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# Georgia Southern University Senior Show features skills and stories

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Kaitlyn Anderson, 3D studio arts major from Cumming, Georgia, will be one of five senior artists featured in “Feels Like a Broken Record: Another Senior Show” on Feb. 28. More information on the event can be found [here](#).

Five Georgia Southern University students will open an art exhibit titled “Feels Like a Broken Record: Another Senior Show” on Feb. 28. Here, these students will show off the talents they’ve developed during their time at the University with a variety of styles and stories.

George Ferreira is a 3D studio arts major from Savannah. He has dabbled in many forms of artwork, including clothing and metalwork. For the show, he will present a portfolio of sculptures incorporated into 3D animation.

He said he’s looking forward to seeing his work installed in the showcase.

“I’m glad to say that I can see growth in my work and that it has gotten better over the years,” said Ferreira. It’s a little nerve wracking, but it is exciting to finally have stuff up there.”

While the purpose of the exhibit is to showcase the talents and skills, many are using it to show how they’ve grown as individuals.

Kaitlyn Anderson, a 3D studio arts major from Cumming, Georgia, had to overcome grief after the loss of both of her grandmothers and the end of a difficult relationship. Her professors motivated her to push the boundaries within art to work through her strife.

“They really encourage you to show what you’re actually feeling and to explore it,” said Anderson. “I really appreciate it, because it definitely helped me break out of my comfort zone and keep creating more interesting art.”

She describes her sculpture art as the result of her healing, and hopes to inspire others who are also looking for optimism while dealing with hardships.

“I feel like everyone here has been an inspiration and also validating,” said Anderson. “You feel like you can’t talk about your battles. So to be able to put it out for everyone to see is very freeing.”

This show also features students Kade Couey, Alexis Frazier and Ginny Holmes.

Couey has created an abstract self-portrait through the process of character design and animation. Frazier has made a unique series of digital painting images that reflect beauty on the inside and the outside. Holmes has created an installation that speaks to local environmental concerns through reclaimed mixed media.

This senior art exhibition will be held in the Fine Arts Gallery on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, and will be open from Feb. 28 through March 25. The Fine Arts Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The gallery is free admission.

More information on the event can be found [here](#).

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# Waters College of Health Professions establishes advisory board

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Georgia Southern University’s Waters College of Health Professions has selected a group of alumni and local health experts to make up the Waters College Advisory Board (WCAB) to support and facilitate the success of the college.

Established in 2022, the WCAB provides advice, counsel and ideas to members of the college on a variety of issues including programs, placement and the competitive environment of education in the health professions.

“The advisory board was established to aid in the growth and development of the Waters College of Health Professions,” said Barry Joyner, Ph.D., dean of the college. “The experiences and



The 2022 National Youth Advocacy and Resilience (NYAR) Conference returns in-person to the Hyatt Regency Savannah after going virtual last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference, sponsored by Georgia Southern University's College of Education, Georgia Youth Challenge Program and Youth Today, will be held March 6-9.

For more than 32 years, the NYAR Conference has provided quality, relevant training for all people interested in the well-being of youth.

"It's more than just schools," said Alisa Leckie, Ph.D., NYAR Conference co-chair and Georgia Southern's assistant dean for partnerships and outreach. "In order to really impact youth and the communities in which they live, we have to look at all of those influences on a child's life."

The conference's keynote presenters include veteran educator, principal and public speaker Gerry Brooks, Chatham County Superior Court Judge Lisa Colbert and The Centergy Project co-founders Linda Beggs and Leigh Colburn. NYAR 2022 will also host 21 featured presenters and more than 100 conference presentations from across the country. The conference sessions, workshops and panels are categorized by NYAR's 5H Conference Strands — Head, Heart, Hands, Health and Home.

Annual NYAR Conference awards include the Ron Alt Service Award, presented to a community member who embodies selfless service, in honor of the former director of the Housing Authority of Savannah's drug elimination program. The NYAR High Flying Schools Award will also be presented to select schools with academic excellence from around the country that serve underrepresented or underserved populations.

New to this year's conference is the NYARt Art Competition. K-12 teachers were encouraged to submit students' 2D artwork inspired by the theme, "Reimagining Resilience," for consideration in the elementary, middle and high school categories.

In addition, there will be a screening of the documentary, "[We Will Not Be Silent](#)," produced by Nebraska's Lincoln Public Schools Library Services Department. The documentary follows the four-month journey of eight scholars from Belmont Elementary School and the mentors who guide them as they prepare for their moving performance at the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Rally and March in January 2021.

For more information on the 2022 NYAR Conference schedule and registration, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/conferences/nyar](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/conferences/nyar).

## **About NYAR**

In 1990, the NYAR Conference was founded by Georgia Southern University's College of Education. During the past 32 years, the conference has grown from a regional conference of 150 participants to a national conference of approximately 1,400 participants from across the globe.

In 2021, the conference changed the name from National Youth-At-Risk to National Youth Advocacy and Resilience. The change was guided by the youth served and has been well received by long-time conference supporters.

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## Georgia Southern receives Tree Campus Higher Education recognition from Arbor Day Foundation

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Robert Seamans presents President Kyle Marrero and VP for Student Affairs Shay Little with Tree Campus Higher Education plaques.

Thanks to a collaboration among students, faculty and staff, Georgia Southern University's Statesboro Campus and Armstrong Campus in Savannah have been recognized for the first time in the Tree Campus Higher Education program through the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Special guest Robert Seamans, southeast urban community forester with the Georgia Forestry Commission, presented President Kyle Marrero with the plaques indicating the recognition during the University's annual Arbor Day celebration on Feb. 18.

"No matter where you're from, trees and green space are an integral part of the college experience," Seamans said. "They make campus more liveable, healthy and beautiful, benefiting students and the environment as a whole. Tree Campus Higher Education was founded in 2008

to foster that tradition of excellence. Earning this demonstrates to students, faculty, staff and peer institutions that Georgia Southern University values its campuses.”

Tommy Pudil, graduate assistant at Georgia Southern’s Botanic Garden, adds that events like this also bring value by reminding students that they can make a difference in the environment no matter where they are.



Students Sydney Smith and Tommy Pudil

“It’s important to take care of the earth, absolutely, but it’s easiest to start with the area you’re in,” Pudil said. “You don’t need to do something that’s super complicated. It can start right here in your own backyard. You’re on campus every day. You see this every day. You can take care of it too.”

Marrero spoke briefly about the beauty of the campuses before signing a proclamation declaring the third Friday in February as Georgia Southern Arbor Day.

“We’ve known how beautiful this campus and our Armstrong campus are,” Marrero said. “It is a glorious, beautiful place, and one that I and my family fell in love with the minute we were able to step on these wonderful grounds. I’m so proud that we have earned this recognition.”

To be eligible for the Tree Campus Higher Education recognition, each university campus must meet guidelines including establishing a campus tree advisory committee, providing evidence of a campus tree care plan, providing verification of a plan’s dedicated annual expenditures, observing Arbor Day, and creating a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body. Many of these tasks were led by Sustain Southern.

Vice President for Student Affairs Shay Little, Ph.D., spoke at the celebration about the importance of Sustain Southern and the efforts of many divisions throughout the University to realize its sustainability efforts.

“The division of Student Affairs is proud to be the home of Sustain Southern, whose initiatives foster many opportunities for students to get involved in sustainability on campus,” Little said. “The full vision of Sustain Southern cannot be realized without critical partnerships with our

colleagues in Facilities Services, in Academic Affairs, in Marketing and Communications, and a host of other units that not only provide sustainability-related education on campus, but also provide opportunities for our students to get involved in sustainability efforts first hand.”

Sarah Beth Waller is a freshman studying biology and environmental studies. She brought a few friends with her to the Arbor Day celebration on the Armstrong Campus and was excited to see them get their hands in the dirt while planting 12 new trees.

“My friends are not used to this kind of stuff, but they were meeting new people and digging in the ground and that’s just so good,” Waller said. “I think it’s really important that we as a university are taking action to be environmentally friendly. One of the things I love so much about this campus is the abundance of greenery. It’s incredible being around all of this nature and knowing what it is, who planted it and the work that went into it.”



Students on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah work together to plant a tree.

Sophomore and Georgia Southern Eco-Advocates president Bryce Bermudez participated in the tree-planting event on the Armstrong Campus and looks forward to future generations seeing the trees on campus.

“It’s going to be awesome to come back years from now and see these trees we planted,” Bermudez said. “That’s something future Eco-Advocate members can look at and think, ‘Wow! The people who started this really worked to make this campus a beautiful place.’”

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