

# Georgia Southern to Send Christmas Cards to Troops

NOVEMBER 28, 2012



Georgia Southern University's Division of Continuing Education and the Military Affairs Directorate need signatures on 2,000 Christmas cards that will be sent to U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan.

Students, faculty, staff and community members are asked to drop by the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, 847 Plant Drive, to sign the cards from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Nov. 28

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Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D., and Eagles head football coach Jeff Monken lead the the Eagle Nation in signing some of the Christmas cards Wednesday morning at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

[Click here to see some photographs.](#)

Organizers urge everyone to take time to spread some "Eagle Cheer" this Christmas season with the men and women who defend the United States.

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# Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter to Speak at Georgia Southern University

NOVEMBER 13, 2012



Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter will speak at Georgia Southern University's Hanner Fieldhouse on Feb. 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. ET. The remarks will be a part of Georgia Southern's popular Leadership Lecture Series, designed to provide its students with an opportunity to hear from influential leaders from throughout the world. This will be the first time that the former President and First Lady have spoken at Georgia Southern.

"We could not be more excited to welcome President and Mrs. Carter to Georgia Southern University," said Georgia Southern Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson, Ph.D. "At Georgia Southern, our goal is to integrate learning, service and leadership to empower our students to become global citizens who lead with a lifelong commitment to service. The Carters are recognized around the world not only for their leadership, but their commitment to service. This will be a terrific opportunity for our students to not only hear directly from a former U.S.

President and First Lady, but two great citizens of Georgia."

Jimmy Carter served as President from 1977 to 1981. Successful in the Camp David Accords, the Panama Canal Treaties, and SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union, he may be most notable for his admirable humanitarian efforts following his presidency. Since leaving office, Carter has gained a reputation as a tireless champion for social justice. In 1982, he founded The Carter Center, a nonpartisan and nonprofit center that addresses national and international issues of public policy. He is a University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. and is the author of 27 books. On Dec. 10, 2002, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to Carter "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."

President Carter was educated in the public schools of Plains, attended Georgia Southwestern College, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1946.

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter has worked for more than three decades to improve the quality of life for people around the world. Today, she is an advocate for mental health, caregiving, early childhood immunization, human rights and conflict resolution through her work at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga. A full partner with the President in all the Center's activities, the former First Lady is a member of the Carter Center Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Carter served as distinguished centennial lecturer at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., from 1988-1992 and is currently a distinguished fellow at the Emory University Department of Women's Studies in Atlanta. She is a graduate of Georgia Southwestern College where she serves as president of the board of directors for the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving. Mrs. Carter has received numerous honors including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor. She has written five books and continues to travel and speak throughout the world. A mother of four, she has maintained a lifelong dedication to issues affecting women and children.

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter volunteer one week a year for Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that helps needy people in the United States and in other countries renovate and build homes for themselves. Together, the Carters co-wrote the book "Everything to Gain," which describes their work for Habitat. President Carter also teaches Sunday school and both serve as deacons at the Maranatha Baptist Church of Plains.

President and Mrs. Carter, have three sons, one daughter, nine grandsons, three granddaughters, two great-grandsons and four great-granddaughters.

Carter will be the second U.S. President to speak at Georgia Southern and the visit will mark the first time a President and First Lady have visited Georgia Southern together. Former President George W. Bush spoke on campus in 2006. Georgia Southern's Leadership Lecture Series has included a number of well-known leaders and influencers including former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin, Toms Shoes Founder Blake Mycoskie, Apollo 13 Astronaut Jim Lovell, and former United Nations ambassador and secretary of state Madeleine Albright to name a few.

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# Georgia Southern University Offering Road Trip Package for Georgia Southern vs. Georgia Football Game

OCTOBER 16, 2012



Leave the driving and planning to Georgia Southern University by joining fellow Eagle fans for a road trip to the highly anticipated Georgia Southern versus Georgia football game on Nov. 17.

Georgia Southern's Division of Continuing Education is offering a special road trip package aboard Fabulous Coach Lines luxury motor coaches. The package, which costs \$69 per person, includes travel and a ticket to the game.

Eagle fans will the motor coach at 7:00 a.m. on game day at Allen E. Paulson Stadium and depart at 7:30 a.m. The motor coach will arrive in Athens an hour and a half prior to kick-off and will depart 30 minutes after the game ends.

Fans may bring drinks with lids and dry snacks. Smoking will not be allowed on the motor coaches and underage drinking is strictly prohibited. All fans must be 18 years and older. A Health Authorization form and Waiver of Liability form must be filled out and faxed prior to departure.

For more information or to register, visit <http://georgiasouthern.edu/conted/footballtripUGA.html> or contact Ann Scott-Price at 912.478.8635. The deadline to register for the road trip is Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012.

\*Departure times are subject to change.

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# Georgia Southern Museum Reopens with New Exhibit after Renovations

NOVEMBER 26, 2012



Georgia Southern University's Museum is open to the public again after being closed since August for the installation of new windows.

As the museum reopens, it offers a new exhibit and presentations from two upcoming speakers. "From Protest to Peace: Northern Irish Murals by the Bogside Artists" is on display through January 20. The large murals capture the violence and civil rights protests

that occurred in Northern Ireland. The curators of the exhibit are Georgia Southern faculty members Steve Engel, Ph.D., and Howard Keeley, Ph.D.

The museum will also host two presentations connected to the Irish murals. On Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m., Georgia Southern professor Peggy Lindsey presents "Thinking about Northern Ireland: The Trouble with the Troubles." On Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m., the museum welcomes Georgia College and State professor Valerie Aranda for "The Writings on the Wall: The Role of Political and Cultural Street Murals Across the Globe."

Thousands of people visit the Georgia Southern Museum every year to see a variety of displays including artifacts from the Civil War discovered at the Camp Lawton POW camp and the 78 million year old Mosasaur fossil skeleton. For details on hours of operation for the museum as well as the holiday schedule, visit [www.georgiasouthern.edu/museum](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/museum).

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