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## Message from the President

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To the University Community:

The University shares the hurt our community has expressed following the use of a racial slur exhibited in a screenshot shared on social media. The use of such racist comments is offensive and unacceptable and in no way reflects the attitudes or values of Georgia Southern University. To be clear, there is no place for bigotry or racism on our campuses.

Georgia Southern is built upon the values of integrity, civility and kindness and these principles should be reflected in everything we do. We stand for awareness, acceptance and tolerance and expect nothing less from our students, faculty, staff and community.

As students return to our campuses for the new academic year, we are committed to reinforcing our values and encouraging an inclusive atmosphere that enables our students to thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley C. Nickel".

Shelley C. Nickel  
President  
Georgia Southern University