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Three Georgia Southern University students have received national honors for their entry in the 2012 Vista Higher Learning video contest. Chelsea Ritter, Meghan Mauceri and Matthew Monaco won \$500 for "Wisdom of the World," which stresses the importance of learning foreign languages. Georgia Southern was among six U.S. schools to receive the national honor from Vista Higher Learning.

"Wisdom of the World" consists of several inspirational quotes and proverbs in foreign languages. "The Spanish one, 'dime con quien andas y te diré quien eres' is actually a phrase we learned while in Spain," said Ritter. "It means 'Tell me who you walk with, and I'll tell you who you are,' or that who you associate with dictates who are you are. It's a message that has changed how I see many aspects of my life."

The students learned about the contest in their Spanish class from professor Jose Manuel Hidalgo, Ph.D. and created the video while living with a family in Spain. "We were inspired by the 'refrains' or Spanish sayings that we learned in Spain, which we thought would be great to feature in a video," said Mauceri. "Language comes alive to me every time I speak with someone from a foreign country because I realize that they had to overcome the obstacle of learning English in order to succeed here," said Monaco.

The trio's professor was glad to see their hard work and passion recognized. "Since we live in a multilingual and multicultural society, it is vital that we educate our students who will need the skills to function in this society, to understand the many advantages of being proficient in a second language and to appreciate the values of cultures different from their own," said professor Hidalgo.

To view the award-winning video, visit: <https://vistahigherlearning.com/video-contest/higher-ed>.

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Georgia Southern University's Army ROTC will host its fourth annual "5K Crawl, Walk, Run" on April 20, 2013, to support Snacks for Soldiers, the Wounded Warrior Project, Yellow Ribbon campaign and more. The ROTC Eagle Battalion is inviting businesses to sign up as race sponsors to help them achieve their mission to help U.S. troops.

The one mile walk and 5K run have grown increasingly popular in the last four years. After hosting more than 500 people in last year's "Crawl, Walk, Run," organizers expect more than 700 participants in April and will also offer a 10K run for anyone wanting to tackle it. They believe the success is due to the continued support from generous sponsors.

"It is critical to have people support the run because it supports our soldiers at home and in Afghanistan," said Major General Lesley C. Smith, a 1985 alumnus of Georgia Southern. "The soldiers believe what our nation stands for, and they're proud to serve their nation. So, your support is greatly appreciated."

Smith added the race sponsorships give companies the opportunity to be an advocate for our armed forces, reach potential customers and be involved in the Statesboro community.

There are six categories of sponsorships ranging from the \$300 bronze level to the \$3,000 title level. For more information about sponsorship opportunities for Georgia Southern's "Crawl, Walk, Run," please visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/supportforsoldiersrace.html> or contact Colonel George Fredrick, Eagle Battalion Commander, at (912) 478-8048.

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