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# 'Shark Tank' Star Daymond John to speak at Georgia Southern's Spring Commencement

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*Daymond John*

Fashion executive, self-made multimillionaire and "Shark Tank" entrepreneur Daymond John will be the speaker at Georgia Southern's university-wide commencement ceremony at Allen E. Paulson Stadium in May.

John's story of turning a \$40 budget into FUBU, a \$6 billion fashion brand, is a quintessential rags-to-riches success story of sacrifice, hard work and perseverance. In addition to his work in the fashion industry and a member of ABC's "Shark Tank," John is a New York Times best-selling author, branding guru and highly sought after motivational speaker. In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed him a Presidential Ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship, a position focused on promoting the power and importance of entrepreneurship on a global scale

"Daymond John is a dynamic business speaker with over 20 years of hands-on proven business experience," said Carl L. Reiber, Georgia Southern's provost and vice president for academic affairs. "His

pragmatic advice resonates with everyone. He has a relatable story and journey to success that continues to both motivate and inspire."

John will speak as part of Georgia Southern's university-wide ceremony for all graduates at Paulson Stadium on Saturday, May 11 at 9 a.m.

In addition to the university-wide ceremony where graduates will be recognized collectively, each college will hold its own ceremony where every graduate from that college will be recognized individually. This ceremony will be led by the college dean and have greater involvement from the faculty, allowing the university to better focus on individual student academic achievement. This ceremony will heighten the academic distinction students have achieved and allow for recognitions such as Doctoral degree hooding and honors designations. The college ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. Please click [here](#) for details.

Tickets are not required for the university-wide or college ceremonies, and seating at these ceremonies will be first-come, first-served.

Additionally, buses are being arranged for students and their guests needing assistance traveling between Statesboro and Savannah. Reservations will be required and can be done soon on the graduation [website](#). Buses will depart from destination location 45 minutes after the ceremonies.

Participants attending university-wide ceremony will see much-improved wireless access at Paulson Stadium during commencement and other events in the stadium, thanks to additional university investment and additional donations from Bulloch Telephone Cooperative. To access the complimentary wireless service inside the stadium, users will simply open their favorite internet browser and follow the on-screen prompts.

For more information about the commencement ceremonies, including an FAQ, go to [www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement](http://www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement).

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# Georgia Southern's online RN to BSN program ranked one of most affordable in nation

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Georgia Southern University's School of Nursing's RN-BSN program, designed exclusively for registered nurses who wish to earn a B.S. in nursing (BSN), was recently named one of the most affordable of its kind in the nation by [GreatValueColleges.net](http://GreatValueColleges.net). Of 50 schools included on the 2019 list, Georgia Southern took the No. 27 spot.

"We are pleased to be recognized by Great Value Colleges as one of the top 50 most affordable online RN to BSN programs for 2019," stated Sheri Carey, DNP, assistant professor and RN-BSN program director. "This recognition attests to the

affordability and outstanding reputation of our program and ongoing faculty excellence."

The RN-BSN program is a fully online program with the working registered nurse in mind, providing flexibility that allows both full-time and part-time enrollment.

Great Value Colleges recognized Georgia Southern's RN-BSN program as having an unwavering commitment to providing non-traditional students with a high-quality education at an affordable price.

"We strive to give students all the tools they need to achieve their full potential and meet future academic and career goals," said Carey.

The list was compiled using tuition pricing gathered by College Navigator and information from each program's website. Although tuition was a large factor, items such as program flexibility, customization within the degree program and unique offerings were also taken into account.

The School of Nursing is housed in the Waters College of Health Professions and is fully accredited by the Georgia Board of Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. For more information on nursing programs at Georgia Southern, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Nursing](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Nursing).

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