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# Special multicultural graduation celebrations to take place at Georgia Southern May 3

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On May 3, special graduation events at Georgia Southern University will provide a meaningful experience for the University's graduating students.

The Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus in Savannah will hold a Lavender Graduation to celebrate the commencement of LGBTQ+ students. During the event, participants will enjoy refreshments, a guest speaker and the presentation of lavender graduation cords and tassels. The event, hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will take place at noon in the Ogeechee Theatre in the Student Union.

The Kente Ceremony and the Latino Ceremony will also be held on the Armstrong Campus. Participants in the Kente Ceremony will receive the Kente stole and participants in the Latino Ceremony will receive the Sarape stole. The events, hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will take place at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, in the Ogeechee Theatre in the Student Union.

The College of Arts and Humanities and the Center for Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies will host the inaugural Lavender Graduation on the Statesboro Campus to recognize and honor the accomplishments of graduating LGBTQ+ students. The ceremony is made possible through a gift from Ted Tucker ('60) to establish the LGBTQ+ Initiative in the College of Arts and Humanities. Tucker, Fred Richter, Ph.D., and Shanna Felix will serve as the keynote speakers for the event. Participating students will receive lavender graduation cords. The event will take place at 5 p.m. at the University's Center for Art & Theatre's Black Box Theatre, 233 Pittman Drive, Statesboro.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs also will host the inaugural multicultural graduation celebration, KUUMBA Rite of Passage. During the celebration, participants will receive a stole to wear during the University's commencement ceremonies. The event will take place at 6 p.m. on the Statesboro Campus in the Russell Union Ballroom.