

President's Newsletter

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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2014

Georgia Southern Shows True Blue Spirit During Savannah Parade

The Eagle Nation became Irish for the day during the 190th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Ga., on Monday, March 17. The first lady and I were cheered on by alumni, students and True Blue supporters lining the parade route. This year's float featured the Southern Pride Marching Band, University mascot GUS, cheerleaders and Miss Georgia Southern Melissa Royal.



In addition to St. Patrick's Day festivities, Georgia Southern's Center for Irish Research and Teaching hosted Dr. Leo Varadkar, Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the Republic of Ireland, and celebrated the launch of the Wexford-Savannah Axis research partnership. Varadkar and other Irish officials visited Georgia Southern University following the Savannah St. Patrick's Day parade.



Howard Keeley (right), director of the Center for Irish Research and Teaching and his students visit with the Honorable Dr. Leo Varadkar (center) during a reception on Tuesday, March 18 at the Eugene M. Bishop Alumni Center.

Evening with the President

Another successful **Evening with the President** was held for our alumni in Augusta, Ga., at the West Lake Country Club on March 12. It is always great fun to connect with our alumni from across the state and the visit to Augusta was no exception. The event included networking and we talked about the highlights of life at Georgia Southern. Alumni are such an important part of the Georgia Southern family.



Alumni from the Augusta area, share food and good conversation at the Evening with the President event held March 12, at the West Lake Country Club in Augusta, Ga.

“Evening with the President” will continue in the following cities:

Jacksonville - April 8

Macon - June 24

Summer School



Research shows that students who attend summer school are retained and graduate at a much higher rate than students who choose not to take classes in the summer. Georgia Southern is committed to providing a variety of courses over the summer. These courses are offered to students as a means to keep their paths to graduation on track and to provide additional course opportunities for students from other institutions. Summer school courses are available online and on campus. This summer, the University will offer more than 300 fully online classes and 1,300 on campus options to undergraduate and graduate students.

As you can see promotion of summer school is in full swing. Promotional materials will be distributed and displayed on campus immediately after spring break and students are encouraged to enroll early. For more information on summer school visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/summer.



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