

Georgia Southern to host No Impact Week

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The Center for Sustainability and University Wellness Program at Georgia Southern will team up again to host the University's fifth annual No Impact Week, April 12-18, with more than 50 events, exhibits and activities all over campus.

Participants are challenged to cumulatively reduce their impact on the earth over the course of the week by reducing consumption and trash, choosing sustainable food and transportation, reducing energy and water use and by "giving back" in order to have a positive impact.

"This week shows our commitment to sustainability and seeks to educate and inspire with an engaging and diverse slate of events," said Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability. Georgia Southern boasts the longest running No Impact Week program of any university in the country, Leege added.

"No Impact week provides an opportunity for individuals to explore environmental wellness and how they may practice in their day to day life," University Wellness Program Director Michele Martin

added. "Being environmentally well is about being able to live in harmony with the earth, give back and protect the earth, as well as find ways to take advantage of what the earth can do for our well-being. The Campus Farmer's Market is a perfect example."

Happening all week will be the Sustainability Showcase: an exhibit of the 2014-2015 Sustainability Fee Funded Grant Projects. This is the first Sustainability Showcase at the University and features 23 campus sustainability projects funded by the Student Sustainability Fee in fiscal year 2015. Projects include a solar powered utility cart, new LED lights, interpretive signs for the campus, cutting edge carbon capture technology and much more. The exhibit opens at noon April 12 on the first floor of Henderson Library and is open during library hours until April 22.

Also a part of No Impact Week is the second annual Beneath The Waves Mini-Film Festival hosted by the Institute for Coastal Plain Science at the Russell Union Theater on Wednesday, April 15. From 6:30-8:30 p.m., short films ranging from five to 10 minutes that address both regional and international ocean issues will be shown. After the films, attendees can discuss the films with ocean experts that include Michael Denmark, most recently executive director of the Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia and local sport fisherman; Sarah Fangman, superintendent of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary; Daniel Gleason, director of the Institute for Coastal Plain Science at Georgia Southern; Scott Noakes, research scientist at the University of Georgia; and George Sedberry, Sanctuary Science Coordinator for Southeast Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Region.

"We have so many great films to choose from that it is extremely difficult to narrow the list down to just a few," said Gleason. "What this means, however, is that we have some films with great footage of undersea life that also relay important messages about ocean health."

Other events during No Impact Week include:

Monday: Trash Day

"From Trash Heap to your Heap: Hands on Experience," an art from trash workshop by artist Tom Amettis, will happen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda, and is hosted by Henderson Library. Additionally, 25 other exhibits and activities will be going on during that time at the Rotunda to kick off No Impact Week and free t-shirts will be available to registered No Impact Week participants.

From 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in room 2052 of the Russell Union, join the casual "Trash to Treasure" workshop and enjoy the "Books to Blossoms," and "Cut it, Roll it, Beat it: Making Recycled Paper Beads" activities.

Tuesday: Food Day

Visit the new location of the Campus Farmers Market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Pedestrium across from Lakeside Dining Commons for great local food, displays and a free t-shirt. The Planetarium will show "Ice Worlds – a Digistar 5 Full-Dome Planetarium Presentation" throughout the day. Visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/planetarium for specific showtimes.

Thursday: Transportation Day

Bike to Campus Thursday and come to the Rotunda for prizes and a free bike check-up 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. A community bike ride ending at the Garden of the Coastal Plain will depart from the Union Rotunda at 1 p.m.

Friday: Energy Day

Come out and use your own energy for the "Light up the Night 5k Cure DBA Run/Walk" at the RAC Pavilion – registration at 5:30 p.m., race begins at 7:15 p.m..

Saturday: Giving Back Day

The week concludes on Saturday with "Giving Back Day," featuring a campus and community cleanup from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., departing from the Rotunda.

In addition to all of these great events and displays, the Georgia Southern Museum and the Wildlife Center will host daily programs and exhibits, highlighting the importance of each day's topic.

"Participating in No Impact Week is an easy way for anyone to learn ways to reduce our ecological footprint, celebrate our environment and ensure that Georgia Southern will continue on its green journey for the benefit of future generations," Legee said. "We hope you will join us in this week of sustainable fun, learning and stewardship."

Learn more about No Impact Week by visiting recreation.georgiasouthern.edu. If you are interested volunteering, please contact the Center for Sustainability at cfs@georgiasouthern.edu – Student Sustainability Fees at Work!

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Georgia Southern Celebrates 25 Years of Americans with Disabilities Act

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Student Disability Resource Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Tuesday, April 14
ADA Pledge Signing
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Russell Union

Thursday, April 16
“Growing up with the ADA” Presentation
Keynote Speaker, Pamela Williamson
6-8 p.m. • College of Education Auditorium

Monday, April 20
“Lives Worth Living” Documentary
7-9 p.m. • Russell Union Theatre



Next week, the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) at Georgia Southern will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a law passed in 1990 to prevent discrimination against people with various disabilities.

To celebrate the event, the SDRC will host activities during the week to raise ADA awareness among the campus community.

On Tuesday, April 14, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., the group will present an ADA Pledge event in the Commons Area of Russell Union. There, students will have the opportunity to sign a card that pledges their support of the ADA, demonstrating Georgia Southern’s commitment to equality for all people on campus.

On Thursday, April 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the College of Education auditorium, the SDRC will present keynote speaker Pamela Williamson, a Georgia Southern alumna and director of the

Southeast ADA Center. Williamson will discuss the passage of the ADA and how it continues to affect the lives of millions today.

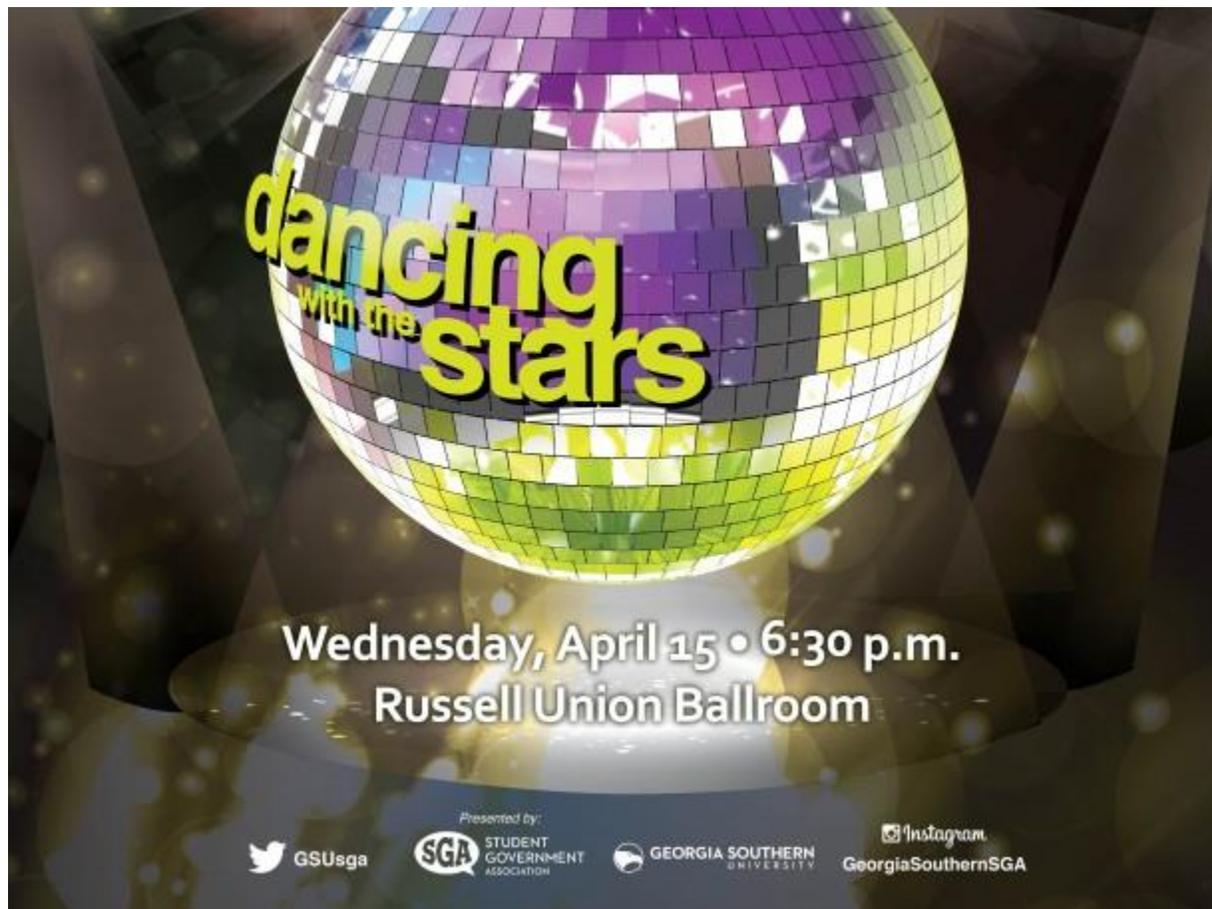
On Monday, April 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom, the SDRC will present "Lives Worth Living," a documentary about the ADA. The film focuses on the disability rights movement as a social empowerment movement, where people with disabilities fight against discrimination and demand equal access and opportunity for employment, housing, transportation, telecommunications and state and local government services.

For more information about these events, contact the SDRC at 912-478-1566 or by email at sdrc@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Dancing With the Stars, Southern Style

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The Student Government Association (SGA) at Georgia Southern will host its second annual Dancing with the Stars competition on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom featuring Georgia Southern students and staff.

The event is the premier fundraiser for Eagles for Eagles. Eagles for Eagles is an SGA student-led initiative to raise money to give awards to Georgia Southern students in extreme financial hardship. The audience can expect a night to remember, and will also learn more about Eagles for Eagles and the stories of some Eagles for Eagles recipients.

Special guest judges include President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., University Provost Jean Bartels, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson, Ph.D., Dean of Students Patrice Buckner Jackson and Associate Director of Athletics Tracy Ham. GUS will also be in attendance dressed to impress in his tuxedo.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the SGA office or Dean of Students Office on the second floor of the Russell Union. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

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SOAR Team Wins Regional Awards

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Georgia Southern University's SOAR (Orientation) Team recently traveled to Murray, Kentucky, to attend the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) where they won two awards. SROW is a regional conference through the Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education attended by undergraduate orientation leaders, graduate students and orientation professionals.

More than 1,800 people from 80 institutions across the Southeast gathered at Murray State University to learn about other orientation programs, student leadership, teamwork, diversity and acceptance, student and family transition and showcase school pride. For the last few months, Georgia Southern's SOAR Team prepared to represent Georgia Southern at SROW and their hard work paid off.

The SOAR Team won the community service project for a mid-sized institution, donating 1,290 lunch bags to the Backpack Buddies Program. This organization is focused on providing weekend meals to students whose families do not have the financial capability to provide proper meals.

SOAR Leaders Taylor Mutimer, Adam Clay, Breanna Jones, DiArron Morrison and Kelsey Vaughn won third place out of 147 sessions in the education session competition. They presented an educational session called "Turn Up or Transfer: Why it's important to P.A.R.T.Y." They discussed stigmas about college life, and how to approach questions and concerns posed by new students during their orientation.

The SOAR Team also competed in a case study, banner, t-shirt, song and spirit competition. The Georgia Southern SOAR Team proudly represented their institution and built connections with other orientation leaders.

SOAR is Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration program for new students and the 2015 SOAR Team is made up of 22 undergraduate student leaders who help orient new students and their families to Georgia Southern during the summer SOAR sessions. SOAR Leaders serve as role models for new students by helping them register for classes, preparing them for college level academics and informing parents about Georgia Southern services.

Georgia Southern Wins Big at Savannah ADDY Awards

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Pictured are (Back row L to R): Onyile Onyile, Jordan Michel, Hailey Smith, Alexander Smith, Robert Farber, Affaf Aslam, Marcus Cook, Edward Rushton and Stephanie Neal (Front row L to R): Michelle Parmar, Yendi Reid, Santanu Majumdar and Brooke Fremeau.

Georgia Southern staff and students brought home a haul from the Savannah Advertising Federation's American Advertising (ADDY) Awards, held on Wednesday, April 8 at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Pooler, Georgia.

Staff and students brought home a total of 10 awards from the event, and second-year master of fine arts major Brooke Fremeau brought home the Best in Show award in the student category. Fremeau, a native of Fairfax, Virginia, submitted brand guidelines for Zoetic Apparel. These guidelines outline the company's vision, core values, logo standards, color palette — everything a designer would need to create creative work for the company.

"It's very gratifying and humbling to win Best in Show," Fremeau said. "To be honest I didn't expect to win anything especially since this was only my second time entering to the ADDYs. I know I'm a great designer but to be recognized by the American Advertising Federation reinforces that I chose the right career and will be successful."



Pictured are (L to R): Sarah Smith; Lindsay Tyson, assistant director of marketing and communications for admissions; Amy Smith, director of admissions; and Teresa Thompson, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

In addition to the student work, the Georgia Southern admissions staff brought home a silver ADDY for the print materials in their undergraduate recruitment campaign, which they redesigned in-house this year. Lindsay Tyson, assistant director of marketing and communications for admissions, designed the pieces, but said the project was a massive undertaking and a team effort.

"At the end of the day, it truly is an honor to impact the lives of others through something I love doing: graphic design," Tyson said. "I have been able to see that come to life in the form of the students we recruit to Georgia Southern."

At the end of the night, Georgia Southern brought home more student awards than any other college or university in the Savannah area.

The list of winners from the Savannah ADDY Awards is as follows:

- Brooke Fremeau received a Gold ADDY and Best of Show (student category) for Zoetic Apparel Brand Guidelines
- Alexandra Tobia received a Gold ADDY for Eight Nine Design
- Stephanie Neal received a Silver ADDY for the "I Am Team Ocean" Campaign
- Affaf Aslam received a Silver ADDY for The New Dollar Bill
- Alexander Smith received a Silver ADDY for Maussane Olive Oil
- Michelle Parmar received a Silver ADDY for The A-Z Book
- Hailey Smith received a Bronze ADDY for the Alitalia Identity Manual
- Marcus Cook received a Bronze ADDY for Eight Nine Design Stationery
- Jordan Michel received a Bronze ADDY for All Roads Lead to Rome
- Yendi Reid received a Bronze ADDY for Lonely Planet Travel App
- Georgia Southern University received a Silver ADDY for the Undergraduate Recruitment Campaign

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Georgia Southern University ROTC Program to Host Freedom Run

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FREEDOM RUN
5K / 10K

April 25, 2015 • 8 a.m.

Georgia Southern University
Recreation Activity Center

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The Georgia Southern University ROTC Program will host the inaugural Freedom Run 5K/10K race on Saturday, April 25 at 8 a.m. at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) Pavilion.

Registration for the Freedom Run is \$30 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K, with discounts available for teams. Registration will be \$40 on race day. Your ticket purchase includes a Freedom Run T-shirt (select your size when you register) and a bib for the race of your choice.

"The run is in support of the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides scholarships to family members of fallen service men and women, and funds will also be raised for the ROTC program." said CPT Rob Gracia, assistant professor of Military Science and Executive Officer. "We look forward to seeing participants of all ages at this event that will benefit two great causes in the community."

For more information or to register, visit <http://goo.gl/lq0ICW>.

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Georgia Southern Celebrates Week of the Young Child™

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Georgia Southern's Child Development Center (CDC) will celebrate the annual Week of the Young Child™ April 13-17 with special events and activities for children and their families.

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of this week of events is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs, such as those provided at Georgia Southern.



On Monday, April 13, the CDC will present a parade at 10:30 a.m. from the CDC building on Forest Drive around Sweetheart Circle. Once there, University Provost Jean Bartels, Ph.D., will read a story for the children. Parents and community members are encouraged to come and celebrate our children.

On Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m., the CDC will celebrate Literacy Day with the preschool and toddler classes at the center, and on Wednesday, April 15, at noon, children will enjoy a picnic on Sweetheart Circle with parents and other participants. On Thursday, April 16, the children will travel up the street to the Georgia Southern Center for Wildlife Education, where they'll see a range of animals and visit the Lamar Q Ball Raptor Center, home of Georgia Southern's eagles, Freedom, Glory, Franklin and Phoenix.

The activities will conclude on Friday, April 17, with a Field Day on the CDC playgrounds from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Parents and friends are invited to attend the week's events. For more information, contact the CDC at 478-960-5266.

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