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## PwC Network executive to lead this year's Fries Lecture

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Carol Sawdye, COO of PwC Network

Carol Sawdye, chief operating officer of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Network, will present the 2019 Norman Fries Lecture, the first event in the inaugural Parker Talks speaker series, hosted by Georgia Southern University's Parker College of Business.

Sawdye will share the positive impacts that the advancement of technology has had on society during her presentation, "Flourishing in a Digital World: How to Proactively Engage in New Technologies to Ensure You Don't Get Left Behind," set for Monday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on the Statesboro Campus.

Sawdye will discuss the importance of providing access to information and communication to previously isolated communities, improving the efficiency of organizations and extending average human life spans across the world. She will also talk about the opportunity to use technology for the betterment of society despite how quickly the speed and scope of technology are changing.

Sawdye, who leads the Network Leadership Team Chief Operating Officer Group, drives budgeting, financial planning and investment processes throughout the PwC Network and collaborates with the global leadership team. Previously the executive vice president and CFO of the National Basketball Association, Sawdye received a B.S. in accounting from the University of Virginia and an MBA, with a specialization in international business and corporate finance, from Columbia Business School. She is a CPA, licensed to practice in New York. She and her husband live in New York City and Savannah, Georgia.

The Parker Talks speaker series will host speakers throughout the year in Statesboro and Savannah.

The annual Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship series began in 2001. It is funded by an endowment in honor of Norman Fries, founder of Claxton Poultry. In his more than 50 years of business, Fries built the company from a one-man operation into one of the largest poultry production plants in the United States. Past Fries lecturers include David Oreck of Oreck Vacuums, South African apartheid author and lecturer Mark Mathabane, NASA director James W. Kennedy, author and historian Gordon S. Wood, Nobel Prize-winner William D. Phillips, Ph.D., bestselling author Susan Orlean, concussion expert Dr. Russell Gore, and, most recently, Regents professor and Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient Marilyn Brown, Ph.D. For more information, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Fries2019](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Fries2019).

## Georgia Southern to host STEMFest '19 on Statesboro Campus Sept. 21

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On Sept. 21, Georgia Southern University will host STEMFest, complete with activities for the entire family.

STEMFest '19 will be held on the Statesboro Campus in the Nessmith-Lane Center, located at 847 Plant Drive, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will provide exploration stations with hands-on STEM learning activities for elementary, middle and high school-aged children. The event is free and open to the public.

“This year we are excited for STEMFest to be a collaboration of the College of Science and Mathematics, College of Engineering and Computing and the College of Education (COE),” explained Kania Greer, Ed.D., COE’s Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education (i2STEMe) coordinator. “The support of these colleges as well as from the University’s Provost Office, is a testament to the importance of STEM involvement and

education in southeast Georgia and the role this annual event plays in introducing pre-K through 12 students and their families to STEM experiences.”

The goal of STEMfest is to host an interactive event that gets pre-K through 12 students and their parents excited about STEM education. Activities will include stations to drive a simulator, launch Alka-Seltzer rockets, dig into archaeology projects, make robotics, craft ice cream with liquid nitrogen and more.

“We look forward to this event each year, as Georgia Southern students and faculty come together with innovative and exciting ways to demonstrate STEM principles and make learning fun for everyone,” said Greer. “It’s a great way for a family to spend the day having a great time while engaging their minds, and it’s all free!”

For questions about STEMfest ‘19, visit <http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/stem> or contact Mary Thaler at [stem@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:stem@georgiasouthern.edu).

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