

President's Newsletter

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As the Semester Comes to a Close...

With the spring semester almost complete, I am reminded of the traditions surrounding Georgia Southern Commencement ceremonies as well as the new journeys so many of our students and alumni are preparing to make. Many Georgia Southern students will soon take on summer jobs or continue their studies by choosing from a wide range of summer classes. More than 8,700 have already enrolled in one or more of the 1,300 on campus and 300 online courses available. And then there are those Eagles who will leave the nest for now, graduate from our University and begin new adventures that will forever shape and define their life. There are 1,983 undergraduates and 509 graduates slated to participate in commencement on May 9 and 10. As members of the Georgia Southern family, we all stand proud of their accomplishments.

A promotional graphic for "I Heart Summer at Georgia Southern". The graphic features a teal background with orange and yellow accents. On the left, a large white speech bubble contains the text "GRADUATE ON TIME" in teal and "GET AHEAD" in white on a red background. On the right, a yellow speech bubble contains the text "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT NOW!" in red. The main text "I HEART SUMMER" is in large white and orange letters, with "at Georgia Southern" in a smaller white font below it. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the URL "GeorgiaSouthern.edu/SUMMER" in orange and red text.

Evening with the President



(L) Alumni Matt Mercer ('91) and (R) Clint Avret ('92) in Jacksonville, Fla.

The fourth stop on the Alumni Association's "Evening with the President" tour was at the Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville, Fla., on April 8. We were very happy that so many alumni came out to network and share their passion for Georgia Southern.

The next "Evening with the President" will be in Macon, Ga., on June 24.

Faculty and Staff Retirements



It was my honor to recognize 48 faculty and staff members at Georgia Southern University's Annual Retirees Recognition Ceremony on April 3. The event honored those who retired after the 2013 ceremony, and those who have announced their retirement in 2014. Individually and in unique ways, these retiring members of the Georgia Southern community have contributed to the successes we have experienced and have been part of building the legacy that will carry on for years to come. I hope you join me in thanking these men and women for their years of service as we wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

Research Symposium

Phi Kappa Phi Research Symposium Honors Top Undergraduate and Grad Students

In case you missed the story on *MyGeorgiaSouthern.edu*, the Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi held its 17th Annual Research Symposium on April 9, recognizing the research projects of 47 selected undergraduate and graduate students. Representing all academic fields, more than 65 research projects were submitted for consideration and only 45 were selected to present during the public event.

During their research projects, students are paired with faculty members in a mentorship, which helps students work on their research and presentation skills, and develop their final project. The Symposium is intended to recognize student research projects from all academic fields, encourage the love of learning and discovery and publicize the academic endeavors of students. For more on the Research Symposium, [click here](#).



Georgia Southern University continues to be a vibrant institution with a rich history. I am inspired each day by our richness of diversity and the breadth of talent I find in faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. Each of you plays a role in making Georgia Southern what it is today and I thank you for all that you do. Go Eagles!

-- President Brooks Keel, Ph.D.



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