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## Parker Talks series to feature former CEO of LexisNexis

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Andrew Prozes, former CEO of risk solutions company LexisNexis, will discuss how ones' identity is increasingly important in the world of finance and technology during the second Parker Talks series hosted by the Parker College of Business at Georgia Southern University.

Prozes will present "Identity in the Fintech World" on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Charles H. Morris Center at Trustees' Garden in Savannah. His lecture will dive into the importance of identity in today's high-tech financial environment and what can be done in the face of security challenges like fraud, identity theft and personal data breaches. He will also talk about what will define a person's identity in the future.

As CEO of LexisNexis, Prozes grew the company from \$1.7B in 2000 to more than \$4B in 2010. The company employed approximately 17,000 people across 2 business units — LexisNexis Legal and LexisNexis Risk Solutions.

Prozes serves on the boards of Scribestar, Transunion, Neoway, FIIZY, Payfone, nanoPay, MintChip and Synaptive, and he chairs numerous compensation committees. Previously, Prozes served on the Board of Directors of Reed Elsevier, a \$45B market cap information company, from 2000 until December 2010.

Born in Germany to Estonian parents who fled Russian occupation, Prozes grew up in Canada and earned a Bachelor of Mathematics in computer science from the University of Waterloo and an MBA from York University.

## Georgia Southern senior art exhibition on Armstrong Campus runs through Oct. 25, reception closing night

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“Collective Illusions,” a senior art exhibition in Georgia Southern University’s Armstrong Campus Fine Arts Gallery that features the work of Kelsey Jacobs, Christina Davis and Samuel Colon, is currently on display and will run through Oct. 25. On closing night, there will be a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with artist talks at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and will serve food and refreshments.

The exhibit showcases the artists’ different techniques and styles through various media including ceramics, photography, digital art and watercolor.

Jacobs is a digital photographer and graphic designer. Her series focuses on photos of scenic landscapes of Georgia and South Carolina coasts.

“I am capturing places to those familiar with the scenery and challenging them to see it in a new light and perspective,” she said.



Davis is a sculptor whose series consists of primate skulls from the hominid family. Her works are displayed in the three-dimensional space so the viewer can see each skull in its entirety and appreciate the similarities and differences between each of them.

Colon is an illustrator who would like to work in the comic storytelling industry after graduation. His watercolor paint and digital software series features illustrations from his original stories.

“To be able to create what you imagine, there’s no greater joy for me,” said Colon.

For more information on the senior art exhibition on the Armstrong Campus, visit



[https://calendar.georgiasouthern.edu/event/fall\\_senior\\_exhibition\\_2019\\_exhibition\\_1#.XZIPVpNKjUI](https://calendar.georgiasouthern.edu/event/fall_senior_exhibition_2019_exhibition_1#.XZIPVpNKjUI).

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## [Masters of Applied Economics most affordable online program](#)

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Georgia Southern University has the most affordable online Master’s in Economics for 2019 according to SR Education Group.

The Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE) in the Parker College of Business is a fully online graduate program that offers working professionals the opportunity to advance their career with the skills needed to perform analyses of financial markets, government regulation, international trade, health care and economic development, among other industries.

Through the program, students learn to evaluate business decisions and policy programs while gaining skills to explain the progression of various events and their impact on the economy in a business or policy context. In addition to the MSAE, Georgia Southern University offers a graduate certificate in applied economics.

“We are very proud to be able to offer a high-quality program at an affordable price,” said Amanda King, Ph.D., professor of economics and MSAE coordinator. “Students who complete our program have a marketable, analytical skillset that allows them to make business decisions in a diverse and changing data-driven world.”

SR Education Group compiled a list of the most affordable MSAE programs in the nation, and Georgia Southern’s MSAE program ranked No. 1 with an annual tuition of \$5,370.

To be considered for this ranking, schools needed to be regionally accredited and offer at least one fully online degree in economics.

To learn more about the online MSAE program, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/parker/msae](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/parker/msae).

To learn more about SR Education Group and the full list of rankings, visit <https://www.onlineu.org/most-affordable-colleges/economics-masters-degrees>.

## **Georgia Southern to debut new program in School of Human Ecology in Fall 2020**

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With support from the College of Education, the Georgia Southern University School of Human Ecology will debut the Birth to Kindergarten Teacher Education Program, which will be housed on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah. The program is the only one of its kind in South Georgia, and classes will begin in the 2020 fall semester.

The program of study leads to a Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Development with a concentration in Birth to Kindergarten Teacher Education. The program offers students the opportunity to apply for a Georgia teaching certificate at the completion of all program requirements. Associate Professor of Child and Family Development Dina Walker-DeVose, Ph.D., said the program will operate with a strong social justice lens.

“We, the program developers and supporters, know how important it is to recognize the role that contextual influences like race, religion, income level, family structure, etc. play in a child’s growth and development,” Walker-DeVose said. “Our program seeks to cultivate cohorts of teachers who are equipped with a sound

knowledge base that is grounded in research, a teaching pedagogy that is culturally responsive and flexible to the needs of diverse groups of children, and a spirit of advocacy to support and fight for each and every child, particularly those who are marginalized in our society.”

Classes in the program will be offered in a variety of formats including online and in the evenings to accommodate teachers who already have a two- or four-year degree but want to get training specific to the birth to kindergarten population. Traditional first-year students are also eligible to complete the program.

Associate Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, John Kraft, Ph.D., said the decision to house the program on the Armstrong Campus was influenced by M. Ann Levett, Ed.D., alumna and superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. Levett is experienced in developing early childhood education centers.

“Dr. Levett’s vision is more than childcare or pre-k in the ordinary sense,” Kraft said. “She wants these children to experience a holistic program that integrates systemic child development and educational programming and intervention. Birth to kindergarten certified teachers are the foundation for her early childhood education centers.”

Walker-Devose said program graduates will have experience working with young students, and they will benefit from a financial standpoint because of the specific training.

“Our students will enter the classroom feeling well-equipped for the difficult task of meeting children at their current level of mastery and moving them toward identified goals,” she said. “They will be able to do this while recognizing that certain contextual factors such as race and family income have real impacts on student outcomes. Equipped with this knowledge, skill set and a teaching license, they will be compensated at higher rates than those who are not licensed.”

Walker-Devose said Southeast Georgia communities will be one of the biggest benefactors of the program.

“Every community that is touched by the children who will be educated by the amazing teachers we will produce will benefit from the program,” she said. “Research shows a positive return on investment for every dollar that is invested in quality early childhood education. This body of research is another reason that society should be looking for ways to support its youngest learners and fairly compensate those trusted with their care and education.”

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