

# Georgia Southern to host Dr. Steve Perry for annual MLK Celebration

DECEMBER 2, 2015

2016 MLK CELEBRATION SPEAKER

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**Dr. Steve Perry**

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Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.  
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Georgia Southern will welcome [Dr. Steve Perry](#), founder and principal of Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut, to campus for the University's 2016 MLK Celebration on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 847 Plant Drive, Statesboro.

Perry was featured in CNN's Black in America series, and is the most talked about, innovative educator on the scene today. As the principal of Capital Prep, Perry has seen 100 percent of the predominantly low-income, minority, first generation high school graduates go on to attend four-year colleges every year since its first class graduated in 2006.

Born into his family's third generation of poverty on his mother's 16th birthday, Perry believes that the success of a life is determined by where you end, not where you start. It is this philosophy that

inspired him to transform the lives of poor and minority children by providing them with access to a college education.

"We are so excited to bring Dr. Perry, who is a passionate, hardworking and dedicated advocate for social justice through education, to be our 2016 MLK Jr. speaker," said Dorsey Baldwin, director of Georgia Southern's Multicultural Student Center. "Dr. Perry's commitment to improving the lives of young people is truly admirable."

In addition to serving as the principal of Capital Prep, Perry is an education contributor for CNN and MSNBC, an Essence Magazine columnist, best-selling author and host of the No. 1 docudrama for TVONE, "Save My Son."

Perry also is a strong advocate of personal and civic responsibility in all aspects of life. He emphasizes the social issues that aim at building up both the individual and the community so the next generation can be better contributing members of society.

"Dr. Perry's commitment to education for all is a vibrant and living testimony to Dr. King's legacy of striving for equality for all," said Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Teresa Thompson, Ph.D. "We are pleased to have him to share his passion for social justice through education with our students."

The annual celebration to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and the University's Multicultural Student Center. Visit [www.DrStevePerry.org](http://www.DrStevePerry.org).

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# Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club earns multiple awards

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The Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club recently competed at the International Intercollegiate Mediation in Des Moines, Iowa, winning a total of six awards, including ranking in the top 10 in mediation and advocacy in the world and fourth in all World Advocate awards. This semester, the Club also has received other awards including several at the Georgia State Conflict Resolution Symposium and the Regional Mediation Tournament hosted by Brenau University.

While in Des Moines, the students proved not only that they were successful at the international level, but also they had the opportunity to attend the Mediator's World Congress where a diverse array of professionals discussed topics such as mediation in the Muslim world, restorative justice and compassionate mediation.

In addition, while at the international competition, Jessica Shanken, president of the Mock Mediation Club, announced that Georgia Southern will host an Invitational Mediation Tournament April 8- 9 for all student organizations who would like to better understand conflict management and effective communication.

Prior to the International Intercollegiate Mediation competition, the team placed first in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions at the Georgia State Conflict Resolution Symposium. The club

sent four teams, three undergraduate squads and one graduate team, to the symposium. In the undergraduate division the Club placed first in both mediation and advocacy, and in the graduate division, the club placed first in mediation.

“While this was mostly an opportunity for students in the region to learn from each other and the amazing speakers, Mock Mediation fared very well during the competition,” said Shanken.

The Club received eight awards during two days of competition in October at the Regional Mediation Tournament, hosted by Brenau University, in Gainesville, Georgia. Awards included four top 20 advocate awards, two top 10 individual mediator awards, a top six team in the advocate/client team category award, and a top six in the mediation team category. The tournament hosted its largest field in its 13-year history with a total of 26 teams traveling from as far as Ohio and Texas. Across the board, the Georgia Southern Mock Mediation Club ranked in both advocacy and mediation.

Having received more than 50 awards since its founding in fall 2013, members of the student-led Club have also gained valuable experience through competition. Students have been able to learn firsthand the value of communication, professionalism and collaboration.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student’s core of knowledge. CLASS, also described University’s College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytic skills, enhance their creativity and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations and the world. CLASS offers more than 20 undergraduate degrees and several interdisciplinary minors from its 11 departments and five academic centers. CLASS offers eight master’s degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree. For more information, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/CLASS](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/CLASS).

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# Georgia Southern University Golf Course to host Golf Channel Amateur Tour

**December 7, 2015**

Georgia Southern University Golf Course will welcome The Golf Channel Amateur Tour (Am Tour), the largest amateur golf tour in North America, to its 167-acre course in Statesboro on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Participants will compete in a stroke play, flighted event against golfers of similar ability, based on their most current handicap. The entry fee of \$105 includes green fees, cart fees, use of practice facility, player prize fund, trophies for the winners of each flight and scoring. [Click here to register for the tournament.](#)

The Tour is open to all ages and skill levels, but prizes, winnings and Order of Merit Points are only given to Am Tour members. Non-members are not eligible to compete in any Majors or the National Championship. Membership to the Am Tour is \$199 for the season, though a discounted rate of \$129 is available until Dec. 31. Non-members are welcome to participate in up to two Am Tour events per year, based on space and availability.

The Am Tour has more than 7,000 active members and 50 local tours. More than 700 stroke-play tournaments are available to members each season, including more than 30 Majors, all leading to the National and Senior National Championships. These tournaments are held at world class golf courses such as Pinehurst, Kiawah Island, PGA WEST, Chambers Bay, Turning Stone, Bayonet & Blackhorse, The Homestead and TPC Sawgrass.

[To see the full Golf Channel Amateur Tour schedule, click here.](#)

For more information about this event, contact Marten B. Olsson, PGA Director of Golf for the Georgia Southern University Golf Course, at [molsson@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:molsson@georgiasouthern.edu) or 912-GSU-GOLF.

For details about the Golf Channel Amateur Tour, contact Keith Weaver at [hiltonhead@gcamtour.com](mailto:hiltonhead@gcamtour.com).

# University Advancement honored with GEAC Institutional Excellence Award

DECEMBER 7, 2015



Representing University Advancement at the 2015 GEAC Conference were (Back Row, L to R): Wendell Tompkins, Angela Harn, Jodi Collins, Melanie Mosley, Salinda Arthur, Pam Stovall, Alex Washington, Kelly Pope, Ginger Karrh, Chris Osborne and Rachel Miller. (Kneeling L to R): Seth Walker, Christopher Johnston, Ross Davis and Brad Carr.

The Georgia Education Advancement Council (GEAC) has awarded Georgia Southern's University Advancement division its Institutional Excellence in Advancement Award for recent achievements.

The award is presented to a GEAC-member college or university that has demonstrated outstanding performance and commitment to the field of higher education advancement. The award recipient must have made significant and specific professional contributions that have yielded positive results for their office, institution and field.

The Division was selected from among more than 70 statewide member institutions – public and private colleges, universities and technical colleges.

Among the highlights cited for the Division were a 143 percent increase in annual donations from FY 2012 to FY 2015. Donations enjoyed a sharp rise from \$3,290,951 in FY 2012 to \$8,014,604 last year. These figures include planned gifts, outright gifts and pledges. Funds distributed by the

Foundation for awards and scholarships nearly doubled – from \$750,000 in FY 2012 to more than \$1.46 million in FY 2015.

The Office of Alumni Relations enjoyed a sharp rise in sponsored events and alumni participation. Last year, 7,323 alumni attended Office-sponsored events compared to 6,534 the previous year. In FY 15, Alumni Relations hosted a record 186 events vs. 47 in FY 12.

Other accomplishments included the addition of a dedicated planned giving officer, a gift officer to boost fundraising in each the University's colleges, and the addition of two new donor recognition societies.

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## **Georgia Southern Announces Fall 2015 Commencement Speakers**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

Georgia Southern University will hold its 24th annual Fall Commencement with three commencement ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Hanner Fieldhouse, 590 Herty Drive.

Kathy Bradley will address graduates in the 9 a.m. ceremony for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies and College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Bradley is an author, speaker and prosecuting attorney who lives and works in Bulloch County. She is a cum laude graduate of Wesleyan College where she received an A.B. in American Studies and the Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University where she received a J.D. degree. Her first book, *Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life*, published by Mercer University Press, received the Will D. Campbell Prize for Creative Nonfiction in 2010, and in 2013 she was named Georgia Author of the Year in Essay. Her second book, *Wondering Toward Center*, will be published by Mercer University Press in spring 2016. She is a former adjunct faculty member of Georgia Southern's College of Business and currently serves on the University's Department of Writing and Linguistics advisory board.

Lonice Barrett, special assistant in the Office of Gov. Nathan Deal, executive director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Foundation and a 50-year alumnus of Georgia Southern, will speak at the 11 a.m. ceremony for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, College of Science and Mathematics, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology and College of Health and Human Sciences. Barrett has served the administrations of eight Georgia governors, beginning with the late Gov. Lester Maddox, and has served twice as the Department of Natural Resources Commissioner. He currently serves as Gov. Deal's appointee to and chairman of the State Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees and chairman for the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority. A longtime civil servant, Barrett has received numerous awards including the National Governor's Association (NGA) Distinguished Service to State Government Award, Georgia TREND Magazine's 100 Most Influential Georgians list in 2006 and election to the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Hall of Fame. His dedication to Georgia Southern earned him the 1990 Alumnus of the Year award for the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Barrett received a bachelor's in recreation administration from Georgia Southern and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in parks and recreation from Georgia State College. Today, the 108-acre "Lonice C. Barrett Lake," a public fishing lake in Perry, Georgia, is named in his honor.

Maj. Gen. Leslie C. Smith will address graduates at the 1 p.m. ceremony for the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, College of Education, College of Business Administration and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. Smith received his commission in the U.S. Army from Georgia

Southern in 1983 as a Field Artillery Officer and currently serves as Deputy to the Inspector General for the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Previously, he served as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Other commands include leading a Field Artillery Battalion, a Chemical Battalion and a Chemical Brigade. During his extensive and impressive military career, he has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Senior Parachutist Badge. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Georgia Southern and was a distinguished military graduate and branched as a Chemical Officer. He also holds a M.S. in administration from Central Michigan University and a master's in national security strategy from the National Defense University.

The 24th annual Fall Commencement will mark the first ceremony members of the Double Eagle Society will be recognized at the beginning of each of the three ceremonies. This new incentive program and joint initiative between the University's College of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association includes alumni who have earned two or more degrees, one undergraduate and one graduate degree or two graduate degrees, from Georgia Southern. For more information on the Double Eagle Society, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/doubleeagle](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/doubleeagle).

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# Auxiliary Services Department Hours for Winter Break 2015

**NOVEMEBR 25, 2015**

Here are the special hours for Auxiliary Services departments during the winter break.

## **HOUSING**

December 24 – January 1, Residential Housing offices will be closed.

On-call phone number for emergencies only during Winter Break – 912-678-5233.

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## **DINING**



### DINING COMMONS:

Friday, December 11th, Dining Commons will close at 3 p.m.

Thursday, January 7th, Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Dinner 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday, January 8th, Lunch 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 9th, Dining Commons will return to normal hours of operation.

### LAKESIDE DINING COMMONS:

Friday, December 11, Lakeside DC will close at 2:00 p.m.

December 14 – January 10, Lakeside DC will be closed.

Monday, January 11, Lakeside DC will return to normal hours of operation.

### RETAIL DINING LOCATIONS:

Friday, December 11, all Retail locations will close at 2:00 p.m.

Gus Mart in Russell Student Union: Monday, December 14 – Friday, December 18 will be open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

December 21 – January 10, All other dining locations will be closed.

Monday, January 11, All retail dining locations will return to normal hours of operation.

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## **ACCESS**

December 24 – January 1, Eagle Card offices will be closed.

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## **RETAIL**

### UNIVERSITY STORE:

Friday, December 11, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12, CLOSED

December 14-18, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 19, CLOSED

December 21-23, 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 24 – January 3, the University Store will be closed and will reopen on January 4 to normal operating hours.

### TECH CORNER:

December 24 – January 1, Tech Corner will be closed.

### PRINTING AND POSTAL SERVICES:

December 23 – January 1, Printing & Postal Services offices will be closed.

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## **HEALTH**

December 11, please have all prescription refill requests submitted and picked up by 5:00 p.m.

December 14, Health Services closes for the winter holidays and begins moving to its new location on the corner of Chandler and Plant Dr.

January 8, New Health Services Center Grand Opening at 2:00 p.m.

January 11, Health Services opens at its new location 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.





December 24 – January 1, Parking and Transportation offices will be closed.

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