



## University anticipates largest enrollment in school history

Georgia Southern University will enter its second century of service with what is expected to be the largest enrollment in the history of the institution.

President Bruce Grube made the announcement during his ninth annual State of the University Address, which was part of the Fall Convocation Ceremony held on the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the Performing Arts Center.

Grube also revealed that the incoming freshman class is expected to have the highest average SAT score in Georgia Southern history, and that the University's retention rate is expected to reach its highest level ever.

"A Century of Progress, Pride and Promise" was the theme for the ceremony that marks the official beginning of a new academic year for faculty and staff at Georgia Southern.

The theme recognizes the University's Centennial celebration, which began last December and will continue through this October.

According to preliminary estimates, the University expects its final enrollment for Fall 2007 to exceed 17,000 students. That number would break the record of 16,646 students established in Fall 2005. In fact, it would mark the fifth time in six years that Georgia Southern has set a new record for enrollment.

In addition, preliminary figures indicate that the average SAT score of the incoming freshman class will increase over the previous fall for the 13th year in a row.

The freshman class of Fall 2006 had an average SAT score of 1104, which was the highest such figure ever at Georgia Southern.

The average SAT score of the incoming freshmen at Georgia Southern has increased by more than 110 points since Grube became the University's 11th president in 1999.

Also, the University's retention rate - the percentage of first-time freshmen from one fall semester who return for the following fall semester - is expected to exceed 80 percent for the first time in school history.

The final official enrollment number, average SAT score for incoming freshmen, and retention rate for Fall 2007 will be announced in October.

## President's Medal presented to Braz

Michael Braz has been presented with a special award that recognizes extraordinary contributions to Georgia Southern University.

A professor in Georgia Southern's Department of Music, Braz received the President's Medal during the University's annual Fall Convocation Ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the Performing Arts Center.

"It gives me great pleasure to honor Dr. Braz for his professional accomplishments, his contributions to this community, and his dedication to academic distinction in teaching, scholarship and service," University President Bruce Grube said.

Braz teaches music theory/aural skills, orchestration and music composition, as well as courses on subjects such as Finale music software and Wagner's "Ring" cycle. He is a book and music reviewer for various journals and publishers, and is in demand as a performer, conductor, clinician and adjudicator.

A member of Georgia Southern's faculty for two decades, Braz was the 2003-2004 winner of the Ruffin Cup, which is presented annually by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. He received the University's Award for Excellence in Service in 1994.

In addition, Braz was presented with the *Statesboro Herald's* "Humanitarian of the Year" award at the annual Deen Day Smith ceremony in 2003.

Braz will take an educational leave during the 2007-2008 academic year to focus on three artist-in-residence positions in England, Nepal and China.

In his many years as a music educator, Braz has served as associate director of the Miami Choral Society, conductor and musical director of the Boy Singers of Maine, and founder and director of the Capital Children's Course in Tallahassee, Fla., and the Statesboro Youth Chorale.

A recipient of an American Composers Forum/Rockefeller Brothers Fund "faith Partners" grant, Braz has 18 published choral compositions in print. He has written orchestral and choral commissions for professional, collegiate, school and community ensembles across the country, and his compositions have been performed by such varied groups as the Boston Pops, the Raleigh (N.C.) Boychoir and the Georgia Tech Glee Club.

Most recently, Braz composed his second opera, "A Scholar Under Siege," in honor of the University's Centennial celebration. The opera told the story of University President Marvin Pittman, who was fired by Gov. Eugene Talmadge for supporting integration.

Braz has performed with numerous orchestras, music festivals and ensembles ranging from chamber music to jazz and rock. In 1975, he premiered his first opera, "Memoirs from the Holocaust," which was inspired a visit to the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.

Braz's community service includes the past presidency of the Statesboro Arts Council. He also served as a volunteer piano teacher at the Boys and Girls Club.

The first President's Medal was presented in April 2005. It was designed by Christina Lemon, an associate professor in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern.

### OTHER EVENTS...

**Alma Mater Dear, through Sept. 2**  
**Century of Progress, through Sept. 2**  
Museum Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

#### August

- 13 **Classes begin.**
- 17 **International Conversation Hour,**  
Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
- 18 **Men's Soccer Exhibition,** 3 p.m.
- 24 **International Conversation Hour,**  
Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.  
**Volleyball** - Georgia Southern  
Invitational, 7 p.m.
- 25 **Volleyball** - Georgia Southern  
Invitational, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 26 **Women's Soccer Exhibition,** 1 p.m.
- 27 **Cinema Arts presents "The Three  
Burials of Melquiades Estrada,"**  
Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.
- 31 **International Conversation Hour,**  
Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.

## Six receive Faculty Awards for Excellence

Six members of Georgia Southern's faculty were recognized at the Fall 2007 Convocation Ceremony with awards for excellence in instruction, research and service.

The Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction recognizes contributions to the teaching-learning process at the institutional level. It was presented to Patricia Humphrey, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences; and Jeffery Orvis, an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry.

The Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Scholarly Activity recognizes individuals who excel in their research efforts in addition to fulfilling full-time teaching responsibilities. It was presented to Sophie George, a professor in the Department of Biology; and Xiao Jun Wang, a professor in the Department of Physics.

The Award for Excellence in Service recognizes faculty who use their academic disciplines to provide non-compensated assistance to the region as well as the academic community. It was presented to Michael Nielsen, a professor in the Department of Psychology; and Bruce Schulte, an associate professor in the Department of Biology.

Each recipient was awarded a summer contract with the University to continue instructional, research or service activities and to develop a mechanism to share their expertise with faculty, staff and students.

Over the course of the 2007-2008 academic year, the six award winners will present lectures on selected topics.

## A Day For Southern on Campus begins Aug. 23

On Thursday, Aug. 23, Georgia Southern volunteers will meet for breakfast and to kick off *A Day For Southern On Campus*. Then they'll be meeting with friends and colleagues during the following week to ask for your support. In this Centennial year, please consider a generous gift.

Faculty and staff of Georgia Southern—including retirees and part-time workers—have, for 34 years, gladly supported the work of the institution. Their gifts provided more than 25 percent of A Day For Southern's total last year, a sign that we believe in our colleagues and ourselves and the important work we do.

This year, *A Day For Southern on Campus* Faculty Co-Chair Jennie Rakestraw and Staff Co-Chair Vickie Hawkins are asking you to continue that tradition of generous support. As they pointed out in a recent letter to all faculty and staff, individual participation helps determine the success of the campus campaign, and a strong campus campaign sets the stage for a strong community campaign. The permanent theme of A Day For Southern is "Together We're Better—Community and Campus," and it emphasizes the importance of the bond between the campus and the community, and how necessary each is to the other.

Funds raised during *A Day For Southern on Campus* will add to the University's scholarship endowment, enable new program development, enrich teaching, support faculty/staff development opportunities, and more. The Opportunities for Giving brochure lists designated for giving in every college and department, so you can be certain your gift will reach its intended goal.

Co-chairs Rakestraw and Hawkins have a goal this year: 100 percent participation in *A Day For Southern on Campus*. Accomplishing this will show not only the community, but all of Georgia, how important Georgia Southern is to our region. They can't reach that goal without you, so please, contribute when your volunteer calls on you.

## Marketing and Communications seeks experts for guide

The Office of Marketing & Communications is in the process of updating the University's experts guide, *Source Book*. This guide is a valuable tool for Georgia Southern media relations and news media outlets.

If you are currently in the guide, please review your information. The Source Book is now available in an electronic format at <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebook>. To add or remove expertise

areas, complete the *Source Book* form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk_form.htm) and indicate what changes or additions need to be made. If you wish to have your listing remain the same, please indicate that on the online form.

If you are not currently in the guide and would like to be, complete the form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk_form.htm).

When listing the titles of your expertise, please be as specific as possible. Examples of main topics with their sub-topics include: Business-Customer Service Training; Culture-Early American Culture; and Education-Effective Teaching.

The guide is available exclusively in an electronic format via the University Web site. The Office of Marketing and Communications will continue to take advantage of its nationwide electronic query service, ProfNet, which presents near-daily opportunities to match Georgia Southern expertise with requests from media outlets.

Therefore, as a condition of your appearance in the guide, we ask that you agree to be available for same-day response to media calls that will come to you directly from the media or as referrals from Marketing and Communications. Non-responses to queries will result in removal from the guide.

## University welcomes students back to campus

Georgia Southern's Welcome Week, the traditional kick-off for the fall semester, will begin continue through Wednesday, Aug. 22. This year's theme is "ETV—Tune In To Win."

"Our various activities provide students an opportunity to connect and make new friends, meet faculty and staff, and get acclimated to the university setting," said Bill Pickett, director of student activities. "This is especially important with our first-year students. We want them to feel like Georgia Southern is their new home and to get them connected immediately."

Following are the activities taking place:

### Monday, Aug. 13

- "Blizzard of Bucks," Russell Union Ballroom, 9 p.m. "Blizzard of Bucks," the original crazy game show, is bigger, better and more fun. Contestants will be chosen at random to participate in wild and zany games for a chance to win cash and prizes. The grand prize winner will receive an opportunity to step inside the "Incredible Money Machine" to go for the dough in a swirling sea of green.

### Tuesday, Aug. 14

- Comedian Jessi Campbell will take the stage in the Russell Union Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Campbell will discuss everything from the outrageous emergency room she worked in to the simple things in her life. Her quick wit and fast-paced style keep audiences entertained from the moment she hits the stage.

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

- The film "Spiderman 3" will be shown on the big screen as an outdoor movie at the Russell Union Rotunda. The movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the free movie under the stars.

### Thursday, Aug. 16

- At X-Treme Air, participants can experience the feeling of falling at 120 mph without jumping out of a plane. X-Treme Air is powered by inverted DC-3 airplane propellers. RAC Pavilion, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Comedian and game show host Grant Edmonds will entertain in a fully interactive, audience-participatory comedy game show where every contestant will win cash. Russell Union Ballroom, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 17

- "Eagles After Dark: Outdoor Laser Tag," RAC Pavilion, 9 p.m. to midnight. Suit up in real laser tag uniforms and guns.

### Friday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 19

- Eagle Entertainment is sponsoring a Welcome Week trip to Busch Gardens and Tampa, Fla. Cost of the trip is \$100 per person and includes a two-day pass to Busch Gardens/Adventure Island Waterpark, transportation by bus, hotel room for Saturday and breakfast at the

hotel on Sunday. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at sign-up with the balance due on Thursday, Aug. 16, by 4 p.m. Payment may be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. For more information, or to sign up, contact the Office of Student Activities in Russell Union Room 1058 or call ext. 7270.

#### **Monday, Aug. 20**

- "The Price is Right" game show, Russell Union Ballroom, 9 p.m. A scaled-down version of the popular game show will allow students to win a variety of prizes.

#### **Tuesday, Aug. 21**

- "Balloons by Lester and Art by Susan," Russell Union Rotunda, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He's got some of the best BPM (Balloons per Minute) in the business. She'll paint (almost) anything (almost) anywhere you want. Together they are the best husband-and-wife novelty team in the business.

#### **Wednesday, Aug. 22**

- The 2007 Business Expo and Student Organizational Fair will be held outside the Russell Union Rotunda area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local businesses will be on hand to provide information, coupons and free merchandise. Recognized student organizations will also be there to provide information to students.

Welcome Week is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Eagle Entertainment.

### **New season subscriptions going on sale for Performing Arts Center series**

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, the Performing Arts Center (PAC) will begin selling new season subscriptions to its 2007-08 entertainment schedule.

For \$270, a season ticket purchaser will have access to 10 outstanding shows that comprise this year's PAC lineup. A season subscription represents a 20 percent savings versus the purchase of individual tickets to all 10 presentations. In addition, season subscribers have the same reserved seating for all events, and when the next season is announced, they receive advance notice to reserve their seats before anyone else can purchase tickets.

The 2007-08 PAC schedule is listed below. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

- Country music legend Roy Clark - Friday, Sept. 28
- Philadanco Dance Co. - Friday, Oct. 5
- Instrumentalists Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall - Saturday, Oct. 13
- Lee Greenwood Christmas Show - Friday, Dec. 7
- "Julius Caesar" - Saturday, Jan. 19
- Hubbard Street 2 - Saturday, Feb. 2
- "The Producers" - Thursday, Feb. 7
- "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" - Friday, March 14
- Dallas Brass - Saturday, April 5
- "Rent" - Tuesday, April 22

New season subscriptions may be purchased through the PAC box office. Individual tickets to all shows go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 4. For additional information, visit the Web site <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac/>, or call the PAC box office at ext. 7999 or 866-PAC-ARTS.

### **Georgia Southern participates in annual Relay for Life event**

As nightfall settled on the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fairground this past April, members of the Georgia Southern family gathered with other Statesboro and Bulloch County volunteers for the Bulloch County Relay for Life event. The fun-filled event celebrating survivorship raises money for research and programs of the local American Cancer Society chapter as teams of people took turns walking laps to support the cause. More than 750 Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff joined the effort throughout the night to support the community and honor family, friends and colleagues.

Luminaries honoring cancer victims lined the track and supporters cheered cancer survivors as they made the first lap to start the relay. Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff pitched tents and set up themed booths with other participants to encourage team members as they walked laps through the night. Twenty-three Georgia Southern teams participated and other individuals and students from Georgia Southern not only supported friends and relatives at the Relay, but many more raised money through donations, BBQ, bake and candy sales, and other fundraisers.

With the goals of giving back to the community and strengthening the spirit of the division, the Controller's Division achieved both, raising the most money of any of the college teams, collecting \$5,410.65 toward the Relay for Life overall goal. With more than 40 Controller's Division employees or family members walking, this team also recorded the most laps walked of all the teams at the Relay. One member of the Controller's Division, Michael Holsonback of Postal Services, walked the entire 12 hours. He also served as a Georgia Southern and Bulloch County Relay for Life community leader this year. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students contributed more than \$31,000 through team pledges alone this year.

To view or download the Georgia Southern University Relay for Life team photo visit <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/relay.htm> for a high-resolution jpg suitable for printing.

### **Little Eagles Camp and 'Meet the Eagles' set for Aug. 18**

The Georgia Southern Football program is sponsoring a Little Eagles camp and a Meet the Eagles Day on Saturday, Aug. 18. The Little Eagles camp will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Paulson Stadium. Registration is free and will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. As part of the camp festivities the Little Eagles will run on the field with the banner, music, PA and the video scoreboard. Meet the Eagles Day is also free will begin at 11 a.m. in the Bishop Field House where schedule cards and the 2007 Football posters will be available.

Additionally, GUS and the entire Georgia Southern Football team and coaching staff will sign autographs. Cheerleaders will also be on hand signing autographs, meeting and greeting the fans

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Submissions may be sent to Georgia Southern *This Week*, P.O. Box 8055, Statesboro, GA 30460, or e-mailed to: [thistweek@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:thistweek@GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

Due to space limitations, items which are not time sensitive may be held for publication in a later issue. All submissions are subject to editing for style and length. Submissions should be summarized in typed narrative form; please include your name and campus telephone number.

### **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON WEDNESDAY.**

#### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

For a list of all current job opportunities on campus, please check with the Division of Human Resources (for classified staff positions) at (912) 681-5468, TDD: (912) 681-0791; the Office of the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs (for faculty positions) at (912) 681-5258, TDD: (912) 871-1654; or the University's web site at <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu>

Georgia Southern University affirms its commitment and pledges its full support to equal opportunity in hiring, promotion, and training for all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability.

Georgia Southern University further affirms its commitment to prohibit retaliation by any University employee against an employee who in, good faith, complains about alleged discrimination.

For further information, including information about the complaint and grievance procedures, please contact the Diversity Services Office, at (912) 681-5136, TDD: (912) 681-0273 or by e-mail at [affirmac@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:affirmac@georgiasouthern.edu).



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and selling bobble head dolls. The Athletics Marketing Staff will be handing out Chick-Fil-A coupons, sandwiches to the kids and the Chick-Fil-A cow will be in attendance. Season tickets, jerseys and football media guides will be on sale and Southern Boosters information packets will also be available.

For more information, call Sports Marketing at ext. 5377.

## **Auditions for 'Erk Russell Project' set for Aug. 19**

Most people who live in Statesboro know about the legendary Erk Russell. They've seen the game day footage, the newspaper stories and the Internet sites. But how many people knew the man?

"Through the process of oral history, our goal is to interpret for posterity the true legacy of Erk Russell," said Rebecca Kennerly, an assistant professor of communication arts and co-director of a unique 18-month project that will result in a play about the late coach.

"He really sparked the Statesboro community's energy and growth. We want to talk to the people who knew Erk and who were, and continue to be, significantly affected by his life."

Kennerly and her co-director, playwright Scott Garner, introduced the idea of "The Erk Russell Project" to the community earlier this summer and found many people interested in participating.

They will take the project to the next step when they hold auditions at the Averitt Center for the Arts on Sunday, Aug. 19, in two sessions, from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The auditions are open to any member of the community, and participants are asked to stay for the entire session.

"Because we are creating a performance that is based on oral histories gathered by participants, our audition process will reflect those skills," said Kennerly. "Auditions will involve working with another person, talking about Erk, writing interview questions, practice listening, practice watching, and using vocal indicators, gestures, movements and a variety of postures. This is a unique – and fun – audition that will give a taste of the actual oral history process."

Initial development of "The Erk Russell Project" was funded by a grant from the Georgia Council on the Arts. The project director will continue to apply for other grant support.

Participants have begun the process of gathering stories, and Garner has posted a blog about the project that includes some great video and encouragement for everyone – especially men ages 18-50 – to participate in auditions. Garner's blog is at <http://erkplay.blogspot.com>.

Between Aug. 19 and Dec. 2, the researchers/performers selected for the project will conduct oral history interviews that will be performed in a "staged reading" at the Averitt Center on Sunday, Dec. 2. The Dec. 2 performances will provide the basis for a fully staged production about Russell that will be performed in the fall of 2008.

"The Erk Russell Project" and the resulting stage production are produced by the Averitt Center's STARS community theatre volunteers in conjunction with Georgia Southern, and it has the support of the Russell family.

For questions about the project or the Aug. 19 auditions, call the Averitt Center at 212-2787.

## **Wildlife Center offers art classes**

Private art lessons will be offered at the Wildlife Center this fall. Nina Freifeld-Giles, an artist and Bulloch County art teacher, will conduct the classes. The classes will be limited to five students. Participants will be drawing animals in pencil, colored pencil and pastels. Supplies must be provided by the student.

Sessions will be 30 minutes for children ages five and six, with a cost of \$10. Sessions will be an hour for older children, with a cost of \$20. Classes will meet at 4 p.m. during each session.

Session I will be held three consecutive Mondays - Aug. 13, Aug. 20 and Aug. 27. Session II will be held three consecutive Mondays - Sept. 10, Sept. 17 and Sept. 24.

Contact Freifeld-Giles to reserve a space at 587-3763.

## **Human Resources offers training**

The Human Resources Training and Development Department will offer the following courses in August.

- Monday, Aug. 13 - The ABCs of Telephone Skills, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, Aug. 15 - The Essential Keys to a Positive Attitude, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904. These courses will provide participants with the skills to deliver quality customer service to both internal and external customers, and to understand what customers want and need.

Participants must attend all modules to receive a certificate indicating they have completed the series

- Hazardous Materials, Russell Union Room 2047, Thursday, Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Topics to be covered include: management of compressed gas cylinders, acids and bases; exposure to chemicals, flammable and combustible liquids, oils and clearing solvents; and regulations concerning chemical inventories and MSDS.

- New P-Card Training, Procurement and Contract Services Conference Room, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Training is mandated for all new cardholders. The training is intended for those responsible for making small-dollar purchases for their work areas.

- Renewal P-Card Training, Procurement and Contract Services Conference Room, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Thursday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Training is mandated for those renewing their cards. The training is intended for those responsible for making small dollar purchases for their work areas.

- Crystal Reports, College of Education Room 2154, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The workshop will introduce participants to Crystal Reports software, which allows custom reports to be built to obtain data from Banner. The workshop is hands-on and participants are expected to bring their Data Warehouse username and password.

- PeopleAdmin, HR Training Room, Monday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Human Resources department has implemented this system in order to automate many of the paper-driven aspects of the employment application process. The system is used to: create and submit requisitions to HR, view applicants to your requisitions, notify HR of your decisions regarding the status of each applicant.

- SelfServe, HR Training Room, Monday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Update your personal employee data and view your compensation information on-line as frequently as you would like. You can update or change your personal data on-line as well as view dependent information and get the latest medical and dental group rates all through the Self Service site. Get your account registered and learn how to view and update your personal employee data.

- Time Management, HR Training Room, Monday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Topics to be covered include: definition of time management; assessing how you manage your time; setting priorities; short- and long-term planning; identifying time wasters; and key principles to managing your time effectively.
- How to Effectively Train and Orient Your Employees, HR Training Room, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Topics to be covered include: new employee departmental orientation checklist, identifying basic training requirements, the training process, determining the amount of time needed to train and orient employees and discussing the role of a manager plays while orienting and training their employees at Georgia Southern.
- Managing Human Resources Policies and Procedures, HR Training Room, Thursday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The program will include an overview of Georgia Southern's personnel policies and will help managers, and employees with supervisory roles, understand how to effectively apply them.

**Coming in September:**

- Administrative Support Professional Series. All classes will be held in Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. This certificate program is designed to introduce participants to the valuable information surrounding all support level duties on campus. Session One - Communicate with Confidence, Thursday, Sept. 6; Session Two - Meeting Minutes, Thursday, Sept. 13; Session Three - Organize Your Time, Space and Responsibilities, Thursday, Sept. 20; Session Four - Professionalism: Project a Winning Image, Tuesday, Sept. 25; Session Five - Knowing Your Rights in the Workplace, Thursday, Sept. 27.

In order to receive a certificate of completion, participants must attend all five modules.

To register for any of the courses listed, or to view other upcoming courses, visit <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu/TD/training>.

Training courses offered through the Training and Development Department are designed for the faculty, staff and student workers of the University.

For more information or questions, contact Ale Kennedy or Sylvia Everett at ext. 1687.

**Leadership training gives managers practical skills**

Georgia Southern's non-credit business leadership course "Leadership Skills for the Front-Line Manager" will run from Aug. 15 through Oct. 3 at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

Class sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for eight Wednesdays.

This 32-hour non-credit course trains managers, supervisors and other administrative personnel with leadership responsibilities.

Each four-hour class focuses on a particular leadership topic, such as communication among employees, legal concerns for supervisors, handling conflict and criticism, or effective methods of coaching employees.

Co-sponsored by the College of Business Administration and Continuing Education Center, the course has trained managers and supervisors from varying fields including manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, transportation, health care and government.

Registration is \$600 per participant, with a corporate discount rate of \$550 each for four or more individuals from the same organization. To register, call ext. 5551 or visit the Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/supervisor>.

For more information on this or other Georgia Southern business and career development programs, contact program specialist J. Marie Lutz, SPHR at ext. 1763 or e-mail [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu).

**Annual Business Expo/Student Organizational Fair Aug. 22**

The annual Business Expo/Student Organizational Fair will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda.

Local businesses will be on hand to provide information, coupons and free merchandise. Recognized student organizations will also be there to provide information to students. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

The Expo is a way to meet new students and share information about your department, student organization or student employment positions. Departments or organizations wishing to participate can register online at [http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/BusinessReg\\_form1.htm](http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/BusinessReg_form1.htm).

For more information on the Expo, contact the Office of Student Activities at ext. 7270.

**Greater Savannah Eagle Club fall business luncheons**

Open to all alumni, boosters and friends of Georgia Southern, the Greater Savannah Eagle Club business luncheons are held on the fourth Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Johnny Harris Restaurant, 1651 E. Victory Drive. Following is a list of dates and speakers:

- Thursday, Aug. 23 - Chris Hatcher, head football coach.
- Thursday, Sept. 27 - Joe Franklin, vice president for business and finance.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 - Jeff Price, head men's basketball coach.
- Nov. & Dec. - no meetings.
- Thursday, Jan. 24 - Rodney Hennon, head baseball coach.

For more information, contact Rick Bean at 912-629-2143 or [rbean@krtpa.com](mailto:rbean@krtpa.com) or visit <http://chathameagleclub.org>

**Class prepares HR managers for professional certification**

Human resource practitioners can increase their career options by completing the 12-week "Certificate in Professional Human Resource Management" short course from Georgia Southern this fall.

This non-credit "exam prep" course is offered in two formats: every Monday evening in Savannah for 12 weeks or every other Saturday in Brunswick for six weeks. Due to the Labor Day weekend, the Monday evening class starts on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Saturday class begins Sept. 8.

With identical course content, either version assists individuals planning to sit for the national Professional Human Resources (PHR) or Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification exam in December or January.

The course is designed for managers and staff with experience in general management or human resource management, whether or not they are planning to take the PHR or SPHR certification exam.

The class Savannah meets from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Monday through Nov. 19 at the Coastal Georgia Center. The Brunswick class runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with an hour lunch break) every other Saturday through Nov. 17 at the Coastal Georgia Community College.

Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center runs the course in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. A leader in Human Resource education, SHRM has created the most complete certification preparation system available.

Registrants must attend a mandatory one-hour orientation session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, or Monday, Aug. 27, at the Coastal Georgia Center. SHRM Learning System course materials will be distributed during these two orientations sessions only.

The course fee of \$925 includes the SHRM Learning System manuals, Learning System CD-ROM, instructor handouts and 36 hours of classroom instruction. SHRM members from local chapters or the national SHRM organization may register for \$900 each.

Registration is through the University's Continuing Education Center at ext. 5551.

For more information about this and other Georgia Southern University professional development programs, contact program manager J. Marie Lutz, SPHR, at ext. 1763 or [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted>.

## **Alumni Relations announces fall events**

The Office of Alumni Relations has announced the following fall events:

- Thursday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m. Bulloch County Eagle Club Football Dinner, Russell Union Ballroom. The evening will feature Coach Chris Hatcher, the University Store, Center for Wildlife Education, Cheerleaders and GUS. Tickets are \$10 per person.
  - Saturday, Oct. 20. Georgia Southern at Appalachian State pre-game BBQ, Sagebrush Restaurant, noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. Hotels with the Georgia Southern Alumni block are Hampton Inn (\$179, 828-264-0077), rooms released Sunday, Aug. 19, and Holiday Inn Express (\$159, 888-733-6867), rooms released Monday, Oct. 1.
  - Saturday, Nov. 3. Georgia Southern at Wofford pre-game BBQ featuring Big Bad Wolf BBQ, Wofford Stadium, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. The hotel with the Georgia Southern Alumni block is the Hilton Greenville (\$95, 864-232-4747), rooms released Friday, Oct. 12.
- To RSVP and purchase BBQ tickets, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at ext. 5691. For game ticket information, call 800-GSU-WINS or ext. 0123. Please call hotels directly to make reservations and ask for the Georgia Southern alumni room block. Room rates do not include taxes.

## **Cross Cultural Conference Call for Proposals**

The Cross Cultural Conference announces the Call for Proposals for its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ccissues.html>. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 1. Details regarding registration, accommodations and the conference location may also be found on the site.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Sybil Fickle at ext. 5557.

## **GERA Call for Proposals**

The Georgia Educational Research Association(GERA), in partnership with Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center, announces the Call for Proposals for its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Savannah at the Coastal Georgia Center Friday, Oct. 26. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form found on the Annual Meeting Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/gera07.html>. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, Sept. 1. Details regarding registration, accommodations and the Annual Meeting location may also be found on the site.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Janice Reynolds at ext. 1755.

## **Educational Renewal Call for Proposals**

The Colleges of Education at Georgia Southern and Huazhong Normal University announce the Call for Proposals for the Conference on Educational Renewal and School Development in an Era of Cultural Diversity to be held May 16-19, 2008. This four-day conference will take place on the Huazhong Normal University campus in Wuhan, China. Registration for the conference includes accommodations and meals, as well as a campus and city tour. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 1. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form found at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/EdRSD.html>.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Janice Reynolds at ext. 1755.

## **SoTL Commons Conference Nov. 1-2**

The Center for Excellence in Teaching has initiated the conference "The SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning" to be held Thursday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 2.

Proposals for presentations at the conference were received from many countries and various parts of the United States. The registration fee has been reduced to \$70 for Georgia Southern faculty, staff and administrators.

To register for the conference, visit <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsotl/conference/registration.htm>.

## **Emerging Technology Center offers workshops**

The Emerging Technology Center will continue providing workshops for various programs throughout the fall semester. For an updated listing of available workshops, visit the training page on the Web site at <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/etc/>.

All workshops are held in the College of Education building, room 2150. For questions, contact the department at ext. 0882.

## **Submit news items and faculty/staff notes to be included in *This Week***

E-mail items for *This Week* to [thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu) or use the online submission form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/thisweek\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/thisweek_form.htm). All submissions are subject to editing for style and length. Submissions should be summarized in typed narrative form. Deadline for submissions is noon Wednesday. Submissions received after the deadline will be held until the next issue. Please be sure to include your name and campus telephone number.

## **Faculty/Staff Connection**

- **Mark Edwards**, chair of the Physics Department, was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation entitled “Modeling Ultra-Cold Atoms in Optical Lattices as Analogs of Condensed-Matter Systems.” The grant runs for one year and totals \$27,500.
- **Gustavo J. Molina**, associate professor in the Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology, recently had the article “Deterministic-Chaos Study of Electron Triboemission Outputs” published in the *American Society of Mechanical Engineers Journal of Tribology*. The article was co-authored with colleagues at Virginia Tech and the Polish Center for Fuels and Renewable Energy.