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Georgia Southern University's fall 2012 enrollment has set a new record totaling 20,574 students. In addition, this year's freshman class had a University record average SAT score of 1115, making it the most highly qualified freshman class in the institution's history. Georgia Southern's student body now includes students from 49 states and 93 countries around the world.

The enrollment numbers were released in the University System of Georgia's (USG) "Fall 2012 Semester Enrollment Report," which breaks down enrollment by institution, class (freshman, sophomore, etc.), race and ethnicity, in-state, out of state and foreign students, as well as gender and age.

According to the report, fewer students are attending college within the USG this fall. However, enrollment at Georgia Southern is up 1.8 percent or 362 students, marking the sixth consecutive year that the University's enrollment has increased. The increase is particularly impressive considering current national trends. Georgia Southern not only maintained its enrollment, but grew despite a record graduating class this past year. Additionally, the average SAT score of incoming freshmen has continued to rise as the University's enrollment has grown.

"We are excited that an increasing number of outstanding students are choosing Georgia Southern University for their college education," said Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. "Whether they are traditional students pursuing their degree on campus or working professionals or members of the military pursuing a degree part-time or fully online, Georgia Southern is growing and expanding its reputation not only in Georgia, but throughout the United States and around the world."

Georgia Southern's increase in enrollment is not just an increase in size, but also in economic impact. "Georgia Southern is an economic engine," said Keel. "This past year the University's estimated economic impact totaled a record \$846 million. That's good news for Statesboro, Savannah, our region and the state of Georgia as a whole."

"Many in the state, including many of our own alumni, remember when Georgia Southern had 10,000 students — that was in the late 1980s," said Wendell Tompkins, director of alumni relations and annual giving at Georgia Southern. "Today, Georgia Southern is one of Georgia's premier universities and a lot of alumni, not to mention parents of prospective students who never attended, are surprised to see the incredible growth when they visit campus. Georgia Southern is one of Georgia's great success stories. It's definitely something that our alumni can take pride in."

The University's record enrollment is just the latest achievement for the growing institution which this past year announced the creation of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, was named one of the most military friendly universities in the country and also more than doubled its research efforts when Georgia Governor Nathan Deal transferred management of Savannah's Herty Advanced Materials Development Center to the University.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 20,500 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.

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Fall 2012 Enrollment: By the Numbers

Total Enrollment: 20,574

Undergraduate: 17,993

Graduate: 2,581

Total Male Students: 9,949 (48.4%)

Total Female Students: 10,625 (51.6%)

% of Students Enrolled Full-Time: 81.4%

Georgia Southern University Enrollment: By Decade

| Year | Enrollment | |
|------|------------|--|
| 1908 | 15 | *Students enrolled into First District A&M School. |
| 1920 | 78 | |
| 1930 | 254 | |
| 1940 | 506 | |
| 1950 | 756 | |
| 1960 | 1,403 | |
| 1970 | 5,719 | |
| 1980 | 6,626 | |
| 1990 | 12,250 | |
| 2000 | 14,184 | |
| 2012 | 20,574 | |

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Georgia Southern University has named Mohammad Davoud, Ph.D., P.E., founding dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & Information Technology. He will begin his new position on Nov. 1, 2012.

Prior to being named Founding Dean, Davoud served as interim dean leading the creation of the University's newest college. The College was originally formed in 2012 through the combination of Georgia Southern's undergraduate and graduate engineering and information technology degree programs.

"I am excited to be named Founding Dean of Georgia Southern University's Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology," said Davoud. "Establishing this college is one the most strategically important decisions that have been made by Georgia Southern and it will have a major economic impact on our region. We expect that our students will graduate to become leaders in regional industries and we hope to attract many new industries in the near future that will provide job opportunities for many Georgians."

"Throughout the search process, Dr. Davoud enjoyed strong support from faculty, staff and the University's leadership and I believe he is the perfect person to lead our engineering and IT programs," said Jean Bartels, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Georgia Southern. "Not only is Dr. Davoud an outstanding educator and leader, he has professional experience in his field and his breadth of experience and expertise will be a strong foundation for the College as it moves forward."

Davoud has served in academic administrative positions for the past eight years, first as the Director of the School of Technology and then as Department Chair for the Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering which was previously located in the College of Science and Technology (now College of Science and Mathematics). Davoud has served as a professor of Mechanical Engineering for more than 25 years.

In addition to his higher education experience, Davoud's industrial experience includes roles as a mechanical engineer and mechanical design engineer, serving as the Director of the Southeast Center for Assistive Technology and as a design engineer for assistive technologies for disabled individuals. His research interests and areas of expertise include thermo-mechanical analysis of manufacturing processes such as machining and welding processes, materials science, thermal science, solid mechanics, finite element methods and experimental methods.

He earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Georgia. He serves as an evaluator for the

Technology Accreditation Commission/Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and American Society for Engineering Education.

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