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31st annual National Youth-At-Risk Conference to be held in Savannah

February 26, 2020



The Georgia Southern University College of Education is hosting the National Youth-At-Risk Conference March 8 through 11 at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah.

The conference will include keynote presentations from Marcia Tate, Ed.D., former executive director of professional development for the DeKalb County School System; Ron Clark, author and founder of the Ron Clark Academy; and Laura Reiffel, Ph.D., director of Behavior Doctor Seminars, which serves as a resource center for educators.

There will also be a musical performance by local middle school students, introductions by State Superintendent Richard Woods, a meet-and-greet poster presentation, and a poverty simulation.

For more information about the conference, visit academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/conferences/nationalyouthatrisk/

[Center for Sustainability seminar series opens with former NFL player](#)

February 26, 2020



Two-time All-Pro and former NFL player Ovie Mughelli will be a featured speaker at this year's Sustainability Seminar Series hosted by Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability (CfS). Mughelli will present his lecture, "Empowering the Next Generation through Greening Sports," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 3 in the Performing Arts Center on the Statesboro Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

"We are particularly excited to host former Atlanta Falcon, Ovie Mughelli, because he is our first speaker in the 11-year series to connect sustainability and athletics," said Lissa Leege, Ph.D., director of the CfS. "His talk will offer something for everyone as he discusses themes of leadership and teamwork, public health, environmental justice and sports. His story will bring a whole new perspective to environmental issues and inspire his audience to rise up and take action."

The former fullback founded The Ovie Mughelli Foundation where he is educating and empowering the next generation of green leaders. He is working to diversify the green industry, giving equal access to all the benefits that green spaces provide.

Mughelli started a national initiative to change the throw-away culture surrounding sporting events into one that is eco-friendly and sustainable, and he is closing the skills gap for kids from underrepresented and underserved communities. Ultimately, he wants to leave a legacy that will allow youth to have a better future as he advocates for healthy environmental practices and educates kids about the need for everyone to take an active role in saving the planet.

He has worked with and been acknowledged by leaders in the earth protection movement, and has developed partnerships with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Sierra Club and Green Sports Alliance. He was

named one of the world's top Eco Athlete's by the Planet Green Foundation and was the closing speaker at the White House's Sports and Sustainability Conference.

Through his achievements, Mughelli has created a STEM-focused and diverse graphic novel, gamification app and curriculum that educates kids and teens on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the environment.

For more information, visit <https://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability/events/seminar-series/>.

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Longest-running international history film festival returns for fourth season

February 26, 2020

Longest-running international history film festival in the world!

4TH ANNUAL OGEECHEE INTERNATIONAL HISTORY FILM FESTIVAL

February 27-29, 2020

Thursday, Feb. 28 • 7:00 p.m.
Screening of 2019 award-winning documentary
"A Dangerous Idea: Genetics, Eugenics and the American Dream"
Ogeechee Theater
Armstrong Campus

Thursday, Feb. 27 • 6:00 p.m.
Premiere: "Reserved to Fight,"
With Chantelle Squires, Director
Bowling Lane Conference Center 1919
Savannah Campus

Friday, Feb. 28 • 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
OIHFF Selected Films
Bowling Lane
Savannah Campus

Saturday, Feb. 29 • 10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Selected Student Films and
Filmmaker Workshop
Baker Hall 1005
Statesboro Campus

Saturday, Feb. 29 • 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Israeli Production of
"Ghetto Uprising:
The Untold Story"
Ogeechee Theater
ARMSTRONG Campus

For a complete list of films and viewing times, visit
ogeecheefilmfestival.org

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Georgia Southern University will open the fourth season of the Ogeechee International History Film Festival (OIHFF) on Thursday, Feb. 27 on the Statesboro Campus at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The festival concludes on Feb. 29 at the Ogeechee Theater on the Armstrong Campus.

OIHFF debuted on the Statesboro Campus in 2017 to promote and celebrate history presented through motion pictures. This open submission, juried, international cinema program is also currently the longest-running festival of its kind in the world.

“This year we had 131 entries from 35 nations,” said Michael Van Wagenen, Ph.D., associate professor of history and film festival organizer. “This provides a unique opportunity for our students to be exposed to a variety of different cultures, ideas and historical perspectives. Many of our selected films go on to have distribution deals and end up broadcast on television and streaming services.”

The Departments of History, Communication Arts, Psychology, Foreign Languages, and Political Science and International Studies are sponsoring the event along with the University’s history and film clubs, the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Georgia Humanities Council.

For more information and a full list of events, visit <https://ogeecheefilmfestival.org/>.

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