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# Georgia Southern to host outstanding high school students during annual Southern Scholars Showcase

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Georgia Southern University will host more than 200 of the brightest high school seniors from around the state, the nation and the world during the 14th annual Southern Scholars Showcase set for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

This invitation-only event allows students to interview for valuable and prestigious academic scholarships. This event is open to students who are interested in attending any of Georgia Southern University's three campuses.

Students who are invited to this event are among the very best in their respective schools, and they must have outstanding test scores and high school grade point averages. The average test scores for the students attending this year are a 1340 SAT total, and a 29 ACT composite. In addition to interviewing for scholarships, students and their parents will attend informative sessions about Georgia Southern University on topics such as engineering, study abroad and the University Honors Program.

Southern Scholars Showcase is just the first chance for prospective students to earn merit-based, academic scholarships. Scholars' Day will bring an additional 250 students to both the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses in the spring. To be considered for an invitation to Scholars' Day, students must earn at least a 1200 on the SAT, or a 25 ACT composite and demonstrate high academic ability within the classroom.

For more information, or to apply for scholarships or the University Honors Program, please visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/AdmissionsScholarships](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/AdmissionsScholarships). Contact the Office of Admissions with any questions at 912-478-5391 or [scholarships@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:scholarships@georgiasouthern.edu).

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving nearly 26,500 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities. Visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

# Medical Laboratory Science program receives accreditation from national organization

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The Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program on Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus has received continuing accreditation for 10 years from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

"Accreditation by NAACLS means that our program has met academic, professional and clinical standards appropriate for the laboratory profession," stated Keith Belcher, Ph.D., professor and program director of the MLS program.

Students who graduate from a NAACLS-accredited program are eligible to sit for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification Exam. Students must pass the exam to be eligible to work as a medical laboratory scientist.

"The ASCP is the nationally accepted standard and is the one most sought after," said Belcher.

The University's MLS program is one of only four accredited programs in the state. Established in 1982, the MLS program is the largest in Georgia in terms of graduating students and is housed in the Waters College of Health Professions. The program provides students with a high quality academic and professional environment that allows for the development of a student's intellectual and manipulative competencies and attainment of professional values and characteristics.

NAACLS is the premier international agency for accreditation and approval of education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences and related health professions. NAACLS accreditation recognizes education programs that meet established education standards in clinical laboratory science disciplines.

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