

# Harley Strickland wins title of Miss Georgia Southern 2016

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*Megan Johnson, Miss Georgia Southern University 2015, crowns Harley Strickland Miss Georgia Southern University 2016 on Saturday during the annual scholarship pageant.*

Georgia Southern junior Harley Strickland was crowned Miss Georgia Southern University on Saturday evening during the 68th annual scholarship pageant hosted by the University Programming Board at the Performing Arts Center.

Strickland was chosen by the five judges out of 18 contestants who graced the stage as they competed in categories including talent, swimwear, evening wear and onstage question. The contestants also competed in a private interview prior to the pageant.

A journalism major from Claxton, Georgia, Strickland will go on to represent the University at the Miss Georgia Pageant in June. In addition to being crowned Miss Georgia Southern, Strickland will

receive a \$2,000 scholarship, which includes a Miss Georgia Southern travel stipend, 25% off at Frills by Scott during her reign and a complimentary photo shoot courtesy of Lori Grice Photography.

Additionally, Katherine "Kacey" Reid of Loganville, Georgia, was selected as second runner up, while McCaulea Read of Savannah, Georgia, was selected as first runner up. Reid also won the title of Miss Photogenic, which was chosen based on the number of likes the contestants' photos received on the UPB's Facebook and Instagram pages prior to the event.

Judges selected Hawkinsville, Georgia, native Tara Smith the winner of the best evening wear award, while Teyaijah Givens of Soperton, Georgia, was selected by her fellow contestants as Miss Congeniality. Whitney Thornton of Albany, Georgia, won People's Choice Award, which was chosen by donations from the audience. The proceeds from People's Choice Award goes to Eagles For Eagles organization on campus, which gives awards to Georgia Southern students in extreme financial hardship.

Judges for the evening were the 2015 Mr. Georgia Southern University Wesley Guy, Shelli Akins, Marc "Bo" Galvin, former Miss Georgia Southern University Cyndi Rogers and Miss America Organization representative Tavares Jones.

The annual Miss Georgia Southern scholarship pageant is the longest-running preliminary pageant for the Miss Georgia Pageant, which is affiliated with the Miss America Organization. The event is hosted by UPB each year.

# Georgia Southern University Kicks Off Participation in 2016 RecycleMania Tournament

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**16th Annual Collegiate Recycling Competition Builds Impact with new Electronics, Most Improved Categories**



RecycleMania, the premier collegiate recycling competition managed by Keep America Beautiful, is back in action. Georgia Southern University will build school spirit, while competing to see who will claim the championship in the fight to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost the most on campuses across the country. Georgia Southern's 2016 RecycleMania season began Feb. 7 and will run for eight weeks through April 2.

Hundreds of participating colleges and universities will compete and report weekly data based on the weight of recycling, food organics and waste reduction collected. Weekly updated rankings will encourage participation, and educational activities, displays and other outreach efforts will rally students and staff to compete even harder.

"We're excited for this 16th year of the RecycleMania competition," said RecycleMania Inc. President Stacy Wheeler. "Through recent additions like the 'Most Improved' category, RecycleMania continues to be a valuable resource for colleges and universities to influence recycling and zero waste behavior with students and staff."

Georgia Southern's signature event this year will be the student-run construction of an interactive recycled sculpture in the library in mid-March. Look for the Center for Sustainability's Tuesday lunch-time tabling events featuring spin-the-prize-wheel for recycling trivia, Can-It Free-Throw and other recycling games.

Once again, students, faculty and staff can expect "Get Caught Green Handed" sightings, in which those caught recycling, drinking from a reusable mug, or engaging in other sustainable behaviors will win prizes and have their photos posted on social media.

A new addition this year is the recycling competition among on-campus residence halls to see which produces the most recycled goods.

"Georgia Southern has assembled a great support team including DFS, CfS, Housing, Greek Life and the Zach Henderson Library to help make RecycleMania a success – now all we need is YOU!" said Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability. "Recycle your cans, bottles, paper and cardboard, do some spring cleaning, and recycle your old files. Don't bin it – let's WIN it and take home another SunBelt championship!"

RecycleMania is made possible with the generous sponsorship support of Alcoa Foundation, The Coca-Cola Company, CyclePoint® from SourceAmerica® and Rubbermaid Commercial Products®, with comprehensive program management by Keep America Beautiful.

Since the competition launched in 2001, millions of students from 750 colleges and universities have recycled and composted roughly 653 million pounds of material during the tournament time frame. Together, tournament participants have prevented the release of nearly 900,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, which is comparable to removing 7 million passenger vehicles from the road for one year.

A complete list of participants can be found at [Recyclemania.org](http://Recyclemania.org). Contact information for specific campuses is available to news media by calling 843.278.7686 or emailing [helpline@recyclemaniacs.org](mailto:helpline@recyclemaniacs.org).

### **About RecycleMania**

The RecycleMania program is governed by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization called RecycleMania, Inc. made up of a board of directors who are recycling and sustainability managers from participating universities. For complete details, visit [RecycleMania.org](http://RecycleMania.org).

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# 'Davis & Johnson present The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra' takes the stage at the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 9

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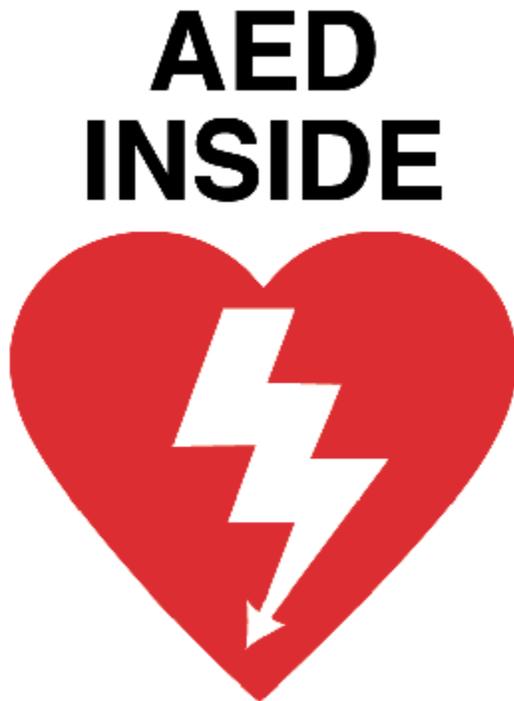
Jeremy Davis and Clay Johnson, along with their fiery hot 17-piece big band, will perform their energetic show "Davis & Johnson present The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra" on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Audiences across the country have fallen in love with Davis and Johnson, two sophisticated southern gentlemen, who will perform the greatest songs and the best original arrangements, and showcase phenomenal musicianship while bringing their rich friendship and charm to the stage. Fashioned in the style and swagger of the legendary entertainers led by Frank Sinatra, Davis and Johnson are putting their own stamp on the Great American songbook, graced with a touch of Motown, Ray Charles, Johnny Cash, Elvis and more, offering a fresh take on the classic big band performance that speaks to every soul.

The PAC welcomes these dynamic performers to the stage following their nationally televised PBS special on Oct. 6, 2015.

Tickets are \$26 for patrons, \$23 for Georgia Southern University faculty and staff, \$10 for Georgia Southern students and \$13 for youth. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the PAC website at [www.georgiasouthern.edu/pac](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/pac), call the PAC Box Office at 912.478.7999 or visit in person at 847 Plant Drive (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one hour prior to the show), or visit the PAC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GSUPerformingArtsCenter](http://www.facebook.com/GSUPerformingArtsCenter) and click the BUY TICKETS app. For more information please email [pac@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:pac@georgiasouthern.edu).

# Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on Campus



According to the American Red Cross, sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background. Georgia Southern has implemented a program to place AEDs in buildings across campus. The goal is to have at least one AED in every campus building. The first phase has begun. The units are being placed in white AED cabinets on the wall in accessible locations. Each building that has an AED will have a sticker on the front doors of

that building. All you need to do is ACT! Anyone can use an AED to help save a life. Training is not required. The AEDs are designed to talk and guide you through the steps. Time is of the essence. All you have to do is retrieve the AED from the cabinet and open it up. If anyone is down, do not think twice. Grab the AED and follow directions.

For more information about AED's please see the AED policy.

# Feed the Mosasaur

**A Taste of Thailand**

**Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Nessmith-Lane Conference Center Ballroom**

**Georgia Southern University**

**LAST DAY to purchase tickets is February 19, 2016!**

**Call Debbie Gleason at 912-478-0148 or email [debgleason@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:debgleason@georgiasouthern.edu)**

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Scroll below for links to the Gallery of Photos from prior Feed the Mosasaur Events!

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# the Feed Mosasaur

Join us for the Georgia Southern University Museum's premier culinary event

## *A Taste of Thailand*

Signature Cocktail with music by Dr. Michael Braz

Cooking demonstrations by Executive Chef Thomas Sweatt of Georgia Southern  
Catering Service with wines, commemorative menu and recipes

Rumba dance lesson by Averitt Center for the Arts Instructor Tony Phillips  
followed by free-style ballroom dancing with music by Do Good DJs

**Saturday, March 5, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.**  
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### *Menu*

#### **Signature Cocktail**

Thai iced boba tea

#### **Fresh Papaya Salad**

Green papaya salad with green beans,  
tomato, Thai chilies and peanuts

#### **Chicken Satay**

Grilled chicken skewers with Thai satay  
seasoning with a peanut dipping sauce

#### **Pad Kee Mao (Drunken Noodle)**

Rice noodle and wild-caught Georgia shrimp with  
spicy Thai chilies, carrots and bean sprouts  
topped with basil

#### **Green Curry Beef**

Thai green curry with sliced beef, carrots and  
straw mushrooms topped with fresh Thai basil

#### **Mango Ice Cream**

House-made mango ice cream topped with  
mint and mango slices

*Thai food is usually very spicy, but our chef has adapted each dish to appeal  
to a milder palate, without sacrificing authentic flavors.*

### **RSVP by February 19, 2016**

\$75 per person, \$400 for a reserved table of six. Must be 21 or older to attend.  
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All proceeds benefit programs of the Georgia Southern University Museum.



Enjoy the following Gallery of Photos from prior Feed the Mosasaur Events by clicking the links:

[Feed the Mosasaur 2015, "Flavors of the Greek Isles" with Greek Line Dancing Lesson](#)

[Feed the Mosasaur 2014, "Flavors of the Southwest" with Salsa Dancing Lesson](#)

Special thanks to Georgia Southern University's Photographer, Jeremy Wilburn, who provided these excellent photos!

# Exhibition Highlights African-American Artists from the South

FEBRUARY 1, 2016



STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern University’s Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art presents Celebrating African-American Artists Feb.1 to July 29 on-campus in the Southern Folk Art Gallery of the Center for Art and Theatre. The exhibition includes a reception Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Center for Art and Theatre. The events are free and the public is welcome.

This exhibition features work created by renowned African-American artists from the South. It was curated by Annamarie Kistler, a graduate assistant at the BFSDoArt, from the Smith Callaway Banks Southern Folk Art Collection at Georgia Southern University.

Kistler, who is pursuing her masters in history with a certificate in public history, currently is working as the collections manager, overseeing all of the pieces in the permanent collections at Georgia Southern.

“While cataloging the pieces we have in the Folk Art Collection, I realized we have a lot of pieces painted of childhood memories by African-American Artists that have not been exhibited in a long time,” Kistler said. “I wanted to do this exhibition to show off these beautiful pieces by these very talented artists.”

This exhibition showcases the personal and intimate narratives of the artists’ most cherished memories, which is what folk art is all about. Its subject matter springs from community and cultural traditions, expressing an identity by conveying shared values and aesthetics.

“Each of these pieces carry something special,” she said. “What is interesting is for some pieces the artist purposefully left out the detail on the faces so the viewer could further connect with the piece by imposing their own memories on the faces in the artwork.”

“The Smith Callaway Banks Southern Folk Art Collection is a treasure trove of styles, ideas, and materials,” said Center for Art & Theatre Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher. “In curating this show Annamarie has shown a strong curatorial flair for coming up with an exhibition that covers a lot of territory in terms of medium and content, while maintaining a lot of heart in the ideas and scenes

put together by the artists. The show is eclectic without being scattered, and definitely worth checking out.”

Work by the artists have been displayed all around the country from the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C., to major commissions with companies like Coca-Cola and newspapers such as the New York Times.

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 as the University’s College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical 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 [class.georgiasouthern.edu](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu).

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# Georgia Southern offers new way to pay tickets through Quickit

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The Georgia Southern University campus community is now able to pay all parking tickets conveniently and immediately using the Quickit app.

"We are proud to be the first university in the entire nation to utilize this innovative app," said Kristi Bryant, director of Parking and Transportation. "We always aim to give our students the most convenient, secure and user-friendly means to pay their tickets and continue on with their day."

The free app, available for Android and iOS platforms, gives users the ability to scan a ticket and pay securely with a credit card or PayPal instantly. Other unique Quickit features include push notification and payment reminders, Android and Apple support and quick payment confirmation.

All parking citations now include instructions on how to pay through Quickit, as well as directs users to download the app for either iOS or Android.

"Quickit is thrilled to bring our mobile app to Georgia Southern," says Tristan Steele, CEO of Quickit. "Our service offers everyone including students, faculty and visitors an easier and more convenient way to pay for their parking citations that is truly beneficial to them and the University. This is our first of many rollouts in 2016, and I can't thank the Georgia Southern Parking and Transportation department enough for all their support."

For more information on Quickit and its benefits to Georgia Southern Parking and Transportation, visit [thequickitapp.com](http://thequickitapp.com).

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# Foreign Language Professor Speaks at Royal Academy in Spain

January 29, 2016



STATESBORO, Ga. — Department of Foreign Languages Professor, Michael McGrath, Ph.D., was invited to the Royal Academy of History and Art in Segovia, Spain, over the winter break to discuss his research.

On his visit to the academy, he discussed his book *La vida urbana en Segovia: Historia de una ciudad barroca en sus documentos*. McGrath explores in the book the city's seventeenth-century festivals, comedies, and plays in the wake of the economic downturn from the plague and the expulsion of the Moors.

McGrath further explored this topic in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in his most recent book, *Teatro y fiesta en la ciudad de Segovia (siglos XVIII y XIX)*.

McGrath was also initiated into the Royal Academy of History and Art in Segovia, Spain, and his visit was written about in the Spanish newspaper, *El Adelantado.com*.

McGrath has spent over 20 years studying and writing about the Spanish city of Segovia. He has authored over 50 publications, presented more than 30 conference presentations, and served as the editor of *Jaun de la Cuesta Hispanic Monographs* since 2008.

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# College of Education's Art Extravaganza

## A College of Education and PK-12 Partnership

**College of Education's Art Extravaganza** spotlights the artwork of exceptional P-12 art students in the region, many of whom are taught by Georgia Southern University alumni. The exhibit is on display in the College of Education's second floor hallway gallery. Each spring, a new exhibit opens and the artwork remains on display for one year. The Art Extravaganza is sponsored by the College of Education's Partnership Network.

## Upcoming Art Extravaganza Events

The Opening Exhibit and Reception for College of Education's Art Extravaganza is scheduled for February 7, 2016. Guidelines will be sent to certified art teachers in public schools in the region.

