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Georgia Southern University's commitment to providing top-notch education opportunities for military veterans, active duty personnel and their dependents is once again earning national attention. *G.I. Jobs* magazine, a premier military publication, has named Georgia Southern as a "Military Friendly School" for 2013.

The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list was released by Victory Media and can be found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com. This year's list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students to ensure their success on campus.

"We are honored to once again be recognized by *G.I. Jobs* magazine as one of the most military friendly universities in the country," said Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. "The ranking is the result of a University-wide commitment to provide military personnel with the service and assistance they need and deserve."

Georgia Southern's location has contributed to increased numbers of military students choosing the University. Located in Statesboro, the University is within driving distance of the U.S. Army's Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Additionally, Fort Gordon and Robins Air Force Base are within two hours. "We have students attending classes on campus and a growing number are choosing to pursue their degree through one of our many online programs," says Keel. Georgia Southern currently offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs online in fields ranging from information technology, nursing, education and business administration to name a few.

This year's Military Friendly Schools® list criteria incorporate a survey of more than 3,000 actual student veterans. According to the publication, the feedback they gather provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at particular institutions based on peer reviews from current students.

Now in its fourth year, the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The survey results that comprise the 2013 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media.

"A school's inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, vice president at Victory Media and director for G.I. Jobs. "As interest in education grows, we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 20,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. In 2012, the University was named one of the Top 10 most popular universities in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

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The Georgia Southern University Symphony will open their 2012-2013 season with a performance on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. ET at the Performing Arts Center in Statesboro. Adding to the "first" theme, Georgia Southern will for the first time broadcast a performance of the Georgia Southern Symphony live online and via web-enabled smart phones.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to reach our audiences who may be too far away to attend the live concert," said Richard Mercier, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Music. "The live broadcast also makes it possible for our students' parents to see them perform, no matter where they live."

"This is the first time that we have broadcasted a concert live online," said Steve Burrell, vice president for information technology and chief information officer at Georgia Southern University. "Nothing can take the place of hearing our talented musicians in person. However, we realize that many of our alumni, parents, online students and music enthusiasts around the world cannot make it to Statesboro. Through technology, they will now have access to a world-class symphony performance live from their computer or mobile device."

The Georgia Southern Symphony is conducted by Maestro Adrian Gnam, and the performance will feature such works as Beethoven's "Coriolan Overture Op. 62," Kent Kennan's "Night Soliloquy," Mozart's "Symphony No. 1" and Franz Schubert's "Symphony No. 8." Anna Thibeault, professor of flute in the Department of Music, will join the Symphony during the "Night Soliloquy" performance.

At 6:45 p.m. Gnam will present a pre-concert introduction to the performance in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Tickets to the talk and performance are free, and the live broadcast is available at GeorgiaSouthern.TV. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 912-478-5396.

To view the performance, visit www.GeorgiaSouthern.TV at the time of the performance and enjoy a world-class symphony performance.

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Georgia Southern University's Theatre and Performance program will bring the critically acclaimed *The Triangle Factory Fire Project*, written by Christopher Piehler in collaboration with Scott Alan Evans, to the Black Box Theatre at the Center for Art & Theatre on Oct. 3-10.

Tickets are \$5 for current Georgia Southern students, high schools students with a valid ID or children (13 and under), \$10 for Georgia Southern University faculty and staff and general admission. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m., except for Oct. 7 which will begin at 2 p.m.

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, at 4:45 p.m. in New York's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory – where 500 immigrant workers from Poland, Russia and Italy toiled 14 hours a day making ladies' dresses – a cigarette was tossed into a bin of fabric scraps, and flames swept through the eighth, ninth and 10th floors of the building.

Panic-stricken workers ran in all directions. On the ninth floor, some made it to the fire escape, only to have it collapse beneath them. Others ran to the exit but found the door locked. Many, including the soon-to-be-married Margaret Schwartz, died with their hands on the doorknob. Dozens leapt from the windows to their deaths, shocking the crowd of onlookers gathered below. And some, through bravery or sheer luck, made it out alive. In about 28 minutes the fire was under control, but 146 people had died.

The Triangle Factory Fire Project uses eyewitness accounts, court transcripts and other archival material to create a dramatic moment-by-moment account of this historic fire and the social upheaval that followed. It culminates in the manslaughter trial of the factory owners, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, the repercussions of which shaped social, political and economic policies for decades to come.

By using real words spoken by real people, from Ukrainian seamstresses to millionaire Fifth Avenue socialites, *The Triangle Factory Fire Project* paints a heartbreakingly clear picture of a disastrous day in American history and explores the human toll such a tragedy takes on us all.

"It is a story that has disappeared from view and it needs to be told," said director James Harbour.

For more information, call the Black Box Theatre box office at [912-478-5379](tel:912-478-5379).

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