

Welcome to our Georgia Southern Family

Dear Parents and Family Members,
As parents we share the tremendous pride, joy, and sadness that come as our children move forward with their lives. We know this transition can be just as exciting for families as it is for students. The Parents Association will assist you with the transition process by keeping you informed and offering opportunities to stay involved.

By joining the Parents Association, you will instantly have access to a long list of benefits and Georgia Southern information as well as expose your student to scholarship opportunities. We are an advancing organization committed to the success of our students and Georgia Southern University; your involvement is appreciated!

Sincerely,
Georgia Southern University's Parents Council

Benefits

Parents Association Decal– to proudly display on your car

GSU 411 Magnet– list of important campus department phone numbers

Georgia Southern Magazine - official magazine of Georgia Southern University highlighting campus people and events
-published three times a year

Parents Association Discount Card– contains discounts to the University Store and several restaurants, hotels, and car rental companies

Parent Handbook and Calendar– containing academic department information, tips for parents, contact information, important dates, and much more

Parents Association Scholarship - Available only to the students of Parents Association members

Subscription to the Parent Programs Newsletter – a monthly email newsletter specifically for parents

Parents Association Message Board– a great way to communicate with other parents and University officials

New Student Send-offs - In the months before start of fall semester, multiple 'mixers' are held in major cities that provide opportunities to meet other students coming to Georgia Southern University

07– 08 Accomplishments

Scholarships:

Funded fifteen scholarships that range from \$500 to \$1000 to students of Parents Association members. (\$10,500 in scholarships last year)

Grants:

\$1400 for six students to attend a national Higher Education conference.

\$1000 for First Year Experience Success Series sponsorship of campus speakers.

Career Development:

Funded 16 students to attend Dining for Success etiquette and interview dinner in the Fall and Spring semester. (\$500)

Partnered with Career Services for parent involvement in job placement, job shadow, and internship placement.

Member Benefit Expansion:

Contracted with national partner to provide hotel and car rental discounts.

Contracted with local businesses to provide local discounts



Membership Dues

1 year per household \$30
Duration of students academic career \$100

Your involvement is vital to our mission!

Membership Form

Fill it out online:
http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/parent/pa_membership.htm

Member 1 Mr Mrs Ms Dr

Name Relationship

Birth Date Yes No GSU Alumni If yes, what year?

Employer

Position

Work Address

Work City State Zip

Work Phone No. Ext. Cell Phone No.

Email Address

- I would be interested in:
- Job Shadow, Intern Placement, Career Mentor
 - Assist at Admissions Recruitment Events
 - Assist with New Student Send-offs (July - August)
 - Assist with Operation Move-In (August)
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NOTE: PLEASE COMPLETE THE OTHER SIDE OF FORM

Membership Form (continued)

Home Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County of Residence _____ Home Phone No. _____
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Student Name _____ Preferred Name _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Student Cell Phone No. _____

Student Email Address _____ Fall
_____ Spring
Student Year Started Georgia Southern _____ Summer

Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
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2nd Student Name (if one) _____ Preferred Name _____

2nd Student Date of Birth _____ 2nd Student Cell Phone No. _____

2nd Student Email Address _____ Fall
_____ Spring
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More than two students in college, please fill out an additional membership form and include with this one. Our thoughts are with you.
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Membership \$30 One Year Single Household
 \$100 Student Academic Career
 \$50 Two Year Renewal
 \$75 Three Year Renewal

Payment Options
Check payable to: Georgia Southern Foundation - Parents

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover AmExpress

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Authorization Number on Back _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents Council

The Parents Association is advised by the Parents Council; an active group of parent volunteers working closely with the Office of Parent Programs. Parent Council members are elected at our general membership meeting and serve a two-year term.

The Council meets monthly via teleconference and on campus during Fall Family Weekend. In addition, the Council votes to disburse Association funds for Parents Association scholarships and grants. They also organize all Parents Association programs, help with Operation Move-In, and attend recruitment events.

Parents are invited to make suggestions to the council at any time, about any aspect of the university, for discussion and action. We are always looking for enthusiastic parents to join the council and make a difference at Georgia Southern!

Our Mission Statement

The purpose of Georgia Southern University's Parents 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.
- Contribute to student persistence and academic success by promoting institutional loyalty in the entire family.

2008 EVENTS

August 15- Operation Move-In Refreshments
Recreation Activity Center

Sept. 26-28- Fall Family Weekend

- Dessert Reception
- Tailgate and Football Game
- Fall General Membership Breakfast and Meeting

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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