Dr. Jean Bartels Named Interim President of Georgia Southern

University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby has named Dr. Jean Bartels as interim president at Georgia Southern University following the appointment of Dr. Brooks A. Keel as president of Georgia Regents University.

She will begin her new assignment on July 20, upon the departure of Keel.

Georgia Southern Study Shows Overweight and Obese Teens Think They’re ‘Just Fine’

As national obesity rates have risen over the last 20 years, overweight and obese adolescents are now less likely to accurately perceive their body weight, according to a recent study at Georgia Southern.

The study, “More Overweight Adolescents Think They Are Just Fine,” is being published in the upcoming issue of the American Journal of Preventative Medicine, and is part of a series of research initiatives led by Dr. Jian Zhang, associate professor of epidemiology in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health.
Georgia Southern’s Garden of the Coastal Plain Named to Top 50 List

The [Garden of the Coastal Plain](https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/) at Georgia Southern University has been named to a list of the 50 most amazing university botanical gardens and arboretums in the U.S. by [BestOnlineColleges.org](https://www.bestonlinecolleges.org).

Farm to Table Dinner Raises Funds, Materials for Zach S. Henderson Library

On Friday, July 10, the Zach S. Henderson library held its annual Farm to Table Dinner in the Nessmith–Lane Ballroom. The menu featured locally sourced vegetables and meats, each specially prepared for event guests.

Bede Mitchell, dean of the Library, said the event raised money toward the purchase of books and other materials at the Library and celebrated its many
achievements over the last year, including the addition of 39,000 items to the Library's collection and almost 500,000 downloads from Digital Commons online.

Local businesswoman Azure Rountree (pictured with her grandmother, Mary Humphrey, at right) was the featured speaker at the event, and challenged guests to pursue their passions. Rountree first began cooking her pralines at the local Farmer's Market in Statesboro, which led to a retail business in several retail venues, including Paula Deen's Lady & Sons restaurant in Savannah.
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