



Be Georgia Southern's Next Super Action Hero!

WHAT IS A SUPER ACTION HERO?



The Super Action Hero (RA) is a vital member of the Georgia Southern Department of University Housing Staff.

RAs are live-in staff members who are instrumental in establishing a positive living environment for students in the halls.

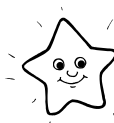
The RA position is one of the most important experiences on a college campus. Being an RA takes

- A willingness to grow
- An ability to be a role model
- An ability to accept major responsibility
- A concern for others
- A desire to be an effective leader

The first responsibility of a Super Action Hero is to build a strong community of students on his or her floor. In building a community, the RA

- Serves as an advisor to students
- Provides developmental programs to residents
- Helps ensure that the residents have a safe and comfortable place to live
- Works at the hall office each week

Be a Star! Become an Academic Mentor!



Want to work with dynamic people? Help your fellow students? Assume a leadership role? Learn more about what makes Georgia Southern tick? And yes, make some money?

Apply to be an academic mentor! To learn more about the position, come to one of the casting calls listed below or call Chris Caplinger at 486-7521.

Casting Calls for RAs and AMs

January 5

5:00 p.m.: Southern Pines Clubhouse

7:00 p.m.: Olliff Lobby

January 6

5:00 p.m.: Hendricks Lobby

7:00 p.m.: Watson Lobby

January 7

7:00 p.m.: Russell Union Theatre



Benefits for the Super Action Hero

Each resident advisor receives a stipend each semester. The current stipend is **\$3,500 per year**. RAs are guaranteed on-campus housing, for which they are financially responsible. Resident advisors are allowed a single room at double occupancy rates when space is available.

Equally important are the non-tangible benefits:

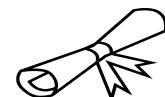
- the opportunity to interact with a variety of people
- the chance to develop skills such as leadership, communication, organization, time management, and counseling.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SUPER ACTION HERO

- A resident of a Georgia Southern residence hall for at least one semester or an RA at another institution
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills
- Adjusted grade point average of 2.25 (2.5 + preferred)
- Clear discipline record

Career Corner

Welcome back to a brand new year! Career Services has lots of great things planned this semester to help you with your future careers. Mark your calendars now for the following activities:



Experience FISH!: February 24, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., Nessmith-Lane

Career Awareness & Student Involvement Day: February 24

Career Development Workshops & Events: February 25

Dining for Success: February 25, 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom

Eagle Expo/Education Career Fair: February 26, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at the RAC

Graduation Gala: March 9 & 10, 10 a.m.—6 p.m., Nessmith-Lane

More details will come about each of these events. If you have any questions, please contact Career Services at 681-5197.



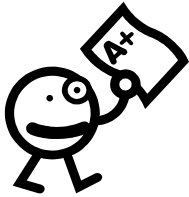
Spotlight on . . . Gary Kirkland

Gary Kirkland is a maintenance worker II. His job involves repairing broken heating and air conditioner units in Watson, Winburn, Olliff, Johnson, and Caruth. He has been at Georgia Southern for 10 years. What he loves most about his job is seeing the smiling faces of students after he has repaired a broken heating or cooling unit in their room. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, watching movies, and comedies on television. His advice to students is to take advantage of your opportunities while you still have them. He says “take your education seriously and make it your main priority. There will be plenty of time for playing later.”

Did You Make the Grade Last Semester?

If you met your academic goals last semester, congratulations! If you did not, now is the time to rededicate yourself to improving. Here are a few time-tested secrets to success:

- Go to class every day. It’s simple—if you don’t go, mastering the material is much more difficult.
- Arrive early and spend five minutes before class reviewing your notes from the previous class.
 - Sit toward the front of the room. Make eye contact with your professor and make an effort to stay engaged in what is going on in the class.
 - When you don’t understand, ask questions during class and seek help after it from the professor, a classmate, or a tutor.
- Have a plan for the semester. Don’t let tests and papers sneak up on you.
- Study! The general rule is that you should spend two hours preparing out of class (reading, working problem sets, writing papers, studying for exams) for every hour you spend in class. The way you spend your time is a reflection of your goals. If academic success is one of your goals (and of course it is!), then dedicate sufficient time to achieving it.



If you find yourself struggling, seek help from the Academic Success Center, which offers a range of services, including tutoring in a wide variety of subjects (call 681-0321 for more information). You may also drop by and speak with Chris Caplinger, Academic Enhancement Coordinator, for general help and referrals. His office is located in Watson Hall (call 486-7521 or email caplinca@georgiasouthern.edu).

If your adjusted GPA is below 2.0, you will have received a letter informing you that you are on academic probation, restricted enrollment, or academic intervention. It is your responsibility to make sure that you understand the academic and financial aid consequences of not raising your GPA this semester. If you have questions, contact your advisor or your financial aid counselor.

Out and About Campus

Wednesday, January 7

Men’s Basketball vs. Wofford, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Women’s Basketball vs. Greensboro,
5:15 p.m.

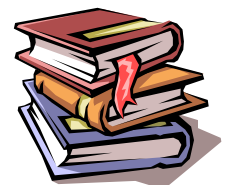


Get Your Schedule in Shape!

Final registration (drop/add) for Spring 2004 opens up on the WINGS system on Monday, January 5 at 3:00 a.m. and closes Thursday, January 8 at 3 p.m. (the registration calendar is, however, subject to slight modifications for technical reasons, so check your registration times in WINGS for the latest information). If you are adding a class for which you were not initially advised, you must speak with your advisor first (except for a KINS course; you do not need to consult with an advisor before adding one).

Where do you go to find your advisor? It depends on your major. As a general rule: all undeclared students and CLASS freshmen (and Political Science, Justice Studies, and Psychology majors through 45 hours) go to the Williams Center. Business, Education, and Health/Human Sciences majors are advised in their respective college advisement centers. Students in Biology, Computer Science, Geography, Geology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Technology, Engineering, Print Management, and Building Construction and Contracting and upperclass CLASS majors go to their individual departments for advising. Don’t know where these centers are? Ask your RA or building director!

If you are dropping a class, you may do so without the signature of your advisor, although it won’t hurt to talk with him or her first. Students who wish to drop a reserved course for SIU or FIGs must have the permission of Chris Caplinger, Academic Enhancement Coordinator, who may be reached at 486-7521. If you drop one of these courses without permission, you may lose your place in the residence hall, so be advised.



After the 8th, you will be able to *drop-withdraw* from a class (through March 1), but not *drop-delete* it. What’s the difference? Drop-deleted classes are not part of your official record, but if you drop-withdraw from a class it appears on your transcript. Drop-withdrawals count toward hours attempted for HOPE. Repeated drop-withdrawals can affect Satisfactory Academic Progress, which in turn affects a student’s ability to receive financial aid (including HOPE). Finally, potential employers sometimes view repeated drop-withdrawals negatively. **What’s the message here? Find a schedule that will work for you by the time drop/add closes for the Spring.**

If you have any questions, see your advisor or financial aid counselor, or Chris Caplinger in the central Housing Office.