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STATESBORO, Ga., — Feb. 18, 2014— Georgia Southern University junior Melissa Royal was named Miss Georgia Southern University during the 2014 scholarship pageant on Feb. 15.

Royal, a Spanish and International Trade major from Acworth, Ga., was one of 10 contestants to compete for the title. She is the president of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and a Southern Leader. Her platform is "Connecting the Global Community through Microlending," which focuses on helping to end global poverty.

As Miss Georgia Southern University, Royal will represent the University while attending the St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah, Ga., Georgia Southern's orientation, open house and recruitment events, Homecoming and select community events by invitation. Additionally, Royal will represent the University at the Miss Georgia competition.

As the winner, Royal will also receive a \$1,500 scholarship, a \$500 travel stipend, three free months at Omni Fight Club of Statesboro, a full spa day at Serenity Day Spa including various spa and salon services, a complimentary photo shoot from Lori Grice Photography, a special events wardrobe from Frills and a Miss Georgia professional consultation and interview preparation.

Senior public relations major Amanda Lawler from Toombs, Ga., was first runner up, while sophomore multimedia communications major and public relations minor Miki Argiriou from Brunswick, Ga., was second runner up.

Other winners included Caroline Eaker for best Evening Gown, Jamesa Hogges for Miss Congeniality and Miss Photogenic and Corine Richard for People's Choice.

To apply for Miss Georgia Southern University, you must be currently enrolled in at least 12 or more hours at the University, be in good disciplinary and academic



standing with the University and not turn 25 years old during the year of service. There are five phases to the Miss Georgia Southern University Pageant, which include: private interview, talent, swimwear, evening wear and on-stage question.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers 125 degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

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