

# President's Newsletter

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## A Slice of Summer



Tammie and I recently had the honor of participating in the 66th Annual Watermelon Cutting on campus. This is a wonderful summer tradition that we enjoy celebrating every year, and it was great to welcome so many faculty, staff, students and alumni on the Pedestrium. We hope you will join us for a slice during three more watermelon cuttings this month (July 10, 17 and 24). We look forward to seeing you there!

[Click here to see video from this event.](#)

## Georgia Southern Cheerleaders Named 2013 STUNT All-Americans



Once again, I am pleased to announce that two of our Georgia Southern cheerleaders were named 2013 STUNT All-Americans by [USA Cheer](#). Ashley Riggs and Katherine Daniel join the University's previous STUNT All-Americans from 2011 and 2012. STUNT is an NCAA competitive team sport that focuses on the technical and athletic components of cheer.

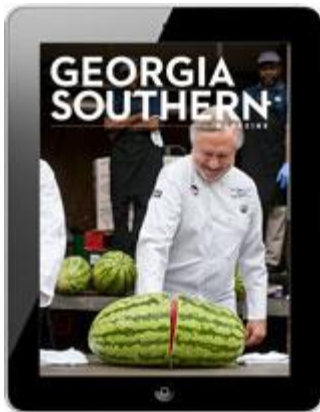
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## University Receives \$360,000 National Science Foundation Grant



Georgia Southern's research efforts have once again achieved national recognition with a \$360,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. Dr. Valentin Soloiu, the Allen E. Paulson Chair of Renewable Energy was awarded the Research for Undergraduates grant that will begin next summer and be available to students across the country to explore solutions to energy problems. [Read more »](#)  
[Click here to see video on this event.](#)

## University Magazine



If you haven't read the most recent issue of Georgia Southern magazine, you're missing out. The University is attracting attention around the region and across the globe with our students' inspiring community service, Georgia Southern's Study Abroad programs, University research and more. The magazine also highlights the Alumni Awards ceremony, which recognizes the outstanding service and achievement of our alumni. Read the magazine online at: [georgiasouthern.edu/magazine](http://georgiasouthern.edu/magazine).

## Eagle Athletes Named to Academic Honor Roll



Congratulations to 175 Georgia Southern student-athletes named to the Southern Conference academic honor roll. A record high of 19 Eagles posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and 89 student-athletes earned the Commissioner's Medal for attaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher throughout the 2012-13 academic year. [Read more »](#)

## Faculty Spotlight: Jeffrey Underwood



This summer, Dr. Jeffrey Underwood, chair of the Department of Geology and Geography, is researching debris flows in Italy's Dolomite Alps. He has been studying this dangerous natural hazard since 2005, and is hoping that his research will one day lead to the development of an early warning system for this type of landslide. [Read more »](#)

## ON THE CALENDAR

**July 10, 17 and 24:** Watermelon Cutting, 10 a.m., the Pedestrium

**July 25:** Zach S. Henderson Library's Fourth Annual Farm to Table Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Nessmith- Lane Ballroom

**July 25:** Greater Savannah Alumni Network Business Luncheon, Johnny Harris Restaurant

**July 30:** America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway, 7 p.m., The Averitt Center

For additional information about other events taking place this month, please check the below calendars:

- For more information on University events, please visit the [University Calendar](#).
- For information on athletics events, please visit: [GSeagles.com](#).

