also offer degree programs in information technology and

computer sciences that were previously housed in the University's College of Information Technology. The College is named after Allen E. Paulson, the late Savannah businessman who created an endowment to benefit technology programs at Georgia Southern.

"Pairing our engineering and information technology programs in one College will offer many benefits to our students," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ted Moore, Ph.D. "The College will open new avenues of research for our faculty and students as we exploit rich synergies between engineering and information technology. We believe that the opportunities for cross-disciplinary education and research will make the College's undergraduate and graduate programs extremely attractive to students who previously had limited options to pursue their degrees in state."

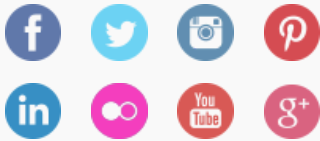
Keel expects the new College to have a long-lasting economic impact on the southeast area of the state noting, "Industry locates where there is an educated, skilled workforce available. As students begin to graduate from the new College, industries in need of engineering and information technology professionals will take notice. We believe this will be an important deciding factor that will lead new industries to locate in our region of the state, bringing jobs and more opportunity for economic growth. This is not just an exciting day for Georgia Southern University, but for everyone in southeast Georgia."

In forming the new College, the University is changing the name of the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology to the College of Science and Mathematics (COSM). This College will house Georgia Southern's nationally-recognized programs in biology, chemistry, geology and geography, military science, physics, pre-medical/pre-dental and mathematical sciences.

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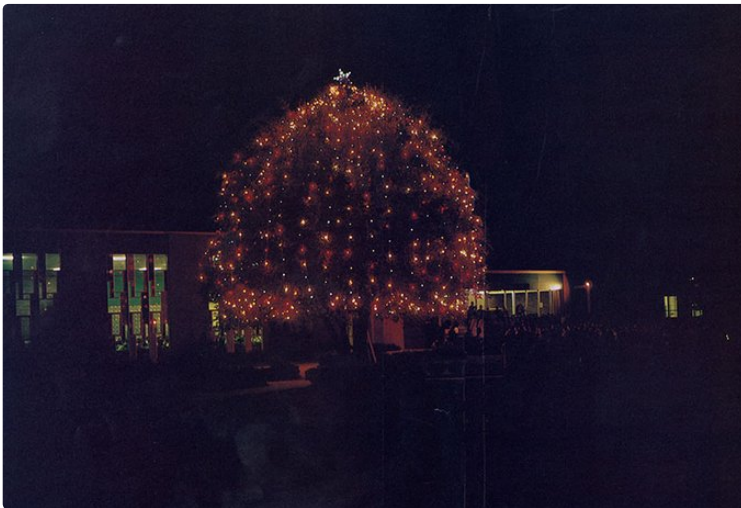
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