Message from the Dean

The mission of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies is to develop, promote and sustain graduate programs of the highest quality at Georgia Southern University. The College of Graduate Studies seeks to support graduate students and graduate programs at the highest level, to provide a foundation for university graduate program growth and development, and to advance excellence in research and scholarly activities associated with graduate education.

The namesake of the College, Dr. Jack N. Averitt, was instrumental in inaugurating graduate education in South Georgia and served the Institution as a visionary faculty member and Dean from 1945 to 1979. Dr. Averitt organized Georgia Southern University's first graduate programs with off-campus centers and served as the first Graduate Dean from 1969 until his retirement. A Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary International Foundation Trustee, Dr. Averitt further broadened the University's horizons as Director of the campus Rotary Language Institute for international students. In 1998, the Graduate College was named the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies in honor of Dr. Averitt's many contributions to the Institution and to the development and support of graduate studies.

To this day, the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies proudly subscribes to the Rotary's core value of “Service Above Self,” as the College continues to diligently serve the many faculty, staff, and students who encompass the graduate education enterprise at Georgia Southern, supporting 63 degree majors and programs offered to more than 2,600 graduate students. Working independently and collaboratively, Georgia Southern graduate faculty members offer committed graduate student unlimited opportunities for development. The University's facilities provide outstanding opportunities for distinguished careers in the science and mathematics, public health, health and human sciences, nursing, engineering and information technology, the arts and social sciences, business, and education.

This Graduate Catalog provides an overview of the many academic colleges and graduate programs across campus, as well as course descriptions. For additional information, we invite you to visit our web page at http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu/, and encourage you to become well acquainted with your graduate program, the graduate program directors, and your mentors and advisors within your program.

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