Georgia Southern Athletics Begins Study Abroad Program

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Statesboro – Partnered with the Georgia Southern Office of Global Engagement, Georgia Southern Athletics and the APEX program have started a study abroad initiative, called Eagles Worldwide, that will send two student-athletes to spend a semester abroad, beginning this summer.

The Eagles Worldwide Study Abroad Program supports the APEX program's mission to the commitment of the holistic growth of all Georgia Southern student-athletes. It aims to provide an experiential learning opportunity for Eagle student-athletes to prepare them with the global knowledge, attitudes and skills that will enable them to function as productive citizens beyond their current borders. The selected student-athletes will spend a summer term (June 9-July 14) studying abroad.

"Our new Eagles Worldwide Study Abroad Program is an exciting initiative that we have discussed as a Senior Staff over the past year," said Director of Athletics Jared Benko. "A top priority for us is to continuously identify innovative ways to improve the student-athlete experience at Georgia Southern University, and this new program is a unique way to do that. Through a competitive application and interview process, we are excited to give two student-athletes the opportunity to expand their horizons as well as to continue their academic and civic growth by studying abroad."

Eagles Worldwide is part of the APEX program, which fosters the holistic growth of all Georgia Southern student-athletes based on four pillars: life skills, leadership development, career growth and community engagement. The vision statement of the program is to "develop confident and independent leaders to win in their careers, communities and households."

"As a part of the mission of the APEX program to provide experiential learning opportunities for our student-athletes, we are excited to be able to provide this extraordinary learning experience for two student-athletes and allow them gain real world experiences and help foster a successful transition to Life Beyond Sport," said Glen Harty, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Development.