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Georgia Southern student group wins Outstanding Leadership Program of the Year award

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Southern Leaders work closely with staff advisors and other students to plan and execute service projects and community events throughout the year.

The Southern Leaders Program at Georgia Southern University was named Outstanding Leadership Program of the Year by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' (NASPA) Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community.



Mary Salter

Southern Leaders member Mary Salter said the award symbolizes the direct effect that the program has on the life of the Georgia Southern student body.

Salter has served on the Student Leadership Advisory Council (SLAC) within the Southern Leaders for two years. It has been one of the most impactful experiences she's had on campus.

"Working hands-on with the directors of the program and the other members of SLAC allowed me to grow as a person and achieve things within the program that I never thought would be possible," Salter said. "I was worried that I would not find my niche or group of people at college, but through the Southern Leaders Program, I have found people who have shaped and molded my life for the better."

The Southern Leaders Program was previously awarded the NASPA Gold Level Excellence Award in 2019 and the Outstanding Program of the Year Award from the Association of Leadership Educators in 2018.

"This award demonstrates the dedication our knowledgeable and talented staff have to keep the Southern Leaders Program continually evolving," said Jodi Kennedy, director of the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement (OLCE). "I'm continually impressed by how our team works to create spaces for students to explore their leadership talents while also learning how to use them to better their communities."



Jodi Kennedy and John Egan, Ed.D.

John Egan, Ed.D, leadership educator within OLCE, said the awards serve as further inspiration to the students in the program.

"Our office is thrilled to be recognized and confirms that Southern Leaders is a special program," Egan said. "This encourages us to continue pressing into our work as we strive to empower students in leading positive change."

For more information on the Southern Leaders Program, visit

<https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/southernleaders/>.

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Harvard professor to discuss misinformation crisis during 2021 Mark Finlay Memorial Lecture

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The Georgia Southern University College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) will host Thomas Patterson, Ph.D., Bradlee Professor of Government and the Press at Harvard University, for the 2021 Mark Finlay Memorial Lecture. The virtual presentation will stream March 3 at 6 p.m. on the [CAH Facebook page](#).

Patterson's lecture, "How America Lost Its Mind: Our Misinformation Crisis," will address the United States' political landscape, which according to Patterson, is currently filled with distrust, gridlock, partisanship, pettiness and deceptive messaging.

"Professor Patterson will discuss how we can help transfer power from ideologues and disrupters to a citizenry committed to tolerance and civil dialogue," said Allison Scardino Belzer, Ph.D., associate professor of history. "So many of us feel overwhelmed with talk of fake news and deliberate disinformation. This lecture will help crystalize our focus on creating networks of reliable news outlets that can help rebuild trust."

[For more information about the Mark Finlay Memorial Lecture, click here.](#)

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Georgia Southern Performing Arts Center brings drive-in movies to Statesboro Campus

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Students from the Armstrong Campus enjoy a drive-in movie earlier this semester. Screenings like this will be available on the Statesboro Campus starting in March at the Performing Arts Center.

Drive-in movies have developed into a popular form of entertainment for communities around the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center (PAC) will bring the socially-distanced viewings to the Statesboro Campus starting March 6 with “Dreamgirls.”

“The Performing Arts Center’s primary mission is cultural outreach to the community, and in a normal year, we are lucky to be able to host dozens of events each semester,” said PAC Director Stacie McDaniel. “We’ve been toying with the idea of presenting a series of films for a while, and this situation has just given us a reason to find a way to make it viable and unique.”

The movie series will be broken up into four themed nights, including musical night with “Dreamgirls,” date night with “The Notebook,” family night with “Frozen” and classic night with “Ghostbusters.” Each film will have two screenings.

“We wanted to find a good mix of movies that would offer a little something for everyone in the community, including people of all different ages and backgrounds, plus those with small children, couples looking for a date night out of the house, and pods of friends or roommates,” McDaniel said.

For more information about the series and to purchase tickets, visit <https://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/pac/events/20172018season/>.

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