Savannah Scottish Rite donates $19K to Georgia Southern’s RiteCare Center

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Georgia Southern University’s RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders (RCC) has received a $19,000 donation from the Savannah Scottish Rite that will help the center continue to provide the most up-to-date and affordable services to the community.

For more than a decade, the Savannah Scottish Rite has supported the RCC through philanthropic donations that have allowed the center to obtain necessary teaching equipment and materials. Additionally, the Scottish Rite’s support has provided financial assistance to individuals in need of therapy services at low to no cost.

Located on Georgia Southern’s Armstrong Campus, the RCC provides speech and language therapy services to members of the community while also serving as a teaching clinic for graduate students enrolled in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program.

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Georgia Southern’s sport management graduate program ranked nationally

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Georgia Southern University’s online master’s degree in sport management was recently ranked No. 21 on the list of Best Online Master’s Degree Programs in Sport Management by Best Accredited Colleges for 2021.

The 36-credit hour program is housed in the Waters College of Health Professions and is designed to provide academic preparation and practical experience in the skills and techniques necessary to be successful in the sport business and leisure field. Students are able to complete the program in as little as 24 months, or as their schedule permits.

The list of ranked programs includes accredited, nonprofit schools, and rankings are based on data around financial aid awards, the quality of education and campus resources from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Adventure awaits: Three Georgia Southern graduates join AmeriCorps, head to Montana for careers in the outdoors

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Three Georgia Southern University alumni will soon embark on the adventure of a lifetime when they head west to Montana to work in the great outdoors.

Jakob Richardson (’21), Anna Masino (’21) and Brody Englert (’21) are the most recent Georgia Southern graduates to join AmeriCorps, a federal agency that brings people together to tackle the country’s most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering.

Through the AmeriCorps program, the trio of Eagles will each complete a 1,700-hour full-time internship with Montana State Parks where they will be entrusted with accomplishing a variety of different tasks that will have a long-lasting impact on the stewardship of Montana’s state parks system.

Read on to learn more about each student, how they came to join AmeriCorps and learn about their passion for nature and the outdoors.

Brody Englert

A sea kayaking trip in Hawaii while on vacation with his family forever changed the trajectory of Brody Englert’s life.

“It turned out the guides who took us were from Georgia, and they had majored in recreation before moving to Hawaii for work, and I thought that was just the coolest way to live — taking people to cool places and doing cool things outside,” he said. “So I immediately looked for colleges with that as a major. And the rest is history.”

Englert began exploring colleges and universities that offered it as a major, and came upon Georgia Southern’s recreation and tourism management program. The Dacula, Georgia, native was excited about his new adventure but had a few hesitations.

“I will be honest, around the end of my freshman year I was thinking about switching majors; however, that changed when I had my first class with Dr. John Peden,” Englert said. “His teaching style is second to none, and his personality and attention to his students make you feel he genuinely cares about what he is doing.
He is the person who really made me love the idea of a career in recreation, and I strive to do better and reach farther because of him.”

*Click here to read more of Brody’s story.*

**Anna Masino**

Before Anna Masino even enrolled as a college student, she knew a typical office job was not in her future. Having worked in an accounting office while in high school, she enjoyed the mentorship but knew she wanted something different. And while she didn’t know exactly what she wanted to pursue as a career, she knew she wanted to be outdoors.

“I always told my parents ‘you don’t have to go to college to play outside for the rest of your life,’” she said, laughing. “They of course told me that was not a wise decision. I liked the idea of being free and being outdoors and sharing that experience with others. I knew that’s what I wanted to do, but I didn’t know how to go about it, or what that career option would be.”

She came to the University having not declared a major. Then one day during an emotional phone call with her dad, she recalled the moment she found her fit at Georgia Southern.

*Click here to read more of Anna’s story.*

**Jakob Richardson**

A career in the outdoors seemed like a natural fit for Richmond Hill native Jakob Richardson who grew up with a passion for being outside and appreciating nature.

So when he found Georgia Southern’s Recreation and Tourism Management program with an emphasis in outdoor recreation, he couldn’t wait to dig in and explore what it had to offer.

“My favorite thing about this field is that I’ll rarely be in an office building filing paperwork and sitting behind a computer screen, and it allows me to have a career in what I love doing,” Richardson said.
Now, with a degree under his belt from the only recreation degree program accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions in Georgia, Richardson feels ready for his next steps in this field.

*Click here to read more of Jakob’s story.*

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