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The highest giving level of the Eagle Fund continues to grow with seven new members

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Women's Golf

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STATESBORO, Ga - As a part of Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation's Eagle Fund, the [Champion Society](#) leads in the fundraising effort. Comprised of members who support the University's athletics and its Foundation, these members do not commit to a one time gift but commit to providing long-term support.

As a five-year commitment, Champion Society members pledge a minimum of \$50,000 to the Eagle Fund to help provide the funds necessary for student-athletes to attend Georgia Southern University. To honor their commitment to Georgia Southern Athletics, members of the Champion Society receive a Champion Society jacket custom tailored by the Sir Shop in Dublin, Georgia.

With this year's additions, Ray and Jodi Driggers, Trey and Emily Sheppard, David and Lori Sigler and Stephen Wheelles, the Champion Society is now made up of 25 active members. They join Julian and Frances Deal, Bill and Meg Geddy, Billy and JoAnn Hickman, Matt and Linda Hube, Doug and Karen Lambert, Phil and Cindy Moore, Brent and Tama Myers, Michael and Danna Sanders, Gene and Margaret Smith and Anthony Tippins.

The seven new Champion Society members were recognized during an on-field presentation at the Eagle Football game against Georgia State on Saturday, November 4, 2017. They received their exclusive Champion Society jackets from Athletic Director [Tom Kleinlein](#) alongside current members of the Champion Society, University President Jaimie Hebert and the Athletic Foundation's chairman, Walt Huggins, and Director of Development, [Kevin Bostian](#).

"The Eagle Fund is dedicated to supporting Georgia Southern student-athletes. The contributions made by the Champion Society greatly impact the program's development and future successes of student-athletes by helping fund academic scholarships," said [Tom Kleinlein](#), director of athletics.

The Eagle Fund is the annual scholarship fund for Georgia Southern Athletics. Contributions to the fund support the nearly 400 student-athletes who play in one of the 17 Division I varsity programs. The generosity and support made by Eagle Fund contributors ensure the success of Georgia Southern athletes for years to come.

Join the journey and consider becoming an Eagle Fund member. Memberships start at \$120 a year. By joining, members ensure the continued success of Georgia Southern's current and future student-athletes. To learn more about the Eagle Fund, contact the Athletic Foundation at 1 (800) GSU-WINS or visit GSEagles.com/EagleFund.

Rings, Diplomas & Leaders

The Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation's primary goal is to provide our student-athletes with the opportunity to compete for a championship ring and earn a college education while developing them as future leaders in their respective communities.

The mission of the Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation, Inc. is to provide private financial support for athletic scholarships, facilities and staff enhancement for the Athletic Department of Georgia Southern University. All of the activities of the Athletic Foundation are conducted with the highest regard for academic and athletic excellence and within the guidelines established by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, conference affiliations and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

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