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WCHP faculty to serve as panelist for National Diversity Congress conference

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Rochelle Lee, Ed.D., assistant professor in the Department of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences, was selected by the National Diversity Congress to serve as a panelist at the 2020 Diversity in Leadership Conference.

Lee will serve as a panel member for the topic, “Intersectionality in Higher-Education Leadership: How You Can Help?” where she will share her knowledge and experience with conference attendees.

The conference, which will be at the Harvard Faculty Club in April in Cambridge, Massachusetts, aims to provide attendees with a highly interactive learning experience. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend roundtable and panel discussions and participate in Q&A periods.

Georgia Southern’s Online Master’s in Economics receives top rankings

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Georgia Southern University’s Online Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE) in the Parker College of Business has been named among the top 10 best online master’s programs by *The Best Schools* and *College Values Online*.

[The Best Schools](#) ranked the MSAE program No. 6 in its top 10 list of the best online Master’s in Economics Degree programs, while [College Values Online](#) ranked the program No. 4 in its list of the top eight programs for value.

Georgia Southern’s fully online MSAE is designed for the working professional to advance their career. Students are able to work full time while interacting with their professors and peers through engaging in discussions, presentations and simulations.

“It is an honor to have our program recognized as one of the best online master’s degrees in economics,” stated Amanda King, Ph.D., professor of economics and MSAE coordinator. “Our flexible program allows students to continue working while earning degrees that give them a marketable analytical skill set.”

The curriculum covers key topics in economics, including economic theories and their development, economic concerns in the global marketplace and the application of econometrics. The program prepares students for careers with financial institutions, industry organizations and government agencies. In addition to the MSAE degree program, Georgia Southern also offers a graduate certificate in applied economics which meets regional accreditation for teaching.

The Parker College of Business is AACSB accredited. To learn more about the MSAE program, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/parker/msae.

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[Georgia Southern names Interim Athletic Director, forms AD Search Committee](#)

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A comprehensive mix of student-athletes, supporters and university employees has been tasked with finding Georgia Southern's next athletic director.



Lisa Sweany

Until the process is complete, Georgia Southern University President Kyle Marrero has named Lisa Sweany as interim athletic director.

“Lisa is an experienced leader and is well-suited for this role as she has served as Deputy Athletic Director at Georgia Southern since 2017 and has played an integral role in the success of day-to-day operations within the department,” Marrero said. “We will not lose a step in our momentum, or with our ongoing projects to propel Eagle athletics to even greater heights.”

To find a new permanent athletic director, the university has hired executive search firm DHR International and tapped a 22-member search committee to guide the search. The next director will succeed Tom Kleinlein, who resigned earlier this month to pursue an opportunity at the University of Mississippi.

Led by Athletic Foundation Board co-chairs Anthony Tippins and Leonard Beville, the search committee includes:

- Trip Addison, Vice President for University Advancement
- Rob Whitaker, Vice President for Business and Finance
- Chris Geyerman, Associate Professor of Communication

Studies and Faculty Athletic Representative

- Mike Sanders, chair of the Georgia Southern Foundation
- Shai Werts, student-athlete
- Ashley Kubel, student-athlete and chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
- Carter Collins, men's golf head coach
- Darryl Hopkins, Eagle Football Alumni Association
- Reggie Simpkins, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Services
- Trey Sheppard, former student-athlete and former member of Athletic Foundation Board
- Phil Moore, Athletic Foundation Board
- Brandy Clouse, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Administration and Senior Women's Administrator
- Samantha Grovenstein-Deal, chair of Alumni Association Board
- Doug Lambert, Athletic Foundation Board
- Cliff McCurry, Athletic Foundation Board
- Regina Days-Bryan, former student-athlete
- Ted Smith, Athletic Foundation Board
- Mike Cummings, Athletic Foundation Board
- Walt Huggins, Athletic Foundation Board
- Sarah McCarroll, Assistant Professor of Theatre and chair of University Athletic Committee

"I want to thank these supporters and volunteers for agreeing to help with this very important search," Marrero said. "Eagle Nation is primed for a bright future and our student-athletes deserve the best leader we can find."

Marrero said he hopes to have a new athletic director named sometime this spring.

Georgia Southern sponsors 17 NCAA Division I varsity athletics programs, 15 of which compete in the Sun Belt Conference. Rifle competes in the Southern Conference while women's swimming and diving competes in the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA). Nearly 400 student-athletes representing 11 women's sports and six men's sports compete for the university. The department employs more than 100 coaches and staff members who help accomplish the mission of "Rings, Diplomas & Leaders."

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