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# Center for Sustainability's sixth annual GreenFest set for Oct. 6 in downtown Statesboro

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Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability is gearing up for its sixth annual GreenFest event, set for 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, in downtown Statesboro.

The event, which brings town and gown together, will showcase all that the region has to offer for sustainable living. More than 50 vendors and exhibitors will share sustainability information and green products to encourage a green lifestyle.

Festival-goers can enjoy live music, sustainability workshops, children's activities and more. Featured events this year include electronics

recycling hosted by Goodwill and Dell. Old electronics (except for tube TVs) can be dropped off at the recycling truck, located at the corner of E. Main and Railroad Street.

An emphasis on reducing and reusing will include creating musical instruments from trash, DIY bath and beauty products and bracelets made from fabric scraps. The weekly Statesboro Mainstreet Farmers Market will also offer festival visitors fresh and delicious local products, baked goods and more.

The activities this year will extend down E. Main Street with the street closed from N. Main to Railroad Street for the festival. Festival goers can park on E. Vine in parking lots on Railroad, and Courtland Streets.

Keep Bulloch Beautiful is hosting the Great American Cleanup throughout the city, so volunteers can get their hands dirty and make a difference in our community. Check in on the courthouse lawn to participate.

Entries in the fourth annual Pallet Challenge will also be on display along E. Main Street in front of the courthouse. Festival attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorite in the new youth and adult categories. People's choice and prize winners will be announced at 12 p.m. Previous year's competitions have drawn entries from as far as Savannah and included pallet coolers, pallet picnic tables, a motorized pallet car, a compost bin and even a bunk bed. Pallet creations can be registered in the competition this year at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability).

The goal at GreenFest is to educate the public about sustainable solutions throughout the community and to share green resources and eco-friendly ideas in an outdoor festival atmosphere.

Shuttle services to the farmers market and festival will be offered for Georgia Southern students living on campus at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. departing from the Union turnaround.

A full list of the day's events and vendor list can be found [here](#). And for more information and to get involved, visit the Center for Sustainability online at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability) or contact [cfs@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:cfs@georgiasouthern.edu), 912-478-5895.

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# Gullah Geechee Heritage Celebration to be held Nov. 1

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Georgia Southern's Office of Multicultural Affairs, Know Your Worth and the African Student Association will host a Gullah Geechee Heritage Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 1, on the Statesboro Campus in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a brief reception.

The Gullah Geechee people are descendants of Central and West Africans who came from different ethnic and social groups. They were enslaved together on the isolated sea and barrier islands that span what is now designated as the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor — a stretch of the U.S. coastline. It extends from Pender County, North Carolina, to St. John's County, Florida, for 30 miles inland.

The result of Gullah Geechee people began as an intense interaction among Africans from different language groups in settings where enslaved Africans and their descendants formed the majority. Over time, they developed the Creole Gullah Geechee language as a means of communicating with each other, and they were also able to preserve many African practices in their language, arts, crafts and cuisine.

The celebration on Nov. 1 will feature a West African inspired dance, historical presentations, and demonstrations by The African Spirit of Day Clean Journeys, Queen Quet and the Chieftess of the Gullah Geechee Nation.

For more information contact Maurice Nelson in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at [oma@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:oma@georgiasouthern.edu) or 912-478-5409.

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# Senior gallery exhibition “Beyond the Surface” coming to Armstrong Campus

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The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art will be asking viewers to take a deeper look into its upcoming senior exhibition, “Beyond the Surface,” which runs weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 12 at the Fine Arts Gallery located in Fine Arts Hall on the Armstrong Campus.

“Beyond the Surface” features the work of students Mercedes Warren, Amanda Austin and Tyeisha Jenkins. The artists encourage viewers to look beyond surface appearances, which can often be misleading.

Warren’s art prompts the viewer to examine uncomfortable truths about the world around them.

“Mental and spiritual growth does not come from comfort and routine,” she said. “They emerge when we face our toughest challenges and sometimes ugly truths.”

Austin’s work uses abstract visuals and textures to portray emotional feelings. Her work consists of paintings on both canvas and acrylic.

“I create texture paintings to physically and metaphorically project the personality of the paintings to the viewer,” she said.

Each artist brings their unique creative styles and interpretations together to share their vision of the ordinary world around them in an extraordinary way.

A reception and artist talk will be held at the Gallery on Friday, Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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Tags: [Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art](#), [College of Arts and Humanities](#)

# Georgia Southern University and St. Joseph's/Candler build funding partnership to address regional need for skilled nurses

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Georgia Southern University and St. Joseph's/Candler are working together to develop healthcare leaders and ensure those in our region have access to quality medical care.

The University's new Waters College of Health Professions building project on the Armstrong Campus will include the St. Joseph's/Candler Nursing Suite thanks to a new funding partnership between the Armstrong Foundation of Georgia Southern University, Inc. and St. Joseph's/Candler. The health system will donate \$250,000 to the project.

"It is vitally important for St. Joseph's/Candler to invest in the future of nursing in our region and we are proud to support Georgia Southern University in this endeavor," said Paul P. Hinchey, President & CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler. "The Nursing Suite will provide classrooms as well as clinical and research facilities for faculty and students. This will not only help provide quality nurses for our patients but it allows students in our region to have access to a state-of-the-art nursing education and career."

The Waters College of Health Professions is the largest undergraduate health college in the state of Georgia. The St. Joseph's/Candler Nursing Suite is an 8,193-square-foot area within the Waters College of Health Professions building where state-of-the-art facilities and advanced technologies prepare students to meet patient needs in a changing healthcare delivery environment.

"There are more healthcare job openings than in any other field in Georgia, and the need for nurses continues to grow," said Georgia Southern President Shelley Nickel. "We have an unprecedented opportunity through this partnership with St. Joseph's/Candler to teach essential skills through innovative hands-on learning experiences."

Georgia Southern University is transforming outstanding students into highly competent and compassionate healthcare providers and now issues nearly one-fifth of undergraduate healthcare degrees in the state of Georgia. Almost \$30 million in funding has been invested in the University's healthcare professions facilities.

## **About St. Joseph's/Candler**

St. Joseph's/Candler (SJ/C) is a 714-bed, Magnet-designated facility for nursing excellence, with a focus on the latest technologies and research. It is anchored by St. Joseph's Hospital and Candler Hospital. Its comprehensive network includes centers of excellence for oncology, cardiovascular, neurosciences, women's and children's services, orthopedics, pulmonary medicine and a variety of other disease specialties. SJ/C's Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion has been selected to be a part of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the NCI Community Oncology Research Program. St. Joseph's Hospital and Candler Hospital is a not-for-profit health system serving 33 counties in southeast Georgia and three in the South Carolina Low Country and is the largest and only faith-based institution in the region. For more information, visit [sjchs.org](http://sjchs.org).

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