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# Georgia Southern Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design program ranked 8th in the south by Fashion Schools

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Georgia Southern junior Mackenzie Miller aspires to one day own a business in fashion, and she found the Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design program to be the perfect fit to help her achieve that goal. Miller has gained a lot of experience in the program, which was recently named the eighth best fashion design school in the south by Fashion Schools.



*Mackenzie Miller*

“My experience in the program has been really good so far,” Miller said. “My favorite thing is the personal level in which students get to know professors. They are willing to help you learn more and help bring your projects to the next level.”

The ranking was based on Georgia Southern’s reputation, selectivity and student outcomes. Students in the program explore the process of taking raw materials to make finished products with a focus on research and development, styling and design, production, and marketing. Miller said her favorite part of the program is the opportunity to work closely with her peers and faculty.

“Since our department is so tightknit, you really get a personal connection with the professors and other students,” she said. “You see them every day throughout your time in the program, so you develop a relationship over multiple semesters. It’s been an awesome experience to learn so much about my passion both in and out of the classroom.”

Miller has represented her program by working with the Gender Minority Closet on campus, GreenFest and the Averitt Center for the Arts in Statesboro. She said she wants to continue to help those less fortunate after graduation.

“(After graduation), I plan to go to graduate school and develop more knowledge on my interest in adaptive fashion and universal design, which helps design clothes for people with disabilities,” Miller said. “After that, I plan to work in the industry and then eventually own my own business.”

For more information about the Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design program, visit <https://cbss.georgiasouthern.edu/fashion-design/>.

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# Armstrong Campus Chorale and Vocal Chamber Ensemble perform at 28th annual Memorial Concert

November 8, 2019



## **28TH ANNUAL HARRY J. PERSSE MEMORIAL CONCERT**

3 p.m. | November 10, 2019

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

1707 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

*Free Admission. Donations accepted and support the Persse scholarship fund.*

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The Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus Chorale and Vocal Chamber Ensemble will perform at the J. Harry Persse Memorial Concert on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The concert is held annually to celebrate the legacy of former Armstrong Campus faculty member J. Harry Persse, Ph.D., who was a Savannah musician, composer and educator. Tickets for the performance are free, and donations to the J. Harry Persse Music Scholarship Fund will be accepted.

Robert Harris, D.M.A., director of the Armstrong Campus Chorale and Vocal Chamber Ensemble, said this year's performance will be memorable.

"A special feature of this year's Persse Memorial concert will be the inclusion of Persse's 'Three Madrigals,' said Harris. "These pieces were first presented in 1965 and have not been heard since. They were first performed in a program of music composed to fulfill part of the requirements for his Ph.D."

Persse joined the Armstrong State College faculty after completing his doctorate in 1965. He taught and served as the Department Head of Fine Arts until his passing in 1988. He was also an active composer for most of his life and choir director for both Armstrong and Sacred Heart Church.

The winner of the J. Harry Persse Music Scholarship, which is given to the student with the highest GPA in the first three semesters of music theory, will be announced at the concert.

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