

Taiwanese Dancers to Perform at Georgia Southern During International Cultural Exchange

MARCH 25, 2015



Georgia Southern University's Center for International Studies and the Statesboro Youth Ballet will celebrate the international language of dance as they welcome the Tainan University of Technology Dance Company to campus on Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

The 18-member dance troupe from Taiwan will not only share their routines, but also explain Taiwanese culture and offer dance lessons to students. This international cultural exchange is a joint project involving Georgia Southern and the Averitt Center for the Arts.

The event, which will be held at Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center, 847 Plant Drive, is free and open to the public.

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Georgia Southern Honors 59 Faculty and Staff at Retirees Recognition Ceremony

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Georgia Southern recognized 59 faculty and staff members at the annual Retirees Recognition Ceremony, held on Tuesday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Builders of the University Terrace.

The event recognizes those who have either retired since the last ceremony or announced their retirement this year. University administration including University President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D.



were on hand to celebrate the service of these faculty and staff.

"Georgia Southern would not be the university we are without you," Keel said to the retirees in attendance. "There is no way we can thank you enough for your service."

Lt. Floyd Bragg, Public Safety, 33 years

Dr. Sue M. Moore, professor of anthropology, 33 years

Among this year's retirees were three faculty and staff, who all served 33 years at Georgia Southern, arriving on campus in 1982. They are: Dr. Sue Moore, professor of anthropology; Diana McDaniel, Bursar's Office; and Lt. Floyd Bragg, Public Safety.

When asked what had changed the most since their arrival, both Moore and McDaniel noted the rise of the student population and campus, which McDaniel said has "grown by leaps and bounds." When asked what they enjoyed most about working at Georgia Southern, both said it was the people — colleagues and students — that made the job enjoyable.

"It was nice to walk across the campus and have folks say, 'Hi' — both students and employees," said McDaniel. "I always waved to employees and said, 'Hi' when they drove by."

In retirement, McDaniel said she plans to visit her grandchildren often and continue her volunteer work with the Girl Scouts. For Moore, retirement will offer her more time to write and continue her studies with the Camp Lawton site and another archaeological dig in South Carolina.

The retirees honored at the 2015 ceremony were:

- Dr. Donald Armel
- Dr. James Bradford
- Mrs. Kaye Brannen
- Mrs. Louise Campbell
- Dr. Robert Cook
- Dr. John R. Diebolt
- Mr. Charles J. DiPolito
- Mrs. Glenese Doyle
- Mrs. Dollie G. Dyches
- Mr. Paul Ferguson
- Mrs. Elizabeth B. Freeman
- Ms. Cynthia J. Frost
- Dr. Lorraine Gilpin*
- Ms. Cynthia Glover
- Mr. Douglas Gray
- Dr. Larry Griffin
- Dr. Peggy G. Hargis
- Mr. Gary Harron
- Ms. Ruthie M. Hill
- Ms. A. Marie Hooks



- Mr. George Horn
- Ms. Earlene S. Howard
- Mr. Michael K. Jacobs
- Dr. Stephen Jenkins
- Ms. Diana Kinney
- Dr. Thomas Klein*
- Mr. John F. Kohn
- Dr. Susie M. Lanier
- Dr. John Leaptrott
- Dr. Mary Marwitz
- Mr. Henry G. Mays
- Ms. Patricia E. McCracken
- Dr. Michael McDonald
- Ms. Rita Mills
- Ms. D. Renee Murray
- Mr. Kent D. Murray *
- Ms. Betty M. Nelson
- Mr. Eric Nelson
- Mrs. Jean V. Nessmith
- Mrs. Pam Powell
- Mrs. Carolyn Price
- Mrs. Ellen Seel
- Mr. Robert F. Seel
- Dr. Robert Shanafelt*
- Mr. Charles A. Skewis
- Ms. Susan A. Smith
- Mr. Danny Stewart*
- Ms. Lavada Sykora*
- Ms. Charlene Todd
- Dr. Sharon K. Tracy
- Mr. Johnny W. Tremble
- Mr. Pennye Tremble
- Mrs. Pat Walker*
- Ms. Patricia M. Walton
- Mrs. Janice West
- Mrs. Charlotte Woody

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Georgia Southern Wins Top Advocacy Team at International Mediation Tournament

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Pictured are (L to R): Jonathan Quintyne, Dylan John, Dick Calkins (with the International Academy of Dispute Resolution), Jessica Shanken and Tashai Gilman.

Competing against graduate law students from around the world, Georgia Southern won first place in the advocacy category of the International Law School Mediation Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, held March 18-21.

The event marked the first time that a team from the University was invited to the international tournament. Even more impressive, however, is the fact that it was also the first time an undergraduate team made it to the finals in the tournament's history.

"It was unprecedented for an undergraduate team to make it to the finals, let alone win, in a competition against law school students," said Dr. Laura Agnich, assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and advisor to the University Mock Mediation Club. "The president of INADR [International Academy of Dispute Resolution], Dick Calkins, who hosted

the competition, emailed me to let me know how amazing our students are and how shocked the law schools were when they won.

"I'm not surprised that they won considering the amount of work the students put into training," she added. "They meet multiple times a week leading up to competitions and invest countless hours into understanding all facets of the cases they mediate."

The team from Georgia Southern consisted of members of the Mock Mediation Club: Dylan John, Jonathan Quintyne, Jessica Shanken and Tashai Gilman. The club was founded in 2013 in order to train students in international mediation, and has trained mediation teams from Sri Lanka, Canada, Brazil and the U.S. The Sri Lankan ambassador to the U.S. has recognized the club for its work.

"Our Mock Mediation Club is very unique in its approach and inspires members to engage the subject of advocacy and mediation more than just looking at it from a competitive angle," said John, club president. "We, as a team, are known for attending competitions and helping train other teams prior to and during the competition. We see this as the right thing to do and a further refinement of our skill sets even if these teams could potentially be our opposing teams when the competition rounds kick off."

The Mock Mediation Club had been in existence for only a year when it attended the Intercollegiate International Mediation Tournament for undergraduate schools at Brenau University in November 2014. Despite being relatively new to the experience, the team placed second in the advocate client category and ninth in the mediator category. Because of their performance in this tournament, they were invited to compete in Iowa.

In addition to winning the advocacy category outright, the team also placed ninth in the world for the mediator category, making it to the semi-finals among their international and graduate counterparts. Quintyne and Shanken also received fifth place Outstanding Individual awards in the advocacy category.

Students' travel to the tournament was supported by the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and the SGA.

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Urban Farmer Will Allen to Speak at Georgia Southern

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STATESBORO, Ga. (March 26, 2015) — Will Allen, a former professional basketball player turned urban farmer, will be the featured speaker at the Center for Sustainability's (CFS) seminar series on Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Since 1993, Allen has been on a mission to bring fruits and vegetables to America's food deserts, areas where people don't have access to fresh fruits, vegetables and other healthy foods. In order to accomplish this mission, he founded Growing Power Inc., a non-profit urban farm that has garnered him national attention and awards.

"Will Allen brings to Georgia Southern his world class leadership in developing a just and fair food system that guarantees access to high quality food for all," said Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability. "Our community has a growing interest in healthy, sustainable food and we have much to learn from this international leader in how to grow food, grow jobs and grow hope."

Allen is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, which gathers leaders from around the world to tackle the world's most pressing problems. He was awarded the MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" in 2008, and named one of Time Magazine's 100 "World's Most Influential People" in 2010. That same year, he stood with first lady Michelle Obama at the White House to launch the "Let's Move!" initiative, a national campaign to reverse childhood obesity.

Growing Power now has farms in Milwaukee, Madison and Merton, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, the company has satellite training sites in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky and Mississippi. At each site, the company provides hands-on training and demonstrations in a variety of farming techniques, from composting and pest control to the raising of fish and other aquatic life.

In addition to his farming and outreach efforts, Allen co-authored the book, *The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities*, with Charles Wilson. The book was nominated for a 2013 NAACP Image Award in the category of biography/autobiography.

This event is free and open to the public, and attendance verification will be provided for students. Student sustainability fees at work!

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Georgia Southern Welcomes Sociologist Alice Goffman in Final Race, Crime, Community Lecture

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Alice Goffman, Ph.D.

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Georgia Southern is pleased to welcome Alice Goffman, Ph.D., to campus Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. for the final lecture in the "Race, Crime and Community" lecture series in the Russell Union Theater.



During her lecture, titled "On the Run:

Fugitive Life in an American City," the professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will discuss her research on police surveillance, the war on drugs and the experiences of people living in an inner-city neighborhood in Philadelphia.

"We are very excited to welcome Dr. Goffman to Georgia Southern, and are very much looking forward to culminating this lecture series with her as our keynote speaker as she addresses police-community relations in Philadelphia," said Chad Posick, Ph.D., professor of criminology at Georgia Southern. "The past lectures in the series, given by history professor Eric Hall, sociology professor April Schueths, psychology professor Amy Hackney and myself have been very successful and have addressed issues related to civil rights, immigration and current police-community relations."

Posick added the inspiration behind the series came from the fragile relationship between police and the community highlighted by recent incidents in Ferguson, Missouri, Cleveland, Ohio, and Staten Island, New York.

Goffman's lecture is free and open to the public, and attendance verification will be provided for students. The Campus Life Enrichment Committee, the Multicultural Student Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences contributed to the funding for the series.

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Women's Empowerment Conference Highlights "A Woman's Worth"

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Award-winning political strategist, women's activist and lifestyle expert, Valeisha Butterfield-Jones, will be the keynote speaker for the annual Women's Empowerment Conference at Georgia Southern on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Russell Union.

The theme for this year's conference is, "A Woman's Worth," and will provide diverse sessions, lectures and strategies for women to achieve academic success, personal growth and professional development.

Butterfield-Jones is no stranger to success. She is the co-founder and chair of the Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network (WEEN), CEO of The Butterfield

Group LLC and author of *The Girlprint*. She has been recognized by ESSENCE magazine, EBONY magazine, JET magazine, The Business Insider and TheRoot.com as a leading executive in the U.S. She has been profiled by such national magazines as Glamour, Marie Claire, Lucky Magazine, Black Enterprise and Sister 2 Sister, as well as a host of television and other media outlets.

The event is open to all women in the community, and participants can register from 8 – 9 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for students with school ID, and \$15 for non-students. The cost includes a continental breakfast, lunch and access to all sessions.

For more event or registration information, visit the Women's Empowerment Conference website at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/MSC/wec-2015.

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Honors Day Convocation Will Feature Live Stream

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The annual Honors Day Convocation will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. For those who cannot make the event, however, proceedings will be live-streamed online by the Multimedia Development Center.

Honors Day celebrates and highlights student achievement and accomplishments from all academic areas. Among those recognized are outstanding graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.9 or above, new inductees of academic honor societies and recipients of special awards from departments and colleges. In addition, the University System Academic Recognition Award and the Georgia Southern University Alumni Association Award will be presented, and Dylan John, a senior construction management major, will deliver the student speech.

You can find the live stream in this article on April 1, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., so check back here to see the event.

<http://youtu.be/8DIEVHWRHz8>

Career Services Connects Students with Education Recruiters

MARCH 27, 2015

A dark blue poster for an Education Career Fair. At the top, the words "EDUCATION CAREER FAIR" are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the text is a green silhouette of an apple. Underneath the apple are three horizontal bars with rounded ends, each containing text: a blue bar with "APRIL 1st, 2015", a red bar with "2:00-4:00pm", and a green bar with "RUSSELL UNION BALLROOM". To the right of these bars is the Georgia Southern University logo, which includes a circular emblem with a bird and the text "GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES". Below the logo are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest, followed by the phone number "912.478.5197". At the bottom of the poster, in a smaller white font, it says "see registered organizations at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/careernet".

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Career Services will offer Georgia Southern students the chance to connect with recruiters from the education industry at the Education Career Fair on Wednesday, April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Recruiters from school systems and educational programs across Georgia, including Atlanta, will be on hand to meet with student candidates, hoping to find their next hires. For more information, visit the Career Services website at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/career. For a complete list of recruiters at the event, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/careernet.

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Brandon Kimmons to Present Research at the American Chemical Society National Meeting

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Brandon Kimmons, Interim Assistant Director of Research for Information Technology Services, along with Dr. Russell Thackston, Assistant Professor of Information Technology, and Dr. Ryan Fortenberry, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, will be presenting his research on Computational Chemistry: Practical Issues in Leveraging the Cloud on Wednesday, March 25, at the 249th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition in Denver, Colorado.

The research compared the costs and practical issues of in-house high performance computing data centers to cloud-based high performance computing. He concluded that, under certain circumstances, cloud-based computing, with benefits such as cost savings, time savings, and theoretically infinitely expandable capacity, can be a valid alternative to expensive on-premises data centers. Cloud-computing, however, presents some practical issues such as provisioning of computing resources, software installation, and student account management. Kimmons will present empirical data of when cloud-based computational chemistry makes financial sense and techniques for managing these practical issues.

In addition to being selected as a presenter, Kimmons was awarded a grant from the Graduate Student Professional Development Fund to support his travel to Denver. These grants are awarded on a competitive basis and Kimmons' award was the maximum allowable. According to Dr. Susan Williams, Interim Chair of the Department of Information Technology, Brandon has been encouraged by the Graduate Student Association and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies to present his findings at the Graduate Research Symposium.

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