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Georgia Southern University has announced its 2014 Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration (SOAR) Team. SOAR Leaders help orient new students and their families to Georgia Southern during the summer SOAR sessions by serving as role models for new students, helping them register for classes, preparing them for college level academics and informing parents about Georgia Southern services. One-hundred and thirty-nine students applied for the coveted SOAR Leader position and 24 were selected based on their leadership potential, work ethic and ability to represent the university.



Jacoby Carpenter, a senior Management major from Waynesboro, Ga., Sarah Brittany Sandbach, a senior Early Childhood Education major from Augusta, Ga., and Carrie West, a junior Early Childhood Education major from Douglasville, Ga. are returning for their second year as SOAR Leaders. They helped select the 2014 SOAR Team, which represents over 35 campus organizations, by trying to find the best individuals to represent the Georgia Southern student body.

The team includes the following students by classification:

Senior

Michael Bailey, a Sociology major from Augusta, Ga.

Juniors

Jonathan Bush, a History major from Macon, Ga.
 Jamal Wright, a Chemistry major from Hinesville, Ga.
 Adam Youngman, a Music Education major from Dawsonville, Ga.

Sophomores

Kristina Agbebiyi, a Biology major from Kennesaw, Ga.
Sarah Whitney Anderson, a Public Relations major from Dalton, Ga.
Sophia Braun, a Geology major from McDonough, Ga.
Zachary Davidson, a Computer Science major from Marietta, Ga.
Garrett Fischer, a Justice Studies major from Augusta, Ga.
Neal Hollis, a Biology major from Blackshear, Ga.
Chaverle Noel, a Pre-Nutrition & Food Science major from Trinidad & Tobago
Abigail Ormsby, a Public Relations major from Woodstock, Ga.
Kelly Shofner, a Graphic Design major from Chattanooga, Tenn.
Drew Whaley, a Pre-Communications major from Buford, Ga.
James Woodall, a Political Science major from Locust Grove, Ga.

Freshmen

Taryn Connelly, a Pre-Nursing major from Lawrenceville, Ga.
Krystena Duggan, a Pre-Nursing major from Warner Robins, Ga.
Jesse House, a Pre-Interior Design major from Cumming, Ga.
Abigail LaMee, a Pre-Child & Family Development major from Jasper, Ga.
Taylor Mutimer, a Pre-Early Childhood Education major from Augusta, Ga.
Emily Shannon, currently undeclared from Madison, Ga.

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Feb. 17, 2014 — Georgia Southern University's Symphonic Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at the biennial Joint Southern Division Conference of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) and the National Band Association (NBA) on Feb. 27 – March 1 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. The three-day event includes concerts, clinics and meetings for collegiate and public school level band directors and conductors from an 11-state area.

The Ensemble will perform on Saturday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Lazzara Performance Hall. The Ensemble's audition recording was one of seven selected through a peer review of live concert recordings of 24 collegiate student and faculty ensembles from the Southern Division of the CBDNA.

"This is the first time that the Symphonic Wind Ensemble has been chosen to perform at a CBDNA conference event, and it is a real honor to be selected from such a large pool of schools who auditioned," said Robert Dunham, D.M.A., conductor of the ensemble. "I'm very, very proud of the musical accomplishments the Ensemble has made, and this is a truly excellent opportunity for us to showcase the fine student musicians we have at Georgia Southern. Our students are exceedingly passionate about making music and dedicated to giving first class performances, and we are very excited to have the opportunity to share our passion for performance at this prestigious event!"

The College Band Directors National Association is among the main professional organizations that a majority of college band directors and conductors have membership in and includes members from all over the world. The National Band Association is a broader professional organization whose membership also includes public school band directors and conductors. For the past 10 years, the CBDNA and NBA have been hosting joint regional conferences that allow collegiate and public school band conductors and their students to better interact with one another and attend clinics and concerts in the same venue.

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