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# Georgia Southern to host newly admitted, prospective students during Eagle Previews

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Newly admitted and prospective Georgia Southern students have the opportunity to experience one of the University's three campuses for themselves during Eagle Previews, comprehensive admissions open-house events happening on the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses.

Georgia Southern hosts these events to offer students and their families one-on-one access to representatives from the University's academic colleges, student services departments and the Office of Admissions. University leaders also host break-out sessions on admissions, housing, financial aid, leadership and community engagement, and more.

An Eagle Preview for Georgia Southern's Statesboro Campus will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon. Students can explore the 900-acre residential campus while learning about the wide range of hands-on degree programs and student activities.

Students can visit the Armstrong Campus in Savannah on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon, and tour the 268-acre arboretum campus. They will also be able to explore residential halls and campus facilities, and attend informative break-out sessions to learn more about unique campus offerings in addition to a variety of degree programs.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m., students can tour the Liberty Campus, a state-of-the-art facility that offers an intimate learning environment where local students can further their education.

The Eagle Previews will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the University's in-state tuition offerings to residents of South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee on the Armstrong and Liberty campuses.

For more information or to register for these events, visit <https://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/eaglepreview/>. Walk-ins are welcome on each campus.

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# Georgia Southern University celebrates 2019 Black Heritage Month

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Georgia Southern University's Office of Multicultural Affairs announces the schedule for the 2019 Black Heritage Month celebration, featuring a series of lectures, panel discussions, performances and more throughout February.

Most events will take place on the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses and are free and open to the public. Highlighted events include:

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration featuring speaker Roland S. Martin**

**Armstrong Campus: Student Union Ballroom, Noon.**

**Statesboro Campus: Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.**

Noted author and journalist Roland S. Martin will serve as the speaker for this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Named four times as one of the "150 Most Influential African-Americans in the U.S." by *Ebony*, Martin is host of the daily online show #RolandMartinUnfiltered. He is also the author of three books, including *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House as*

*originally reported by Roland S. Martin*, and is a four-time NAACP Image Award winner.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5, 5 p.m.**

**The Integration of Georgia Southern University**

**Statesboro Campus: Russell Union 2080**

Diversity Peer Educators will host a conversation about the integration of the Statesboro Campus. Joining the conversation will be alumni who were among the first African-American students to attend Georgia Southern.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m.**

**Let's Talk About It: Health Disparities**

**Armstrong Campus: University Hall**

The NAACP will host an interactive panel to discuss the various health disparities in the African-American community. Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations.

**Thursday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.**

**Film Series: "BlacKkKlansman"**

**Armstrong Campus: Ogeechee Theatre**

"BlacKkKlansman" is the story of Ron Stallworth, an African-American police officer who successfully managed to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually became its leader. The Spike Lee-directed film landed six Academy Award nominations including best picture and best director.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m.**

**Brown Bag: Shades of Blackness — Contextualizing Colorism and its impact on the African-American Community**  
**Liberty Campus: Room 108**

Associate Professor of Communications and Africana Studies Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, Ph.D., will give a lecture on the conflicting imagery of colorism in the African-American community. The presentation will examine colorism from a historical, social and cultural perspective.

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.**

**Divine Nine Yardshow: It's NOT Just Stepping and Strolling; It's Our Culture! — Performances**  
**Statesboro Campus: Russell Union Ballroom**

The National Pan-Hellenic Council yard show will feature short step performances and discussions about the history of stepping and the evolution of strolling in historically black fraternity and sorority culture. An attendance fee of \$5 will be charged.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m.**

**Black Women's Empowerment Day**  
**Armstrong Campus: Student Union Ballroom**

This day-long event will be hosted by Student African-American Sisterhood.

**Friday, Feb. 22**

**Black History Tour in Savannah**  
**All Campuses**

Take a tour with Day Clean Journeys and learn about African-American contributions to the City of Savannah. Venues will include the Ralph Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, First African Baptist Church and other local points of interests. This trip is free for students, except for lunch. Transportation will be provided from all campuses, but space will be limited.

**Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 a.m.**

**Black Man Empowerment Summit**  
**Armstrong Campus**

Men of Vision and Excellence will host this summit designed to empower young men in areas of scholarship, community engagement and campus leadership. The summit will feature an opening motivational speaker, breakout sessions, Gentlemen's Luncheon and an empowerment panel. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Spots are limited.

For more information on the 2019 Black Heritage Month celebration, visit <https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural/diversity-and-inclusion/>.

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# Georgia Southern economics students take fourth place in national trading competition

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*Parker College of Business students were top performers at the national TD Ameritrade's thinkorswim Challenge*

A team of four economics majors at Georgia Southern University's Parker College of Business recently took fourth place at TD Ameritrade's thinkorswim Challenge, a real-world cash trading experience, after going head-to-head with 500 college teams from around the country.

"This competition enhanced students' critical and analytical thinking skills," said Omid M. Ardakani, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics. "They learned how to connect theoretical concepts with practice, which bridges the gap between theory and the real world. The skills they developed during this challenge will help them in their future career."

Handed a portfolio with \$500,000 in virtual dollars to trade stocks, options and exchange-traded funds, teams were challenged to put classroom theories into practice and see who could earn the most money with professional-level technology using the paperMoney trading simulator.

Students Shaye Escritor, Nathan Insel, Angel Lopez-Akiyama and Layke Touchet, led by Ardakani, invested their funds in equities and financial derivatives. Their group, called Alpha Team Hedge, realized an average return of 187 percent by the end of the challenge.

The group outperformed index funds, hedge funds and other teams by using theoretical and empirical knowledge of financial derivatives taught by Ardakani in his financial derivatives course. In total, the group was able to grow their initial portfolio to more than \$1.4 million.

The Department of Economics, housed within the Parker College of Business, provides students with the foundation for careers in business, economics, law, public policy and regional development.

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