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## BIG Cafe

February 13, 2019



### **Don't forget!**

BIG Café is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Meet us at Eagle Creek Brewery to hear from two entrepreneurs. Enjoy discussion and networking over coffee provided by Cool Beanz and donuts provided by the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA).

### **"For the Love of Blue" Kickoff**

Please join us in Georgia Southern's ***For the Love of Blue*** campaign, beginning February 6th with contributions taking place through March 4th. ***For the Love of Blue*** is a University-wide campus giving campaign where all members of the Georgia Southern community can participate in building a brighter future for students. This year, contributed funds will be supporting Eagles for Eagles – a Student Government Association initiative to raise and award funds to Georgia Southern students experiencing extreme financial hardship; recipients of this award have exhausted all other financial aid options, including loans. After reviewing and approving applications, students with temporary financial need will receive a one-time maximum award of \$1,000 to be applied to tuition, rent, groceries or utility bills.

All donations are tax-deductible, and 100% of each and every donation will be used as stipulated by the campaign. Faculty and staff may make a gift through payroll deduction. All else may contribute at – [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/FTLOB](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/FTLOB). Be sure to specify BIG for your donation with account number #0940.

Thank you for your help supporting Georgia Southern students in need. Whether you teach classes at Georgia Southern or are a part of the surrounding Statesboro community, your love for the University is helping drive student success and is greatly appreciated.

## Meet our new Entrepreneur in Residence – Alan Gross

February 13, 2019



Alan is more than familiar with Statesboro, having attended Georgia Southern University. After graduating, Alan moved to Atlanta and worked for UPS in their logistics services where he developed an interest in real estate. Following his time at UPS, Alan began a career in real estate as an appraiser. He has since held positions with the Georgia Department of Banking as well as the Georgia Real Estate Commission, where he investigated cases of fraud and ethics.

After 13 years in Atlanta, Alan has returned to Statesboro and is now the sole owner of Alan Gross Properties as well as a developer of residential rental property. His work requires him to compile and present detailed business plans to demonstrate the feasibility of potential projects. His duties include accounting, budgeting, marketing, maintenance and customer service. He additionally volunteers as the treasurer of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority. Please welcome Alan Gross!