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Georgia Southern University will hold its inaugural Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®, an event where men walk in high-heeled shoes to increase awareness about sexual violence, on Thursday, April 11 at the Russell Union Rotunda. Registration starts at 2:30 p.m., and the walk begins at 3:30 p.m.

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® is a fun, educational event that aims to raise awareness and encourage communication about gender relations and the serious issue of sexual violence," explained Alli DeFinis, Ph.D., licensed psychologist with the University's Counseling and Career Development Center. "All of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center which helps survivors of sexual assault in Bulloch, Jenkins and Screven counties."

The goals of the walk are to get people talking about the sexual violence happening in the Statesboro area, to help the victims and to figure out how to prevent these attacks. Organizers say it is important for men to join the cause. "Women who have been hurt, physically or mentally, by any kind of sexual violence including harassment, are the sisters, mothers, aunts, cousins, girlfriends and friends of men, and by extension, those men have to deal with it, too," said Shanna Felix, president of Sexual Assault Student Educators. "This issue affects everyone. The goal is to get all of Georgia Southern talking about 'that thing where guys walked in heels to raise awareness about sexual violence.'"

While walk participation is free, \$5 donations from students and \$10 from faculty and staff are welcome. To register, please visit <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/wellness-partners/walk-a-mile/>. For more information call (912) 478-5541. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

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Georgia Southern University's Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship (CTLs) will welcome educators from across the United States and around the world for the sixth annual Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Commons Conference on March 27-29 at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street, in Savannah.

"SoTL is an international momentum to improve student learning through evidence-based research that is applied to actual learning contexts," said Alan Altany, Ph.D., director of the CTLs. "It enables faculty and students to work together for the common purpose of deepening and expanding the learning experiences of students."

Organizers say the conference is a catalyst for learning, conversations and collaborations, and allows faculty to

support one another and share research on how their students can best learn. "The SoTL Commons Conference is an appreciation of the competent, scholarly faculty in higher education who seek the best learning experiences for their students and are willing, even eager, to explore how best to create opportunities for such learning to occur," said Altany.

Speakers for the conference include Dan Bernstein, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of Kansas, Lynn Taylor, vice-provost for teaching and learning at the University of Calgary and Brian Coppola, Ph.D., professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan.

To register call (912) 478-5551. Get more information on the conference by calling (912) 478-0049.

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