

# Nominate a Co-worker for the Merit Award of Excellence

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The Staff Service and Awards of Excellence Ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 8, 2015. Staff Council is gearing up for the annual Staff Service and Awards of Excellence Ceremony in 2015, and your help is needed to nominate eight staff members who will be selected as Merit Award of Excellence recipients during the event.

Nominees are employees who have improved the work environment, exhibited excellent customer service and shown true character and dedication to Georgia Southern's mission. Award of Merit recipients are nominated by co-workers or supervisors and are chosen by Staff Council. Winners each receive \$1,000, a Georgia Southern Eagle Medallion or plaque and a certificate of appreciation.

Nominations are being accepted through Friday, Nov. 21. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

Nominee must be in a benefited position

Nominee must have been employed by the University for at least one continuous year and in good standing

Nominees must receive one endorsement form and two supporting endorsement forms.

Staff Council will only accept nominations and supporting endorsement forms through the following nomination form. Present Staff Council members or recipients of the Merit Award within the past two years are not eligible to receive an award.

Complete the [Merit Award of Excellence endorsement form here](#). The nominator must also secure two supporting endorsement form submissions for the nominee in addition to the nomination.

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), with lunch immediately following. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, email [staffcouncil@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@georgiasouthern.edu).

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# Faculty and Staff Members Invited to Participate in “International Open Access Week”

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The Zach S. Henderson Library is observing “International Open Access Week” Oct. 22 – 23, by offering faculty and staff members free, immediate online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as needed.

Participants will learn about PlumX, [Digital Commons services](#), how to publish a journal and more.

“Open Access’ has the power to transform the way research and scientific inquiry are conducted,” said Debra Skinner, coordinator of cataloging and metadata in the Collection and Resource Services Department of Zach S. Henderson Library. “It has direct and widespread implications for academia, medicine, science, industry and for society as a whole.”

Events will be held on the third floor of the Library in the Conference Room. For more information, view the poster below or contact Debra Skinner by calling 912-478-5025.

**OPEN**  **International  
ACCESS WEEK**  
OCTOBER 20 - 26, 2014

**Celebrate Open Access Week at the Henderson Library!**

**Wednesday, October 22**

- 10:00 a.m. Overview of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern
- 3:00 p.m. Overview of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern

**Thursday, October 23**

- 10:00 a.m. Publishing a Peer-Reviewed Journal with Digital Commons
- 1:00 p.m. \*Webinar: The Feedback Loop Between Open Access & Altmetrics (Plum Analytics: Measuring Research Impact)
- 3:00 p.m. Publishing a Peer-Reviewed Journal with Digital Commons

*All events will be held in the Henderson Library Conference Room.*

*\*Previously listed as Tuesday, October 21*

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# Nelson Family and Rotary Corporation Support Hall of Fame and Field of Dreams at Paulson Stadium

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The family of the late Bill W. Nelson and Rotary Corporation, the company he built into an internationally-recognized leader in the outdoor power equipment industry, have made a major gift to the Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation. The announcement was made Thursday by University President Dr. Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., and Director of Athletics Tom Kleinlein.

“The Nelson Family and Rotary Corporation have ‘Joined the Journey’ in a major way,” stated Keel. “On behalf of the entire Eagle Nation, we express our sincere appreciation for their incredible support of our football program.”

The generosity of the Nelson Family will fund the Hall of Fame in the new Ted Smith Family Football Center, which is located inside Allen E. Paulson Stadium. It will be named the Bill W. Nelson Hall of Fame and will serve as a permanent recognition of inductees with highlights including the rich history of Eagle football.

In addition, Rotary Corporation has funded the "Field of Dreams" between the stadium's east end zone and the football center. The field, which provides a game day experience for children 12 and under, was the brainchild of Kleinlein and Frank Hook, director of Donor Relations for Georgia Southern's Athletic Foundation. The field measures 48' wide by 144' long and features artificial turf.

"The Nelson Family as well as Rotary Corporation have made a significant impact on the future of Georgia Southern Athletics through their generous gift," commented Kleinlein. "The Bill W. Nelson Hall of Fame will enable us to showcase Eagle football with a permanent tribute for our distinguished inductees. With the Field of Dreams, future generations of Eagles can play a pick-up game while watching our Eagles and dreaming about one day becoming an Eagle themselves."

Since Paulson Stadium opened in 1984, kids have enjoyed sliding down the hills and playing football in the end zone. With stadium expansion and upgrades earlier this year, athletic department officials were determined to maintain certain traditions like this for future Eagles. "Thus, the 'Field of Dreams' became a reality," said Hook. "It's one of those special traditions in college football that will continue to make a Georgia Southern game like none other in the country."

Head Football Coach Willie Fritz echoed Hook's remarks, "The Hall of Fame and Field of Dreams allow us to carry on the traditions of Georgia Southern football. Both are tremendous assets for our program."

"The synthetic turf field can also be used for our student athletes. It provides great flexibility for our strength and conditioning program and will be utilized in both our in-season and off-season workouts," he continued. "The surface also allows our players and coaches a place for 'walk-through' opportunities and a venue for special recruiting events."

Bill Nelson passed away in 1999 but his philanthropic contributions and deep sense of community continue to be felt by people in Southeast Georgia. He was a longtime supporter of education and built a strong relationship with Georgia Southern University. When Coach Erk Russell landed in Statesboro in 1981, Nelson was one of the first to step forward with a commitment to the Eagle program. On more than one occasion, Erk was known to say, "We need more people like Bill Nelson."

Nelson purchased a small lawn mower repair shop from his uncle in 1957 and built Rotary Corporation, recognized today as the world's largest supplier of outdoor power equipment parts. Based in Glennville, Rotary operates eight distribution centers in the U.S. and serves customers in all 50 states and 68 countries worldwide. Nelson's son, Ed, currently serves as president and CEO of Rotary.

"We are proud to be a part of 'The Journey' for Eagle football," commented Ed Nelson, speaking on behalf of his mother, Helen, and sisters Tara and Traci. "My father understood the value of quality education and how important access to higher education is for the people of Southeast Georgia.

"Over the years, we've built a strong relationship with Georgia Southern. In fact, many of our employees at Rotary are alumni and many have family members who either attended or have children in school at the University today.

"We feel the growth and excitement of Georgia Southern football is worth the investment. We hope our gift will inspire others to support the University through their own gifts. It has made a strong impact in people's lives throughout Georgia and beyond," said Nelson.

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# New Employee Resource Available: University Policy Library

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The Georgia Southern University [Policy Library](#) is now available online on the University's Digital Commons website. The Policy Library houses the official collection of all University-wide policies (those that impact members of the University community across all colleges and divisions\*) to ensure easy access to the most current policies and a centralized system for organizing them.

To locate a policy, use the search box function or search by University division.

The screenshot displays the Georgia Southern University Digital Commons website. The header features the university logo and the text "Digital Commons@Georgia Southern" and "Digital Archive of Research, Scholarship & Creative Works". The navigation menu includes "My Account", "FAQ", "About", and "Home". The main content area shows the "GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY POLICIES" page, which includes a search box, a "University Policy Template" link, and a list of policy collections such as "Academic Affairs", "Business and Finance", "Human Resources", "Information Technology Services", "Legal Affairs", "Research and Economic Development", "Student Affairs and Enrollment Management", and "University Advancement". The footer contains the Digital Commons logo, navigation links, and the Georgia Southern University logo.

"The University makes every reasonable effort to ensure that the information contained in the Policy Library is accurate and current, but no claim is made by the University that the list is exhaustive," said Associate University Attorney Geoffrey Carson. "New policies are entered as soon as possible after they are passed, though there may be a delay before posting."

For more information regarding a specific policy in the Policy Library, contact the office listed as the responsible office for that policy. To add a policy to the library, contact the Office of Legal Affairs by emailing Geoffrey Carson at [gvcarson@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gvcarson@georgiasouthern.edu). You can also complete this [form](#).

\*It is important to note that the colleges, schools, divisions and departments of the University may have additional policies that govern their operations and such policies are not housed in the University's Policy Library. For college, school, division or department policies, check the websites of those individual entities.

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# **Office of Alcohol & Other Drugs Programs Observes National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week**

**OCTOBER 16, 2014**

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness (NCAAW) week is Oct. 20 – 24, and Georgia Southern University's Office of Alcohol & Other Drugs Programs has a variety of student events planned throughout the week to bring attention to the serious public health issues posed by excessive drinking among college students.

"We hope that the events of the week will motivate students to drink responsibly, set healthy limits and never drive while under the influence of alcohol," said Nicole Withers, administrative coordinator.



## 10/20 MONETARY CONSEQUENCES

### **The True Cost of Alcohol**

The monetary consequences of alcohol will be on display at the Russell Union staircase throughout the entire week.

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## 10/21 PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES

### **Mocktail Bar**

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Russell Union Concession Stand (in front of the Russell Union Theater)

Free virgin drinks will be provided along with information about how alcohol affects the body.

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## 10/22 BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES

### **Define Your Limit**

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Russell Union Rotunda

Define your limit with alcohol and prevent negative consequences associated with binge drinking. You can also share your limit on social media. #DEFINEGSU

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## 10/23 EMOTIONAL CONSEQUENCES

### **Film Screening of 'Impact: After the Crash'**

6:30 p.m., Russell Union Theater

A movie shining a light on a tragic situation will be shown in the Union Theater. It will provide a look into the lives of those affected by drinking and driving. **Concessions & Attendance verification will be provided.**

Hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States recognize the importance of campus health promotion efforts addressing alcohol abuse and impaired driving prevention by participating in NCAAW. The events are free and open to all students.

“Our free resources for self-referred students include substance abuse screenings, one-on-one alcohol and marijuana interventions, alcohol and other drug presentations and campus-wide awareness events and programs,” said Withers.

For more information, contact the Office of Alcohol & Other Drugs Programs by calling 912-478-0108.

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