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Outstanding alumnus provides lead gift for Hanner Fieldhouse renovation, honored by USG

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The University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents recently honored E.G. Meybohm of Augusta, a former Georgia Southern University baseball and men's basketball student-athlete, as the first Georgia Southern alumnus to receive its Hall of Fame Alumni and Friends Award.



Board of Regents Chair Don Waters and E.G. Meybohm

Meybohm was one of five honorees who have been outstanding alumni supporters of USG institutions.

He was honored during the 15th annual Regents' Scholarship Gala, hosted by the USG Foundation, which raised more than \$900,000 to support and provide need-based scholarships for students at all 26 USG institutions. Governor Brian Kemp also presented former Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal with a lifetime achievement award for her contributions to public education and literacy in Georgia.

Meybohm and his wife

Lynn, responded by reinforcing their commitment to Georgia Southern by providing the lead gift in a campaign to renovate the W.S. Hanner Fieldhouse on the university's Statesboro Campus.

"The tremendous success and growth of our men's basketball program have drawn national attention that has increased the pride of our alumni and strengthened their connections to the university. Lynn and I have been supporters and Eagle fans for decades, which makes the opportunity to make this kind of impact on a student-athlete's experience even more special," said E.G. Meybohm.

In addition to being longtime supporters of Eagle Athletics, the Meybohms are both alumni of Georgia Southern University with bachelor's degrees in education.



Former First Lady Sandra Deal

During the initial phase of the Hanner renovations, the front entrance facing Fair Road will be expanded to include a new home for Athletics' Hall of Fame celebrating all sports for public display, the relocation of concessions and expanded game day ticket offices. Additionally, the auxiliary gyms located within Hanner will be converted into practice facilities for both the basketball and volleyball programs. The second phase of renovations will focus on fan amenities and game day hospitality.

"The Meybohms' gift is the first of its kind made to Georgia Southern University Athletics from a former student-athlete. Lynn and E.G.'s leadership and vision for Hanner will not only impact athletics' programming but the university as a whole. Renovations like this just don't happen. It is through the support of our alumni and community that we are able to continue to provide the best experiences for our student-athletes, students, community members and campus guests. Georgia Southern University is fortunate to have the Meybohms' support," said Tom Kleinlein, director of athletics.

The Hanner Fieldhouse is a shared facility between athletics and university programming. It is home to men's and women's basketball and volleyball. In addition, health, physical education and professional studies utilize Hanner for classroom space and the Biodynamics and Human Performance Center, which includes the Biomechanics, Muscle Performance Exercise Physiology Laboratories. Construction is projected to start this summer.

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