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Georgia Southern's ROTC Eagle Battalion was honored at the State Capitol by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and Statesboro area lawmakers on Tuesday, March 5.

The cadets were recognized for winning the 2013 Ranger Challenge which tests physical endurance and mental agility. The two day competition in January included marksmanship and land navigation and a 13 mile course that tested their technical and tactical skills.

The Office of Gov. Nathan Deal shared two photographs with the Eagle Battalion. [Click here to see one photo](#) and [here for the other](#).

Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D., Russell Keen from the University's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement, Eagle Battalion

Commander LTC Gary Morea and the cadets were congratulated by Gov. Nathan Deal, Sen. Jack Hill, Rep. Jan Tankersley, Rep. Jon Burns and Rep. Butch Parrish. Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, who attended Georgia Southern, said it was an honor to recognize the ROTC cadets for winning the Ranger Challenge. The Eagle Battalion also received [resolutions from lawmakers in the state House and Senate](#).

The Eagle Battalion will compete in the International Sandhurst Competition at the U.S. Military Academy in April.

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Georgia Southern University will host the second annual STEM Teaching and Learning Conference on Friday, March 8 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, 847 Plant Drive.

The conference aims to highlight efforts across the state to improve science, technology, engineering and math teaching and learning and also promote STEM careers. More than 250 higher education and K-12 STEM educators will be participating along with state business leaders and Rusty Griffin from the Georgia Board of Regents.

"The conference will attract interest from throughout the state, particularly given not only Georgia Southern's focus on science, technology, engineering and math, but the entire University System of Georgia," said Tom Koballa, dean of the College of Education.

The conference complements the University System of Georgia's STEM Initiative whose goals include: encouraging and preparing K-12 students to earn college degrees in STEM fields; increasing the success of STEM majors in college; and producing more and better science and mathematics teachers for K-12 schools, which in turn will lead to increased preparation of students in science and mathematics.

"Our hope is that this conference will bring attention to the importance of learning support and remediation to student success in STEM courses across Georgia's institutions of higher education," explained Koballa. "This conference will provide space for showcasing and discussing the work that is happening to advance STEM teaching and learning across the state of Georgia."

More information about the conference funded by the University System of Georgia can be found at <http://stem.georgiasouthern.edu>.

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