

How-to Guide for Summer Send-Off Hosts



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Thank you!

Thank you for volunteering to host a Summer Send-Off! We appreciate your willingness to give your time and hard work for our incoming students and parents. We know that Georgia Southern University has the best parents and alumni, and we are delighted that we have representatives around the state and country who are spreading the message!

We have developed this manual specifically to help hosts plan and prepare. We suggest that you review this manual completely before the beginning stages of planning so you will know what is to come. Hopefully, this will give you some helpful ideas to make your Send-Off a huge success. Our office will also help arrange for a staff member and current student to be at your event. To help provide some conversation starters, Sections 6-7 (pages 14-27) provide basic information we would like for hosts to share with students and parents.

We want for every incoming Georgia Southern student to have the opportunity to enjoy a local Summer Send-Off as one of their first introductions to the University. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact the office of Orientation and Parents Programs at (912) 478-7627 or parent@georgiasouthern.edu.

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What Is a Summer Send-Off, You Say?



A way for new students and parents to celebrate how wonderful it is to be a member of the Georgia Southern University Family.

These informal gatherings are a fun introduction to the University. It can be a chance for incoming students and parents to learn more about life at Georgia Southern from upperclassmen, alumni, and parents. Summer Send-Offs can be a number of different shapes and sizes depending on where the gathering is held and who is hosting. The key to success is keeping Georgia Southern at the heart of the event.



A first introduction for new students and parents to other members of the Georgia Southern Family from their area.

Often new students may have other friends attending Georgia Southern, but this is a great time for them to start forming new friendships as well. Students can begin to plan social gatherings on campus to ease their transition, organize trips home during the year, build foundations for study groups, and gather a buddy system to go places together—the list is endless. This is also an opportunity for parents to meet each other; Summer Send-Offs allow parents a chance to share questions, concerns and excitement with others.



A realization that home never leaves you.

Summer Send-Offs are the beginning of a support system that eases the anxiety of leaving home and heading off for college life. Parents, too, can build a support system from Summer Send-Offs; one that extends beyond Statesboro.

A Send-Off is easy to do and we will assist you through the planning stages. This manual will help guide you through the process of hosting a Send-Off, but these are just recommendations! We know you are fun and creative, and will come up with new and innovative ideas. The best advice we've heard so far is "keep it simple!" As long as you are excited and welcoming, the Send-Off is guaranteed to be fun.



Before the Party

Determining Costs and Payment for the Send-Off

The most important things to determine before moving on to any other part of the planning phase are who is going to pay for the Send-Off and what budget is reasonable. **We strongly encourage you to organize a host team and discuss financial matters first.**

Much of the planning will follow the establishment of a budget depending on who is paying for what. This step will help hosts determine who is responsible for executing each part of the preparations within the budget. We encourage co-hosts to work as a team and then divide responsibilities. It is important to discuss who will be responsible for coordinating RSVPs, securing a location, ordering or preparing the food, decorations, prizes and giveaways, etc.

We want to stress that you can do as little or as much as you and your co-hosts prefer. Remember, there can be several host families contributing to a Send-Off. One group does not have to do all of the work.

When hosts hold Summer Send-Offs they absorb all of the up-front costs of the event. However, limited funds have been made available by request. These funds are offered through the Parent & Family Association and vary depending on event type and number of guests. Please remember that excessive funds spent on elaborate send-offs may not be fully reimbursed as it will inhibit spending of these funds in other areas such as scholarships.

Location and Refreshments

Some parties meet at a local church hall, have a picnic at a park with everyone bringing something, meet at a local restaurant and go “dutch,” or gather at a host’s home. Of course, it depends on the size of the party! Ideas include ice cream parties, cook-outs, pizza parties, and potluck dinners. Be creative!

Alcohol Policy

Summer Send-Offs are alcohol free events. Georgia Southern University’s Office of Orientation and Parent Programs, along with the Parent & Family Association, will not support organized functions where alcohol is being served.

Invitations

Who is invited to a Summer Send-Off?

Although all Send-Offs take on a different form due to the circumstances in their particular areas, there is a general protocol to be followed in who is invited to the Send-Off.

1. New freshmen and transfer students from an acceptable driving radius around your area. The Office of Orientation and Parent Programs will work with you to determine what the acceptable radius is depending on the number of enrolled students from your area.
2. The parents of the invited new students.
3. A minimum of at least one upperclassman student, but you can invite as many as you would like.
4. You may invite as many other parents, alumni, or friends of the University as you would like or can accommodate.

Due to the University's privacy policies, we are unable to release the list of incoming students to hosts. Guests will RSVP directly to the designated host forming your event roster for the send-off. You are also permitted to cap your event at a certain number of people to be identified prior to sending the invitation.

Designing, Printing, & Mailing Invitations

Here is the good news: The Office of Orientation and Parent Programs will create your Send-Off invitations! You just have to provide the information and we will put it together. By creating the invitations in-house, we believe we can take some of the burden off of you, and we will be able to provide all students with a uniform set of information.

- We need to get the word out about your event EARLY. With families away on vacation, and to provide enough time for RSVPs, your invitations will need to be mailed at least four weeks in advance.
- Provide us with all of your contact information to include on the invitation. As a host, you may be contacted for more than just the party information.
- Determine a time for the Send-Off. A week or two before heading off to campus usually works well. Hosts have held gatherings during the evening hours on weekdays, and also on the weekends in the afternoon or evening. Once all of the details, including date, time and location are set, let us know immediately so we can put together the invitations.

When the Office of Orientation and Parent Programs receives all of your information, the invitations will be sent out.

Sample email sent to students: (See next page-it's not to scale. Doesn't look as funky as an actual e-mail.)



New Student Send-Off

Duluth/Norcross Area

What's a Send-Off?

New Student Send-Offs are an opportunity to visit with other incoming students from your area, their family members, and members of the Georgia Southern staff. You and your student will make connections with other students attending Georgia Southern University in the Fall. Review the details below, then visit parents.georgiasouthern.edu to RSVP. Please RSVP no later than two weekdays prior to the event.



Event Details

August 11th @ 2:00 p.m.
Avocet Clubhouse in Norcross, GA
Space is limited, so RSVP soon!
[More Info . . .](#)

Helpful Links

[RSVP here!](#)
[Join the Parent & Family Association](#)

Fall Family Weekend

Volunteer

Parent volunteers help spread the word about what a great place Georgia Southern is! You could help recruit a new student, answer questions from inquisitive parents about your experience, or mentor a current student pursuing a career in your field. Click [here](#) to view opportunities to get involve



At the Party

So... how do you get over that initial awkward stage and keep the party rolling? We have gathered the following suggestions from previous hosts. Remember, the following tidbits are only recommendations and we would like to expand the list further so let us know what works for you.

- Remember to take pictures! We will use them later in publications like the Parent Programs newsletter and website.
- Nametags, of course!
- Use your RSVP list as a check-in sheet. Keep separate counts of how many new students, new parents, current students, and alumni attend.
- Have students copy one another's e-mail, phone number, and Statesboro address for reference once they arrive.
- Ice breakers, simple introductions, or a student scavenger hunt for things in common.
- Have parents collect each other's contact information for future reference as well — questions don't stop after move-in weekend.
- Ask current Georgia Southern students to answer questions, give tips, and provide insight. Who else knows the campus more?
- Plan a time to split up the parents and the students into separate groups so that they have time to answer questions and interact. Students can talk with each other and really get the scoop from older students, and parents can ask those last minute questions without their students around.
- Supply handouts, both informational and fun, like those included later in this manual.

We have included our contact information and handouts on the Parent & Family Association and our Office. Most importantly, we want parents to know about us. Our Office is available for parents so urge attendees to visit our website, e-mail us, call us, and get involved!

A great new way parents can be involved and stay connected is the Parent Eagle Nation. Encourage all parents to sign up on the website to receive emails tailored to their interests, register for events quickly, receive their Parent & Family Association benefits immediately, and much more!

Remember, we are here to help you as a Summer Send-Off host and will be happy to provide you with additional information. Thank you again for your commitment.



After the Party

Contact us!

- Send us feedback about how the party went. Tell us what all happened at the party, how many attended, how students and parents reacted, and what worked and did not work for your gathering. We keep a record of this information to provide better directions and advice to future hosts.
- Send the names of alumni and current students that helped with the event.
- **Please send pictures!** We are always on the search for new pictures to use in our publications and on our website. Your pictures also give us a taste of what the event was like.
- Pass along the contact information for any parents that wanted to get more involved with the Parent & Family Association and encourage them to sign up for the Parent Eagle Nation!



Host Responsibilities Checklist

- Contact the Office of Orientation and Parent Programs at 912-478-7627 or parent@georgiasouthern.edu about hosting a send-off.
- Set a date for a planning meeting and meet with co-hosts to discuss:
 - Budget and who will pay
 - Which co-hosts will be responsible for each item:
 - Location
 - Date and time
 - Type/Format of event
 - Number of maximum students/guests
 - Food/Drinks
 - Prizes/Giveaways
 - Invitation Coordination
 - Decorations and Miscellaneous
- Send details about event to Office of Orientation and Parent Programs parent@georgiasouthern.edu for invitations.
- Purchase materials for Send-Off event.
- Take RSVPs and make Check-in roster.
- Make copies of hand-outs you wish to share.
- Prepare for the event and set up on the day of the event.
- Smile! And get ready for questions and a fun time!
- Take pictures at the event.
- Send follow-up information to the Office of Orientation and Parent Programs:
 - Short reflection of how you think the event went.
 - Number of new students, parents, current students and alumni attended.
 - Pictures from the event.
 - Contact information for parents that want to get involved.

Student Check-In

Student Name	Student Email	# of Family Members/Guests Attending	Attendance Summary:
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____	Total # of New Students: _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____	Total # of Family Members/Guests: _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____	Total Georgia Southern Staff present: _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____	Total current Georgia Southern students present: _____
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9. _____	9. _____	9. _____	**Please complete attendance summary and return to the Office of Parent Programs:
10. _____	10. _____	10. _____	Office of Parent Programs
11. _____	11. _____	11. _____	PO Box 8096
12. _____	12. _____	12. _____	Statesboro, GA 30460
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Lets get together...
Parent Information Exchange

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The Office of Orientation and Parent Programs has provided services to incoming students and parents for many years now. Recent changes in our staff have made it possible to expand our programs for parents, recognizing the important role they play as active participants in their students' success while here at Georgia Southern University.

In our office we have a goal – ***we want to be the office where all parent communications are funneled***, and we want to be the office responsible for responding to parent concerns and questions, even for our faculty and staff. So, we want to serve parents, but also the University community in terms of parent relations.

At Georgia Southern University, we seek to partner with parents to foster their participation and involvement in their student's college experience and forge a strong bond between the University, students, and their parents. We strive to create relationships with parents characterized by open and honest communication based on shared goals to facilitate their students' success. Through information, programs, and services we aid in both students' and parents' transition to college and to the changing dynamics of the parent-college student relationship.

Services for parents:

1. **Office contact.** The office is available through e-mail or telephone to answer questions during normal business hours.
2. **Georgia Southern Parents Website.** This is 24-hour access to information on parent services and links to other campus Web resources, www.georgiasouthern.edu/parentprograms
3. **Parent Newsletter.** Available to all parents online.
4. **Family Weekend.** A weekend full of fun activities for the whole family. This is a perfect time for parents to visit their student and get a taste of campus life.
5. **Summer Send-Offs.** The gathering you are hosting to introduce new students and families to Georgia Southern, help them network, and celebrate their welcome into the Georgia Southern Family.
6. **Georgia Southern Parent & Family Association.**
7. **Parent Eagle Nation.** This is our new online parent community where you can interact with other parents, create a profile, and sign up for events easily!



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The Office of Orientation and Parent Programs promotes family involvement in each student’s Georgia Southern experience. The office provides programming that supports families new to the University, and it continues to foster relationships with those families throughout their students’ years at Georgia Southern.

You’re encouraged to join the Parent Eagle Nation at parents.georgiasouthern.edu to ensure you receive regular communications from our office.

Additional benefits are available to members of the Parent & Family Association: subscription to the monthly email newsletter and Georgia Southern magazine, opportunities for scholarships for students of members, and a Parent & Family Association Discount Card with discounts to restaurants, hotels, and car rental companies. The Parent & Family Association also hosts the Parent Social at SOAR sessions, volunteers at Admissions recruitment events, and assists in hosting events such as Fall Family Weekend. Visit parents.georgiasouthern.edu for more info!

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The Parent & Family Association serves as a forum for parents, students, faculty, and the University to exchange information and support. The Association seeks ways to enhance Georgia Southern University as an institution, while forging strong bonds between the University, students, and their parents.

Members are encouraged to serve on the Parent Council and/or on committees. Membership dues and contributions finance the Parent & Family Association. General membership meetings are held in conjunction with the Fall and Spring Family Weekend.

The mission of Georgia Southern University's Parent & Family Association is to:

- Encourage mutual understanding and to facilitate communication between parents and the University.
- Sponsor programs and services that meet the needs of parents and involve parents in the life of the University community.
- Promote the development of the University and its students by supporting the Parents Fund and Georgia Southern’s Foundation
- Contribute to student persistence and academic success by promoting institutional loyalty in the entire family.

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Parent Council

The Parent Council is an active group of parent volunteers who are responsible for organizing programs and working closely with University administrators.

The purpose of the Parent Council is to plan, direct, and support the programs of Georgia Southern University’s Parent & Family Association and to support the educational mission of Georgia Southern University.

The Parent Council conducts monthly business meetings via teleconference, e-mail, or on-campus. The Council encourages the involvement and suggestions of parents and invites those interested in becoming members to contact the Office of Orientation & Parent Programs at: parent@georgiasouthern.edu.



2014-2015 Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2014

August

15— OPERATION MOVE IN. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the RAC and 5:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. in the residence halls

18— Fee payment deadline for Fall 2014

18— Classes Begin/Day One at Paulson!

18-21—Drop/Add

September

1— Labor Day Holiday- No classes; Administrative offices closed

26-28— Fall Family Weekend

October

6-11— Homecoming – Classes canceled beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10

13— Last day to withdraw without academic penalty

27*— Early Registration for Spring classes begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time)

November

24-28— Thanksgiving holidays for students, Administrative offices closed; Residence halls open

December

5— Last day of classes

8-11— Final exams

11— Residence halls close at 12:00 noon

12— Fall Commencement

12— Residence halls close at 12:00 noon for students participating in Commencement activities (permission required)

12— Christmas break for students begins

24-Jan 1— Christmas Holidays, Administrative offices closed

Spring Semester 2015

January

1— New Year's Day Holiday Observed - No classes, Administrative offices closed

9— Residence hall check-in, 12:00 noon at the Residence Halls

12— Fee payment deadline for Spring 2015

12— Classes begin

12-15—Drop/Add

19— Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday- No classes, Administrative offices closed

March

9*— Last day to withdraw without academic penalty

16-20— Spring break for students— Residence halls open, Administrative offices open

23*— Early Registration for Fall 2015 begins. (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time.)

April

1— Honors Day, Nessmith-Lane Building 8:30 a.m.

May

1— Last day of classes

4-8— Final exams

8— Spring Graduate Commencement

8— Residence halls close, 12:00 noon

9— Spring Undergraduate Commencement

*tentative



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Go to

**Parents.georgiasouthern.edu
For more information & to register!**

September 26-28

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: Come to Statesboro to meet with your student and other families, cheer on the Eagle
: Football team, participate in a tailgate, and enjoy other campus and community events!
:

Fall Family Weekend 2014

Important Websites

Bookmark and get acquainted with the following frequently-used websites!

Parent Programs <http://parents.georgiasouthern.edu>

A great resource for freshmen through senior parents and families. Resources include e-newsletters, lodging and visitor information, and family events on campus.

Office of Orientation (SOAR) <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/orientation/>

For parents and incoming students! This site is a guide for new Eagles with information on orientation preparation, events, and sessions, as well as other helpful links!

Academic Success Center <http://studentsupport.georgiasouthern.edu/asc/>

The Academic Success Center, a full-service learning center, offers support services and tutoring for students of all majors and classifications.

Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/>

CRI provides everything that students need in order to get active and stay fit. Encourage your student to take advantage of the aerobics programs, intramural sports, sport clubs, fitness centers, and more.

Student Accounts <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/bursar/osf/studentfeespage.htm>

Information on paying tuition and University fees is located on this site.

Career Services <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career/>

Career Services offers various programs and events for students of all classifications. They help students choose majors, identify career options, and gain related work experience. They offer Career Advisement, Experiential Education, and Professional Employment.

Department of Financial Aid <http://em.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/>

To ensure personal attention, students are assigned a counselor alphabetically by the student's last name. Counselors are available by appointments, walk-ins, or by e-mail or telephone.

Office of the Registrar <http://em.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/>

The Registrar handles the registration process, student academic records and grades, graduation reviews and diplomas, commencement ceremonies. The Academic Catalog and Schedule of Classes are also available on the Office of the Registrar website.

Office of Student Activities <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/student-activities/>

Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/LeadServe/>

These sites are great guides for incoming and current Eagles. Information on student life, campus events, off-campus housing, fun trips, student organizations, and various ways to get involved and develop leadership skills can be found on these websites!

University Eagle Card Center <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/aux/departments/eaglecard>

Parents or students can use this site to manage the student's EagleExpress card and to view information regarding meal plans and food services.

University Health Center <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/aux/departments/health/>

This site contains the contact information and immunization, prescription, and medical services of the Health Center. Online health services (MedBuddyU) are also available.

Suggestions for Freshman Academic Success

- ⇒ **Efficiently manage your time.** Use the Eagle Eye planner you received at SOAR! In future years, you may purchase one from the University Bookstore! Schedule all of your activities for the entire upcoming week with blocks of time for major things (classes, work, sleeping, eating), errands (grocery shopping, paying bills, doing laundry), and study time (generally, set aside 2 study hours for every 1 hour in class).
- ⇒ **Don't set yourself up for failure by overloading your schedule.** We all have limits. Enthusiasm is good, but being realistic will serve you much better in the long run.
- ⇒ **Go to class!** This may seem obvious, but many people forget that we're here to go to school. Even if a professor does not take attendance, you need to go!
- ⇒ **Keep a copy of each class's syllabus all semester.** You never know when you will forget when an assignment is due or what is required by the professor.
- ⇒ **Take good notes.** Being a good note taker involves a few basic skills such as preparing for the upcoming material (read the assignment before class), watching for clues (pay attention during class), and keeping your attention focused (decide how you will organize your notes before you start).
- ⇒ **Get to know your professors.** Go to your professor's Office Hours, ask him/her for help, send an e-mail, and don't be afraid to ask questions in class (no matter how large the class is).
- ⇒ **Study, study, study!** Certainly, studying is about gaining life-long knowledge, skills, and the ability to think critically. However, it is also about preparing for testing. As you study, always be aware of how the material may be used on a test. Try to predict how your instructor will assess your knowledge.
- ⇒ **Form study groups for tough classes and tests.** Organize your notes and be prepared to join a group and meet with your classmates. Compare notes and discuss the content of the class. Remember that if you can teach your classmates a concept, you are most likely well-prepared for a test on that concept.
- ⇒ **Try using test-taking strategies.** To begin the test, answer the easiest, shortest questions first. This gives you the experience of success. Next, answer multiple choice questions, true/false, fill-in-the-blank. Then, do the short answer and essay questions.
- ⇒ **Use your campus resources.** The Writing Center is excellent for help writing or proofreading papers; the Academic Success Center is great for tutoring and other academic assessments; Career Services will aid you in job, career, or internship preparation and searches.
- ⇒ **Get sleep and schedule time for fun and relaxation!** Make a habit of reviewing and revising your schedule on a daily basis, and schedule your time to include aspects of a healthy, balanced lifestyle!

University Housing Residence Halls

What to Bring with You

For your bed:

- Sheets*
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Bedspread or comforter
- Mattress Pad
- Blanket
- Egg Crate (foam mattress topper)

*Centennial Place (3000s and 4000s), Southern Courtyard, and Southern Pines residents need full sized (Double) sheets. Residents of Eagle Village, Centennial Place (1000s and 2000s), Kennedy, and Watson should purchase Extra Long (XL) 80" twin sheets.

Electrical items that you're allowed to bring:

- Radio/stereo/CD player
- Student lamp
- Computer, printer, accessories
- TV, DVD, VCR, and video games
- Hair dryer, curling iron, etc.
- Iron with automatic cut-off
- Sealed unit coffee maker
- One power strip (UL Approved)
- Hot pot
- Fan
- George Foreman Grill (Not allowed in Watson or Brannen Hall)

Suggestions for room decorating:

- Carpet or rug*
- Matching bedspreads or comforters
- Closet curtain (see University Housing's website for room dimensions of your hall)
- Posters (poster putty, no nails)
- Pictures of family and friends
- Memo board for door (dry erase boards are popular; Eagle Village comes with dry erase boards on the doors.)
- Storage boxes (under the bed, drawers on wheels, tubs, etc)

*Some living rooms and bedrooms are carpeted. If you hall needs a carpet, you can purchase one at www.dormsupply.com or at the University Store: <http://www.gsustore.com/>.

Personal items you may want to bring:

- flip-flops (for shower)
- Raincoat
- Towels, washcloths
- Umbrella
- Jacket
- Toiletries

Miscellaneous suggestions:

- Bike with U-lock
- Ironing board*
- Clock radio
- Laundry Basket
- Trash can
- Broom and basic cleaning supplies
- Shower caddy or bucket
- Health insurance information
- Basic cooking supplies and dishes
- Phone card or cell phone
- Small screwdriver
- Combination lock for storage drawer or closet in room
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- Clothes hangers
- Sports equipment (no paintball gear)
- Flashlight
- Social Security card
- Address book of family, friends, e-mail address

*Ironing boards are provided in some halls.

Microfridges, Microwaves, And Refrigerators
Rooms in Centennial Place, Eagle Village, Southern Courtyard and Pines, Kennedy Apartments, and Sanford are equipped with a full size refrigerator as well as a microwave. Rooms in all other halls are quipped with a microfridge/microwave combination.

For more suggestions and specific hall dimensions and information, visit the University Housing website: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/housing/whatToBring/>



2014 Eagle Football Schedule

August 30th at North Carolina State

September 6th vs. Savannah State*

September 13th at Georgia Tech

September 20th at University of South Alabama

September 27th vs. Appalachian State*

October 4th at New Mexico State University

October 11th vs. University of Idaho*

October 25th at Georgia State

November 1st vs. Troy University*

November 8th at Texas State University

November 15th at Navy

November 29th vs. University of Louisiana*

Home Games are marked with*



Fight Song

Wave the blue, wave the white,
Hold the banners high
The Eagles are on the wing.
Sound a cry to the sky,
As we look for glory
Victory now we sing.
Hail the blue, hail the white,
Hail the team that's soaring
Upward to bring us fame.
Georgia Southern — Eagles
Fight on to victory
And win this game!

(Shout)

Blue and white — fight, fight!
Blue and white — fight, fight!
Georgia Southern — Eagles!
Fight, fight, fight!



Alma Mater

From humble farm beginnings
Sprung up from the sandy earth
Among the tow'ring pine trees
Stands a treasure of great worth.
Her price cannot be measured
In silver or in gold
But in the love and loyalty
That many hearts enfold.

(Chorus)

Georgia Southern University.
On Eagles' wings you soar -
We pledge to you our loyalty
And love for ever more.

Through triumphs and trough trials,
Our Alma Mater's stood
As solid as the oak trees
For justice and for good.
As through these gates we travel
And through our ways we must part,
Our Georgia Southern mem'ries



Points of Pride

- Georgia Southern has been named one of America's Best Colleges by Forbes magazine, whose ranking includes the top 20 percent of colleges and universities based on the "student's point of view."
- Georgia Southern's College of Business Administration has been named one of the best business schools in the country by The Princeton Review. The publication recognized Georgia Southern in The Best 294 Business Schools.
- Georgia Southern's Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner program has been ranked in the top 20 nationally by U.S. News & World Report . The program also secured top honors among all colleges and universities in Georgia - both public and private.
- Georgia Southern's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health was the first such facility in the University System of Georgia.
- The Georgia Southern Eagles football team reached the FCS semifinals for the second-straight year in 2011, nearly reaching the national championship game for the ninth time. The Eagles finished 11-3 - the most wins for the program in a single season since 2002.
- Georgia Southern has been ranked fourth in the nation for graduating African-Americans majoring in the physical sciences by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.
- Georgia Southern's team of student and faculty archaeologists received the U.S. Department of the Interior's Partners in Conservation award for their work in discovering Camp Lawton, a long-lost Civil War prison camp.
- Georgia Southern students spent 26,014 hours serving on campus, in the community and around the world during the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Georgia Southern baseball won its second Southern Conference championship in three years in 2011 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 13th time.
- Georgia Southern was named one of the most military friendly universities in the country in Military Advanced Education's 2012 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities. Georgia Southern was featured in the December 2011 issue of the publication.



Eagle “Lingo”



“The Union”

The Fielding D. Russell Union is the hub for student activities and clubs, and it contains 2 dining facilities, Starbucks, the Eagle Card Center, the Union Theatre, the Union Ballroom, the Office of Student Activities, Dean of Students, Student Conduct, Fraternity and Sorority Relations, the Multicultural Student Center, and the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement.

“ASC, CRI, PAC, RAC”

Acronyms are famously used on our campus for references to buildings. Some of the most commonly used are: the Academic Success Center (the tutoring and testing center on campus), Campus Recreation and Intramurals (sports clubs and teams managed in the RAC), the Performing Arts Center (the main theatre on campus), and the Recreational Activity Center (the gym facilities).

“CLASS, COBA, COSM”

Acronyms are also frequently used for Academic Colleges and buildings such as: the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the College Of Business Administration, and the College of Science and Mathematics.

“Black Box Theatre”

The Center for Art and Theatre houses various art galleries and offices, but most notably, it contains the new state-of-the-art Black Box Theatre for the theatre department on campus.

“The Pedestrian”

The red brick walking path that runs the length of the main part of campus, connecting the academic buildings.

“The G-A”

The *George-Anne* is Georgia Southern’s student newspaper. It is printed four times a week.

“Raptor Center”

This is the usual nick-name for the Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center. It is located on Forest Drive Road, across the street from the University Police Station.

“Club Henderson”

This is the common nickname for the Zach S. Henderson Library on campus. The Henderson Library opened in 1975 after outgrowing the Rosenwald building. A \$22.75 million expansion/renovation project began in summer 2004 and was completed in August 2008. This expansion added 101,000-square feet to the original building. It also included the first Automated Storage and Retrieval System in any library in the southeast.

Georgia Southern Trivia



What are the Georgia Southern colors?

Blue & white



What tradition did the late president Zach Henderson begin?

In 1948, he began the annual summer Watermelon Cutting tradition.



What is “Beautiful Eagle Creek?”

The ditch in the football practice fields that became a source of luck and a tradition for Eagle football.



What were the first 3 buildings on campus?

Marvin-Pittman, Anderson, and Deal



What year did Georgia Southern open to students?

1908



What is the Georgia Southern mascot?

Gus, the Eagle



What is Sweetheart Circle?

The site of the original 3 buildings when the school was established in 1906.

It is said that if you walk around the Circle 3 times with your sweetheart, you are sure to be married.



Who said this?

"I'm gonna get out of here while I'm still alive....and I'm gonna say it one more time. We are Georgia Southern. Our colors are blue and white. We call ourselves the Bald Eagles. We call our offense the Georgia Power Company...and that's a terrific name for an offense. Our snap count is "rate, hike". We practice on the banks of Beautiful Eagle Creek and that's in Statesboro, Georgia--the gnat capital of America. Our weekends begin on Thursday. The co-eds outnumber the men 3 to 2. They're all good looking and they're all rich. And folks, you just can't beat that...and you just can't beat Georgia Southern. And you ain't seen nothin yet..." *Erk Russell, 1989*

Top 50 Things to Do as a Georgia Southern

1. Spend an afternoon at Sweetheart Circle
2. Attend GSU athletic events
3. Climb the rock wall at the RAC
4. People watch in the Union
5. Watch a movie at the Backstage Café
6. Participate in at least one organization
7. Tailgate at a football game
8. Go see the Mosasaur
9. Hear a famous speaker
10. Play an intramural sport
11. Watch a play in the black box theatre
12. Play putt-putt at the Hacker's Clubhouse
13. Try all the flavors of crust at Hungry Howie's
14. Go on an organized break trip
15. Read the legend of Beautiful Eagle Creek
16. Have a photo taken with Gus
17. Take an exercise class at the RAC
18. Take advantage of free food and give-a-ways
19. See the world's largest known tick
20. Feed the ducks at Lakeside
21. See a flight show at the Raptor Center
22. Take a Zumba class at the RAC
23. Read *The Southern Century*
24. Shop at the Statesboro Mall
25. Go to the Homecoming Parade
26. Go to a book signing
27. Have a picnic at Botanical Gardens
28. Go to the Christmas lighting at Sweetheart Circle
29. Have a slice of watermelon cut by the president at the annual watermelon slicing in the summer



30. Sit with the Hanner Hooligans
31. Read the *George-Anne*
32. Watch the eagle fly over Paulson Stadium
33. Listen to 91.9 the Buzz
34. Drive to Tybee for the day
35. Go bowling at Hacker's Clubhouse
36. Attend Eagles After Dark event
37. Volunteer through the Leadership and Civic Engagement Office
38. Walk around Sweetheart Circle 3 times with your sweetheart
39. Enjoy the outdoor pool at the RAC
40. Paint yourself blue and white for an athletic game
41. Attend a concert at Paulson or Hanner
42. Walk downtown during First Friday
43. See a performance at the Performing Arts Center or Averitt Center for the Arts
44. Attend the local Farmer's Market
45. Participate in Fall Family Weekend
46. Take a photo in front of the GSU bushes
47. Go to Splash in the 'Boro on a hot day
48. Attend an Eagle Entertainment sponsored Event
49. Go on a trip with Southern Adventures
50. Have the president hand you your diploma



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Get Involved!

- ◇ “Georgia Southern E-News”
- ◇ Orientation for new students & parents
- ◇ Fall & Spring Family Weekends
- ◇ Parents Social during SOAR
- ◇ New Student Recruitment event volunteer
- ◇ Association Scholarship
- ◇ Local and National Discounts

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