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### COMMENCEMENT NOTES



**Photography:** A professional photographer will take a picture of you as you cross the stage. A proof of this picture will be emailed to you at your Georgia Southern email address and mailed to your home address so that you may decide if you wish to purchase these photos. Find out more about this service at GradImages.com.



Concessions: Concession stands/carts selling food and drinks will be open throughout the ceremonies. For the Savannah ceremonies, concession carts will be available throughout the center. No outside food or beverages are allowed in the Convention Center. For the Statesboro ceremonies, a concession stand on the lower level of Hanner Fieldhouse will be open for purchasing food and drinks. Please note that candidates will not be allowed to carry food or drinks into the designated seating area for the ceremony.



Live Broadcast: The university-wide ceremony will be broadcast via the University's Facebook page at Facebook.com/GeorgiaSouthern. Commencement ceremonies for each of the colleges will be broadcast live via each college's Facebook page and then shared on the University's main Facebook page. All ceremonies can also be viewed via the web on the Georgia Southern Commencement Live Feed Page.



Accessibility Access: If your guest requires special accommodations for a disability, special seating is available. Guests entering the stadium from the designated handicap parking area should enter through Gates 5, 12 or 13 (University-wide). Handicap seating for the Savannah ceremonies are available on the right hand side of the Exhibit Hall near the front. Handicap seating for the Statesboro ceremonies are located on the upper level of Hanner Fieldhouse which can be accessed from the front of Hanner. Please see the map for wheelchairs and other handicap seating on the commencement website. If you have questions, please contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center at 912-478-1566.



**Sign Language:** American Sign Language interpreting is available. Guests who need access and desire close proximity to sign language services may choose to sit in Section J (University-Wide), near the stage on the left side of the Exhibit Hall (Savannah) or Section G on the front row in the Hanner Fieldhouse (Statesboro) which will be reserved until 15 minutes before the ceremony begins.



**Diplomas/Transcripts:** Diplomas will be mailed to the graduates at their diploma mailing address or their permanent home address. Diplomas will be mailed six to eight weeks after graduation for students who have applied for graduation and completed all requirements.



**More info:** For more information or access to ceremony maps, please visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commencement.



#### FOR YOUR SAFETY

**Ushers** are stationed throughout the building to assist you. **Police Officers** are also available on location.

**In Case of Emergency**—Follow the directions given by the usher and police officer nearest you.

**Medical Emergency**—Ask the nearest usher for assistance. The usher will contact EMS on location.

# SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES

#### **UNIVERSITY-WIDE**

Paulson Stadium, Statesboro Campus 9 a.m. • Saturday, May 11, 2019

# ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Hanner Fieldhouse, Statesboro Campus 1 p.m. • Friday, May 10, 2019

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Hanner Fieldhouse, Statesboro Campus 1 p.m. • Saturday, May 11, 2019

### COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Hanner Fieldhouse, Statesboro Campus 9:30 a.m. • Friday, May 10, 2019

#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Savannah Convention Center 1 p.m. • Friday, May 10, 2019

# COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Hanner Fieldhouse, Statesboro Campus 4 p.m. • Friday, May 10, 2019

#### JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Savannah Convention Center 4 p.m. • Friday, May 10, 2019

#### PARKER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Hanner Fieldhouse, Statesboro Campus 4 p.m. • Saturday, May 11, 2019

### WATERS COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Savannah Convention Center 9:30 a.m. • Friday, May 10, 2019



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### HISTORY OF GEORGIA SOUTHERN

The roots of Georgia Southern University begin in Savannah.

In **1906**, Georgia Southern founders from Bulloch County met with state legislators and leaders from competing counties at the DeSoto Hotel, where they won the bid for the First District A&M School to be located in Statesboro.

In **1935**, just a half-mile away from the DeSoto, Armstrong was founded at the historic Armstrong House on Bull Street.

In both cases, local leaders like Lonnie Brannen and Albert M. Deal from Statesboro, and Lowry Axley and Thomas Gamble in Savannah, understood the impact that education would have on the workforce and the business prospects of the region, and they put their resources behind their beliefs.

In **1924**, First District A&M School expanded its mission and became the Georgia Normal School, training teachers at the college level for the first time. By **1959**, the Board of Regents changed the school's name to Georgia Southern College, a four-year college with diverse programs.

In 1964, Armstrong had also achieved four-year college status, and just two years later completed its new campus on the southside of Savannah. The move was controversial to many locals and city leaders because the southside was considered "out in the country." Back then, Abercorn Extension ended at a barricade right in front of the campus.

However, the move proved to be visionary, and the southside became an integral part of the city in later years.



In **1980**, Georgia Southern created its first ROTC program with Mercer University's help. Four years later, the University assumed responsibility for ROTC at Armstrong, and the cadres have been linked ever since.

Today, our ROTC programs draw some of the best and brightest from around the country, and our cadets are routinely among the best in the nation. Georgia Southern is also a top 10 producer of Army nurses in the United States.

Our ties to the military don't end there. Fort Stewart is the largest Army base east of the Mississippi, and has provided a huge opportunity for us to connect with our community. In 1998, Armstrong worked with Georgia Southern and other USG institutions to create the Liberty Center—now the Liberty Campus—which serves the large population of active-duty

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With the reinstatement of football in **1982**, Georgia Southern began to get noticed on the national stage. During the Eagles run of championships under head coach Erk Russell, enrollment doubled.

By **1990**, this explosive growth and the hard work of faculty and staff led to its designation as a University. Just six years later, Armstrong gained University status as well, and the two institutions expanded their program offerings and regional impact.

In **2017**, Georgia Southern and Armstrong consolidated to become one Georgia Southern University, and is now the largest public university south of Atlanta and the fifth largest in the state. Focused on student success, the University seeks to help our students get the firsthand, experiential training that will help them enter the workforce as leaders in their fields.



### POINTS OF PRIDE









Georgia Southern is now the fifth largest public university in Georgia and the largest south of Atlanta.

Georgia Southern University is now ranked as an "R2" high research institution, placing it in the top 6% of all institutions ranked by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The "R2" designation is the secondhighest classification for research institutions.

Named "Military-Friendly" Gold school for the seventh year in a row by Victory Media, publisher of *G.I. Jobs, STEM Jobs* and *Military Spouse* magazines, and ranked number one in the best schools for military students by *Best for Vets Colleges*.

The Armstrong Campus is ranked number three by *Military Times* for the Best Colleges of 2018.

For the seventh year in a row, Georgia Southern University was named one of the nation's top eco-friendly campuses in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 361 Green Colleges:* 2018 Edition.

Georgia Southern ranked in the top five percent of schools for gender diversity according to *College Factual*. In the 2019 rankings for gender diversity at colleges and universities nationwide, Georgia Southern University ranked No. 82 out of 2,486, with a gender diversity of 49.1 percent male and 50.9 percent female.

Georgia Southern University is one of six postsecondary institutions included on the prestigious 2018 *Green Ribbon Schools* list by the U.S. Department of Education for its environmental accomplishments. Areas of recognition include sustainability, health, physical

education, safety policies, food service and environmental and sustainability curriculum.

The Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah is designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education and National Center of Digital Forensic Academic Excellence. The University is one of only 14 institutions in the country to earn both designations from the U.S. National Security Agency/ Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center. Georgia Southern maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence at Ft. Gordon as an academic training partner for the U.S. Army Cyber workforce. Focusing on digital forensics, cryptography and network analysis, Georgia Southern and the U.S. Army

Cyber Center of Excellence collaborate to provide cyber education training to local, regional and national military constituents.

Georgia Southern University's Department of Biology is the largest center for biology research and education in southern Georgia.

Georgia Southern's Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing opened the state of Georgia's first undergraduate Manufacturing Engineering program in August 2015, with the first cohort graduating in 2019. The program is one of only 20 in the nation and one of only three in the Southeast United States.

The Armstrong Campus in Savannah was designated as the first college campus in the country to have a collegiate chapter of the National Latina Organization MANA, which represents the interests of Latina









women, youth and families in the areas of education, health and well-being, financial literacy, equal and civil rights and immigration reform.

The Eagle Battalion is proud to have one of the largest Army ROTC Nursing programs in the nation. Georgia Southern's School of Nursing is consistently ranked among the top in the country. The strong relationship between these elite programs has ensured that our nurse cadets receive top quality education and experience while being held to high academic and ethical standards, preparing them to become both Army officers and leaders in the field of medicine.

Georgia Southern University established its first permanent scientific field station known as the Effingham Wetlands. The property of about 1,400 acres, is located in Effingham and Chatham counties.

The Betty Foy Sanders Georgia Artists Collection, one of Georgia Southern University's largest permanent collections, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The collection was established in 1967 by former Georgia first lady Betty Foy Sanders, a Statesboro native.

Georgia Southern University has been named a top four-year university on the Phi Theta Kappa's *Transfer Honor Roll* for creating pathways to support transfer students. It was recognized on a list of only 112 colleges and universities in the U.S.

Georgia Southern University received an honorable mention designation for the most recent Climate Leadership Awards from Second Nature and the U.S. Green Building Council. The Climate Leadership Awards recognize advanced leadership in sustainability, climate change mitigation and resilience at college and

university campuses. The honorable mention designation is the second highest an institution can receive. The finalists included only nine four-year institutions, among them, Furman University, Duke University, two Ivy League schools and three universities from California, all widely known and supported for their commitment to sustainability. Second Nature is a national nonprofit that works to accelerate climate action in, and through, higher education.

Georgia Southern's online programs are consistently high in national rankings including the top 10 online universities. Other top online rankings include number one in best online master's in Educational Leadership, master's in Computer Science and online BSN degrees. Also ranking second in online master's in Early Childhood Education, doctorate of Nursing Practice,

in Exercise Science, Sports Management and master's degree in Kinesiology.

Georgia Southern University's accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) through the year 2025. The reaffirmation demonstrates the University's commitment to the highest educational standards.

According to a University System of Georgia report, Georgia Southern University has an annual economic impact of just more than \$1 billion on the region it serves. The report says Georgia Southern is a significant part of the USG's \$16.8 billion economic impact on the state of Georgia. The report said 11,535 jobs can be tied to Georgia Southern, contributing to an annual economic impact measured at \$1.02 billion.

### ABOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Georgia Southern University is the state's largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta. With 141 degree programs at the associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern has been designated a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 university and serves nearly 26,500 students from all 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico as well as 102 nations.

With three vibrant campuses — the Statesboro Campus, the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville — Georgia Southern offers an attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery and personal growth. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields.

Emphasizing academic distinction, excellent teaching, research and student success, Georgia Southern offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees through nine colleges: the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing, the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Science and Mathematics, the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the Parker College of Business and the Waters College of Health Professions.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern has grown to three campuses: a 900-acre quintessential college setting in Statesboro, featuring Georgian-style, red-brick historic buildings and modern contemporary buildings set amid pines and oaks and home to more than 20,000 students; a 268-acre arboretum campus just minutes away from

historic downtown Savannah and a short drive from the sunny beaches of Tybee Island with more than 100 programs and some 6,500 students; and a modern, state-of-the-art facility in Hinesville geared for local and military-affiliated students.

Georgia Southern fields 17 NCAA teams with storied programs that have achieved national accolades on and off the field. In addition to six FCS national football championship flags flying at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Georgia Southern teams and individuals regularly compete for conference and national honors. In 2014, Georgia Southern moved to the Football Bowl Subdivision's Sun Belt Conference, claiming the Sun Belt crown in its first season in the Conference. In 2015, the team won the 17th GoDaddy Bowl in its first season of bowl eligibility, and recently achieved its second bowl victory at the 2018 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl. The University's athletics teams include football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, volleyball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, cross country, swimming and diving, softball, men's and women's soccer and women's rifle.

The University also has an active alumni program serving 120,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include: Otis S. Johnson, Ph.D., a two-time mayor of Savannah (Armstrong); country music star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, executive director of the United States Golf Association; Stratton Leopold, Hollywood producer and local entrepreneur (Armstrong); Hala Moddlemog, president of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and Dan Cathy, chairman, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A.

For more information, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu.



### THE SEAL

The Georgia Southern University seal symbolizes the University and its history. The seal depicts the Marvin Pittman Administration Building, which was built in 1907 and anchors Sweetheart Circle, the iconic lawn of picturesque live oaks, magnolias and pecan trees that are indicative of southeastern and coastal Georgia. The Circle's main entrance is featured as a brick-walled gateway, with each side topped by a lamp of knowledge. Three stars symbolize the legacy and traditions of all three campuses that comprise the University and their rich histories — the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, the Liberty Campus in Hinesville and the Statesboro Campus. The year, 1906, indicates the founding date of Georgia Southern University as the First District Agricultural & Mechanical School in Statesboro.

### **FREEDOM**

#### Did You Know?

The bald eagle is found only in North America.

The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.

Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.

The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term "balled," meaning "shining white." The adult bald eagle's head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name "balled eagle," meaning "white eagle."

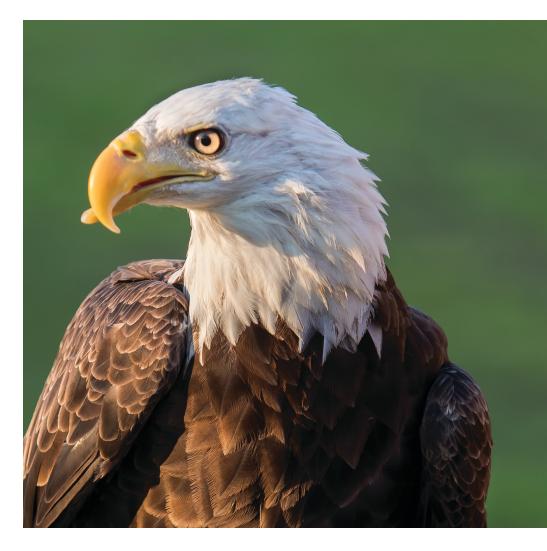
The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.

Eagles are mature at five years of age.

Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).

Forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of the birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.

In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 177 known nesting pairs throughout the state.



Freedom is a non-releasable American Bald Eagle permitted to Georgia Southern University's Center for Wildlife Education & Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center

Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American Bald Eagle mascot. Freedom's appearance during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a "brown ball of fuzz," it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern's campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife

### **ACADEMIC COLORS**

#### JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Light Blue Doctor of Education Apricot Doctor of Nursing Practice Royal Blue Doctor of Philosophy Teal Doctor of Physical Therapy Citron Doctor of Psychology Salmon Pink Doctor of Public Health Light Blue **Education Specialist** Drab Master of Accounting

Master of Arts

White English White History

White Professional Communication Leadership

White Social Science White Spanish

Light Blue Master of Arts in Teaching
Drab Master of Business Administration

Light Blue Master of Education Brown Master of Fine Arts

Kelly Green Master of Health Administration

Pink Master of Music

Peacock Blue Master of Public Administration

Salmon Pink Master of Public Health

Master of Science

Copper Applied Economics
Science Gold Applied Geography

Science Gold Biology

Sage Green Communication Sciences and Disorders

Science Gold Computer Science
Science Gold Criminal Justice
Sage Green Kinesiology
Science Gold Mathematics
Citron Psychology
Sage Green Sport Management

Orange Master of Science in Applied Engineering
Gold Master of Science in Applied Physical Sciences
Orange Master of Science in Civil Engineering
Orange Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
Science Gold Master of Science in Information Technology
Orange Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Apricot Master of Science in Nursing
Sage Green Master of Science in Sports Medicine

# ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Gold Bachelor of Information Technology

Bachelor of Science

Science Gold Computer Science

Orange Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Orange Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Orange Bachelor of Science in Construction

Orange Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering
Orange Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Science Gold Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Orange Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering
Orange Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

#### College of Arts and Humanities

Black Associate of Arts
Black Associate of Science

Bachelor of Arts

Brown Art White English White History

White Modern Languages

Pink Music
Dark Blue Philosophy
Brown Theatre

White Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

White Writing
Brown Bachelor of Fine Arts

Gold & White Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Pink Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Science

Light Blue Art Education

Silver Communication Studies
Crimson Multimedia Journalism

Crimson Multimedia Film and Production

Crimson Public Relations

#### COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Science Gold Anthropology
Aquamarine International Studies
Science Gold Law and Society
Dark Blue Political Science
Citron Psychology

Bachelor of Science

Maroon Child and Family Development Science Gold Criminal Justice and Criminology

Maroon Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design

Maroon Interior Design
Aquamarine International Trade
Citron Psychology
Sage Green Recreation
White Sociology



#### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Light Blue Bachelor of Science in Education

#### College of Science and Mathematics

Bachelor of Arts

Science Gold Biology
Science Gold Chemistry
Science Gold Geography
Science Gold Geology

Science Gold Physics and Astronomy

Bachelor of Science

Science Gold Biology
Science Gold Biochemistry
Science Gold Chemistry
Science Gold Geography
Science Gold Geology

Science Gold Mathematical Sciences

Science Gold Physics

#### JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Sage Green Bachelor of Science in Public Health

#### Parker College of Business

Bachelor of Arts

Copper Economics

Drab Bachelor of Business Administration
Drab Bachelor of Science in Business Economics

#### WATERS COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Sage Green Bachelor of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Sage Green Communication Sciences and Disorders

Maroon Nutrition and Food Science
Gold Rehabilitation Sciences
Gold Respiratory Therapy
Sage Green Sport Management

Sage Green Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Sage Green Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Kelly Green Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

# ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

#### GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Undergraduate students, who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

ARMSTRONG AND LIBERTY CAMPUSES GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

3.2-3.49 Cum Laude

3.5-3.79 Magna Cum Laude 3.8-4.0 Summa Cum Laude

# STATESBORO CAMPUS GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

3.5-3.69 Cum Laude

3.7-3.89 Magna Cum Laude 3.9-4.0 Summa Cum Laude

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and on their academic transcripts.

# UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLARS

The University Honors Program offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the Program requires a substantial commitment to community service and experiential learning. The diplomas of graduating University Honors Program Scholars are distinguished by the Honors designation.

NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of candidates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate. Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. After graduation and all final grades are recorded and all degree requirements are complete, honors are re-calculated and will be added to diplomas and transcripts, if honors are achieved.



### THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION



#### MACE

Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the faculty member holding the rank of Professor with the highest seniority of service at Georgia Southern University.

The mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.

The design of the mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern's link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.



#### **REGALIA**

The academic regalia worn by faculty and administration at today's commencement ceremony traces its origin to that worn by faculty and students at medieval European universities. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution. Today's gowns for associate, baccalaureate, master, education specialist and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Associate and bachelor gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The master gowns, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist.

The specialist and doctoral gown is the most elaborate, with a much fuller cut and velvet panels on the sleeves, around the neck, and down the front. These panels may be black or the color that symbolizes the subject field in which the degree was earned.

The hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortar boards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel may be any one of three different colors—black, metallic gold, or the color representative of the major field in which the degree was earned.



#### **DOUBLE EAGLE**

The Double Eagle Society is an incentive program and a joint initiative between the College of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association of Georgia Southern. This initiative was created to recognize our alumni who have earned two (or more) degrees from Georgia Southern: one undergraduate degree and one graduate degree or two graduate degrees.

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



To the Graduates of 2019:

Congratulations to all of you on this special day! All of us at Georgia Southern University celebrate this educational milestone with you. Graduating from college is a significant achievement, and whether you are an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral student, you should take enormous pride in what you have accomplished.

By choosing to pursue a degree at Georgia Southern, you've not only chosen to build a sure academic foundation for yourself, you've also decided to pursue the real-world, first-hand experiences that will set you apart from your peers. Many of you have engaged in significant research projects, taking your theoretical learning and using it to solve problems here and now. Some of you have traveled to other countries, where you've been introduced to new cultures and languages and ideas. And some of you have immersed yourself in campus life, service and leadership, where you've learned more about yourself and others than any classroom could provide.

With all this experience, my hope is that you will leave here and have a significant impact on our region and our state. Your professors and instructors and advisors have invested their knowledge, time and expertise into your lives and have pushed you to realize your potential. For many of you, your family has encouraged and supported you as you carried hefty course loads, navigated financial challenges, sacrificed sleep and learned what it means to be an adult. All of us look forward to a bright future for each of you as you pursue your dreams and as you represent Georgia Southern in the world.

As you prepare to leave our University, we welcome all of you as the newest members of our alumni. Eagle Nation is strong, and takes pride in our traditions, our values and the quality of our graduates. You have joined the ranks of great leaders in Georgia and around the world who represent the best of Georgia Southern.

We are so proud of you. Best wishes to you all.

Kyle Marrero,

President, Georgia Southern University

# UNIVERSITY-WIDE CEREMONY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

#### THE PLATFORM PARTY

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**DAYMOND JOHN** has come a long way from turning a \$40 budget into FUBU, a \$6 billion fashion game-changer. Throughout his career, Daymond has continued to be an entrepreneur in every sense of the word. He is not only a pioneer in the fashion industry but a Shark on ABC's "Shark Tank", a multiple *New York Times* best-selling author, branding guru and highly sought after motivational speaker. In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed Daymond a Presidential Ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship, a position focused on promoting the power and importance of entrepreneurship on a global scale.

With years of experience as both a successful entrepreneur and mentor, Daymond landed a costarring role on ABC's business show, "Shark Tank". Throughout his 10 seasons on the show, Daymond has given countless aspiring entrepreneurs the opportunity to work alongside

him and his team, showing them the ins and outs of what they need to take their business to the next level. As "The People's Shark", Daymond has made an impact on the hopeful entrepreneurs vying for an investment in the Tank, as well as the millions of weekly viewers sitting at home, through his relatable story and journey to success that continues to both motivate and inspire. As the most watched program on Sunday nights, "Shark Tank" has maintained an impressive average weekly viewership of over 8 million and has won four Emmy Awards. "Shark Tank" is also syndicated on CNBC, and continues to be the channel's top-rated show.

As a motivational speaker, Daymond's quintessential rags-to-riches success story of sacrifice, hard work, and perseverance as well as the unique and charismatic way he communicates it, will inspire any audience.



\*PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance (Military March No. 1, Op.39) by Edward Elgar

Performed by: Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble Conducted by: ROBERT DUNHAM, DMA, Professor of Music, Director

MACEBEARER OLAVI ARENS, Ph.D., Professor, History

\*NATIONAL ANTHEM CASSIE WARTHEN, Graduating Senior, Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT PROVOST REIBER

**WELCOME** PRESIDENT MARRERO

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER PRESIDENT MARRERO

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#### Doctor of Education Curriculum Studies

Alan Edward Bowers
B.A., Georgia Southern
University, 2001
M.A., Georgia College & State
University, 2004
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A Critique of Disney's EPCOT and
Creating a Futrist Curriculum
Major Professor: Daniel E.
Chapman, Ph.D.

#### Doctor of Education Curriculum Studies

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B.S.Ed., King Abdulaziz
University, 2008
M.A., Sanaa University, 2013
Dissertation: Identities of Arab
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Children's Experience of the
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#### Doctor of Education Curriculum Studies

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Dissertation: The Rose Who Grew
from Concrete: Utilizing Memoir to
Promote Teaching and Leading for
Equity in Education for Black Girls
Major Professor: Kymberly
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#### Doctor of Education Curriculum Studies

Heather W. Holley
B.A., University of Georgia, 1984
M.Ed., Troy State University Troy, 2004
Ed.S., Augusta University, 2009
Dissertation: Letters from a Gifted
Educator in Georgia
Major Professor: Robert
Lake, Ed.D.

#### Doctor of Education Curriculum Studies

Marion Christopher Pugh
B.S., Georgia Southern
University, 2006
M.Ed., Georgia Southern
University, 2008
Dissertation: Humanity in The
Black: Applying Counter-Racist
Logic with Comedy and Hip Hop
Major Professor: John A.
Weaver, Ph.D.

#### Doctor of Education Curriculum Studies

Carey Anne Aycock Cushman B.S.Ed., Augusta University, 2004 M.Ed., Augusta University, 2006 Ed.S., Augusta University, 2007 Dissertation: Beginning Teachers' Perceptions of Induction Programs in East Central Georgia Major Professor: Meca Williams-Johnson, Ph.D.

### Doctor of Education Educational Leadership

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B.S., Asbury College, 2004
M.A., Asbury Theological
Seminary, 2006
Dissertation: Leadership Behavior
Development of First-Year
Students Within a Leadership
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Major Professor: Juliann
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Major Professor: Teri Denlea
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Dissertation: Emotional Intelligence
Instruction for Millennials in
Undergraduate Education
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Dissertation: A Multicultural
Center's Role in Black Male
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Dissertation: Predictors of
Community College Students'
Academic Success in the
Corequisite Model
Major Professor: Steven
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Tracy Heather Batchelor

Stacie Renee Bagley

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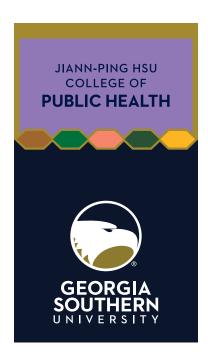
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Health is a human right. The public health community exists to safeguard that right. I believe it is a defining element of a civil society. Public health represents the collective actions necessary to protect the health of all people. Through prevention science and practice we can accomplish this goal. As a public health professional, guided by these principles, I declare the following:

I will work to ensure that people have the chance to live full and productive lives, free from avoidable disease, injury and disability and supported in their pursuit of physical, mental and social well-being.

I will hold myself to the highest ethics, standards, values and responsibilities as I move forward the science and practice of public health.

I will respect the rights, values, beliefs and cultures of those individuals and communities with whom I work.

I will rely on evidence to support my decisions and actions, and translate that evidence into policies and programs that improve health for all.

I will add to the body of research and knowledge and share my discoveries freely.

I will continuously seek new information and be open to ideas that can better protect and promote the health of populations.

I will advance health literacy for all and seek equity and justice for vulnerable populations.

With this oath, I commit to the ideals and mission of public health.

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Processing, Associated Biomarker
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#### Doctor of Public Health Community Health Behavior and Education

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Dissertation: Building Intentions
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#### Doctor of Public Health Community Health Behavior and Education

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B.S., Mississippi State
University, 2012
MPH, Morehouse School of
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Dissertation: Factors Influencing the
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#### Doctor of Public Health Public Health Leadership

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#### Doctor of Public Health Public Health Leadership

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College, 2009
Dissertation: Examining Factors
Associated with Minority Turnover
in State and Local Public Health
Organizations
Major Professor: Bettye A.

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B.S., Macon State College, 1999
MPH, Mercer University, 2003
Dissertation: Factors Associated with
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Channel Use by Local Health
Departments

Major Professor: Gulzar Hussain Shah, Ph.D.

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B.S., University of Florida, 2006
MPH, University of Florida, 2008
Dissertation: Public Health
Workforce Knowledge and
Perceptions of Vaccinations and
Employee Vaccination Policies in
Georgia Health Districts
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#### Doctor of Public Health Public Health Leadership

Justin O. Savage
B.S., Paine College, 2014
MPH, Mercer University, 2016
Dissertation: Assessing Predictors of
Low Birthweight among the Racial
and Ethnic Minority Populations
of Georgia
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Shah, Ph.D.

#### Doctor of Public Health Public Health Leadership

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B.S., University of California, 2010 MPH, Fort Valley State University, 2014 Dissertation: Let Me Upgrade You: Common Measures in Public Health Accreditation Action Plans Major Professor: James H. Stephens, DHA

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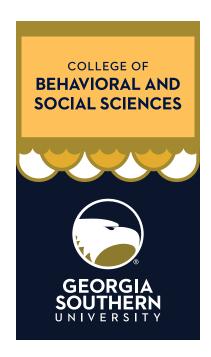
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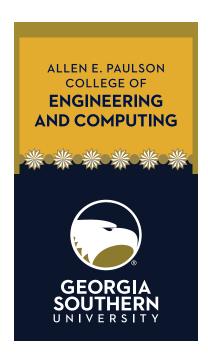
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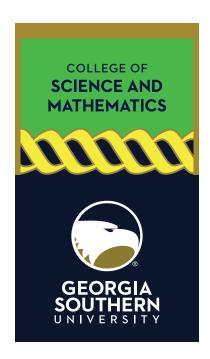
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Megan Noelle Allen
Chyna Latrice Anderson
Caila M. Arahood
Kaitlin Victoria Austin
Lauren Victoria Austin
Brooke Evelyn Bahorich
Andrew Dillon Ballard +

Peyton Chanél Barnett Brooke Maureen Barr Chase Alexander Barron Logan McKenzie Beever Ruben Emilio Benitez Saenz Blaire Anna Berto † Zaquez Tyre Blankumsee Justin Cameron Bowles Carmon Alexis Brady Bryson Lee Brantley Matthew Daniel Bridges Briana Nicole Brown Emalee Elise Brown + Katherine Elise Brown Ozzie Suvon Bunbury Samantha Leigh Case Chabely Castillo Mikayla A. Chess + Cyrena Latoya Chin Justin Joseph Clark + Brantley Nicole Collins Amy Elizabeth Connell Dakota Arenal Conner Hannah Gray Croft Brett Littleton Daniel ‡ Kayla Leigh Davis Chaelesse Savanna Delpleche Elias Ricardo Delvasto + Harry Gerald Dukes, Jr. Kristen Nichelle Edwards + Bryanna-Nicole Christine Evans † Julia Marie Fechter Ashley Breanna Fenstermaker † Anniston Daile Fields Kirsten M. Floyd Preston Daniel Folsom Lindsey Amanda Forrester Anne Marie Fuller Holden Patrick Galatas Jackson Taylor Gordy Emma Alexandra Green + Gunther James Read Griffin † Jake Everett Grinter Elizabeth Hana Gross + Alyssa Michelle Gunnells Aliyah Michelle Gunter McKenzie Morgan Hamby + Megan Marie Hammett Madison Chance Harbour ‡ Nakia Chanel Hardison Kyle Trevor Haynes Olivia Rose Herzog Amanda Rose Hicks Taylor Brooke Higginbotham Tucker Lee Hill Tinia Marlena Holmes Michael Regonald Houston Chasity Chantel Johnson Charles Hance Joiner † Ashley Morgan Jones Keshauna Ruby Jones Kyle Alexander Keene Ellen V. Kennedy Blake William Kessler Kennedy Jane Kirtland + Mary Carolyn Kochetta Justin Douglas Kuhn Peyton Elise Lassig Miguel Austin Legoas

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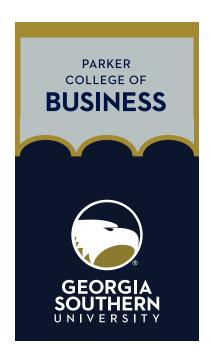
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Performed by: Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble Conducted by: ROBERT DUNHAM, DMA, Professor of Music, Director

\*NATIONAL ANTHEM VANCE JONES, Graduating Senior, Bachelor of Music,

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<sup>\*\*</sup> AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE PLATFORM PARTY, FACULTY AND CANDIDATES HAVE EXITED THE FIELDHOUSE. We would like to thank the Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today's ceremony.

#### **Doctor of Philosophy** Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Nihar Nitin Kumthekar B.E., Sardar Patel University, 2007 MBA, S P Jain Center of Management, 2011 Dissertation: Operational Optimality and Firm Performance Major Professor: Alan W. Mackelprang, Ph.D.

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### EMERITUS FACULTY

President Marrero has recommended to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that the following Deans, faculty and staff member be granted emeritus status upon retirement:

**DR. DAVID C. ALLEY, Professor of Spanish, who is retiring June** 30, 2019. Dr. Alley received his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Macalester College (1975) and his Master of Education (1981) in Foreign Language Education and his Doctorate of Education (1988) in Language Education from the University of Georgia. He has been teaching at Georgia Southern University since 1988 as Professor of Spanish and Program Director for the Master of Arts in Spanish. Dr. Alley's primary areas of research have been second language acquisition and Hispanic culture. Dr. Alley has published articles in Foreign Language Annals, Hispania, Afro-Hispanic Review, Southeastern Latin Americanist, and Dimension. He has presented over 100 papers at international, national, regional and state conferences. Over 250 students have graduated from the foreign language education program at Georgia Southern University under his direction, and most have gone on to successful careers as Spanish, French and German teachers. Dr. Alley directed study abroad programs to Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain, the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Argentina. He was a Fulbright Research Scholar in Honduras in 1992. Over the course of his career he received over \$28,000 in grants. Dr. Alley has been recognized as Professor of the Year by the Foreign Language Association of Georgia and the Southern Conference on Language Teaching. In 2006 he received the Ruffin Cup, the highest award of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Georgia Southern. In 2007 he received the Founders' Award from the Southern Conference on Language Teaching, a Special Commendation from the Georgia State Board of Education and the Nelson Brooks Award for the Teaching of Culture from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. For his many distinguished contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. David C. Alley has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Spanish.

MR. DONALD L. BERECZ, Senior Lecturer of Accounting, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Mr. Berecz earned both his Bachelor of Business Administration (1978) and Master of Business Administration (1981) degrees from Western Illinois University. He joined the faculty of Georgia Southern University in 2007 as the director of the Center for Forensic Studies in Accounting and Business. Prior to his arrival, Mr. Berecz served 23 years as a special agent with the FBI. He was agencycertified as a financial investigator, police instructor, and polygraph examiner. During his career, he was assigned to the Seattle, Illinois, and Washington, D.C., field offices where he was responsible for a wide variety of criminal investigations and participated in undercover operations, foreign counterintelligence matters, and recruiting for the FBI. As Senior Lecturer, he developed popular courses in fraud examination, forensic accounting, and interviewing and interrogations. Mr. Berecz is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and a Certified Forensic Interviewer (CFI). He is a licensed and practicing polygraph examiner and is active in numerous professional organizations, including the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the American Association of Police Polygraphists, and the International Association of Interviewers. For his many contributions to the school, college, University and profession, Mr. Donald L. Berecz is awarded the title of Senior Lecturer Emeritus of Accounting.

**DR. LINDA A. CIONITTI,** Professor of Music, who is retiring May 31, 2019, after 30 years of service to Georgia Southern University. Dr. Cionitti earned her B.M. (Music Education, 1982) from the

Crane School of Music, SUNY-Potsdam. She earned her M.M. (1984) and DMA (1989) from Michigan State University, where she was a student of renowned clarinetist Elsa Ludewig-Verdehr. Having joined the faculty in 1989 as assistant professor, she was tenured and promoted to associate professor in 1996 and to professor in 2002. Throughout her career, she has been an active international performer and recording artist. A Leblanc Artist, her 2009 CD, Jag & Jersey, featured premiers of works by Libby Larsen and James David. In the 2013-2014 academic year, Dr. Cionitti served the Department of Music as Interim Chair. In recognition for her outstanding performance in teaching, research, and service, Dr. Cionitti was awarded the Ruffin Cup by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. For all of her distinguished contributions to the department, college and University, Dr. Linda A. Cionitti has earned the title of Professor Emerita of Music.

MS. LINDA R. COLLINS, Assistant Professor of Spanish, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Ms. Collins earned her B.A. (Spanish, 1973) from Southern University and A&M College and her M.A. (Spanish, 1975) from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She pursued doctoral studies at the University of Kentucky. Prior to joining the faculty at Georgia Southern, Ms. Collins worked as a Foreign Languages Laboratory Director and Instructor of Spanish for 13 years at Southern University and A&M College. Ms. Collins joined the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1990. At the time of her retirement, she will have provided 29 years of dedicated teaching, college and university service to Georgia Southern University. During her tenure at Georgia Southern, Ms. Collins taught numerous sections of undergraduate elementary and intermediate Spanish classes and developed new upper-division courses on Afro Caribbean and Afro Latino cultures. Ms. Collins has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to student learning by maintaining a positive and lively attitude towards her students and by working one-onone with all students who needed help and advice on class work and future career advice. Her passion for teaching has inspired and encouraged numerous students to elect majors and minors in Spanish and to become future teachers of Spanish. Ms. Collins is a relentless ambassador for study abroad programs to improve students' language proficiency and to have first hand experiences with other cultures, raising cultural awareness and making global connections. For her efforts, she was recognized as Outstanding Student Mentor in 2010 by the Georgia Southern Circle of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society. In addition to her teaching, she has presented, organized and chaired scholarly papers at conferences and served on or chaired numerous committees at all levels of the University. For her many contributions to the department, college and University, Ms. Collins has earned the title of Assistant Professor Emerita of Spanish.

**DR. DAVID LEWIS DUDLEY,** Professor of Literature, who is retiring June 30, 2019. Dr. Dudley received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Greek from Duke University in 1970. He attended Lutheran Seminary, earning his Master of Divinity in 1975. In 1984, Dr. Dudley received his Master of Arts degree in English from the University of West Florida, and earned his Ph.D. in 1988 from Louisiana State University and A&M College. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1989, Dr. Dudley has found

enormous satisfaction in the classroom, sharing with a generation of students his love of literature and its power to express essential truths about our human condition. His affection and respect for his students remains undiminished. He will miss them terribly, as he will his colleagues, who have been ever supportive, encouraging and inspiring. Also unchanging is Dr. Dudley's faith in Georgia Southern University, an institution that is, like all great schools, a miraculous gift that a people give to themselves and to their descendants. During his tenure at Georgia Southern, Dr. Dudley served as Chair of the Department of Literature and Philosophy for several years. He published three novels for Clarion Books, including the awardwinning The Bicycle Man. But the accomplishment of which he's most proud, besides the ways he was privileged to touch minds and hearts in the classroom, is the statement of purpose and values he composed for the University: "We Are the Eagle Nation." Its final sentences are these: "We soar, facing the challenges of each new day with hope and determination. Our legacy will be a better world for those who follow in the path of our flight. This is Georgia Southern University, and we are the Eagle Nation." For these and numerous other contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. David L. Dudley has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Literature.

DR. LESLIE B. FLETCHER, Professor of Accounting, who retired December 31, 2018. Dr. Fletcher earned her Bachelor of Arts degree (1973) from Duke University. She received her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 1993. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1993 as an assistant professor, she was promoted to associate professor in 1999 and full professor in 2005. During her career, Dr. Fletcher received numerous awards and honors, especially for her extensive service work. She is most proud of being named the College of Business Professor of the Year. Her research emphases were business cases that focused on accounting problems and pedagogical issues in accounting. Her scholarship includes 27 journal articles and other publications. A highly requested professor, Dr. Fletcher's teaching niches were classes in accounting for non-business majors that frequently had standing room only and writing-intensive classes for accounting students. Dr. Fletcher enjoyed her reputation as the "Writing Enforcer." It was no more apt a description of her than in her International Accounting classes—a course she designed and taught for many years. For these and many other contributions to the school, college, University and profession, Dr. Leslie B. Fletcher has earned the title of Professor Emerita of Accounting.

DR. ELLEN HENDRIX, Assistant Professor of English, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Dr. Hendrix earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Georgia Southern College in 1986. She received her Master of Arts, also from Georgia Southern University, in 1990. In 2009, she completed her doctoral studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, earning her Doctorate of Philosophy degree. Dr. Hendrix has taught at Georgia Southern University since 1993. She was hired as an instructor in the former Department of English, and she later earned the title of assistant professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics. Dr. Hendrix's teaching responsibilities have revolved around First Year Writing, with additional teaching of English as Second Language classes, teaching a course on linguistics and revision, and tutoring at the Writing Center. As Georgia Southern grew its online course offerings, she expanded her skills into online teaching and course development. Dr. Hendrix's service includes work as an assistant to the chair of Writing and Linguistics, serving as the University's coordinator of general education, and serving in the office of the former College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. She has also been active in the National Writing Project and its local chapter, the Georgia Southern

Writing Project, which provide training and professional development to teachers of language arts in secondary schools. Dr. Hendrix has authored or co-authored a number of articles, chapters and book reviews for audiences involved in the teaching of language arts and writing. She has given dozens of presentations to local, regional and national audiences. For these and many other contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Ellen Hendrix merits the title of Assistant Professor Emerita of English.

DR. THOMAS R. KOBALLA JR., Dean of the College of Education and Professor, who is retiring June 30, 2019. Dr. Koballa received his Bachelor of Science (1976) and his Master of Arts in Education (1978) degrees from East Carolina University. He earned his Doctorate of Philosophy from Pennsylvania State University (1981). For 28 years prior to coming to Georgia Southern University, he held faculty and administrative positions at the University of Georgia and the University of Texas at Austin. As a teacher-scholar, Dr. Koballa positioned his research to inform his teaching and his teaching to inform his research. Over the years, he taught courses in science education, biology and general education. In addition, he mentored undergraduate and graduate students and directed theses and dissertations at the University of Georgia and the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Koballa was recognized for his university teaching and mentoring accomplishments by the Association for Science Teacher Education, the Georgia Science Teachers Association, and the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education. The research he conducted early in his career examined science educators' attitudes and was informed by social psychological theories. More recently, his research has involved greater collaboration with P-12 school and community partners and university faculty in a host of STEM disciplines. It has expanded to include investigations of educator mentoring, examinations of the influence of case-based pedagogy, and studies of conference participation on the thinking and practice of STEM educators. Dr. Koballa's work has been published in refereed journals, including the Journal of Research in Science Teaching, the International Journal of Science Education and the Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences. He has authored and edited books and textbooks, and published chapters in multiple books, including the Handbook of College Science Teaching and the Second International Handbook of Science Education. Dr. Koballa received external funding from the National Science Foundation, the Janet H. and C. Harry Knowles Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education, among others. In addition, he was elected and served as president of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching and president of Southeastern Association for Science Teacher Education by fellow researchers. For these and many other distinguished accomplishments too numerous to mention here, Dr. Thomas R. Koballa, Jr. deserves the title of Dean and Professor Emeritus.

DR. CAROLE MASSEY, Associate Professor of Nursing, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Dr. Massey earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1970) and Master of Science in Nursing (1977) degrees from the Medical College of Georgia in 1970. She received her Doctorate of Education (1989) in Curriculum and Supervision from the University of Georgia. Dr. Massey began her career in medical-surgical nursing at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, before returning to Savannah, Georgia, and working at the St. Joseph's Candler Health System, St. Joseph's campus. She began her teaching career at Armstrong State College in 1974, rising to the rank of associate professor. During her 45 years in nursing education, she taught a number of courses and coordinated the medical-surgical course, her clinical area of expertise. She has had a number of leadership positions including acting department head

and coordinator of the undergraduate nursing program. She was instrumental in developing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Armstrong and has participated in a number of curricula revisions. She has a number of publications and presentations in the areas of medical-surgical nursing, nursing curricula and student success. For these and other contributions to the school, college, University and profession, Dr. Carole Massey is awarded the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing.

DR. W. BEDE MITCHELL, Professor and Dean of the Georgia Southern University Libraries, who is retiring July 1, 2019. Dr. Mitchell holds degrees from the University of Michigan (B.A., Philosophy, and MLS, Library Science), and Montana State University (Ed.D., Higher Education). Dr. Mitchell has served more than 19 years at Georgia Southern, concluding a career of 41½ years as an academic librarian. Prior to coming to Georgia Southern, Dr. Mitchell worked as a library faculty member and administrator at Appalachian State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Montana State University. As Dean of Libraries, Dr. Mitchell presided over the expansion and renovation of Henderson Library from 2004 through 2008, and the consolidation of Henderson Library in Statesboro and the Lane Library at Armstrong into the Georgia Southern University Libraries in January 2018. Under his leadership, the Libraries established the Digital Commons@Georgia Southern open access digital repository of faculty and student scholarship and earned the 2004 U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information Recognition Award for Georgia (in partnership with the Statesboro Regional Library and the Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center). Dr. Mitchell chaired nine search committees for Georgia Southern vice presidents, deans and directors, as well as the 2001 Information Technology Plan Task Force, the 2003 TEACH Act Task Force, the University Convocation Committee and the 2013-15 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaffirmation Compliance Subcommittee on Library and Learning Resources. He has also been very active professionally at the regional and national levels—chairing or serving on more than three dozen American Library Association committees, task forces and boards; serving as President of the Library Leadership and Management Association; chairing Georgia Library Association's Academic Library Division; chairing the University System of Georgia Regents Academic Committee on Libraries twice; editing The Journal of Access Services; reviewing for the journal College & Research Libraries, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services; co-editing a monograph on access services and authoring dozens of journal articles, conference presentations and book reviews regarding collection management, librarian faculty status, and library administration; serving on five visiting teams for American Council on Education's Military Installation Voluntary Education Review program and nine reaffirmation review teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and co-founding and co-chairing the annual Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. For these and other distinguished contributions to the Libraries, the University and the profession, Dr. W. Bede Mitchell has earned the title of Professor and Dean Emeritus of Libraries.

**DR. JAYNE PERKINS-BROWN,** Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (SAEM) and Director of Strategic Research and Analysis, who retired September 30, 2017. Dr. Perkins-Brown received her Bachelor of Science (1976) degree from Mississippi University for Women. She earned her Master of Education (1980) from Mississippi State University and her Ph.D.

(1999) from the University of Southern Mississippi. At the time of her retirement, Dr. Perkins-Brown served for 16 years at Georgia Southern University. During her tenure at Georgia Southern, she served on the leadership team for two successful SACSCOC reaffirmations for the University. Additionally, she served on various teams seeking to improve efficiencies and technological advancements as well as provide leadership and support for enrollment management, strategic planning and institutional effectiveness strategies; these included the President's Task Force on Program Review, Strategic Planning Council, Enrollment Management Council, Complete College Georgia (CCG) Campus Team, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Directors, Blackboard Analytics Core Team, DegreeWorks Steering Committee, USG-CCG Campus Steering Team, Institutional Effectiveness Program Review Committee and Technology Advisory Steering Committee. She served as the project lead migrating from SSNs to Eagle IDs as University IDs. Dr. Perkins-Brown also represented the University in various University System of Georgia key projects, including the USG Space Utilization Study Team; USG Metrics Working Group; Complete College Georgia, 2015; USG Data Element Dictionary (DED) Standardization Project; USG Enrollment Management Symposium; USG Data Analysis - Subject Matter Expert (SME) Team; and USG Retention and Graduation Team. For these and other contributions, Dr. Jayne Perkins-Brown earned the title of Senior Associate Vice President and Director Emerita.

**DR. DAN REA,** Professor of Educational Psychology, who will retire on July 31, 2019. Dr. Rea received his Bachelor of Arts (1969) from the University of Missouri and his Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Mathematics (1974) from Howard University. He earned a Doctorate of Education in Educational Psychology (1983) from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1991 as an associate professor, he was promoted to full professor in 2001. At the graduate and undergraduate levels, he has demonstrated a strong commitment toward helping students understand the psychological foundations of education. His teaching record has remained consistently noteworthy over his career as he has worked with students primarily at the master's, specialists, and doctoral levels. Dr. Rea has also continuously served (25 years) as the conference co-chair for the National Youth-At-Risk Conference in Savannah—Georgia Southern's largest and most successful academic conference. He is also the founding editor of the National Youth-At-Risk Journal, which boasts worldwide readership of peer-reviewed research, and the co-editor of the Georgia Southern University Educational Forum, an innovative journal outlet for graduate student work. Dr. Rea has been recognized for his many accomplishments with awards that include the 2011 College of Education's Jack Miller Service Award, the 2009 University Faculty "Unsung Hero" Award (for mentoring and advising students) and the 2009 University Essence Multicultural Diversity Award (for actively promoting educational awareness of international cultures and world religions). At the professional level, he has served as a national officer in the American Educational Research Association's Chaos & Complexity special interest group and Holistic Education special interest group. In the area of scholarship, Dr. Rea has published peer reviewed and editorial articles and edited books and chapters. Generally, his scholarly work has focused on fostering the wellbeing of youth placed at risk, motivating student underachievers, and transforming schools into peaceful learning communities. In the area of instructional contributions and teaching, Dr. Rea has been a chairperson and/or member of many successful Curriculum Studies dissertation committees, actively provided in-service workshops for public school teachers and parents, developed and

maintained the college's website, "Closing the Achievement Gap for Educators," and is currently developing a College of Education certificate for "Educating Students in Poverty." Overall, Dr. Rea has made significant contributions, throughout his nearly three decades long Georgia Southern career, that have resulted in lasting impact on the regional community and important national visibility and recognition to the institution. For these and other contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Dan Rea has achieved the title of Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology.

DR. FREDRICK J. RICH, Professor of Geology, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Dr. Rich received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin (1973) and earned his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University (1979). Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern University in the fall of 1988, he served as a professor of Geology for 31 years. Dr. Rich also served as the chair of the Department of Geology and Geography from 1988 to 1998 and was the recipient of the Georgia Southern University Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Scholarly Activity in 2001. Prior to coming to Georgia Southern, Dr. Rich was an associate professor of Geology and Geological Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology from 1979 to 1988. Throughout his 40-year career as a geologist, Dr. Rich generated over \$1.8 million in research and instructional funding and published 43 peer-reviewed papers, 14 book chapters, 21 field guides, 6 technical reports, and 91 abstracts. For his many contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Fredrick J. Rich has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Geology.

**DR. DAVID C. ROSTAL, Professor of Biology, who is retiring** on May 31, 2019, after 26 years of service to Georgia Southern University. Dr. Rostal earned his B.S. from Pacific University in 1980, a M.S. from Portland State University in 1986 and a Ph.D. from Texas A & M University in 1991. He conducted postdoctoral research at the Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species associated with the San Diego Zoo from 1991 to 1993. Dr. Rostal joined the faculty of Georgia Southern as an assistant professor in 1993, was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and to full professor in 2004. During Dr. Rostal's tenure at Georgia Southern, he taught 12 different courses, mentored 50 undergraduate researchers in his laboratory, and served as major professor to 21 graduate students. His research at Georgia Southern focused on the reproductive physiology and life history of animals, but particularly turtles and other reptiles. Internationally known for his research on the reproductive physiology of sea turtles and tortoises, he has studied all seven species of sea turtles. A prolific author, Dr. Rostal has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, one book, 18 technical reports, and over 140 research presentations and invited seminars, and received over \$750,000 in external and internal funding in support of his research. In recognition of his scholarly contributions, Dr. Rostal was awarded the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology Award for Excellence in Research (2003) the Georgia Southern University Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2003), and the College of Science and Technology Tenured Faculty Member of the Year (2010). Dr. Rostal was active in service at departmental, college and university levels. For these meritorious accomplishments and others not enumerated here, Dr. David Rostal deserves the title of Professor Emeritus of Biology.

**DR. WILLIAM A. SCHMID,** Associate Professor of Music, who is retiring May 31, 2019, after 33 years of service to Georgia Southern University. Dr. Schmid earned his B.M. (Music Education, 1979) from the University of Dayton. He earned his M.M. (Music Education, 1981) from North Texas State University and DMA

(Trumpet Performance, 1991) from the University of North Texas. He joined the faculty in 1986 as assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1997. Dr. Schmid directed the Georgia Southern Jazz Ensemble for 25 years and played with noteworthy jazz artists such as Louis Bellson, David Liebman, Clark Terry, Jimmy Heath, Joey DeFrancesco and Dianne Schurr. He has also been an active composer and arranger, with over 40 commercial publications to his credit. For his devotion to the institution and his many professional accomplishments, Dr. William A. Schmid has earned the title Professor Emeritus of Music.

**DR. ANASTATIA SIMS, Professor of History, who is retiring June** 30, 2019. Dr. Sims received her Bachelor of Arts (1974) from the University of Texas at Austin. She earned her Master of Arts in History (1976) and her Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1985). She joined the faculty of the History department at Georgia Southern in 1987. She developed undergraduate and graduate courses in American Women's History, Recent American History, and Biography. She was among the first members of the History department to teach large sections of the American History Survey course, and she continued to teach large sections every term for more than 20 years. She directed several M.A. theses; in 2016, one of her students won the Averitt Award for Excellence in Graduate Research. In addition, she mentored several undergraduate Honors projects. She participated in the establishment of the Women's and Gender Studies Program and served as the program's interim director in 2002. Dr. Sims has authored one book, co-edited another, and has published articles and book chapters; her article on the woman suffrage movement in Tennessee won the Tennessee Historical Society's Moore Memorial Award. She has delivered numerous conference papers and invited addresses to both academic and general audiences at local, regional and national events, including an invited speech at the 50th national convention of the Girl Scouts. She has received several grants over the course of her career, including a Rockefeller fellowship at the Duke-University of North Carolina Center for Research on Women. She is currently co-investigator on a project jointly sponsored by the National Park Service and the Organization of American Historians. She has served on or chaired too many department, college and university committees to count. She has been an active member of professional organizations and has served on committees and boards, including a nine-year stint on the editorial board of the Georgia Historical Quarterly. For her many contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Anastatia Sims merits the title of Professor Emerita of History.

DR. WILLIAM L. SMITH, Professor of Sociology, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Dr. Smith earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame. He holds the M.A. in Sociology from Marquette University and the B.A. in Sociology and Business from Loras College. Prior to joining the Georgia Southern faculty, he held positions at Carroll College and Loras College, where he served as chair of the department from 1991-1994. Dr. Smith joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Georgia Southern in September 1994. A prolific scholar, Dr. Smith has published two academic research monographs: Irish Priests in the United States: A Vanishing Subculture and Families and Communes: An Examination of Nontraditional Lifestyles. His original research has been published in 54 peer-reviewed journal articles and two book chapters. He has further published one review essay, 24 book reviews, and 12 encyclopedia entries, and delivered over 50 conference presentations. Dr. Smith's research has focused most often on the sociology of religion, with a significant body of work examining religion and ethnic identity

among Irish Americans. In addition, he has turned his attention to the scholarship of teaching and learning, examining a number of contemporary issues on college campuses. Dr. Smith has been a frequent research collaborator with colleagues and, in this way, has served as an important mentor to junior faculty in particular. He has further mentored faculty as a leader of the department's Tenure and Promotion Committee, as well as a member of the college Personnel Review Committee. In addition to his many other service roles, including a term on the editorial board of the American Sociological Association's journal Teaching Sociology, he served for years on the Human Subjects Internal Review Board (IRB). Students will remember him best for his high expectations and rigorous readings in courses like Sociology of Religion, Sociology of the Family, Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Community, and Senior Seminar. He has also served on 11 student thesis committees. For these and many other achievements in teaching, scholarship and service, Dr. Smith was awarded the Ruffin Cup by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences in 2016, and has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Sociology.

DR. JAMES A. (SANDY) STREATER JR., Associate Dean and Professor, who is retiring June 30, 2019. Dr. Streater received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of South Carolina-Columbia (1971). He earned a Master of Education in Health Education (1974) and a Doctorate of Education in Health Education Administration (1987) also from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Before coming to Georgia Southern, Dr. Streater taught Audiology for nearly 10 years at the Medical University of South Carolina. Joining the faculty at Armstrong State College in 1988, Dr. Streater was the only faculty member in the Health Sciences program which now offers five undergraduate and four graduate degrees. He served as chair of the Department of Health Sciences from 1993 to 2014, before becoming the Interim Assistant Dean (2014-2015), and later the Associate Dean (2015-2019) of the Waters College of Health Professions. Dr. Streater has been awarded over \$700,000 in grants and published over 20 articles in addition to serving on dozens of community and professional advisory boards. He was awarded the Brockmeier Award for teaching, the Georgia Public Health Association's Barfield Award for Outstanding Research, was inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society, and was a member of the Alpha Eta Honorary Allied Health Society. For his many contributions to the department, college, University, profession and community, Dr. James A. (Sandy) Streater has earned the title of Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus.

**DR. PATRICIA WACHHOLZ, Professor of Elementary Education,** who is retiring May 31, 2019. Dr. Wachholz earned her Bachelor of Arts (1970) degree from Western Michigan University. She received her Master of Education (1991) degree from the University of North Florida and, in 1995, completed her doctoral studies at University of Memphis, earning her Doctorate of Education degree. Dr. Wachholz was hired as dean and professor of the College of Education at Armstrong State University in 2008, returning to teaching fulltime in 2015. Dr. Wachholz brought a record of educational accomplishments, having authored more than 50 publications and presentations in state, regional, national and international forums, secured over \$4 million in funded grants, and has been recognized for excellence in research regionally and nationally. Her record of service established her place as a leader in local, state and national organizations. She served as co-editor of Connections, the Journal of the Georgia Council of Teachers of English, and was recognized in 2018 by the National Council of Teachers of English with the Affiliate Journal of Excellence Award. For these and many other contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Patricia

Wachholz has earned the title of Professor Emerita of Elementary

**DR. JANICE WALKER,** Professor of English, who is retiring May 31, 2019. Dr. Walker earned her Associate of Science degree from Kennesaw College in 1978. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts (1994), Master of Arts (1996), and Doctorate of Philosophy (1999) degrees from the University of South Florida. At the time of her retirement, Dr. Walker will have taught 20 years at Georgia Southern University. During her tenure, she established herself as a nationally known scholar on computers and writing. She has received multiple awards for scholarship, service and technological innovation. Dr. Walker co-wrote several books, including a textbook on research and writing that went into a third edition, and she wrote or co-wrote dozens of articles and book chapters. Dr. Walker has given several dozen conference presentations, and conferences have been a large part of her service to her discipline. Dr. Walker long supported the Graduate Research Network through the annual Computers and Writing conference. She also started the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy and led its development into the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. Dr. Walker has also distinguished herself in teaching at Georgia Southern. She was an early adopter of online teaching practices, which is reflected in her scholarship. She has taught at least 15 different courses here, working with undergraduate and graduate students. Her name is recognizable to colleagues in rhetoric and writing programs across the United States, and her national reputation has brought recognition to the University. For these and numerous other contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Janice Walker merits the title of Professor Emerita of English.

DR. THERESA M. WELFORD, Associate Professor of English, who is retiring June 30, 2019. Dr. Welford received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Armstrong State College (1979). She earned her Master of Arts in English from the University of Georgia (1981) and received her Doctorate of Philosophy in Literature from the University of Essex (2006). Dr. Welford joined the faculty at Georgia Southern University in 1987 as an instructor in the former Department of English. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1995 and earned promotion to associate professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics in 2007. Dr. Welford's areas of teaching include First Year Writing and creative writing. She has created a number of specific courses in creative writing, including Writing for Young Readers and a course on travel writing in Italy for study abroad. Dr. Welford has been an active writer and scholar as well. She has edited two books, has published dozens of poems, and she currently has multiple works out for review or in the final stages of publication. Dr. Welford has given dozens of conference presentations to a variety of audiences over the years. For these and other contributions to the department, college, University and profession, Dr. Theresa M. Welford has earned the title of Associate Professor Emerita of English.

## PREVIOUS HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS	Doctor of Laws	August 11, 1996
ALLEN E. PAULSON	Doctor of Science	June 14, 1997
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS	Doctor of Humane Letters	December 8, 1997
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE	Doctor of Letters	June 14, 1998
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT	Doctor of Humane Letters	December 19, 1998
WILLIAM FREEMAN	Doctor of Letters	May 8, 1999
EMMA KELLY	Doctor of Fine Arts	May 9, 1999
EUGENE M. BISHOP	Doctor of Letters	May 13, 2000
HALA MODDELMOG	Doctor of Letters	May 5, 2007
LUIS A. AGUILAR	Doctor of Public Service	May 11, 2013

## ALMA MATER



