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Georgia Southern celebrates '40 Under 40' Class of 2020

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The Georgia Southern University Alumni Association “40 Under 40” Class of 2020 has been announced. The exemplary group will be honored during a virtual awards ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 13, which will be broadcast via Facebook Live on the Alumni Association’s page @GeorgiaSouthernAlumni.

The “40 Under 40” program, in its fifth year, recognizes young alumni who have made significant strides in business, leadership, community, educational or philanthropic endeavors.

“We are thrilled to celebrate alumni who are making an impact across the country,” said Ava Edwards, director of

Alumni Relations. “They are industry leaders and community champions who represent the best of the University. We are proud to call them Eagles.”

The “40 Under 40” honorees were chosen by a selection committee that reviewed each individual’s professional expertise and achievements, and their dedication to charitable and community initiatives. Their commitment to Georgia Southern was also taken into consideration. The selection process began with nominations in March with more than 240 alumni nominated for this year’s class.

Honorees must have attended Georgia Southern or Armstrong State University and aspire to uphold the University’s core values of collaboration, academic excellence, discovery and innovation, integrity, openness and inclusion, and sustainability.

The full list of “40 Under 40” Class of 2020 honorees is available online at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/40under40. They will also be featured in the Fall 2020 edition of Georgia Southern magazine.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving more than 26,000 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities. Visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

Betty Foy Sanders donates bus to Georgia Southern art department

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The bus, shown above, takes inspiration from Betty Foy Sanders' artwork.

Betty Foy Sanders, former first lady of Georgia and supporter of the arts at Georgia Southern University, donated a bus last fall to the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) to help students access art through travel.

For more than 50 years, Sanders has worked behind the scenes to support students in the BFSDoArt providing scholarships, equipment and other financial support.

"Mrs. Sanders has a personal understanding that an art education extends well beyond the classroom," said Jeff Garland, chair of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art.

In recent years, art and design students have traveled to Art Basel in Miami, the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, and Atlanta's High Museum of Art, among other places. The department had plans to use the bus soon, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellations.

"After Mrs. Sanders's generous donation in the fall, some faculty had planned to take groups to several museums and shows in the spring," Garland said. "Artists understand patience and when the time comes to travel again, thanks to Casey Stoddard and Daniel Castro, the students and faculty in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art will be doing it in true Betty style," said Garland.

The vehicle wrap design, which features elements inspired by Sanders' own artwork and the department logo, was a collaborative effort by Stoddard, creative design director for BFSDoArt, and Castro, a graphic design student.

"Our goal was to design something that represented the department while acknowledging Mrs. Sanders and her numerous contributions to the University and the department over the years," Stoddard said. "We were really inspired by the crisp, colorful intensity of Mrs. Sanders' most recent artwork, her doodles, and we knew we wanted to incorporate something like them into our design. Daniel did a really amazing job pulling everything together and delivered something exceptional."

For more information about the department, visit <https://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/art/>

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[Georgia Southern to host Picnic in the Park on Aug. 11](#)

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Georgia Southern University will host “Picnic in the Park” on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at J.I. Clements Stadium where Eagle Nation will have the opportunity to relive one of the great moments in the University’s Athletics history.

Last month, 16 great sporting events were put into a bracket with Eagle Nation voting on each round via Twitter on the winner of each matchup. The winning game chosen by the fans was a replay of the 2013 football game when the Georgia Southern Eagles walked out of the Swamp with a 26-20 win over the Florida Gators!

Fans are invited to bring their picnic items and view the game from either field or grandstand seating. Both options

provide social distancing. The watch party is free to the public, but registration is required. COVID-19 regulations will be followed, and attendees will be required to wear masks and keep social distance practices in place. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the broadcast of the game starts at 7:05 p.m. Fans are encouraged to arrive early to complete the check-in process.

Picnic in the Park is brought to you by Georgia Southern’s Office of Alumni Relations and Athletics Department. For more information and to register, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/PicnicInThePark.

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