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# Georgia Southern alumna, 2022 Georgia Teacher of the Year to speak on Armstrong Campus on Oct. 20

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Georgia Southern University alumna and 2022 Georgia Teacher of the Year Cherie Dennis ('10) will speak at the Armstrong Campus in Savannah on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 5 p.m. in the Ogeechee Theatre, located in the Student Union. The event is free and open to the public, and may also be viewed live via [Zoom](#).

During her presentation, "Public Education: More Than Ever Before," Dennis will speak about the importance and relevance of public education, including stories of her own experiences as a public school teacher.

Dennis's path to teaching was an unconventional one. While her plans were to teach Japanese after completing a master's degree at Stanford University, Dennis rerouted to a job in advertising after the exchange program she was scheduled to participate in was canceled.

Later moving to Savannah and taking time off to be a stay-at-home mom, Dennis enrolled at Georgia Southern to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education.

Dennis is now in her 12th year of teaching and teaches English to Speakers of Other Languages at Hesse K-8 in Savannah. In May, Dennis was named the 2022 Georgia Teacher of the Year and is in the running for the 2022 National Teacher of the Year facilitated by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

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