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Georgia Southern students organize community health fairs in Chatham County

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Waters College of Health Professions students organized health fairs in multiple locations in Chatham County, including one at Buckingham South assisted-living facility, shown above.

More than 100 students from various disciplines in the Waters College of Health Professions at Georgia Southern University helped bridge wellness and the community earlier this year by organizing community health fairs at various locations in Chatham County.

This is the second year that health professions students have organized these events for Chatham County residents. In addition to providing needed services and resources to the community, the health fairs provided students with an opportunity to collaborate with peers outside of their major.

“Studies have shown interprofessional collaboration significantly contributes to the quality of healthcare; however, teaching and practicing skills of effectively working together is logistically difficult,” said Janet Buelow, Ph.D, professor of health sciences. “Most students leave universities without the knowledge or practice of working with other healthcare professionals. This event significantly contributes to our health profession students’ education by providing the avenue to practice working with a variety of health professions students.”



One of the health fairs organized by Georgia Southern students was earlier this year at Beach High School in Savannah.

Through their coursework, students majoring in nursing, gerontology, athletic training, sonography, sports medicine, and speech and language pathology were tasked with working together to create brochures and health

activities that were used during the fairs.

“It takes commitment, time and effort to give our students a true interprofessional experience,” said Buelow. “The involved faculty truly believe in interprofessional collaboration and have put in the effort to practice it.” Recent Master of Health Administration graduate Madhurima Pagdaloo ('20) was one of the site leaders at the health fair held at Morningside Assisted Living.

“My preparation for the health fair involved extensive market research to understand the needs of the senior residents,” Pagdaloo said. “My goal was to develop a good project plan and make sure tasks and deadlines were met.”

Pagdaloo, who managed a team of 21 health professions students to plan the health fairs, noted communication was key to the event’s success.

“It was a great experience to work with different individuals and have the opportunity to engage with the residents,” Pagdaloo said. “The project helped many people evolve to see their true potential in terms of leadership and management.”

In addition to Morningside Assisted Living, the health fairs were held at Beach High School, and assisted-living facilities, Buckingham South and John-Wesley Villas.

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[Georgia Southern receives largest commitment to date to ensure our eagles finish strong](#)

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The Georgia Southern University Foundation, Inc. has received a commitment of \$125,000, the largest gift yet,

toward the “Ensure Our Eagles Finish Strong” scholarship initiative to help students facing financial hardships during these unprecedented times. The campaign will help up to 250 students on a need-based priority and up to 14 returning spring sport seniors who saw their 2019-20 collegiate seasons cut short.

Alumni RT ('12) and Brianna ('12) Evans together with Richard T. (Tim) and EJ Evans are supporting Georgia Southern students in need. Tim and RT are executive team members of Evans General Contractors, a leading design/build, general contracting and construction management firm that specializes in facilities across the United States. The company is headquartered in Atlanta with a local office in Savannah.

“Helping students achieve their goals is our top priority. Helping to provide for their needs is essential to ensure they are able to rise above the uncertainty they are facing at this time,” said Tim Evans, president and CEO of Evans General Contractors. “At Evans General Contractors it is our philosophy and mission to give back to the communities that helped build the company we are today.”

Scholarships through this initiative help to ensure Georgia Southern students are able to stay enrolled and complete their degrees. The “Ensure Our Eagles Finish Strong” campaign goal is \$250,000 in addition to \$140,000 to assist the student-athletes.

“The Evans family’s commitment is an incredible push toward this initiative’s fundraising efforts to support students when they need it most,” said Michael R. Sanders, Foundation president. “As we work to involve 500 donors in this campaign, this gift challenges others to join the Evans family to help ensure these students are successful in completing their degrees.”

“Ensure Our Eagles Finish Strong” was launched on May 18 and will run through July 2. For more information on “Ensure Our Eagles Finish Strong” or to give online, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/FinishStrong.

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