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Georgia Southern University's College of Science and Mathematics will host its inaugural Common Grounds: COSM Research Day on Oct. 19, 2012 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The unique event will provide corporations, non-profit and government agencies the opportunity to learn about the College's research and outreach efforts. Particular emphasis will be focused in the areas of the Georgia coastal plain and its environmental problems and impact on the region.

"This will be an opportunity for companies and agencies throughout the region to learn more about Georgia Southern University's unique research and outreach capabilities in areas including the environment, materials science, chemistry and more," said Martha Abell, Ph.D., interim dean of Georgia Southern University's College of Science and Mathematics. "This is the first time that we have held an event and I think participants are going to be surprised to learn about the top-notch research efforts that are taking place in our college. Our goal is not only to make them aware of our capabilities, but to partner with them on various projects."

During the event, the University's Material Science group will demonstrate capabilities in the design and synthesis of polymer coatings, antimicrobial coatings and other nature-derived polymers. The Computational Science group will present on capabilities in modeling and security and will also showcase new approaches in imaging. Medicinal Chemistry, particularly in the field of Cancer Research, is a rising topic in the college, and we will discuss our capabilities in synthesizing and testing new chemotherapeutic drugs. Lastly, the College's Center for Sustainability will discuss incorporating sustainability, "green" practices into corporations.

A lunch poster session, which will be provided by Georgia Southern students, will showcase the depth of research capabilities available within the college. Details of the Research Day including an agenda are available at: <http://tiny.cc/gywwhw>

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 20,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. In 2012, the University was named one of the Top 10 most popular universities in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

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Georgia Southern University's Master of Business Administration (MBA) has been named one of the nation's Top Online MBA programs by *M magazine* (mbaonline.com), the number one online MBA magazine for students. The University's online MBA was ranked 8th in the national rankings.

"Georgia Southern's MBA program is continuing to grow and our online degree program offers working professionals the flexibility to earn their degree no matter their location or family commitments," said Bill Wells, Ph.D., interim dean of Georgia Southern's College of Business Administration. "I am particularly proud of our outstanding professors who understand the demands of working professionals. They have designed the program to not only work with the busiest of schedules, but to help graduates take the next step in their career."

According to the publication, their rankings include a compilation of data students will find useful as they go through the program selection process. One of the top criteria used to rank schools is the affordability of the education, including tuition rates and financial aid option. Affordability also boils down to how long it takes to complete a program and how many credits are required to earn a degree. The value of the school may also be determined by additional benefits the school provides, such as student perks, program perks and alumni resources.

MBAonline.com also looks at reputation and prestige which takes into account accreditation and awards the school has received. The quality of the institution is determined by enrollment statistics, as well as retention and graduation rates. Academic quality is of high importance and includes factors like the competitiveness of admission, design and efficiency of the online program and flexibility of coursework. Profiles of the faculty and diversity of the student body are also considered, as well as additional resources available to students beyond the virtual classroom.

The Georgia Southern University Online MBA is offered through the Georgia WebMBA program, a 30-hour program that appeals to professionals from a broad business background. In addition to being ranked among the nation's best, the magazine also noted that Georgia Southern is, "ranked at the top among regional schools with similar online MBA programs."

Georgia Southern University and all of its programs contained under the university's umbrella are accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College of Business has undergraduate and graduate accreditation through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Only about 30 percent of all U.S. colleges of business have AACSB accreditation.

For more information on Georgia Southern's MBA programs, visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu/mba or call 912-478-5767.

UPCOMING: Savannah MBA Information Session

Georgia Southern's MBA program will be hosting an MBA Information Session in Savannah.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012

5:30 p.m

Coastal Georgia Center

305 Fahm Street, Savannah

To RSVP for the information session, please call Karen Wells at 912-478-5767 or e-mail kwells@georgiasouthern.edu.

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