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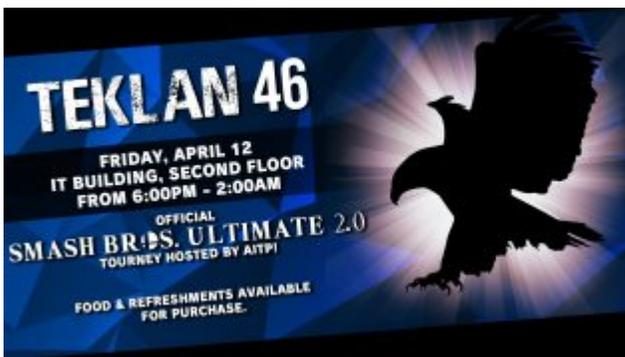
Georgia Southern IT students to host night of gaming, computer networking

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The Georgia Southern University Department of Information Technology (IT) is hosting TekLAN 46 Friday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. throughout the IT building. Put on each semester by IT students, the event includes gaming, board games, movies, coding and networking, both on the computer and socially.

The student chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals is the driving force of the event's planning, development and gaming setup. TekLAN is a real-world IT student project including system networking, troubleshooting and lab resetting.



"We pretty much take over the entire second floor of the IT building," said Assistant Professor of IT, Russell Thackston, Ph.D. "You'll see most of the events in the labs and classrooms and plenty of people walking around socializing. We usually have about 300 people total as the event runs past midnight."

Most of the gaming happens in rooms 2208/2210, where the wall between the rooms is opened and all the lab computers are converted into gaming computers. In the other rooms, we have a virtual reality lab, console gaming, "Dungeons and

Dragons" short campaigns, anime, movies, boards games and card games.

This semester's tournament game is "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate 2.0," on the Nintendo Switch platform. There will be extra systems provided, but students often bring their own. The video game tournament is one of the most popular events at TekLAN.

"The students that come to engage in TekLAN activities are from all kinds of disciplines like political science, English or biology," said Assistant Professor of IT, Elizabeth Rasnik, Ph.D. "We recommend attendees just jump into playing games with other students. They'll find tons of stuff to watch, do or learn while having fun. It's a great event for personal networking. Campus organizations get involved with information booths, selling concessions and even recycling programs."

The student organizations that participate and are involved in the production of TekLAN include Aurora Game Development Club, Anime Club, Creators Club, Eagle ESports, Geeks 'n Gamers, Green Ambassadors and Women in Technology. These groups are instrumental in the organization and implementation of the event.

Students are encouraged to bring personal computer projects to display or demonstrate. In recent years, student creations included a clear lucite computer with LED lighted interior components and an old fashioned free-standing arcade game using raspberry pi, which is a series of single-board computers used to learn programming skills.

The event is free and open to any student interested in gaming, technology or computers.

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Georgia Southern student lands prestigious clinical rotation at Mayo Clinic

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Georgia Southern University medical laboratory science student Lauren Frank recently edged ahead of student hopefuls from around the country to earn a six-month medical laboratory assistant clinical rotation at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

U.S. News & World Report ranked the Mayo Clinic as the No. 1 hospital overall and No. 1 in more specialties than any other hospital in the nation in its 2018-2019 rankings of top hospitals.

For Frank, who chose the Armstrong Campus for its beauty and renowned health professions program, landing a clinical rotation spot at Mayo Clinic was more than an accomplishment; it was the realization of a childhood dream.

"It means so much to be chosen for a clinical rotation at the Mayo Clinic," she noted. "It has always been a dream of mine to work at Mayo."

Diagnosed with a rare type of cancer at age five, Nashville, Tennessee, native Frank said her experiences in the hospital encouraged her pursuit of a degree in the medical field so that she could help others in the same way she was helped.

"I chose medical laboratory sciences so that I could aid in the diagnosis and treatment of those who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses," she said.

Upon completion of the clinical rotation, Frank will graduate in December and hopes to attend medical school to become a pediatric oncologist.

The Medical Laboratory Science program at Georgia Southern, housed within the Waters College of Health Professions, is the largest in the state. Medical laboratory scientists are trained to provide essential clinical information to healthcare providers and are responsible for assuring reliable results that contribute to the prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of physiological and pathological conditions.

With three top-ranked campuses in Jacksonville, Florida; Phoenix, Arizona; and Rochester, Minnesota, Mayo Clinic's specialized experts treat rare and complex conditions for more than one million patients a year.

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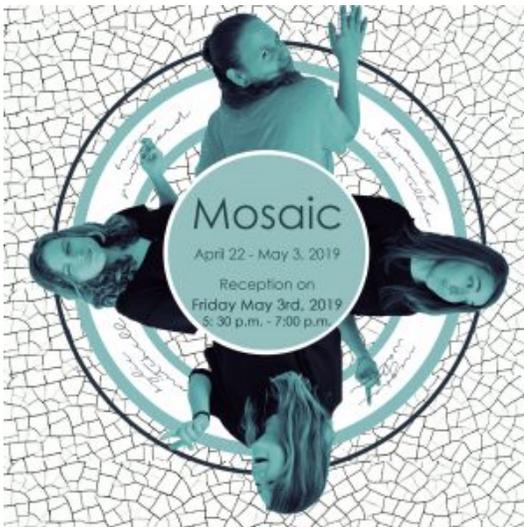
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Georgia Southern art education seniors to host exhibition, discuss art's role in education

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Georgia Southern University's Senior Art Exhibition, "Mosaic," featuring artwork by four senior artists, will run from April 22 to May 3 at the Fine Arts Gallery on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah. A reception will be held on May 3 at 5:30 p.m., and admission is free and open to the public.



Senior artists Frances Wright-Tellado, Briana Pritchard, Kylie Mitchell and Meghan Walton will exhibit a variety of sculptures, drawings, paintings and digital media that showcase the knowledge and skills they've gained in the fine arts program.

"With the help of my Mosaic team, I was able to create my own absurd world of art in the gallery space," senior artist Frances Wright-Tellado said.

During the reception, artists will address their inspiration and process, as well as discuss how they intend to use their acquired knowledge and artistic abilities in their careers as educators.

"As future educators, it is important that we are knowledgeable in a variety of techniques and media," said senior art education student

Briana Pritchard. "Mosaic showcases our skills and our passion to share what we've learned to future generations of artists."

For more information, please visit the Fine Arts Gallery website.

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