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Georgia Southern University Center for Applied Cyber Education signs Education Partnership Agreement with Air Force cyber unit

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First of its kind, collaboration provides unique opportunities for students

Georgia Southern University Center for Applied Cyber Education (CACE) has signed an Education Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the 688th Cyberspace Wing (688 CW).

The partnership with the Air Force cyberspace organization, which is responsible for defending Air Force cyber assets and strengthening the nation's ability to withstand and respond to cyber attacks, offers unique research and educational opportunities for Georgia Southern's students and faculty, explained CACE Executive Director Scott Scheidt.

"As of now, we are the only academic organization in the country that has a direct EPA with the 688 CW," said Scheidt. "The collaboration supports research and development activities for Georgia Southern faculty and students across multiple disciplines, allowing them access to defense laboratory projects that would not otherwise be available in an educational environment."

Under this agreement, 688 CW personnel will provide students with academic and career advice, and may have the opportunity to host periods of instruction on cyber from the military point of view.

"The objective of this agreement is to fulfill the 688 CW's responsibility as an Office of Research and Technology Application to encourage and enhance the study of scientific disciplines at all levels," reads the EPA agreement. "The 688 CW understands and supports the need for scientific education and its subsequent positive impact."

CACE is located on the Armstrong Campus and manages the University designation as the National Security Agency Center of Academic Excellence in cyber defense education and as a Defense Cyber Crime Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 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.

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