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Spring Musical 'The Spitfire Grill' Opens Feb. 28 on the Armstrong Campus

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The triumphant musical "The Spitfire Grill" will open at the Jenkins Hall Mainstage Theatre on the Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus in Savannah, Georgia, on Feb. 28 and will run through March 4.

James Valcq's "The Spitfire Grill," an American musical based on the 1996 film with the same title, is directed by Associate Professor of Theatre and Acting Pamela Sears, MFA, and local musical director Warren Heilman. The show cast includes University students.

"This piece was chosen for our season as a reminder of the strength in community," said Sears. "When we individually feel neglected or afraid, opening our doors and hearts to someone may just be the first step to perspective and hope. Without revealing too many spoilers, 'The Spitfire Grill' depicts clear examples of this."

"The Spitfire Grill," tells the story of a feisty parolee, Percy, who travels to the small town of Gilead, Wisconsin, for a fresh start. She gets a job at an eatery called Hannah's Spitfire Grill around the time the establishment goes up for sale. There are no takers for the only eatery in the depressed town, so newcomer Percy suggests to the shop owner that she raffle it off. The new owner will be chosen by composing an essay on why they should own the restaurant. Before long, mail is arriving by the wheelbarrow full, and things are definitely cookin' at the Spitfire Grill.

The production premiered in September 2001, days before the United States was devastated by the attack on the World Trade Center. Sixteen years later, the uplifting theme of acknowledging a dark past on a journey to healing is as resonant now as it was then. Driven by a heartfelt, folk-inspired score and a cast of strong-will characters, "The Spitfire Grill" celebrates pure Americana. Moving seamlessly between dialogue and song, the characters of rural Gilead, Wisconsin, share their secrets while realizing nature's capacity to revitalize the human spirit.

Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night Feb. 28 through March 3, and at 3 p.m. for the final performance on March 4. Tickets are free for University students, faculty and staff with a valid University ID. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$15 at tickets.armstrong.edu or by calling 912-344-2801 from noon to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Discounted rates are available for seniors, children, University alumni and military.

The event is hosted by the Department of Communication Arts in the College of Arts and Humanities.

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Georgia Southern ranked No. 8 on the 2018 Military Times 10 Best Cybersecurity Programs list

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The Center for Applied Cyber Education, located on Georgia Southern's Armstrong Campus, is an interdisciplinary center and recognized national leader in cyber education and training.

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Georgia Southern has been ranked No. 8 on the 2018 *Military Times* 10 Best Cybersecurity Programs list. The University's Center for Applied Cyber Education (CACE), an interdisciplinary center and recognized national leader in cyber education and training that manages university-wide cyber education initiatives, is located on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah.

"It is an honor to be recognized for our cybersecurity programs by *Military Times*," said CACE Executive Director Scott Scheidt. "We look forward to strengthening our division even further with new designations and growth in cyber selection for majors and minors with our new Georgia Southern family student body."

According to *Military Times*, to make the second annual ranking of cybersecurity programs list, schools first had to

participate in its survey of colleges used to compile the 2018 Military Times Best: Colleges rankings last fall.

The results, plus data from the federal education, defense and veterans affairs departments on how schools stacked up across five categories – culture, academic quality and outcomes, policies, student support and cost and financial aid – accounted for half of a university's ranking.

"The rankings were more competitive than ever this year, as a record number of schools participated in our annual survey, and less than half made the cut," stated the *Military Times*.

Additional factors were divided evenly among four other metrics: the presence and number of ABET-affiliated computer science programs at a school; the presence and number of Centers of Academic Excellence designations given to a school by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); the proportion of degrees awarded at a school that fall under computer science generally; and the proportion of degrees awarded at a school that fall under computer security specifically.

Founded at Armstrong State University in 2015 and now an important part of Georgia Southern University, CACE began as a collaborative effort among administration, faculty and staff to strengthen cyber education and training in the region. The department is dedicated to supporting interdisciplinary cyber education that affords student access to curriculum, programs and industry partnerships that impart the skills and concepts applicable to 21st-century cyber workforce needs. CACE also provides faculty and staff expertise in areas such as digital forensics, cyber law,

cyber warfare, cyber policy, cryptography, artificial intelligence, electronic warfare, healthcare informatics, enterprise security and data analytics.

In addition, CACE manages university cyber education designations that include the NSA and DHS National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, and the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence. Georgia Southern is only one of 14 institutions in the country to hold both federal designations.

For more information and to see the *Military Times* 10 Best Cybersecurity Programs list, visit <https://bestforvets.militarytimes.com/cyber/2018/>.

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