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DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Division of Student Affairs Newsletter

March 2022 Edition



The Division of Student Affairs cultivates an inclusive environment to advance students' holistic development through intentional learning and transformative engagement.



A Message from our VP

I haven't been this excited to begin a new month in a long time. February was a full, challenging month for me. So, the transition to a new month with improving weather every day, is most welcomed! It is hard to believe we are at the semester midpoint and Spring Break is just around the corner. I hope all of you will have a chance to enjoy the break as much as you can, even if it is a slower pace and quieter campuses.

This issue of our division newsletter highlights the work of one of our division committees, Strategic Planning Committee. This group, led by Dr. John Banter and Dr. Aileen Dowell, has drafted a strategic plan for the division that acknowledges the university strategic plan while also making a case for a bold vision for the Division of Student Affairs to come. I also want to thank Ben Phillips (Student Conduct), Erin McFerrin (University Housing), and Tiffany Williams (Career & Professional Development) for their work on the strategic plan. Take time to review these draft documents and attend a *Little Convos* this month to share your thoughts and feedback about this draft plan. The future is bright for Student Affairs and I look forward to hearing your feedback about this vision!

Lastly, I want to encourage you to complete the employee engagement survey. This survey is hosted by Studer Education (although the email I got is from Resonant Education) and will provide valuable data to inform our efforts to increase employee engagement and enhance our sense of belonging. I want the Student Affairs voice to be heard. Take time to complete the survey today!

Thanks again for all you do to support our students! I appreciate you.

Go Eagles!



Dr. Shay Little
Vice President for Student Affairs



DSA Spotlight



Dr. Aileen Dowell to serve as ASCA Co Conference Chair.

Dr. Aileen C. Dowell is honored to serve as the 2023 Co Conference Chair for the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) annual conference. The Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) is the leading voice for student conduct in higher education. The conference will be held on January 23 - 26, 2023 in Portland, Oregon.

Division Announcements

Strategic Plan Update

Little Convos Sessions

Please join Dr. Little, and our Strategic Planning Committee as we continue to discuss the vision for the Strategic Plan, and the future of The Division of Student Affairs. The committee has drafted the strategic plan from the University and Athletics strategic plans so you will see the similarity of the University's pillars. Our desire is that every department sees themselves in the strategic plan, but we are soliciting feedback through the Little Convos. Please be sure to attend the remaining sessions in which we will continue shaping the future of our division for the next 5 years. Your input is critical to the process of having a strategic plan for Student Affairs that will drive forward our mission and connect the work we do to the University's future. Please take note that the time of the virtual session has changed. The remaining dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 29, 10 AM - 11:30 AM Skidaway Room (Armstrong)
- **Wednesday, March 30, 2 PM - 3:30 PM ([Virtual Link Here](#))**

Please find Strategic Plan document [here](#).

[Strategic Plan Document](#)

USG New Professionals Conference

Ga College & State University is planning to host the new professionals conference on September 23 this year. They are looking for individuals to help plan the event. If you know a staff member who would be

interested, please refer them to Dr. Shawn Brooks, shawn.brooks@gcsu.edu to express interest and/or ask questions. Please spread the word!

It's SGA Election Time!



DO YOU WANT TO JOIN SGA?

RUN IN THE 2022 ELECTIONS!

INTENT TO RUN FORM AVAILABLE
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 - MARCH 18, 2022

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNING
MARCH 28, 2022 - APRIL 6, 2022

VOTING!
APRIL 4, 2022 - APRIL 6, 2022

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



MANDATORY CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

ANY STUDENT INTERESTED IN RUNNING IN THE SGA ELECTIONS IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE INFORMATION SESSIONS. ALL SESSIONS WILL BE ON ZOOM.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL [KWATERS@GEORGIASOUTHERN.EDU](mailto:kwaters@georgiasouthern.edu)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

MARCH 8TH, MARCH 9TH, AND MARCH 10TH @ 5:00 P.M.

MARCH 16TH & MARCH 18TH @ 5:00 P.M.



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BE SURE TO VISIT SGA ELECTIONS CENTRAL!



The Student Government Association (SGA) is seeking students from the Armstrong and Liberty campuses to serve on the 2022 Election Committee from now until April 8th. Students may assist with distributing marketing materials, monitoring during campaign week, and performing other related responsibilities to ensure SGA has a successful election. Students interested in serving on the committee may contact John Banter or email sga@georgiasouthern.edu

STAFF COUNCIL

Sponsored by Staff Council

Staff Professional Development Sessions

UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF AND OTHERS THROUGH TRUE COLORS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

10:30 AM



**GEORGIA SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY**

Understanding Yourself and Others through True Colors
presented by Stephen Warner and Nikki Warner

True Colors is a personality exam that helps people understand themselves and others. Participants will learn their colors and what that means for them at work and in their personal life. Participants will also learn about the strengths and weaknesses of their color, as well as the importance of having every color on their team. Participants will take the exam prior to the presentation.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

10:30 am

[Click here to Register](#)

Please note: A Zoom link will be shared with registered participants prior to the session.

Graduate Assistant Placement Program

GAPP
GRADUATE ASSISTANT PLACEMENT PROGRAM
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS | GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Registration
Communication
Meet & Greet
Interview

Step One
Registration is available until March 1st, 2022.

Step Two
Beginning March 7th, 2022, employers will be in contact with candidates regarding interview scheduling.

Step Three
An optional online Meet and Greet will occur on March 24th, 2022.

Step Four
Candidate interviews will occur on March 25th and 26th, 2022 via in-person or online.

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

Starting March 7th and ending on March 16th, employers should reach out to candidates who they are interested in interviewing. Employers and candidates will determine a time for the interview and format of the interview. Interviews should only be scheduled during the interview timeframe provided on the GAPP website on March 25th and 26th (as needed). Employers will track their interview schedule on a shared Google Sheet that will be provided once communication opens for employers and candidates.

1. Candidate Registration Closes on March 1st
2. GAPP sends employers candidate files on March 2nd
3. Employers will evaluate candidate files between March 2nd and March 5th
4. Employers will start reaching out to candidates between March 7th through the 16th who meet their qualification to schedule interviews on March 25th and 26th (as needed).
5. Employers will share their final interview schedule with GAPP on March 17th.

Counseling Center

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
COUNSELING CENTER

ARE YOU KIDDING ME

Student Parents & Expecting Parents Support Group

via zoom with
Ms. Ty Johnson LPC
(link online/Counseling Center Website)
Spring 2022
Every other Friday
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Dates:
1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1,
4/15, 4/29
Free and open to all students

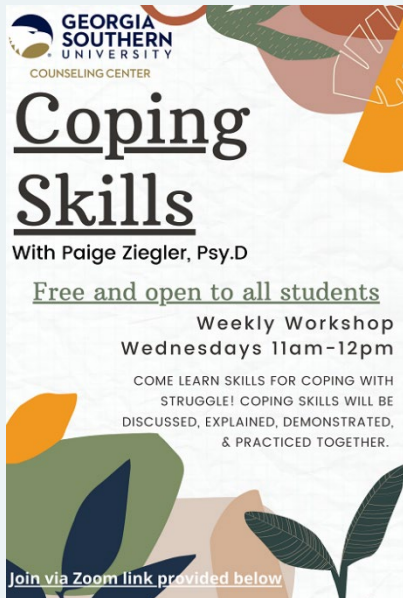
Are You Kidding Me

A free support group for student parents and expecting parents.



Grief and Loss Support Group

Are you struggling with grief and loss? Please join our support group.



Coping Skills

Drop in to our workshop to learn coping skills and strategies for managing stress.

Professional Development Committee

BECOME A STUDENT AFFAIRS CONNECTOR

WHAT IS A STUDENT AFFAIRS CONNECTOR

- TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DEVELOPING AROUND THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN STRATEGIC PILLARS AND NASPA/ ACPA COMPETENCIES
- IS STRICTLY INFORMAL, NON-JUDGMENTAL, AND SUPPORTIVE IN NATURE
- TO HELP THE NEW STAFF MEMBER ACCLIMATE TO THE CAMPUS AND THE DIVISION
- TO HELPING THE NEW STAFF MEMBER NETWORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION
- SHOULD PROVIDE INFORMAL ADVICE, SUPPORTIVE GUIDANCE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK BUT WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY EVALUATION OF AN EMPLOYEE'S PERFORMANCE

BROUGHT TO
YOU BY THE
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE



**TO LEARN
MORE AND
APPLY CLICK
HERE**

Student Affairs Connectors

The Professional Development Committee is looking to recruit Student Affairs Connectors. As part of the onboarding process that the Profession Development Committee is developing for onboarding our new Student Affairs Colleagues, we are looking for staff to assist us in the process by being a Student Affairs Connector. A Student Affairs Connector is someone who has been in the Division for 2 or more years and would like to meet new staff members and be a connector for them. Please see the flyer for information about the Connectors program and to apply. The more connectors we have the better this program can be.

[Click Here for Additional Updates](#)

Office of Leadership and Community Engagement

CAMPUS THRIFT

DONATE
MARCH 1 - APRIL 1

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE WHAT IS ACCEPTED AND IDENTIFY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

ALL FOOD/ SANITARY ITEMS DONATED ARE GIVEN TO THE EAGLE ESSENTIAL FOOD PANTRY ON CAMPUS!

THRIFT
APRIL 5 - APRIL 8

SHOP AT THE RUSSELL UNION ROTUNDA FROM 11-1PM

MAKE SURE TO DONATE TO EARN SHOPPING CREDIT!

The campus thrift store is accepting donations. Please check out the OLCE [website](#) for a list of appropriate items.

CAMPUS GREEN TOUR
This is an interactive guided walking tour throughout the Georgia Southern Campus

MARCH 23 | 12PM

Register Here

Sustain SOUTHERN
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Campus Green Tour

Join us for an interactive guided walking tour throughout the Georgia Southern campus.

Student Wellness & Health Promotion

Green Period Pantry
Reusable Menstrual Hygiene Products

Ask me for a free product!

The Green Period Pantry (GPP) is funded by Sustain Southern and managed by Dalia Wright and the Office of Student Wellness and Health Promotion to provide all students with access to free reusable menstrual hygiene products.

Scan here to view all our locations and more information!

Period Equity Movement

The Period Equity Movement is here to ensure students that menstruate have the products they need. The Green Period Pantry will be providing students with access to free reusable menstrual hygiene products.



Peer Body Project

Interested in being a Peer Educator for Peer Body Project? Applications are open until April 8th!

Student Conduct

Our Student Conduct Board applications/interest forms have gone live for faculty/staff and students! If you know any students, friends, or colleagues who may be interested (yes, YOU too!), please send them our way or share these links. New member training will be in August for all new members. If you have any questions please contact Zwisel M. Gandia.

[Student Application \(closes Friday, March 25, 2022\)](#)

[Faculty/Staff Interest Form](#)



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