

# Fourth Annual GreenFest Event Set for Oct. 1 in Downtown Statesboro

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

A promotional poster for the 4th Annual GreenFest. The background is a gradient of green and blue with abstract shapes. In the center is a stylized green plant with three leaves growing from a blue lightbulb base. Text elements include: 'Pallet Challenge (register online)' in a white banner on the top left; '4th Annual GreenFest SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE 2016' in the center; 'Activities Green Shopping Blue Mile beautification Workshops' on the top right; 'October 1, 2016 | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.' and 'Bulloch County Courthouse Lawn & Downtown' in the lower middle; 'GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability' below the location; and logos for the Center for Sustainability, Student Sustainability Fees at Work!, and Georgia Southern University at the bottom.

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Center for SUSTAINABILITY  
Student Sustainability Fees at Work!  
912-478-5895  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability is gearing up for its fourth annual GreenFest event, set for 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 in downtown Statesboro.

The event, which brings town and gown together, will showcase all that the region has to offer for sustainable living. Georgia Southern President Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., and Darron Burnette, president/CEO of Sea Island Bank and the chair of the Blue Mile Committee, will give remarks at noon on the Courthouse Lawn, and more than 40 vendors and exhibitors will share sustainability information and green products to encourage a green lifestyle. A schedule for the day's events can be found [here](#).

Festival-goers can enjoy live music, sustainability workshops, children's activities and more. Featured workshops this year include up-cycled vases and planters, pallet birdhouses, and bookmarks and

placemats made from recycled Georgia Southern banners. The weekly Downtown Statesboro Farmers Market will also offer festival visitors fresh and delicious local produce, baked goods and more.

New this year, activities will extend past the Bulloch County Courthouse Lawn throughout downtown and along the Blue Mile, with GreenStop shopping for sustainable products at many downtown businesses, green activities and green wall tours at City Campus, recycled art projects at the Averitt Center's Roxie Remley Center, and bike riding on the Willie McTell Trail. Bicyclists will be eligible to enter a drawing for sustainable prizes at the festival.

Also new this year, the City of Statesboro is hosting a service opportunity for beautification along the Blue Mile, so volunteers can get their hands dirty and make a difference in our community. Check in on the courthouse lawn to participate.

Entries in the second annual Pallet Challenge will also be on display along Siebald Street, and winners will be announced at 12:15 p.m. Last year's competition drew entries from as far as Savannah and included pallet picnic tables, catapults, compost bins and even a bunkbed. Register your pallet creation in the competition this year at [georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability](http://georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability).

The goal of GreenFest is to educate the public about sustainable solutions throughout the community, and to share green resources and eco-friendly ideas in an outdoor festival atmosphere.

The downtown festival attracts 1000+ visitors each year, and we hope that you will bring your friends and family and join in the fun. GreenFest is just one more reason why Statesboro is one of America's Best Communities.

Shuttle services to the festival will be offered for Georgia Southern students living on campus. For more information and to get involved, visit the Center for Sustainability online at [georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability](http://georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability) or contact [cfs@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:cfs@georgiasouthern.edu), 912-478-5895.

# Nursing Faculty Awarded Grant Through NAPNAP Foundation

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016



The [National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners](#) (NAPNAP) Foundation has awarded three faculty members in the Georgia Southern School of Nursing with a 2016 NAPNAP Foundation research grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Recipients of the grant are instructor Valerie Martinez, DNP, APRN, CPNP, assistant professor Sheri K. Carey, DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, CCRN, and assistant professor Crystal Edds-McAfee, DNP, RN, MS, CPNP.

With the mission to support the improvement of the quality of life for children and their families, NAPNAP awards funds to advance pediatric nursing education, research, clinical projects and special initiatives.

The grant will be used to help fund the faculty members' joint study, "An Examination of Factors Affecting Quality of Life for Children with Asthma and their Caregivers in Southeast Georgia."

During the study, faculty will assess the quality of life (QOL) issues facing urban and rural school children, ages 7-17, with asthma and their parents/caregivers who reside in Bulloch County and Chatham County.

According to the faculty, the long-term research goal is to improve the QOL in children with asthma in urban and rural settings by developing and evaluating an intervention that positively impacts factors that affect QOL for children and their parents/caregivers.

# Biology Professor Receives Grant

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016



*John Schenk, Ph.D.*

John Schenk, Ph.D., curator of the [Georgia Southern Herbarium](#) in the Georgia Southern University Department of Biology, received notification that his National Science Foundation (NSF) Biological Research Collections grant has been funded in the amount of \$280,798 to integrate uncatalogued plants into the Herbarium.

Schenk's proposal is titled "Making a large impact on a small herbarium: Integration of un-accessioned and orphaned specimens to secure and promote wider use of the collection."

A Herbarium houses libraries of botanical diversity that catalog plant species' occurrences in the past and present, and they consequently serve as the foundation for biological science and science policy.

The Georgia Southern Herbarium is located in the Biological Sciences building, and houses 21,000 catalogued specimen representing 236 families, 1,511 genera and 5,258 species of plants. In addition to the catalogued specimen, the herbarium houses 26,000 uncatalogued specimen, which represents local plant diversity – including many endangered species.

By funding the proposal, the NSF recognizes the value of natural history collections, a goal that strongly overlaps with the University's Department of Biology. The funded project will allow the Georgia Southern Herbarium to double its holdings over the next two years, a feat that is rarely accomplished in natural history collections. As the collections become catalogued, they will be accessible to students and researchers throughout the world.



## The Drifters

Travel back in time with Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, The Drifters. Touring under the auspices of their original management team, the Treadwell family, they are bringing their best and most famous pop hits such as "This Magic Moment," "Stand by Me," and "There Goes My Baby" here to Statesboro! The Drifters' musical catalog spans five decades and their ongoing story has covered the entire spectrum of rock and roll history. They were the first African American group to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and their song "Under the Boardwalk," is the most played R&B record of all time. Join us for the historic reunion in support of their new album, The Drifters Salute the Great American Songbook Live.

Join us for a pre-show event with dancing, music, and prizes, starting one hour before the performance.

Sunday, October 2 at 3:00pm

Performing Arts Center 847 Plant Drive

Event Type

[Arts, Culture and Entertainment](#)

Cost

\$10 for Students; \$19 for Faculty/Staff

# Winners of the Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

Winners of the 2016 Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society are Gary M. Shapiro of Statistics without Borders (SWB) and Ronald Brookmeyer of the University of California, Los Angeles.

Shapiro was recognized for his central role in the formation of-and ongoing volunteer mentoring in SWB, an organization devoted to using statistics to further the development of human rights throughout the world. He was also recognized for his devoted pro-bono work on developing a sampling scheme of police archives for evaluating police involvement in the disappearances and killings of Guatemalans.

Brookmeyer was recognized for his seminal methodological work on global health as it relates to disease monitoring, his work in biosurveillance as it relates to HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's disease and biosecurity and his contributions to training a generation of researchers about the importance of statistics in public health and increasing public awareness.

The Karl E. Peace Award is bestowed upon a distinguished individual who has made substantial contributions to the statistical profession that has led to direct ways of improving the human condition. Karl E. Peace, Ph.D., is a Biostatistics Professor at Georgia Southern University in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar.

The award was established in the American Statistical Association by Christopher K. Peace, son of Karl E. Peace, on behalf of the Peace family to honor the life work of his father.

Previous honorees are Marvin Zelen, Harvard University, 2012, Fritz Schueren, University of Chicago, 2012, [Richard Simon](#), National Cancer Institute, 2013, [Gary Koch](#), University of North Carolina, 2014 and [James Cochran](#), University of Alabama, 2015.

# Georgia Southern professor quoted in SELF Magazine

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016



*Kelly Sullivan, Ph.D.*

Kelly Sullivan, Ph.D., assistant professor in Georgia Southern's Department of Epidemiology, was quoted as an expert in SELF Magazine, a publication dedicated to providing wellness resources and a community for all aspects of a person's life.

Sullivan was quoted in the article, "[When It Comes To Fitness, Is Sleep Really More Important Than Exercise?](#)" explaining that sleep is vital when it comes to health.

Sullivan told the publication, "Sufficient, quality sleep is critical for health. Studies have shown that chronic insufficient sleep increases a person's risk for heart disease, diabetes, and cognitive impairment."

To read the story and Sullivan's full quote, click [here](#).

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# Feng and Hatarbach Receive Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Awards

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2016**

Hui Feng of China and Zakaria Hatarbach of Morocco have been awarded a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program grant to serve as teaching assistants in Chinese and Arabic, respectively, and to study at Georgia Southern University for academic year 2016-2017.

While in the United States, Feng and Hatarbach will share their language and culture with U.S. communities in order to inspire Americans to travel and study overseas and to prepare U.S. citizens to engage with businesses, governments and organizations abroad.

Feng and Hatarbach are two of nearly 400 young educators from 50 countries who will travel to the United States in the 2016-2017 academic year through the Fulbright FLTA Program to help internationalize U.S. colleges and universities, a key goal of many institutions as they prepare students for today's workforce and globalized world.

Recipients of Fulbright FLTA grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement as well as demonstrated leadership potential. Fulbright FLTA scholarships are awarded by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program has given approximately 360,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists and scientist the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Fifty-three Fulbright alumni from 13 countries have been awarded the Nobel Prize, and 82 alumni have received Pulitzer Prizes.

# Alumnus receives 2016 National Space Club Lifetime Achievement Award

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016



*Georgia Southern University alumnus Charles A. Abner ('67) , right, was one of four recipients of the 2016 National Space Club Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Space Florida Committee*

Georgia Southern University alumnus Charles A. Abner ('67) was presented the 2016 National Space Club Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Space Florida Committee.

Abner is the Chief Engineer of the Shuttle Processing Directorate at NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida. He is responsible for all engineering aspects related to processing flight hardware elements and facility/ground support equipment, and for the integration of technical decisions made by both engineering and management personnel before and during launch. He makes recommendations for final go/no go launch decisions.

He began his career with NASA at KSC in 1967 as an Apollo spacecraft ground station system engineer. He served as an Apollo spacecraft ground station manager until joining the Air Force in

1968. He returned to KSC In 1974 to work on the Shuttle team, eventually serving as project engineer, assistant launch director and chief engineer.

Throughout his career, Abner supervised teams responsible for the development of ground launch sequence software and group application software, managed the construction and development of the Space Shuttle Vandenberg Launch Site, became the Launch Team Shuttle Project Engineer from 1991 to 1997 providing engineering integration for 47 missions, was assigned to the position of Assistant Launch Director at KSC and more.

In addition to holding a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Georgia Southern, Abner holds an additional degree in physics and has obtained post-graduate credits in space technology from Florida Institute of Technology. He served five and a half years of active duty in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1974, and remained in the United States Air Force Reserves for an additional 16 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While in the Air Force, he served as a pilot flying strategic and combat military airlift worldwide.

The Committee recognizes people each year for their lifelong achievements and contributions to the U.S. space program while living in Florida. To be selected for the award, the nominee must have made significant contributions to the space industry through technical advancement, education or the management of aerospace related activities as a government, military, commercial or government contractor employee.